

# LAKE COUNTY UPDATE | 2019 TRANSIT EDITION



## COMMUTING IS FAR FROM ONE DIRECTIONAL

Don't be fooled by the myth that everyone in the suburbs is headed to Chicago for work. For every four Lake County residents that head south for work, three Chicago residents commute to jobs in Lake County. In fact, Lake County trades far more workers with suburban Cook county than with Chicago. For every five Lake County residents who head to suburban Cook County for work, four suburban Cook County residents are working in Lake County. (CMAP)

## LAKE COUNTY DRAWS REVERSE COMMUTERS ABOARD METRA

Metra's Union Pacific North line (UP-N), which runs from Chicago up through the eastern edge of Lake County, boasts more than 9 million riders each year—the third highest ridership of any line in the Metra system. The UP-N also boasts an impressive number of reverse commuters. Seventeen percent of UP-N boardings during weekday morning peaks are reverse commuters, the highest percentage of any line in the Metra system. Building on that pattern, Lake County Partners is working with Metra and a group of employers and local governments to build commuter rail schedule to accommodate similar patterns on the neighboring Milwaukee District North line (MD-N). Despite the fact that its current schedule isn't designed for reverse commuters, fourteen percent of MD-N boardings during the weekday morning peaks are reverse commuters, which indicates a huge potential for increased reverse commuters when the new schedule launches in early 2019. (Metra)

## LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTS SPEND LESS TIME COMMUTING

Roughly 22% of Lake County residents enjoy a sub-15 minute commute—nearly twice the percentage of Chicago residents that have such short commutes. This is in large part due to the fact that nearly 70% of Lake County residents also work in the county, proving that it is a great place to build both a life and a career. (American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2013-2017, Tables B8303 and S0802)

