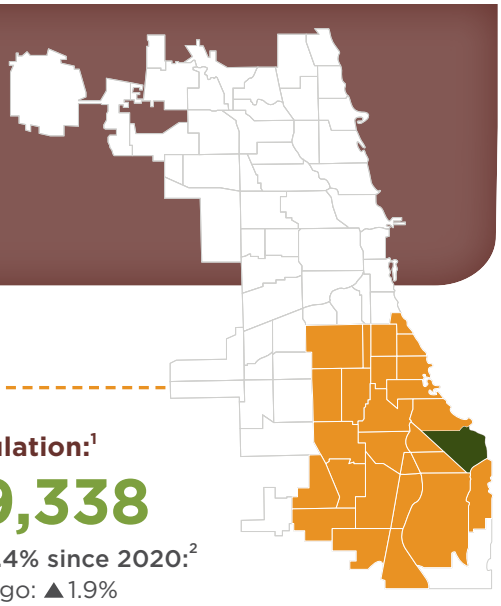
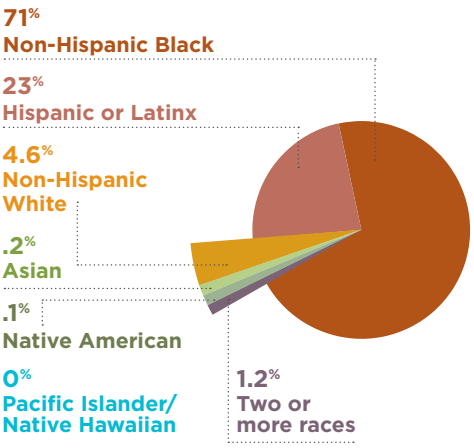
UChicago Medicine 2025 Community Profile

South Chicago

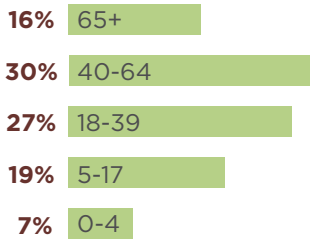


Who Lives Here?

Race and Ethnicity[1]



Age[1]



Population:[1]

29,338

▼ -12.4% since 2020:[2]
Chicago: ▲1.9%

Life Expectancy at Birth:[3]

71 years

Chicago: 75.4 years

Top Causes of Death:[4]

1. Heart disease
2. Injury
3. Cancer
4. Accidents
5. Diabetes-related

Chronic Disease Burden Among Adults

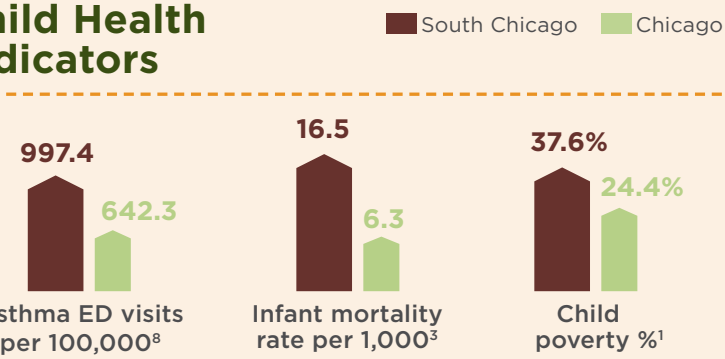
43% have high blood pressure[5]

45% are obese[6]

5% diagnosis rate of all cancers[7]

19% are diabetic[5]

Child Health Indicators



Having to go to the emergency department (ED) for asthma and/or living in poverty puts children at risk for long-term health problems and developmental challenges. In addition, many communities struggle with high infant mortality rates—the number of children who die before their first birthday per 1,000 live births.

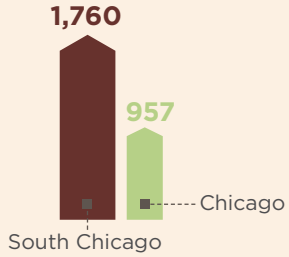
Safety and Mental Health

Physical Factors

50% of adults report feeling safe in their neighborhood "most or all of the time"[9]

Violent Crime Incidents[10]

Per 100,000 population



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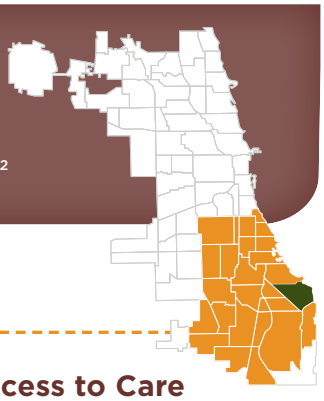


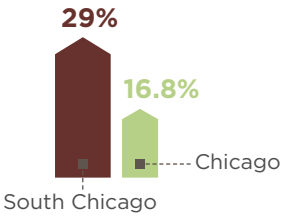
Social Determinants of Health

Economic Factors

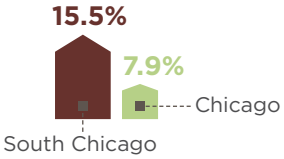
Median Household Income[1]

$45,283
Chicago: $75,134

Population Living in Poverty[1]



Unemployment[1]



Opportunity Youth Index[3]

9
on a scale of 1 to 100
Ranked #64 out of 77 in Chicago[3]

2 in 5
children are living in poverty[1]

Food Insecurity

43%
of households are receiving food stamps[1]

32%
of households experienced food insecurity in the last year[11]

42% of households spend **30%** or more of their annual income on housing costs[1]

Access to Care

13%
of the population is uninsured[1]

79%
of adults visited a doctor for routine check-up[5]

70%
report having a consistent source of primary care provider[9]

Community Resources

Strong community resources, including health services, grocery stores, safe spaces, and schools, help residents meet basic needs, reduce stress, and foster resilience. They are essential to maintaining the overall health and well-being of a community.

- **1** Grocery Store[12]
- **1** Pharmacy[12]
- **1** Hospital[14]
- **2** Health Centers[14]
- **8** Childcare Centers[13]
- **18** Schools[13]
- **1** Public Library[13]

Data presented in this community profile are part of the 2024-2025 University of Chicago Medical Center Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Data for the CHNA were extracted by Metopio. For a full listing of all data sources, refer to the CHNA at: UChicagoMedicine.org/community-health

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