

## Neighborhood Profile

# Corlett: A Principal Connection

By Terry Lenahan

The Village of Corlett was originally part of Newburgh and Warrensville Townships, and was annexed to the City of Cleveland in 1909. Development in Corlett focused around the intersection of East 131st Street and Miles Avenue. Most of the current buildings along East 131st Street date from the 1920s when the neighborhood experienced its most rapid development. Czech immigrants built Sokol Tyrns Hall in 1926 for recreational and educational purposes. The Corlett School, built in 1915, was named for Irish settlers Eliza and Harriet Corlett, both principals in the Cleveland Public Schools in the 1890s. The neighborhood may also have been named after them.

Although World War I effectively ended large-scale European immigration, the city's need for workers continued during much of this time, particularly during the war and before the Depression. The population in this neighborhood jumped 1,570 percent between 1920 and 1930, from 1,200 to 20,000.

Corlett SPA is bordered by Mt. Pleasant to the north, Lee-Miles to the east, and Union-Miles to the west, and the city of Garfield Heights to the south. East 131st Street is the north-south axis; Miles Avenue intersects it in the southern part of the neighborhood.

In 1960, African Americans comprised less than 10 percent of Corlett's population. By 2000, the racial makeup was nearly 100 percent African American. Nearly 60 percent of Corlett families were headed by females and almost one-third of the residents were younger than age 18. Aging housing stock, declining employment in the steel industry, and the exodus of many middle-income families have taken their toll on the neighborhood.

In 2000, educational attainment and the percentage in the labor force were lower in this neighborhood than in

Cleveland overall. However, rates were also lower for persons below poverty level, low-income senior households, and public safety incidents, such as delinquency and property crimes.

Corlett's average residential housing values in 2004 were \$57,700, \$5,200 less than in Cleveland overall. The median age of housing is 81 years, less than Cleveland's median of 86 years.

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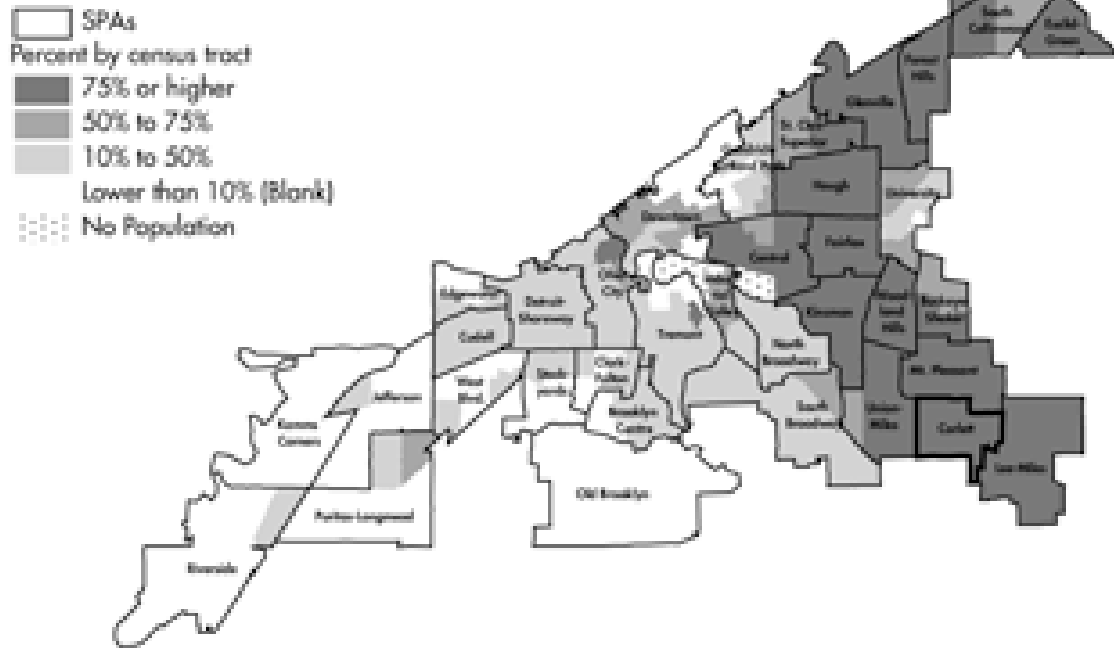


