

Neighborhood Profile

Goodrich-Kirtland Park: Small but Diverse

By Terry Lenahan

Goodrich-Kirtland Park (also known as Payne-Sterling) is an older near-east side neighborhood that reflects the early development of the city when residents walked to their jobs and to church. Industries developed north of St. Clair along the rail lines parallel to Lake Erie. These industries attracted Slovenian, Lithuanian, Croatian, German, Irish, and Polish immigrants.

Irish settlers built Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in the Goodrich-Kirtland Park neighborhood in 1873 at East 41st Street and Superior Avenue. The Croatian community built St. Paul Catholic Church at East 40th Street and St. Clair Avenue in 1904 and St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church at East 34th Street and Superior Avenue in 1913. Goodrich-Kirtland Park is bordered by East 55th Street to the east, I-90 to the west and north, Lake Erie to the north, and Euclid Avenue to the south.

The Goodrich Gannett Neighborhood Center, operating since 1914, has programs for older persons, youth, and families in the Goodrich-Kirtland Park and St. Clair-Superior neighborhoods. Asia Plaza, located at East 30th Street and Payne Avenue, was built in 1991. Its Chinese restaurant, health care facility, and specialty goods stores are popular with the growing Asian community. Chinese and Korean restaurants are also located next to Asia Plaza.

Goodrich-Kirtland Park's population peaked at over 29,000 in 1910. Over the years, some residential areas were replaced by industrial and commercial sites. In the 2000 census, 4,300 residents were counted. This represented a loss of one-fourth of its already-small population since 1980. Its diverse population is 47 percent white, 26 percent Asian, and 17 percent African-American. Thirteen percent are of Hispanic ethnicity.

This neighborhood has a higher percentage of older, poorer residents compared to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Sixteen percent of this age group receives Medicaid assistance, compared to 10 percent in Cleveland and 6 percent in Cuyahoga County.

Goodrich-Kirtland Park had the highest property crime rate of any SPA or municipality in Cuyahoga County in 1999. On the positive side, its drug offense rate is lower than the county rate and one-third of Cleveland's average rate.

Over two-thirds of its residents rented their homes in 2000, compared to about half that rented in Cleveland. The median age of housing is 112 years. The percentage of tax delinquent parcels is lower than in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.

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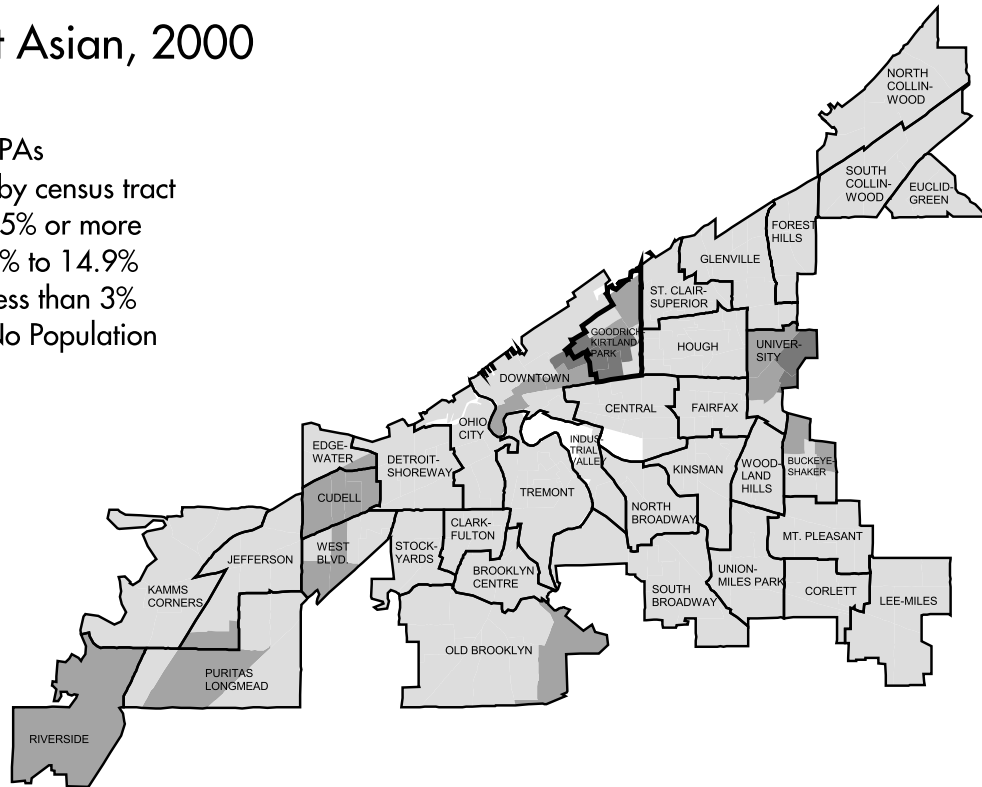
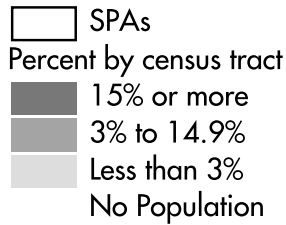
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Goodrich-Kirtland Park Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County

