

## Neighborhood Profile

# Union - Miles: Sawmills, Steel Mills, and Slovenians

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Union-Miles was once part of the village of Newburgh, which was larger than the village of Cleveland around 1800. Miles Park Historical District, at Miles Avenue and East 93rd Street, was the former town square of Newburgh Village, built in the classic style of a New England town square. These 200-year-old buildings were placed on the National Register of Historic Places and Cleveland's Landmark Commission.

Irish, Welsh, Czech, Romanian, and Slovenian immigrants were drawn to jobs created by the steel mills that were built in the 1850s around East 93rd Street. Between 1910 and 1930, this neighborhood's population grew from 11,000 to 28,000. By 1940, Cleveland was home to the largest Slovenian population outside of Slovenia.

This east-side neighborhood is bordered by South Broadway, Kinsman, Woodland Hills, Mt. Pleasant, and Corlett SPAs. Calvary Cemetery comprises its southern border. Union and Miles Avenues run parallel in the northern and southern sections, respectively. Kingsbury Run Park is located north of Union Avenue. It was named for James Kingsbury, an early settler who built a sawmill along this stream.

In 2000, there were 15,500 Union-Miles residents. The 20-percent decrease in this neighborhood's population since 1980, about 10 percent per decade, was higher than Cleveland's overall decrease of 16.5 percent. The African-American population grew from 10 percent in 1960 to 96 percent in 2000. One-third of all residents were under age 18, with the highest percentages in the southern section of Union-Miles.

The percentage of high school graduates among the 25-and-over residents was 9 percentage points lower than in Cleveland overall, 60 percent to 69 percent, respectively. The lowest percentages, from 44 percent to 57 percent, were found in the southern part of Union-Miles. The teen and low-weight birth rates, the infant death rate, and the percentage of female-headed families with children

were all higher than Cleveland's averages, but the child maltreatment rate was slightly lower.

Forty-five percent of the residents rented their homes, lower than Cleveland's average. The property crime rate was lower than the average rate for the city. Union-Miles' residential housing value in 2001 was \$39,300, much lower than the city's average of \$54,100. The percentage of tax-delinquent parcels was double that of Cleveland, 16 percent to 8 percent. The property crime rate was higher than the suburban rate but lower than Cleveland's rate. The median age of housing is 85 years, the same as for the city overall.

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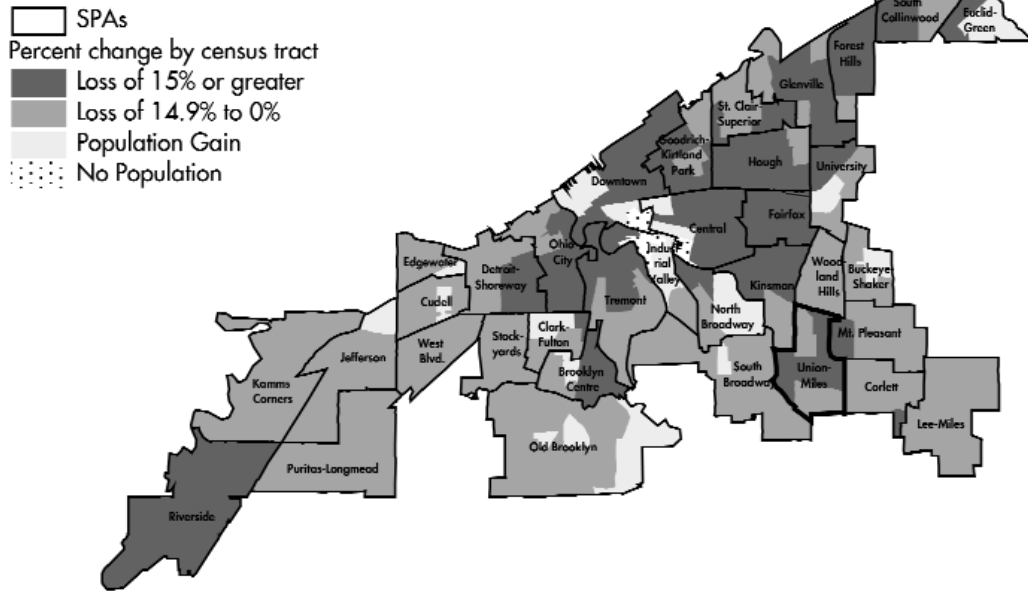


