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#### Understanding potential rental housing impact

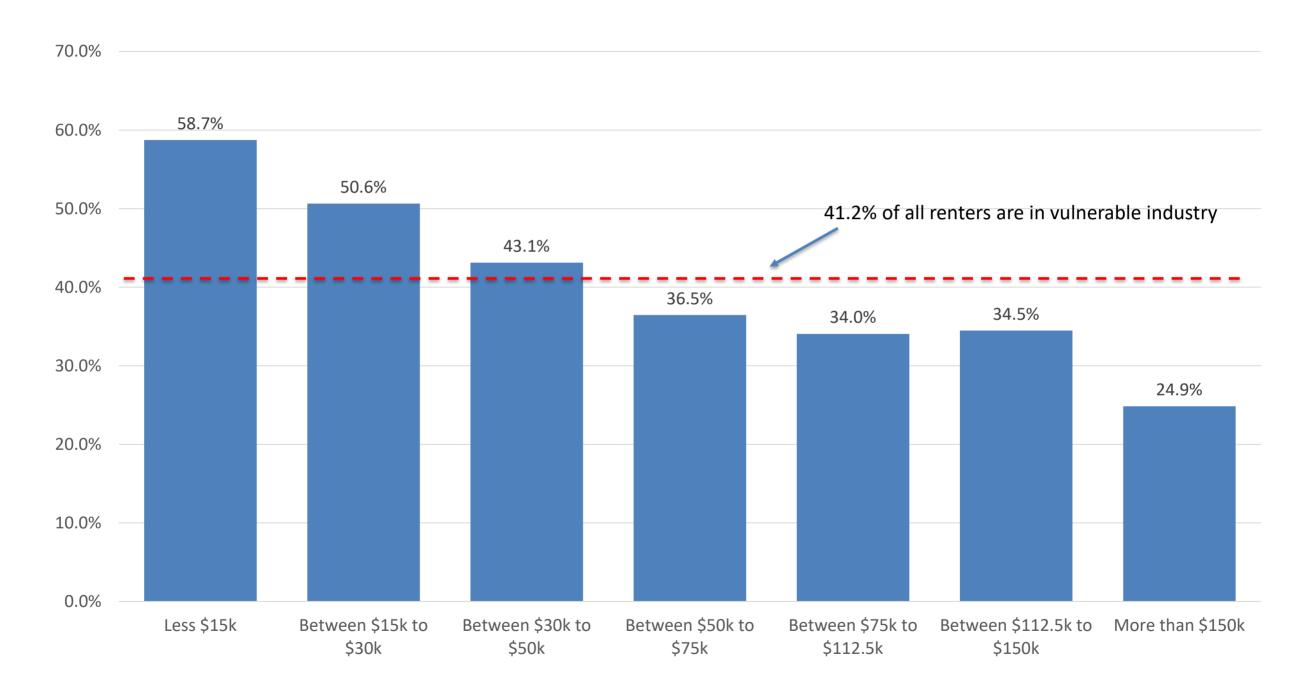
- Analysis is starting point to better understand the potential rental housing market impact of economic downturn related to COVID-19
- Analysis identifies a set of occupations that are at the most risk of significant disruption and layoffs due to COVID-19
- Top Chicago occupations in impacted industries:
  - Cashiers 32,753 workers
  - Retail salespersons 29,207
  - Janitors and building cleaners 26,009
  - Cooks 19,831
  - Waiters and waitresses 19,019
- These occupations will likely remain highly vulnerable in the short- to medium term as certain industries restructure or are slower to recover

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- Analysis focuses on working households and individuals and therefore excludes:
  - Non-wage earners
  - Individuals less than 16 years old
  - Individuals not in the labor force (who last worked more than 5 years ago or never worked)
  - Households make up entirely of the above
- Analysis focuses on households with at least one member in potentially impacted industry or individual workers
- Although unemployment benefits help in short term, findings highlight risk that economic crisis will disproportionately impact lower-income renters, people of color, and neighborhoods already experiencing rental housing affordability challenges

