

Northfield, IL



Open Communities' mission is to educate, advocate and organize to promote just and inclusive communities in north suburban Chicago.

Founded in 1972 by north suburban residents and congregations, we are a nonprofit, membership-based organization dedicated to fostering economically and culturally diverse communities.

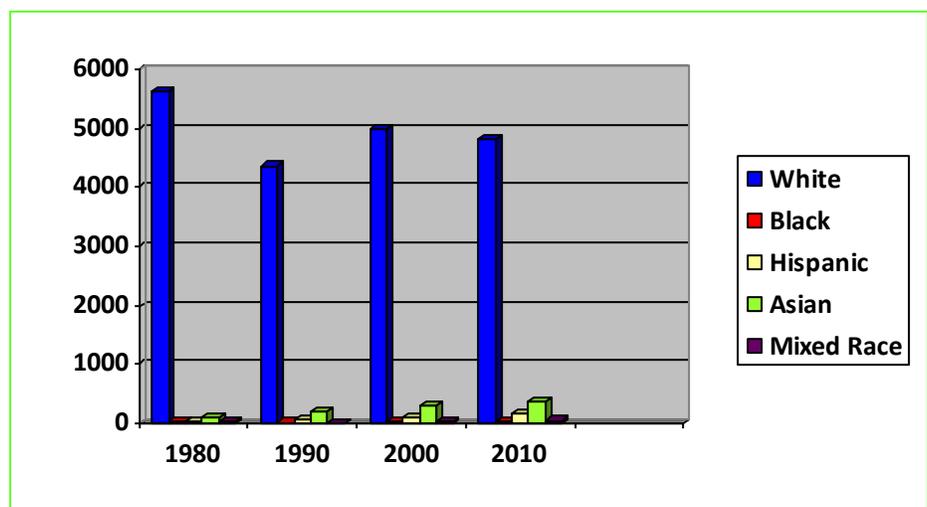
The programs we offer include Fair Housing Discrimination Investigation and Education, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling, Landlord/Tenant Advice, Homesharing, Immigrant Leadership Development, Affordable Housing Advocacy, and Community Organizing.

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Northfield is located in Northfield Township, approximately 19 miles north of downtown Chicago. Northfield shares a zip code with neighboring Winnetka, which is cited as one of the most affluent zip codes in the U.S.

As of the 2010 Census, Northfield is reported to have a total of 5,420 residents. Of this total, 596 are non-white, which means minorities make up 11 percent of Northfield's population. African Americans comprise the smallest overall percentage at 0.4 percent.

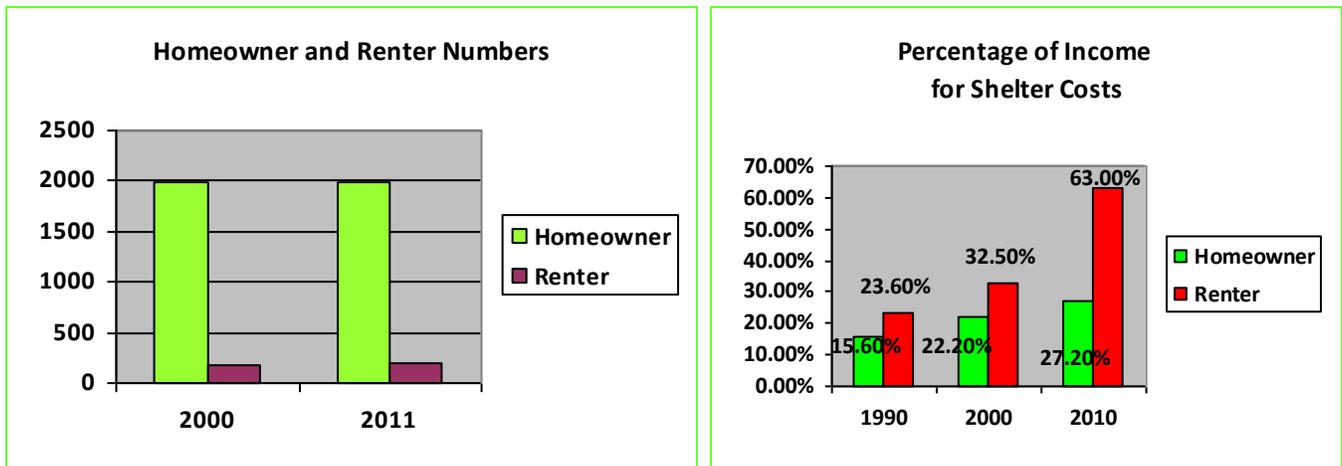
The graph¹ below shows demographic trends in Northfield from 1980-2010.



¹Graph data available at www.open-communities.org

Homeownership and Renter Trends

These graphs² map homeownership and renter trends in Northfield between 1990 and 2011. The left graph shows that renters make up a relatively small percentage of Northfield residents. The graph on the right shows that for all three years recorded, renters spent significantly more than homeowners on shelter costs. Renters did not spend more than 35 percent of monthly income on shelter costs in 1990 and 2000. In 2010 however, renters spent 63 percent of income on shelter costs, which was more than double the amounts homeowners spent that year.



Seniors (according to the Census between 2008-2012)

- ◆ None of the seniors 65 and older polled reported spending more than 35 percent of household income on rent.
- ◆ 28 percent of about 780 seniors aged 65-75 still had a mortgage

Affordable Housing Stock

According to a 2013 report from the Illinois Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act, Northfield offers 50 affordable housing units out of a total of 2,026 (2.5%) homes in the community.

Northfield's 2005 Affordable Housing document discusses "construction of affordable housing."³ The plan proposes to locate potential affordable housing units near public transportation hubs.

²Graph data available at www.census.gov

³ Full document available at

http://www.northfieldil.org/documents/comm_dev/Addendum_2_Affordable_Housing.pdf