



# Hyde Park 101

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## Just the Facts

**Hyde Park**, 8 miles south of downtown Chicago, directly on the Lake Michigan, is ...

- One of the country's best neighborhoods to live in, *Money Magazine*, 2000 & 2002
- Recognized as a national model of racial diversity and urban stability. People of color comprise about half the neighborhood
- Home to the **University of Chicago** and the **University of Chicago Hospitals**
- A cultural playground with some of Chicago's most popular tourist attractions including the **Museum of Science and Industry**, the **Robie House**, the **Smart Museum**, **Court Theatre** and the **DuSable Museum of African – American History**.

## A Community that Thrives on Diversity

- 44,700 residents (2003 estimate) - Steady growth since 1990.
- The Hyde Park - Kenwood communities have among the highest concentrations of buying power in the city of Chicago.
- Over 25% of households have Household Incomes over \$75,000 ( a 112% increase since 1990)
- Highly educated – over 40% hold a master's, professional or doctorate degree and 22% hold bachelor's degrees

### University of Chicago

- 11,150 University of Chicago graduate and undergraduate students.
- The University of Chicago is the largest employer on the Southside of Chicago, with 12,000 employees
- More than 60% of the University's faculty and families live in Hyde Park, and nearly all students do.



***“Hyde Park has great density and strong household incomes, and at the same time that dense population remains largely underserved by comparison to other neighborhoods in Chicago with similar positive demographics.”***

*Branson Edwards, Managing Director, North Atlantic Group*



## **A Vibrant Commercial District**

**A healthy mix of local, regional and national stores including:**

57<sup>th</sup> Street Bookstore, Artisans 21, Avignon, Baby PhD, Bank One, Bar Louie, Binny's Express, Bonjour Bakery, Borders, Boyajans Bazaar, CVS, Coconuts Records and Tapes, Cohn and Stern, Collections, Co-op Markets, Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop, Dr. Wax Records and Tapes, Elston Ace Hardware, Freehling Pot and Pan, GNC, Harris Bank, Hyde Park Bank, Hyde Park Produce, Joyce's Hallmark, Kikuya, La Petite Folie, Leona's, Lucky Strike, McDonald's, Medici, Medici Bakery, Mystique Boutique, Noodles etc., Pizza Capri, Plants Alive, Pockets, Powell's Bookstore, Quiznos, Snail, Starbucks, Supreme Jewelers, Subway, Third World Café, Toys Etcetera, Uhlmann Optical, Wesley's Shoe Coral, Valois

And the future home of the world famous Checkerboard Lounge.



*“... A remarkable boom that's transforming a historic slice of the city.”*

*The New South Side,  
Chicago Magazine,  
March 2004*

## **The New Southside**



## **Growing South Lakefront Communities**

Hyde Park is surrounded by communities experiencing unprecedented levels of growth and re-development.

New mixed income communities are under construction, which once completed, will be home to thousands of new residents.

The University of Chicago Police's jurisdiction has expanded and now serves the area between 39<sup>th</sup> - 64<sup>th</sup> Streets, east of Cottage Grove.

The University of Chicago's Employee Assistance program provides assistance to employees that choose to live in Woodlawn, Hyde Park, Kenwood, or Oakland communities.

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