

Neighborhood Profile

Edgewater: Location, Location, Location

By Terry Lenahan

Edgewater is a residential west-side neighborhood along Lake Erie's shoreline. Areas north of Detroit Avenue were farmland in the 1870s. By the 1890s, the farms gave way to residential estates for many of Cleveland's wealthiest citizens, including industrialist Marcus Hanna. Most of the estates were subdivided into smaller parcels by 1920. Although only a few remnants of the old estates still exist, the houses that replaced them still form the largest concentration of higher-priced housing found in Cleveland. The Children's Aid Society and the Eliza Jennings Home (founded by the YWCA to treat indigent and incurably ill women) occupied land on Detroit Avenue donated from the Jennings estate. The Children's Aid Society is still a part of the Edgewater neighborhood today. Edgewater is also bounded by the City of Lakewood and West 117th Street to the west, and the Detroit-Shoreway and Cudell SPAs to the east and south.

In the early twentieth century, modest housing was built near the industries located along the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern rail lines, near Detroit Avenue and Baltic Road. Also during this time, many apartment buildings appeared along Detroit and Clifton Avenues, to be followed by more apartments along Lake Avenue and West Boulevard. Three-fourths of Edgewater's residents rented their homes in 2000, compared to about half that rented in Cleveland. The median age of housing is 82 years. The percentage of tax delinquent land parcels is lower than in Cleveland overall.

Edgewater's population in the 2000 census was 8,600, a 10 percent loss since 1980. Its population is 74 percent white, 16 percent African-American, and 3 percent Asian.

The Edgewater SPA can boast the highest percentage of residents with an associate's degree or higher compared to all other SPAs in Cleveland. Its 35-percent rate is even higher than Cuyahoga County's av-

erage of 30 percent. The percentage of high school graduates is also higher than Cleveland, and equals the county rate of 81 percent.

But this neighborhood also has a higher percentage of older, poorer residents compared to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Twenty-two percent of this age group receives Medicaid assistance, compared to 11 percent in Cleveland and 7 percent in Cuyahoga County.

Edgewater had the highest rate of persons living with AIDS or HIV of any SPA in Cleveland or municipality in Cuyahoga County in 2001. It also had a higher percentage of persons ages 18 to 64 living there, and a corresponding lower percentage of persons younger than age 18, compared to Cleveland and the county. Edgewater's percent of female heads of households with children was one-third of Cleveland's (9 percent to 27 percent, respectively).

More information is available in our Social Indicators series: Children and Families, Community Health, Older Persons, Housing, and Public Safety. The reports are available for free from our Website, www.fcp.org, as are previous Planning & Action neighborhood profiles. For more information, contact Terry Lenahan at (216) 781-2944, ext. 101 (tlenahan@fcp.org). ■

