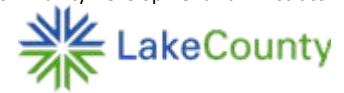


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## Annual State of Fair Housing Report 2021

### Introduction

On December 10, 2019, the Lake County Board adopted the Fair Housing Policy Statement. The statement outlines the County's role in affirmatively furthering fair housing. As a County governmental authority undertaking housing activities, Lake County has an ethical and legal imperative to work aggressively to ensure housing programs funded and administered by the County comply with all local, state and federal fair housing laws, ordinances and executive orders that prohibit discriminatory housing practices.

It is the policy of Lake County to promote fair housing opportunities and encourage racial and economic integration in its programs and housing development activities. Lake County is committed to equal housing opportunity for all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, military status, familial status, order of protection status, pregnancy, or arrest record in general and specifically in all programs and housing development activities funded or administered by Lake County.

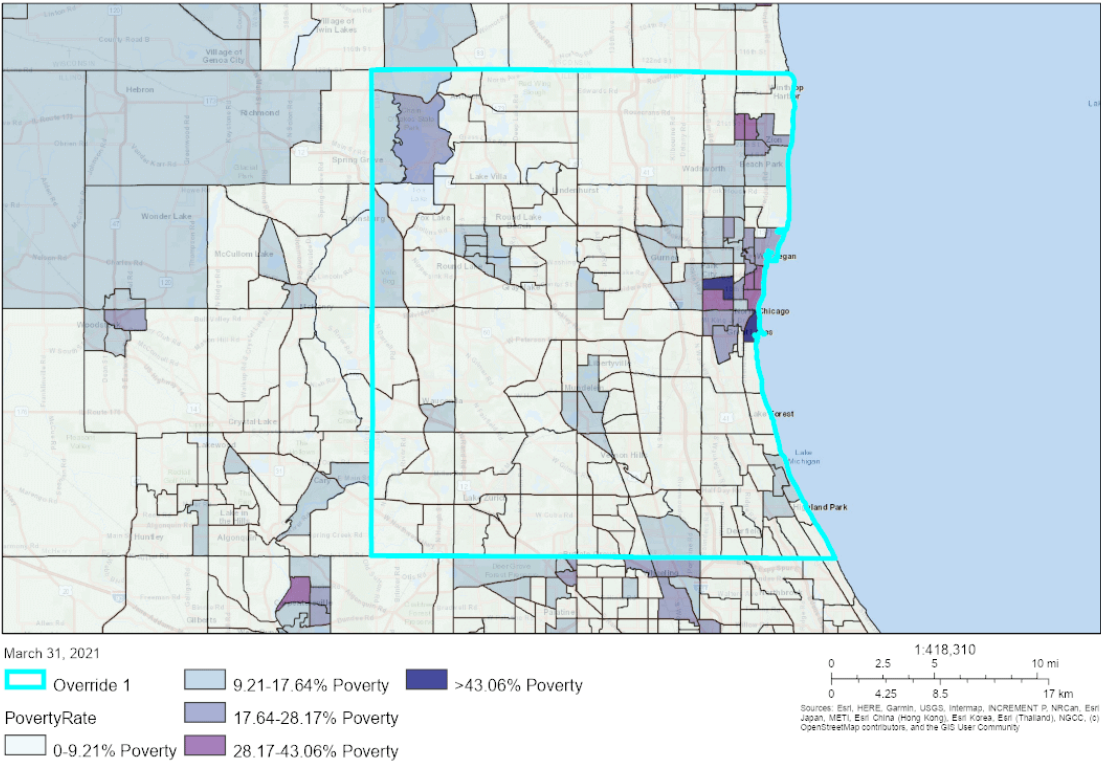
Community Development is tasked with the responsibility to oversee these responsibilities and related work plans. The Fair Housing Policy calls for an annual State of Fair Housing Report which notes updated demographics and provides a consolidated description of housing discrimination complaints reported in the County. This report meets those requirements.

