

Hermosa

You wouldn't expect anything less than good-looking homes and scenic residential blocks from a neighborhood whose name quite literally means "beautiful" (in Spanish). Attractive landscape is important to potential home buyers, but Hermosa has the whole package, including several schools, pint-size playlots, community organizations, local services and stores - not to mention a healthy dining scene with some of the tastiest food offerings this side of the border (there's a lot of Mexican restaurants in Hermosa).



The Hermosa community area contains the Kelvyn Park and Hermosa neighborhoods. The area includes the birthplace of Walt Disney and is the former headquarters of the Schwinn Bicycle Company. While being one of the smaller community areas Hermosa is one of the city's most densely populated neighborhoods.

Today, Hermosa is a predominantly Hispanic blue collar community, with a sizable manufacturing base. Many of the people who reside in Hermosa have done so because of its convenient location to work, its relative proximity to downtown, and because of its healthy public transportation options.



This area is very walkable — most errands can be accomplished on foot. Transit is good, with many nearby public transportation options. It's convenient to use a bike for most trips.

History

The Hermosa area originated as one of the many suburban crabgrass communities of Jefferson Township. The first verifiable proof of European settlement in the area occurred in the early 1880s after railroads were constructed through the area.

In the fall of 1889, Hermosa was annexed into the City of Chicago. The area grew slowly throughout the remainder of the 19th century and was mostly characterized by the construction of simple worker's cottages, but began to see rapid growth in the first two decades of the 20th century. By 1920 Hermosa had

swelled to over 15,000 residents. Hermosa went through a building boom during this decade; most of the area neighborhood of Kelvyn Park was built out during this decade and was composed mostly of brick bungalows and two-flats.



In With Hermosa being surrounded by railroad tracks on three sides, industrial development continued to occur along these railroad tracks and along industrial spurs throughout the 1920s. By the end of the 1920s, Hermosa's infrastructure and building stock was nearly completely built out, representing much of the community as it exists today.

By the 1930s Hermosa's population had grown to over 23,500 residents. The area was populated primarily by Germans, Scandinavians with newer groups of Poles, Hungarians, and Austrians. By the 1960s, Puerto Ricans had become the largest ethnicity in the area.[7] By 1980, the population had decreased below 20,000 with over a third of the population being Hispanic. In the 1980s, Hermosa's population swelled dramatically and the ethnic composition shifted radically, changing from one-thirds Hispanic to two-thirds Hispanic by the end of the decade. As of the 2010

census there were 25,010 people and 7,070 households residing in the Hermosa community area.

Demographic

60639 is a densely populated, upscale urban zip code in Chicago, Illinois. The population is racially diverse, and about evenly divided between singles and married couples. The median age here is 30. The median age for men is 29 while for women the median age is 30.

Area: 1.154 square miles

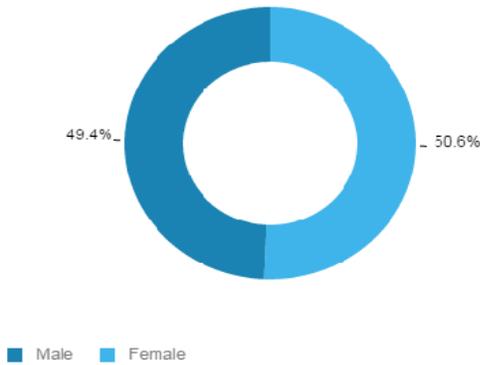
Population: 25,179

Population density:

Hermosa:  21,825 people per square mile

Chicago:  11,970 people per square mile

GENDER



Slightly More Women

Women barely out-populate men in Hermosa by 1.3%.

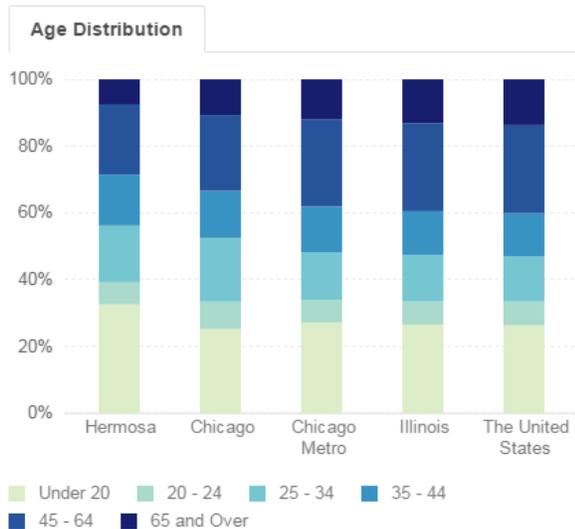
Compared to Chicago

To put this in perspective, Hermosa has a **lower** percentage of women and a **higher** percentage of men than Chicago.