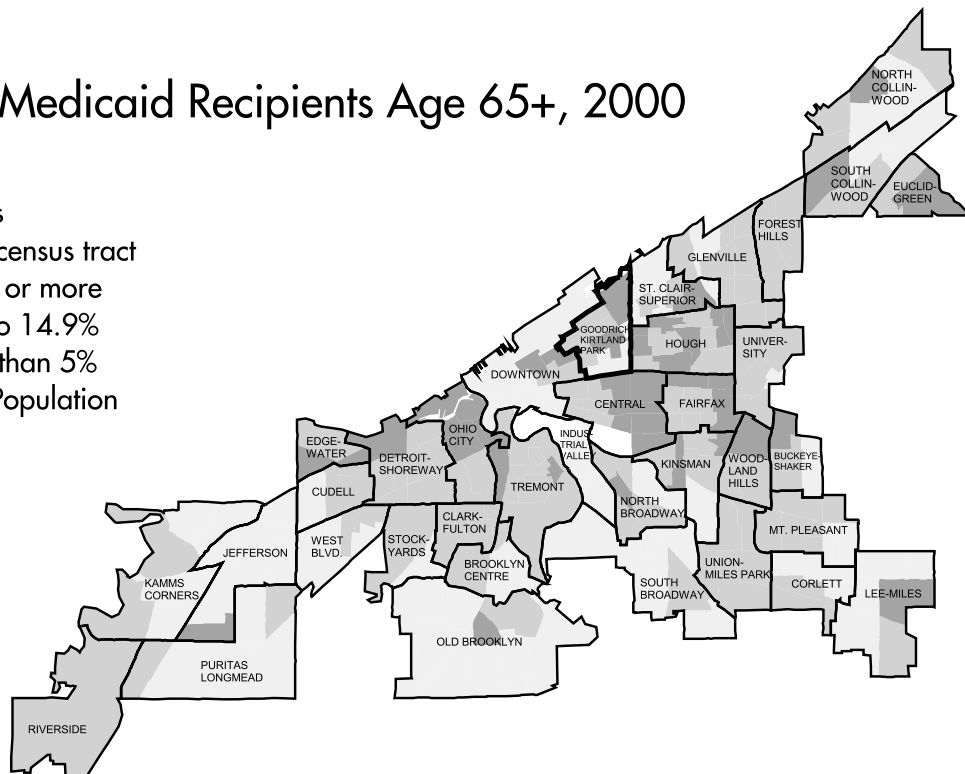
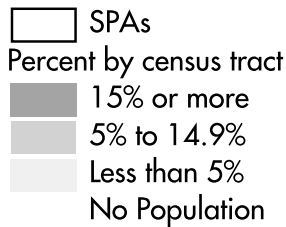
| | Goodrich- Kirtland Park SPA | Cleveland | Cuyahoga County |
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| Community Demographics | | | |
| Population Trends (1000s) | | | |
| 1980 | 5.7 | 572.8 | 1498.3 |
| 1990 | 4.5 | 505.8 | 1412.1 |
| 2000 | 4.3 | 478.4 | 1394.0 |
| Percent Change 1980 to 1990 | -21.5 | -11.7 | -5.8 |
| Percent Change 1990 to 2000 | -4.7 | -5.4 | -1.3 |
| Racial Group Percentage Distribution | | | |
| One Race | | | |
| White | 46.5 | 41.5 | 67.4 |
| Black | 17.4 | 51.0 | 27.4 |
| Asian | 25.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| Other | 7.1 | 3.9 | 1.7 |
| Two or More Races | 3.1 | 2.2 | 1.7 |
| Percent Hispanic Ethnicity | 12.6 | 7.3 | 3.4 |
| Age Group Percentage Distribution | | | |
| Less Than Age 18 | 21.8 | 28.5 | 25.0 |
| Ages 18 to 64 | 61.9 | 59.0 | 59.5 |
| Age 65 and Older | 16.4 | 12.5 | 15.6 |
| Average Household Size | | | |
| | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| Socioeconomic Characteristics | | | |
| Educational Attainment Percentages, Population 25 and Older | | | |
| High School Graduate or More | 50.7 | 69.0 | 81.6 |
| Associate's Degree or More | 9.9 | 15.8 | 30.4 |
| Percent Below Federal Poverty Level | | | |
| Age 0-64 | 26.7 | 24.2 | 11.7 |
| Age 65+ | 3.3 | 2.1 | 1.4 |
| Percent Medicaid Recipients | | | |
| Of Total Population | 22.4 | 26.7 | 13.7 |
| Of Age 65 and Older Population | 16.3 | 9.6 | 6.0 |
| Children and Families | | | |
| Births | | | |
| To Females Age 15-44 | 64 | 8,007 | 18,841 |
| Per 1,000 Females Age 15-44 | 77.8 | 74.9 | 66.4 |
| Births, 1997 | | | |
| To Females Age 10-17 | 6 | 732 | 1,033 |
| Per 1,000 Females Age 10-17 | 25.8 | 24.9 | 14.3 |
| Child Maltreatment Cases | | | |
| Total | 94 | 5,975 | 8,589 |
| Per 1,000 Children Less Than 18 | 100.6 | 43.8 | 24.7 |
| Percent Female Head of Household With Children | | | |
| | 15.2 | 26.5 | 15.7 |

