

Rogers Park 2009 Juvenile Justice Snapshot (September 2010)

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In September 2009, Project NIA began our quest to find neighborhood specific data about juvenile justice in Chicago. We had no idea that it would take us nearly one year to gather and collect that information.

Those of us who care about issues of juvenile justice in Chicago face a struggle. We lack current, relevant and accessible data that could provide us with a better understanding of the juvenile justice system and serve as a catalyst for social change. It is a truism to say that information and knowledge are power. In Illinois and Chicago, the public is disempowered by an impenetrable maze of gatekeepers who often do not make information about juvenile justice readily available.

This report is the result of hard work, persistence, and an unwillingness to take 'no' for an answer. For the better part of a year, we at Project NIA, asked, requested, asked nicely, cajoled, demanded and then asked again for neighborhood-specific data about juvenile justice in Chicago.

Ultimately, a handful of people provided information and assistance that proved invaluable. It is important that they be properly acknowledged here. They proved to be the exceptions to the rule and we are grateful for their help. So special thanks to:

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In the following pages of this report, you will better understand the juvenile justice landscape for youth in Rogers Park. We plan to create a similar report for the North Lawndale community once we receive the information that we have requested. Finally, in November 2010, Project NIA will launch a website called **chicagoyouthjustice.com** to provide user-friendly and accessible information about juvenile justice in Chicago to the broader public. Keep your eyes open for the announcement of the website launch!

Any questions about this report can be directed to me at mariame@project-nia.org. For more information about Project NIA and our work, please visit our website at www.project-nia.org.

Up until January 2010, in Illinois, seventeen-year olds were tried as adults. Now seventeen year olds charged with a misdemeanor are prosecuted in the Juvenile Court. This change will be reflected in 2010 juvenile justice data.

24th District (Rogers Park) Juvenile Arrests in 2009

According to the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority, in calendar year 2007, “48,065 arrests of youth were entered into Illinois’ computerized criminal history record (CCH) system.” 58% of those arrests were of black youth and 78% were of males. The number of Latino and Asian youth arrests is unknown. Currently, police districts are not mandated to report misdemeanor arrests to the CCH system. Reporting is voluntary. *In 2008, there were 47,068 arrests of youth reported (Illinois Criminal History Record Information System).* At the time of this report, 2009 statewide youth arrest data was unavailable.

According to the Chicago Police Department, in the city of Chicago, there were 18,287 arrests of youth 16 and under in 2009.

Total Number of Arrests – Persons 16 and Under (City of Chicago, 2009)

CHARGE TYPE	2009
Felony	4,957
Misdemeanor	13,330
Other*	2,463
Total	18,287
Source: CLEAR DWH query on 1/19/10	

- ‘Other’ includes local ordinances, petty offenses, and business offenses

Juvenile Arrests in District 24 by Age [keep the chart but also create a bar chart]

In 2009, there were 546 arrests of youth ages 10-16 reported in the 24th district; 16 years olds made up the largest share of these arrests (245).

Age	2009
11	1
12	13
13	40
14	75
15	172
16	245
Total	546
Source: CLEAR DWH query on 5/25/2010	

Juvenile Arrests in District 24 by Race [pie chart]

The vast majority of youth arrested in the 24th district were African American (401).

Race	2009
Amer Ind/Alaskan Native	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	14
Black	401
Black Hispanic	6
Unknown	1
White	28
White Hispanic	95
Total	546
Source: CLEAR DWH query on 5/25/2010	

Juvenile Arrest Dispositions for District 24 [bar chart]

The majority of youth arrested in the 24th district were referred to court.

Description	2009
DETAINED	73
FORMAL ADJUSTMENT	19
INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT	97
REFERRED TO COURT	318
DIVERSION PROGRAMS	0
Total for District 24	507
Source: Chicago Police Department – Juvenile Advocacy Section	

Juvenile Arrests in District 24 by FBI Crime Code

Crime Description	2009
UNAVAILABLE/INCOMPLETE	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT (INDEX)	11
AGGRAVATED BATTERY (INDEX)	17
ARSON (INDEX)	1
BURGLARY (INDEX)	18
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT (INDEX)	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	70
DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	70
FRAUD	1
GAMBLING	5
LARCENY – THEFT (INDEX)	61
LIQUOR LAWS	8
MISCELLANEOUS MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS	5

