

Cluster 4 “Central”
Tracts #77, 79, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91

Brief Summary

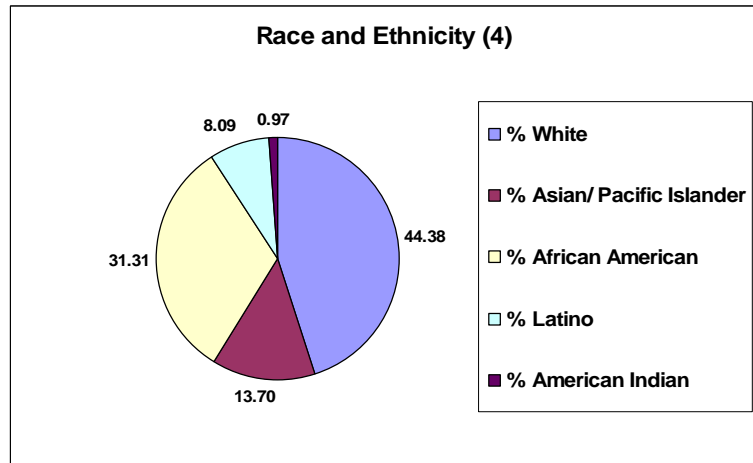
Demographic Characteristics within Cluster:

Total Population: 28,298
Total Household: 12,272
Total Family Household: 4,775 (38.9%)
Families with children < 18 yrs. old: 46.4%
% of Single Parent Headed Household: 45.5%
(76% are Female Headed Households)
% of population < 5 years of age: 4.3%
% of population < 18 years of age: 16.6%
% of population > 65 years of age: 13.2%

Education

% of residents with no formal education completed: 2.4%
% of residents with < 12th grade education: 20%
% with Bachelor’s Degree: 23.8%
% with Master’s Degree or higher: 11%

Non-institutionalized Children/Youth (ages 5-20) with disability: 9.5%



Tract 91 had the highest % of all tracts in the study of non-institutionalized children with disability at 23.6%.

Economic Characteristics:

Total < Poverty Level: 21.7%--this is the highest among all clusters
Children/youth (ages 5-20): 32.1% Elderly: 33.6% Adults: 17.6%

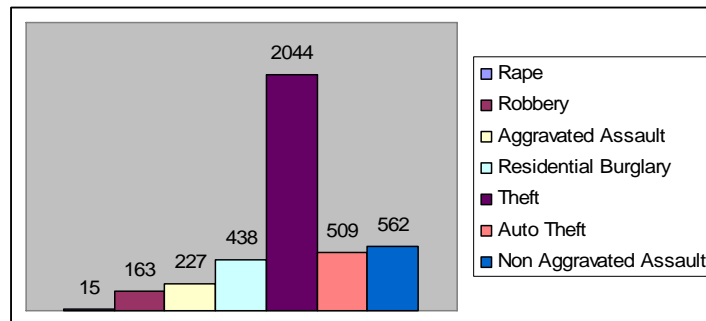
- Families earning < than 50K: 59.4%---the concentration is striking in tract 91 with 93.3% of the families earning less than 50K.
- Families earning > than 50K: 40.6%---with tract 89 having the highest concentration in this cluster at 54.1%.
- The range of families earning < 50K is 45.9% (tract 89) to 93.3% (tract 91).

Renter occupancy: 63.8% with tract 91 having the highest at 97.2%. In this cluster, tract 88 has the highest % of home ownership (58%).

Crime Statistics:

Rate of Total Part I crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated and non-aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson): 145 per 1000 residents with tract 91 (307 per 1000) having the highest rate among all tracts in the study. Tract 77 (69 per 1000) had the lowest rate among the tracts in this cluster. The principal crime was theft, followed by auto theft. Interestingly, in comparison to all other clusters, the rate of auto theft to theft was lowest in Cluster 4, about 25% compared to 33-50% in the other clusters. Across several tracts in this cluster there is much variability regarding the type of crime within this category having the highest rates of commission.

Rate of Total Part II crime (vandalism, weapons possession, vice and prostitution, drug abuse violations, liquor laws, loitering): 30 per 1000 residents. This is the highest among all clusters. Tract 77 had the lowest at 10 per 1000 and tract 91 had the highest rate at 85 per 1000. The principal crimes in this category for this cluster were vandalism (479) and drug abuse violations (260).



Survey Findings:

Of the 89 respondents associated with Cluster 4, 71 were white (79.8%) and 7 were African American. There was only 1 Asian/Pacific Islander. For this cluster, the lack of representation of Asian/Pacific Islanders is telling. 59.6% of respondents were female. The average age in years was 39. The overwhelming majority were residents (86.5%) with 43.8% being property owners. Only 4.5% were business owners. 71.9% of respondents felt safe in this neighborhood all or most of the time and 60.7% felt safe to walk here.

The three most important things that make them feel safe are: 1) neighbors looking out for each other (41.6%), 2) seeing police (36%), and 3) quick police response (28.1%). 48.3% of the respondents indicated that they take extra precautions due to threat or danger of violence all or most of the time.

The three most important factors that make the respondents feel unsafe are: 1) seeing crime (30.3%), 2) being a victim of crime (28.1%) and 3) hearing about crime (22.5%). Public drug use (15.7%) and gang members (13.5%) were ranked high as well. The following items were rated highest as perceived to be a major or significant problem in the community: 1) sale of drugs in public (67.4%), 2) drug use in public (62.9%), and 3) burglary (60.7%). Shootings were identified as a significant problem by 55.1% and gang activity by 51.7% of respondents.

The three events ranked highest as being known to have occurred in this neighborhood are drug use (80.9%) drug sale (79.8%), and theft of property (76.4%). These rates are very comparable to Cluster 1. In Cluster 4, break-ins (73%) and physical attacks (51.7%) were

frequently known to have occurred. The perception that crime has increased somewhat or significantly in the past 12 months is held by 38.2% of respondents to the survey while 32.6% believe it has increased at least somewhat in the past 3 years. 37.1% indicated that they know the neighbors well or very well. 56.2% are involved in block watch groups

Noteworthy: Many services are perceived to exist for youth (16.9%) and senior citizens (21.3%) in this cluster. 28.1% reported that businesses are engaged in this neighborhood. Overall, 60.7% of the respondents felt people are invested in making the neighborhood safe. This is a major strength and is much higher than the overall average for all clusters studied in this project (51.5%).

Observational Findings:

Cluster 4 has the highest incidence of café/diners (34.8%), restaurants (37.8%) and murals (37.6%) compared to all other clusters in the study. Also, it has a high % of billboards (27.5%), churches (27.8%) and recreation centers (25.3%). 18.2% of all police activity observed during the drive through observations occurred in this cluster. Noteworthy is the fact that no police station was identified in this cluster.

Summary:

Cluster 4 is a low-income area. It has the highest % of total population living below the poverty line (21.7%) compared to all other clusters, with tract 91 experiencing the highest % of all tracts studied in this project at 48.7%. The % of single parent headed households in this cluster is 45.5%, highest among all clusters. Also, there is a low rate of home ownership and educational attainment. These are potent risk factors, especially when considering their additive effects.

It is noteworthy that this cluster has substantial number of housing projects in comparison to all other clusters. It has the highest % of mom and pop stores, 32.8%, schools 38.4%. The Juvenile Detention Facility is also located in this cluster. This cluster has the most mental health facilities/agencies (87.5%) as well as service/community agencies in comparison to all other clusters (35.6%).