### Lake County Demographics

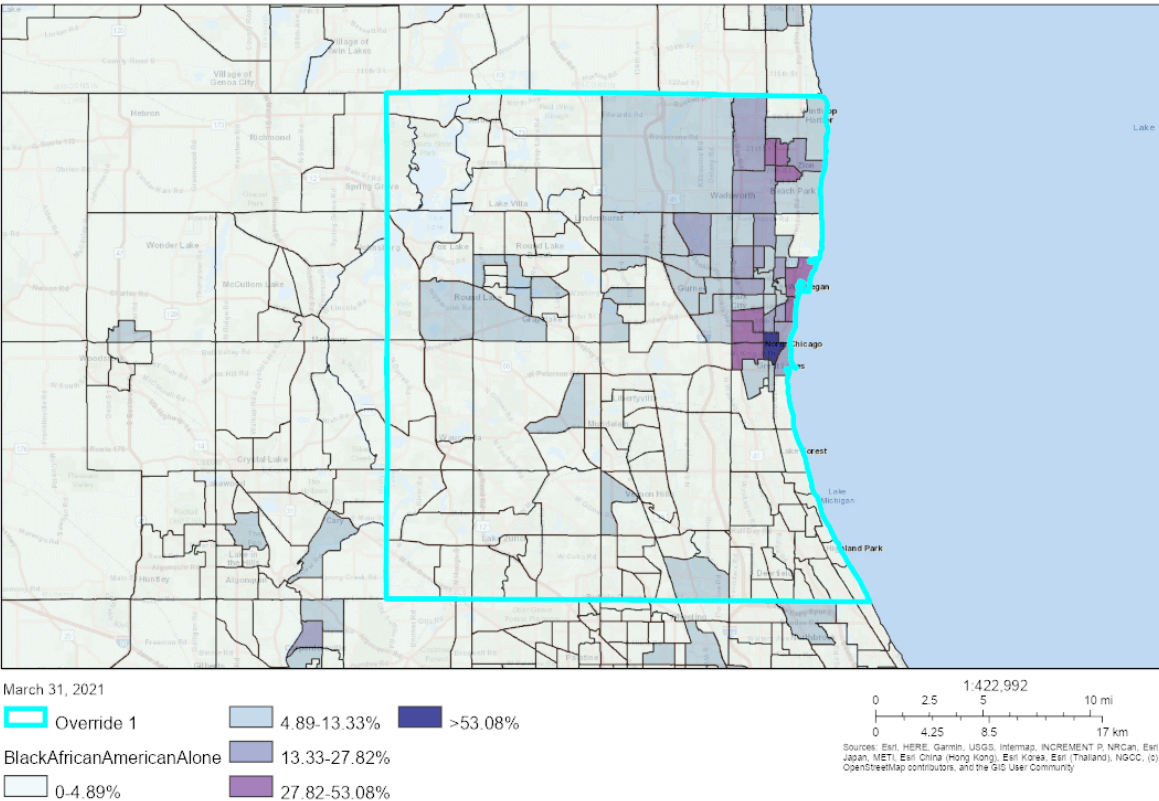
The charts and maps below present the most recent available data relevant to fair housing. This is 2019 data as the 2020 American Communities Survey and 2020 Census data are not yet available.

#	Federal Protected Class	2014 Data	2019 Data
1.	Race	African-American 6.4% White Non-Hispanic 66.4%	African-American 6.6% White Non-Hispanic 63.4%, with small increases in Asian (6% to 6.9%) & Hispanic (19% to 20.9%) ethnicity
2.	Color	Black Non-Hispanic 6.5%	Black Non-Hispanic 6.6%
3.	Religion	No quantifiable change	
4.	National Origin	No quantifiable change	
5.	Sex (Gender)	No quantifiable change	
6.	Familial Status	Small decrease in female-headed households among some minorities (for African Americans, female-headed households decreased from 33% to 29% and for Asian-Americans, from 7% to 4%).	
7.	Disability	7% with a disability	9% with a disability

