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## **Joblessness Jeopardizes the Future of Teens and Young Adults in Chicago and Cook County**

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**Our young people are in jeopardy  
if we do not intervene**



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Out of School and Out of Work Youth  
and Young Adults for \$100

Answer:

58,565

89,976

Data Source: 2015 American Community Survey, public use files. Tabulations by Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Out of School and Out of Work Youth  
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What are:

The number of out of school and out of work 16  
to 24 year olds that were in Chicago (60,000)  
and Cook County (90,000) in 2015?



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## Out of School and Out of Work Youth and Young Adults for \$500

Answer:

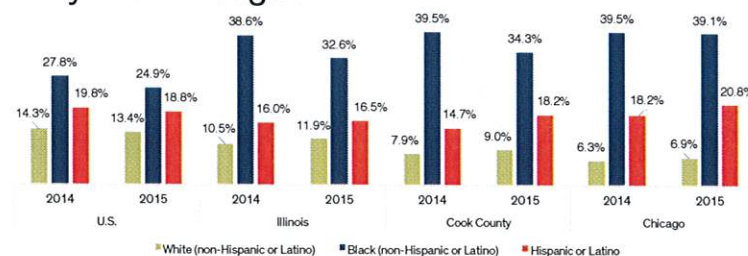
From 2014 to 2015 in Chicago and all of Cook County, the rate for Latino 20 to 24 year olds increased; the rate for Black 20 to 24 year olds in Chicago remained relatively flat but improved in Cook County; and Whites stayed relatively flat in Chicago and Cook County.

Data Source: 2014 and 2015 American Community Survey, public use files. Tabulations by Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago.

## Out of School and Out of Work Youth and Young Adults for \$500

What are:

2014 to 2015 changes in out of school and out of work rates for 20 to 24 year olds in the U.S., Illinois, Cook County and Chicago?



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## Out of School and Out of Work Youth and Young Adults for \$1,000

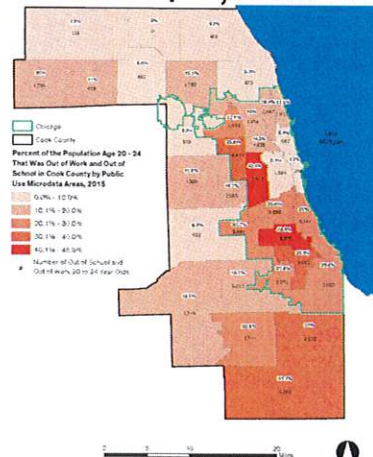
Answer:

Concentrations are highest on the South and West Sides of Chicago and in the South Suburbs of Cook County.

## Out of School and Out of Work Youth and Young Adults for \$1,000

What are:

Out of school and out of work rates for 20 to 24 year olds in 2015 in Cook County?



Data Source: 2015 American Community Survey, public use files. Tabulations by Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago. Map created by Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago.



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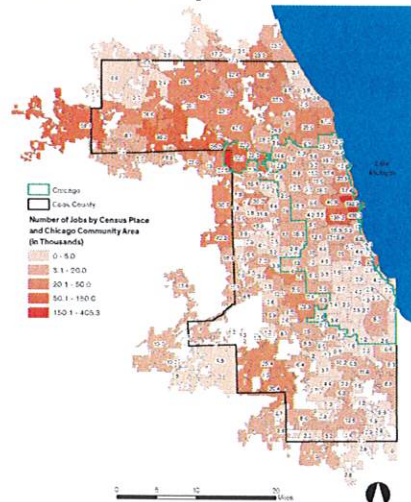
## Access to Jobs for \$100

Answer:

These are most heavily concentrated in the Loop and in the Northwest Suburbs.

## Access to Jobs for \$100

What are:  
The location of  
jobs in Cook  
County?



Data Source: 2014 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), U.S. Census Bureau. Map created by Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago.

