

## **Appendix A**

### **District and Community Demographics**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Chicago has a rich history of economic growth and transformation. Our city set a global standard in the 19th century as an industrial giant as it developed a strong base of esteemed manufacturing firms, robust supply chains, and an efficient transport and logistics infrastructure. By the late 20th century, the focus of the city and the region had expanded to embrace a knowledge-based economy while developing a highly-skilled workforce. Today, the Chicago region has emerged as a major hub for national and global corporation headquarters and thriving finance, insurance, law, information technology, marketing/public relations, and logistics business communities.

The economy of Chicago and the region remains large and diverse, boasting a strong foundation of physical, human, technological, and institutional business assets. If the Chicago region were a country, it would be the 21st largest economy in the world. Our city and region are global in character, with a substantial and growing foreign-born population and non-stop flights to over 200 destinations around the world.

#### **CHICAGO POPULATION**

There are approximately 2.7 million people and 1 million households in Chicago, the third largest city in the United States.<sup>1</sup> An estimated 21 percent of the city's population is under 18 years old.

#### **CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT**

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is the nation's third largest school district. In the 2019–20 school year, CPS enrollment was 355,156, a decline of 6,000 students from the prior school year. CPS has a higher proportion of students of color, low-income students, and English learners as compared to the city's population as a whole and to school districts in the rest of the state.

**Race and Ethnicity:** 46.6 percent of CPS students are Hispanic, 35.9 percent are African American, 10.8 percent are White, 4.2 percent are Asian, and 2.5 percent are multi-racial or other.

**English Learners:** English learners are students eligible for transitional bilingual education, and for whom English is not their native language. 66,946 CPS students were English learners during the 2019–20 school year, which is 18.8 percent of total district student enrollment.

**Income and Poverty:** CPS students are disproportionately low-income as compared to the rest of the state. Students defined as low-income are students aged 3 through 17 who come from families receiving public assistance, live in institutions for neglected or delinquent children, are supported in foster homes with public funds, or are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches.

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<sup>1</sup> As of the 2010 US Census.

**Table 1: CPS Enrollment 2009 - 2020**

|                                         | Fall<br>2010<br>(FY11) | Fall<br>2011<br>(FY12) | Fall<br>2012<br>(FY13) | Fall<br>2013<br>(FY14) | Fall<br>2014<br>(FY15) | Fall<br>2015<br>(FY16) | Fall<br>2016<br>(FY17) | Fall<br>2017<br>(FY18) | Fall<br>2018<br>(FY19) | Fall<br>2019<br>(FY20) |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>School-<br/>based PK*</b>            | 23,705                 | 24,232                 | 24,507                 | 23,671                 | 22,873                 | 22,555                 | 20,673                 | 19,441                 | 17,668                 | 17,492                 |
| <b>Elementary<br/>Schools<br/>(K-8)</b> | 265,336                | 266,046                | 266,555                | 264,845                | 261,803                | 258,563                | 251,623                | 244,589                | 237,779                | 232,931                |
| <b>High schools<br/>(9-12)</b>          | 113,640                | 113,873                | 112,399                | 112,029                | 112,007                | 111,167                | 109,053                | 107,352                | 105,867                | 104,733                |
| <b>Total<br/>Enrollment</b>             | <b>402,681</b>         | <b>404,151</b>         | <b>403,461</b>         | <b>400,545</b>         | <b>396,683</b>         | <b>392,285</b>         | <b>381,349</b>         | <b>371,382</b>         | <b>361,314</b>         | <b>355,156</b>         |