



# Business Briefs

## Northbrook's Diverse Tax Base Benefits the Entire Community

Northbrook is well known as a wonderful community to live with its safe and attractive residential neighborhoods, award-winning schools and parks, and other outstanding public services. A fact often overlooked is that Northbrook is also a major business center for the northern suburbs.

While Northbrook's population is significantly less than nearby communities such as Evanston and Skokie, we are home to more businesses and employees than either of those communities, and more than any other nearby community.

The graph below compares the population, number of businesses and number of private-sector employees of Northbrook with other nearby communities. Some noteworthy statistics depicted in the graphs include:

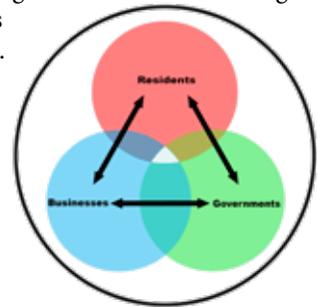
- Northbrook Population (2017 Census Bureau estimate): 33,400
- Number of Businesses in Northbrook (2017): 2,848
- Number of Private-Sector Employees in Northbrook (2017): 48,190

According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Management of Companies and Enterprises (8,752 employees) and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (5,466 employees) accounted for the two largest segments of our local employment base.

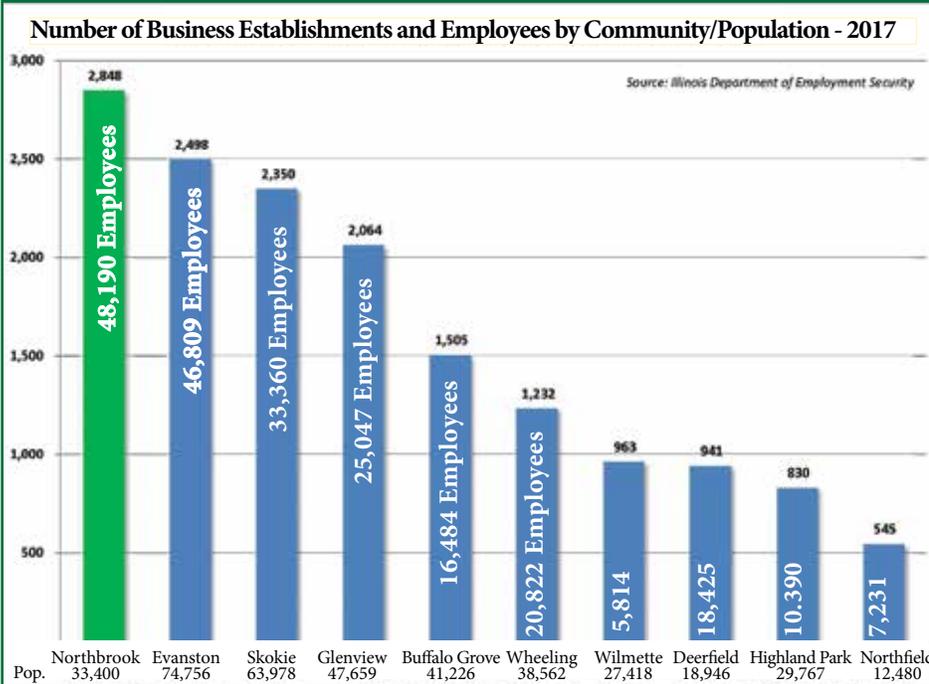
Furthermore, since 1998, the number of private-sector employees in Northbrook has increased from 43,781 in 1998 to 48,190 in 2017 – more than a 10 percent increase.

Having a diverse tax, with a healthy mix of residential and non-residential land uses, is particularly important in funding our public schools, parks, library, public works, and emergency services. The benefit is most clearly seen with our public schools, as businesses do not generate any local school children, but pay the same percentage of their property tax to the local school districts as do our residents. Other communities in the area must rely more heavily on residential property owners to fund their public services. This is a tremendous benefit to the residents of the Village of Northbrook. Retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses to the community is vital to maintaining this benefit.

*This information has been presented at the request of the Village's Economic Development Committee (EDC). The next Village Newsletter will include information on how to read your property tax bill.*



Northbrook Economic Development Committee Sustainable Partnerships Built on Common Ground



### New Businesses

Please welcome the following new businesses to Northbrook:

**Fred Astaire Dance Studio**  
New ownership  
4187 Dundee Road

**Green Nails Lab**  
Northbrook Court

**LifeTime Fitness**  
1100 Skokie Blvd

**Mario's Cart**  
Northbrook Court

**Noggin Builders**  
2nd Northbrook location  
Northbrook Court

**Northbrook Play**  
Northbrook Court

## Earned Sick Leave Ordinance

The Cook County Sick Leave Ordinance (Ordinance 16-4229), which requires employers to provide paid sick days to employees, will go into effect in Northbrook on January 1, 2019. The ordinance establishes a right to paid sick leave for employees of employers in Cook County. Visit Cook County's website at [www.cookcountyil.gov](http://www.cookcountyil.gov) and search "Earned Sick Leave" for more information.