

Historic South Side Neighborhood

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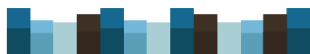


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Introduction and Background

This Neighborhood Portrait data profile was prepared by Data You Can Use with the support of Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin (UEDA). The framework is based on input and advice from community organizers working in the neighborhoods supported by Milwaukee's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The original set of neighborhood portraits were released by Data You Can Use in 2016 using 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-year estimates. This document is part of the first update to those original Neighborhood Portraits and has been edited in response to community feedback following the release and use of the original portraits.

Data You Can Use and our partners hope that these tables continue to be used by those working in Milwaukee neighborhoods in their work planning, organizing, and funding development work and programming. It is designed to be used with their staff, their partners, their funders, their elected officials, and the residents of their neighborhoods, and can be used to supplement and support the stories and anecdotes of residents to build a case for needed resources, and to identify more questions.

As part of the release of the updated Neighborhood Portraits, related training on the use of census data was conducted and offered to the neighborhood partners. A final draft of each Portrait was reviewed by these same partners, and neighborhood organizers shared the ideas, stories, and strategies that they derived from the data.

With each update to the Neighborhood Portraits, Data You Can Use strives to provide both timely data and improvements to the way data is displayed and/or the topics covered. Data You Can Use actively maintains a "wish list" of hopeful future improvements for the Neighborhood Portraits; please reach out to us if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations for future expansion of this project to new topics or neighborhoods in Milwaukee at connectwithus@datayoucanuse.org.

About the Data and Acknowledgements

Data Sources

This data portrait uses data from the 2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, which was the most up-to-date data at the time of the writing of this report. Specific source tables from the ACS are cited below each table within this report.

Census tracts 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 186, 187, 188 and 1866 were used to define the Historic South Side neighborhood for the purposes of this report. These tracts were chosen based on Neighborhood Strategic Planning Area (NSP) boundaries and in consultation with our neighborhood partners. The tables in the report describe the population that live within these census tracts. Please note that the boundaries of these tracts may differ from neighborhood or NSP boundaries.

Data Quality and Reliability

The data found in this report is from the American Community Survey and is some of the best data available that describes the people, households, families, and housing in Milwaukee neighborhoods. The American Community Survey data is collected by the U.S. Census Bureau, which holds its data to high standards.

It is also important to note that numbers and percentages included in this report are considered estimates. This is because the Census Bureau uses a sample of the population when they conduct the survey, which creates some level of uncertainty. The data presented here have a margin of error associated with each data point, which is a measure of the possible variation of the estimate and the true population value of each number. The margin of error helps data users understand the reliability of each data point.

We have chosen not to include margin of error for the estimates in the tables below so that the tables are clearer and easier to use. If you would like more information about data reliability for the tables in this report or would like to know the margin of error for a particular estimate, please reach out to our team at Data You Can Use. If you want to learn more about the American Community Survey, please refer to the [handbook for American Community Survey Data Users](#).

Acknowledgements and Contact

This report was prepared by Data You Can Use in collaboration with community partners and stakeholders working in the Historic South Side neighborhood in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Please reach out to Data You Can Use with questions about this report or the data it contains at connectwithus@datayoucanuse.org.

Section One | Population Characteristics

Table 1: Population by Race

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Population	25,487	100.0%	569,756	100.0%
Hispanic or Latino	17,680	69.4%	117,786	20.7%
White Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	5,289	20.8%	183,984	32.3%
Black or African American Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	1,145	4.5%	216,874	38.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	344	1.3%	2,331	0.4%
Asian Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	678	2.7%	27,314	4.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	-	0.0%	20	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	40	0.2%	1,560	0.3%
Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino)	311	1.2%	19,887	3.5%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B03002

Key Takeaway(s)

- 4.5% of Historic South Side neighborhood residents identify as Black or African American alone, which is less than the percentage for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (38.1%).
- 69.4% of Historic South Side neighborhood residents identify as Hispanic or Latino, greater than the City of Milwaukee as a whole (20.7%).