MISCELLANEOUS NON-INDEX OFFENSES	70
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (INDEX)	16
ROBBERY (INDEX)	37
SEX OFFENSE – CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE	1
SIMPLE ASSAULT	14
SIMPLE BATTERY	78
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	1
VANDALISM	21
WARRANT ARRESTS	22
WEAPONS	16
Total	546
<i>Source: CLEAR DWH query on 25 May 2010</i>	

2009 Cook County Arrests Resulting in Detention for 8 Communities (by Race)

There were 152 arrests of Rogers Park youth that resulted in detention in 2009 according to information obtained through the juvenile court. The discrepancy between the numbers of arrests resulting in detention between the 24th district and the court can be explained by two major factors:

#1 – Rogers Park youth can be arrested in other districts besides their home ones.

#2 – The court has the benefit of being able to gather more data and information on youth including identifying their home addresses.

	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other	Totals
Austin	351		5	1		357
Englewood	498		4			502
Humboldt Park	189		95	4		288
Little Village, North Lawndale, Pilsen	170		78	5	1	254
Rogers Park	120	3	22	7		152
So. Shore/So. Chicago	293		26	2		321
8 Communities Total	1621	3	230	19	1	1874
% Totals	86%		12%	1%	1%	100%

Source: Cook County Juvenile Court – Juvenile Probation Department – prepared on 8/12/2010 by Dr. Lewis

2009 Cook County Arrests Resulting in Detention for 8 Communities (by Gender)

	Male	Female	Total
Austin	343	14	357
Englewood	484	38	502
Humboldt Park	274	14	288
Little Village, North Lawndale, Pilsen	237	17	254
Rogers Park	145	7	152
So. Shore/So. Chicago	293	28	321
8 Communities Total	1756	118	1874
%Totals	94%	6%	100%
<i>Source: Cook County Juvenile Court – Juvenile Probation Department – prepared on 8/12/2010 by Dr. Lewis</i>			

Zip Codes “Driving” Admissions to the Detention Center in 2009

Austin	60644 (176)	60651 (70)	60624 (31)	
Englewood	60636 (162)	60621 (161)	60609 (30)	60620 (25)
Humboldt Park	60639 (107)	60651 (76)	60644 (27)	
Little Village, Pilsen, North Lawndale	60623 (153)	60624 (14)	60644 (13)	
Rogers Park	60626 (51)	60645 (36)		
South Shore	60617 (144)	60649 (53)	60619 (27)	
<i>Source: Cook County Juvenile Court – Juvenile Probation Department – prepared on 8/12/2010 by Dr. Lewis</i>				

In 2009, Rogers Park had 61 minors on probation. There were 44 African American youth, 13 Latino youth, 3 white and 3 Asian youth on probation.

Minors on Probation (By Gender, Cook County, 2009)

	Male	Female	Total
Austin	116	2	118
Englewood	219	7	226
Humboldt Park	139	5	144
Little Village,			208

North Lawndale, Pilsen			
Rogers Park	51	10	61
So. Shore/So. Chicago	137	17	154
8 Communities Total			850
<i>Source: Cook County Juvenile Court – Juvenile Probation Department – prepared on 8/12/10 by Dr. Lewis</i>			

In the following pages, you will find a map of Rogers Park, along with maps that provide key information about the number of “disconnected youth¹” in Chicago as well as the poverty levels in the city. These maps and data are intended to help provide a fuller context about where youth in Rogers Park rank compared to their peers in other communities. All of the information is based on 2009 data.

Appendix

In 2008, it is estimated that there were **1,234,319** youth ages 10-16 in Illinois

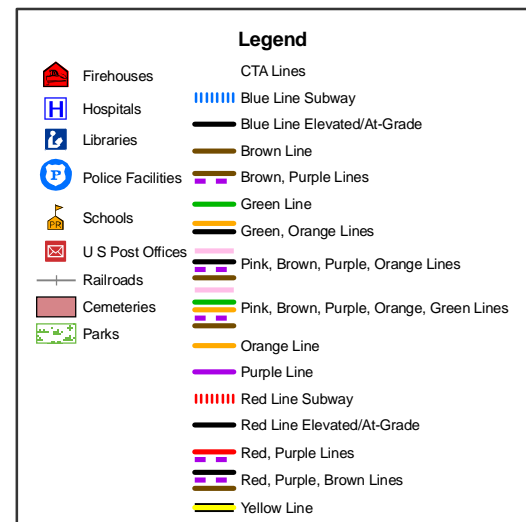
Youth ages 10-16 in Cook County, IL: Sex by Race Population Estimates, 2008

