Westside Housing Summit

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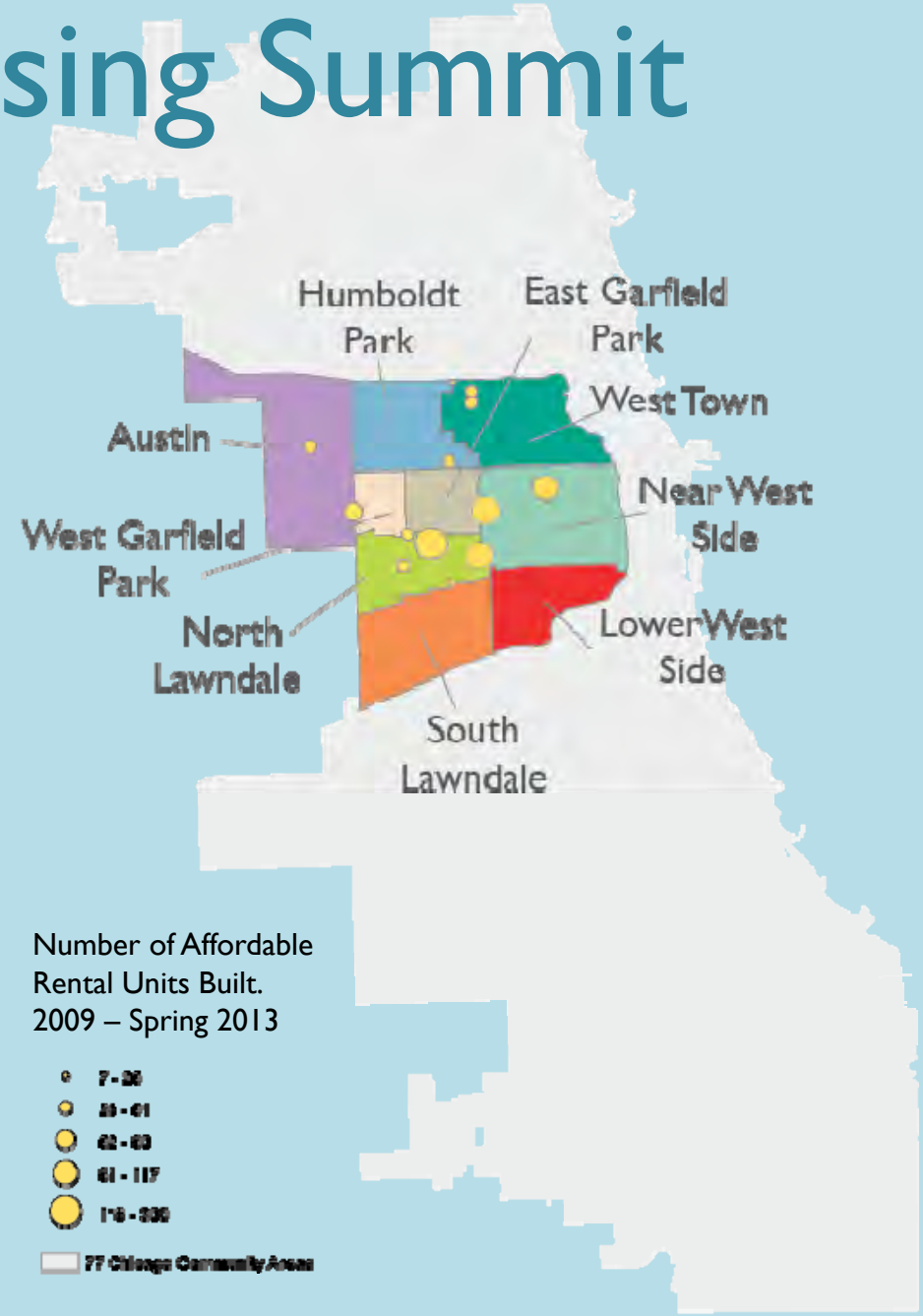

Chicago Rehab Network

There have been some demographic changes in Chicago over the last 10 years:

People left

… 200,418 people left

… almost a third of those from Westside communities

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There have been some demographic changes in Chicago over the last 10 years:

Families left

… 55,765 families left Chicago

… 1 in 5 of those families were from Westside communities

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This may be because for many Chicagoans, income has stayed the same or gone down…

But housing and other costs like health care and transportation keep going up and up!