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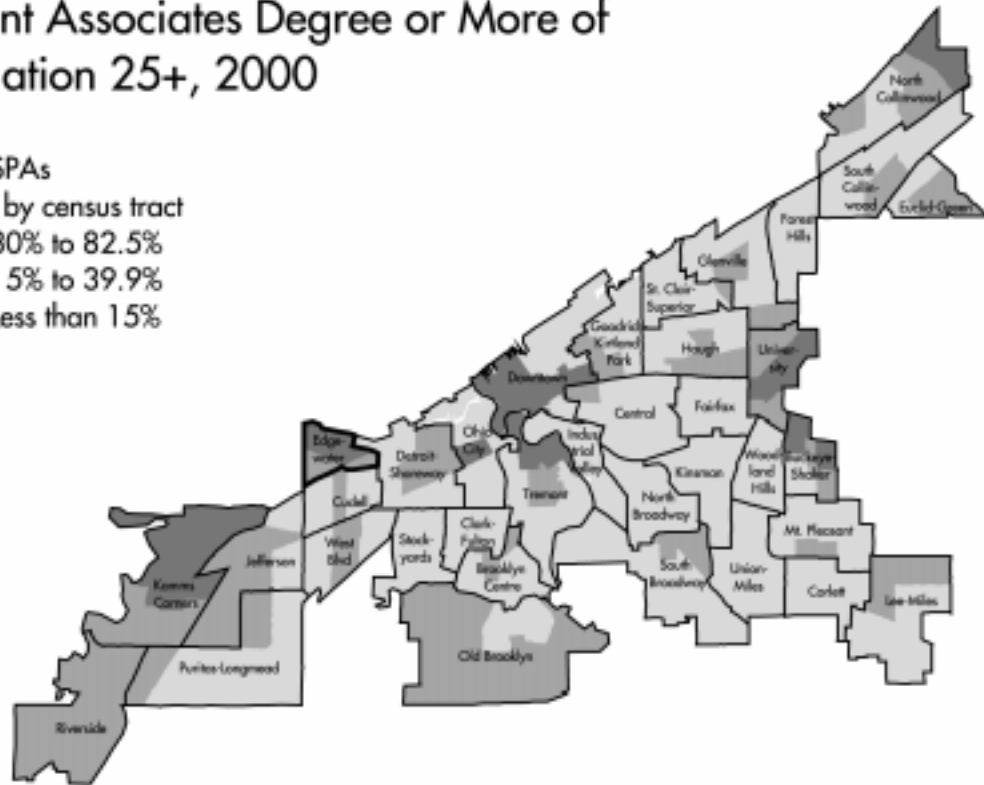
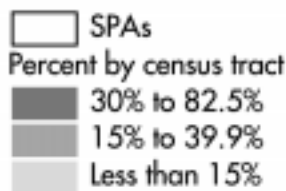
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Edgewater Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County

