



Called the "Mexico of the Midwest" by neighborhood residents, Little Village is host to the Mexican Independence Day parade every September. The parade, which is one of Chicago's largest Hispanic parades in the city, travels down 26th street, a street that has emerged as the main commercial district and the most important thoroughfare in the neighborhood. This strip of 26th street, which runs from Sacramento to Pulaski, is a vibrant area that is inhabited by supermarkets, taquerias, bakeries and countless carts and vendors selling authentic Mexican street foods.

In addition to these abundant food options, Little Village's stretch of 26th street is also home to clothing and accessory stores, as well as music and other specialty shops that cater mainly to the city's Mexican population.

## Population Demographic

- Total Population: 69,529
- Median Age: 30.9

## Ethnic Demography

- Black non-Hispanic: 34%
- Hispanic or Latinx: 60%
- Asian non-Hispanic: 0%
- White non-Hispanic: 6%

## Economic Profile

- Owner Occupied: 10.75%
- Renter Occupied: 18.71%
- Median Household Income: \$42,758
- Average people per Household: 3

## Education Statistics

- No Highschool: 13.57%
- Highschool: 32.4%
- Associate's Degree: 3.47%
- Bachelor's Degree: 6.32%
- Graduate Degree: 0%

## FUN FACTS

### WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Pat Sajak, television personality and host of Wheel of Fortune, was a childhood resident of Little Village.

### VILLAPOLOOZA

A music festival called Villapalooza was founded to promote non-violent spaces for arts, culture, and community engagement.

### STRANGER THAN FICTION

The interior of La Catedral Café was staged as the bakery for the filming of Stranger than Fiction, it's currently a canvas for religious relics.

### PIOTROWSKI PARK

Little Village is home to Piotrowski Park with basketball courts, skate park, and outdoor pool

### MEXICAN PARADE

Host a Mexican Independence Day Parade each year on 26<sup>th</sup> street.