

JOLIET

Illinois

Chicago Metro Presbytery Church Plant

Presbyterian Church in America

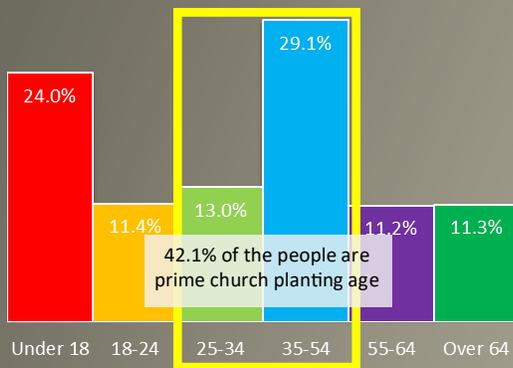
Joliet Statistics

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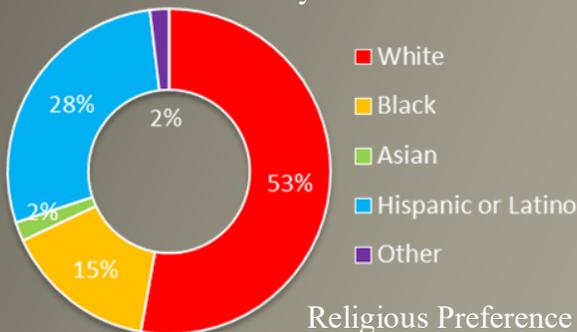
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| Population: | 147,412 |
| 10 Year Projected Population: | 173,781 |
| Median Family Income: | \$75,379 |
| Median Home Value: | \$181,100 |
| Median Rent: | \$1,033 |
| Poverty Rate: | 9.4% |
| Crime Index: | 219.4 |
| US Average is 270.6 (2019, city-data.com) | |

Age Demographics

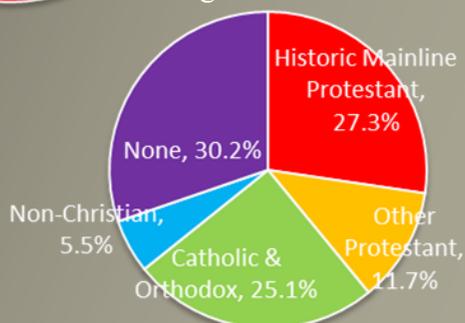
Median age: 35



Racial/Ethnic Diversity



Religious Preference



According to the city's website, "The Crossroads of Mid-America" is not just a catchy phrase for the city of Joliet. A diverse local economy and its access to various modes of transportation, including the largest inland port in North America, have helped with job creation and economic growth. In turn, the economic growth will support the population growth expected over the next ten years.



Unfortunately, only 27% of that growing population identify as Protestant. By planting the first PCA church in Joliet, the Chicago Metro Presbytery hopes, by God's grace, to see that percent increase.

The Presbytery foresees a healthy and growing, self-sustaining and self-governing, local PCA church characterized by vibrant Christ-centered worship, effective ministries of evangelism, mercy, and missions coupled with transformational fellowship and discipleship in Joliet all to the glory of God.



Water Park

The Chicago Metro Presbytery will also have the support of the Midwest Alliance. The desire is to see this first PCA church in Joliet make disciples who will then help to spread the gospel, multiplying praise to God and planting many more churches throughout the region.





Joliet offers 78 community parks encompassing over 1,650 acres which includes an ice arena & waterpark.

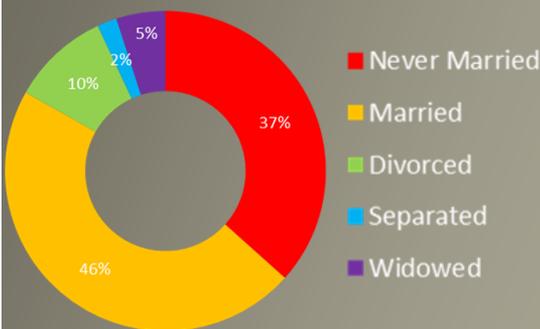
Highlights

White collar workers make up 52% of the workforce.
 30 miles southwest of Chicago.
 Divided between the west side and the east side of the Des Plaines River.
 Home to Harrah's and Hollywood Casinos, the Rialto Theatre, Joliet Area Historical Museum, Chicagoland Speedway, Rt. 66 Raceway and the Inwood, Wedgewood, and Woodruff Golf Courses.

Education

(population over age 25)
 84% High School Grad or higher
 15% Bachelor's Degree
 7% Graduate or Professional

Marital Status



Households with Children

Married Couple 67%
 Single Mom 26%
 Single Dad 7%

Major Employers

Will County Government
 Amita Health St. Joseph Medical Center
 Joliet Public School District
 Joliet Junior College
 Joliet Township High School
 University of St. Francis

Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and cares deeply about relationships
- Desire to put down roots and equip people for ministry
- A strong preacher - Bible is taught clearly, wholly, compellingly, and is applied to life

Support

- The Presbytery will provide prayer, financial, and logistical support to the church planter
- Opportunities for mentoring, internships, and cohort participation for those preparing for church planting

Imagine

A church that leads people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and equips them to give their lives away for the cause of Christ and the glory of God.

A church that actively, intentionally, wisely and faithfully seeks to plant other churches in our community, region and world.

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Most Common Occupations

