

Cluster 3 “West Seattle” Census Tracts #107, 108, 113, and 114

Brief Summary

Demographic Characteristics within Cluster:

Total Population: 24,337

Total Household: 8,972

Total Family Household: 5,567 (62%)

Families with children < 18 yrs. old: 56.4%

% of Single Parent Headed Household: 38.7%
(74.6% are Female Headed Households)

% of population < 5 years of age: 7.9%

% of population < 18 years of age: 28%

% of population > 65 years of age: 7.9%

Race/Ethnicity

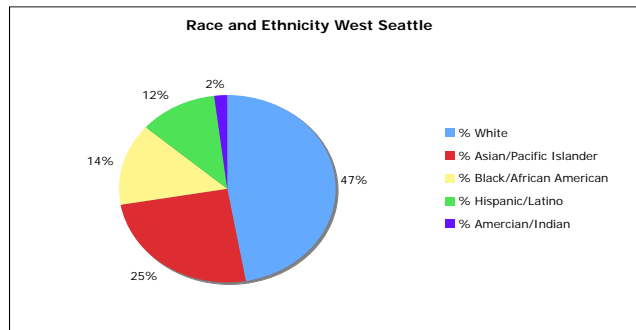
White: Tract 107 has the lowest % among tracts in this cluster, 30.9%, and tract 113 has the highest % (54%).

African American: Tract 107 has the highest % among tracts in this cluster, 21.5%

Asian/Pacific Islander: Tract 108 has the highest % among tracts in this cluster, 30.2%

American Indian: Tract 107 has the highest % among tracts in this cluster, 2.5%

Latino: Tract 114 has the highest % among tracts in this cluster, 14.4%



Education

% of residents with no formal education completed: 3.9%

% of residents with < 12th grade education: 22.5%

% with Bachelor's Degree: 16.4%

% with Master's Degree or higher: 5.7%

Non-institutionalized Children/Youth (ages 5-20) with disability: 8.7% with tract 107 having the highest percent among all tracts in this cluster, 13.2%. It also has the highest % of elderly with disability with 68%.

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

Economic Characteristics:

Total < Poverty Level: 16.9% Children/youth (ages 5-20): 27.4% Elderly: 16.1% Adults: 12.7%

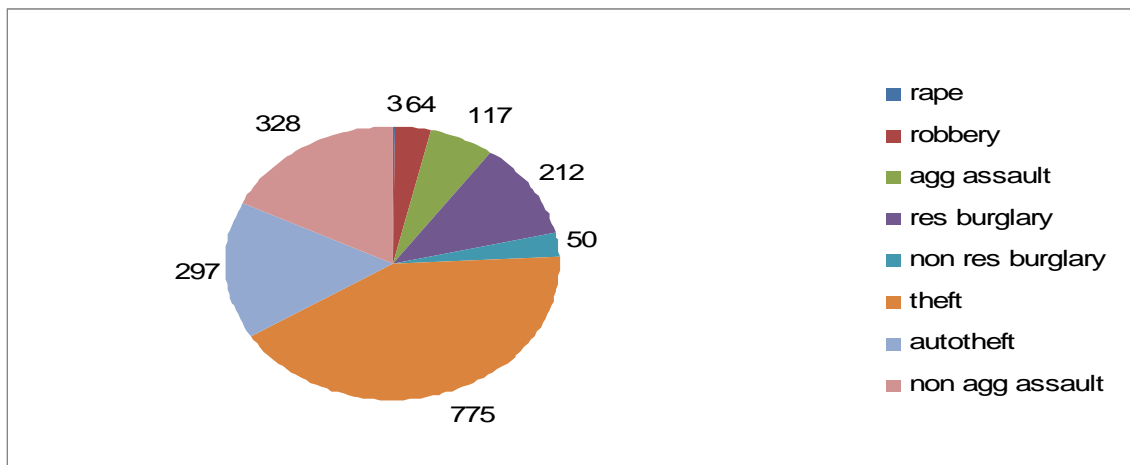
- **Families earning < than 50K: 57.3%**
- **Families earning > than 50K: 42.7%---**with tract 108 having 60.1% which is the highest % among all tracts studied in this project.
- **The range of families in this cluster earning < than 50K ranges from 39.9% (tract 108) to 76.2% (tract 107).**

Renter occupancy: 48.8%, with tract 107 having the highest rate at 68.7% in this cluster, while tract 108 having the highest % of home ownership (73%).

Crime Statistics:

Rate of Total Part I crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated and non-aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson): 63 per 1000 residents with tract 107 (46 per 1000) having the lowest rate. This is most noteworthy. In spite of its poverty, tract 107 has the lowest rate of serious crime among all tracts in Cluster 3. Tract 114 has the highest crime rate (108 per 1000) within this cluster.

Rate of Total Part II crime (vandalism, weapons possession, vice and prostitution, drug abuse violations, liquor laws, loitering): 14 per 1000 residents which is low in comparison with the other clusters studied in this project. Vandalism (207) and drug abuse violations (66) were the most reported crimes.



Survey Findings:

Noteworthy is the fact that this cluster had the least number of survey respondents among all clusters in the study: 7, of whom six were residents. Five respondents also worked in the cluster (71.4%) and three were property owners. Four respondents were male (57.1%). Though small in total number, this is the only cluster where the majority of respondents were men. The average age in years was 53. Six of the seven respondents were white, even though the white population for the entire cluster was less than 50%. Five respondents felt safe at least most of the time and the same number felt safe to walk in the neighborhood. The most important things that make them feel safe are: 1) neighbors reporting illegal activity (57.1%), 2) neighbors looking out for each other (42.9%) and 3) seeing police (42.9%). 42.9% of respondents take extra precaution all or most of the time in this cluster compared to the average of 40.6%. The fact that the majority of respondents in this cluster were men further highlights safety concerns in Cluster 3.

The 3 most important factors that make the respondents feel unsafe are: 1) seeing a victim of crime (42.9%), 2) knowing a victim of crime (14.3%), and 3) sale of drugs (14.3%). The following items were rated highest as perceived to be a major or significant problem in the community: sale of drugs (42.9%), drug use in public (28.6%), speeding car (28.6%), and loud noise (28.6%).

The events known to have occurred in this neighborhood are drug sales and drug use (85.7%) and theft of property (71.4%). Only 14.3% of respondents perceived that crime has increased somewhat or significantly in the past year. 14.3% reported that crime had somewhat increased over past 3 years.

In this cluster no one reported there were many services for the elderly. This is significant. Each respondent (100%) participate in block watch activities with 42.9% indicating that they are involved in the neighborhood. Only 14.3% indicated that business were substantially engaged with the community.. Only 28.5% of the respondents felt people are invested in making the neighborhood safe, this % is lower than the overall average of all clusters studied in this project (51.5%).

Observational Findings:

Cluster 3 has 107 businesses located within its boundaries but few are high end businesses. This cluster has 65% of all manufacturing sites (65%) across all clusters as well as over half of all transfer stations (55.5%). Though it has the fewest number of tracts, except for Cluster 6, this cluster has the 2nd most neighborhood name signs (27.5%), neighborhood watch signs (24.1%), and security signs (20.8%). It has the highest percent of parks being used (38.1%) among all clusters. Nearly 1 in 5 of all vacant/boarded up homes observed in the study were found in this cluster (17.6%). It has a high percentage of broken glass (21.7%).

Summary:

Cluster 3 has the highest % of persons under age 5 and families with children under age 18. Tract 112 has the highest % of 12th graders who fail to graduate (6.2%) and the highest crime rate within this cluster. The high level of home ownership in Tract 108 masks the risks within this cluster.