

## Neighborhood Profile

# University: Unique for Its Diversity

By Terry Lenahan

This east-side neighborhood includes both the University Circle and Little Italy areas. It became part of the City of Cleveland when East Cleveland was annexed in the late nineteenth century. But University Circle began nearly 100 years earlier when Nathaniel Doan established a tavern and hotel at East 107th and Euclid Avenue. Known as “Doan’s Corners,” this area became a stopping point for travelers between Cleveland and Buffalo.

University Circle developed rapidly after industrialist Jephtha Wade’s donation of wooded parkland and with the consolidation of Western Reserve College and Case School of Applied Science in the area. Other major institutions soon followed, including the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Severance Hall, and University Hospitals. Today University Circle encompasses 60 cultural, educational, medical, and religious institutions in a 488-acre area. It is unique in the world with respect to the number and diversity of its institutions.

University SPA’s population decrease of 3 percent in the last 20 years, to 9,500 in 2000, is an average that masks the 14 percent loss between 1980 and 1990, and the 12 percent gain between 1990 and 2000. Cleveland’s total population dropped 17 percent between 1980 and 2000.

Many indicators reflect the 2,400 students that lived in the dormitories at Case Western Reserve University in April 2000 when the census was taken. They were considered residents of the University SPA, comprising one-fourth of its total population. That portion would be even higher if students in off-campus housing were added. They contributed to the racial diversity; the total University population was 55 percent White, 30 percent Black, and 12 percent Asian. Forty percent of University residents attained at least an associate’s degree, more than double Cleveland’s overall rate and higher than the suburban rate. The birth rate was very low. Renters occupied 86 percent of the housing, compared to 52 percent in the city. Youths under age 18 were a much lower proportion of University residents than in the city as a whole (9 percent and 29 percent, respectively).

Incomes for older persons in University were below city averages. Fifty-eight percent had incomes below \$15,000, compared to 40 percent city-wide. While rates for Medicaid recipients of all ages were lower in this neighborhood than the city average, the percentage of older Medicaid recipients was slightly higher. The HIV/AIDS rate was lower, but mortality rates for all causes and for heart disease were higher.

The value of residential housing in University was \$45,800 in 2001, below the city average of \$54,100. However, there was a wide range of housing prices. With a median age of 94 years in 2004, many houses are over a century old.

More information is available in our Social Indicators series: *Education, Employment, and Income; Children and Families; Community Health; Older Persons; and Housing*. A sixth report, *Youth Development*, will be available in the spring. The reports are available for free from our Website, [www.CommunitySolutions.com](http://www.CommunitySolutions.com), as are previous *Planning & Action* neighborhood profiles. For more information, contact Terry Lenahan at (216) 781-2944, ext. 101 ([tlenahan@CommunitySolutions.com](mailto:tlenahan@CommunitySolutions.com)). Neighborhood history includes information gathered from NeighborhoodLink, a service of The Center for Neighborhood Development, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University ([www.nhlink.net](http://www.nhlink.net)) and *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*, maintained by Case Western Reserve University (<http://ech.cwru.edu>). ■

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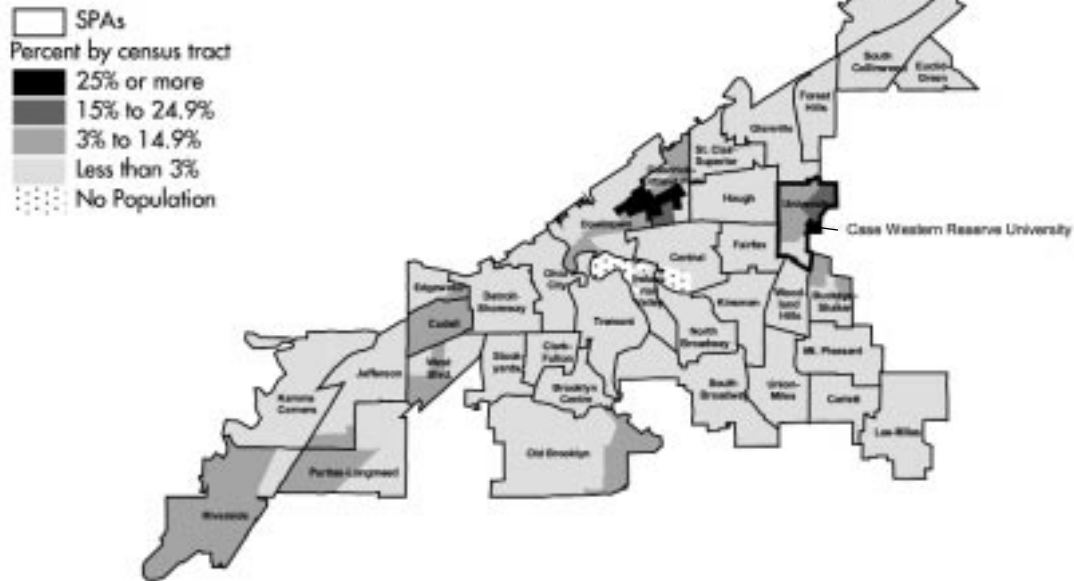


