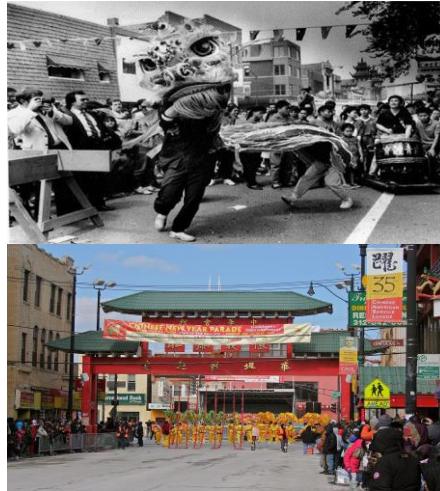
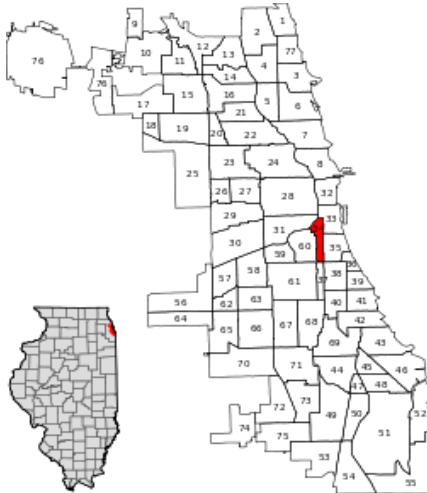




Chinatown



Population Demographics

- **Total Population: 89,632**
- **Median Age: 39.2**
- **Black: 3.2%**
- **Hispanic or Latinx: 1.3%**
- **Asian: 89.9%**
- **White: 5.1%**

Economic Profile

- **Owner Occupied: 44.0%**
- **Renter Occupied: 56.0%**
- **Median Household Income: \$44,640**

Education Statistics

- **No Highschool: 41.0%**
- **Highschool: 26.0%**
- **Associate's Degree: 9.0%**
- **Bachelor's Degree: 17.0%**
- **Graduate Degree: 8.0%**

Revolving around the intersection of Cermak and Wentworth Avenues, Chicago's Chinatown is one of the nation's largest ethnic-Chinese neighborhoods. Chinatown wasn't always located in this spot, though. Looking to escape the "rampant discrimination and anti-Chinese riots" on the west coast, Chinese immigrants first arrived in Chicago in 1870 after the transcontinental railroad was completed. Settling around the area of Clark and Van Buren, these new Chicagoans were quick to set up shop. "16 Chinese-owned businesses were located along the two-block stretch" by 1889, "including eight grocery stores, two butcher shops and a restaurant."

Discrimination and rising rents forced the bulk of these Chinese settlers to move south to the current location of Chinatown in the early 1900s. To improve connectivity between Chinese throughout the city, construction began on the Chinatown Gateway in 1975, meant to act as a symbol of unity and encourage greater cultural exchange between Chinese. The Ping Tom Memorial Park was created in 1999, features a Chinese-style pavilion that many consider to be the most beautiful in the Midwest.

Since then, the neighborhood, with its restaurants, shops, Chinese-inspired architecture, landmarks and other amenities that cater to those interested in the Chinese culture, has been a destination for new immigrants, locals and tourists alike.

BACKDRAFT

Chicago Fire Department
 Engine 8 Company firehouse
 was used in the 1991 Ron
 Howard film Backdraft

CHINATOWN SQUARE

One of the largest Chinese
 malls in America, Chinatown
 Square is a two-story outdoor
 mall consisting of a variety of
 shops and restaurants.

HOYPOLOI GALLERY

Blending just about anything
 imaginable, from real objects to
 imaginative fantasy with a
 splash of surrealism, there is no
 limit to just how far art can go
 in the HoyPoloi Gallery.