2019 Community Health Needs Assessment and 2020–2022 Community Health Implementation Plan
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Where you live makes a lot of difference to your health.

A baby born today near Rush Oak Park Hospital is likely to live to be 82 years old. In Aurora near Rush Copley Medical Center, life expectancy is 81 years. But in West Garfield Park, near Rush University Medical Center, life expectancy is just 70 years. These disparities reinforce the fact that where you live, work and play can influence how long you live.

While violence is often blamed for the disparities in life expectancy, more than half of the early deaths in under-resourced communities are actually caused by common conditions like heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes. Morbidity and mortality from these and other health conditions are more prevalent in people living in neighborhoods afflicted by poverty, racism, and lack of access to health care, educational opportunities and good jobs.

All of these factors create major obstacles to health equity. According to the World Health Organization, health equity is achieved when everyone has a fair opportunity to attain their full health potential and no one is prevented from achieving that potential. Where there is more equitable access to education, jobs, resources and health care, life expectancy gaps are smaller.

A hospital’s mission is to help heal people — and that’s why Rush University System for Health is working to address the social inequities that contribute to poor health. Health equity is a

Race, racism and health equity

Research has shown that the impact of race on health stems largely from differences in access to resources and opportunities that can hurt or enhance health. Additionally, researchers have found that racial and ethnic discrimination can negatively affect health across lifetimes and generations.

— The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The goals and strategies you’ll read about in the following pages show how Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital are working toward health equity.

In many of the West Side neighborhoods near Rush University Medical Center, structural racism is one of the biggest barriers to health equity.

Structural racism means the laws, policies and unofficial practices that give advantages to white people and disadvantage people of color in our society.

Structural racism takes many forms. Banks’ refusal to approve mortgage loans for homes in black neighborhoods — a policy known as “redlining” — prevented people who live there from having the same chance at home ownership as
people in white neighborhoods. Students of color have less access to top-rated Chicago public schools: A 2018 analysis by the nonprofit Kids First Chicago showed that highly ranked schools enroll 45% of the district’s black students, 72% of Latinx students and 91% of white students (despite the fact that the district is 90% nonwhite).

And these are just two examples. **People of color feel the effects of structural racism everywhere**, from employment to wealth accumulation, from criminal justice to health care. Ultimately, this affects their health and overall well-being. It also affects where people choose to live: Chicago’s black population has declined for seven straight years, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Undoing those effects means working to reform systems that are hundreds of years old. It means providing resources and opportunities that will help close the gaps in education, housing, employment, income, health care and other areas. And it means working to heal our communities in ways that go far beyond just providing health care.

**When everyone has more opportunities to be healthier, everyone in our community benefits.**
Where we’ve been: A progress report

Collaborating more with other health systems was one of the biggest changes spurred by Rush’s partnership with the Alliance for Health Equity (AHE) in creating our last Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Health inequities are so deeply rooted in longstanding conditions that one organization alone cannot address them, so we’re working in partnership with others. Based on the data we analyzed and the community feedback we received, we’ve also made a number of other changes in how we do things at Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital.

- **We formed West Side United (WSU)** with five other health systems and the Illinois Medical District, plus community residents, education providers, the faith community, business, government and other organizations. By addressing inequality in health care, education, economic vitality and the physical environment, our goal is to reduce the life expectancy gap between the Chicago Loop and the West Side by 50% by 2030.

- **We adopted an Anchor Mission Strategy** that guides how we use our economic power to improve health in the communities served by Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital. With thousands of employees and millions of dollars spent on goods and services every year, every dollar we spend — on payroll, medical supplies, construction, catering, donations and more — is an opportunity to support the community. Our Anchor Mission Strategy work means that we do the following:
  - Hire locally and develop talent
  - Use local labor for capital projects
  - Buy and source locally
  - Invest locally and create financial stability for employees
  - Volunteer and support community-building
• **We helped form the West Side Anchor Committee** under the umbrella of WSU, with representatives from six West Side health care institutions and the Illinois Medical District, that together employ more than 43,000 people and spend $2.8 billion on supplies and services each year. Each is adopting its own anchor mission strategy.

• **Rush University Medical Center is a partner in the Chicago HEAL Initiative (HEAL)** begun by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, bringing together 10 Chicago hospitals to reduce gun violence, heal the physical and mental trauma of violence and create economic opportunities in our neighborhoods.

• We heard from community residents that we need to be out in the community more, so we’ve added more staff to our Office of Community Engagement and Department of Social Work and Community Health, enabling us to serve more people.

• We also heard that many people, particularly immigrants, sometimes fear seeking health care, so we created a policy to protect people who need care but lack legal permission to be in the United States. We’ve also submitted comments on proposed changes to the federal Public Charge Rule that would affect our community members’ ability to get access to health care and healthy food.

