The Growing Latino Community in the Western Suburbs of Chicago

A collection of data and maps that reveal demographic changes and illustrate their intersection with social and structural determinants of health.

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REGIONAL MAP

For the purposes of this study, the Western Suburbs are defined as the combined service regions of Community Memorial Foundation and Healthy Communities Foundation. This study area includes portions of Cook and DuPage Counties.



36 Suburbs

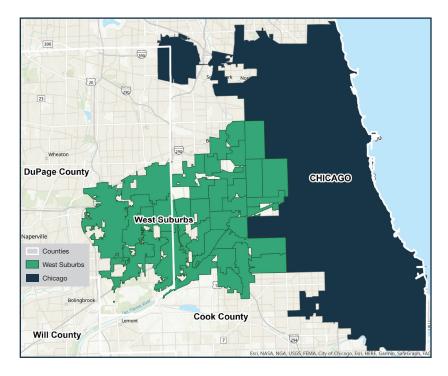


199,542 total Latinos residing



Within 2 Counties

>> The Latino population has grown significantly in Chicago's western suburbs within the past 10 years.



POPULATION GROWTH

- Latinos account for 32% of the population in the Western Suburbs which is a slightly larger share of the population than Latinos in the City of Chicago (30%).
- Latinos comprise the majority of the population in Berwyn (64%), Cicero (89%), Stickney (64%), and Summit (73%).

Understanding these changes allows us to reflect, collaborate, and address health and wellness needs for a rapidly changing area of Chicagoland.

Ten western suburbs had an increase in their Latino population of 60% or more from 2010 to 2020.

Countryside +60%	Hinsdale	Maywood	North Riverside	Riverside
	+60%	+60%	+63%	+63%
Brookfield	La Grange Park	Western Springs	Broadview	Forest View
+64%	+71%	+73%	+80%	+91%

HEALTHCARE ACCESS

Healthcare access has improved but wide disparities remain. Main factors include employment, income, and immigration status.

15% of Latinos in the Western Suburbs do not have health insurance compared to 5% of the White (non-Hispanic or Latino) population. Rates of Uninsured Latinos are highest in:

Hodgkins | 44%

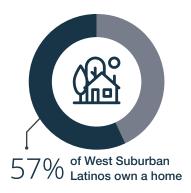
Summit 22%

Cicero 20% Clarendon Hills 20%

Westmont 20%

HOMEOWNERSHIP

Latino families are setting down roots in the Western Suburbs, as seen by the high rates of homeownership.



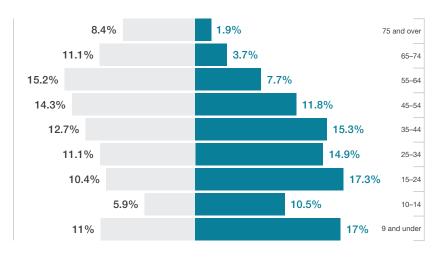
The Latino homeownership rate is **over 75%** in **14** Western Suburbs including:

Broadview **83%**Stickney **77%**Westchester **94%**

AGE

Compared to other racial/ethnic groups in the Western Suburbs, the Latino population skews younger, which contributes to a large part of the student body in the educational system. This is a trend we anticipate lasting well into the next ten years.





How can we ensure equitable and culturally responsive care, services, and structures to support the health and quality of life of the growing Latino community in the Western Suburbs?

Learn more at go.uic.edu/west_suburban_latino_rpt



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