Compared to Chicago Metro

Taking a look at the big picture, Hermosa has a **low** percentage of women and a **high** percentage of men for Chicago Metro.

AGE DISTRIBUTION



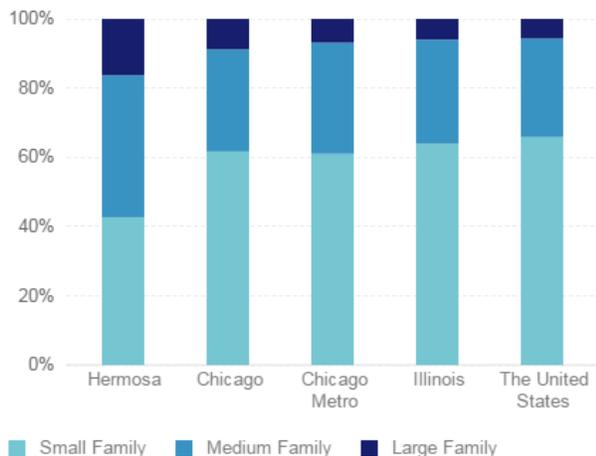
Children and Teenagers (Under 20)

Approximately 32.60% of residents are under the age of 20. This is a **high percentage** for Chicago and Chicago Metro.

Middle Aged

The second largest age group in Hermosa is **middle aged**, with approximately 21.00% of residents between 45 and 64 years old.

FAMILY SIZE

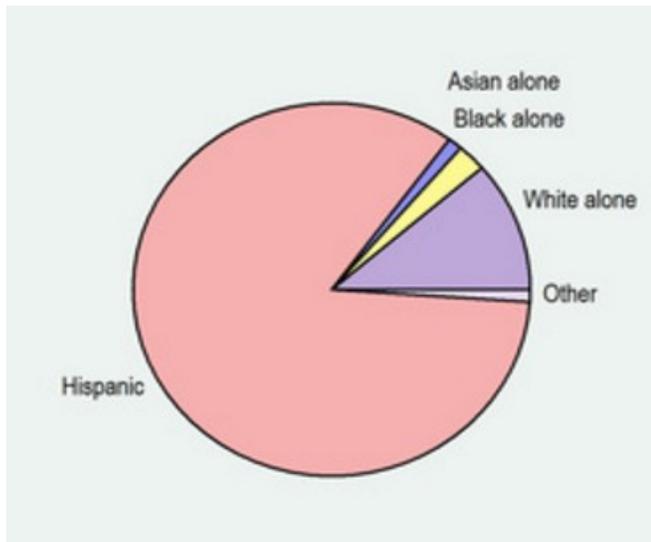


Small Families

Approximately 42.7% of families in Hermosa are classified as small, meaning they have two or three members. On average, however, families in Chicago tend to be larger.

Only people within the household who are related to the head of the household by marriage, birth, or adoption are considered family members. Additionally, a household may only contain one family for tabulation purposes.

RACES IN HERMOSA



SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

Chicago Public Shools

Kelvyn Park High School is a 4-year high school, with 933 students attending. The school is currently being converted into a 7-12 grade school to compensate for the loss of Ames Middle School .

North-Grand High School is a CPS 4-year high school, with 926 students attending.

William Penn Nixon Elementary School is a CPS PK-6 grade school, with 1,061 students attending.