	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Total
Male	158,551	82,487	1,533	12,987	255,558
Female	150,110	80,598	1,560	12,568	244,836
Total	308,661	163,085	3,093	25,555	500,394

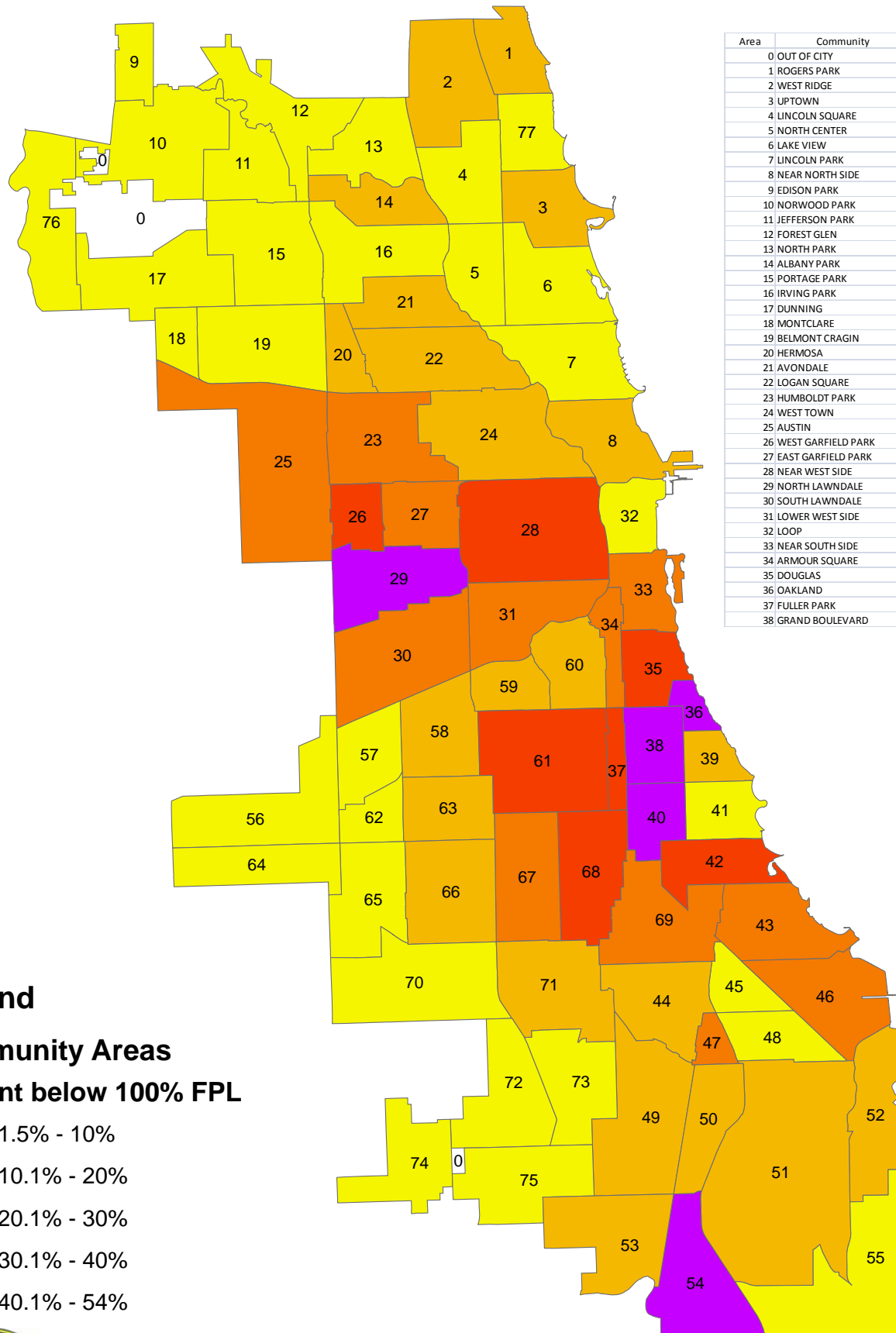
** Of this total, 147,448 are classified as of Hispanic origin

Source: Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2009). “Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2008.” Online. Available: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

¹ Disconnected youth are youth ages 16-19 who are not attending school or working.



