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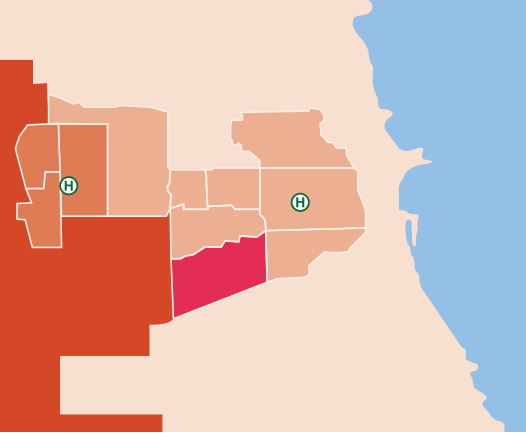
Community Snapshot: South Lawndale



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South Lawndale



South Lawndale is the official name of this neighborhood located five miles southwest of the Loop, but the community is better known as La Villita/Little Village. Now the city's largest Mexican neighborhood, it was settled by Czechs and Germans after the Chicago fire of 1871; the Mexican population grew throughout the late 20th century, particularly as people moved from neighborhoods that were disrupted by the construction of the University of Illinois at Chicago campus. Today, a thriving commercial strip along 26th Street is the centerpiece of South Lawndale — and, after the Magnificent Mile, is the city's second-highest tax-generating district.

In 1990, a group of community leaders founded the Little Village Community Development Corporation (renamed Enlace Chicago in 2008). Enlace's more than 140 full-time and part-time staff members focus on community and economic development; education; organizing and advocacy; and violence prevention, annually serving more than 8,000 youth and adults in Little Village and the surrounding neighborhoods.



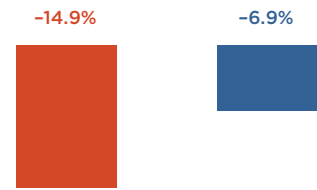
HIC survey participants asked how common violence is in their community: 72.8% said “extremely” or “very.”

The community has a high density of community resources, including health clinics, nonprofits, and schools. It also has a rich history of local activism and leadership, and many community amenities that are a direct result. Little Village's non-profit and community development community has a long history of cross-community and cross-sector planning and collaboration that has led to impressive progress in improving quality of life for community residents.

- From www.enlacechicago.org

Who lives here?

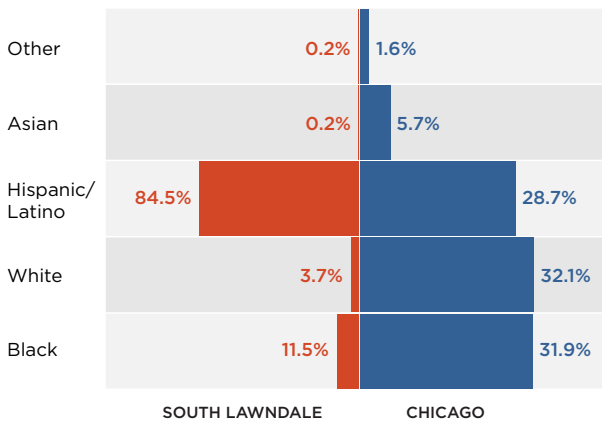
- **69,951** people live in South Lawndale. The average household size is **3.7** people, compared to an average Chicago household size of **2.6** people.¹
- South Lawndale is one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the city, with a population per square mile of **15,235.7** people as compared to **11,841.8** people per square mile in Chicago.²
- Between 2000 and 2010, South Lawndale's population decreased by **14.9%**. In Chicago overall, the population decreased by **6.9%** during the same period.³



POPULATION CHANGE, 2000-2010
South Lawndale at left, Chicago at right

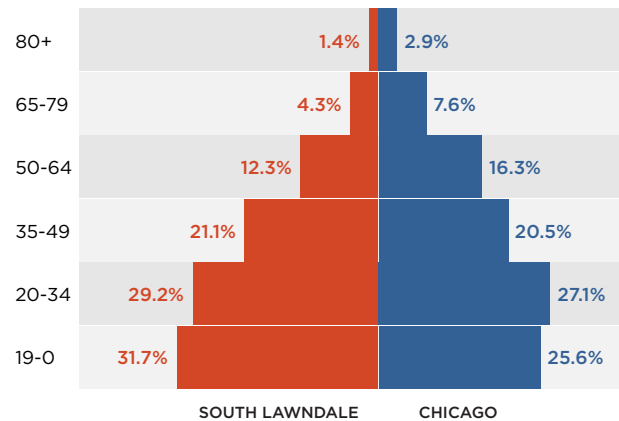
RACE AND ETHNICITY⁴

The population in South Lawndale is mostly Hispanic or Latino.