• We committed to training all Rush leaders in cultural competence (the ability to provide care to patients with diverse values, beliefs and behaviors) and implicit bias (unconscious associations that can lead us to evaluate someone negatively on the basis of characteristics such as race, gender, ability or sexual orientation).

• We know that Rush has to think about how government policy shapes health care, so we supported the Tobacco 21 legislation that increases the legal age for buying tobacco products in Illinois from 18 to 21. Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed this bill into law in April 2019.

In addition to these changes, our 2016 CHNA gave rise to the following goals and strategies that made up our 2017–2019 Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP). Some of these strategies required intensive planning, so they didn’t begin producing results immediately, but all of them eventually went into effect between fiscal years 2017 and 2019. Here’s a look at the impact of that work.
Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital
Community Health Implementation Plan, 2017–2019

**GOAL 1** Reduce inequities caused by the social, economic and structural determinants of health

**STRATEGY** Improve educational attainment

**MEASURES** Evaluate and retool existing programs; identify neighborhoods and schools with the highest need; implement updated strategy and begin tracking improvements

**RESULTS** We selected West Side partner schools that include Helen M. Hefferan STEM Elementary School, Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School, Washington Irving Elementary School, Genevieve Melody STEM Elementary School, Josiah Pickard Elementary School, Michele Clark Magnet High School, Instituto Health Sciences Academy, Benito Juarez Community Academy and Richard T. Crane Medical Prep High School. Students whose participation is noted below came from these schools and others on the West Side.

Tracking improvements is a long-term goal, but we have tracked program reach to date: 1,900 students participated in enrichment, instruction and work-based learning. 334 teachers/school leaders participated in professional development sessions. 250+ high school students participated in apprenticeship/internship program. 1,700+ students and parents attended events on STEM/health care topics. 50+ high school students participated in externship program. 25 students trained as peer educators. 1,400 students participated in curriculum about chronic conditions/risk factors screening. 93 students participated in IT certification and apprenticeship program. 450 students participated in workshops on health equity, health careers, college readiness and professionalism.

**STRATEGY** Identify, measure and mitigate the social determinants of health among those at risk — particularly children, young adults and people with chronic illnesses

**MEASURE** Develop and implement social determinants of health screening tool with a goal of screening and referring 25% of eligible patients

**RESULTS** Developed and implemented tool and established eligibility criteria; screened and referred 7,000 people

**STRATEGY** Participate in regional community health improvement collaboratives

**MEASURES** Collect and share health data; annually create a regional approach to improving one or more social, economic and structural determinants of health

**RESULTS** Collected and shared health data with AHE and others; in partnership with AHE, developed 2 regional approaches to improve outcomes related to food insecurity and housing
**GOAL 2** Improve access to mental and behavioral health services

**STRATEGY** Address psychological trauma through screening tools and referral programs in school-based health centers and faith-based organizations

**MEASURES** Develop and pilot school-based and church-based screening, wellness and referral networks; roll out church-based screening to at least 5 partner churches annually; begin screening 500 students annually at Rush’s school-based health centers

**RESULTS** Spiritual Care Training developed and conducted with 5 churches; trained 240 community members in Mental Health First Aid; referred more than 700 people to mental health services; screened more than 2,000 students at school-based health centers

**STRATEGY** Expand access to other screenings and services

**MEASURE** Train 200 community members in Mental Health First Aid

**RESULTS** 240 people trained

**MEASURE** Link 100 people to needed mental health services

**RESULTS** More than 700 people referred to services
GOAL 3 Prevent and reduce chronic conditions and risk factors

**STRATEGY** Reduce risk factors through assessments, chronic condition management programs and better access to healthy food

**MEASURE** Donate food daily for distribution to people in need

**RESULTS** Rush Food Surplus program provided more than 60,000 meals from Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital to partner institutions Franciscan Outreach and Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry. Also implemented Top Box program that enabled Rush employees and community members to purchase more than 3,500 boxes of fresh produce

**MEASURE** Create faith-based programs in at least one community of need to help people reduce cardiovascular and diabetes risk factors; expand education and screening programs into at least one community of need and hold events for at least 300 people

**RESULTS** Added 7 new church partners across multiple communities; screened and provided educational materials to more than 1,500 people; engaged more than 300 people in Walk to Wellness program

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**STRATEGY** Expand free and subsidized screenings

**MEASURE** Provide breast cancer screening and follow-up to at least 300 uninsured women

**RESULTS** 750 women screened in partnership with the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force

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**STRATEGY** Develop and deliver community services to help people stop smoking

**MEASURE** Integrate counseling into existing community service projects with goal of achieving 10% decrease in tobacco use among participants

**RESULTS** Began building infrastructure. To date: 11 people trained to provide in-person Courage to Quit classes; more than 100 providers trained to talk to patients about tobacco; developed partnership between Rush, Pro-Change Behavior Systems and Illinois Tobacco Quitline; invested $10,000 in training and personnel to help partner housing for low-income people become a smoke-free community
GOAL 4 Increase access to care and community services

