CLEVELAND WARD 12
DATA PROFILE 2026
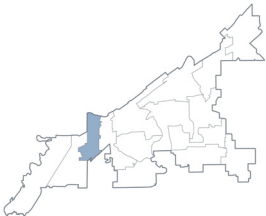
Residents

DEMOGRAPHICS	WARD 12	
Population: 26,000	**Count**	**Percent**
Under 5 years	1,304	5.0%
5 - 17 years	4,325	16.6%
18 - 64 years	17,476	67.2%
65 years and over	2,895	11.1%
Race and ethnicity	**Count**	**Percent**
American Indian | Alaskan Native alone or in combination	478	1.8%
Asian alone or in combination	938	3.6%
Black | African American alone or in combination	7,756	29.8%
Native Hawaiian | Pacific Islander alone or in combination	51	<1%
White alone, non-Hispanic	12,471	48.0%
Some other race alone or in combination	4,243	16.3%
Hispanic or Latino of any race	5,906	22.7%
Black | Indigenous | People of Color	13,529	52.0%

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

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
Poverty	**Count**	**Percent**	**Percent**
Residents above the Federal Poverty Threshold	18,703	72.6%	69.2%
Residents in deep poverty (income is below 50% of the Federal Poverty Threshold)	3,381	13.1%	14.5%
Residents in or near poverty (income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Threshold)	13,371	51.9%	54.4%
Residents with income above 200% of the Federal Poverty Threshold	12,396	48.1%	45.6%
Residents with income above 400% of the Federal Poverty Threshold	4,379	17.0%	18.9%
Families in poverty	1,243	23.4%	25.2%
Families with children in poverty	1,006	34.4%	38.1%
Single females in poverty	902	32.5%	36.0%
Single males in poverty	764	21.0%	30.0%
Employed residents 16 and older who are in poverty	1,404	11.1%	12.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
Economic support	**Count**	**Percent**	**Percent**
Residents who are food secure	20,268	75.5%	75.9%
Households receiving SNAP benefits (self-reported)	3,384	28.8%	31.5%
Residents with public health coverage (Medicare, Medicaid, Tri-care, etc.)	13,931	54.0%	57.2%

Source: Map the Meal Gap 2024

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Household Income

HOUSEHOLDS EARNING EMPLOYMENT INCOME

WARD 12		CLEVELAND
Count	**Percent**	**Percent**
8,927	76.0%	67.5%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

MEAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

WARD 12	CLEVELAND
$59,639	**$56,900**

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

MEAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY THE RACE AND ETHNICITY OF THE HOUSEHOLDER

	WARD 12	CLEVELAND
Black alone	$41,774	$41,988
White alone, non-Hispanic	$69,613	$77,514
Hispanic or Latino of any race	$54,738	$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 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Total Employment	**13,658**	**75.5%**	**71.1%**

Employment, by sex	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
FEMALE			
Full time (35+ hours)	4,416	50.6%	50.9%
Part time (≤34 hours)	1,803	20.6%	20.3%
Did not work	2,516	28.8%	28.9%
MALE			
Full time (35+ hours)	5,923	63.2%	55.7%
Part time (≤34 hours)	1,517	16.2%	15.4%
Did not work	1,928	20.6%	28.9%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

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

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Asian alone	251	63.7%	59.5%
Black alone	2,493	63.6%	55.5%
White alone, non-Hispanic	6,058	66.5%	70.2%
Other race	909	62.6%	57.5%
Two or more races	1,742	71.5%	60.6%
Hispanic or Latino, of any race	2,808	69.7%	62.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who reported a loss of employment or a reduction in hours in the last 12 months	5,314	24.1%	18.7%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

GETTING TO WORK

Commute time	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Less than 10 minutes	1,087	9.8%	10.5%
10 - 30 minutes	7,219	65.3%	62.3%
30 - 60 minutes	2,254	20.4%	22.7%
More than 60 minutes	488	4.4%	4.5%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Transportation type	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Drove alone	7,903	64.6%	65.4%
Carpooled	1,436	11.7%	10.0%
Public transit	872	7.1%	6.9%
Walked	264	2.2%	5.3%
Other/Worked from home	1,769	14.4%	12.4%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

Education

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Bachelor's degree or more	3,624	20.5%	21.3%
Associate's degree	1,206	6.8%	7.1%
High school degree or equivalent	9,322	52.7%	55.1%
Less than a high school degree	3,546	20.0%	16.5%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

ENGAGED YOUTH AGES 16-19

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Youth who are in school and/or employed or looking for employment	1,265	94.7%	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 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Level 3 (Proficient)	8,491	40.4%	41.7%
Level 2 (Near proficiency)	7,177	34.2%	34.0%
Level 1	5,330	25.4%	24.3%
Numeracy proficiency	**Count**	**Percent**	**Percent**
Level 3 (Proficient)	6,676	31.8%	32.9%
Level 2 (Near proficiency)	6,190	29.5%	29.7%
Level 1	8,132	38.7%	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 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who saw a doctor for a routine health check up in the last year	15,688	77.0%	79.4%
Adults who needed to see a doctor in the last 12 months but couldn't afford to	6,615	30.0%	16.4%
Adults who reported having someone that they think of as their personal healthcare provider	17,154	77.8%	81.7%
Adults who participated in physical activity in the last month	13,784	67.7%	67.3%
Adults who do not use tobacco	15,235	74.8%	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 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who are insured	23,083	89.4%	92.3%
Residents who are living with a disability	4,831	18.7%	19.9%
Residents who provide regular care or assistance to a friend or family member who has a health problem or a disability	6,857	31.1%	26.0%
Adults with asthma	2,696	13.2%	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 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Adults who report they are in fair or poor health	6,157	30.2%	30.8%

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

SUPPORT

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who report they rarely or never get the social and emotional support they need	4,652	21.1%	15.2%
Residents who report always or usually feeling lonely	4,939	22.4%	18.6%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

DAYS WITH POOR HEALTH STATUS IN THE LAST MONTH

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
Mental Health	Count	Percent	Percent
14 or fewer days	15,776	77.4%	78.0%
15 or more days	4,596	22.6%	22.0%

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
Physical Health	Count	Percent	Percent
14 or fewer days	16,630	81.6%	81.9%
15 or more days	3,741	18.4%	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 12		
Female	Male	Total
81.5 years	74.7 years	78.0 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 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Households earning more than $200,000	260	2.2%	3.0%
Households earning less than $25,000	3,334	28.4%	34.7%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

HOUSING COMPOSITION

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Housing that is rented	7,247	61.7%	58.8%
Housing that is owned	4,492	38.3%	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 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Renters	4,293	59.2%	53.3%
Homeowners	3,356	74.7%	75.7%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who reported being unable to pay their mortgage, rent, or utility bills in the last 12 months	6,130	27.8%	21.3%
Residents who reported having a utility company threaten to shut off their services in the last 12 months	4,542	20.6%	27.3%

Source: Cleveland Health Survey 2025

TRANSPORTATION

	WARD 12		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	4,807	21.8%	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 12	CLEVELAND
	Percent of Land Area	
Livable area that was once redlined	6.6%	33.2%

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

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
Residents who do not consider their neighborhood to be safe	353	1.6%	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 12	CLEVELAND
	Percent	
Land area with tree canopy	19.2%	17.8%

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

Internet Access

	WARD 12		CLEVELAND
	Count	Percent	Percent
With Broadband subscription of any kind	10,135	86.3%	80.5%
Only Cellular data, no other internet	1,350	11.5%	13.3%
No internet subscription	1,014	8.6%	15.2%

Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates

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