CLEVELAND WARD 8
DATA PROFILE 2026

Residents

DEMOGRAPHICS	WARD 8	
Population: 22,083	**Count**	**Percent**
Under 5 years	916	4.1%
5 - 17 years	2,514	11.4%
18 - 64 years	14,964	67.8%
65 years and over	3,689	16.7%
Race and ethnicity	**Count**	**Percent**
American Indian | Alaskan Native alone or in combination	365	1.7%
Asian alone or in combination	1,511	6.8%
Black | African American alone or in combination	15,012	68.0%
Native Hawaiian | Pacific Islander alone or in combination	<15	-
White alone, non-Hispanic	4,448	20.1%
Some other race alone or in combination	821	3.7%
Hispanic or Latino of any race	1,123	5.1%
Black | Indigenous | People of Color	17,635	79.9%

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

Economic Stability

Poverty	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	**Percent**	**Percent**
Residents above the Federal Poverty Threshold	12,465	60.1%	69.2%
Residents in deep poverty (income is below 50% of the Federal Poverty Threshold)	4,188	20.2%	14.5%
Residents in or near poverty (income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Threshold)	13,354	64.4%	54.4%
Residents with income above 200% of the Federal Poverty Threshold	7,384	35.6%	45.6%
Residents with income above 400% of the Federal Poverty Threshold	3,352	16.2%	18.9%
Families in poverty	1,124	31.4%	25.2%
Families with children in poverty	814	46.6%	38.1%
Single females in poverty	1,478	41.1%	36.0%
Single males in poverty	1,986	48.5%	30.0%
Employed residents 16 and older who are in poverty	1,350	16.5%	12.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Economic support	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	**Percent**	**Percent**
Residents who are food secure	16,533	73.0%	75.9%
Households receiving SNAP benefits (self-reported)	4,278	37.9%	31.5%
Residents with public health coverage (Medicare, Medicaid, Tri-care, etc.)	12,946	61.8%	57.2%

Source: Map the Meal Gap 2024

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Household Income

HOUSEHOLDS EARNING EMPLOYMENT INCOME

WARD 8		CLEVELAND
Count	**Percent**	**Percent**
6,563	58.2%	67.5%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

MEAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

WARD 8	CLEVELAND
$44,832	**$56,900**

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

MEAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY THE RACE AND ETHNICITY OF THE HOUSEHOLDER

	WARD 8	CLEVELAND
Black alone	$35,902	$41,988
White alone, non-Hispanic	$84,340	$77,514
Hispanic or Latino of any race	$48,277	$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.

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Employment

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

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Total Employment	**9,646**	**62.8%**	**71.1%**

Employment, by sex	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
FEMALE			
Full time (35+ hours)	3,445	48.0%	50.9%
Part time (≤34 hours)	1,347	18.8%	20.3%
Did not work	2,381	33.2%	28.9%
MALE			
Full time (35+ hours)	3,733	45.7%	55.7%
Part time (≤34 hours)	1,121	13.7%	15.4%
Did not work	3,322	40.6%	28.9%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

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

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Asian alone	501	57.2%	59.5%
Black alone	4,308	47.8%	55.5%
White alone, non-Hispanic	2,388	65.8%	70.2%
Other race	207	59.5%	57.5%
Two or more races	357	34.4%	60.6%
Hispanic or Latino, of any race	522	58.9%	62.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who reported a loss of employment or a reduction in hours in the last 12 months	3,918	18.5%	18.7%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

GETTING TO WORK

Commute time	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Less than 10 minutes	1,117	15.2%	10.5%
10 - 30 minutes	4,387	59.9%	62.3%
30 - 60 minutes	1,519	20.7%	22.7%
More than 60 minutes	306	4.2%	4.5%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Transportation type	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Drove alone	4,692	58.0%	65.4%
Carpooled	859	10.6%	10.0%
Public transit	725	9.0%	6.9%
Walked	827	10.2%	5.3%
Other/Worked from home	992	12.3%	12.4%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Education

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Bachelor's degree or more	3,002	18.6%	21.3%
Associate's degree	1,121	6.9%	7.1%
High school degree or equivalent	8,703	53.9%	55.1%
Less than a high school degree	3,322	20.6%	16.5%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

ENGAGED YOUTH AGES 16-19

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Youth who are in school and/or employed or looking for employment	890	85.0%	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

Literacy proficiency	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Level 3 (Proficient)	7,888	41.4%	41.7%
Level 2 (Near proficiency)	6,442	33.8%	34.0%
Level 1	4,707	24.7%	24.3%
Numeracy proficiency	Count	Percent	Percent
Level 3 (Proficient)	6,234	32.7%	32.9%
Level 2 (Near proficiency)	5,626	29.6%	29.7%
Level 1	7,178	37.7%	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 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who saw a doctor for a routine health check up in the last year	15,016	80.5%	79.4%
Adults who needed to see a doctor in the last 12 months but couldn't afford to	2,647	12.5%	16.4%
Adults who reported having someone that they think of as their personal healthcare provider	17,345	81.9%	81.7%
Adults who participated in physical activity in the last month	11,726	62.9%	67.3%
Adults who do not use tobacco	13,704	73.5%	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 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who are insured	19,504	93.2%	92.3%
Residents who are living with a disability	5,015	24.0%	19.9%
Residents who provide regular care or assistance to a friend or family member who has a health problem or a disability	4,871	23.0%	26.0%
Adults with asthma	2,636	14.1%	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 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who report they are in fair or poor health	6,681	35.8%	30.8%

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

SUPPORT

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who report they rarely or never get the social and emotional support they need	3,367	15.9%	15.2%
Residents who report always or usually feeling lonely	4,892	23.1%	18.6%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

DAYS WITH POOR HEALTH STATUS IN THE LAST MONTH

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
Mental Health	Count	Percent	Percent
14 or fewer days	14,432	77.4%	78.0%
15 or more days	4,220	22.6%	22.0%

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
Physical Health	Count	Percent	Percent
14 or fewer days	14,910	79.9%	81.9%
15 or more days	3,742	20.1%	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 8

Female	Male	Total
79.1 years	**72.0 years**	**75.4 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 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Households earning more than $200,000	247	2.2%	3.0%
Households earning less than $25,000	5,282	46.9%	34.7%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

HOUSING COMPOSITION

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Housing that is rented	8,579	76.1%	58.8%
Housing that is owned	2,694	23.9%	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 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Renters	5,082	59.2%	53.3%
Homeowners	1,849	68.6%	75.7%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who reported being unable to pay their mortgage, rent, or utility bills in the last 12 months	4,236	20.0%	21.3%
Residents who reported having a utility company threaten to shut off their services in the last 12 months	2,393	11.3%	27.3%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

TRANSPORTATION

	WARD 8		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	4,574	21.6%	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 8	CLEVELAND
	Percent of Land Area	
Livable area that was once redlined	63.8%	33.2%

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

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who do not consider their neighborhood to be safe	3,198	15.1%	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 8	CLEVELAND
	Percent	
Land area with tree canopy	17.2%	17.8%

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

Internet Access

	WARD 8		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
With Broadband subscription of any kind	8,412	74.6%	80.5%
Only Cellular data, no other internet	1,749	15.5%	13.3%
No internet subscription	2,152	19.1%	15.2%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

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