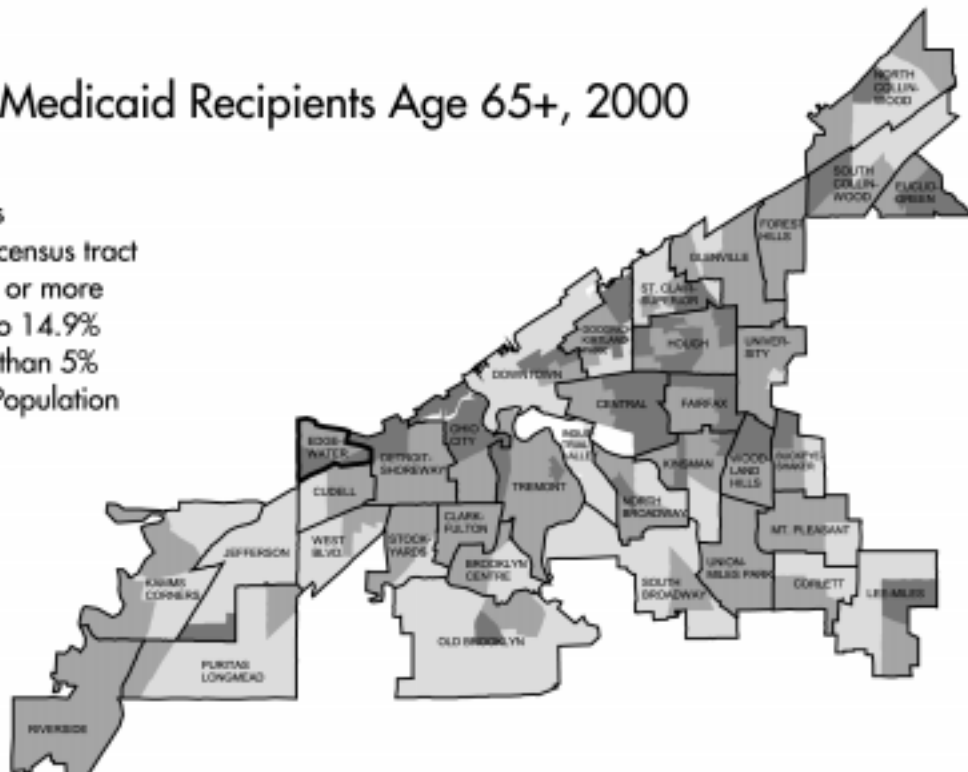
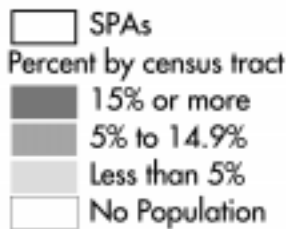
	Edgewater SPA	Cleveland	Cuyahoga County
Community Demographics			
Population Trends (1000s)			
1980	9.6	572.8	1498.3
1990	8.9	505.8	1412.1
2000	8.6	478.4	1394.0
Percent Change 1980 to 1990	-8.0	-11.7	-5.8
Percent Change 1990 to 2000	-3.3	-5.4	-1.3
Racial Group Percentage Distribution			
One Race			
White	74.2	41.5	67.4
Black	15.9	51.0	27.4
Asian	2.7	1.3	1.8
Other	3.5	3.9	1.7
Two or More Races	3.7	2.2	1.7
Percent Hispanic Ethnicity	7.3	7.3	3.4
Age Group Percentage Distribution			
Less Than Age 18	15.5	28.5	25.0
Ages 18 to 64	71.5	59.0	59.5
Age 65 and Older	13.0	12.5	15.6
Average Household Size			
	1.8	2.5	2.4
Socioeconomic Characteristics			
Educational Attainment Percentages, Population 25 and Older			
High School Graduate or More	81.3	69.0	81.6
Associate's Degree or More	35.1	15.8	30.4
Percent Below Federal Poverty Level	18.3	26.3	13.1
Percent Households Age 65+ with Income Less than \$15,000	38.5	40.2	27.6
Percent Medicaid Recipients, April 2002			
Of Total Population	26.1	32.2	17.0
Of Age 65 and Older Population	22.1	10.7	6.5
Children and Families			
Births			
To Females Age 15-44	116	8,007	18,841
Per 1,000 Females Age 15-44	54.7	73.5	63.6
Child Maltreatment Cases			
Total	64	6,695	9,526
Per 1,000 Children Less Than 18	48.1	49.1	24.4
Female Head of Household with Children	9.4	26.5	15.7

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Percent Associates Degree or More of Population 25+, 2000



Percent Medicaid Recipients Age 65+, 2000



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	Edgewater SPA	Cleveland	Cuyahoga County
Health			
Low-Weight Births	8	896	1,701
Low-Weight Births per 100 Births	7	11.1	9.4
Infant Deaths	0	105	178
Infant Deaths per 1,000 Births	0	1.3	9
AIDS/HIV Cases per 10,000 Persons, 2001			
Living AIDS Cases	96.8	21.8	11.2
Living HIV Cases	36.2	13.1	6.5
Total Living AIDS/HIV Cases	133.0	34.9	17.7
Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Persons, 1994-1998 Averages			
All Causes	1,030	1,056	957
Heart Disease	354	365	335
Coronary Heart Disease	278	284	260
All Cancer	202	249	231
Public Safety Per 1,000 Residents, 1999			
Drug Abuse Offenses	11.1	18.5	8.3*
Property Crimes	51.8	57.6	37.9*
Housing			
Percent Renters	75.0	51.5	36.8
Percent Tax Delinquent Parcels	10.2	18.1	9.7
Median Age in Years	82	82	52
City/County Data			
Unemployment Rate, November 2002	n/a**	5.7	5.8

*Reporting municipalities only (excludes 12 east-side and 7 west-side municipalities)

** Not available at the SPA level

Note: Data are for year 2000 unless otherwise stated.