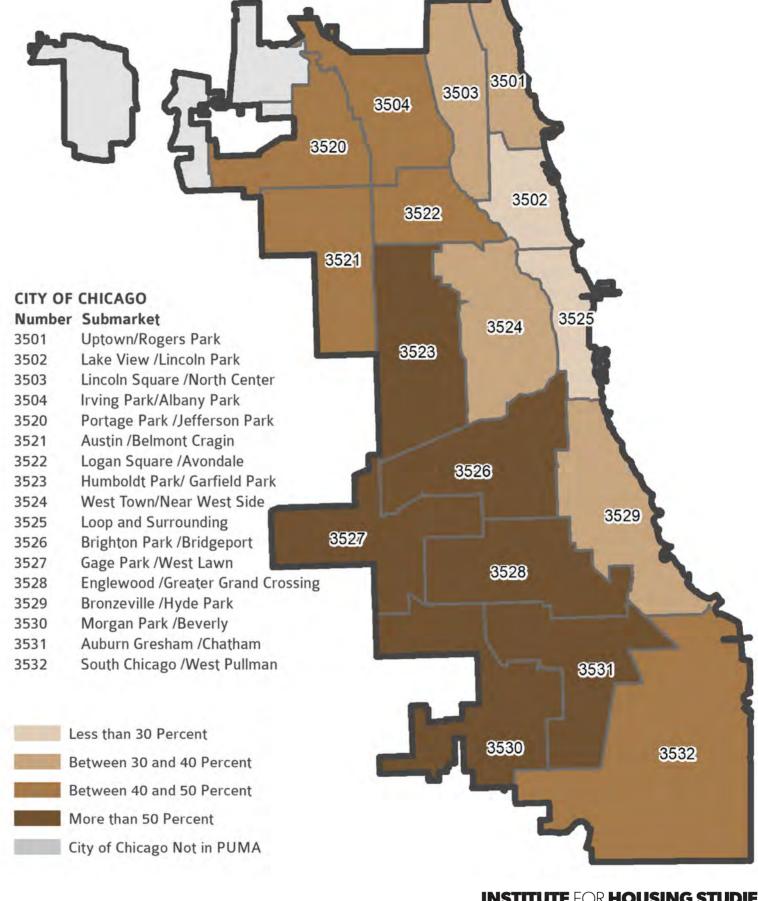
#### Lower-income renters at more risk of economic impact

Share of Chicago working renter households with at least one member in vulnerable industry by HH income level, 2018



