CLEVELAND WARD 1
DATA PROFILE 2026
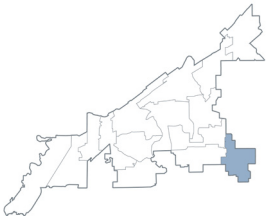
Residents

DEMOGRAPHICS	WARD 1	
Population: 23,061	**Count**	**Percent**
Under 5 years	969	4.2%
5 - 17 years	3,489	15.1%
18 - 64 years	13,531	58.7%
65 years and over	5,072	22.0%
Race and ethnicity	**Count**	**Percent**
American Indian | Alaskan Native alone or in combination	196	<1%
Asian alone or in combination	49	<1%
Black | African American alone or in combination	22,126	>95%
Native Hawaiian | Pacific Islander alone or in combination	<15	-
White alone, non-Hispanic	391	1.7%
Some other race alone or in combination	532	2.3%
Hispanic or Latino of any race	541	2.3%
Black | Indigenous | People of Color	22,670	>95%

Note: Individuals could select multiple racial/ethnic identities, therefore categories do not add up to 100%
Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Household Income

HOUSEHOLDS EARNING EMPLOYMENT INCOME

WARD 1		CLEVELAND
Count	**Percent**	**Percent**
6,686	62.1%	67.5%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

MEAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

WARD 1	CLEVELAND
$48,343	**$56,900**

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

MEAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY THE RACE AND ETHNICITY OF THE HOUSEHOLDER

	WARD 1	CLEVELAND
Black alone	$48,104	$41,988
White alone, non-Hispanic	-	$77,514
Hispanic or Latino of any race	$47,696	$53,293

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates
Note: This income data for local geographies is only available by the mean, which is more susceptible to distortion by high-income outliers. Therefore, mean incomes are typically higher than the median income, and should be interpreted with the understanding that the median income is likely lower.

Economic Stability

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
Poverty	**Count**	**Percent**	**Percent**
Residents above the Federal Poverty Threshold	16,192	70.8%	69.2%
Residents in deep poverty (income is below 50% of the Federal Poverty Threshold)	3,288	14.4%	14.5%
Residents in or near poverty (income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Threshold)	10,671	46.6%	54.4%
Residents with income above 200% of the Federal Poverty Threshold	12,208	53.4%	45.6%
Residents with income above 400% of the Federal Poverty Threshold	3,452	15.1%	18.9%
Families in poverty	1,628	27.6%	25.2%
Families with children in poverty	998	43.8%	38.1%
Single females in poverty	1,189	40.7%	36.0%
Single males in poverty	502	25.7%	30.0%
Employed residents 16 and older who are in poverty	1,397	15.2%	12.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
Economic support	**Count**	**Percent**	**Percent**
Residents who are food secure	18,665	79.7%	75.9%
Households receiving SNAP benefits (self-reported)	2,662	24.7%	31.5%
Residents with public health coverage (Medicare, Medicaid, Tri-care, etc.)	13,526	58.9%	57.2%

Source: Map the Meal Gap 2024

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

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Employment

WORKING AGE RESIDENTS (16-64) WHO WORKED AT ALL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
	Count	Percent	Percent
Total Employment	**9,564**	**67.1%**	**71.1%**

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
Employment, by sex	Count	Percent	Percent
FEMALE			
Full time (35+ hours)	3,843	51.2%	50.9%
Part time (≤34 hours)	1,521	20.3%	20.3%
Did not work	2,137	28.5%	28.9%
MALE			
Full time (35+ hours)	3,180	47.2%	55.7%
Part time (≤34 hours)	1,021	15.1%	15.4%
Did not work	2,542	37.7%	28.9%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

WORKING AGE RESIDENTS (16-64) WHO ARE EMPLOYED, BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
	Count	Percent	Percent
Asian alone	16	>95%	59.5%
Black alone	7,872	58.8%	55.5%
White alone, non-Hispanic	171	68.3%	70.2%
Other race	72	41.4%	57.5%
Two or more races	236	67.1%	60.6%
Hispanic or Latino, of any race	178	71.5%	62.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who reported a loss of employment or a reduction in hours in the last 12 months	4,466	25.8%	18.7%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

GETTING TO WORK

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
Commute time	Count	Percent	Percent
Less than 10 minutes	345	4.2%	10.5%
10 - 30 minutes	5,363	64.9%	62.3%
30 - 60 minutes	2,231	27.0%	22.7%
More than 60 minutes	327	4.0%	4.5%

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
Transportation type	Count	Percent	Percent
Drove alone	6,411	71.3%	65.4%
Carpooled	796	8.8%	10.0%
Public transit	548	6.1%	6.9%
Walked	368	4.1%	5.3%
Other/Worked from home	873	9.7%	12.4%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Education

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
	Count	Percent	Percent
Bachelor's degree or more	2,857	16.8%	21.3%
Associate's degree	1,747	10.3%	7.1%
High school degree or equivalent	10,426	61.5%	55.1%
Less than a high school degree	1,933	11.4%	16.5%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

ENGAGED YOUTH AGES 16-19

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
	Count	Percent	Percent
Youth who are in school and/or employed or looking for employment	1,165	>95%	93.4%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

