



General Information

Evanston and its Government

The City of Evanston is a Home Rule community located in Northeastern Illinois along Lake Michigan. The City is governed by a Council-Manager form of government, which includes a Mayor and nine ward elected Aldermen. The city provides a wide variety of services. These include fire protection, law enforcement, water and sewer utilities, health and human services, recreation, public works, libraries, and community development.

The City of Evanston's 8.0 square miles include over 30,000 housing units for 74,239 residents. Evanston also hosts a top tier institution of higher learning: Northwestern University. In addition, the City is home to several other international and national non-profit and philanthropic organizations.

By combining a high quality of life and close proximity to the City of Chicago and Lake Michigan, Evanston continues to be a highly desirable residential community. The quality of Evanston's earliest neighborhoods has been preserved and enhanced by foresighted planning and zoning. Due to cultural opportunities and flourishing commercial districts, the City of Evanston is increasingly a destination for business and pleasure alike, rather than a purely residential community.

Date of Incorporation	1863	Library Services	
Form of Government	Council – Manager	Library Facilities	3
Geographic Location	On Lake Michigan north of Chicago	Number of Books / Materials	492,448
Immediately		Number of Registered Borrowers	58,999
		Annual Circulation	890,366
Population (2000 Census)	74,239	Recreation Facilities	
Number of Households (2000 Census)	29,651	Number of City-maintained Parks and Playgrounds	75
Number of Housing Units (2000 Census)	30,817	Park Area in Acres	265
Equalized Assessed Valuation (2007)	\$2,772,340,028	Number of Public Swimming Beaches	5
Per Capita Income (2000 Census)	\$33,645	Municipal Parking Utility	
Municipal Services and Facilities		Number of Parking Meters on Streets	1,651
Miles of Streets	147	Number of Parking Lots	38
Miles of Alleys	76	Capacity of Parking Lots	1,919
Miles of Sewers	169	Metered Spaces	686
Number of Street Lights	5,641	Space Rentals and Free Spaces	1,233
Fire Protection		Capacity of Parking Garages	3,283
Number of Firefighters (2006-07)	109	Number of Parking Garages	3
Number of Stations	5	Municipal Water Utility	
Number of Fire Hydrants	1,385	Total Population Served	359,357
I.S.O. Rating	Class 3	Northwest Water Commission	221,597
Police Protection		Evanston	74,360
Number of Sworn Officers (2007-08)	164	Skokie	63,400
Number of School Crossing Guards	38	Miles of Water Mains	156.6
Number of Parking Enforcement Officers	16	Filtration Plant Rated Daily Capacity (gallons)	108,000,000
		Rated Daily Pumping Capacity (gallons)	142,000,000
		Average Daily Pumpage (gallons)	43,000,000