**STRATEGY** Expand access to primary care medical homes for people without insurance and for others without medical homes

**MEASURE** Refer at least 150 uninsured people to medical homes each year

**RESULTS** Connected more than 850 people with CommunityHealth, which helps enroll people in insurance, and integrated referral process with Franciscan Outreach shelter

**STRATEGY** Implement adverse childhood event screenings and referrals at school-based health centers

**MEASURE** Screen 500 students each year

**RESULTS** 999 students screened

**STRATEGY** Expand access to insurance

**MEASURE** Develop process for referring and enrolling the uninsured; set baseline numbers for both

**RESULTS** Connected more than 850 people with CommunityHealth, and integrated referral process with Franciscan Outreach shelter
Where we are today: The 2019 Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital CHNA

When we created our 2016 CHNA, we knew it was just the first document of an ongoing journey. Health inequities are the result of decades of injustice, so it will take a long time to fix them.

We’re glad to see that some of the health factors we’ve been tracking show improvement. For example, data available in 2016 showed unemployment in West Garfield Park at 27%. It’s down to 19%, although that’s still significantly higher than the citywide rate of 11%. Similarly, according to 2016 data, 35% of people in South Lawndale lacked health insurance, and that’s down to 29% — but still significantly higher than the citywide rate of 15%.

In other words, health equity gaps remain. So the needs, goals and strategies you’ll read about in the following pages are nearly the same as the ones we outlined in our 2016 CHNA and 2017–2019 CHIP, with several important adjustments.

For example, citywide public health data — as well as data from our emergency rooms — shows that more black women have pregnancy-related complications than white women, so we’ve added a new CHIP goal to improve the health of these mothers and babies.

We’ve also worked to coordinate our efforts across AHE, WSU, the West Side Anchor Committee and HEAL to deepen our impact.

This CHNA adds Humboldt Park to our list of communities served. It was a gap in our previous West Side map, but we know that people who live there come to Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital. We also see some needs in the communities of Bridgeport, McKinley Park and Berwyn. While we don’t have many programs in these communities, we’re considering whether we should expand our reach to include them.
When you examine the life expectancy map of Chicago, residents who live closest to excellent health care at Rush University Medical Center had among the worst health outcomes in the city. The answer is not just about providing more health care. If we don’t address the social and structural conditions with the greatest bearing on health outcomes — like poverty, structural racism, poor educational achievement, food insecurity, housing and safety on Chicago’s West Side — we will not achieve our mission of improving health.

David Ansell, MD, MPH
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Associate Provost for Community Affairs, Rush University
on health equity — and the strategies for achieving it — is consistent across the entire Rush system. You can read the Rush Copley CHNA and CHIP at www.rushcopley.com/about/community-health-needs-assessment-reports/.

Health care is an evidence-based profession, so of course this CHNA contains a lot of data about the factors that have an impact on health in 12 of the neighborhoods where many Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital patients live. We acknowledge some limitations with our data, including gaps in data for our suburban communities and quantitative information about mental health at a community level. Qualitative information is also limited by the number of people who chose to participate in our surveys and focus groups.

We worked with the AHE to collect and analyze data from sources that include the federal American Communities Survey; the Chicago, Cook County and Illinois departments of public health; the Healthy Chicago Survey; and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This data helped us and other AHE partners identify needs for our CHNAs and create strategies for our CHIPs.

Data doesn’t give us the whole picture. It’s just as important for us to have input from the people who live in the neighborhoods we serve.

Together with the AHE and WSU, we held more than 25 conversations where we invited people to talk with us about health in their neighborhoods. The Alliance for Health Equity conducted another 23 discussions around the city and Cook County. We met with neighbors at churches, parks, community centers and other gathering places, and also conducted a written and electronic survey; in total, we heard from more than 2,000 community residents in five different languages.

That feedback told us what’s most important in each neighborhood according to the people who live there.
Neighborhood data snapshots

For each neighborhood, we list some of the things that can help make the quality of life better, like grocery stores and public parks. We compiled our lists — which we realize are not exhaustive — with the help of NowPow, the software Rush uses to connect patients to resources, along with input from people who live in each neighborhood.

It’s important to keep in mind that these lists don’t tell the whole story. For example, a neighborhood might have several public parks, but if people don’t feel safe spending time there, how much do the parks contribute to quality of life? A neighborhood might have one large grocery store, but if it’s not easy or safe for most people to walk there, how big an asset is it? For that matter, how do we define a grocery store? Is it a big supermarket, or a bodega that includes fresh produce? We tried to be inclusive, and also to understand the context around the information provided.

And we want to be sure we acknowledge one major category of assets: the hundreds of community-based organizations where people come together to strengthen neighborhoods and support the people who live there. Many of the people who work in these organizations provided us with quotes about what health equity means to them, and also participated in our focus groups.