**Share of working** renter households in vulnerable industries by **PUMA** 

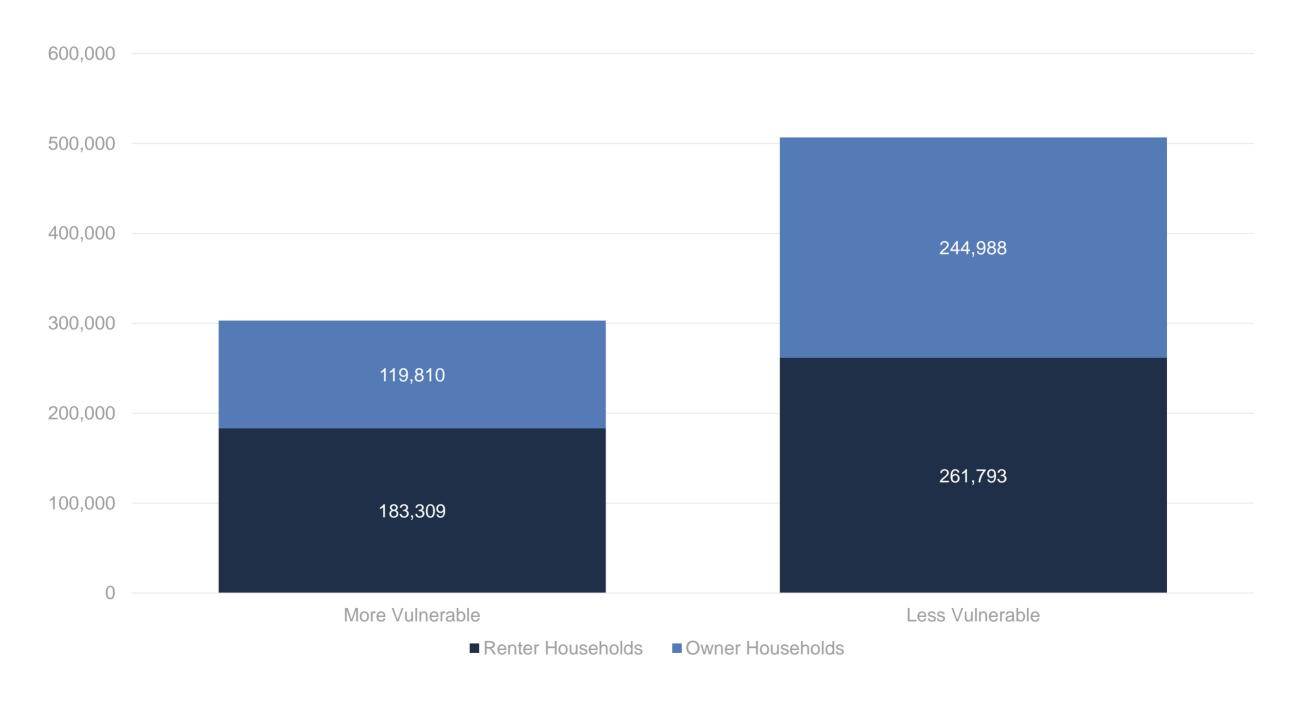
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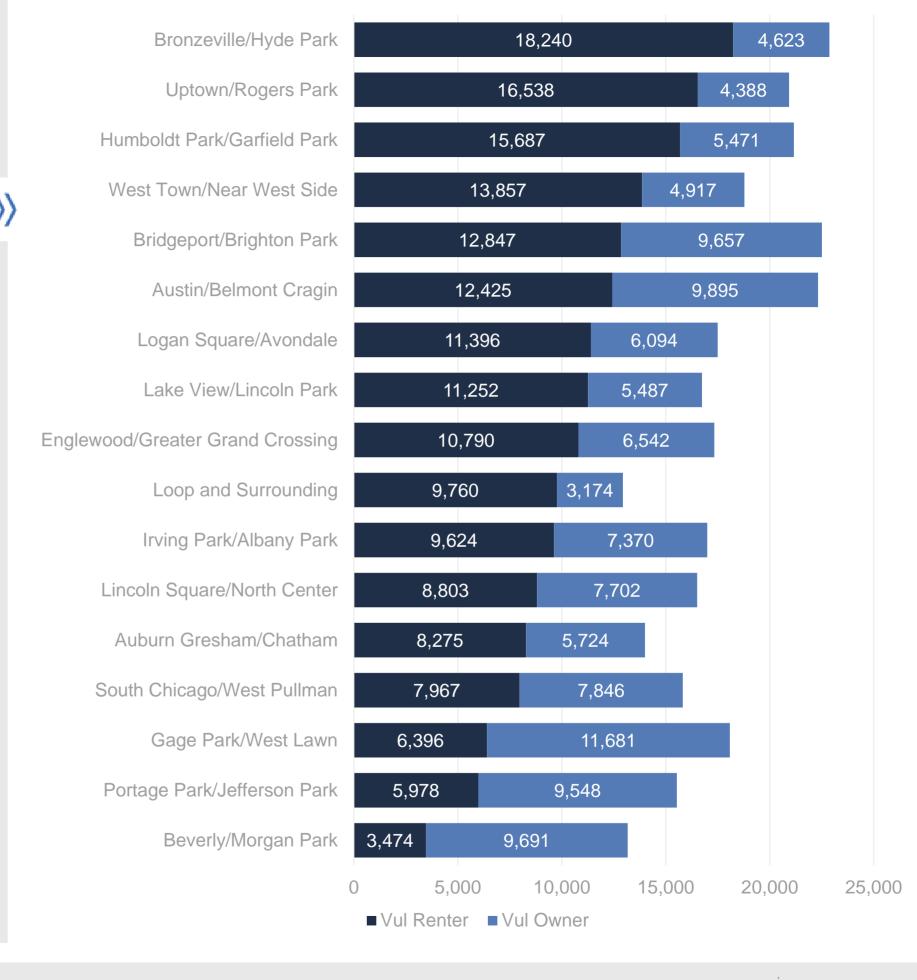
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#### Potentially impacted households more likely renters

