



## ChiWriMo Final Facts & Figures

For purposes of the information below, **affiliated** includes anyone who joined the *Illinois::Chicago* region to receive newsletters and ChiWriMo correspondence, **homed** means that a writer actively logged onto the site during the participation year regardless of active participation and set *Illinois::Chicago* as his/her home region, and **active** means that someone not only set Chicago as home region, but also participated during that particular competition year (actively updating his/her word count at least once during the competition month). **Affiliated** includes writers from other regions who also affiliated with Chicago - such as our Naperville counterparts who like to read our regional emails (hence the large discrepancy in numbers between affiliated and homed).

### 2009 Fact & Figures

Number of affiliated writers= **2,397**

Number of Chicago-homed writers out of that = **1,248 (52% of affiliated)**

Number of active Chicago writers = **927 (74% of homed, 39% of affiliated)**

Total region-homed regional wordcount = **27,285,325 (Ranked #6 on the Global Word Count Scoreboard)**

Average wordcount (homed) = **21,863**

Average wordcount (active) = **29,434**

Number of winners = **303 (33% of active, 24% of homed)**

2009 First Time NaNoWriMo writers in Chicago: **599 (48% of homed)**

During NaNoWriMo 2009, Chicago writers raised **\$4,445** for the Office of Letters and Light\*, the non-profit organization that operates National Novel Writing Month. Chicago placed 8<sup>th</sup> globally in terms of donation size.

### 2008 Fact & Figures

Number of affiliated writers= **2,313**

Number of Chicago-homed writers out of that = **890 (38% of affiliated)**

Number of active Chicago writers = **593 (67% of homed, 26% of affiliated)**

Total region-homed regional wordcount = **17,693,810 (Ranked #6 on the Global Word Count Scoreboard)**

Average wordcount (homed) = **19,981**

Average wordcount (active) = **29,838**

Number of winners = **239 (40% of active, 27% of homed)**

During NaNoWriMo 2008, Chicago writers raised **\$2,200** for the Office of Letters and Light\*, the non-profit organization that operates National Novel Writing Month. Chicago placed 10<sup>th</sup> globally in terms of donation size.

*\*All donations to the Office of Letters and Light go toward the costs of operating National Novel Writing Month – a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Oakland, California.*