



CHICAGO OVERVIEW

If you want a deep-dish pizza, a remarkable hot dog or world-class Polish cuisine, everybody knows Chicago is the place to go.

It's the city of the Willis Tower (Sears Tower) and the Chicago Cubs. It's Chinatown, Lake Michigan and Soldier Field all wrapped up into one. And—like most big cities—it is striking poverty and multi-million dollar homes.

As the third largest city in the United States, Chicago has just about everything you could imagine—everything but a ready access to the gospel. With less than 10 percent of the population being affiliated with an evangelical church, the city desperately needs a stronger evangelical presence.

It's time for a fresh wind in the Windy City.

Through Send North America: Chicago God is mobilizing Southern Baptists to penetrate the diverse city's immense lostness. For Southern Baptists looking to become involved in church planting in one of the toughest of North American cities, there are many options.

Southern Baptists in the Chicago metro area are focusing their efforts on three areas—the city of Chicago, the suburbs and non-English speakers. Chicago Southern Baptists believe that reaching these cross sections of the Chicago metro area can have far-reaching national and international impact as new churches are planted, new believers are discipled and missionaries are deployed. Neighborhoods will be transformed. Industries will be touched. Generations will be changed.

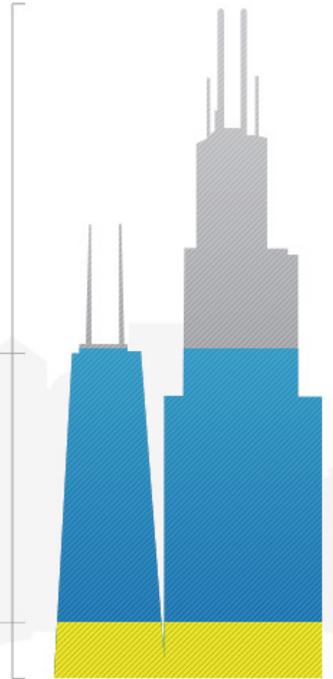
But they can't do it alone. With only 275 Southern Baptist churches and more than 8 million people, Southern Baptists throughout North America will be needed to help complete the task.

Those interested in partnering to reach Chicago for Christ can begin by visiting namb.net and clicking "Mobilize Me."

8,742,486
people live
in metro
Chicago

42% unaffiliated
with any religious
body

9.1% are affiliated
with an evangelical
church



FAST FACTS



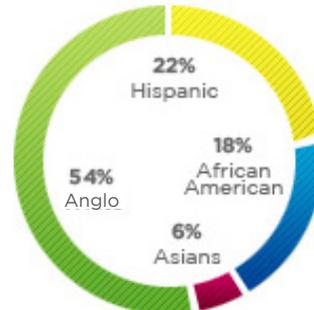
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Population in Chicago
8.7 million people live in the metro Chicago area.

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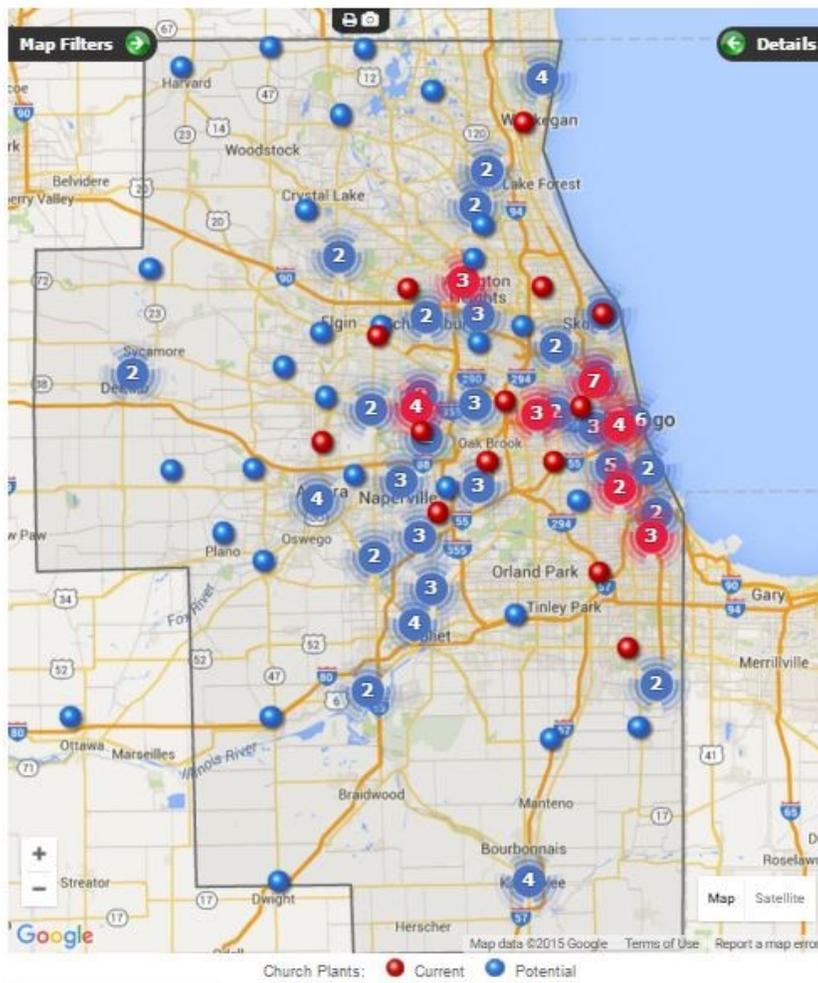


SBC Church Population Ratio
There is one Southern Baptist Convention church for every 31,791 metro Chicago residents.



Ethnic Diversity
(53.7 percent Anglo, 21.7 percent Hispanic, 17.7 percent African American, 6.4 percent Asian/Pacific Islander)

CHICAGO CHURCH PLANTS



Chicago

QUICK FACTS:

- 3rd largest metro area in US
- 70% of Illinois Population
- Estimated 10% are evangelical believers
- More likely only 2-3% of population believe
- 2nd largest group of Polish people in World
- 2nd largest group of Serbians
- 3rd largest group of Jews
- Many other nationalities
- Social groups include urban poor, young hipsters, retired, wealthy entrepreneurs, small business owners, and blue collar

NEEDS:

- Info distribution,
- Community surveys
- School/park clean-up projects
- Block parties
- Light construction projects like simple wall construction, drywall and painting

BEST TIME TO GO:

- Spring break trips
- Summer trips
- Fall
- Anytime between mid-March to October

We are in the initial study phase. The CRBA Mission Team plans to send a vision team to Chicago next Spring to study the needs in Chicago to see if we can meet those needs in the power of God's Holy Spirit. What you can do...

- Please pray for our Mission Team as they consider the prospects and for the vision team
- Come to Chicago to see how your church might take part if we go forward