

Neighborhood Profile

Woodland Hills: Parks Past and Present

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The Woodland Hills neighborhood, originally part of Newburgh Township, was annexed to Cleveland in 1913 in the middle of its major development period of 1900 to 1930. During this time, the Buckeye Road area attracted the largest Hungarian population outside of Hungary and was known as Cleveland's "Little Hungary."

Woodland Hills' 116-acre Luke Easter Park¹ is the site of Cleveland's newest recreation center. The center was named after Zelma George, who became a symbol of African-American achievement in several fields ranging from operatic diva to United Nations diplomat.

This neighborhood is bordered by Kinsman, Union-Miles, Buckeye-Shaker, and University SPAs. The Shaker-Buckeye neighborhood is the eastern boundary at East 116th Street, and Woodland Hills extends to East 93rd Street on the west. Kinsman Road and Luke Easter Park comprise the southern border. The Baldwin Reservoir on Fairhill Road is to the north. The present location of Woodhill Homes Estate, a hilly wooded area on the northern border, was the site of "Cleveland's fairyland of pleasure," an amusement park called Luna Park (1905-1931).

Woodland Hills residents numbered 11,600 in 2000, a decrease of 17.4 percent since 1980. Nearly all residents were African American. The population was younger than in Cleveland overall; only 9 percent of residents were ages 65 and over compared to 12.5 percent in Cleveland, and 36 percent were less than age 18 compared to 28.5 percent in Cleveland.

In 2000, educational attainment and the percentage in the labor force were lower in this neighborhood than in Cleveland overall. The percentage of persons below poverty level, low-income senior households, and total Medicaid recipients were all higher than Cleveland's averages.

The Woodland Hills teen birth rate was nearly six times higher than the suburban rate; the child maltreatment rate was four times higher. The percentage of female-headed households was higher than in Cleveland overall, 73 percent and 52 percent, respectively. The

death rates for all causes and for cancer were also higher in Woodland Hills.

Over two-thirds of Woodland Hills' residents (three-fourths in the northern section) were renters in 2000 compared to about half in the city overall. In 2004, the percentage of tax-delinquent parcels was nearly double that of Cleveland overall. Average residential housing values in 2004 were \$49,300, \$13,600 less than the city's average. The median age of housing is 86 years, the same as Cleveland overall.

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- 1 Formerly called Woodland Hills Park, now named in honor of Cleveland Indians ballplayer Luscious "Luke" Easter.

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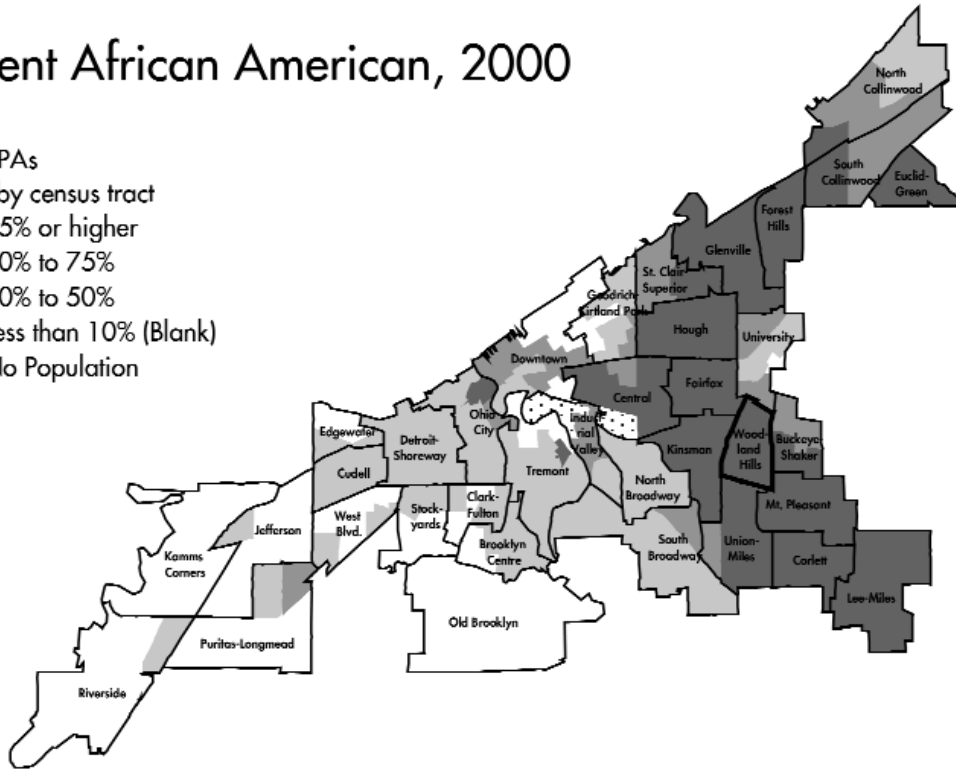
Woodland Hills Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland, Suburbs, and Cuyahoga County

