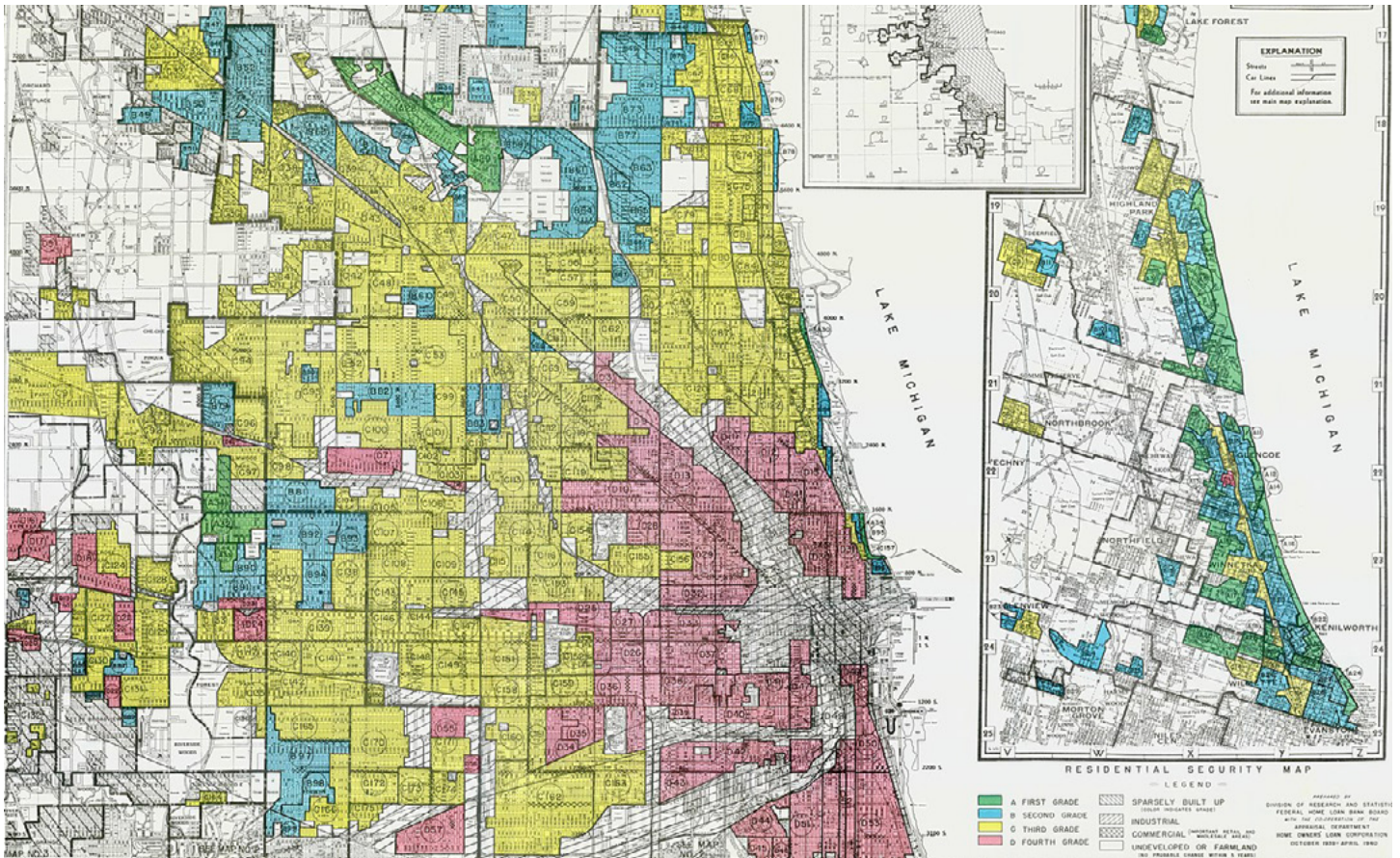


Chicago's Original Sin: Resources on Segregation

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A 1930s-era Home Owners' Loan Corporation (HOLC) map of Chicago, where [redlining](#) is on full display

Chicago is one of the most segregated cities in America. In 2023. Although we proudly celebrate this "city of neighborhoods," the lines that truly divide the 77 wards and communities are deeper and darker than any on the map.

Segregation is the original sin that spawns the crime, violence, and inequity we live with today. But how did we get here since there are few if any laws remaining on the books that detail or decree it? Here are three articles that explain the history and architecture of this divided city, and the long tail of its impact on us today.

[How Did Chicago Become So Segregated? By Inventing Modern Segregation](#)

by Heather Cherone, WTTW News

[Chicago's Awful Divide](#)

by Alana Semuels, The Atlantic

[Chicago's Decades of Segregation Feed South and West Side Hardships](#)

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