

Neighborhood Profile

Hough: A History of Highs and Lows

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Hough was once a part of the Village of East Cleveland, but was incorporated into Cleveland in 1872. Around this time, Euclid Avenue, on Hough's southern border, became known as "Millionaire's Row," where families with well-known names such as Bolton, Severance, Warner, and Swasey lived. Laurel and University schools were once located here, as was League Park, Cleveland's major league baseball park from 1891 until 1946.

Hough's decline began in the 1930s, during the Great Depression. This homeowner community became a neighborhood of low-income renters due to the displacement of many African-Americans from urban renewal and freeway construction. Thirty years later, worsening living conditions and unemployment erupted into the 1966 Hough riots, which were part of a national pattern of racial tension and frustration.

This east-side neighborhood is bordered by St. Clair-Superior, Glenville, University, Fairfax, Central, and Goodrich-Kirtland Park SPAs. Hough is bounded by East 55th to the west, Euclid Avenue to the south, East 105th to the east, and Superior Avenue to the north.

Hough has lost 36 percent of its residents since 1980, compared to a 17 percent decline in Cleveland overall. Twenty-one percent of housing in this neighborhood was vacant in 2000, nearly double Cleveland's rate. But signs of rebirth are evident in the recent construction of stately single-family homes and the Lexington Village townhouse complex at E. 79th and Hough, and the new Church Square shopping center at East 79th and Euclid.

African-Americans comprised 96 percent of Hough's residents in 2000. Forty-one percent of all Hough residents had incomes below the poverty level, 15 percentage points higher than in Cleveland overall. The proportion of persons 65 and over was slightly higher than in Cleveland. Thirty-five percent of Hough's older residents had incomes below the poverty level in 1999 (\$7,990 for one person 65 and over, \$10,075 for two persons 65 and over)

and another 32 percent were near poverty (with incomes between 100 percent and 200 percent of poverty). Sixty percent of these older residents had incomes below \$15,000, 20 percentage points higher than in Cleveland.

Female-headed families with children comprised 70 percent of Hough's families in 2000. Fifty-nine percent of these female-headed families had incomes below the poverty level in 2000, an improvement since 1990 when 77 percent lived in poverty. Females ages 15 to 17 had an average of 35 births per year between 1996 and 2001, for a rate of 92 births per 1,000 females ages 15 to 17, compared to 66 in Cleveland overall and 14 in the suburbs.

Consistent with the high poverty levels, nearly three of every four Hough residents rented their homes. In 2001, their homeowners' tax delinquency rate was double that of Cleveland, 16 percent to 8 percent, respectively. The median age of housing is 104 years, twenty years more than Cleveland's median age.

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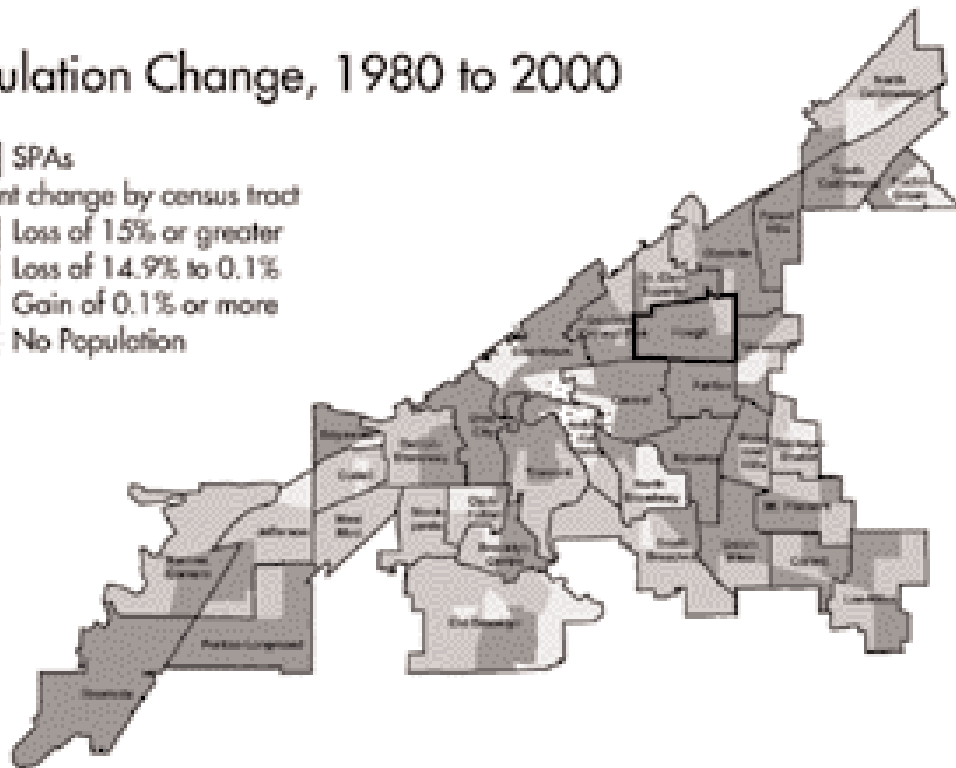
Hough Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland, Suburbs, and Cuyahoga County