Sources:

Center on Urban Poverty & Social Change, CWRU, using CAN DO, data from:

Cuyahoga County Dept. of Children & Family Services (*Children & Families: Child Maltreatment*)

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court (*Public Safety: Violent Delinquency, Property Delinquency*)

ODH Vital Statistics Division (*Children & Families: Births; Health: Low-Weight Births, Infant Deaths*)

ODJFS monthly case and individual extract files from CRIS-E (*Socioeconomic Characteristics: Medicaid Recipients*)

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FBI Uniform Crime Reports (*Public Safety: Property Crimes*)

Cleveland Department of Public Health, Office of Biostatistics (*Health: AIDS/HIV Rates*)

Claritas (*Socioeconomic Characteristics: Medicaid Recipients; Children & Families: Birth Rates; Health: Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates*)

Levin College of Urban Affairs, CSU, data from Cuyahoga County Auditor tax billing data files (*Housing: Tax Delinquency, Median Age*)

Ohio Dept. of Health Statistical Analysis Unit, death certificate files (*Health: Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates*)

Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services Internet Website: www.state.oh.us/odhfs/ (*City/County Data: Unemployment Rate*)

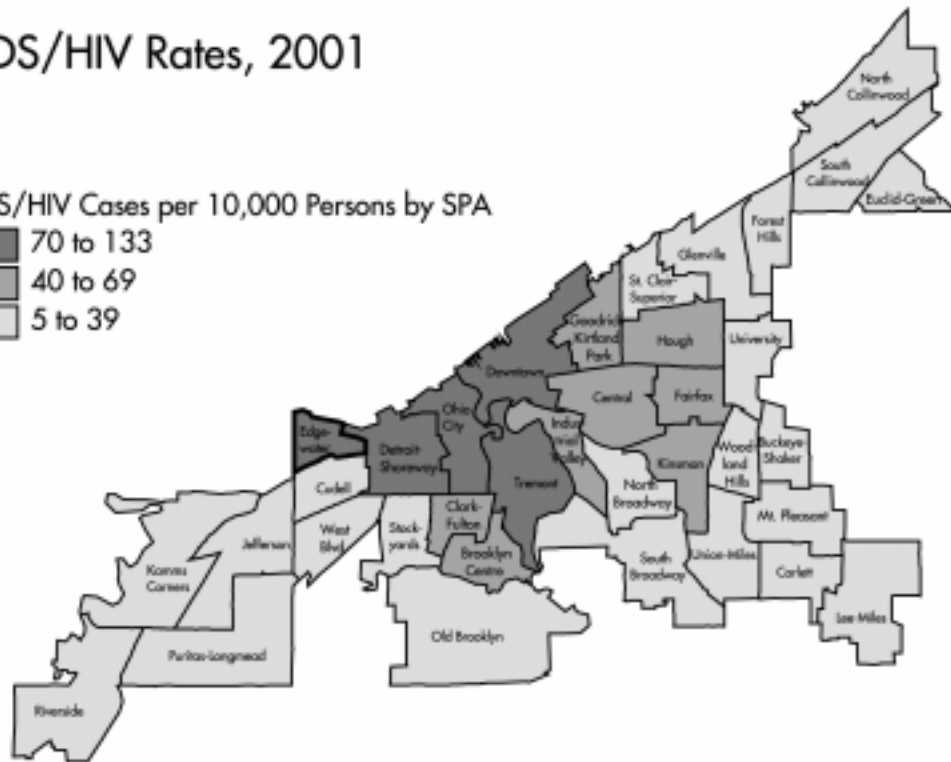
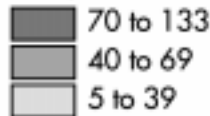
U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, 100-Percent Data (*Community Demographics: All; Socioeconomic Characteristics:*

Educational Attainment, Federal Poverty Level; Children & Families: Child Maltreatment Rates, Female Head of Household with Children; Housing: Renters)

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AIDS/HIV Rates, 2001

AIDS/HIV Cases per 10,000 Persons by SPA



Percent Renters, 2000