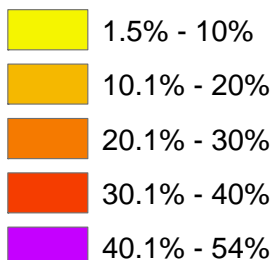
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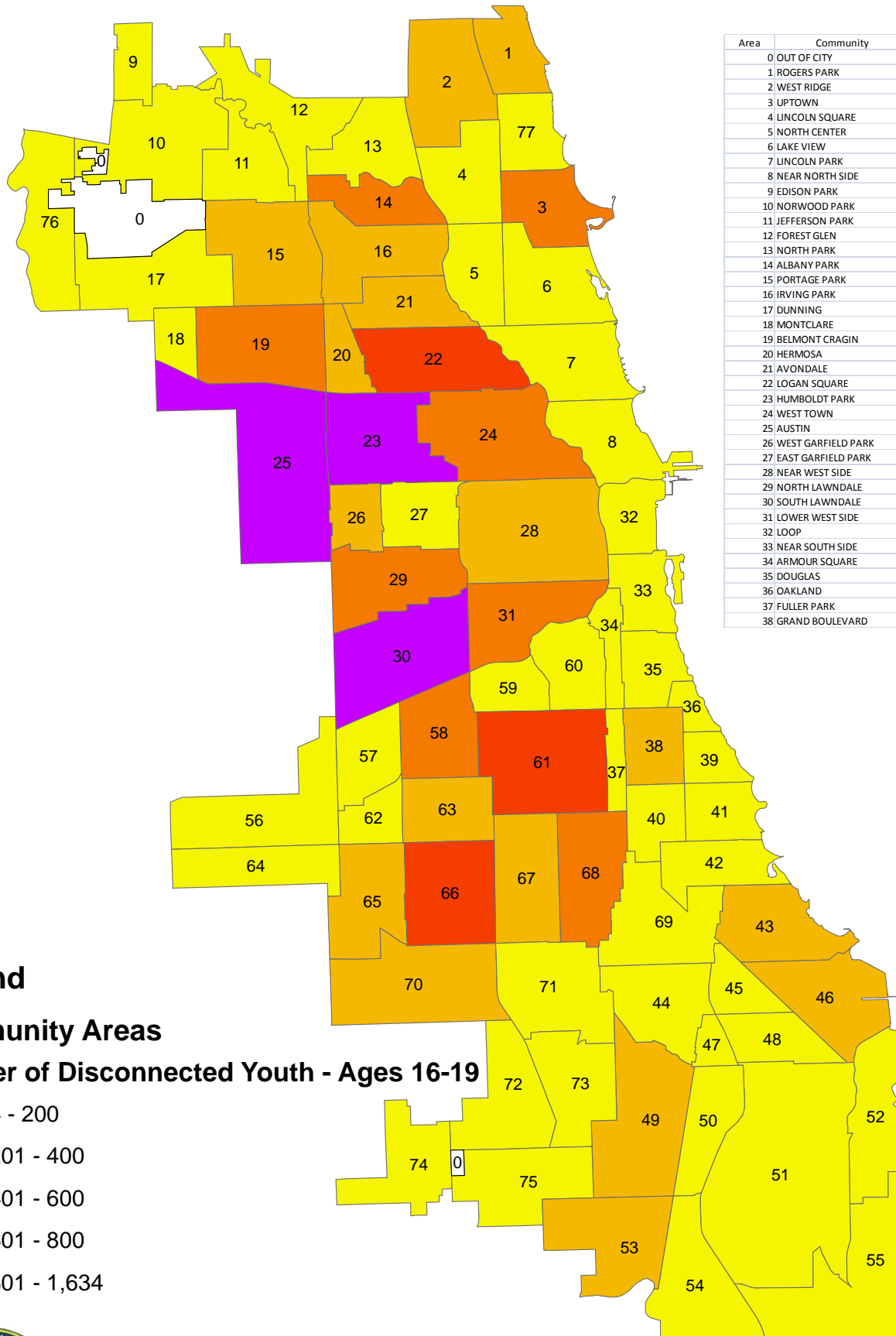
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Community Areas

