

Mid-Century Two-Flat



The mid-century two-flat is a continuation of Chicago's earlier woodframe and brick "two-flat" small-scale multi-unit apartment buildings. After World War II, a minimalist exterior style became popular when building materials were limited. The simplified rectangular box with low-pitched roof was economical to build.

Thousands of mid-century two-flats were built by numerous builders in Chicago's outlying northwest and southwest neighborhoods and first-ring suburbs from the 1950s to early 1970s, and even into the 1990s.











