

McHenry County Suburban Market Area

The McHenry County Suburban market area consists of the following primary community areas:

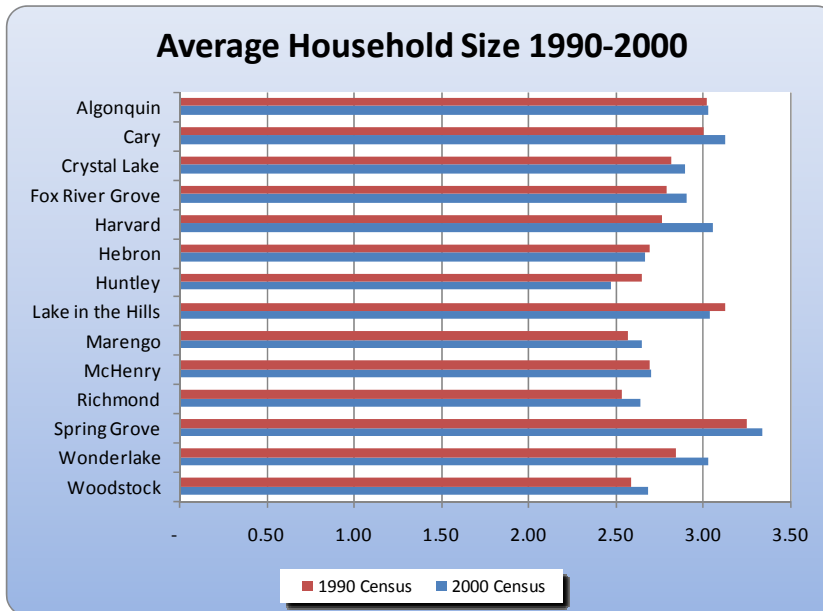
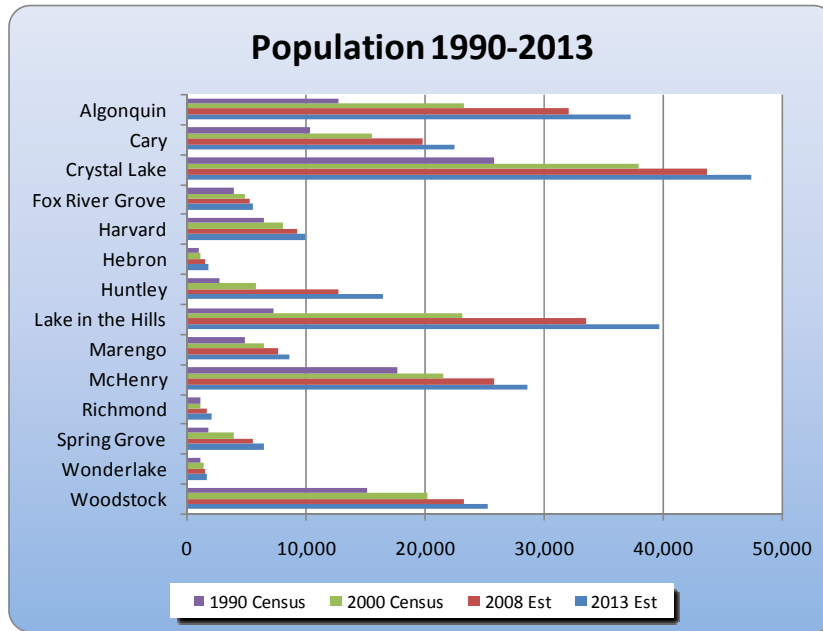
Algonquin	Cary	Crystal Lake
Fox River Grove	Harvard	Hebron
Huntley	Lake in the Hills	Marengo
McHenry	Richmond	Spring Grove
Wonder Lake	Woodstock	

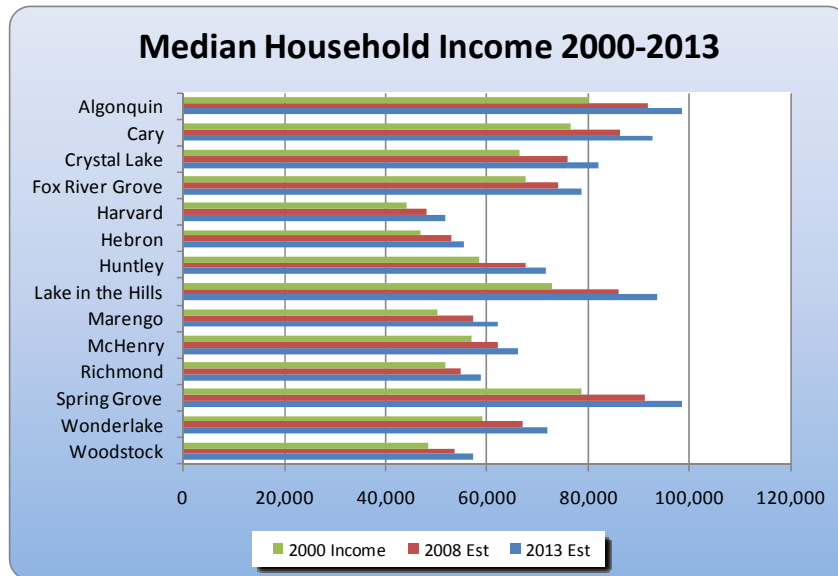
In broad terms, the market area consists of those suburbs that are south of the Wisconsin State border, west of US Route 12 and the Fox Lake area, north of Interstate I-90, and east of the Marengo County border. With few US Routes and Interstates in the area, accessibility throughout the region can be cumbersome.



Market Area Map

Demographics





Institutional Uses

Several hospitals including Harvard Memorial Hospital, Memorial Medical Center, and Northern Illinois Medical Center serve the area. McHenry County College, located in Crystal Lake, provides post-high school education opportunities for a number of area residents.

Recreation

There are several golf courses in the area including Pine Crest Golf and Country Club and the Woodstock Country Club with a number of facilities within a short drive. There are many parks scattered throughout the area including McHenry Dam State Park. In addition, there are several lakes in the region including Wonder Lake and Crystal Lake. The Fox River runs through the east side of McHenry County.

Transportation

The dominant transportation features for McHenry County are Routes 14 and 31. Dacy Airport is located in Harvard and Metra, with stops in Fox River Grove, Cary, Crystal Lake, Woodstock, McHenry, and Harvard provides excellent access to downtown Chicago.

Conclusions

McHenry County, once dominated by farmland, has seen an explosion in housing due to affordable land costs and ultimately, affordable home pricing. The increased demand for housing has been supplemented by retail construction. Many area residents commute to employment centers southeast of the market area as well as downtown Chicago. The long-term outlook for the market area remains stable.

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