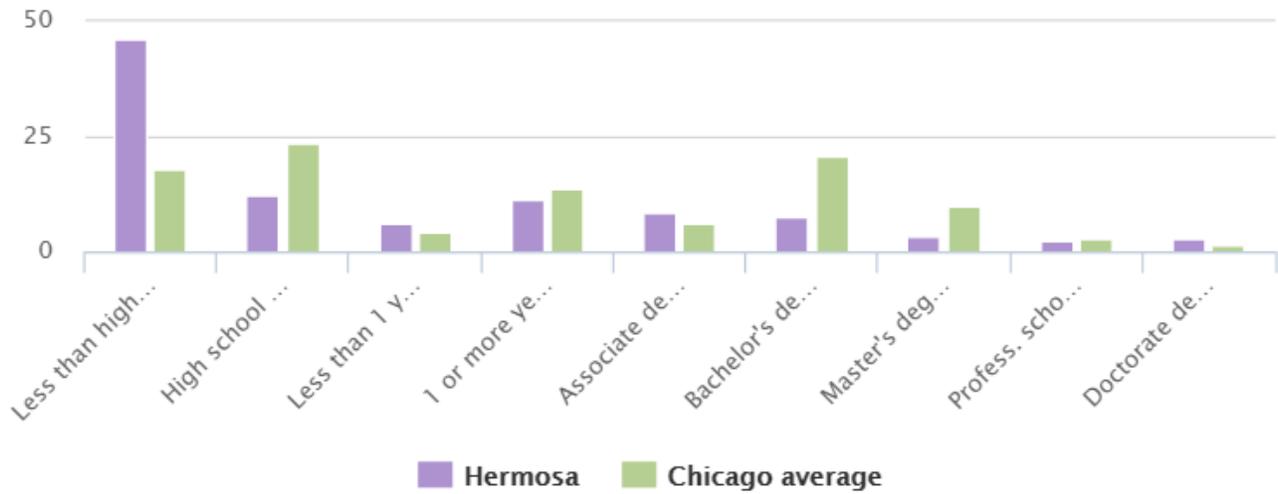
Barry Elementary School is a CPS PK-6 grade school, with 838 students attending.

McAuliffe Elementary School is a CPS PK-8 grade school with 678 students attending.

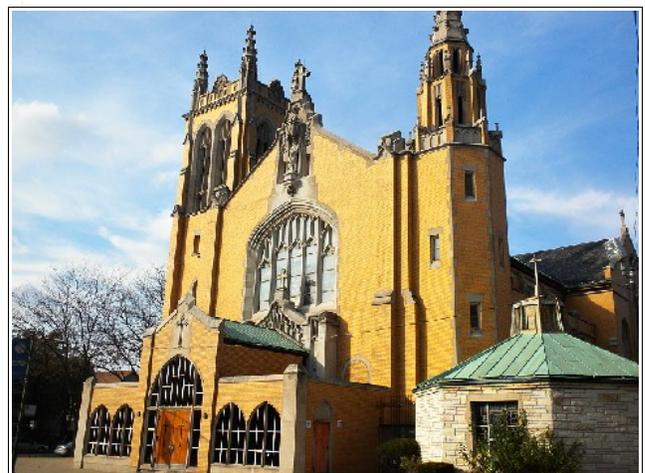
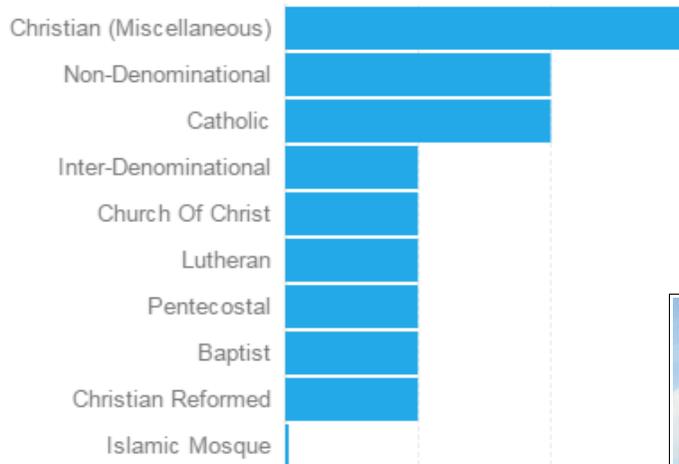
Charter schools

Pritzker College Prep is a public four-year charter high school, with 858 students attending. Before turning into a charter in 2006, Pritzker was known as the St. Philomena School.





