

7th District of Illinois

The 7th Congressional District in Illinois is one of the most exciting, interesting, diverse and dynamic places to live and work in the nation. It is a community with unlimited potential. It is also a district with great disparities and challenges.

The 7th District is wholly within Cook County and bordered on the east by

Lake Michigan and extends to the western border of Cook County. The district is generally south of Armitage Avenue and has one arm which extends as far south as 57th Street. ([click here](#) for large scale map) or ([click here](#) for street level detail map of the 7th District) It includes much of the West Side of Chicago and parts of the suburban communities of

Bellwood (all),

Berkeley,

Broadview,

Forest
Park,
Hillside,

Maywood,

Oak Park (all),

River Forest (all) and

Westchester. In Chicago, the 7th District includes all or part of the community areas of Austin,

Armour Square,
Douglas,

East Garfield Park,

Englewood,

Fuller Square,

Grand Boulevard,

Humboldt Park,

Kenwood,

Loop,

Near North Side,
Near South Side,
Near West Side,
North Lawndale,
Oakland,
Washington Park,
West Englewood,
West Garfield Park
and

West Town.

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The 7th District is home to a host of world class cultural and higher education institutions. It is home to the architecture of Daniel Burnham, Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright. It is home to the

Chicago Bears,
Chicago Bulls,
Chicago White Sox and

Chicago Blackhawks. It is home to some of the best known and most colorful neighborhoods in Illinois including Chinatown and Greektown. The District's suburban communities have long, rich histories and have amassed proud traditions.

The District includes downtown Chicago, home of Chicago's financial exchanges (the Chicago Board of Trade,

the Chicago Mercantile Exchange,

the Chicago Board of Options Exchange,

the Chicago Stock Exchange and is one of the world's great international financial centers. The District also includes much of Chicago's public housing (managed by the Chicago Housing Authority) which encompass some of the poorest census tracts in America.

The District includes twenty-one

hospitals,
dozens of clinics and many world
class research institutions and medical schools - but it also includes some
of the most medically underserved communities in America with some
communities on Chicago's Westside experiencing infant mortality rates
comparable to third world countries.

According to the latest census information the 7th Congressional District had a population of
592,000. The
population was 47% male and 53% female; 34% White, 59% Black, 4% Asian,
7% Hispanic. 10% were age 65 and over; 23% age 45 to 64; 31% age 25 to
44; 9% age 18 to 24; and 26% under age 18. There are 22,085 veterans
living in the 7th District.

82% of persons 25 years of age and older
were high school graduates -- 34% had a Bachelor's degree or higher. The
median household income was \$38,585; 22% were receiving Social Security with
an average Social Security payment of \$11,956. 24% of families and 44%
of children under 18 lived below the poverty level.

23% of workers in the District are employed
in Education, health and social services; 16% in professional and business
services; 12% in finance, real estate and rental/leasing; 10% in retail
trade; 9% in manufacturing; 8% in leisure and hospitality; 5% in
construction; 4% in wholesale trade and 2% in information.

There are
238,000 housing units in the 7th District. Average household size is
2.5 persons; married couples 29%; other families 26%; people living alone
39% and other non-family 7%. 49% are
owner occupied and 51% are renter occupied. 50% of owners with
mortgages, 31% of owners without mortgages and 54% of renters spend more
than 30% of their income on housing.

The people who live or work here are justly proud of the community they have
built . . . and they are committed to developing and growing this community
for all its residents. If you are looking for a place to live, to work, to
invest or to vacation please know you are welcome . . . you will love what
you find in the 7th District of Illinois.

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