## University Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland, Suburbs, and Cuyahoga County

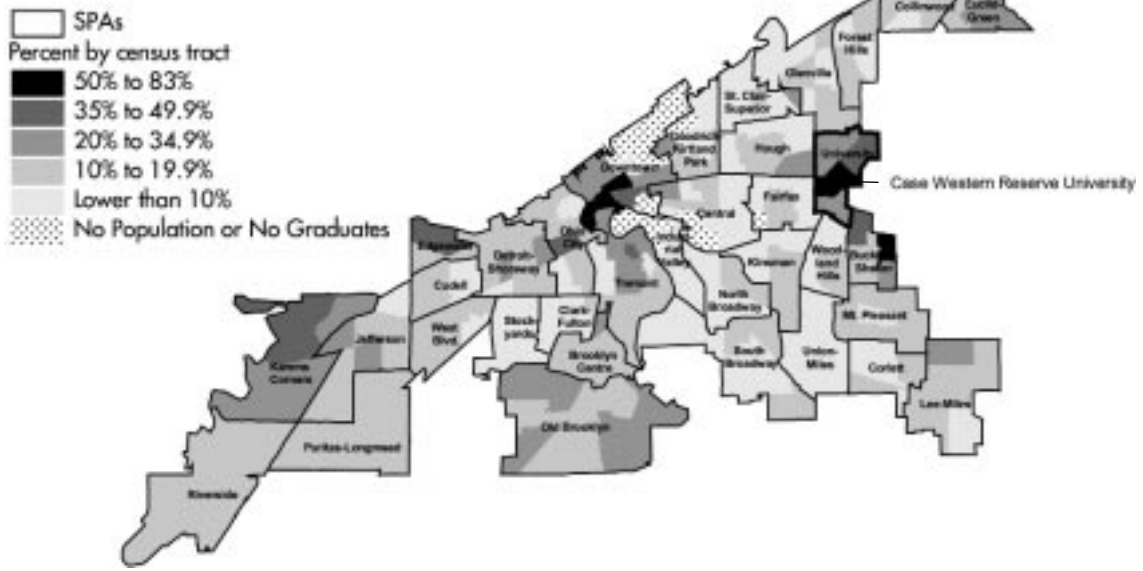
	University SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
<b>Community Demographics</b>				
Population Trends (1,000s)				
1980	9.8	572.8	925.5	1,498.3
1990	8.4	505.6	906.5	1,412.1
2000	9.5	478.4	915.6	1,394.0
Percent Change				
1980 to 1990	-13.6	-11.7	-2.0	-5.8
1990 to 2000	-12.1	-5.4	1.0	-1.3
1980 to 2000	-3.1	-16.5	-1.1	-7.0
Racial Group Percentage Distribution				
One Race				
White	55.3	41.5	80.9	67.4
Black	30.3	51.0	15.1	27.4
Asian	11.7	1.3	2.1	1.8
Other	1.1	3.9	0.5	1.7
Two or More Races	1.7	2.2	1.4	1.7
Percent Hispanic Ethnicity	1.9	7.3	1.3	3.4
Age Group Percentage Distribution				
Less Than Age 18	8.7	28.5	23.1	25.0
Ages 18 to 64	73.8	59.0	59.7	59.5
Ages 65 and Over	17.5	12.5	17.2	15.6
<b>Socioeconomic Characteristics</b>				
Educational Attainment Percentages, Population 25 and Over				
High School Graduate or More	76.4	69.0	87.5	81.6
Associate's Degree or More	39.9	15.8	37.2	30.4
Percent in Civilian Labor Force (Age 16 and Over)	48.9	57.3	65.0	62.4
Percent Persons below Federal Poverty Level	41.7	26.3	6.3	13.1
Percent Households Ages 65 and Over with Income Less than \$15,000	57.9	40.2	22.5	27.6
Percent Medicaid Recipients, January 2004 <sup>1</sup>				
Of Total Population	15.6	34.6	10.5	18.6
Of Ages 65 and Over Population	14.4	11.9	5.0	6.9
<b>Children and Families</b>				
Births, 1996 to 2001 Average Annual				
To Females Ages 15 to 44	72	8,387	10,548	18,935
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 44	27.0	76.0	55.5	63.1
To Females Ages 15 to 17	4	634	257	891
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 17	40.0	66.1	14.4	32.5
Child Maltreatment Cases, 2003				
Total	23	4,625	2,106	6,731
Per 1,000 Children Less than 18 <sup>1</sup>	31.3	34.3	10.2	19.8
Percent Female-Headed Families with Children	46.4	52.3	22.4	33.4

# Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

## Percent Asian, 2000



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



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

	University SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
<b>Health</b>				
Low-Weight Births, 1996 to 2001				
Average Annual	7	964	770	1,725
Per 100 Births	9.8	11.5	7.3	9.1
Infant Deaths, 1997 to 2001 <sup>2</sup>				
Average Annual	1	109	71	180
Per 1,000 Births	14.7	13.2	6.8	9.6
HIV/AIDS Prevalence per 100,000 Persons, 2002 <sup>3</sup>				
Living AIDS Cases	116.2	242.9	55.9	120.1
Living HIV/AIDS Cases	137.3	383.6	78.4	183.1
Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Persons, 1997 to 2001 Average <sup>2</sup>				
All Causes	1,331.1	1,142.6	830.3	932.2
Heart Disease	412.9	394.8	288.5	322.4
Coronary Heart Disease	291.4	307.9	222.1	249.2
All Cancer	243.3	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	24.2	41.3	16.7	25.9
Property Delinquency Cases	24.2	32.1	21.0	25.2
Per 1,000 Residents, 2003 and 1999 <sup>5</sup>				
Property Crimes	48.9	58.0	26.8	37.9
<b>Housing</b>				
Percent Renters	86.3	51.5	29.5	36.8
Percent Tax Delinquent Parcels, 2001	8.1	8.2	2.3	4.0
Percent Vacant	9.7	11.7	5.0	7.4
Value of Residential Housing, 2001 (\$1,000s)	\$45.8	\$54.1	\$133.8	\$110.5
Median Age in Years <sup>6</sup>	94	84	48	54
<b>City/County Data</b>				
Unemployment Rate, December 2004 <sup>7</sup>	n/a	11.6	n/a	6.1

**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 2004, based on 2001 Cuyahoga County Auditor Records, <sup>7</sup>Not available at the SPA or All Suburbs level

**Sources:**

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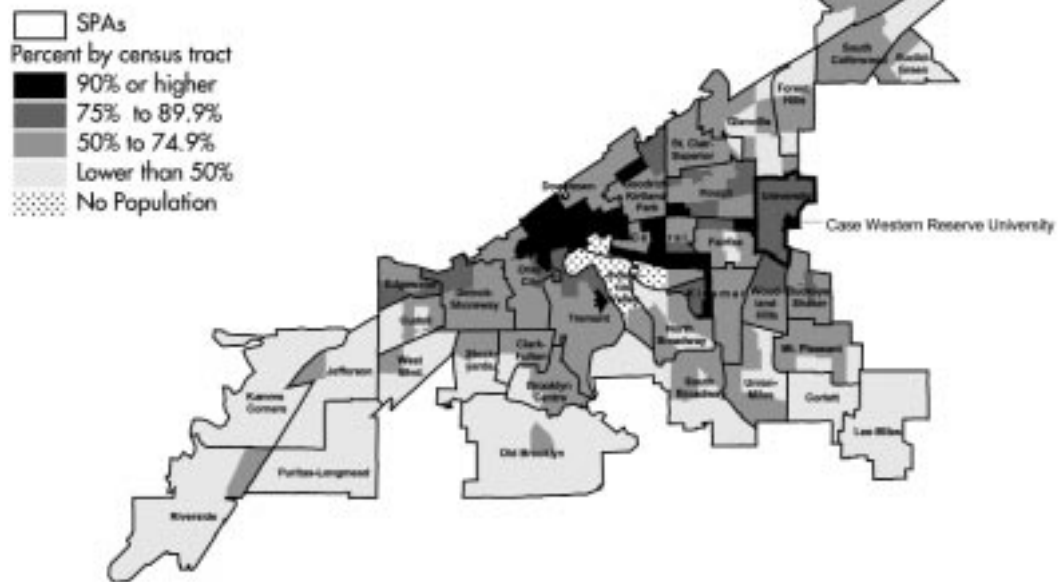
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# Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

## Percent Renters, 2000



## Value of Residential Housing, 2001