AGE⁵

The population in South Lawndale is younger than the city of Chicago average, with a median age of **28.7** as compared to the citywide average of **33.3**.



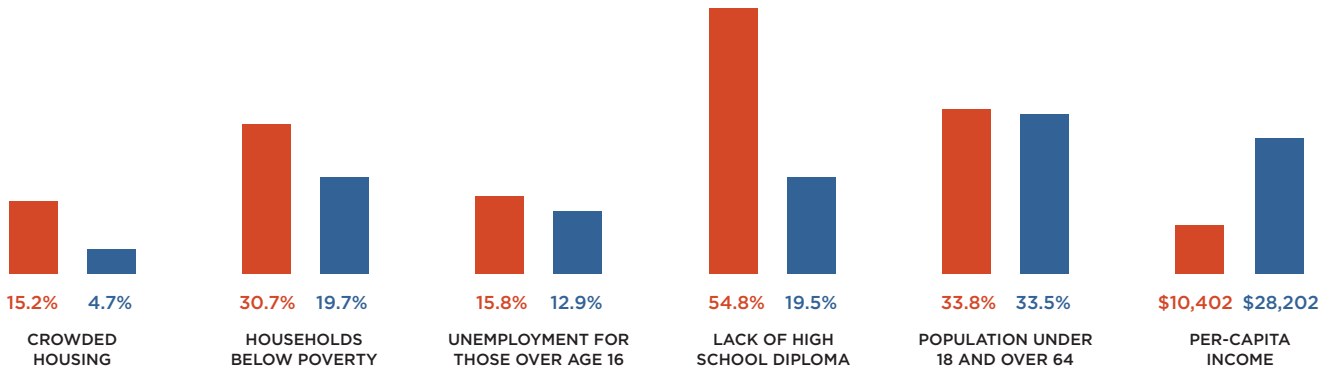
HIC survey participants asked how much neighbors trust and look out for each other: 52.4% said “a little/none/not at all.”



What are the potential barriers to good health?

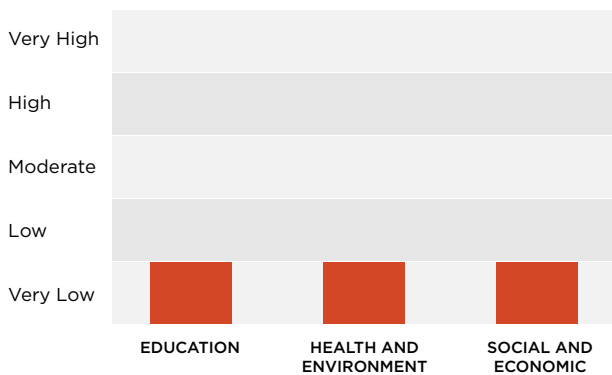
HARDSHIP INDEX⁶

South Lawndale's hardship index is **96**, based on the following statistics (*South Lawndale at left, Chicago at right*):



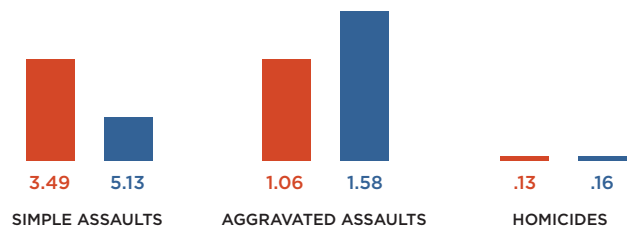
CHILD OPPORTUNITY INDEX⁷

The Child Opportunity Index (COI) assigns a “very low” ranking to South Lawndale in all three opportunity areas it measures: education; health and environment; and social and economic. This gives the neighborhood an overall COI ranking of **“very low.”**