RELIGION

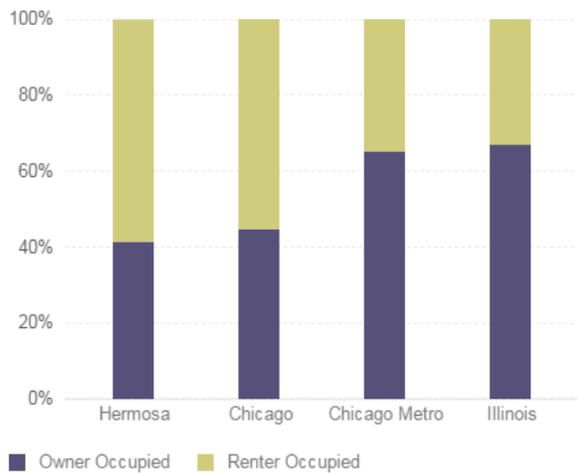


Real Estate

Surrounding Hermosa's designated public recreation areas are rows upon rows of residential streets, all lined with nice single-family homes and front lawns. You'll find plenty of brick ranches and bungalows, as well as a selection of classic two-story constructions and newer condominiums. The private yards here make it easier to postpone those trips to the park until the weekends because there is enough room for Junior to play in the safety of your own property. Hermosa's housing market also extends to the busier main streets where vintage lofts and apartments are situated above commercial businesses - no big backyards with these, but plenty of charm to make up for that.

The average home value in this are is \$271,000 and median \$229,000. Typically, a three-bedroom detached home ranges from the mid \$200,000s to the mid \$300,000s, with some rare finds just below \$200,000. Condos and lofts generally have less space but are more affordable with an average sales price around \$180,000.

PROPERTY

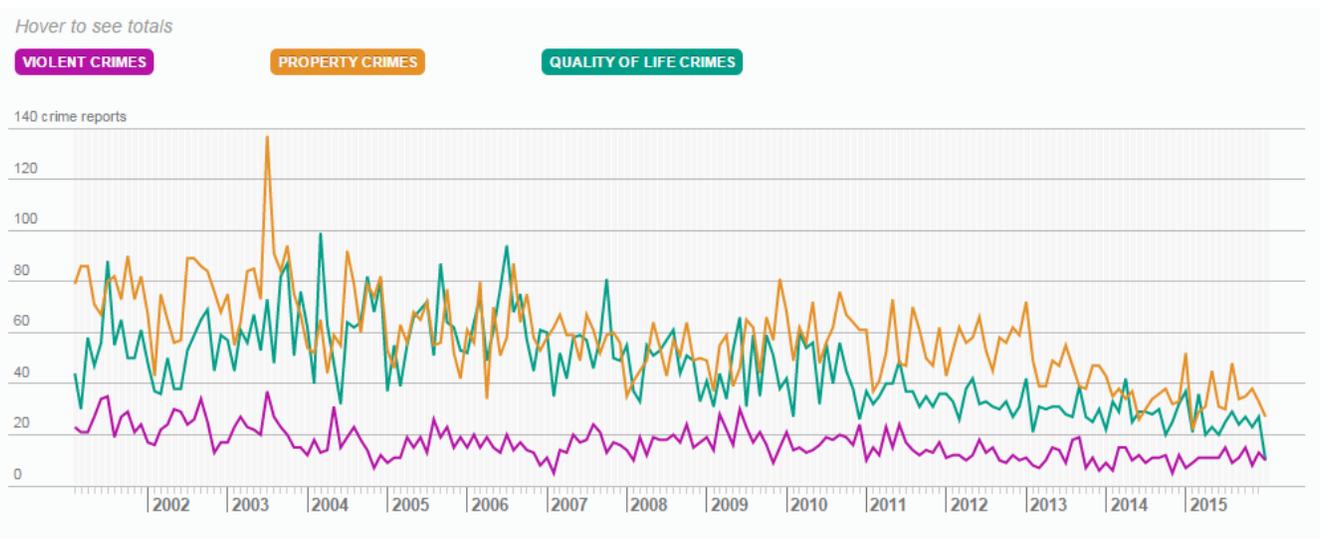


Predominantly Rent Property

Property in Hermosa is much more likely to be rented (58.5%), than it is to be owned (41.4%). Hermosa's proportion of rented units is **high** for Chicago, which reports 55.3% of its properties to be rented.

A housing unit is owned if the owner or co-owner lives in the home, whether or not the mortgage is fully paid for. Homes not occupied by the owner, whether they are rented or occupied without payment, are classified as renter occupied by the American Community Survey.