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Percent Asian, 2000



Percent Medicaid Recipients Age 65+, 2000



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| | Goodrich- Kirtland Park SPA | Cleveland | Cuyahoga County |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Health | | | |
| Low-Weight Births | 3 | 896 | 1,701 |
| Low-Weight Births per 100 Births | 4.7 | 11.1 | 9.4 |
| Infant Deaths, 1997 | 0 | 126 | 206 |
| Infant Deaths per 1,000 Births, 1997 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 10.8 |
| AIDS/HIV Cases per 10,000 Persons, 2001 | | | |
| Living AIDS Cases | 32.6 | 21.8 | 11.2 |
| Living HIV Cases | 21.0 | 13.1 | 6.5 |
| Total Living AIDS/HIV Cases | 53.6 | 34.9 | 17.7 |
| Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Persons, 1994-1998 Averages | | | |
| All Causes | 1,041 | 1,056 | 957 |
| Heart Disease | 384 | 365 | 335 |
| Coronary Heart Disease | 322 | 284 | 260 |
| All Cancer | 212 | 249 | 231 |
| Public Safety | | | |
| Per 1,000 Residents, 1999 | | | |
| Property Crimes | 127.9 | 57.6 | 37.9* |
| Drug Offenses | 5.8 | 18.5 | 8.3* |
| Housing | | | |
| Percent Renters | 68.8 | 51.5 | 36.8 |
| Percent Tax Delinquent Parcels | 15.4 | 18.1 | 9.7 |
| Median Age in Years | 112 | 82 | 52 |
| City/County Data | | | |
| Unemployment Rate, September, 2002 | n/a** | 12.1 | 6.4 |

*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*)

Center on Urban Poverty & Social Change, CWRU, data from Cleveland Division of Police; Cuyahoga Regional Information System;

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*)

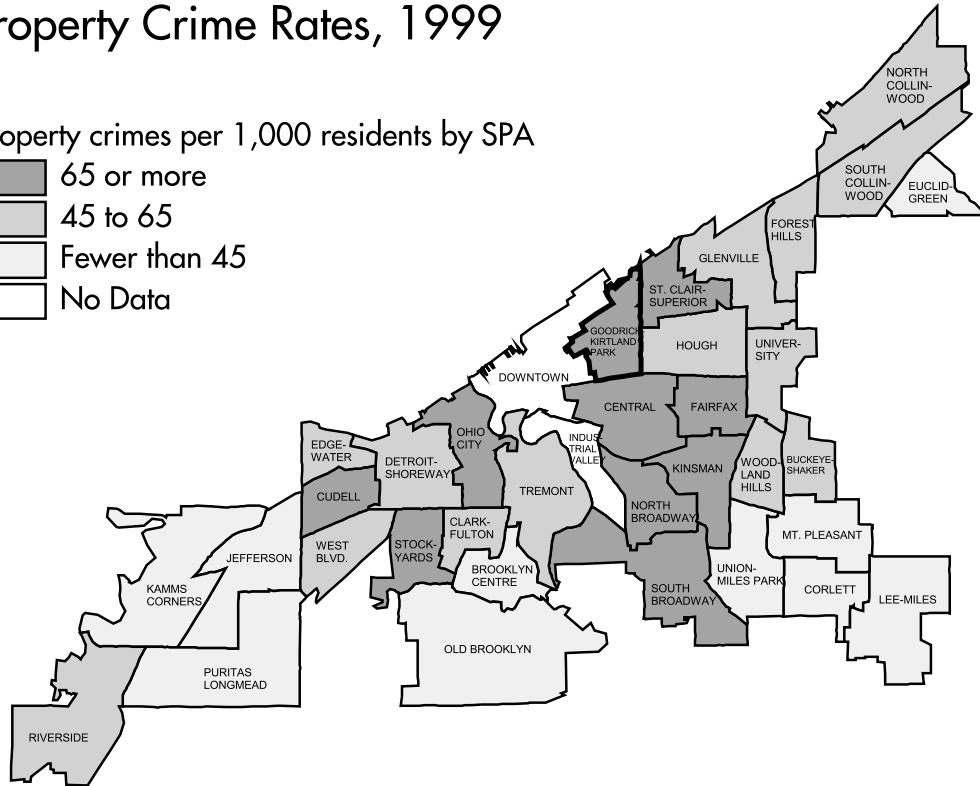
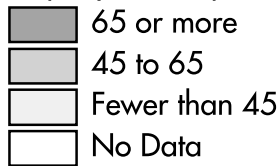
U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, 100-Percent Data (*Community Demographics: All; Socioeconomic Characteristics:*

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

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Property Crime Rates, 1999

Property crimes per 1,000 residents by SPA



Percent Renters, 2000