## Corlett Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland, Suburbs, and Cuyahoga County

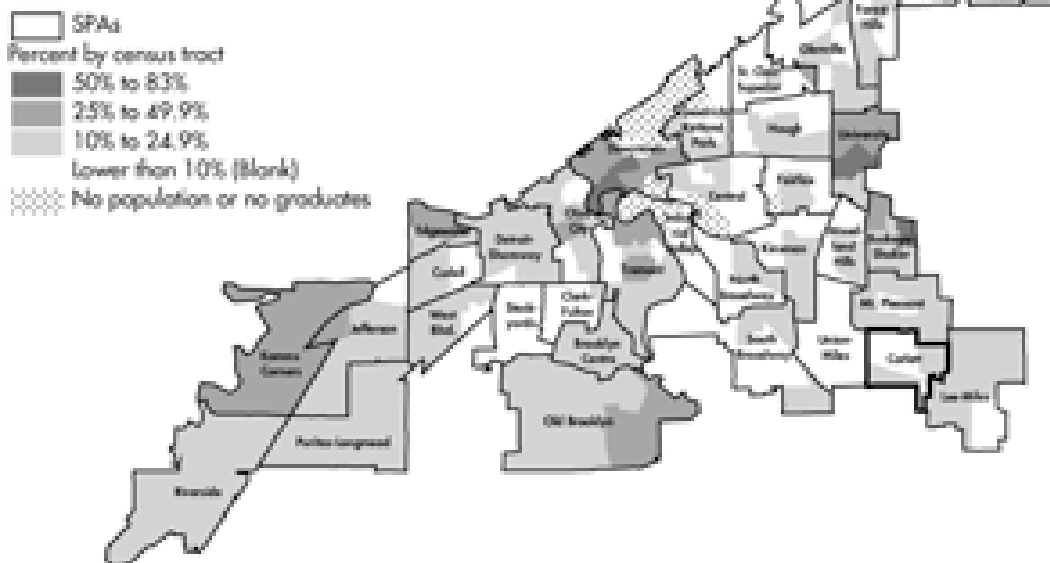
	Corlett SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
<b>Community Demographics</b>				
Population Trends (1,000s)				
1980	18.5	572.8	925.5	1,498.3
1990	16.8	505.6	906.5	1,412.1
2000	15.4	478.4	915.6	1,394.0
Percent Change				
1980 to 1990	-9.3	-11.7	-2.0	-5.8
1990 to 2000	-8.5	-5.4	1.0	-1.3
1980 to 2000	-16.9	-16.5	-1.1	-7.0
Racial Group Percentage Distribution				
One Race				
White	1.0	41.5	80.9	67.4
Black	97.5	51.0	15.1	27.4
Asian	0.1	1.3	2.1	1.8
Other	0.4	3.9	0.5	1.7
Two or More Races	1.1	2.2	1.4	1.7
Percent Hispanic Ethnicity	0.8	7.3	1.3	3.4
Age Group Percentage Distribution				
Less Than Age 18	30.2	28.5	23.1	25.0
Ages 18 to 64	55.3	59.0	59.7	59.5
Ages 65 and Over	14.4	12.5	17.2	15.6
<b>Socioeconomic Characteristics</b>				
Educational Attainment Percentages, Population 25 and Over				
High School Graduate or More	69.1	69.0	87.5	81.6
Associate's Degree or More	10.9	15.8	37.2	30.4
Percent in Civilian Labor Force (Age 16 and Over)	53.7	57.3	65.0	62.4
Percent Persons below Federal Poverty Level	19.5	26.3	6.3	13.1
Percent Households Ages 65 and Over with Income Less than \$15,000	31.9	40.2	22.5	27.6
Percent Medicaid Recipients, July 2005 <sup>1</sup>				
Of Total Population	32.0	32.7	10.6	18.1
Of Ages 65 and Over Population	5.2	12.0	5.3	7.1
<b>Children and Families</b>				
Births, 1996 to 2001 Average Annual				
To Females Ages 15 to 44	246	8,387	10,548	18,935
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 44	72.0	76.0	55.5	63.1
To Females Ages 15 to 17	22	634	257	891
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 17	62.2	66.1	14.4	32.5
Child Maltreatment Cases, 2003				
Total	124	4,625	2,106	6,731
Per 1,000 Children Less than 18 <sup>1</sup>	26.9	34.3	10.2	19.8
Percent Female-Headed Families with Children	58.9	52.3	22.4	33.4

# Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

## Percent African American, 2000



## Percent of Population 25 and over with an Associate Degree or Higher, 2000



## Corlett Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County

	Corlett SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
<b>Health</b>				
Low-Weight Births, 1996 to 2001				
Average Annual	35	964	770	1,725
Per 100 Births	14.2	11.5	7.3	9.1
Infant Deaths, 1997 to 2001 <sup>2</sup>				
Average Annual	3	109	71	180
Per 1,000 Births	12.8	13.2	6.8	9.6
HIV/AIDS Prevalence per 100,000 Persons, 2002 <sup>3</sup>				
Living AIDS Cases	169.0	242.9	55.9	120.1
Living HIV/AIDS Cases	260.0	383.6	78.4	183.1
Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Persons, 1997 to 2001 Average <sup>2</sup>				
All Causes	978.7	1,142.6	830.3	932.2
Heart Disease	333.0	394.8	288.5	322.4
Coronary Heart Disease	260.8	307.9	222.1	249.2
All Cancer	253.2	260.7	205.2	222.5
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Per 1,000 Juveniles Ages 10 to 17, 2004 <sup>4</sup>				
Violent Delinquency Cases	26.6	39.1	14.7	24.0
Property Delinquency Cases	28.7	33.4	18.5	24.2
Per 1,000 Residents, 2004 and 1999 <sup>5</sup>				
Property Crimes	37.3	59.2	26.8	37.9
<b>Housing</b>				
Percent Renters	33.2	51.5	29.5	36.8
Percent Tax Delinquent Residential Parcels, 2004	14.0	10.4	3.5	5.6
Percent Vacant	7.0	11.7	5.0	7.4
Value of Residential Housing Parcels, 2004 (\$1,000s)	\$57.7	\$62.9	\$149.6	\$124.4
Median Age in Years <sup>6</sup>	81	86	49	56
<b>City/County Data</b>				
Unemployment Rate, March 2006 <sup>7</sup>	n/a	6.7	n/a	5.2

**Note:** Data are for year 2000 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup>Using 2005 population estimates (Medicaid Recipients) and 2003 population estimates (Child Maltreatment) based on 2000 census to calculate rates; <sup>2</sup>Excludes 1998 data due to problems with data coding; <sup>3</sup>2002 living HIV and AIDS cases, using 2000 census total population to calculate rates; <sup>4</sup>Based on residence of juvenile; Using 2003 population estimates based on 2000 census to calculate rates; <sup>5</sup>2003 data for Cleveland and SPAs (using 2003 population estimates based on 2000 census), 1999 data for All Suburbs and Cuyahoga County (reporting municipalities only, excludes 12 east-side and 7 west-side municipalities); <sup>6</sup>In 2006, based on 2004 Cuyahoga County Auditor Records; <sup>7</sup>Not available at the SPA or All Suburbs level

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