

# Cluster 2 “Rainier Valley” Census Tracts #94, 95, 100, 101, 103, 104, 110, 111, 118, and 119

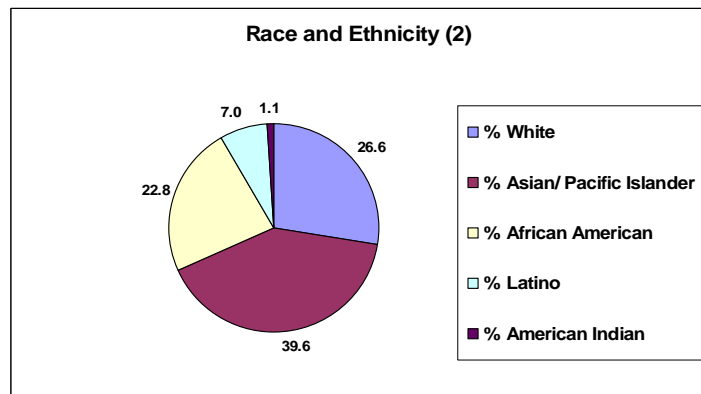
## Brief Summary

### Demographic Characteristics within Cluster

Total Population: 70,059  
Total Households: 24, 254  
Total Family Households: 15,856 (65.4%)  
Families with children < 18 yrs. old: 48.3%  
% of Single Parent Headed Household: 35.8%  
(72.3% are Female Headed Households)  
% of population < 5 years of age: 6.3%  
% of population < 18 years of age: 24.3%  
% of population > 65 yrs of age: 12.5%

### Education

% of residents with no formal education: 5.3%--the 2nd highest level among all clusters  
% of residents with < 12<sup>th</sup> grade education: 24.7%  
% with Bachelor’s Degree: 17.4%  
% with Master’s Degree or higher: 8.9%  
Non-institutionalized Children/Youth (ages 5-20) with disability: 8.7%



### Economic Characteristics:

Total < Poverty Level: 13.8%  
Children/youth (ages 5-20): 21.9% Elderly: 9.9% Adults: 11.8%

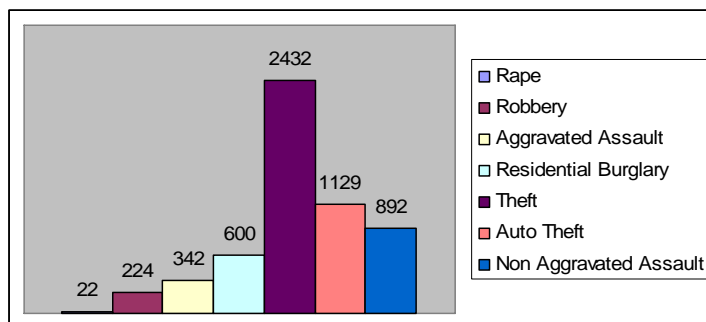
- Families earning < than 50K: 52.6%
- Families earning > than 50K: 47.4%
- The range of families earning < than 50K is 40.3% (tract 95) to 60.7% (tract 94).

Renter occupancy: 40.2% with tract 119 having the lowest rate (17%)

Census Tract Map: <http://www.seattle.gov/Police/Maps/census.htm>

## Crime Statistics

Rate of Total Part I crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated and non-aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson): 87 per 1000 residents with tract 94 (118 per 1000) having the highest rate and tract 119 (50 per 1000) having the lowest. Robbery and aggravated assault most frequently occurred in tract 118.



Rate of Total Part II crime (vandalism, weapons possession, prostitution, drug abuse violations, liquor laws, loitering): 19 per 1000 residents with tract 103 lowest at 12 per 1000 and tract 118 having the highest rate at 27 per 1000. Vandalism (845), Drug abuse violations (275) and Weapons possession (105) were highest reported crimes in this category with tracts 111 and 118 having the highest number of reported violations for these crimes in this cluster.