Number of vulnerable and less vulnerable working households in Chicago by tenure, 2018

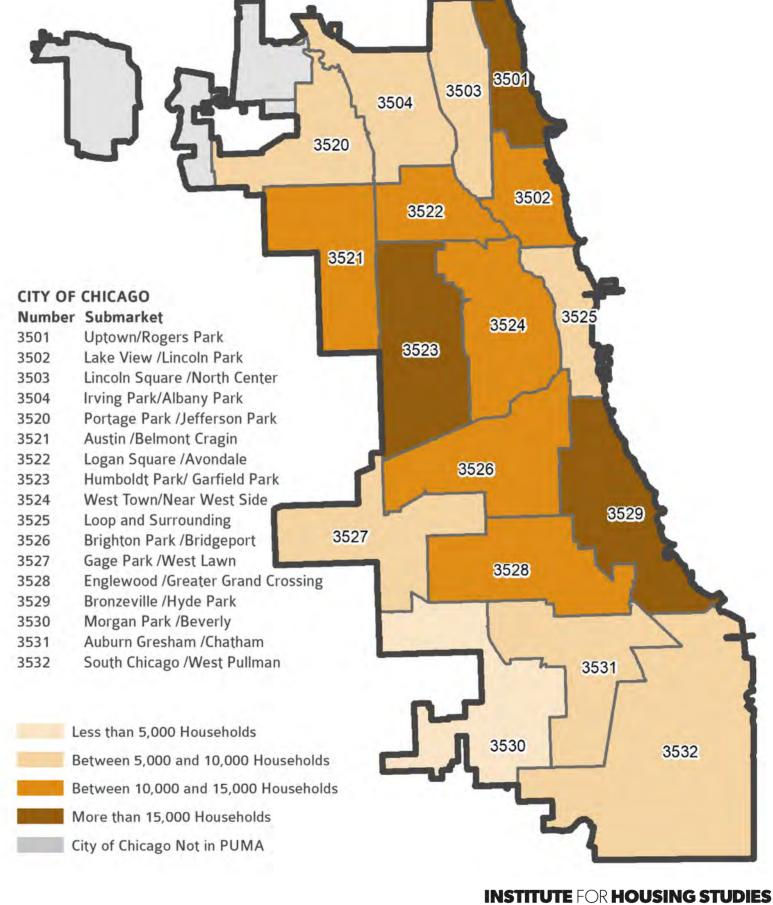


Number of potentially impacted working households by tenure and PUMA



Number of potentially impacted working >>> renter households by PUMA