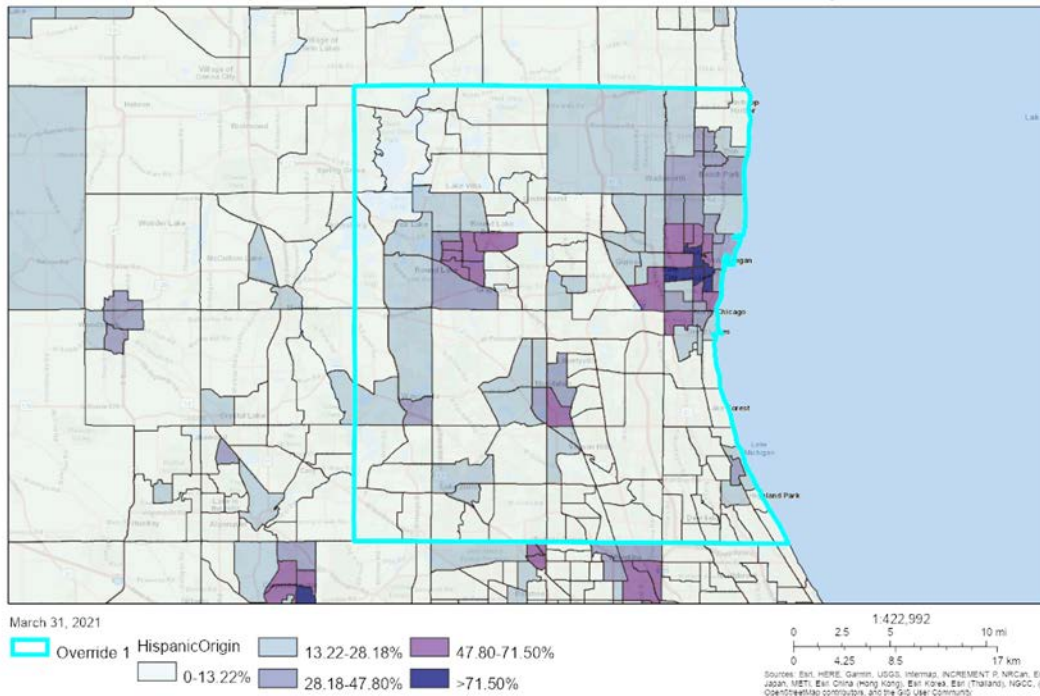
### Poverty Rate by Census Tract



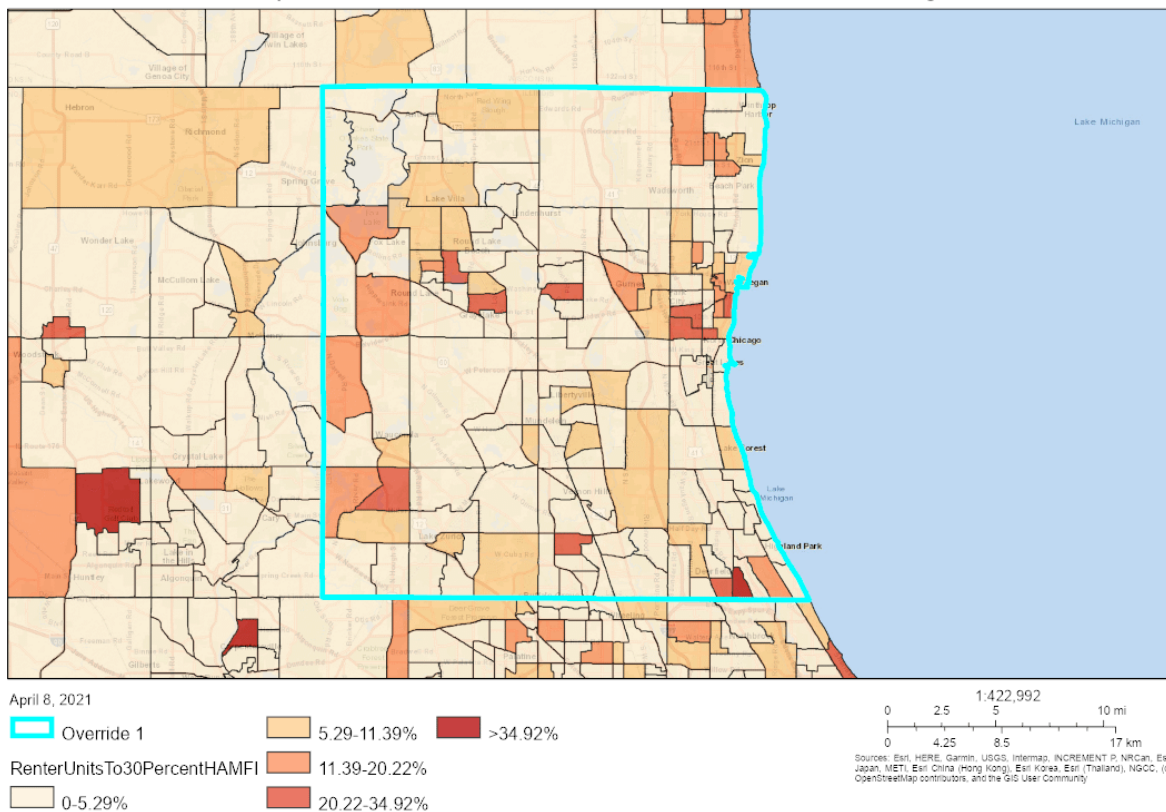
### Lake County African-American Population



### Lake County Hispanic Population



### Percentage of Renters' Income Spent on Rent



There are no significant changes to note in the available demographic data. The data and maps show patterns noted in prior assessments of fair housing. These key housing-related observations include:

1. Certain areas of the County (North Chicago, Round Lakes, Waukegan, and Zion) contain concentrated populations of members of protected classes. These areas have concentrated poverty, but the minority concentrations are not related only to income.
2. Minorities bear a disproportionate share of housing cost burden in Lake County, with 38% of all Latinos and 49% of all African Americans in Lake County present in the below \$45k/yr income range where housing costs overwhelm the household budget.
3. The need for better housing options remains persistent across several federally protected classes – large families, people with disabilities and people of color.

The Coronavirus Pandemic has had a significant impact on housing that is not reflected in this data due to timing. Upcoming reports will have that information.