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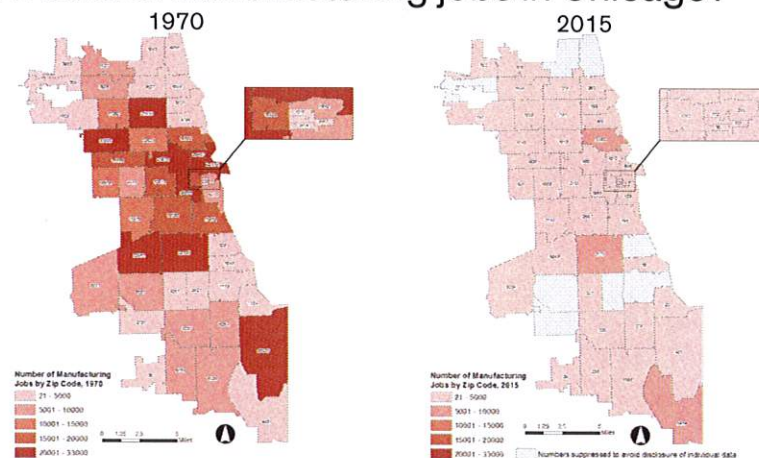
## Access to Jobs for \$500

Answer:

Chicago once had over 600,000 of these (in 1947) and today has fewer than 100,000 (2015).

## Access to Jobs for \$500

What are: Manufacturing jobs in Chicago?



Data Source: 1970 and 2015 Where Workers Work, Illinois Department of Employment Security.  
Maps Prepared by Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago.

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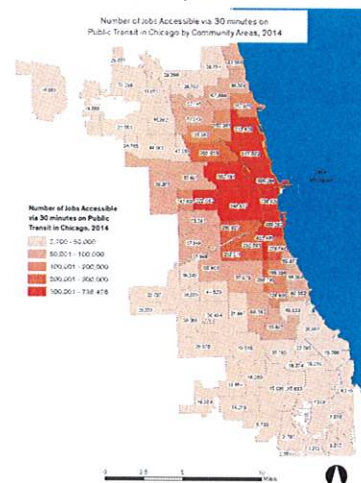
Answer:

From the Loop, individuals have access to over 700,000 of these while Community Areas on the South, Southwest, and Northwest Sides had access to fewer than 50,000.

## Access to Jobs for \$1,000

What are:

The number of jobs accessible via 30 minutes on public transit?



Data Source: Owen, Andrew; Levinson, David M. (2014). Access Across America: Transit 2014 Data. Retrieved from the Data Repository for the University of Minnesota. Map Prepared by Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago.

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## Strategies for \$100

Answer:

- Reinstate federal, state, and local summer jobs programs
- Replicate New Deal strategies
- Fund paid mentorship programs
- Create apprenticeship programs
- Recreate employment subsidy programs

## Strategies for \$100

What are:

Strategies to create direct employment opportunities?

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## Strategies for \$500

Answer:

- Increase public education expenditures
- Provide on-the job training
- Expand training and workforce development
- Remove the impediments to employment, including those related to criminal records

## Strategies for \$500

What is:

Preparing young people for livable wage jobs that do exist and equipping them to participate in the emerging economy?

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## Strategies for \$1,000

Answer:

- Tie tax incentives for corporations to actual job generation, which are then monitored for adherence to agreements with penalties for non-compliance
- Accelerate incentives to investments in neighborhoods and evaluate their effectiveness

## Strategies for \$1,000

What is:

Stopping the bleeding of job loss and reversing policies that reward extraction of wealth from communities?

## Daily Double!



## Strategies Daily Double!

Answer:

- Attract anchor employers that hire neighborhood residents
- Assist and incentivize small business development
- Create incentives for venture capital investments that are not totally predicated on immediate profit recovery
- Enhance conditions for community led initiatives such as worker cooperatives and small business incubators that harness the skills and talents of young people, both of which can become the basis for revitalized commercial districts to supply the much-needed access to a wider range of goods and services
- Increase funding for community organizations that provide mentorship and capacity building of young people



## Strategies Daily Double!

What is: Reviving economically abandoned neighborhoods?

## All Hands on Deck

"We came to this issue because **we recognize the significant consequences of joblessness among young people.** Throughout the process of producing and presenting this report, we have had the opportunity to meet young people, many that work with them and an array of elected, civic and community leaders. **Without question, the young folks themselves are talented and intelligent and their mentors are dedicated and engaged in efforts that make a difference.** With the many phone calls, conversations and invitations that we have received since we released last year's and now this year's reports, **we are heartened to see so many express their concern and their efforts or willingness to be part of the solution.** It is indeed an honor, to provide data and analysis that contributes to these efforts."

Source: GO King Abandoned in Their Neighborhoods: Youth Addressess amidst the Fight of Industry and Opportunity February 8, 2017



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