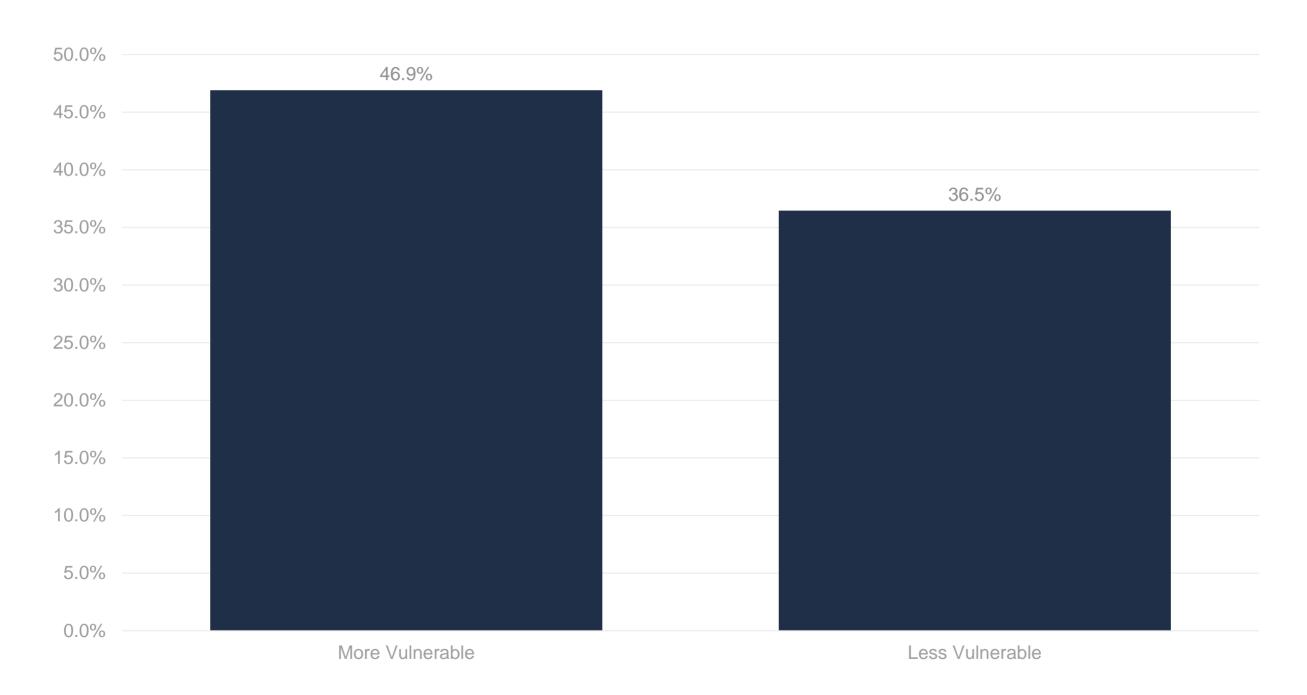
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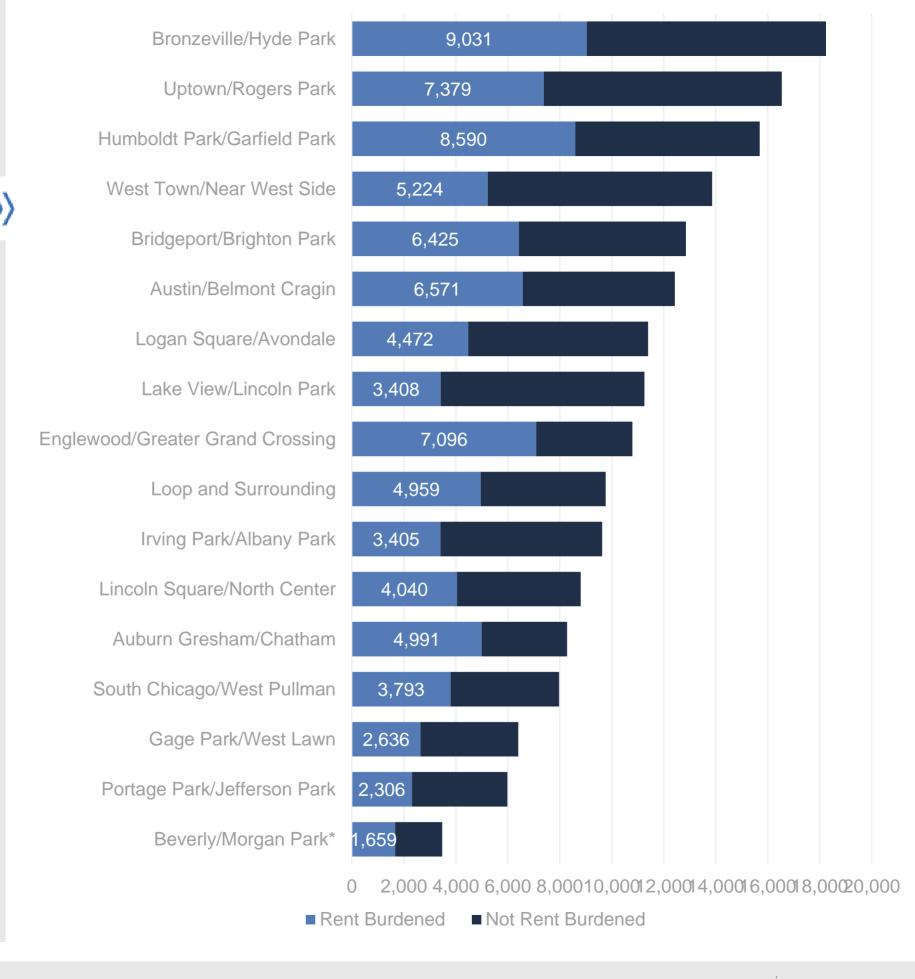
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### Potentially impacted renters more likely cost burdened