Neighborhood data includes the following:

**Life expectancy:** Chicago’s differences in life expectancies between neighborhoods are some of the highest in the nation.

Data sources: Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Vital Stats, 2013–2017

**Total population, race and ethnicity, percentage of immigrants:** This data gives a quick overview of who lives in each neighborhood.

Data source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2013–2017 (ACS)

**Unemployment rate:** A community’s rate of unemployment is a strong indication of its health. In many neighborhoods, the unemployment rate is down since our last CHNA but still above the citywide average.

Data source: ACS

**Feeling of safety:** This data reflects how many people say they feel safe in their neighborhood most of the time or all of the time.

Data source: Chicago Police Department
**Individual poverty and child poverty:** Poor people are less likely to be healthy. This data shows the percentages of adults and children 17 and under who live in households with income below the federal poverty level.

Data source: ACS

**Servings of fruit and vegetables:** People who eat the recommended amounts of healthy food are healthier overall.

Data sources: Healthy Chicago Survey; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

**Older adults living alone:** Older people who are lonely die at a much higher rate than those who are less socially isolated.

Data source: ACS

**Housing cost burden:** If you have to pay 30% or more of your income for housing, you might not be able to afford basics like food, clothing, transportation and health care.

Data source: ACS

**No high school diploma:** People who don’t graduate from high school are more likely to have lower incomes and to develop chronic illnesses; on average, those without a high school diploma live 12 years less than those with one.

Data source: ACS

**Good prenatal care:** Consistent prenatal care means that a mom is more likely to have a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby.


**Health care coverage:** People who don’t have health insurance have worse access to health care than people who are insured, and often go without care because of cost.

Data source: ACS

**Chronic conditions and risk factors:** Diabetes, obesity, hypertension (high blood pressure) and smoking are indicators of overall health.

Data source: Healthy Chicago Survey

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**Good prenatal care is important because early, consistent care gives us better opportunities to make sure mothers stay healthy and have the right nutrition, education and mental health support — and we also have the opportunity to intervene early if something is not right.**

*Janice Phillips, PhD, RN*

Director of Nursing Research and Health Equity

Rush University Medical Center

Associate Professor, Rush University College of Nursing
To create this map of where people in the Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital service area experience the most hardship, we used the following six factors from the American Community Survey:

- Dependency (the number of people under age 18 and over age 64)
- Crowded housing (the percentage of housing with more than one person per room)
- Poverty
- Per-capita income
- Unemployment
- No high school diploma

Each neighborhood snapshot also includes comments from people who came to the discussions, completed surveys and live in our communities. On the following pages, you’ll see what some of the challenges look like — and what some of the bright spots in each neighborhood look like as well.

We want to talk about solutions alongside challenges. The CHIP goals at the end of this report, updated for 2019, address the concerns that we see in the public health data and that we heard from people who came to discussions and filled out surveys.
Bright spots

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

**Austin Coming Together**
A coalition of community-based organizations that are collaborating to improve education and economic development outcomes for Austin

**New Moms**
Helps young mothers with safe, stable housing, job training and parenting skills, as well as doula services and a prenatal support group

**Challenges**

Austin community members said that even though there are a lot of corner stores, it can be hard to find healthy food. A lot of people said they don’t feel safe in the neighborhood, and several mentioned that Austin needs more mental health services to help people deal with depression and PTSD after witnessing violence.
More people are working: The unemployment rate is **down almost 5%** from 2016 (although unemployment is still about 7% higher than in the rest of Chicago).

“I’m most proud of our schools on the West Side!”

Just 1 in 5 people say they get 5 servings daily of **healthy food** like fruits and vegetables.

“Health equity is **equal access to resources**: quality education, decent jobs, physical safety and diverse populations living side by side.”

“Fewer people in Austin than in Chicago overall say they **feel safe** in their neighborhood.”

**Poverty rates are higher than the city average.**

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A lower percentage of moms get **good prenatal care** than in the city overall.

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About half of people spend a third or more of their income on housing.

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The rates of some chronic conditions and risk factors are higher than the citywide rates.

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Life expectancy

East Garfield Park

18 years

Rush CHNA/CHIP 2019–2022

Race/Ethnicity *

90% Black

4% Hispanic/Latino

5% White

.4% Asian

1% Other

Total 20,234

Bright spots

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

Breakthrough

Helps people get out of poverty with programs around education, job training, health, violence prevention and spiritual development

Garfield Park Community Council

Brings community members and allies together to build a stronger community by supporting new businesses, housing, safety programs and wellness

Challenges

A need for more mental health services in East Garfield Park came up often in focus groups. People also talked about the effects of disinvestment on the West Side going back decades, and about the lack of quality jobs and education, which contributes to violence.

*Percentages rounded
Unemployment is down, but still higher than the city average.  

