

Suburban Chicago: The Latino Capital of the Midwest

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ABSTRACT

The city of Chicago has been a classic example of Urban immigration and absorption -- a U.S. city populated, built, and run by immigrants. However, after years of White middle- and upper-middle-class dominance of suburban Chicago, Latinos are now at the forefront of the racial and ethnic integration of Chicago's suburbs. The majority of Latinos in metropolitan Chicago—as well as the five other largest immigrant groups—live in the suburbs. The city of Chicago is no longer the immigrant capital of the Midwest; today, it is suburban Chicago.

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