Share of vulnerable and less vulnerable working renter households in Chicago that are cost burdened, 2018

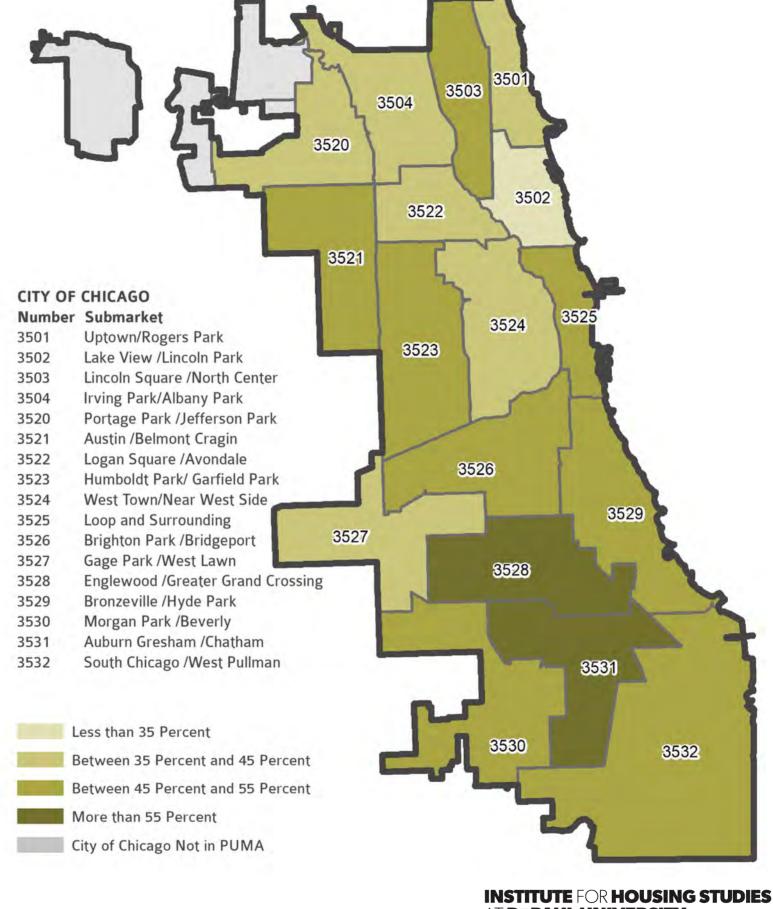


Number of working renter households in vulnerable industries that are cost burdened by PUMA