	Woodland Hills SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
Community Demographics				
Population Trends (1,000s)				
1980	14.0	572.8	925.5	1,498.3
1990	12.7	505.6	906.5	1,412.1
2000	11.6	478.4	915.6	1,394.0
Percent Change				
1980 to 1990	-9.5	-11.7	-2.0	-5.8
1990 to 2000	-8.8	-5.4	1.0	-1.3
1980 to 2000	-17.4	-16.5	-1.1	-7.0
Racial Group Percentage Distribution				
One Race				
White	1.9	41.5	80.9	67.4
Black	96.5	51.0	15.1	27.4
Asian	0.1	1.3	2.1	1.8
Other	0.4	3.9	0.5	1.7
Two or More Races	1.1	2.2	1.4	1.7
Percent Hispanic Ethnicity	0.5	7.3	1.3	3.4
Age Group Percentage Distribution				
Less Than Age 18	36.0	28.5	23.1	25.0
Ages 18 to 64	54.9	59.0	59.7	59.5
Ages 65 and Over	9.1	12.5	17.2	15.6
Socioeconomic Characteristics				
Educational Attainment Percentages, Population 25 and Over				
High School Graduate or More	61.5	69.0	87.5	81.6
Associate's Degree or More	10.0	15.8	37.2	30.4
Percent in Civilian Labor Force (Age 16 and Over)	51.4	57.3	65.0	62.4
Percent Persons below Federal Poverty Level	43.0	26.3	6.3	13.1
Percent Households Ages 65 and Over with Income Less than \$15,000	52.3	40.2	22.5	27.6
Percent Medicaid Recipients, July 2005 ¹				
Of Total Population	44.4	32.7	10.6	18.1
Of Ages 65 and Over Population	12.1	12.0	5.3	7.1
Children and Families				
Births, 1996 to 2001 Average Annual				
To Females Ages 15 to 44	254	8,387	10,548	18,935
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 44	88.7	76.0	55.5	63.1
To Females Ages 15 to 17	21	634	257	891
Per 1,000 Females Ages 15 to 17	82.9	66.1	14.4	32.5
Child Maltreatment Cases, 2003				
Total	172	4,625	2,106	6,731
Per 1,000 Children Less than 18 ¹	41.9	34.3	10.2	19.8
Percent Female-Headed Families with Children	72.7	52.3	22.4	33.4

Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

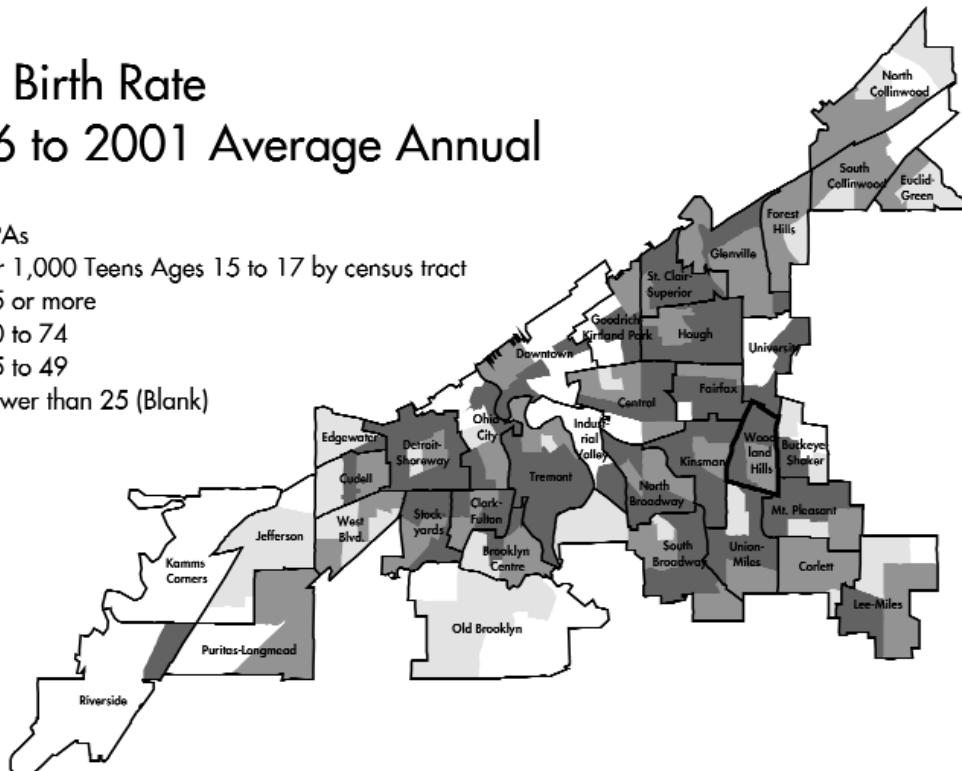
Percent African American, 2000

- SPAs
- Percent by census tract
- 75% or higher
- 50% to 75%
- 10% to 50%
- Less than 10% (Blank)
- ⋯ No Population



Teen Birth Rate 1996 to 2001 Average Annual

- SPAs
- Births per 1,000 Teens Ages 15 to 17 by census tract
- 75 or more
- 50 to 74
- 25 to 49
- Fewer than 25 (Blank)



Woodland Hills Statistical Planning Area Profile with Comparisons to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County

	Woodland Hills SPA	Cleveland	All Suburbs	Cuyahoga County
Health				
Low-Weight Births, 1996 to 2001				
Average Annual	40	964	770	1,725
Per 100 Births	15.9	11.5	7.3	9.1
Infant Deaths, 1997 to 2001 ²				
Average Annual	5	109	71	180
Per 1,000 Births	19.2	13.2	6.8	9.6
HIV/AIDS Prevalence per 100,000 Persons, 2002 ³				
Living AIDS Cases	233.3	242.9	55.9	120.1
Living HIV/AIDS Cases	345.6	383.6	78.4	183.1
Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Persons, 1997 to 2001 Average ²				
All Causes	1,215.3	1,142.6	830.3	932.2
Heart Disease	389.1	394.8	288.5	322.4
Coronary Heart Disease	300.3	307.9	222.1	249.2
All Cancer	314.6	260.7	205.2	222.5
Public Safety				
Per 1,000 Juveniles Ages 10 to 17, 2004 ⁴				
Violent Delinquency Cases	27.1	39.1	14.7	24.0
Property Delinquency Cases	34.2	33.4	18.5	24.2
Per 1,000 Residents, 2004 and 1999 ⁵				
Property Crimes	62.2	59.2	26.8	37.9
Housing				
Percent Renters	67.6	51.5	29.5	36.8
Percent Tax Delinquent Residential Parcels, 2004	19.1	10.4	3.5	5.6
Percent Vacant	14.0	11.7	5.0	7.4
Value of Residential Housing Parcels, 2004 (\$1,000s)	\$49.3	\$62.9	\$149.6	\$124.4
Median Age in Years ⁶	86	86	49	56
City/County Data				
Unemployment Rate, December 2005 ⁷	n/a	7.4	n/a	5.7

Note: Data are for year 2000 unless otherwise noted.

