

Humboldt Park

a Chicago, Illinois Church Plant of the CHICAGO METRO PRESBYTERY Presbyterian Church in America

As one of 77 officially designated Chicago community areas, Humboldt Park is located on the West Side of Chicago, Illinois. The community also contains a park of the same name which covers almost 200 acres and contains the Field House pictured above.

The community's ongoing ethnic revolution is reflected from the waves of Germans and

Scandinavians arriving during the last quarter of the nineteenth century through the presently dominant Puerto Ricans and more recent arrival of Dominican immigrants.

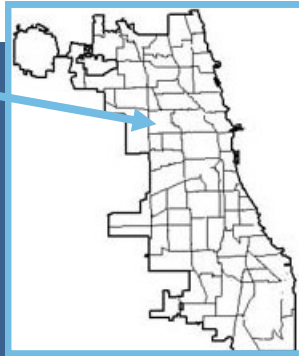
The Chicago Metro Presbytery is committed to seeing the entire city renewed by the gospel by planting a church in every

neighborhood in Chicago. A church plant in Humboldt Park will be a step toward that goal.

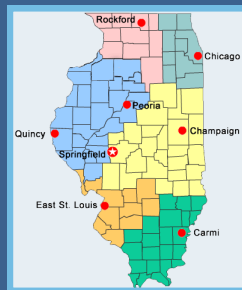
While some believe that gentrification is threatening the cultural integrity of this largely Puerto Rican community, a reformed church plant in Humboldt Park will bring a gospel message with the power to bring unity in diversity.

By the Numbers

Population:	56,248
Median Family Income:	\$34,807
Poverty Rate:	30.6%
Median Rent:	\$764
Average estimated value of unit in 2-unit structures (34.4% of all units):	\$199,156
Married couple families with both working:	69.4%
Crime index for City: (US Average 236.5)	510.7

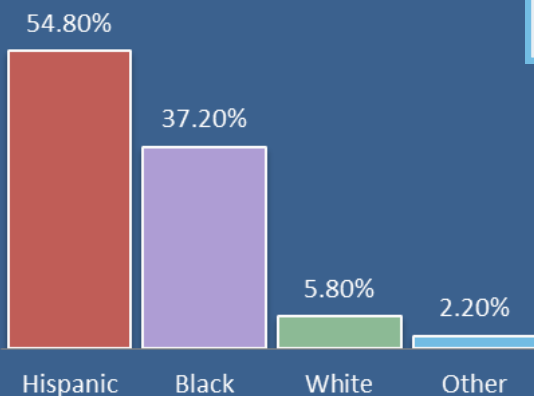


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Racial Demographics



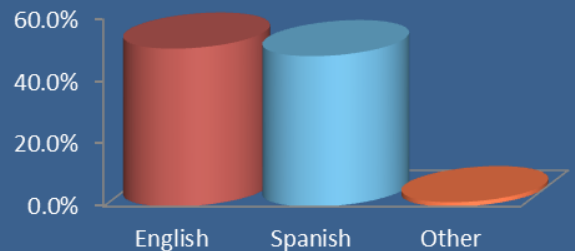
Education

(population over age 25)

10.1% Bachelor's Degree
3.8% Advanced Degree

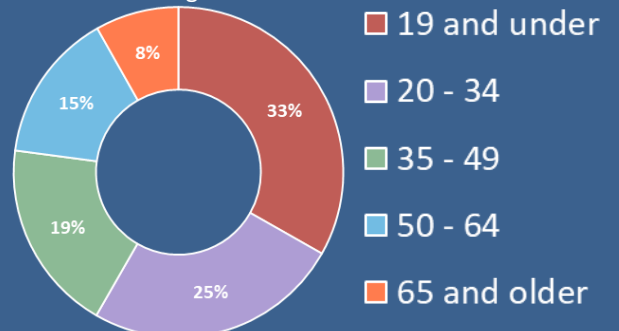
Language Spoken at Home

Speak English less than "very well" 20.7%



Population by Age

Median Age 29.8



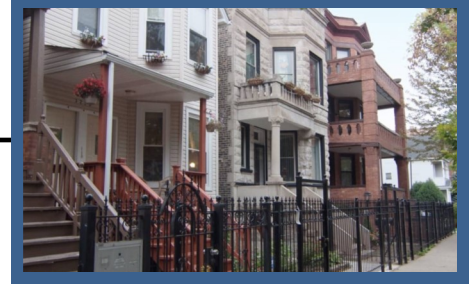
2016 statistics from cmap.illinois.gov and city-data.com



Institute of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture



Steel Puerto Rican flags bookend Paseo Boricua



Housing in Humboldt Park

Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Effective communicator - able to communicate the gospel to a secular community
- Ability to communicate in Spanish

Support Network

- Presbytery committed and mobilized for church planting
- Local church that can provide employment and mentoring during the planning stage

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Vision

- The kingdom of God expanding in Chicago
- A reformed, confessional church in Humboldt Park
- A church plant that teaches people how the gospel transforms us
- A church plant that unites people around the gospel
- A gospel saturated, missional church plant in Humboldt Park that joins hands with a presbytery committed to planting more churches



Insights: 2018 Sinai Community Health Survey

In 2017, 49% of Humboldt Park households received food stamp benefits, and 30% of households accessed emergency food, such as a food pantry or soup kitchen. Despite this support, 46% of households were still food insecure, compared with 13% of households nationwide.

Among adults in Humboldt Park, more than half—52%—reported witnessing domestic violence. 36% of women, and 13% of men, reported having experienced intimate partner violence themselves.

The survey revealed that 27% of adults in Humboldt Park experience current symptoms of PTSD, a disorder triggered by a terrifying experience, such as abuse, an assault, or witnessing a shooting. 18% of adults have current symptoms of depression, compared to 7% of U.S. adults.

Among men: 81% report that racial or ethnic profiling by police is extremely or very common and 48% report that they have been arrested, booked, or charged since the age of 18.

Local Highlights

Since 2001, the Humboldt Park Neighborhood Choir has served youth from Humboldt Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

Humboldt Park is very walkable and bikeable with good public transportation.



The 606, Chicago's innovative elevated linear trail, provides open space for Humboldt Park residents to play.

The community's large park holds gardens, walking paths, a museum, a lagoon, and soccer and baseball fields.