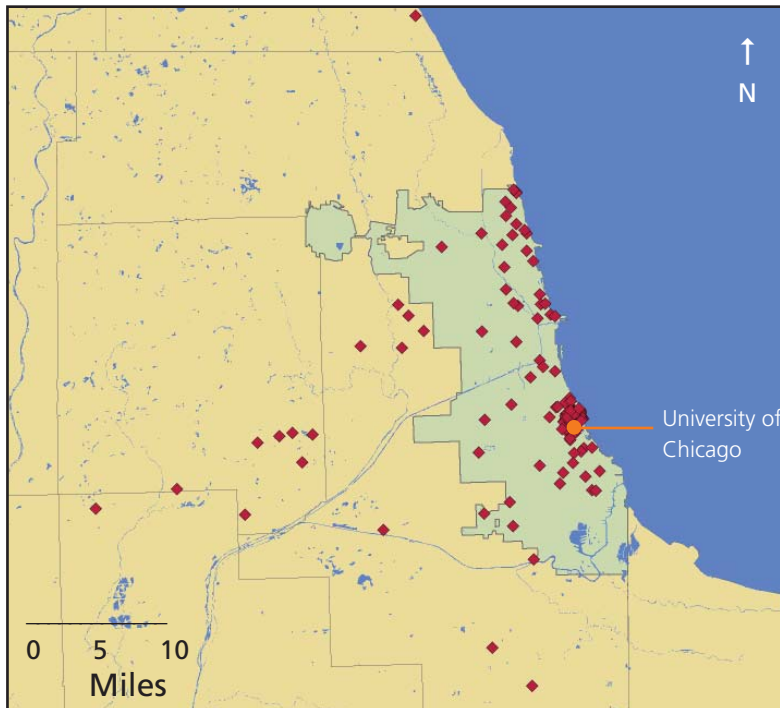


# Employer-assisted housing participants live closer to work

The University of Chicago employer-assisted housing (EAH) program provides down-payment assistance and access to homebuyer education to help employees live near work. From 2003 to 2009, 485 employees received credit counseling and homebuyer education from the nonprofit Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, and **193** bought homes in nearby communities. The 193 homebuyers now overwhelmingly enjoy shorter commutes — by an average of more than 9 miles.

The University of Chicago is one of the 50 employers throughout Illinois actively offer employer-assisted housing benefits to their workers through the MPC-designed EAH program.

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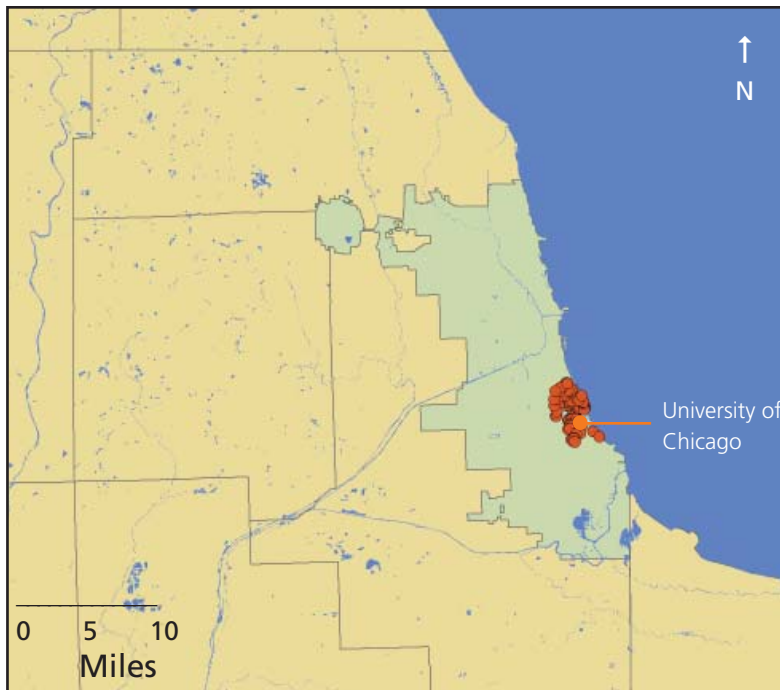


## Then...

In 2003, the homes of the 193 UofC employees were scattered across the metropolitan region.

Average one-way commute distance:  
**6 miles**

Longest one-way commute distance:  
**46 miles**  
(from Naperville)



## Now...

In 2009, the homes of the EAH participants are tightly clustered near the university's Hyde Park campus.

Average one-way commute distance:  
**1.3 miles**

## What's more...

Assuming each worker commutes Monday through Friday, the daily mileage saved is 9.4, which translates to a weekly reduction of 47 miles.

The average yearly savings per automobile (based on U.S. EPA figures) is:

**\$391** per automobile per year

**2,377** pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per automobile per year

Total savings for EAH participants:\*

**\$73,899** per year

**449,253** pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>

\* These are conservative estimates. Many of the participants now walk, bike, or take public transit, so the savings are even greater.