#### **Lake County Fair Housing Complaints (2015 to 2018)**

When there is a potential violation of Fair Housing rights, complaints may be filed with a local fair housing agency, the State of Illinois, or HUD. Annual information on fair housing complaints was obtained by Prairie State legal Services through a Freedom of Information Act request to the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) and the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD has yet to respond to the request which resulted in the data gaps below.

#### **State & Federal Fair Housing Complaints Filed in Lake County**

**2014 through March 2020**

Year	HUD	IDHR
2014	26	11
2015	14	26
2016	2	9
2017	7	4
2018	9	8
2019	*	9
2020	*	5

### **Progress and Current Strategies**

Community Development staff members continue to work through the action plan items to address impediments to furthering fair housing in Lake County. In March 2021, Lake County partnered with Prairie State legal services to train Lake County building inspectors and plan reviewers on fair housing issues. Lake County continues its strategy to invest federal funding to increase housing affordability in high opportunity areas. The current funding application round contains funding recommendations to create additional affordable housing units Highwood and Mundelein which are high outcome areas.

In the coming year, Lake County staff will:

- Continue to partner with Prairie State Legal Services to monitor the changing federal policy environment
- Deploy additional housing resources with a racial equity lens in accordance with best practices
- Continue to prioritize affordable housing in high outcome areas to reduce disparities