

## **Appendix A**

### **District and Community Demographics**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Chicago has a rich history of economic growth and transformation. Our city set a global standard in the 19th century as an industrial giant, unmatched in its freight network and manufacturing might. It developed a strong base of esteemed manufacturing firms – involved in sectors from metal fabrication and electronics to chemicals and food processing – supported by robust supply chains and an efficient transport and logistics infrastructure. By the late 20th century, the focus of the city and the region had expanded to embrace a knowledge-based economy, while developing a highly skilled workforce. Today, the Chicago region has emerged as a major hub for the headquarters of national and global corporations and the sophisticated business and professional services necessary to support them, including finance, insurance, law, information technology (IT), marketing/PR, and logistics.

The economy of Chicago and the region remains large and diverse, boasting a strong foundation of the physical, human, technological, and institutional assets vital to a developed economy in the 21st century. Chicago is the only inland American city with a global footprint. It is the latest metropolitan area in the United States poised to cross the “megacity” threshold of a total population over 10 million. Chicago’s performance on productivity, income, and wage levels has consistently exceeded U.S. averages. If the region were a country, it would be the 20th largest economy in the world. Our city and region are global in character, with a substantial and growing foreign-born population and non-stop flights to over 200 destinations throughout around the world.

#### **CHICAGO POPULATION**

**Total population.** There are approximately 2.7 million people and 1 million households in Chicago, the third largest city in the US.<sup>1</sup> An estimated 23.0% of the population is under 18 years old.

#### **CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT**

**Overview.** Chicago Public Schools is the nation’s third largest school district. In the 2017-18 school year, CPS enrollment was 371,382. As compared to the city’s population as a whole and to students in the rest of the state, CPS’ enrollment has a higher proportion of minority students, low poverty students, and English Language Learner (ELL) students.

**Race and Ethnicity.** 46.8% of CPS students are Hispanic, 37.0% are African American, 10.2% are White, 4.1% are Asian, and 1.9% are multi-racial or other.

**English Language Learners.** English Language Learners (ELL) students are those eligible for transitional bilingual education, and for whom English is not considered their native language. In the 2017-18 school year, 67,009 CPS students were ELLs. This represented 18.0% of CPS student enrollment.

**Income and Poverty.** Socioeconomically, CPS students are disproportionately low-income as compared to the rest of the state. Students defined as low-income are those students, aged 3 through 17, who come from families receiving public assistance, live in institutions for neglected or delinquent children, are supported in foster homes with public funds, or are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches.

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<sup>1</sup> As of the 2010 US Census.

## Total Enrollment

CPS enrollment has declined by approximately 27,000 students since 2006. One of the reasons for this is due to the decline in birth rate.

The district's official enrollment snapshot is taken on the 20th day of each school year. CPS' recent enrollment history (as of 20<sup>th</sup> day) is shown below.

	Fall 2007 (FY08)	Fall 2008 (FY09)	Fall 2009 (FY10)	Fall 2010 (FY11)	Fall 2011 (FY12)	Fall 2012 (FY13)	Fall 2013 (FY14)	Fall 2014 (FY15)	Fall 2015 (FY16)	Fall 2016 (FY17)	Fall 2017 (FY18)
<b>School-based PK*</b>	23,325	24,370	24,247	23,705	24,232	24,507	23,671	22,873	22,555	20,673	19,441
<b>Elementary Schools (K-8)</b>	271,464	269,139	269,010	265,336	266,046	266,555	264,845	261,803	258,563	251,623	244,589
<b>High schools (9-12)</b>	113,166	115,770	115,314	113,640	113,873	112,399	112,029	112,007	111,167	109,053	107,352
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>407,955</b>	<b>409,279</b>	<b>408,571</b>	<b>402,681</b>	<b>404,151</b>	<b>403,461</b>	<b>400,545</b>	<b>396,683</b>	<b>392,285</b>	<b>381,349</b>	<b>371,382</b>