Crime, 2001 to present

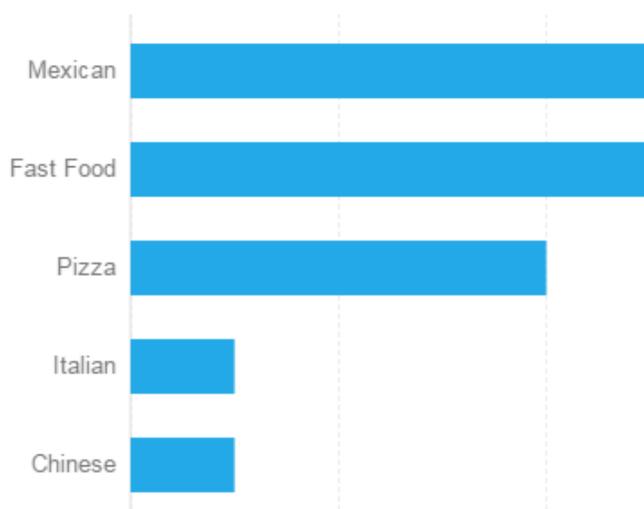


Business and Economy

Industry is a notable component of the built environment in Hermosa. Some 25.7% of all the general land use in Hermosa is for industrial use and 68.6% of all the available employment within the community comes from industry. With nearly 2,500 available manufacturing jobs, Hermosa is a decidedly blue collar community with manufacturing being the number one industry sector of employment for residents in Hermosa at 14.8% of total employment.

Restaurants

Restaurant Type

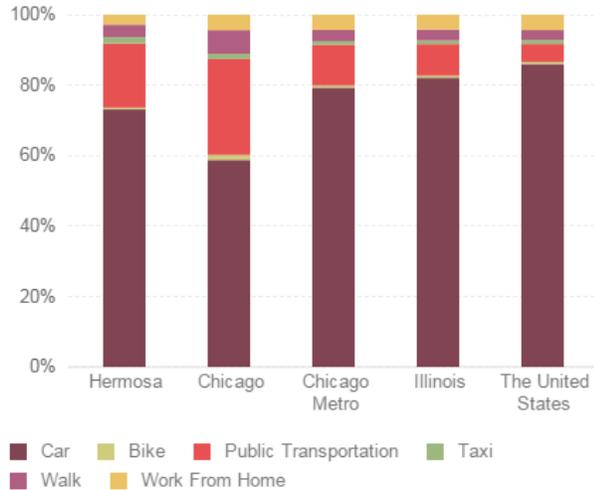


The average family income here is \$49,842/year. Median family income in 60639 is \$41,977. Men in 60639 earn an average of \$27,213/year. Women earn only \$20,553/year. 33,303 people in 60639 have jobs.

The Post Office delivers mail to 18,800 homes, and 1,935 businesses every day.

Transportation

Commute Method



Drives To Work

About 73.10% of the labor force in Hermosa primarily drives or carpools to work. Hermosa has a **higher** percent of driving commuters than the typical neighborhood in Chicago.

Most Popular Commuting Method:



Car

Parks

Kelvyn Park is part of the Chicago Park District. It is located at 4438 W. Wrightwood Avenue. At eight and one-half acres, Kelvyn Park is the largest park in the Hermosa community area. The park offers two walking paths, two softball fields, a combination football/soccer field, a basketball court, a volleyball court, two tennis courts, horseshoe courts, plus a playground and spray pool. A large field house located on premises offers a fitness center, gymnasium, auditorium, several meeting rooms, and a small kitchen.

Hermosa Park is a part of the Chicago Park District. It is located 2240 N. Kilbourn Ave. Hermosa Park is a little over four acres. The Park features two walking paths, one senior and two junior baseball fields, one softball field, a combination football/soccer field, a basketball court, a volleyball court and a playground with spray pool.

Ken-Well Park is a part of the Chicago Park District. It is located at 2945 N. Kenosha Ave. Ken-Well Park is a small three acre park. The park features a junior baseball field, a softball field, a combination football/soccer field, a basketball court, and a playground with a spray pool. The park's name combines

those of the two adjacent streets, Kenosha Avenue and Wellington Street.

Keystone Playlot Park is part of the Chicago Park District. It is located at 1653 N. Keystone Ave. The park, along with the street, are named after Pennsylvania, long known as the "Keystone State."

The southeastern most edge of Hermosa is within a quarter mile walking distance of the western most edge of the **Bloomington Trail**. The city recently announced that the western most trailhead would receive a ground-level 4 acre park planned on the current site of the Magid Glove Factory. The park will be called Ridgeway Trailhead.



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