PROFICIENCY LEVELS AMONG RESIDENTS AGES 16 -74

Level 3: Proficient skills
Level 2: Near proficiency
Level 1: A range encompassing functionally illiterate to being at risk for difficulty comprehending material

| | WARD 1 | | CLEVELAND |
Literacy proficiency	Count	Percent	Percent
Level 3 (Proficient)	8,024	41.5%	41.7%
Level 2 (Near proficiency)	6,758	35.0%	34.0%
Level 1	4,533	23.5%	24.3%
Numeracy proficiency	**Count**	**Percent**	**Percent**
Level 3 (Proficient)	6,201	32.1%	32.9%
Level 2 (Near proficiency)	5,958	30.8%	29.7%
Level 1	7,156	37.0%	37.4%

Source: National Center for Educational Statistics' Program for the International Assessment for Adult Competencies 2020 Data for Cuyahoga County was adjusted for local geographies by level of educational attainment using the American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Health

HEALTH BEHAVIORS

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who saw a doctor for a routine health check up in the last year	15,845	85.2%	79.4%
Adults who needed to see a doctor in the last 12 months but couldn't afford to	2,995	17.3%	16.4%
Adults who reported having someone that they think of as their personal healthcare provider	13,936	80.5%	81.7%
Adults who participated in physical activity in the last month	12,051	64.8%	67.3%
Adults who do not use tobacco	14,332	77.0%	76.0%

Source: The Centers for Disease Control PLACES 2024 Data and American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates, Cleveland Health Survey 2025

HEALTH CHARACTERISTICS

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who are insured	21,513	93.7%	92.3%
Residents who are living with a disability	4,712	20.5%	19.9%
Residents who provide regular care or assistance to a friend or family member who has a health problem or a disability	6,146	35.5%	26.0%
Adults with asthma	2,723	14.6%	13.7%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates, Cleveland Health Survey 2025, The Centers for Disease Control PLACES 2024 Data and American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

PERCEIVED HEALTH STATUS

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who report they are in fair or poor health	6,235	33.5%	30.8%

Source: The Centers for Disease Control PLACES 2024 Data and American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

SUPPORT

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who report they rarely or never get the social and emotional support they need	2,441	14.1%	15.2%
Residents who report always or usually feeling lonely	2,631	15.2%	18.6%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

DAYS WITH POOR HEALTH STATUS IN THE LAST MONTH

Mental Health	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
14 or fewer days	14,825	79.7%	78.0%
15 or more days	3,778	20.3%	22.0%

Physical Health	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
14 or fewer days	15,136	81.4%	81.9%
15 or more days	3,467	18.6%	18.1%

Source: The Centers for Disease Control PLACES 2024 Data and American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

ESTIMATED AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF RESIDENTS

This estimate is a measure of how long a baby born in 2019 is, on average, expected to live. Estimates by sex and race were published in 2022 for Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and the U.S. The estimates were derived from population and death data from the National Center for Health Statistics. Local estimates were calculated based on the demographics of the residents of the geography.

WARD 1		
Female	Male	Total
77.6 years	69.4 years	73.8 years

CLEVELAND		
Female	Male	Total
79.9 years	73.0 years	76.5 years

CUYAHOGA COUNTY		
Female	Male	Total
80.0 years	73.8 years	77.0 years

OHIO		
Female	Male	Total
79.6 years	74.5 years	77.0 years

UNITED STATES		
Female	Male	Total
81.6 years	76.5 years	79.1 years

Source: The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation's 2022 dataset United States Mortality Rates and Life Expectancy by County, Race, and Ethnicity, 2000-2019. Cuyahoga County estimates were adjusted for local geographies by race and sex, using American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates.

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Neighborhood, Built Environment, and Housing

INCOME INEQUALITY

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Households earning more than $200,000	87	<1%	3.0%
Households earning less than $25,000	3,847	35.7%	34.7%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

HOUSING COMPOSITION

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Housing that is rented	4,391	40.8%	58.8%
Housing that is owned	6,377	59.2%	41.2%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

RESIDENTS LIVING IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing: Housing costs are less than 30% of a household's income

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Renters	2,312	52.7%	53.3%
Homeowners	4,538	71.2%	75.7%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who reported being unable to pay their mortgage, rent, or utility bills in the last 12 months	4,726	27.3%	21.3%
Residents who reported having a utility company threaten to shut off their services in the last 12 months	4,363	25.2%	27.3%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

TRANSPORTATION

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who were kept from medical appointments, meetings, work, or from getting the things needed for daily living due to a lack of reliable transportation	3,843	22.2%	19.4%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

REDLINING

Redlining was a discriminatory practice started in the 1930s, in which the government-supported Home Owners Loan Corporation and other entities identified specific neighborhoods that had large concentrations of Black residents as being too 'hazardous' to invest in.

This practice systematically denied home loans, disinvested in neighborhoods, & denied wealth building opportunities to Black families and other families of color, and certain parts of cities. **Although officially outlawed in 1968, the damage of these overtly racist policies is still felt to this day.**

	WARD 1	CLEVELAND
	Percent of Land Area	
Livable area that was once redlined	11.6%	33.2%

Source: Calculated estimates using maps from The University of Virginia's Mapping Inequality Project

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who do not consider their neighborhood to be safe	2,285	13.2%	12.1%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

TREE CANOPY

According to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, **tree canopies** benefit the community by improving water quality, reducing erosion and air pollution, saving energy, lowering city temperatures, enhancing property values, providing wildlife habitat, and offering social, educational, and aesthetic benefits.

	WARD 1	CLEVELAND
	Percent	
Land area with tree canopy	20.2%	17.8%

Source: Cuyahoga County Planning Commission's 2019 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment

Internet Access

	WARD 1		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
With Broadband subscription of any kind	8,452	78.5%	80.5%
Only Cellular data, no other internet	1,387	12.9%	13.3%
No internet subscription	1,868	17.4%	15.2%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates