

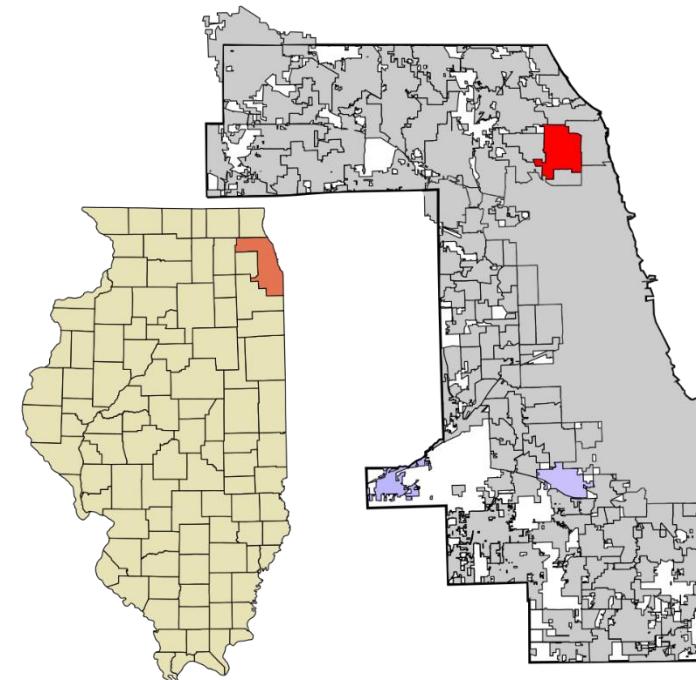
A Community Profile of

Skokie, Illinois

Austin Busch, UPP502

Quick History

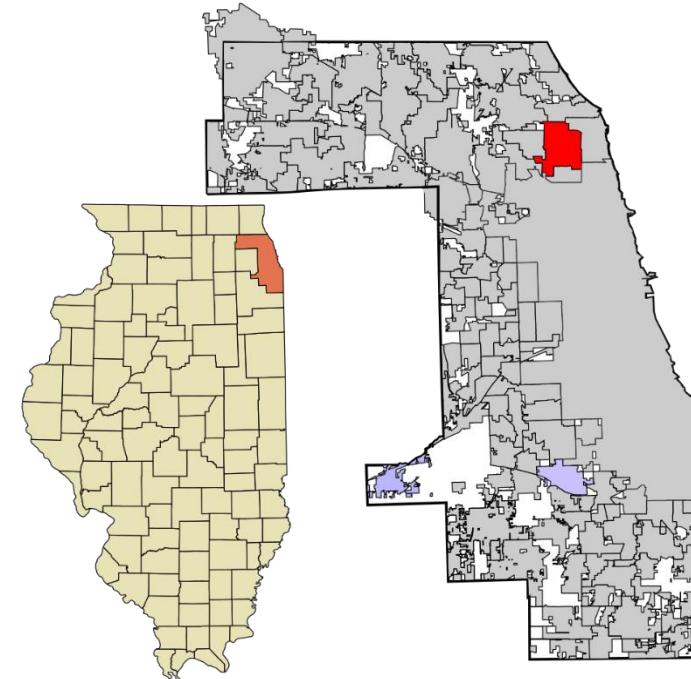
- Founded as Niles Centre in 1888
- Renamed to Skokie in a 1940 referendum



Illinois Digital Archives. "Niles Center Incorporation Papers, March 8, 1888". Retrieved November 29, 2023 from <https://www.idaillinois.org/digital/collection/skokiep02/id/1670/>.

Politics

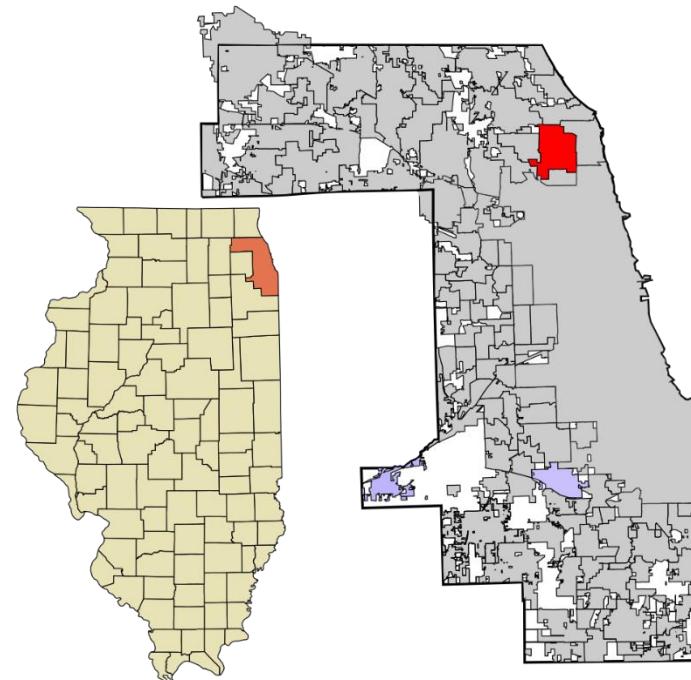
- Council-Manager government
- Village Board:
 - Mayor
 - Village Clerk
 - Board of Trustees members
 - 6 in total
 - (elected at-large)



The Village of Skokie. "Skokie". Retrieved August 30, 2023 from <https://www.skokie.org/>

Politics

- The Skokie Caucus Party
 - Local political party
 - Held office since 1965



Meadows, Jonah. "Electoral Referendums Take Aim At Skokie Caucus Party's One-Party Rule". Published April 14, 2022. Patch. <https://patch.com/illinois/skokie/electoral-referendums-take-aim-skokie-caucus-partys-one-party-rule>

Demographics



Imagery source: https://skokielibrary.info/media/uploads/Event_BookBabies_HiRes_210908_13.jpg

National Origin

- 48.5% of residents were born in Illinois
- 37.0% of residents are foreign-born

U.S. Census Bureau. “SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES”. American Community Survey. ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table DP02. 2021. Retrieved November 29, 2023.

Language

- 49.0% of residents identifying as speaking a language other than English
 - 16.8% of residents identify as speaking English less than “very well”