Table 2: Population by Age and Sex

	Historic South Side				City of Milwaukee			
	Total		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female
	Estimate	%			Estimate	%		
Total	25,487		13,316	12,171	569,756		275,637	294,119
Under 5 years	1,428	5.6%	5.9%	5.3%	39,541	6.9%	7.3%	6.6%
5 to 9 years	2,268	8.9%	7.9%	10.0%	39,906	7.0%	7.5%	6.6%
10 to 14 years	2,398	9.4%	10.3%	8.4%	42,729	7.5%	7.9%	7.2%
15 to 19 years	2,233	8.8%	8.6%	8.9%	43,781	7.7%	8.0%	7.4%
20 to 24 years	2,238	8.8%	10.1%	7.3%	46,073	8.1%	8.2%	8.0%
25 to 29 years	1,990	7.8%	7.6%	8.1%	51,041	9.0%	8.9%	9.0%
30 to 34 years	2,422	9.5%	10.2%	8.8%	45,800	8.0%	8.1%	7.9%
35 to 39 years	1,717	6.7%	6.6%	6.9%	38,949	6.8%	6.7%	7.0%
40 to 44 years	1,692	6.6%	5.6%	7.7%	35,365	6.2%	6.1%	6.3%
45 to 49 years	1,526	6.0%	5.5%	6.6%	30,440	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%
50 to 54 years	1,535	6.0%	7.4%	4.5%	29,964	5.3%	5.1%	5.4%
55 to 59 years	1,247	4.9%	4.3%	5.5%	31,055	5.5%	5.3%	5.6%
60 to 64 years	1,040	4.1%	4.6%	3.5%	28,148	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
65 to 69 years	664	2.6%	2.3%	2.9%	24,180	4.2%	4.0%	4.5%
70 to 74 years	409	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	17,879	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%
75 to 79 years	347	1.4%	0.9%	1.8%	10,141	1.8%	1.6%	1.9%
80 to 84 years	178	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	7,016	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%
85 years and over	155	0.6%	0.0%	1.3%	7,748	1.4%	0.9%	1.8%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B01001

Key Takeaways

- 52.2% of the residents in the Historic South Side neighborhood are male and 47.8% are female.
- 32.7% of the residents in the Historic South Side neighborhood are under 20 years old compared to 29.1% in the City of Milwaukee overall.
- 6.9% of the residents in the Historic South Side neighborhood are aged 65 or over compared to 11.7% in the City of Milwaukee overall.

Table 3: Residents Living in Poverty by Age

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Population *	25,441		555,150	
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	7,162	28.2%	129,368	23.3%
Under 5 years	535	7.5%	13,179	10.2%
5 years	171	2.4%	2,770	2.1%
6 to 11 years	1,166	16.3%	17,009	13.1%
12 to 14 years	715	10.0%	7,257	5.6%
15 years	281	3.9%	2,245	1.7%
16 and 17 years	293	4.1%	4,185	3.2%
18 to 24 years	767	10.7%	17,351	13.4%
25 to 34 years	837	11.7%	18,908	14.6%
35 to 44 years	891	12.4%	13,025	10.1%
45 to 54 years	571	8.0%	10,430	8.1%
55 to 64 years	548	7.7%	12,094	9.3%
65 to 74 years	290	4.0%	7,091	5.5%
75 years and over	97	1.4%	3,824	3.0%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B17001. Note: The total population number for this table does not match the total population number that can be seen in the previous tables. This is because this table is showing data for the total population for whom poverty status can be determined – in this case, slightly fewer people from the neighborhood.

How to interpret this table

The Census Bureau defines the poverty threshold differently for each person or family. Thresholds vary by the size of the family and the age of the members and are updated for inflation on an annual basis. [Read more about poverty thresholds here.](#)

Key Takeaways

- 28.2% of Historic South Side neighborhood residents live in households with incomes below the poverty line, compared to 23.3% in the City of Milwaukee overall.