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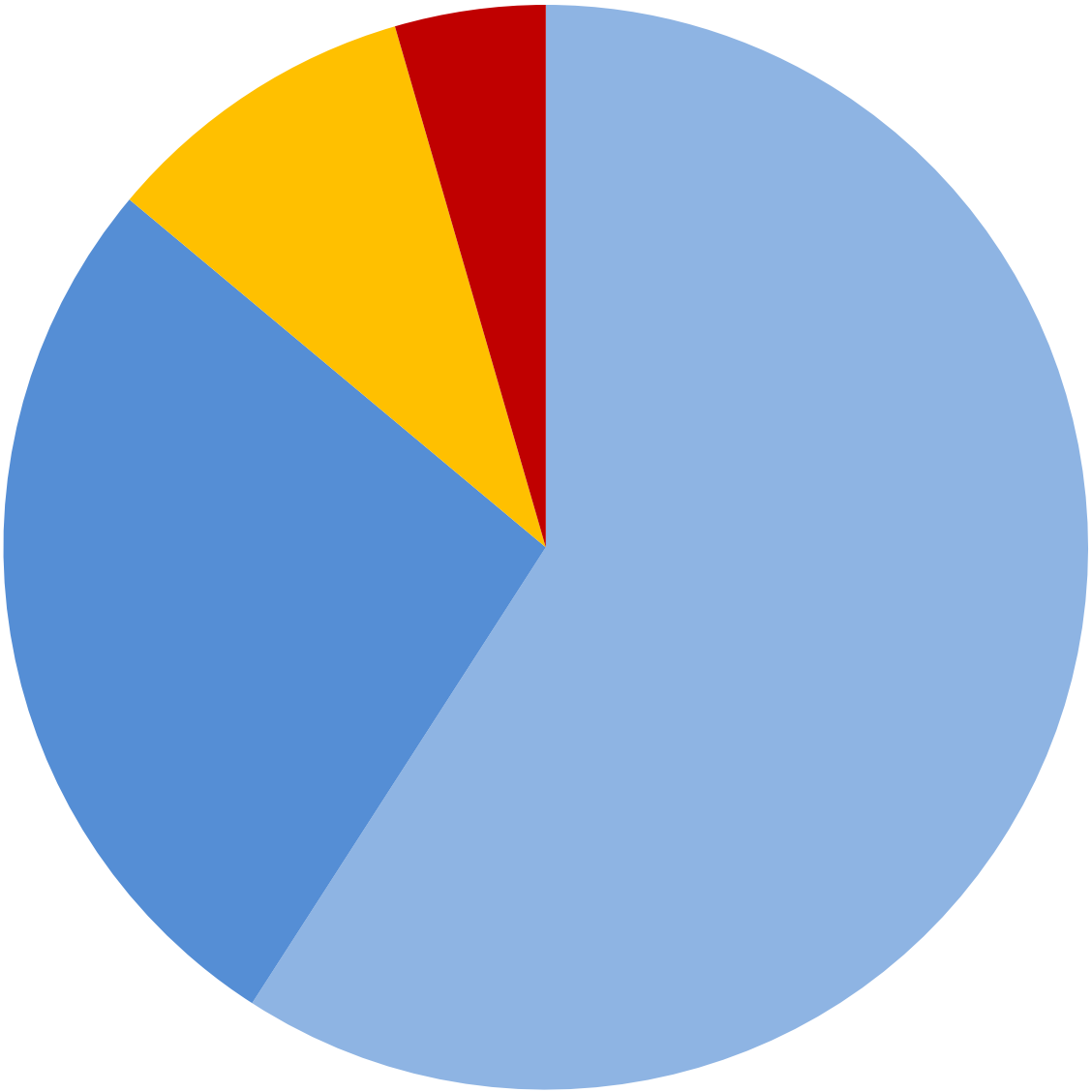
Westside Rents in 2000*