64% CHI  18% EGP  11% CHI

“I like the sense of community on the West Side.”

Fewer people in East Garfield Park than in Chicago overall say they feel safe in their neighborhood.  

67% EGP  78% CHI

“Hospitals train staff on mental health; why not train residents, too? We can use it and share it in our community.”

Poverty rates are higher than the city average.  

Individuals in poverty  

Children in poverty  

43% EGP  22% CHI  55% EGP  31% CHI

A lower percentage of moms get good prenatal care than in the city overall.  

52% EGP  64% CHI

“Health equity is that everyone has the right to receive medical treatment and care.”

More than half of people spend a third or more of their income on housing.  

52% EGP  36% CHI

More than half of people spend a third or more of their income on housing.

Most chronic condition and risk factor rates match city averages, but East Garfield Park has more people who smoke.

Diabetes  

Hypertension  

Obesity  

Smoking  

8% 33% 28% 37%  

9% 31% 28% 19%  

3%  

East Garfield Park 19
People talked about wanting more diversity and racial equity in their community. They also mentioned a need for more mental health services, as well as social services for LGBTQ people; others talked about a lack of job opportunities and affordable housing.
Almost 1,000 people in Forest Park are older adults who live alone.

Poverty rates are lower than in Chicago.

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Many people spend a third or more of their income on housing.

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Most people have at least a high school education.

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“Everyone deserves a fair chance to lead a healthy life and should have full access to the opportunities that enable them to do so without discrimination.”

“There’s a small-town feel here, with a lot of local businesses, but also easy access to the city.”

“We could use more community services sponsored by the hospital, such as the smoking cessation class, which is very helpful.”

Forest Park focus group participants identified their top 5 health concerns

1. Mental health (e.g., depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide)
2. Age-related illness (e.g., arthritis, hearing/vision loss, dementia/Alzheimer’s)
3. Obesity
4. Diabetes
5. Cancer and dental problems (tie)

And they identified the top 5 things necessary for a healthy community

1. Access to health care and mental health services
2. Access to community services
3. Access to healthy food
4. Affordable housing
5. Access to transportation
Humboldt Park

Life expectancy

- Humboldt Park: 75 years
- Chicago: 77 years
- Loop: 82 years

Race/Ethnicity*

- Total: 56,248
- Black: 37%
- Hispanic/Latino: 55%
- White: 6%
- Asian: .6%
- Other: 2%

Bright spots

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.
Founded by neighbors and community groups to provide affordable housing in Humboldt Park and nearby neighborhoods, and working to improve quality of life in the community

Kelly Hall YMCA
A place where people of all ages, interests and abilities come together to participate in programs designed to keep youth and families safe and motivated to succeed

Challenges

Gentrification is a concern for people who worry that there will be less affordable housing in the neighborhood. Community members also talked about the need for better education and jobs for youth, and the problems that arise when young people wind up with criminal records after being arrested for minor offenses.
More people are working: The unemployment rate is down almost 3% from 2016 (although unemployment is still about 4% higher than in the rest of Chicago).

“I’m from Atlanta, but I like the sense of community on the West Side. I like to go to the Turkey Chop [restaurant] and help out.”

“Health equity is a holistic effort to ensure complete and equal access to resources that provide the best opportunity to lead a healthy life.”

Fewer people in Humboldt Park than in Chicago overall say they feel safe in their neighborhood.

Poverty rates are higher than in the city overall.

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More people lack health insurance than the Chicago average.

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Almost a third of people didn’t graduate from high school.

Many people spend a third or more of their income on housing.
**Lower West Side**

**Life expectancy**

- **81** Lower West Side
- **77** Chicago
- **82** Loop

**Race/Ethnicity**

- **4%** Black
- **78%** Hispanic/Latino
- **15%** White
- **2%** Asian
- **1%** Other

**Total**: 32,998

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**Bright spots**

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

**El Valor**

A cornerstone of the Lower West Side, with early childhood education programs, services for people with disabilities and programs for parents aim to build a stronger community.

**Instituto del Progreso Latino**

Provides education, training and employment programs for immigrants that help people take part in the changing U.S. society while maintaining their cultural identity.

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**Challenges**

Gentrification is a major concern for many people as housing costs rise in the neighborhood. Other issues that came up in focus groups include gang violence, a lack of mental health services and a need for the community to come together to fight inequities in education and other areas.

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2 grocery stores and food markets

11 child care centers

22 public parks

5 community-based health centers

11 public and private schools

1 church that partners with Rush

*Percentages rounded*
More people are working: The unemployment rate is **down almost 7%** from 2016, and unemployment is about **2% lower** than in the rest of Chicago.

About a third of people say they get 5 servings daily of **healthy food**.

More people on the Lower West Side are **immigrants** than in Chicago overall.

“**The West Side is growing in every way!**”

Fewer people on the Lower West Side than in Chicago overall say they **feel safe** in their neighborhood.