Table 4: Household Characteristics

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total	8,493		231,084	
Family households	5,047	59.4%	118,965	51.5%
Married couple family	2,367	27.9%	59,089	25.6%
Family with male householder, no spouse present	729	8.6%	14,028	6.1%
Family with female householder, no spouse present	1,951	23.0%	45,848	19.8%
Non-family Households	3,446	40.6%	112,119	48.5%
Householder living alone	2,514	29.6%	89,354	38.7%
Householder not living alone	932	11.0%	22,765	9.9%
Average Household Size	3.00*		2.40	

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, tables B11001 and S1101 *Note: the average household for Historic South Side is an estimate calculated by dividing the estimated total number of residents in the neighborhood by the estimated total number of households. This methodology is the same as the methodology used by the U.S. Census.

How to interpret this table

The Census Bureau defines a family as “a group of two people or more (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such people (including related subfamily members) are considered as members of one family.”

Key Takeaways

- 29.6% of households in the Historic South Side neighborhood are occupied by individuals living alone, less than the rate for the City of Milwaukee (38.7%).
- The estimated average household size for the Historic South Side neighborhood is 3.00 people per household, which is greater than the average household size for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (2.40).

Table 5: Vehicles per Household

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Households	8,493		231,084	
No vehicle available	1,071	12.6%	37,805	16.4%
1 vehicle available	3,494	41.1%	105,514	45.7%
2 vehicles available	2,420	28.5%	64,698	28.0%
3 vehicles available	1,079	12.7%	17,582	7.6%
4 or more vehicles available	429	5.1%	5,485	2.4%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B08021

Key Takeaways

- Approximately 12.6% of households in the Historic South Side neighborhood do not have access to a vehicle, a smaller percentage than the rate of the City of Milwaukee as a whole (16.4%).

Table 6: Employment Status by Sex

	Historic South Side					City of Milwaukee				
	Estimate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment/Population Ratio	Unemployment Rate	Not Working	Estimate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment/Population Ratio	Unemployment Rate	Not Working
Population Age 20-64 Years	15,407	73.9%	69.8%	5.5%	30.2%	336,835	76.0%	71.5%	5.9%	28.5%
Male	8,240	80.1%	75.6%	5.6%	24.4%	161,998	78.2%	72.9%	6.6%	27.0%
Female	7,167	66.7%	63.2%	5.3%	36.8%	174,837	74.1%	70.2%	5.2%	29.8%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table S2301

How to interpret this table

- The **labor force participation rate** refers to the proportion of the population age 20-64 that is either working or actively looking for work.
- The **employment/population ratio** is the proportion of the population age 20-64 that is working.
- **Unemployment rate** is the percentage of those in the labor force who are not working.
- In this table, **not working** refers to the combined percentage of people who are not in the labor force and those who are in the labor force but are unemployed.

Key Takeaways

Employment status is separated by sex to identify and study gender disparities in the workforce, specifically to understand how employment opportunities, rates, and job types differ between men and women.

- 73.9% of Historic South Side neighborhood residents aged 20-64 are participating in the labor force by working or actively looking for work, less than the rate for the City of Milwaukee (76%).
- 5.5% of the labor force from the Historic South Side neighborhood is unemployed and looking for work, less than the City of Milwaukee (5.9%).

Table 7: Commute Method and Time to Work

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
COMMUTE METHOD				
Total workers 16 and over	11,269		259,913	
Drove alone in car, truck, or van	7,124	63.2%	176,329	67.8%
Carpooled in car, truck, or van	2,506	22.2%	25,886	10.0%
Public transportation	465	4.1%	13,928	5.4%
Taxicab	44	0.4%	797	0.3%
Motorcycle	-	0.0%	84	0.0%
Bicycle	32	0.3%	1,252	0.5%
Walked	233	2.1%	10,276	4.0%
Other means	84	0.7%	2,127	0.8%
Worked from home	781	6.9%	29,234	11.2%
COMMUTE TIME				
Total workers 16 and over who did not work from home	10,488		230,679	
Less than 10 minutes	796	7.6%	24,425	10.6%
10 to 19 minutes	4,389	41.8%	83,524	36.2%
20 to 29 minutes	2,512	24.0%	61,058	26.5%
30 to 39 minutes	1,727	16.5%	38,412	16.7%
40 to 59 minutes	767	7.3%	12,884	5.6%
60 to 89 minutes	152	1.4%	6,632	2.9%
90 minutes or more	145	1.4%	3,744	1.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.9		22.4	

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, tables B08301 and B08303. Mean travel time to work for Historic South Side is calculated based on table B08303. Mean travel time to work for City of Milwaukee is taken from table S0801.

