

# Irving Park

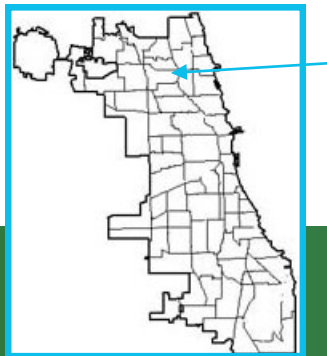
**a Chicago, Illinois Church Plant**  
of the CHICAGO METRO PRESBYTERY  
Presbyterian Church in America

As one of 77 officially designated Chicago community areas, Irving Park is a patchwork of city micro-neighborhoods. Located on the Northwest Side of Chicago, Illinois, the Irving Park community is popular with young professionals. White collar workers outnumber blue collar workers 4 to 1 and there are more than twice as many non-family households as family households.

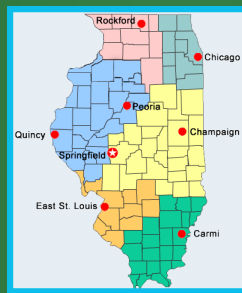
The Chicago Metro Presbytery is committed to seeing the entire city renewed by the gospel by planting a church in every neighborhood in Chicago. A church plant in Irving Park will be one step toward that goal.

A church planter will have the opportunity to be on staff of a local church while learning about the specific spiritual and cultural climate of Irving Park.

A church plant in Irving Park will value the questions and the people who ask them. It will tell how the gospel far surpasses anything that the never-ending pursuit of professional achievement can provide.



Chicago



Illinois

## By the Numbers

Population:	55,417
Median Family Income:	\$55,953
Poverty Rate:	10.6%
Median Rent:	\$909
Average estimated value of detached houses (28.4% of all units):	\$318,737
Married couple families with both working:	72.9%
Crime index for City: (US Average 236.5)	510.7

## Education

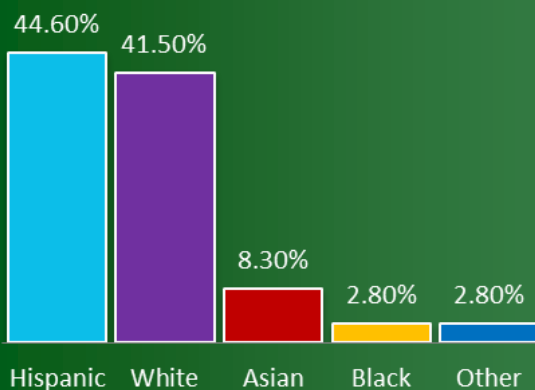
(population over age 25)  
25.3% Bachelor's Degree  
12.1% Advanced Degree

## Language Spoken at Home

Speak English less than "very well" 23.1%

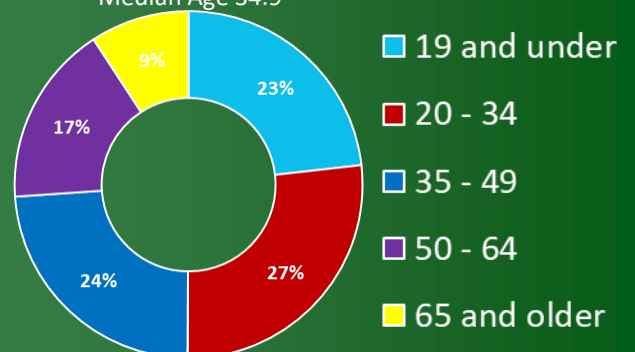


## Racial Demographics



## Population by Age

Median Age 34.9



2016 statistics from [cmap.illinois.gov](http://cmap.illinois.gov) and [city-data.com](http://city-data.com)



A mural on Pulaski under the Kennedy Expressway describes Irving Park as "A country home within 15 minutes of the city."

## 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
- Enjoys working within an ethnically diverse community

## 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 committed, reformed, confessional church  
 A church plant that teaches people how to integrate the gospel with everyday life  
 A church plant that works together to multiply expressions of mercy and justice in the city  
 A gospel saturated, missional church plant in Irving Park that joins hands with a presbytery committed to planting more churches

## Local Highlights

Independence Park is the main green space.



Recently opened Irving Park's first permanent public library, the Independence Library Branch of the Chicago Public Library, will also offer low-income housing units.

Part of the region's comprehensive planning organization, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), which guides transportation investments and frames regional priorities on development, the environment, the economy, and other issues affecting quality of life.



Irving Park has good public transportation with 4 bus and 1 subway line passing through it and it is very bike-able.