“**The biggest challenge is displacement of those with lower resources — we’re being forced out. The landlord will remodel an apartment and then start charging $2,000 in rent.**”

“**Health equity is the opportunity for all individuals to access the support they need for physical and mental wellness.**”

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More people don’t have health insurance.

One in four people doesn’t have health insurance.

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Near West Side

Life expectancy

- Near West Side: 78
- Chicago: 77
- Loop: 82

Race/Ethnicity*

- 30% Black
- 10% Hispanic/Latino
- 42% White
- 16% Asian
- 3% Other

Total 62,560

Bright spots

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

Near West Side Community Development Corp.
Provides services like job and financial skills training, housing, youth programs and community development to improve the neighborhood’s jobs, education and amenities

Chicago Center for Arts and Technology
A place with arts and technology programs for youth, job training programs for adults and art studios, plus a beautiful space for everyone

Challenges

People have concerns about gentrification changing the neighborhood, which can lead to higher housing prices and different kinds of stores. They also say there’s a need for more health insurance and mental health services, places to buy healthy food and affordable child care.

- 5 grocery stores and food markets
- 11 child care centers
- 18 public parks
- 4 mental health centers
- 4 hospitals
- 19 public and private schools

*Percentages rounded
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“The West Side is growing — it’s up and coming: there’s growing beauty.”

Most people on the Near West Side feel safe in their neighborhood.

Just over one-fourth of people spend a third or more of their income on housing.

“Most of us don’t have health insurance. You can’t get a mammogram or go to the doctor for checkups. If we had health insurance we would go more often, not just when we’re sick.”

“Health equity to me is that there are no barriers or prejudice that people face when receiving care.”

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Near West Side
North Lawndale

Life expectency

- 70 North Lawndale
- 77 Chicago
- 82 Loop

Race/Ethnicity*

- 88% Black
- 8% Hispanic/Latino
- 2% White
- .2% Asian
- 2% Other

Total 35,423

Bright spots

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

UCAN
A youth services nonprofit focused on preventing violence, healing trauma, building strong families and educating and empowering youth

Family Focus Lawndale
Supports families with after-school programs, parenting classes, early childhood home visits, doula services and more

Challenges

Young people say that the neighborhood needs programs for youth, plus more mental health resources and education. Other community members say that violence, gentrification and job opportunities — especially for the formerly incarcerated — are challenges for their community.

1 grocery store or food market
3 child care centers
13 public parks
4 community-based health centers
28 public and private schools
3 churches that partner with Rush

*Percentages rounded
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Life expectant

Race/Ethnicity*

Oak Park 82
Chicago 77
Loop 82

Total 51,989

21% Black
8% Hispanic/Latino
62% White
5% Asian
5% Other

Bright spots

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society
Where children receive medical, dental and behavioral health care as well as a primary care medical home — essential for consistent care

NAMI Metro Suburban Drop-In Center
A safe place for people with mental health issues to socialize and find new skills and tools for work, life and friendship

Challenges

Some people said that the costs of living and of operating a small business in Oak Park can be a challenge. Others want to see more racial diversity and inclusiveness, more affordable housing and better resources for child care.
About one in three people spends a third or more of their income on housing.

Poverty rates are lower than in Chicago.

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About 2,350 people in Oak Park are older adults who live alone.

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“It’s safe, beautiful and clean here.”

“Health equity means many things — including that your likelihood of dying isn’t dependent on race, sex, sexual orientation or income.”

“We need better access to health care for those without insurance, and better help for those seeking to enroll in Medicaid.”

Oak Park focus group participants identified their top 5 health concerns:

1. **Age-related illness** (e.g., arthritis, hearing/vision loss, dementia/Alzheimer’s)
2. **Diabetes**
3. **Mental health** (e.g., depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide)
4. **Heart disease and stroke**
5. **Cancer**

And they identified the top 5 things necessary for a healthy community:

1. **Access to health care and mental health services**
2. **Access to community services**
3. **Access to healthy food**
4. **Safety and low crime**
5. **Affordable housing**
**River Forest**

**Life expectancy**

- **86** River Forest
- **77** Chicago
- **82** Loop

**Race/Ethnicity**

- **Total 11,217**
  - **6%** Black
  - **6%** Hispanic/Latino
  - **78%** White
  - **6%** Asian
  - **3%** Other

**Bright spots**

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

**Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry**
Where people volunteer more than 2,100 hours every month to help feed their neighbors in 13 ZIP codes (including the Austin neighborhood)

**Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation**
A place where donors connect to community-based nonprofits and vice versa, coming together to build a vibrant, sustainable and caring community

**Challenges**

People talked about a need for better mental health services, affordable healthy food and better public transportation. Resources for seniors also came up as a gap; several people mentioned a wish for more programs for young people, along with ways for youth to tell the community what they need.