Key Takeaways

- 63.2% of Historic South Side neighborhood working residents ages 16 and over drive alone in a car, truck, or van to work, a smaller percentage than the City of Milwaukee overall (67.8%).
- The mean travel time to work in the Historic South Side neighborhood is 21.9 minutes, compared to 22.4 minutes in the City of Milwaukee.

Table 8: Employment Sector by Sex

	Historic South Side				City of Milwaukee			
	Total		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female
	Estimate	%			Estimate	%		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	11,545		6,678	4,867	264,398		129,887	134,511
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	2,433	21.1%	17.1%	26.5%	90,892	34.4%	29.3%	39.3%
Service occupations	3,195	27.7%	20.7%	37.2%	57,165	21.6%	17.1%	26.0%
Sales and office occupations	1,343	11.6%	9.3%	14.8%	47,300	17.9%	12.8%	22.8%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	1,427	12.4%	21.2%	0.2%	15,782	6.0%	11.4%	0.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	3,147	27.3%	31.6%	21.3%	53,259	20.1%	29.4%	11.2%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table S2301

Key Takeaways

- The most common employment sectors for Historic South Side neighborhood residents are service occupations, which accounts for 27.7% of the employed population in the Historic South Side neighborhood.
- 42.2% of the civilian employed population in the Historic South Side neighborhood is female, compared to 50.9% in the City of Milwaukee.

Table 9: Educational Attainment

	Historic South Side				City of Milwaukee			
	Total		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female
	Estimate	%			Estimate	%		
Population 18 to 24 years	3,055		1,882	1,173	66,266		32,587	33,679
Less than high school graduate	697	22.8%	24.9%	19.4%	8,551	12.9%	15.2%	10.6%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,269	41.5%	48.8%	29.9%	24,780	37.4%	39.0%	35.9%
Some college or associate's degree	820	26.8%	22.6%	33.6%	26,158	39.5%	37.6%	41.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	269	8.8%	3.7%	17.1%	6,777	10.2%	8.2%	12.2%
Population 25 years and over	14,922		7,606	7,316	357,726		168,808	188,918
Less than 9th grade	2,677	17.9%	20.5%	15.3%	20,819	5.8%	6.5%	5.2%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,288	15.3%	14.8%	15.9%	30,951	8.7%	9.1%	8.2%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	4,851	32.5%	29.4%	35.8%	110,313	30.8%	32.7%	29.2%
Some college, no degree	2,093	14.0%	15.4%	12.6%	74,613	20.9%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate's degree	697	4.7%	4.1%	5.3%	26,030	7.3%	6.6%	7.9%
Bachelor's degree	1,761	11.8%	12.1%	11.4%	61,503	17.2%	16.4%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	555	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	33,497	9.4%	8.2%	10.4%
High school graduate or higher	9,957	66.7%	64.7%	68.8%	305,956	85.5%	84.4%	86.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,316	15.5%	15.8%	15.2%	95,000	26.6%	24.6%	28.3%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table S1501

Key Takeaways

- In the Historic South Side neighborhood, 66.7% of residents over 25 years old have graduated from high school or higher, a smaller percentage than the City of Milwaukee overall (85.5%).

Section Two | Housing and Household Characteristics

Table 10: Housing Occupancy and Tenure

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Housing Units	9,520		257,973	
Vacant Housing Units	1,027	10.8%	26,889	10.4%
Occupied Housing Units	8,493	89.2%	231,084	89.6%
Owner-occupied housing units	3,075	36.2%	95,890	41.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	5,418	63.8%	135,194	58.5%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

Key Takeaways

- Of the occupied housing units in the Historic South Side neighborhood, 36.2% are owner-occupied, which is less than the City of Milwaukee rate (41.5%).
- 10.8% of housing units in the Historic South Side neighborhood are vacant, compared to 10.4% in the City of Milwaukee as a whole.