¹ Using 2005 population estimates (Medicaid Recipients) and 2003 population estimates (Child Maltreatment) based on 2000 census to calculate rates; ² Excludes 1998 data due to problems with data coding; ³ 2002 living HIV and AIDS cases, using 2000 census total population to calculate rates; ⁴ Based on residence of juvenile; Using 2003 population estimates based on 2000 census to calculate rates; ⁵ 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); ⁶ In 2006, based on 2004 Cuyahoga County Auditor Records; ⁷ Not available at the SPA or All Suburbs level

Sources:

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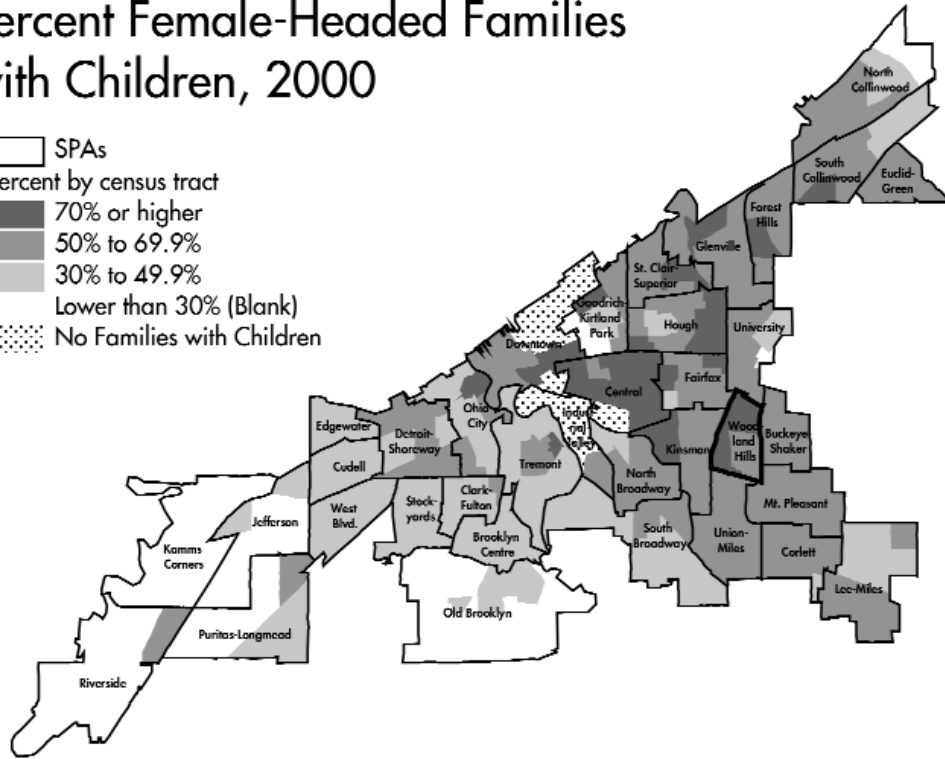
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Cleveland Statistical Planning Areas

Percent Female-Headed Families with Children, 2000

- SPAs
- Percent by census tract
- 70% or higher
- 50% to 69.9%
- 30% to 49.9%
- Lower than 30% (Blank)
- ▨ No Families with Children



Percent Renters, 2000

- SPAs
- Percent by census tract
- 75% or higher
- 50% to 74.9%
- 25% to 49.9%
- 6% to 24.9% (Blank)
- ▨ No Population