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Race/Ethnicity

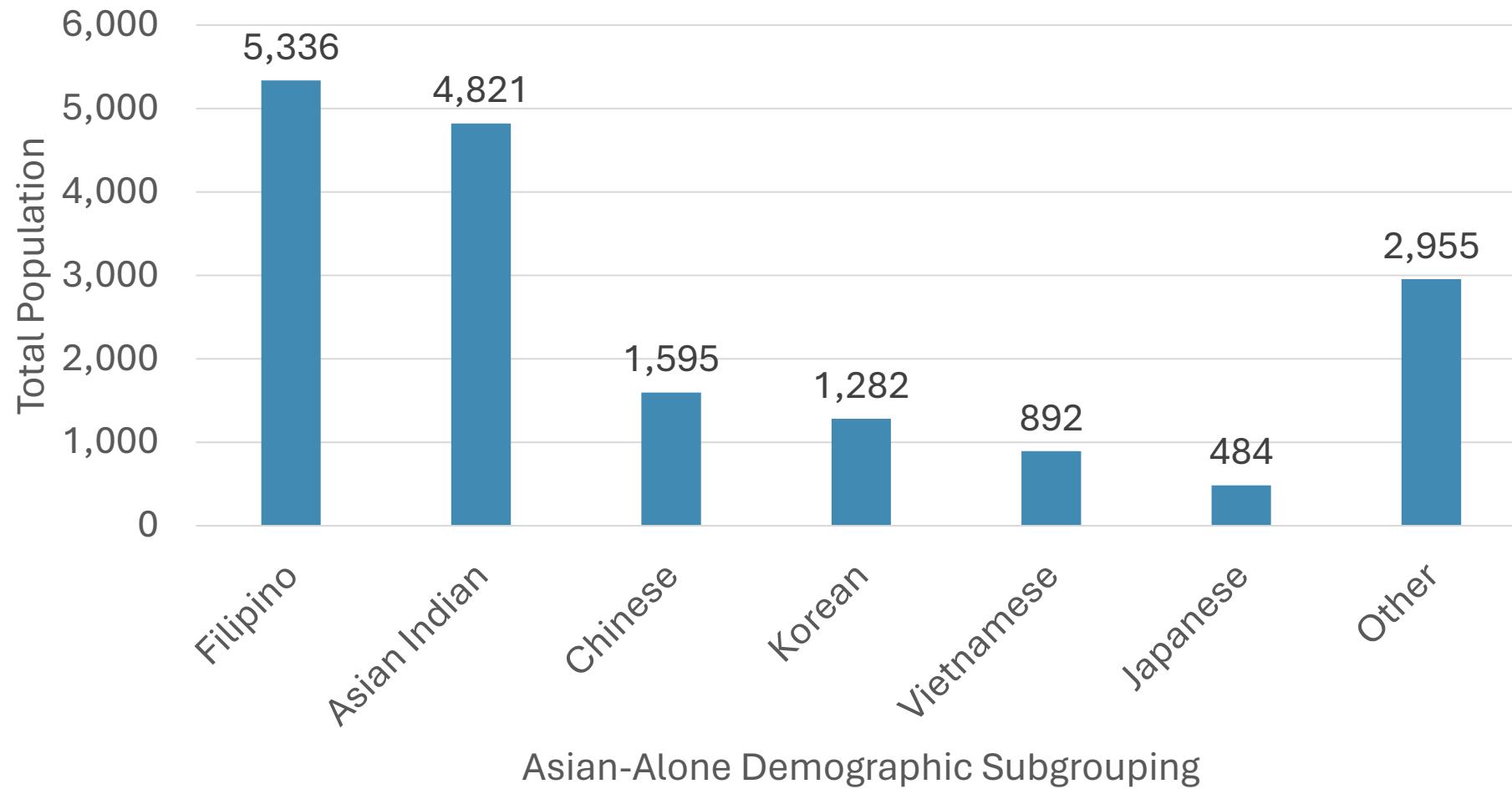
- Skokie began desegregation 62 years ago
 - The Jones family became the first Black property owners in 1961
- Skokie is a majority-minority community as of 2021
 - 49.9% of residents identifying as White alone (not Hispanic or Latino)

Skokie Residents by Race (2021)

Race	Total Population	Percent of Population
White	37,488	55.6%
Asian	17,365	25.7%
Black or African American	5,956	8.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	209	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	97	0.1%
Other race	1,938	2.9%
Two or more races	4,391	6.5%

U.S. Census Bureau. "ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES". American Community Survey. ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table DP05. 2021. Retrieved on November 29, 2023.

Population of Residents identifying as Asian Alone by Demographic Subgroup (2021)



U.S. Census Bureau. "ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES". American Community Survey. ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table DP05. 2021. Retrieved on November 29, 2023.

Age

- Declining middle-age adult population
 - 2021 median age: 43
- Increasing youth population
- Increasing elderly population

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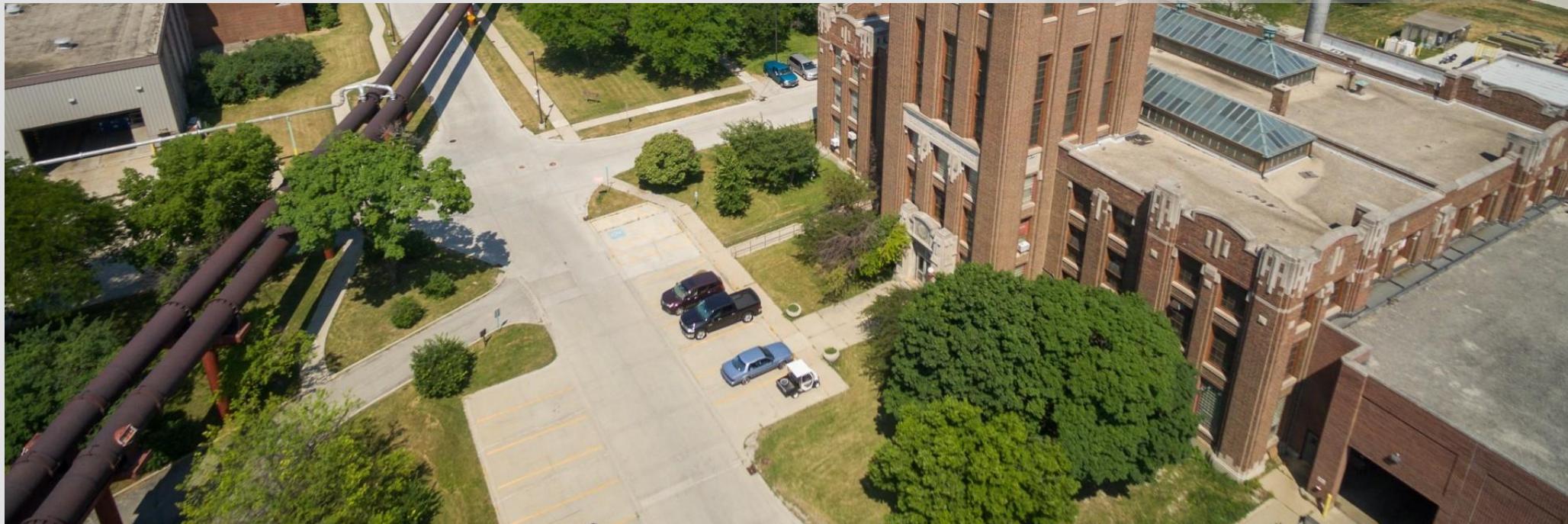
Total Population of Skokie Residents by Age Cohort (2011-2021)

Age Cohort	2011	2016	2021	Percent Change '11-'21
Under 18 years	13,178	14,073	15,566	18.1%
18-65 years	39,605	38,798	38,164	-3.6%
65 years and over	11,450	12,002	13,714	19.8%