Table 11: Units in Structure for Occupied Housing Units

	Historic South Side			City of Milwaukee		
	Occupied Housing Units Estimates	Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Renter-Occupied Housing Units	Occupied Housing Units Estimates	Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Renter Occupied Housing Units
Occupied housing units	8,493	3,075	5,418	231,084	95,890	135,194
Occupied housing units %		36.2%	63.8%		41.5%	58.5%
UNITS IN STRUCTURE						
1, detached	2,924	64.6%	17.3%	95,604	75.8%	17.0%
1, attached	251	1.4%	3.8%	9,414	3.9%	4.2%
2 apartments	3,236	31.2%	42.0%	48,141	12.7%	26.6%
3 or 4 apartments	871	1.4%	15.3%	16,325	1.1%	11.3%
5 to 9 apartments	270	0.0%	5.0%	13,241	0.8%	9.2%
10 or more apartments	891	1.1%	15.8%	47,421	5.3%	31.4%
Mobile home or other type of housing	50	0.3%	0.8%	938	0.5%	0.3%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table S2504

Key Takeaways

- Of the owner-occupied housing units in the Historic South Side neighborhood, 31.2% are duplexes (2 apartments) compared to 12.7% in the City of Milwaukee.
- 15.8% of renter-occupied units in the Historic South Side neighborhood are buildings with 10 or more apartments, compared to 31.4% in the City of Milwaukee as a whole.

Table 12: Housing Unit Bedrooms and Year Built

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total housing units	9,520		257,973	
BEDROOMS				
No bedroom	382	4.0%	10,189	3.9%
1 bedroom	1,045	11.0%	42,249	16.4%
2 bedrooms	3,552	37.3%	89,035	34.5%
3 bedrooms	2,857	30.0%	86,249	33.4%
4 bedrooms	1,290	13.6%	24,636	9.5%
5 or more bedrooms	394	4.1%	5,615	2.2%
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Built 2014 or later	-	0.0%	865	0.3%
Built 2010 to 2013	515	5.4%	8,912	3.5%
Built 2000 to 2009	110	1.2%	9,624	3.7%
Built 1990 to 1999	179	1.9%	9,050	3.5%
Built 1980 to 1989	146	1.5%	9,701	3.8%
Built 1970 to 1979	599	6.3%	23,773	9.2%
Built 1960 to 1969	448	4.7%	29,874	11.6%
Built 1950 to 1959	833	8.8%	48,618	18.8%
Built 1940 to 1949	754	7.9%	28,114	10.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	5,936	62.4%	89,442	34.7%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

Key Takeaways

- 11.0% of the housing units in the Historic South Side neighborhood have only one bedroom, compared with 16.4% in the City of Milwaukee.
- Of all the housing units in the Historic South Side neighborhood, 62.4% were built in 1939 or earlier, compared to 34.7% in the city overall.

Table 13: Gross Rent and Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	5,368		131,926	
Less than \$500	201	3.7%	9,220	7.0%
\$500 to \$999	2,585	48.2%	52,291	39.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,883	35.1%	50,434	38.2%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	437	8.1%	14,154	10.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	183	3.4%	3,120	2.4%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	57	1.1%	1,261	1.0%
\$3,000 or more	22	0.4%	1,446	1.1%

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Occupied units paying rent*				
Less than 15.0 percent	1,012	19.9%	17,567	13.8%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	644	12.6%	15,199	11.9%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	606	11.9%	15,630	12.3%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	488	9.6%	14,178	11.1%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	392	7.7%	10,508	8.3%
35.0 percent or more	1,952	38.3%	54,126	42.5%
Not computed	324		7,986	

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04. *Note: This table excludes units for which gross rent as a percentage of household income cannot be calculated.

Key Takeaways

- 46% of Historic South Side neighborhood households paying rent paid 30 percent or more of their household income towards rent, compared to 50.8% of the City of Milwaukee as a whole. Households that spend 30 percent or more of their household income on rent or housing expenses are considered cost burdened.

