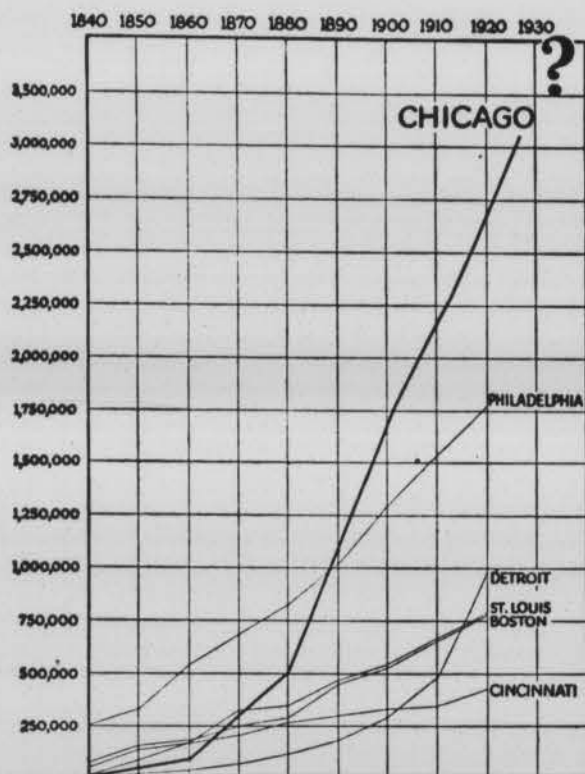


## No. 3 of a Series on 'Metropolitan Chicago

— showing why Metropolitan Chicago has every possibility of becoming the world's foremost metropolitan center—in population as well as in trade importance—and that in a day relatively near. Leading authorities predict fifteen million population for Metropolitan Chicago within a lifetime.

# UNTIL THE CHICAGO FIRE ST. LOUIS WAS LARGER THAN CHICAGO



The above graph illustrates the rapid and steady rate of increase in Chicago's population. It also shows a few of the many cities of the United States which Chicago has passed.

**P**EOPLE living today remember when St. Louis was larger than Chicago. Only 58 years ago, when the population of St. Louis was 310,864, that of Chicago was 298,977. Even as late as 1880, Chicago's population was but half a million.

Today the city of Chicago houses more than three million people, and well in excess of another million live within the metropolitan area. No modern metropolitan center has ever grown so large in so short a civic lifetime. Every year, 'Metropolitan Chicago increases its population by 125,000, or more than the entire population of Albany, New York! Who can say what our population will be in ten years? In twenty?

## Outlying Communities Now Growing at a Rate Three Times as Rapid as Chicago

The Chicago Association of Commerce lists 160 cities and towns within 35 miles of Chicago. Of this number, 44 have a population of 5,000 or more. The following population figures, covering only communities of over 5,000 population, other than Chicago, show at what an astonishing pace the metropolitan area is growing.

Community	Census 1910	Census 1920	Estimated July 1, 1928 (Chicago Association of Commerce)
Aurora	29,807	36,397	46,600
Batavia	4,436	4,395	5,100
Berwyn	5,841	14,150	46,000
Blue Island	8,043	11,424	14,750
Brookfield	2,186	3,589	7,750
Calumet City	4,948	7,492	13,650
Chicago Heights	14,525	19,653	29,325
Cicero	14,557	44,995	68,500
Des Plaines	2,348	3,451	8,800
Downers Grove	2,601	3,543	10,400
East Chicago	19,098	35,967	58,000
Elgin	25,976	27,454	35,500
Elmhurst	2,360	4,594	13,500
Elmwood Park		1,380	7,350
Evanston	24,978	37,234	65,000
Forest Park	6,594	10,768	14,750
Gary	16,802	55,378	102,500
Glencoe	1,899	3,381	5,950
Glen Ellyn	1,763	2,851	7,450
Hammond	20,925	36,004	61,700
Harvey	7,227	9,216	20,100
Highland Park	4,209	6,167	14,500
Hinendale	2,451	4,042	7,450
Hobart	1,753	3,450	5,200
Joliet	34,670	38,442	42,250
La Grange	5,282	6,525	10,400
Lake Forest	3,349	3,657	5,650
Maywood	8,033	12,072	25,500
Melrose Park	4,806	7,147	10,750
Naperville	3,449	3,830	5,075
North Chicago	3,306	5,839	9,200
Oak Park	19,444	39,858	66,500
Park Ridge	2,009	3,383	9,000
River Forest	2,456	4,358	8,200
Riverside	1,702	2,532	6,650
St. Charles	4,045	4,099	5,250
Summit	949	4,019	7,200
Villa Park		854	5,900
Waukegan	16,069	19,226	30,700
Wheaton	3,423	4,137	8,250
Whiting	6,587	10,145	13,750
Wilmette	4,943	7,814	14,000
Winnetka	3,168	6,694	11,300
Zion	4,789	5,580	6,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>357,807</b>	<b>577,186</b>	<b>971,650</b>
Total, all cities and towns in area except Chicago	567,537	820,084	1,257,000

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