Percent below 100% FPL



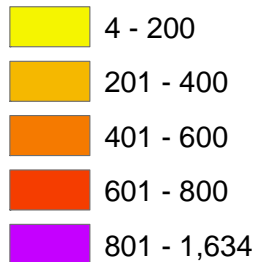
Disconnected Youth Ages 16-19



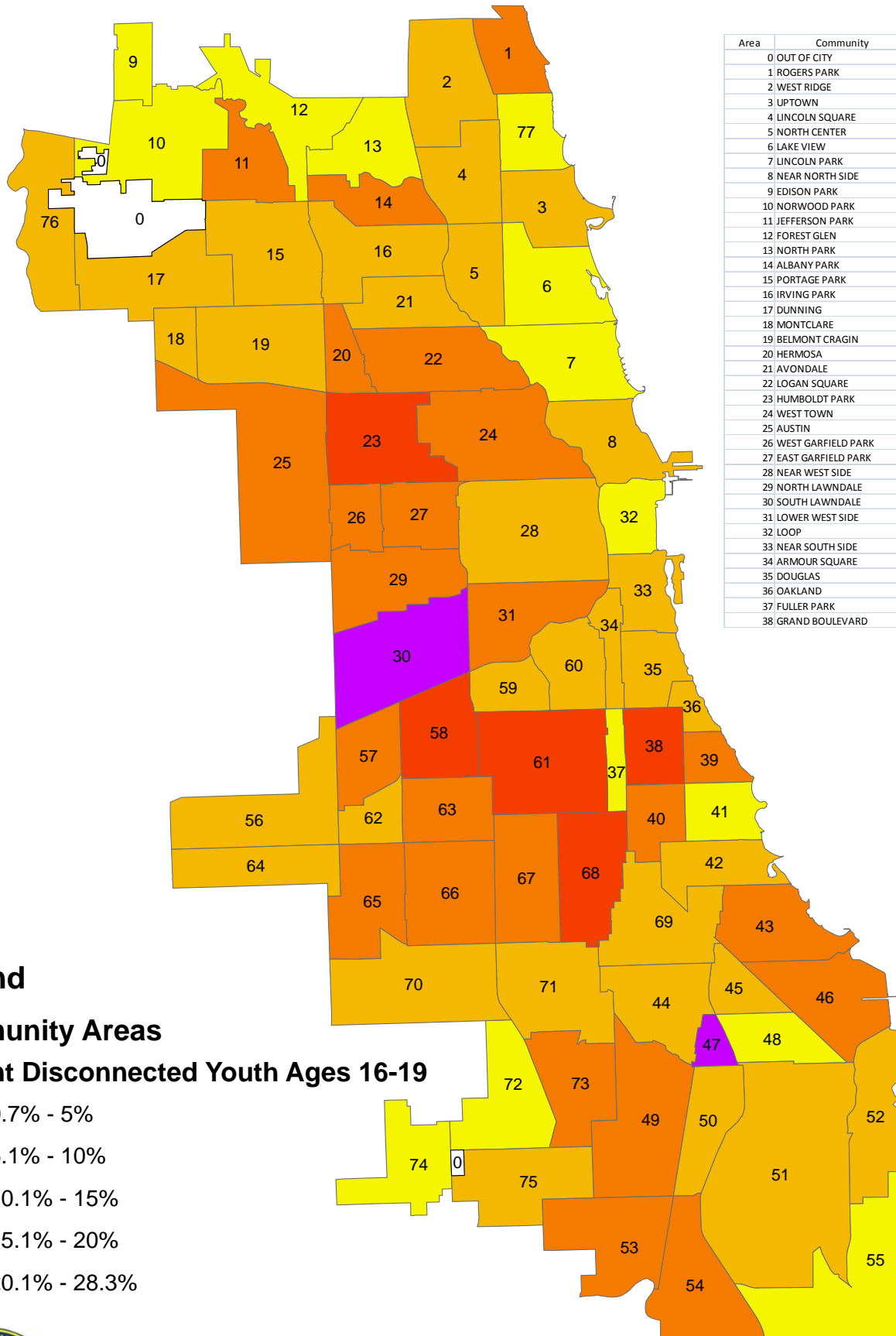
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Community Areas

Number of Disconnected Youth - Ages 16-19



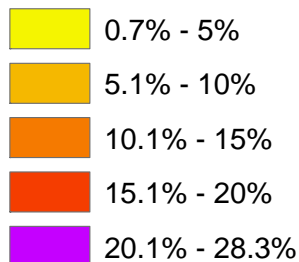
Percentage of Disconnected Youth Ages 16-19



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Community Areas

Percent Disconnected Youth Ages 16-19



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