



The origin of the Bridgeport name "is shrouded in myth, purportedly owing to a low bridge spanning one of the waterways which forced a transfer of cargo from larger to smaller vessels." Bridgeport, like many other neighborhoods in the city, went by various names before settling on what we all know it as today. Dating back to the early 1800s, the first American settlement in the area "were the farmer dwellings connected with the Charles Lee and Russell farm." The farm sprouted up shortly after the establishment of Fort Dearborn, and even though Mr. Lee didn't live on the property, the land was known as "Lee's Place" by locals.

The next name that the area became known by was Hardscrabble, a change that happened around 1818 when the area was mainly serving as a fur trading outpost. At it's height, Hardscrabble consisted of "several cabins, a trading post, and a lodging house." In 1835 Hardscrabble gave way to Canalport, a name that was given to the nearby settlements when the area around the canal was platted. Canalport didn't last long, and the name was changed to Bridgeport soon after.

Population Demographic

- Total Population: 33,828
- Median Age: 37.3

Ethnic Demography

- Black non-Hispanic: 2.6%
- Hispanic or Latinx: 23.4%
- Asian non-Hispanic: 39.3%
- White non-Hispanic: 33.4%

Economic Profile

- Owner Occupied: 42.3%
- Renter Occupied: 50%
- Median Household Income:\$50,580
- Average people per Household: 2.6

Education Statistics

- No Highschool: 20.2%
- Highschool: 26%
- Associate's Degree: 5.1%
- Bachelor's Degree: 20.4%
- Graduate Degree: 11.4%

FUN FACTS

FIVE MAYORS

Bridgeport has been the home or birthplace of five mayors of Chicago, representing all but 10 years between 1933 and 2011, illustrating the neighborhood's influence on Chicago politics for most of the 20th century

YOUNG & HUNGRY

Jonathan Sadowski, actor best known for his starring role as Josh Xander Kaminski on the Freeform sitcom Young & Hungry is from Bridgeport.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Bridgeport is home to the Chicago White Sox, one of Major League Baseball's oldest franchises.

OZZIE GUILLEN

The White Sox led by Ozzie Guillén in 2005, is the first Latino manager in history to win a World Series

ZHOU B ART CENTER

Zhou B Art Center, owned by two Chinese-American artist brothers is in Bridgeport. Resident artists have been collaborating, creating and curating art, in every medium imaginable.