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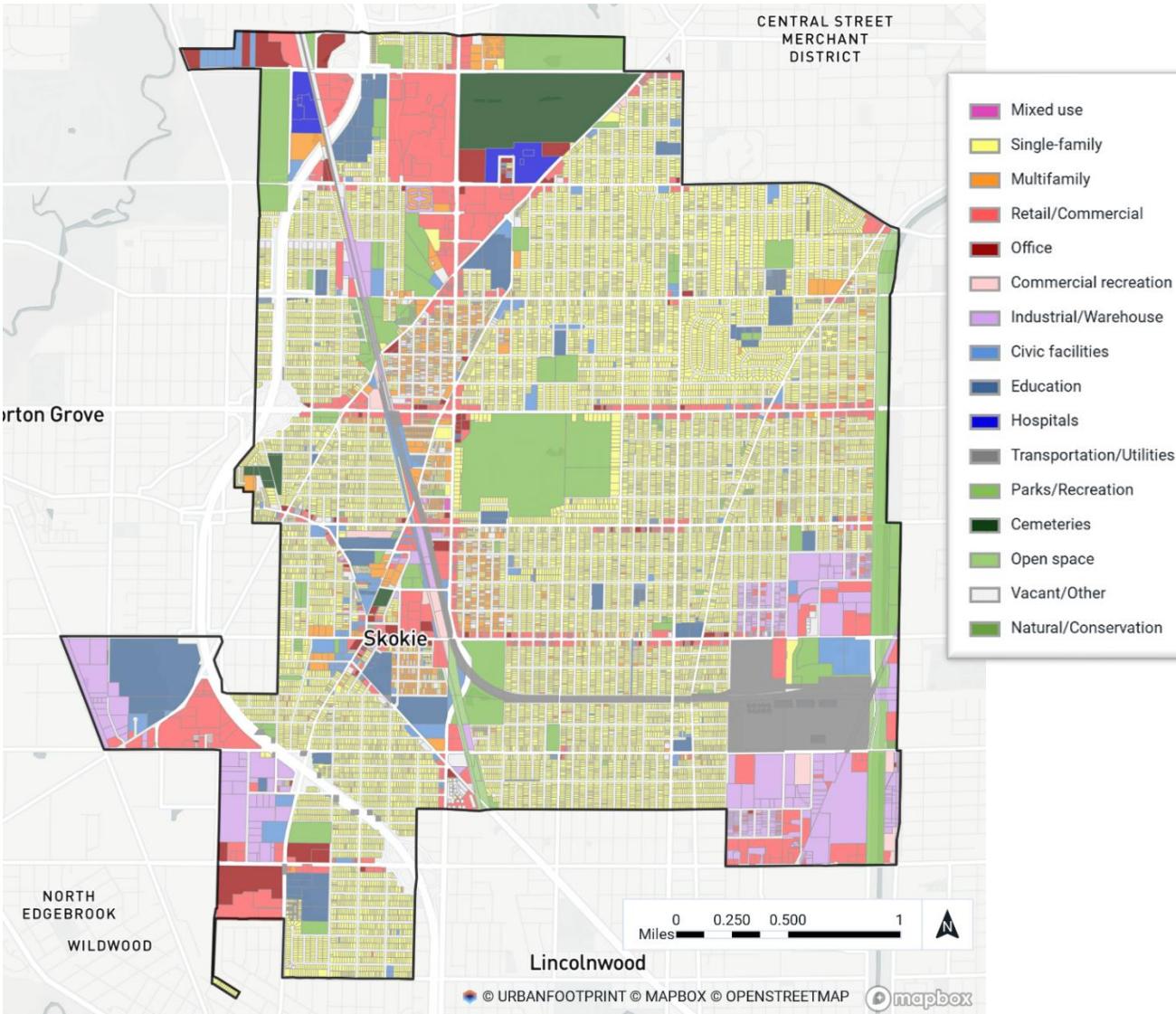


Land Use



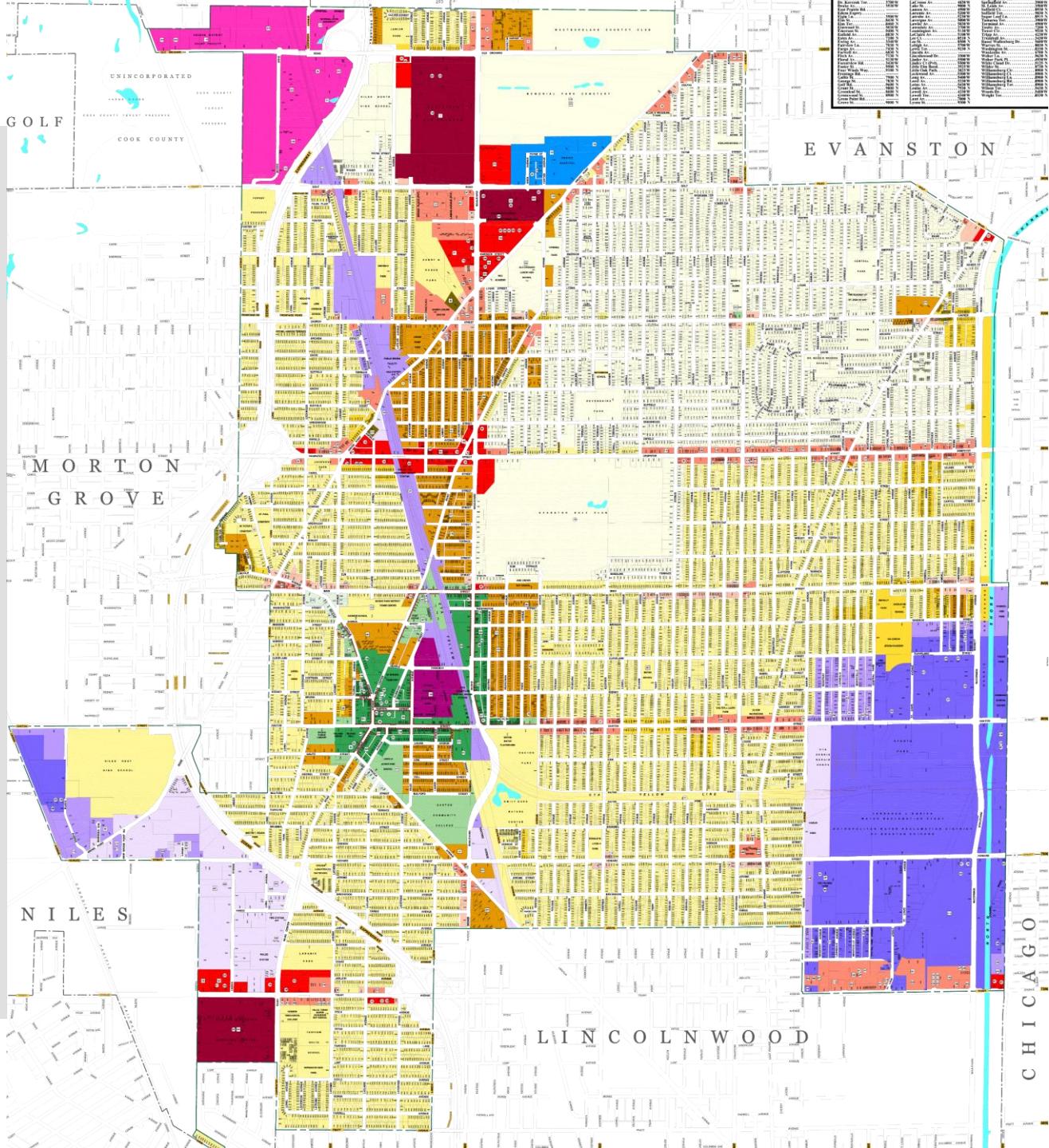
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Map of current land uses in Skokie, Illinois (2023)



Land Use Category	Percent of Total
Single Family	45%
Parks Recreation	12%
Retail Commercial	10%
Industrial	8%
Education	5%
Transportation Utilities	4%
Multifamily	4%
Civic Facilities	3%
Cemeteries	3%
Office	2%
Other	2%
Open Space	1%
Hospitals	1%
Commercial Recreation	1%

Edited, original data source: UrbanFootprint. Land Use Summary (L-2). Retrieved October 25, 2023.



VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, ILLINOIS OFFICIAL ZONING MAP			
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	MIXED-USE DISTRICTS	BUSINESS DISTRICTS	INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS
R1 Single-Family	NX Neighborhood Mixed-Use	B1 Service Commercial	M1 Office Assembly Industry
R2 Single-Family	TX Transit Mixed-Use	B2 Commercial	M2 Light Industry
R3 Combined Housing	CX Core Mixed-Use	B3 Business	M3 Industry
R4 Multifamily Housing	----- Retail Street	B4 Regional Shopping	OR Office Research
R5 Elderly and Disabled Housing	Body of water	B6 Downtown Science and Technology	Special Use Permit
		H1 Hospital	Site Plan Approval/Planned Development

Village of Skokie. Official Zoning Map.
Accessed on December 6, 2023 from
<https://www.skokie.org/265/Zoning-Administration>

Parking Minima

Off-Street Spaces Required Per Unit Under Current Zoning Codes in Skokie*

Number of Bedrooms	Detached, and 2-Unit Multifamily	Townhouse	3+ Unit Multifamily and Residences in Mixed Uses						
			General		B3 district transit oriented developments; NX and TX districts		CX district		
			Resident	Guest	Resident	Guest	Resident	Guest	
Studio	2	2	0	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.1	1	0.25
1 or 2	2	2	0	1.35	0.15	1.35	0.15	1	0.25
3 or more	2	2	0.5	1.8	0.2	1.35	0.15	1	0.25

* Total parking is required is rounded to the nearest whole number of spaces

Village of Skokie. Zoning. Sec. 118-218. - Required number of off-street motor vehicle parking spaces.

https://library.municode.com/il/skokie/codes/zoning?nodeId=SUHITA_CH118ZO_ARTXIOREPALOFA_S118-218RENUOREMOVEPASP



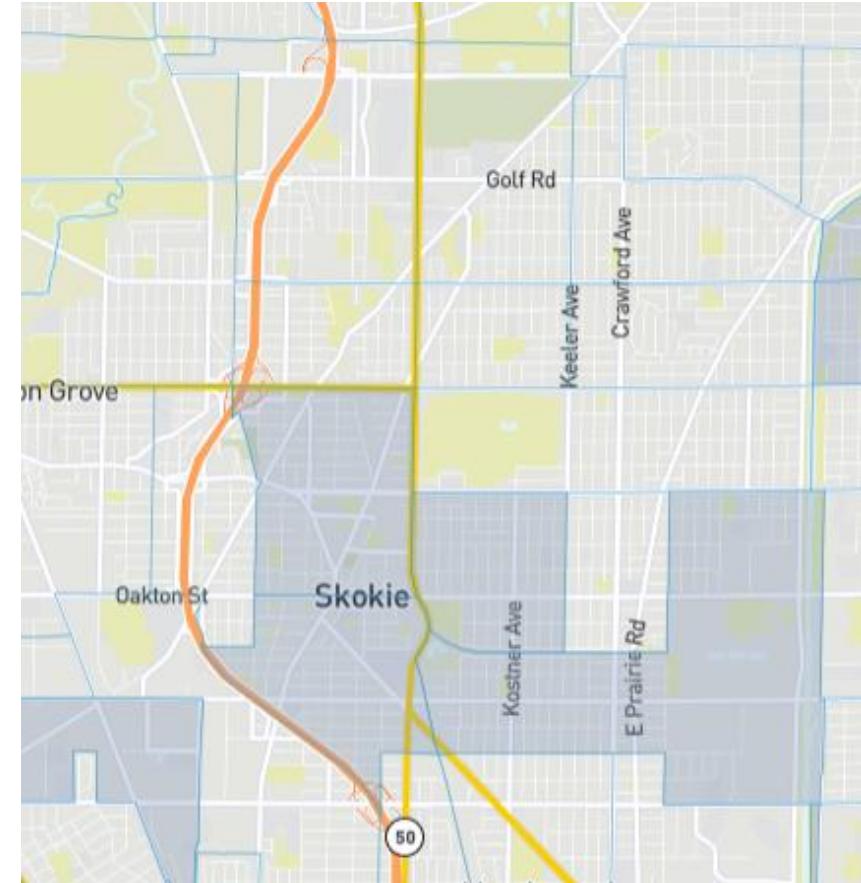
Economy



Imagery source: <https://www.skokie.org/ImageRepository/Document?documentID=2481>

Disadvantaged Areas

- Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
- Designed for use in the Justice40 Initiative
- 4 out of 13 census tracts considered disadvantaged



Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool. "Explore the map". Accessed November 29, 2023, from <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#11.89/42.03104/-87.74161>.

Disadvantaged Areas

- Above the 90th percentile for share of households where no one over age 14 speaks English very well.
- Above 10% percent of people ages 25 years or older whose high school education is less than a high school diploma.

Poverty

Skokie residents below the federal poverty level (2021)

Poverty Status	Population	Percent
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	6,084	9.1%
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	4,814	7.2%
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	55,963	83.7%

U.S. Census Bureau. "SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOTAL AND NATIVE POPULATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES". American Community Survey. ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0601.

Principal Employers in Skokie, IL - 2022 Fiscal Year (Unaudited)

Employer	Employees	Percentage of Total Village Employment
NorthShore University HealthSystem	2,831	9.20%
Niles Township High School District 219	1,172	3.81%
Tenneco/FederalMogul	1,049	3.41%
Amazon	625	2.03%
Georgia Nut	579	1.88%
Macy's	578	1.88%
Visual Comfort Co./ Generation brands	449	1.46%
Village of Skokie	438	1.42%
Skokie Park District	386	1.25%
Cook County Circuit Court	352	1.14%
Total Employed	8,459	27.48%

Village of Skokie, Illinois. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (April 30, 2022). Pg 191. Retrieved October 18, 2023 from <https://www.skokie.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=43>.

Monthly Earnings of Skokie Employees and Residents (2020)

	Workers employed in Skokie		Skokie residents employed elsewhere	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Workers Earning < \$1,250 / month	8,588	27.5%	6,699	23.4%
Workers Earning \$1,251–\$3,333 / month	8,843	28.3%	7,358	25.7%
Workers Earning > \$3,333 / month	13,845	44.3%	14,622	51.0%
Total Workers	31,276		28,679	

U.S. Census Bureau. OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2020). Retrieved October 19, 2023 from <https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/>.

