Finding Food in Chicago and the Suburbs

Regional and Chicago-wide Food Access Maps

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Map 1: Chicago Community Areas With No Supermarkets, 2007 and African-American Communities

Community Areas with no large supermarkets include: Armour Square, Avalon Park, Beverly, Bridgeport, Burnside, Calumet Heights, East Garfield Park, Englewood, Fuller Park, Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, Hermosa, The Loop, Oakland, Pullman, Riverdale, South Chicago, Washington Park, West Garfield Park, West Lawn, West Pullman

Large Supermarkets include all full-service and specialty chains plus independent and local chains with 5 or more registers

Sources:
Supermarkets: Company Websites and In-person Surveys, Summer, 2007

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Distance to Nearest Large Supermarket and Predominantly African-American Communities
Chicago, 2007

Sources:
Supermarkets: Company Websites and In-person Surveys, Summer, 2007
Neighborhood Type Classes: University of Chicago Map Library

Distance to Nearest Large Store

- 0 - 1/2 Mile
- 1/2 - 1 Mile
- 1 - 2 Miles
- 2 - 4 Miles
- More than 4 Miles

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Map 4: Distance to Nearest Full-Service Chain Supermarket and Predominantly Hispanic Communities, Chicago, 2007

Distance to Nearest Supermarket
- 0 - 1/2 Mile
- 1/2 - 1 Mile
- 1 - 2 Miles
- 2 - 4 Miles
- More than 4 Miles

Hispanic Communities, 2000

Full-Service Chains in Chicago include Jewel, Dominicks' and Food 4 Less

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Map 5: High and Low Food Access Zones
Chicago Metropolitan Area, 2007

Sources:
Supermarkets: Company Websites and In-person Surveys, Summer, 2007
Map 6: High and Low Food Access Zones
Chicago, 2007

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Map 2: Distance to Nearest Supermarket, 2007

All Groceries

Large Supermarkets

Chain Full-Service

Chain Discount

Sources:
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Map 7: Change in Distance to Nearest Chain Supermarket 2005-2007

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Average LINK Redemptions Minus Allocations by ZIPCode

Chicago Metropolitan Area: February, July, October 2005

LINK Redemptions Minus Allocations ($)
- 239,194 to 999,553 (>1 S.D.)
- 110,213 to 239,193 (>0.5 S.D.)
- -147,750 to 110,212 (-0.5 to 0.5 S.D.), Mean = -18,769
- -279,215 to -147,749 (<-0.5 S.D.)
- -1,440,574 to -279,214 (<-1 S.D.)

Major Expressways

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Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture & Illinois Department of Human Services
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