## Union-Miles Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland, Suburbs, and Cuyahoga County

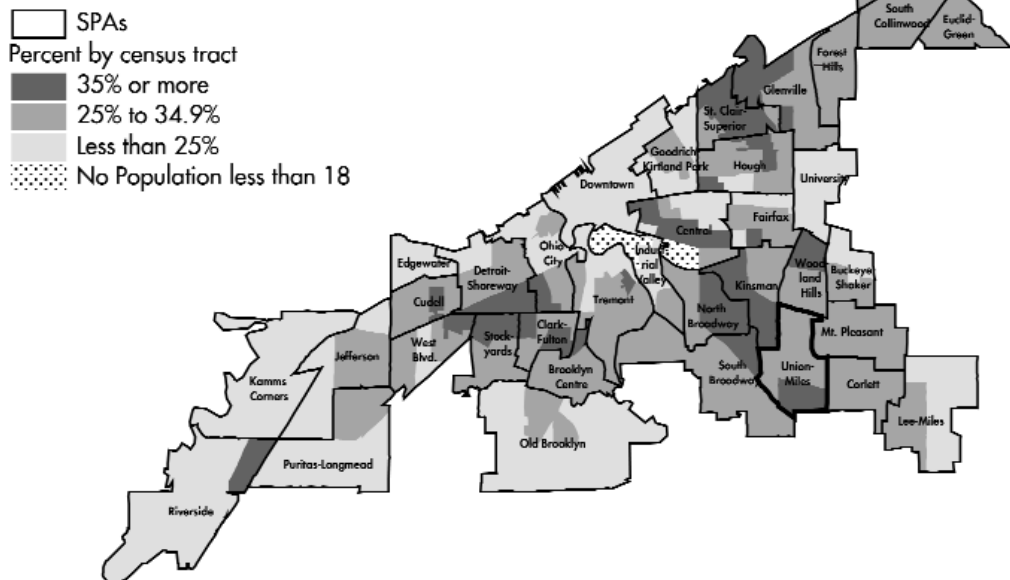
	Union-Miles SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
<b>Community Demographics</b>				
Population Trends (1,000s)				
1980	19.3	572.8	925.5	1,498.3
1990	17.3	505.6	906.5	1,412.1
2000	15.5	478.4	915.6	1,394.0
Percent Change				
1980 to 1990	-10.2	-11.7	-2.0	-5.8
1990 to 2000	-10.8	-5.4	1.0	-1.3
1980 to 2000	-19.9	-16.5	-1.1	-7.0
Racial Group Percentage Distribution				
One Race				
White	2.7	41.5	80.9	67.4
Black	96.1	51.0	15.1	27.4
Asian	0.1	1.3	2.1	1.8
Other	0.3	3.9	0.5	1.7
Two or More Races	0.8	2.2	1.4	1.7
Percent Hispanic Ethnicity	0.6	7.3	1.3	3.4
Age Group Percentage Distribution				
Less Than Age 18	33.7	28.5	23.1	25.0
Ages 18 to 64	55.3	59.0	59.7	59.5
Ages 65 and Over	11.0	12.5	17.2	15.6
<b>Socioeconomic Characteristics</b>				
Educational Attainment Percentages, Population 25 and Over				
High School Graduate or More	59.9	69.0	87.5	81.6
Associate's Degree or More	7.6	15.8	37.2	30.4
Percent in Civilian Labor Force (Age 16 and Over)	51.2	57.3	65.0	62.4
Percent Persons below Federal Poverty Level	31.7	26.3	6.3	13.1
Percent Households Ages 65 and Over with Income Less than \$15,000	38.3	40.2	22.5	27.6
Percent Medicaid Recipients, January 2004 <sup>1</sup>				
Of Total Population	40.6	34.6	10.5	18.6
Of Ages 65 and Over Population	8.9	11.9	5.0	6.9
<b>Children and Families</b>				
Births, 1996 to 2001 Average Annual				
To Females Ages 15 to 44	288	8,387	10,548	18,935
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 44	82.9	76.0	55.5	63.1
To Females Ages 15 to 17	31	634	257	891
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 17	73.9	66.1	14.4	32.5
Child Maltreatment Cases, 2003				
Total	162	4,625	2,106	6,731
Per 1,000 Children Less than 18 <sup>1</sup>	32.0	34.3	10.2	19.8
Percent Female-Headed Families with Children	64.4	52.3	22.4	33.4

# Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

## Population Change, 1980 to 2000



## Percent of Population less than Age 18, 2000



## Union-Miles Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County

	Union-Miles SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
<b>Health</b>				
Low-Weight Births, 1996 to 2001				
Average Annual	44	964	770	1,725
Per 100 Births	15.2	11.5	7.3	9.1
Infant Deaths, 1997 to 2001 <sup>2</sup>				
Average Annual	6	109	71	180
Per 1,000 Births	19.9	13.2	6.8	9.6
HIV/AIDS Prevalence per 100,000 Persons, 2002 <sup>3</sup>				
Living AIDS Cases	219.9	242.9	55.9	120.1
Living HIV/AIDS Cases	355.7	383.6	78.4	183.1
Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Persons, 1997 to 2001 Average <sup>2</sup>				
All Causes	1,198.6	1,142.6	830.3	932.2
Heart Disease	392.4	394.8	288.5	322.4
Coronary Heart Disease	329.8	307.9	222.1	249.2
All Cancer	289.5	260.7	205.2	222.5
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Per 1,000 Juveniles Ages 10 to 17, 2003 <sup>4</sup>				
Violent Delinquency Cases	50.3	41.3	16.7	25.9
Property Delinquency Cases	35.5	32.1	21.0	25.2
Per 1,000 Residents, 2003 and 1999 <sup>5</sup>				
Property Crimes	44.2	58.0	26.8	37.9
<b>Housing</b>				
Percent Renters	45.3	51.5	29.5	36.8
Percent Tax Delinquent Parcels, 2001	16.3	8.2	2.3	4.0
Percent Vacant	10.1	11.7	5.0	7.4
Value of Residential Housing Parcels, 2001 (\$1,000s)	\$39.9	\$54.1	\$133.8	\$110.5
Median Age in Years <sup>6</sup>	85	85	49	55
<b>City/County Data</b>				
Unemployment Rate, May 2005 <sup>7</sup>	n/a	7.9	n/a	5.9

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

<sup>1</sup> Using 2004 population estimates (Medicaid Recipients) and 2003 population estimates (Child Maltreatment) based on 2000 census population 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 2005, based on 2001 Cuyahoga County Auditor Records; <sup>7</sup> Not available at the SPA or All Suburbs level

### Sources:

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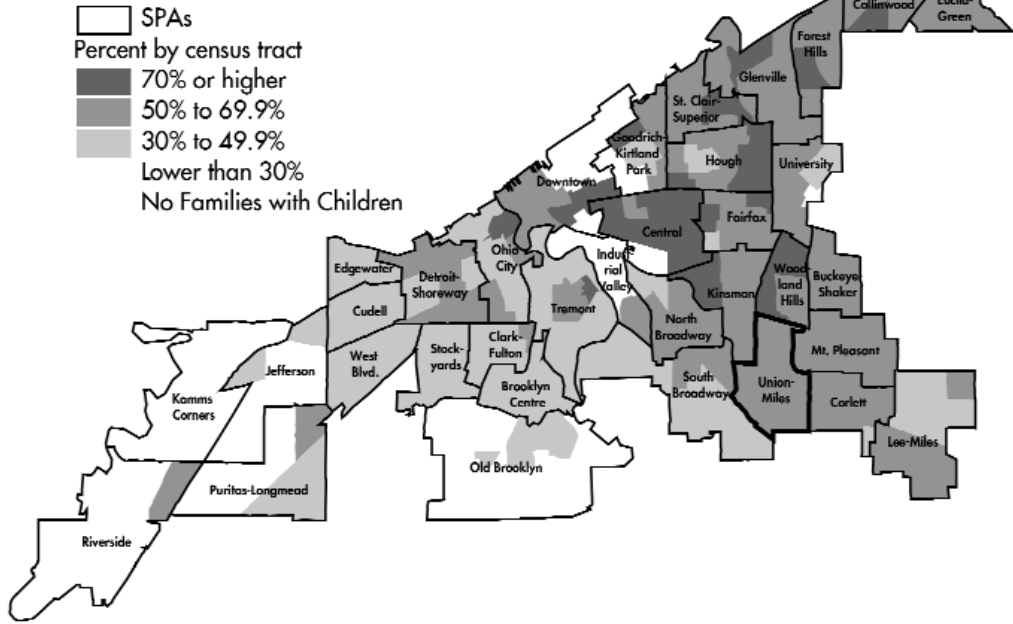
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# Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

## Percent Female-Headed Families with Children, 2000



## Percent Low-Weight Births, 1996 to 2001