Commuting

Jobs Counts by Places (Cities, CDPs, etc.) Where Workers are Employed - Private Primary Jobs

	Count	Share
All Places (Cities, CDPs, etc.)	26,400	100.0%
Chicago city, IL	9,849	37.3%
Skokie village, IL	2,336	8.8%
Evanston city, IL	1,910	7.2%
Glenview village, IL	631	2.4%
Niles village, IL	626	2.4%
Northbrook village, IL	554	2.1%
Schaumburg village, IL	433	1.6%
Morton Grove village, IL	419	1.6%
Des Plaines city, IL	392	1.5%
Lincolnwood village, IL	312	1.2%
All Other Locations	8,938	33.9%

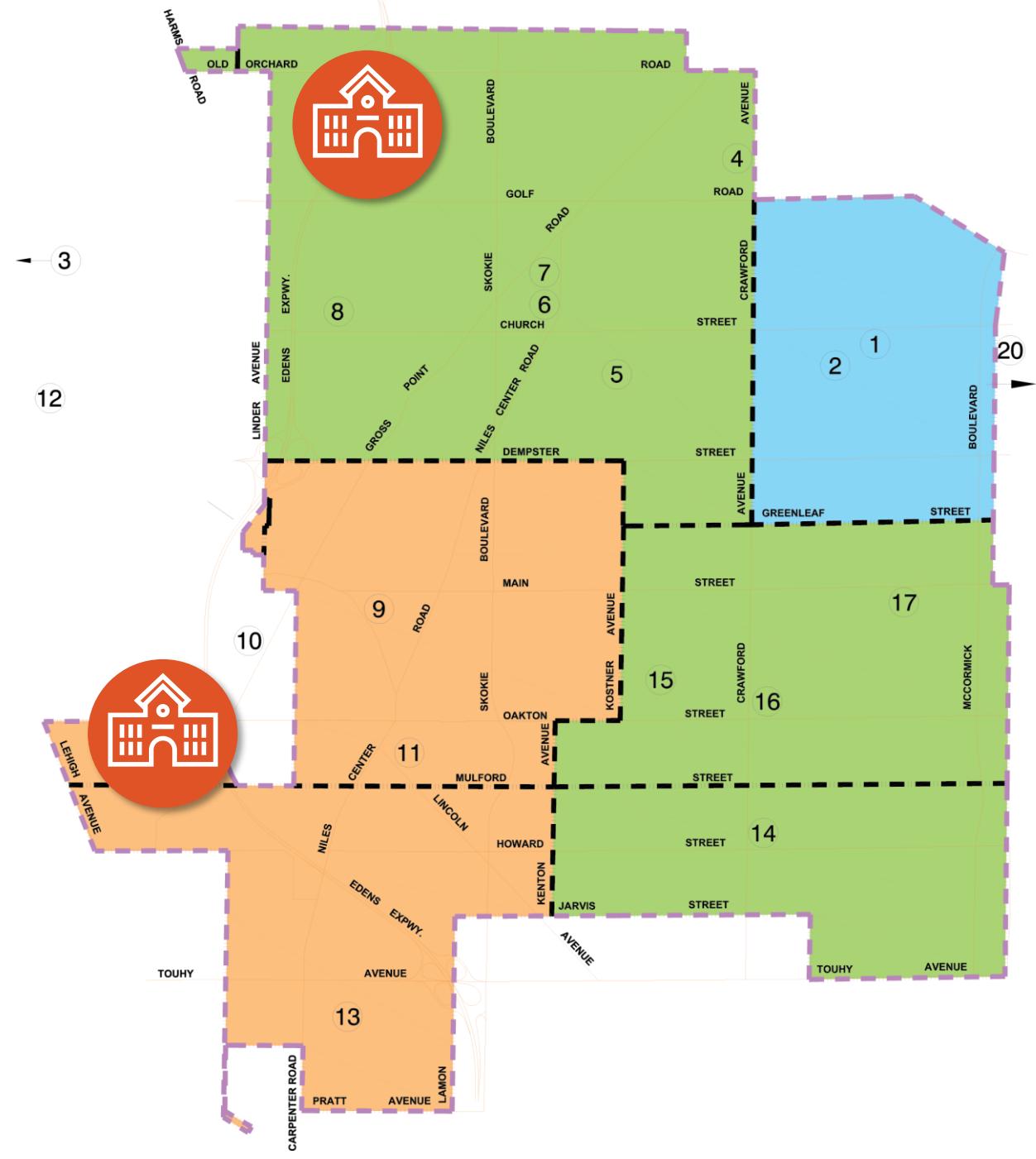
- 37% of resident workers employed in Chicago
 - Skokie: 8.8%
 - Evanston: 7.2%



Education



Imagery source: <https://cloudfront-us-east-1.images.arcpublishing.com/tronc/U4AZDVDBZRH7RJGROHLCKF4HQ.jpg>



Locations and attendance boundaries of public high schools in Skokie, IL (July 2016)



Village of Skokie. "Skokie School District Map".
2016. Accessed November 29, 2023 from
<https://www.skokie.org/DocumentCenter/View/1032>.

School Transportation

- Niles North High School and Niles West High contract First Student Bus Company
- School District 68 operates its own 17 buses

Niles North High School. Bus Route Information. 2023-2024. Retrieved on November 1, 2023 from <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zat3YOYNv6khPd7VGDWAMGeR2RtCFBHPkFrflvINfPY/preview>.

*Niles West High School. Bus Route Information. 2023-2024. Retrieved on November 1, 2023 from https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FaatAdYiVLmI4eLnWEZTL8_bdrUSP_MWtDFe1iQxNSQ/preview.
Skokie School District 68. Accessed on November 1, 2023 from <https://www.skokie68.org/transportation/>.*

School Transportation

- All school districts provide additional “activity routes” on consolidated corridors:
 - high schools run two late departures
 - younger levels run an early and a late departure

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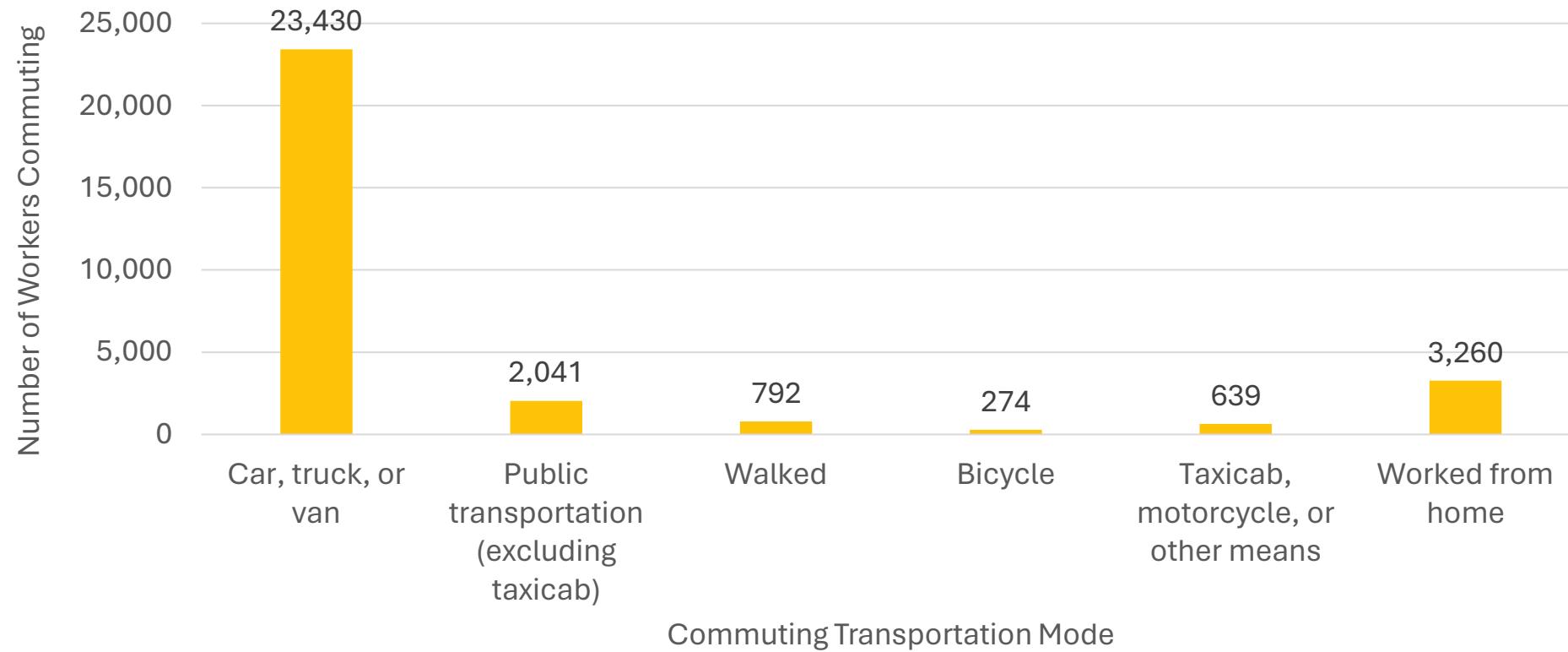
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Transportation