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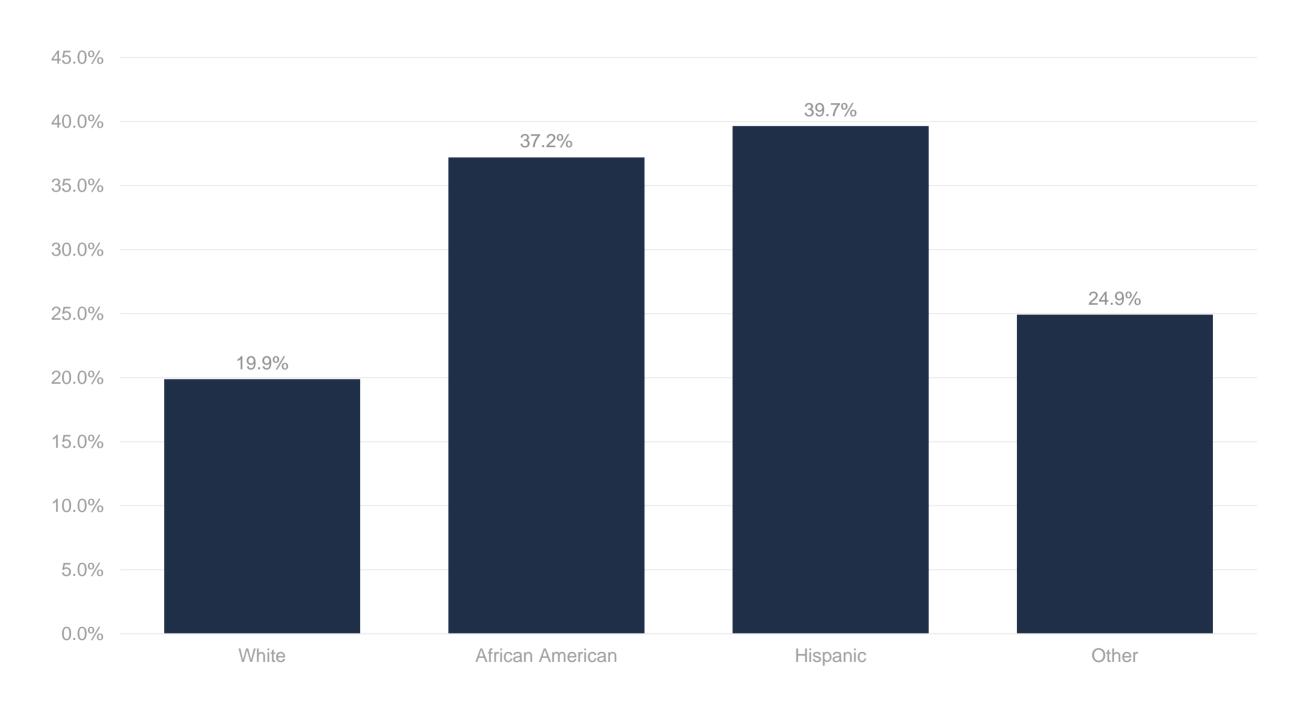
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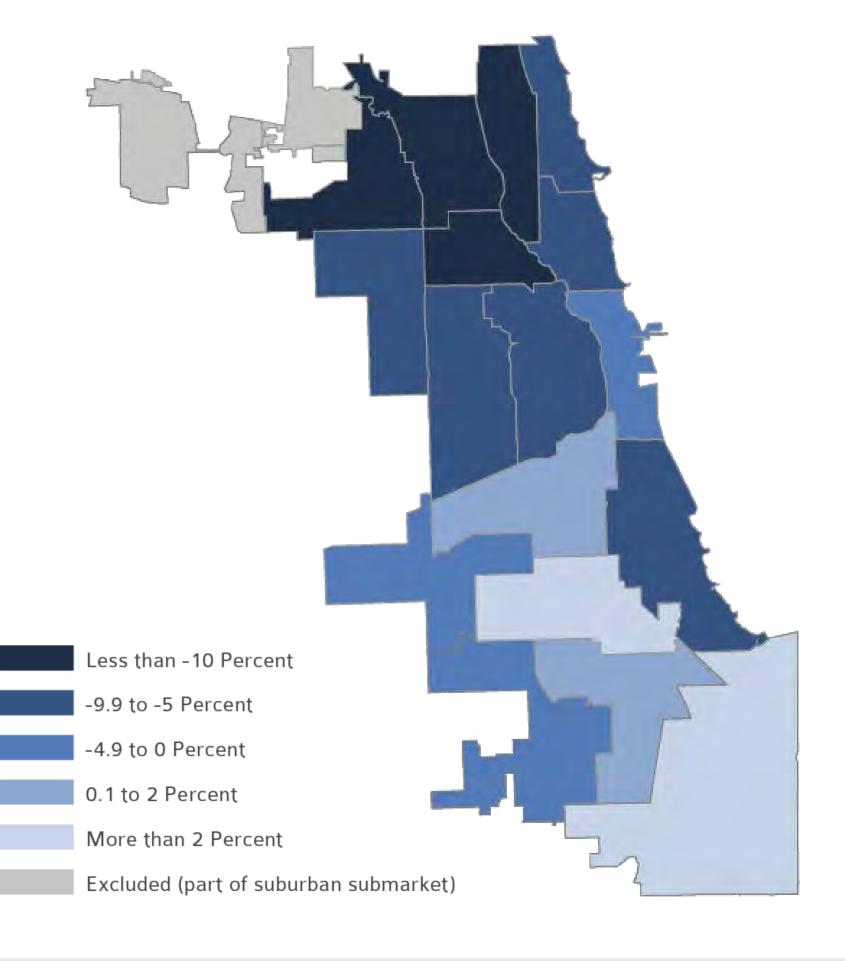
### People of color more likely in impacted industries