## Survey Findings

Of the 106 respondents associated with this cluster, 88 were white (83%) and 64.2% were female. 10 respondents were Asian/Pacific Islanders (9.4%). The average age in years was 41. The overwhelming majority of respondents were residents (92.5%) with 57 who are property owners (53.6%). This is a very high percentage. 9.4% identified themselves as business owners while 15.1% worked in this neighborhood cluster.

71.7% of the respondents felt safe in this neighborhood all or most of the time with 61.3% feeling safe to walk in the neighborhood.

The three most important things that make them feel safe are: 1) neighbors looking out for each other (47.2%), 2) neighbors knowing each other (34.9%), and 3) quick police response (28.3%) as well as neighbors reporting illegal or suspicious activity (28.3%).

The three most important factors that make the respondents feel unsafe are: 1) being a victim of crime (34.9%), 2) hearing about crime (31.1%), and 3) seeing crime (18.9%). Youth crime was rated very low, only 5.7%. The following items were rated highest as perceived to be a major or significant problem in the community: 1) sale of drugs in public (76.4%), 2) burglary (74.5%) and 3) drug use (72.6%). Shootings were identified as a significant problem by 57.5% of respondents and loud noise by 24.5%. 50% of respondents indicated that gang activity is a significant problem but trash/litter and speeding cars are seen as more of a problem. 50.9% of respondents take extra precautions to be safe at least most of the time.

The three events most known to have occurred in this neighborhood are property theft (84%), drug sales (78.3%) and breaking in/stealing (75.5%). The perception that crime has increased somewhat or significantly in the past 12 months is held by almost 60% respondents (59.4%) and over the past 3 years by 47.2%. Over half of the respondents (50.9%) indicated that they know the neighbors well or very well.

Noteworthy: Only 7.5% of the respondents indicated that there were many services for youth in this neighborhood. Overall, 53.8% of the respondents felt people are invested in making the

neighborhood safe and 60.4% are involved in block watch activities. This is quite high and probably reflects the high % of home ownership in this cluster.

### **Observational Findings**

In comparison to all other clusters in the study, Cluster 2 has the highest incidence of abandoned cars (65.2%), security signs (58.6%), litter (56.1%), alcoholic bottles (48.7%), laundromats (47.2%), car repair shops (45.5%), gasoline stations (45.1%) and fast food places (42.5%). It has 25.7% of graffiti, and 80% (4) of gun stores. 27.2% of all police activity observed during the drive through observations occurred in this cluster. Most new construction was occurring in this cluster (48.8%). 58.2% of children observed playing within all clusters were found in Cluster 2 and 45.1% of all churches.

Noteworthy: Cluster 2 was found to have the most people exercising (43.4%), most banks, (36.4%), half of all beauty/hair salons and over half of all nail stores, potential sources of social support. It contains the second highest percentage of schools (35%) and 22% of all cafes and restaurants. Most positively, neighborhood identity and cohesion is reflected in the highest rates of signs indicating neighborhood name (40.5%), neighborhood watch signs (54.6%), and neighbors talking with one another (45.7%).

### **Summary**

This cluster has much variability in terms of socioeconomic and demographics. It is the cluster with the least White population. In tracts 94, 104, 110 and 111, Asian/Pacific Islanders are the majority of residents. In tract 119, the White, African-American and Asian/Pacific Islander population is nearly equivalent, approximately 30% of the population. This is unique among all tracts observed in this project. Tract 103 has 49.1% of households headed by single parents with tract 119 having only 29.8%. Tract 110 has only 9.9% of population who are White with 57.6% who are Asian/Pacific Islander. Tract 110 has the highest % of residents with no formal school completed among all tracts in this study at 13%.

It is noteworthy that tract 119 has the lowest % of children living below the poverty line of all tracts in the study (7.0%) and only 5.1% of adults. This tract has the highest rate of home ownership at 83% but it does not have the highest % of families earning more than 50K in this cluster.