Mode Share

Commuter Mode Share of Resident Workers in Skokie (2021)



U.S. Census Bureau. COMMUTING CHARACTERISTICS BY SEX. American Community Survey. ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0801. 2021. Retrieved on October 31, 2023.

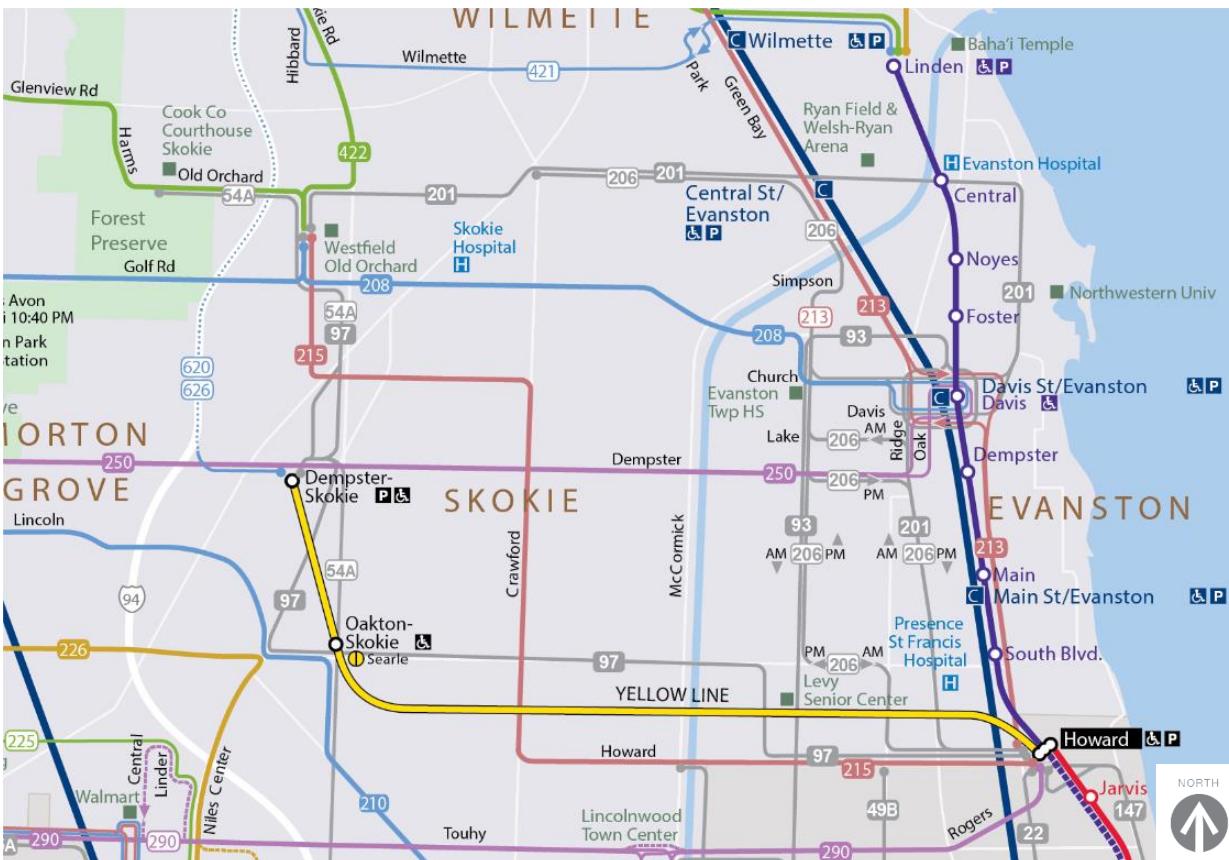
Vehicle Ownership

Vehicles Available per Household in Skokie and the Region, 2017-2021

Vehicles Available	Skokie		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
None	1,733	7.2%	357,375	17.5%	405,467	12.6%
1	9,061	37.6%	832,535	40.7%	1,152,274	35.8%
2	9,523	39.6%	606,249	29.7%	1,119,802	34.8%
3+	3,750	15.6%	248,499	12.2%	543,208	16.9%

Transit

Public transportation routes in the Skokie area (Nov. 2019)



Regional Transportation Authority. North Cook County. November 2019. Accessed on November 1, 2023 from <https://rtagis.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>.

Skokie Swift



- Former North Shore Line
 - Skokie Valley Route



Imagery Source: <http://library.lakeforest.edu/collections/railroad/nsr/bul107/174.jpg>

Skokie Swift

- Opened in 1925
- Bypass line for Chicago to Milwaukee



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Skokie Swift



- North Shore Line closed in 1963
- CTA still operated Skokie Shops maintenance facility
- Necessitated maintaining non-revenue track

Imagery source: Google Maps

Chicago-L.org. Yellow Line. Accessed December 6, 2023 from <https://www.chicago-l.org/operations/lines/yellow.html>.

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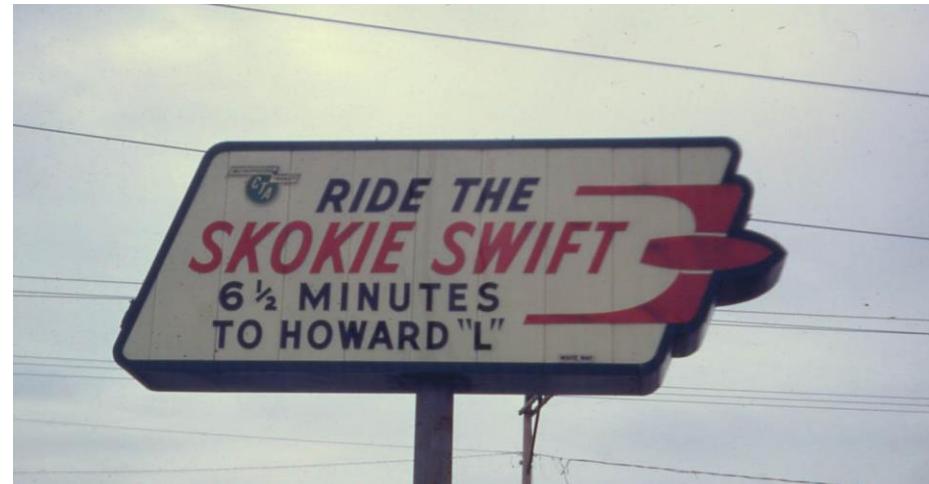
- Reopened in 1964
- Federal demonstration project, 2-year experiment