	Hough SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
Community Demographics				
Population Trends (1,000s)				
1980	25.6	572.8	925.5	1,498.3
1990	19.7	505.6	906.5	1,412.1
2000	16.4	478.4	915.6	1,394.0
Percent Change				
1980 to 1990	-22.8	-11.7	-2.0	-5.8
1990 to 2000	-17.0	-5.4	1.0	-1.3
1980 to 2000	-36.0	-16.5	-1.1	-7.0
Racial Group Percentage Distribution				
One Race				
White	2.1	41.5	80.9	67.4
Black	96.1	51.0	15.1	27.4
Asian	0.2	1.3	2.1	1.8
Other	0.5	3.9	0.5	1.7
Two or More Races	1.0	2.2	1.4	1.7
Percent Hispanic Ethnicity	1.0	7.3	1.3	3.4
Age Group Percentage Distribution				
Less Than Age 18	31.2	28.5	23.1	25.0
Ages 18 to 64	53.4	59.0	59.7	59.5
Age 65 and Older	15.4	12.5	17.2	15.6
Socioeconomic Characteristics				
Educational Attainment Percentages, Population 25 and Older				
High School Graduate or More	59.2	69.0	87.5	81.6
Associate's Degree or More	10.2	15.8	37.2	30.4
Percent in Civilian Labor Force (Age 16 and Over)	46.6	57.3	65.0	62.4
Percent Persons below Federal Poverty Level	40.9	26.3	6.3	13.1
Percent Households Age 65+ with Income Less than \$15,000	59.6	40.2	22.5	27.6
Percent Medicaid Recipients, October 2002				
Of Total Population	48.1	33.1	9.7	17.7
Of Age 65 and Older Population	22.2	11.0	5.0	6.6
Children and Families				
Births, 1996 to 2001 Average Annual				
To Females Ages 15 to 44	316	8,387	10,548	18,935
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 44	87.1	76.0	55.5	63.1
To Females Ages 15 to 17	35	634	257	891
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 17	92.3	66.1	14.4	32.5
Child Maltreatment Cases, 2001				
Total	273	6,695	2,831	9,526
Per 1,000 Children Less than 18	53.5	49.1	13.4	27.4
Percent Female-Headed Families with Children	69.6	52.3	22.4	33.4

Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

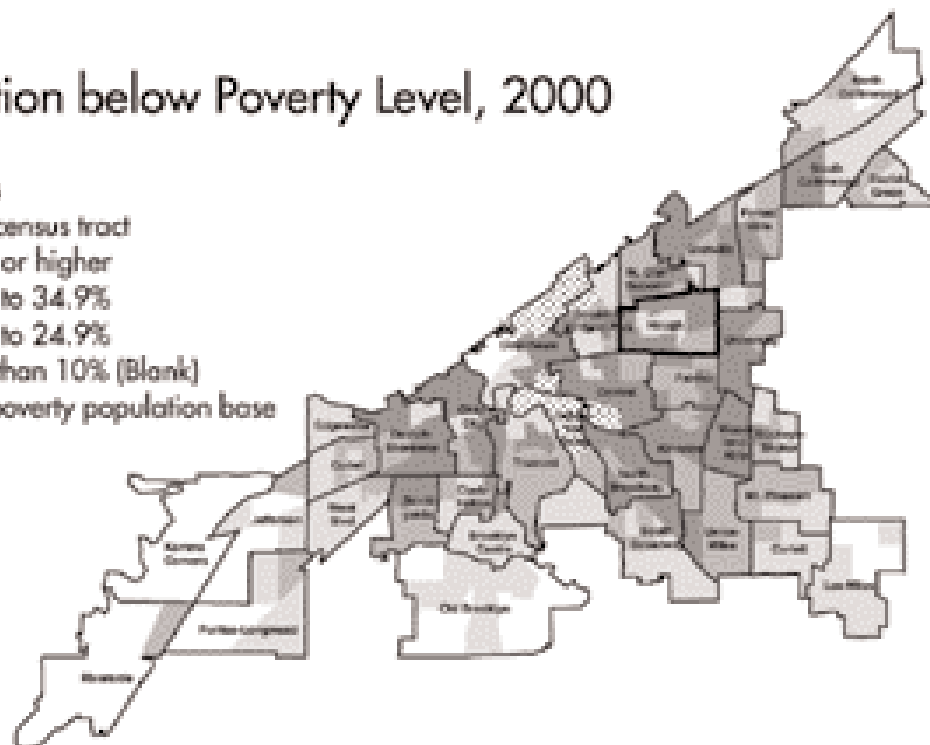
Population Change, 1980 to 2000

- SPAs
- Percent change by census tract
 - Loss of 15% or greater
 - Loss of 14.9% to 0.1%
 - Gain of 0.1% or more
 - ⋯ No Population



Population below Poverty Level, 2000

- SPAs
- Percent by census tract
 - 35% or higher
 - 25% to 34.9%
 - 10% to 24.9%
 - Less than 10% (Blank)
 - ⋯ No poverty population base



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

	Hough SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
Health				
Low-Weight Births, 1996 to 2001				
Average Annual	46	964	770	1,725
Per 100 Births	14.5	11.5	7.3	9.1
Infant Deaths, 1997 to 2001 ¹				
Average Annual	6	109	71	180
Per 1,000 Births	19.7	13.2	6.8	9.6
HIV/AIDS Prevalence per 100,000 Persons, 2002 and 2001 ²				
Living AIDS Cases	354.5	242.9	34.6	106.1
Living HIV/AIDS Cases	537.9	383.6	110.6	204.3
Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Persons, 1997 to 2001 Average ¹				
All Causes	1,487.4	1,142.6	830.3	932.2
Heart Disease	514.4	394.8	288.5	322.4
Coronary Heart Disease	399.9	307.9	222.1	249.2
All Cancer	344.8	260.7	205.2	222.5
Public Safety				
Per 100,000 Juveniles Ages 10 to 17, 2001 ³				
Violent Delinquency Cases	3,275	3,851	1,422	2,295
Property Delinquency Cases	3,412	3,491	1,664	2,321
Per 100,000 Residents, 2001 and 1999 ⁴				
Property Crimes	6,590	5,960	2,680	3,790
Housing				
Percent Renters	73.0	51.5	29.5	36.8
Percent Tax Delinquent Parcels, 2001	15.6	8.2	2.3	4.0
Percent Vacant	21.0	11.7	5.0	7.4
Value of Parcels 2001 (\$1,000s)	\$30.4	\$54.1	\$133.8	\$110.5
Median Age in Years ⁵	104	84	48	54
City/County Data				
Unemployment Rate, December 2003 ⁶	n/a	11.6	n/a	6.2

Note: Data are for year 2000 unless otherwise noted.

¹ Excludes 1998 data due to problems with data coding; ² 2002 data for Cleveland and SPAs, 2001 data for Cuyahoga County;

³ Based on residence of juvenile; ⁴ 2001 data for Cleveland and SPAs, 1999 data for All Suburbs and Cuyahoga County (reporting municipalities only, excludes 12 east-side and 7 west-side municipalities); ⁵ In 2004, based on 2001 Cuyahoga County Auditor records;