CRIME⁸

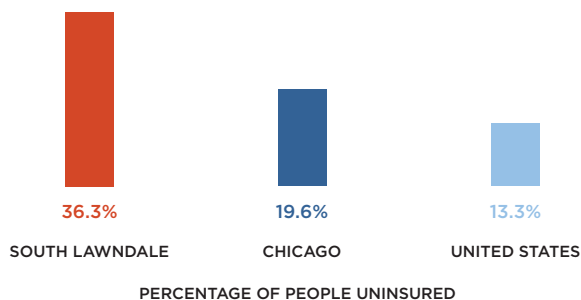
South Lawndale is in the lowest quartile of communities served by Rush for its rate of crimes against people, including simple assault, aggravated assault and homicide.



NUMBER REPORTED PER 1,000 RESIDENTS, 2013
South Lawndale at left, Chicago at right

LACK OF HEALTH INSURANCE⁹

South Lawndale residents have health insurance at a significantly lower rate than residents of the rest of the city. Of note: Chicago's percentage of people without insurance is significantly higher than the percentage in the U.S. overall, which is 13.3% of the population.¹⁰



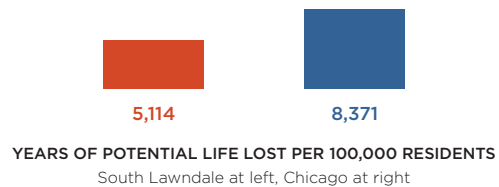
We have plenty of hospitals and clinics; however, we do not have any collaboration. ...Why can't we have any collaboration between these bigger institutions and the schools?

- RUMC focus group participant from South Lawndale

What is the impact of the barriers?

YEARS OF POTENTIAL LIFE LOST¹¹

South Lawndale ranks **66th** among Chicago's 77 neighborhoods in total number of years of potential life lost annually. Annual years of potential life lost per 100,000 residents aged 75 and younger due to selected causes of death: **5,114**.



What resources make life better?

COMMUNITY ASSETS

Some of South Lawndale's community assets include the following:

Hospitals

Saint Anthony Hospital

Public parks

Homan Park
Limas Playground Park
Madero Park
Miami Playlot Park
Piotrowski Park
Shedd Park
Washtenaw Park

Community-based health centers

ACCESS Centro Medico
ACCESS Centro Medico San Rafael
ACCESS Plaza Family Health Center
ACCESS Servicio Medicos la Villita
Centro De Salud Esperanza
Dr. Jorge Prieto Health Center of Cook County

School-based health centers

Alivio Medical Center at Little Village Lawndale High School
Farragut Academy - Lawndale Christian Health Center

Nursing facilities

California Gardens and Rehabilitation Center
Park House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Mental health centers

Pilsen Wellness Center
Saint Anthony Hospital

CHA housing

Albany Terrace Apartments
Lawndale Gardens

Pharmacies

Walgreens

Schools

Ortiz de Dominguez (Public, PK-2)
Cardenas (Public, PK-3)
McCormick (Public, PK-5)
Gary (Public, PK, 3-8)
Corkery, Hammond, Little Village, Spry, Telpochcalli, Whitney, Zapata (Public, PK-8)
Castellanos (Public, 4-8)
Farragut (Public, PK, 9-12)
Madero (Public, 6-8)
Infinity, Multicultural, Social Justice, Spry, World Language (Public, 9-12)
Kanoon, Saucedo (Magnet, PK-8)
Epipany Catholic School, St. Agnes of Bohemia School, Our Lady of Tepeyac Elementary School (Roman Catholic, PK-8)
Grace Christian Academy Education (Lutheran-Missouri Synod, PK-8)
UNO-Paz (Charter, K-8)
Our Lady of Tepeyac High School (Roman Catholic, All Girls, 9-12)
York (Citywide, 9-12)
YCCS-Latino Youth (Charter, 10-12)

Neighborhood organization

Enlace Chicago

ENDNOTES

- ¹ MetroPulse Community Data Snapshot, South Lawndale, www.cmap.illinois.gov/.
- ² www.governing.com/gov-data/population-density-land-area-cities-map.html.
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- ⁸ www.chicagohealthatlas.org/place/south_lawndale.
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