- **3** grocery stores
- **7** child care centers
- **8** public parks
- **2** mental health facilities
- **1** immediate care center
- **8** public and private schools

*Percentages rounded*
The unemployment rate is lower than the rate in Chicago.

About 420 people in River Forest are older adults who live alone.

Poverty rates are also lower than in Chicago.

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“We have great schools here, and it’s clean and quiet.”

“First, you have to eliminate the stigma around common mental health problems, and you need more outreach programs.”

“Health equity happens when we work together to build resilient communities and empower individuals for a healthy future.”

Housing cost burden is similar to Chicago’s.

Most people have at least a high school education.

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Life expectancy

- South Lawndale: 81
- Chicago: 77
- Loop: 82

Race/Ethnicity*

- Total: 73,983
- 12% Black
- 84% Hispanic/Latino
- 3% White
- 3% Asian
- 4% Other

Bright spots

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

- **Enlace Chicago**
  Dedicated to helping people confront inequities and break down barriers through education, health care, immigration services and violence prevention initiatives

- **Erie Neighborhood House**
  Founded in 1870 and today helping children and youth grow and develop, and empowering adults to build a stronger neighborhood

Challenges

People who attended focus groups identified gangs and drugs as major concerns. They also talked about high housing prices, the quality of schools, a need for more mental health services and the difficulties of getting involved in the community for people who are undocumented.

- 2 grocery stores and food markets
- 4 child care centers
- 3 mental health centers
- 9 public parks
- 6 community-based health centers
- 31 public and private schools

*Percentages rounded

Rush CHNA/CHIP 2019–2022
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**Diabetes**

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West Garfield Park

Life expectancy

- West Garfield Park: 70
- Chicago: 77
- Loop: 82

Race/Ethnicity*

- 96% Black
- 2% Hispanic/Latino
- 2% White
- .2% Asian
- .6% Other

Total: 17,490

Bright spots

Life is better and healthier with resources like...

Bethel New Life
Working for decades to create opportunities to bring people out of poverty — and to change systems and policies to help lift the entire community out of poverty

Garfield Park Community Council
Brings community members and allies together to build a stronger community by supporting new businesses, housing, safety programs and wellness

Challenges

In our focus groups, West Garfield Park community members talked often about having to leave the neighborhood to find affordable, healthy food and activities for their families. They also said that community leaders need to communicate better with people who live in the neighborhood.
More people are working: The unemployment rate is down almost 9% from 2016 (although unemployment is still about 8% higher than in the rest of Chicago).

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“We are very family-oriented, and we like that kind of atmosphere.”

Fewer people in West Garfield Park than in Chicago overall say they feel safe in their neighborhood.

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More than one-fourth of people didn’t graduate from high school.

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“'I think we need more supermarkets, because not everyone has a car. Then maybe kids will learn about fruits and vegetables and learn how to eat.”

Less people in West Garfield Park than in Chicago overall say they feel safe in their neighborhood.

“'The ability to increase the social capital and self-determination of those directly impacted by health inequities is health equity.”

Rates of chronic conditions and risk factors are higher than the city average.

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Life expectancies:
- West Town: 81
- Chicago: 77
- Loop: 82

Race/Ethnicity:
- Total: 84,458
- Black: 8% (6,756)
- Hispanic/Latino: 27% (23,050)
- White: 59% (50,136)
- Asian: 4% (3,383)
- Other: 3% (2,589)

Bright spots:
Life is better and healthier with resources like...

CommunityHealth
Connects people who are low income and don’t have health insurance with primary care doctors, medical and dental care, screenings and other services for staying healthy.

Greater West Town Community Development Project
Focuses on jobs and education for West Town community members — and on breaking down barriers that stand in the way.

Challenges:
Gentrification and its impact on the cost of housing came up as a big concern in focus groups. The quality of schools and the impact on young people’s lack of preparation for good jobs was also an issue, and people mentioned a need for services related to mental health and substance abuse.

Resources:
- 5 grocery stores and food markets
- 9 child care centers
- 13 public parks
- 9 community-based health centers
- 25 public and private schools
- 1 church that partners with Rush

*Percentages rounded

38 Rush CHNA/CHIP 2019–2022
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"When I bought my house, my taxes were $400 a year, and now they’re $11,500 a year. For the people who stay here, working modestly, it’s almost impossible."

"Our health system should be equitable so every family can bear the weight of serious illness without the additional fear of poverty or collapse."

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What’s next

Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP), 2020–2022

Instead of creating a separate CHNA and CHIP as we did in 2016, this year we’ve combined them so we can talk about health equity solutions in the same document where we outline the challenges our neighborhoods face.