⁶ Not available at the SPA or All Suburbs level

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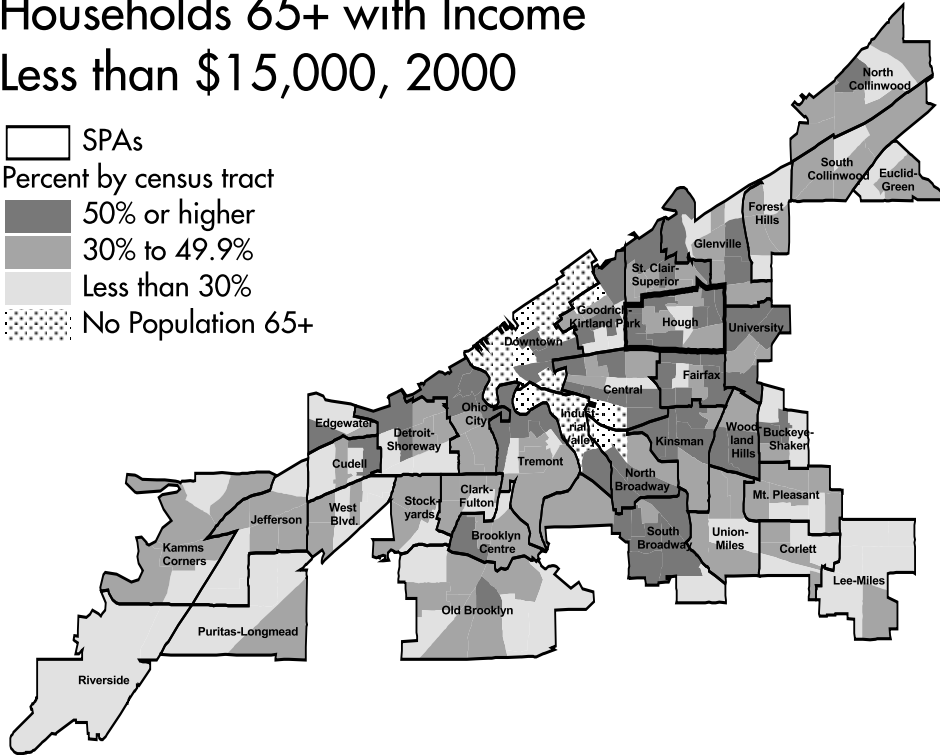
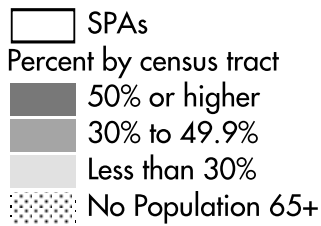
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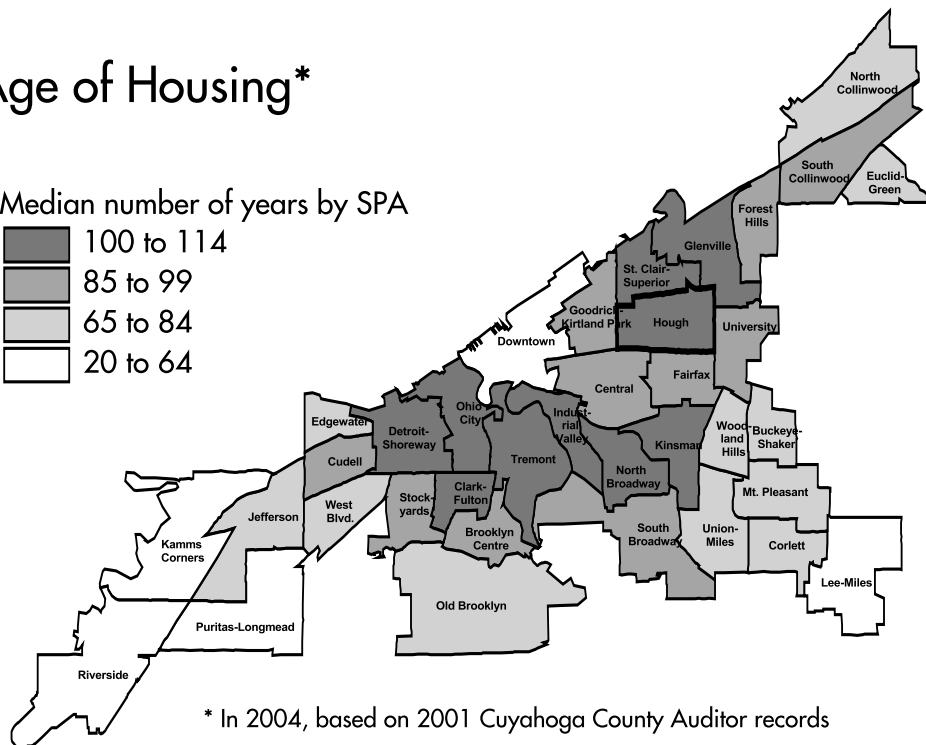
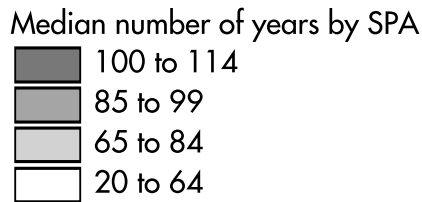
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Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

Households 65+ with Income
Less than \$15,000, 2000



Age of Housing*



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