



Chicago ILLINOIS



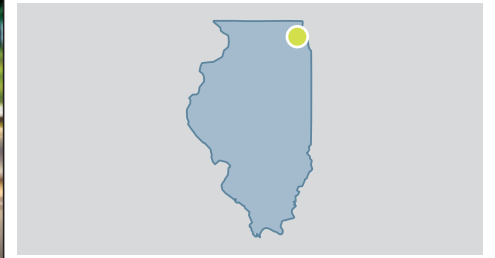
Level Awarded: Silver

Date Awarded: May 2005

Population: 2,896,016

Square Miles (land): 234

Location:



MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT

The Millennium Park Bicycle Station, a new \$3 million facility in the central business district that provides indoor bike parking, showers, repairs, bike rentals, car sharing services, Internet access, guided bike tours, children's bicycle camps, and bike registration.

HIGHLIGHTS

Since his election, Mayor Richard M. Daley has made it his goal to "make the City of Chicago the most bicycle-friendly city in the United States." Mayor Daley's Cycling Ambassadors, with eight full-time staff members, has a clever and effective advertising campaign to reach out to Chicago-area cyclists. The Cycling Ambassadors teach drivers how to interact safely with cyclists, educate children with a child safety campaign, and attend community events to deliver bike safety and road sharing information.

Bike Chicago is an annual three-month long series of hundreds of fun and educational events in Chicago neighborhoods—a great way to promote bicycling. Chicago also offers Bike the Drive, Critical Mass, and the Lakefront Tour, which draw more than 33,000 people annually.

Other positive developments in Chicago include the new Major Taylor & Burnham Trails and the installation of Dutch stairs at the Lakefront Trail. Chicago has greatly expanded its bikeways, growing from 50 miles to 350 miles in the past 10 years; and has a strong partnership with Chicago's cycling community, especially the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation.

The city's pro-bicycling policies and growing bike culture (which encourages new bicyclists and positively reinforces pro-bicycling governmental officeholders) have resulted in a steadily increasing rate of bicycling. This has become especially evident in the increasing number of winter bike riders.



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