9 out of 10 households paid less than $1,000 a month for rent and utilities

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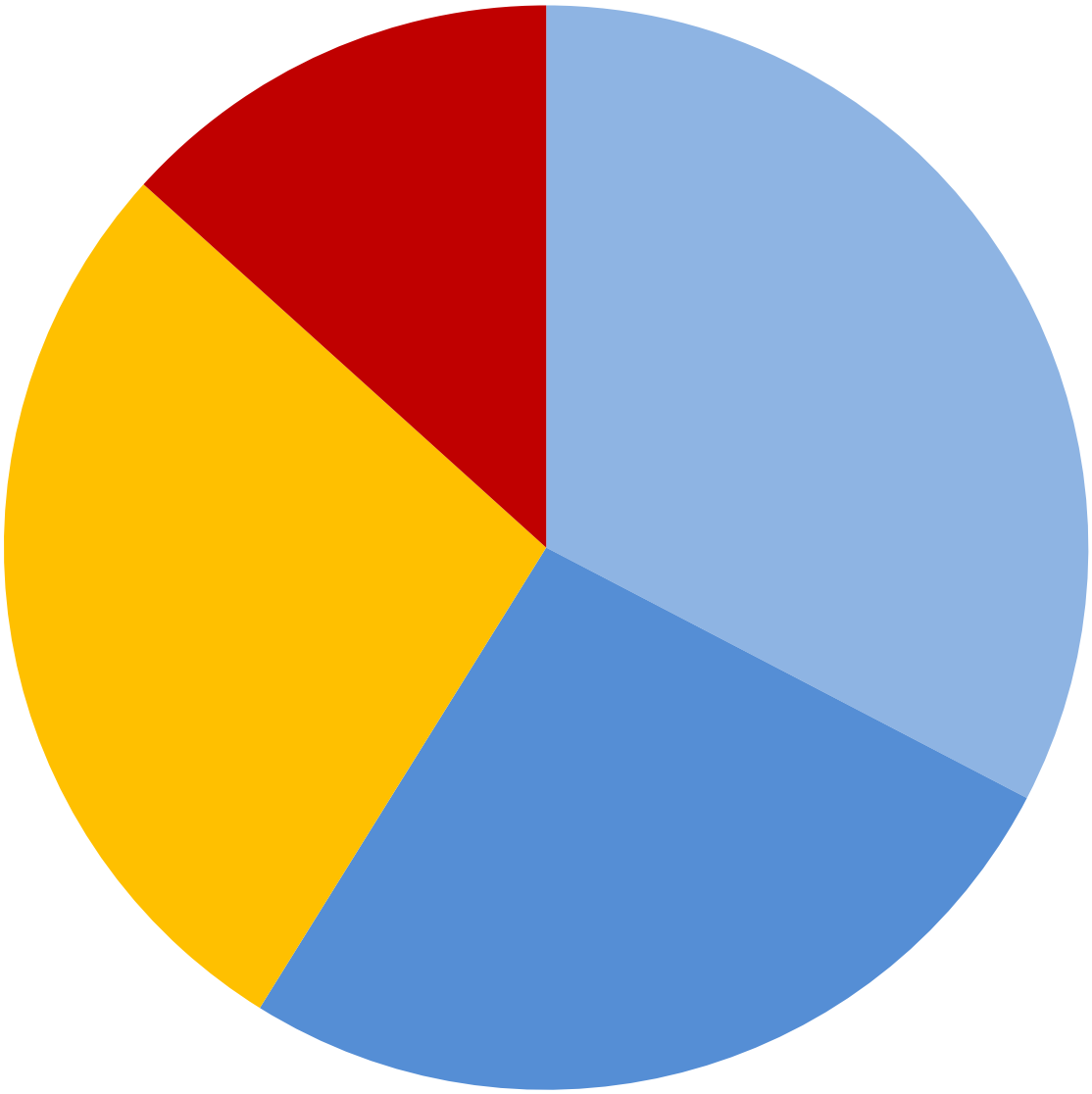
**adjusted for inflation to match 2010 dollars*

Westside Rents in 2010



Now 6 out of 10 households pay less than $1,000 a month for rent and utilities

- < $750
- $750-$999
- $1,000-$1,499
- $1,500 or more

But incomes in many Westside communities are going down…

	2000*	2010	Change
Humboldt Park	$35,900	$30,080	-16.21%
West Town	$50,834	$65,058	27.98%
Austin	$43,692	$34,303	-21.49%
West Garfield Park	$29,751	$23,917	-19.61%
East Garfield Park	$31,053	$24,836	-20.02%
Near West Side	$43,736	$62,826	43.65%
North Lawndale	$24,574	$25,942	5.57%
South Lawndale	$40,870	$34,385	-15.87%
Lower West Side	$35,804	$34,719	-3.03%

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With the costs of housing going up while people's incomes are going down, Chicagoans across the city are struggling with **housing security**.

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People are secure in their lives when they have enough income to pay for the basic costs of living, including:

- rent or mortgage
- utility and other bills
- prescriptions
- saving for retirement
- trips to the doctor or dentist
- educational opportunities
- high quality food
- transportation

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When people pay too much for their housing, they struggle with meeting those basic costs of living, and are unable to participate in their communities' economic foundation.

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In this situation, any financial emergency can put families at risk of eviction, foreclosure, or even homelessness.

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Over the last 10 years, households in every income bracket and in every neighborhood in Chicago have become more housing insecure.

On the Westside, 55% of all households struggle with housing security.

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So, how can we increase **housing security** for all Chicagoans, especially the **families** and **neighbors** in our Westside communities?