Wilson, David. 19670304 09 CTA Skokie Swift sign. Accessed from
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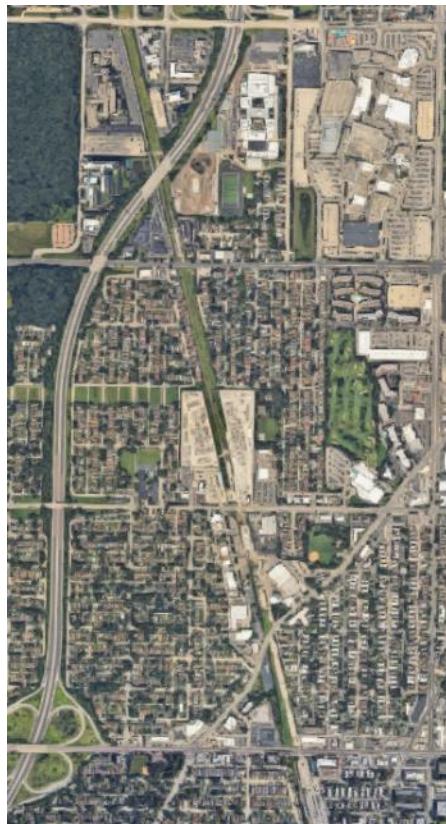
Skokie Swift

- One-stop express from Dempster to Howard
- Oakton infill station opened in 2012



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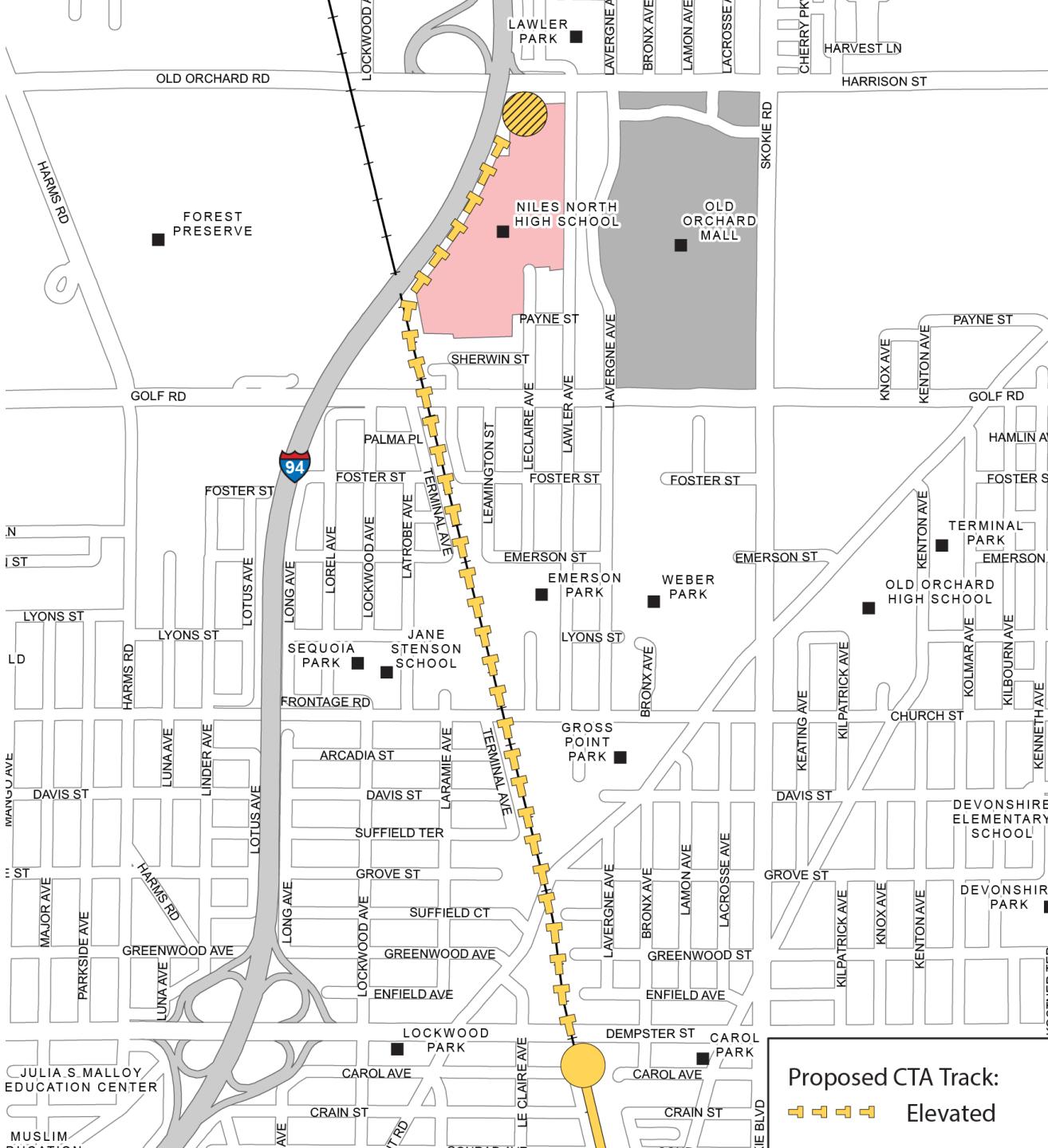
Skokie Swift Extension



- Studied 2006-2010
- Not in CMAP's Go to 2040 Plan

Imagery source: Google Maps

Chicago Transit Authority. Yellow Line Extension. Accessed on December 6, 2023 from <https://www.transitchicago.com/yelloweis/>



Skokie Swift

Station	Average Daily Ridership (2019)	Average Daily Ridership (2022)
Dempster-Skokie Station	1,813	717
Oakton-Skokie Station	941	321
TOTAL	2,754	1,144

Chicago Transit Authority. Annual Ridership Report. 2019-2022. Retrieved on November 1, 2023 from <https://www.transitchicago.com/ridership/>.