Share of working individuals in impacted industry by race/ethnicity, 2018



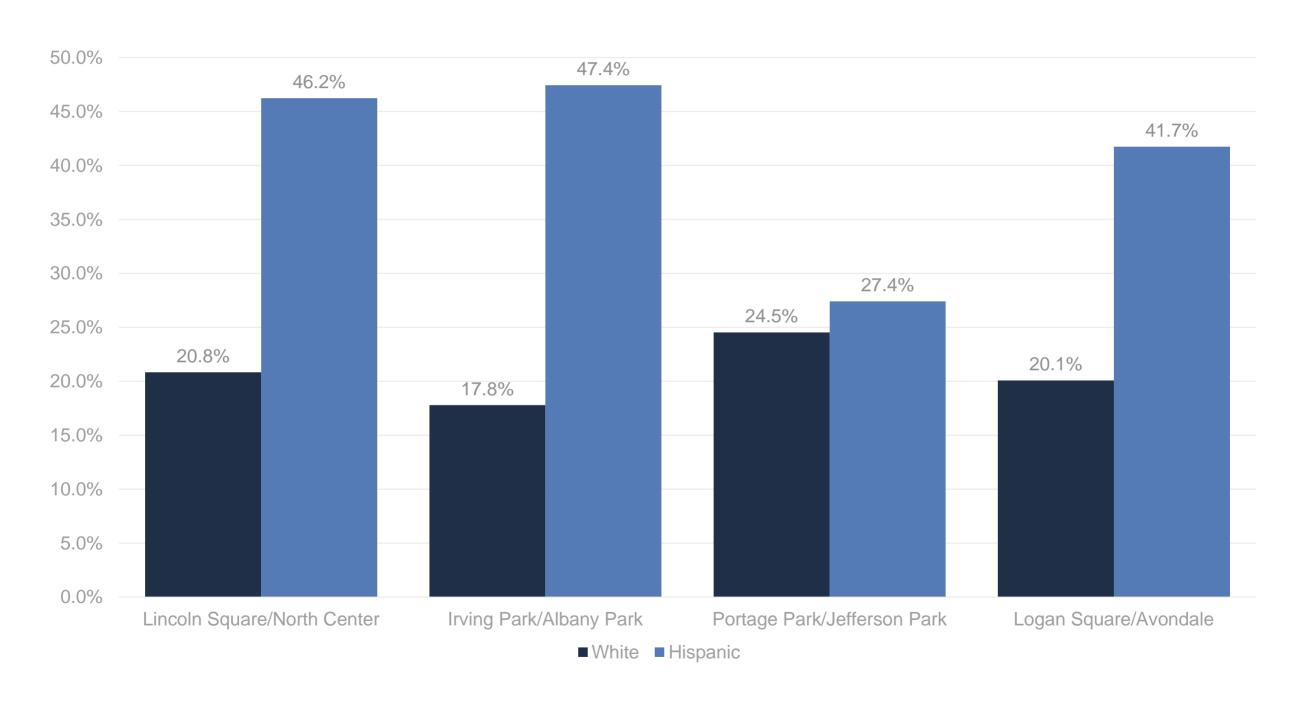
Percentage
Point Change in
the Share of
Units that are
Affordable

SOURCE: US CENSUS BUREAU, PUBLIC USE MICRODATA SAMPLES (PUMS)



### Risk of unequal impacts in areas losing affordable housing

Share of vulnerable workers by race/ethnicity in four areas that lost most affordable rental housing



## Will Enhanced Unemployment Benefits Cover Housing Costs?

- CARES Act provides enhanced unemployment benefits of \$600 per week in addition to existing benefit
- Hiccups in implementation for some states
- What are implications for housing?
- Terner Center analysis for Illinois:
  - Minimum monthly UI benefit + \$600 is \$2,451
    - "Affordable rent" at 30% of minimum monthly benefit is \$735
  - Maximum monthly UI benefit + \$600 is \$4,992
    - "Affordable rent" at 30% of maximum monthly benefit is \$1,497

#### How will UI cover rent for potentially impacted households

Median rent of Chicago renter households with at least one member in vulnerable industry by HH income level, 2018



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