Table 14: Mortgage Status and Cost (Owner-Occupied Units)

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	3,075		95,890	
Housing units with a mortgage	1,682	54.7%	62,416	65.1%
Housing units without a mortgage	1,393	45.3%	33,474	34.9%
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS				
Housing units with a mortgage	1,682		62,416	
Less than \$500	-	0.0%	112	0.2%
\$500 to \$900	289	17.2%	7,555	12.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	846	50.3%	23,888	38.3%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	340	20.2%	18,731	30.0%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	128	7.6%	6,664	10.7%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	69	4.1%	2,616	4.2%
\$3,000 or more	10	0.6%	2,850	4.6%
Housing units without a mortgage	1,393		33,474	
Less than \$250	-	0.0%	680	2.0%
\$250 to \$399	101	7.3%	2,864	8.6%
\$400 to \$599	468	33.6%	10,154	30.3%
\$600 to \$799	543	39.0%	10,787	32.2%
\$800 to \$999	75	5.4%	4,873	14.6%
\$1,000 or more	206	14.8%	4,116	12.3%

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

Key Takeaways

- Of all owner-occupied houses in the Historic South Side neighborhood, 54.7% have a mortgage, compared to 65.1% in the City of Milwaukee.

Table 15: Mortgage Cost as a Percentage of Household Income (Owner-Occupied Units)

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Housing units with a mortgage*	1,682		61,649	
Less than 20.0%	777	46.2%	26,751	43.4%
20.0 to 24.9%	116	6.9%	9,098	14.8%
25.0 to 29.9%	171	10.2%	6,589	10.7%
30.0 to 34.9%	84	5.0%	4,465	7.2%
35.0% or more	534	31.7%	14,746	23.9%
Not computed	-		767	
Housing units without a mortgage*	1,393		32,782	
Less than 10.0%	339	24.3%	11,062	33.7%
10.0 to 14.9%	260	18.7%	6,717	20.5%
15.0 to 19.9%	228	16.4%	4,513	13.8%
20.0 to 24.9%	199	14.3%	2,567	7.8%
25.0 to 29.9%	183	13.1%	1,881	5.7%
30.0 to 34.9%	30	2.2%	1,116	3.4%
35.0% or more	154	11.1%	4,926	15.0%
Not computed	-		692	

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04. *Note: This table excludes households where selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income (SMOCAPI) could not be calculated.

Key Takeaways

- Nearly a third (31.7%) of all owner-occupied units with a mortgage in the Historic South Side neighborhood pay 35 percent or more of their household income towards housing costs, greater than the City of Milwaukee as a whole (23.9%).
- Nearly half (46.2%) of all owner-occupied units with a mortgage in the Historic South Side neighborhood pay less than 20 percent of their household income towards housing costs, compared to 43.4% in the City of Milwaukee as a whole.

Table 16: Household Income in the Past 12 Months and Median Income

	Historic South Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total	8,493		231,084	
Less than \$10,000	625	7.4%	18,168	7.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	460	5.4%	15,286	6.6%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	293	3.4%	9,909	4.3%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	596	7.0%	12,464	5.4%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	503	5.9%	12,773	5.5%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	538	6.3%	11,338	4.9%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	417	4.9%	10,688	4.6%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	441	5.2%	11,103	4.8%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	348	4.1%	10,068	4.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	670	7.9%	19,588	8.5%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,131	13.3%	22,036	9.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	853	10.0%	27,699	12.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	701	8.3%	18,575	8.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	374	4.4%	10,731	4.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	379	4.5%	11,555	5.0%
\$200,000 or more	164	1.9%	9,103	3.9%
Median Household Income	\$50,381		\$51,888	

Data Source: 2019 - 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B19001. Median Household Income for Historic South Side is calculated based on table B19001. Median Household Income for City of Milwaukee is taken from table S1901.

Key Takeaways

- Approximately 19.1% of households in the Historic South Side neighborhood make \$100,000 or more per year, similar to the City of Milwaukee as a whole (21.5%).
- The median household income in the Historic South Side neighborhood is \$50,381, similar to the median household income for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (\$51,888).