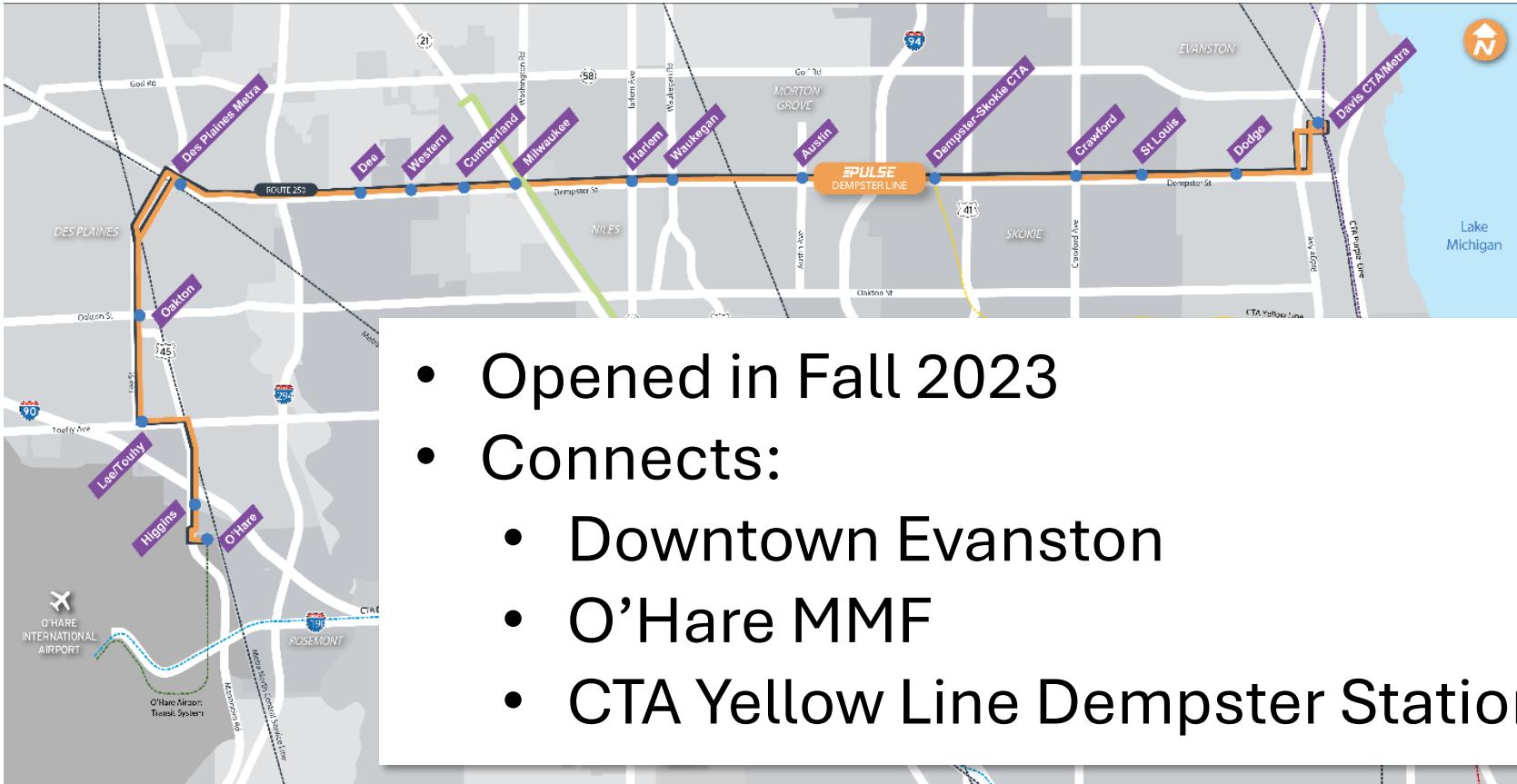
CTA Bus Route	Average Daily Ridership (2019)	Average Daily Ridership (2022)
54A - North Cicero/Skokie Blvd.	710	335
97 – Skokie	2,797	1,731
201 - Central/Ridge	2,164	1,345

Pace Bus Route	Average Daily Ridership (2019)	Average Daily Ridership (2022)
208 – Golf Road	1,995	1,322
210 – Lincoln Avenue	177	203
215 – Crawford-Howard	1,211	886
250 – Dempster Street	2,649	1,714

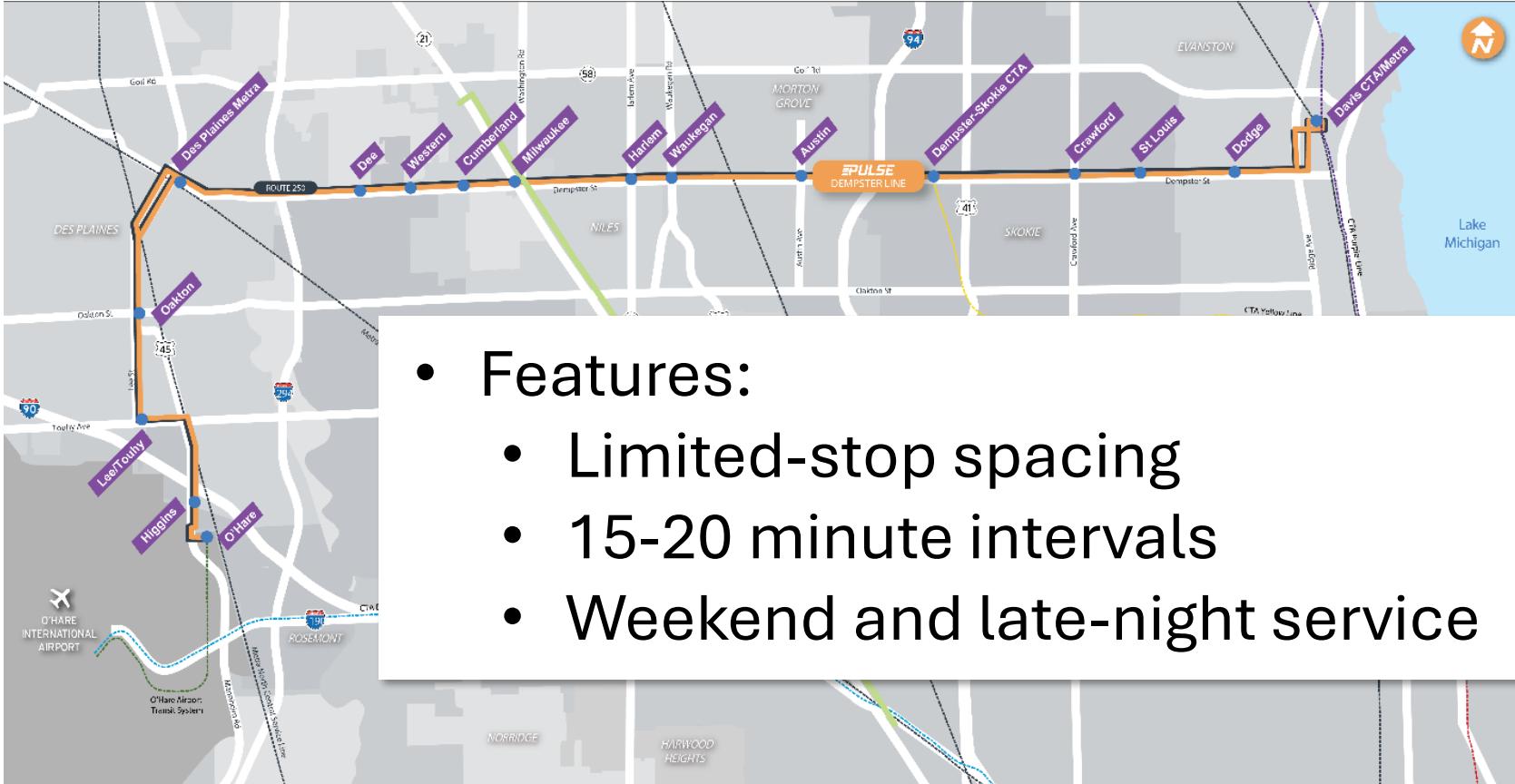
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Regional Transportation Authority Mapping and Statistics. Pace Bus Ridership by Route. October. 2019-2022. Retrieved November 1, 2023 from <https://rtams.org/ridership/pace/routes?month=October&dayName=weekday>.

Pace Pulse Dempster



Pace Pulse Dempster



Pace. Pulse Dempster. <https://www.pacebus.com/project/pulse-dempster-line>

Priorities

- For disadvantaged areas:
 - Route transit to schools
 - Develop multigenerational housing options
 - Publish communications and conduct outreach with all utilized languages

Priorities

- To better utilize transit:
 - Develop reverse-commute options
 - Develop alternative connection to other Chicago job centers
 - Reduce required parking in multifamily housing developments near transit

Thank You!



Question?