On the next phase of our journey toward health equity, we’ll keep concentrating on the goals we and our partners identified in 2016:

- Reduce inequities caused by social, economic and structural determinants of health
- Increase access to mental and behavioral health services
- Prevent and/or manage chronic conditions and risk factors
- Increase access to quality health care

And we’re adding one new goal:

- Improve maternal and child health outcomes

According to data released in 2018 by the Illinois Department of Public Health, non-Hispanic black women in our state were six times as likely to die of a pregnancy-related condition as non-Hispanic white women. In Chicago, an average of seven babies per 1,000 under age 1 die each year — but in East Garfield Park and North Lawndale, where almost 90% of residents are black, that number is twice as high. Eliminating disparities and driving better outcomes for moms and babies is the focus of this new goal.

While many of our CHIP strategies remain the same, we’ve added some new ones and adjusted others slightly according to what we’ve learned. Because making lasting, widespread change requires a massive team effort, the following goals align with the goals adopted by the AHE, WSU, HEAL and the Healthy Chicago 2.0 plan from the Chicago Department of Public Health; nearly every hospital in Cook County is also working toward similar goals. In the following pages, icons indicate where our work dovetails with that of the AHE (A), HEAL (H) and WSU (W).
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A = AHE  H = HEAL  W = WSU
# Appendix 1: IRS Form 990, Schedule H Compliance

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Appendix 2: Existing health care facilities and resources within the community

This list contains information collected through focus groups, NowPow and community resources; we realize that it is not exhaustive.

ACCESS at Anixter Center
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ACCESS Bethany Family Health Center
ACCESS Cabrini Family Health Center
ACCESS Centro Medico
ACCESS Centro Medico San Rafael
ACCESS Community Health Network
ACCESS Humboldt Park Family Health Center
ACCESS Madison Family Health Center
ACCESS Pilsen Family Health Center
ACCESS Plaza Family Health Center
ACCESS Servicio Medicos la Villita
ACCESS Westside Family Health Center
Alivio Medical Center
Alivio Medical Center–Western
Alivio Medical Center at Little Village Lawndale High School
AMITA Health Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center–Saint Mary Campus and Saint Elizabeth Campus
Aperion Care Forest Park
Austin Health Center of Cook County
Berkeley Nursing and Rehab Center
Bobby E. Wright Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center
California Gardens and Rehabilitation Center
Center Home for Hispanic Elderly
Centro De Salud Esperanza
CILA Residential
Community Care Options–Fillmore
Community Counseling Centers of Chicago
CommunityHealth
Dr. Jorge Prieto Health Center of Cook County
El Valor Residence
Elmhurst Memorial Elmhurst Clinic–Oak Park
Erie West Town Health Center
Erie Clemente Wildcats School-Based Health Center
Erie De Diego Health Center
Erie Division Street–Erie Family Health Center
Erie West Town–Erie Family Health Center
Erie Westside Health Center
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Esperanza Little Village
FamilyPlex
Garfield Park Behavioral Hospital
Generations at Columbus Park
Gottlieb Center for Immediate Care
Haymarket Center
Health Connect One
Hope Health and Wellness Center
Infant Welfare Society’s Children Clinic
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Lawndale Christian Health Center–Breakthrough Urban Ministries
Lawndale Christian Health Center–Farragut Academy
Lawndale Christian Health Center–Homan Square
Lawndale Christian Health Center–Ogden Campus
Lawndale Mental Health Center
Little Village Nursing and Rehabilitation
The Loretto Hospital
Lower West Neighborhood Health Center  Rush University Medical Center
Loyola Center for Health at Oak Park  Sacred Heart Home
Marillac Social Center  Saint Anthony Hospital
Mayfield Care Center  Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital
Mile Square Health Center  The Children's Clinic
Mile Square School Based Health Centers  The Suburban Fellowship Center
MISG Community Mental Health  Thresholds Carroll Street
Mount Sinai Hospital  Thrive Counseling Center
NAMI Metro Suburban Drop-In Center  UI Health
Nazareth Family Health Center  West Side Community Triage and Wellness Center
Norwegian American Hospital  West Suburban Medical Center
Oak Park Counseling Center  Winston Manor CNV and Nursing
Oak Park Healthcare Center  Youth Services of Oak Park
Oak Park Veterans Center  
Oak Street Health  
Oakpark Community Mental  
Pacific Garden Mission Health Clinic  
Paramount of Oak Park  
Park House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
PCC Community Lake Street Family Health Center  
PCC Community South Family Health Center  
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PCC West Town Family Health Center  
Pilsen Wellness Center  
PrimeCare Community Health Center–West Town  
Pro Health Medical Center  
Riveredge Hospital  
RML Specialty Hospital Chicago  
Rush Oak Park Hospital  
Rush School-Based Health Center at Crane Medical Preparatory  
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Rush Sue Gin Health Clinic at Oakley Square
## Appendix 3: 2020–2022 CHIP at a glance

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Implement depression screening and linkages to care during new OB visits, postpartum visits and newborn/infant visits |

A = Alliance for Health Equity (AHE)  
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