

Near West Side Neighborhood

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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 programing. 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. Longer-term plans include the possibility of an interactive way to access neighborhood data, looking at some of the data points over time, and adding additional topics to the Portraits. 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 2018-2022 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 123, 124, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 146, 148, 149 and 1864 were used to define the Near West 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 Near West 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

	Near W	est Side	City of Milwaukee		
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total Population	19,231	100.0%	573,299	100.0%	
Hispanic or Latino	2,520	13.1%	116,084	20.2%	
White Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	7,087	36.9%	188,947	33.0%	
Black or African American Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	7,749	40.3%	218,327	38.1%	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	17	0.1%	2,168	0.4%	
Asian Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	966	5.0%	26,922	4.7%	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	1	0.0%	113	0.0%	
Some Other Race Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	118	0.6%	1,427	0.2%	
Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino)	774	4.0%	19,311	3.4%	

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B03002

- 40.3% of Near West Side neighborhood residents identify as Black or African American alone, which is similar the percentage for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (38.1%).
- 13.1% of Near West Side neighborhood residents identify as Hispanic or Latino, less than the City of Milwaukee as a whole (20.2%).

Table 2: Population by Age and Sex

Near West Side

City of Milwaukee

	Tot	al			Tot	al		
	Estimate	%	Male	Female	Estimate	%	Male	Female
Total	19,231		9,520	9,711	573,299		278,825	294,474
Under 5 years	1,108	5.8%	7.4%	4.2%	41,153	7.2%	7.5%	6.9%
5 to 9 years	869	4.5%	5.3%	3.8%	39,706	6.9%	7.3%	6.6%
10 to 14 years	725	3.8%	3.2%	4.3%	43,174	7.5%	8.0%	7.1%
15 to 19 years	2,626	13.7%	10.8%	16.4%	43,760	7.6%	7.9%	7.4%
20 to 24 years	3,750	19.5%	17.5%	21.5%	48,411	8.4%	8.6%	8.3%
25 to 29 years	1,968	10.2%	9.4%	11.0%	52,429	9.1%	9.1%	9.2%
30 to 34 years	1,164	6.1%	7.3%	4.9%	45,280	7.9%	8.0%	7.8%
35 to 39 years	981	5.1%	6.2%	4.0%	39,196	6.8%	6.7%	6.9%
40 to 44 years	898	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%	34,578	6.0%	5.9%	6.2%
45 to 49 years	960	5.0%	6.8%	3.2%	30,949	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%
50 to 54 years	949	4.9%	4.5%	5.4%	30,043	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%
55 to 59 years	777	4.0%	4.4%	3.7%	30,617	5.3%	5.2%	5.5%
60 to 64 years	924	4.8%	5.2%	4.4%	28,996	5.1%	5.1%	5.0%
65 to 69 years	479	2.5%	2.1%	2.9%	23,019	4.0%	3.8%	4.2%
70 to 74 years	650	3.4%	3.8%	3.0%	17,068	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%
75 to 79 years	162	0.8%	1.0%	0.7%	9,861	1.7%	1.5%	1.9%
80 to 84 years	149	0.8%	0.5%	1.0%	6,832	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%
85 years and over	92	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	8,227	1.4%	0.9%	2.0%

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B01001

Key Takeaways

- 49.5% of the residents in the Near West Side neighborhood are male and 50.5% are female.
- 27.8% of the residents in the Near West Side neighborhood are under 20 years old compared to 29.2% in the City of Milwaukee overall.
- 33.2% of the residents in the Near West Side neighborhood are between the ages of 15 and 24 compared to 16% in the City of Milwaukee overall.

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Table 3: Residents Living in Poverty by Age

Near West Side City of Milwaukee

	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Population *	16,333		558,290	
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	7,178	43.9%	133,250	23.9%
Under 5 years	701	9.8%	14,222	10.7%
5 years	89	1.2%	2,691	2.0%
6 to 11 years	596	8.3%	17,493	13.1%
12 to 14 years	249	3.5%	7,256	5.4%
15 years	33	0.5%	2,347	1.8%
16 and 17 years	58	0.8%	4,285	3.2%
18 to 24 years	1,954	27.2%	18,668	14.0%
25 to 34 years	1,308	18.2%	19,943	15.0%
35 to 44 years	485	6.8%	12,852	9.6%
45 to 54 years	718	10.0%	10,831	8.1%
55 to 64 years	624	8.7%	12,195	9.2%
65 to 74 years	274	3.8%	6,669	5.0%
75 years and over	89	1.2%	3,798	2.9%

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 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

• 43.9% of Near West Side neighborhood residents live in households with incomes below the poverty line, compared to 23.9% in the City of Milwaukee overall.

Table 4: Household Characteristics

	Near W	est Side	City of Milwaukee		
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total	8,323		230,759		
Family households	2,627	31.6%	119,399	51.7%	
Married couple family	985	11.8%	58,816	25.5%	
Family with male householder, no spouse present	389	4.7%	14,470	6.3%	
Family with female householder, no spouse present	1,253	15.1%	46,113	20.0%	
Non-family Households	5,696	68.4%	111,360	48.3%	
Householder living alone	4,765	57.3%	88,982	38.6%	
Householder not living alone	931	11.2%	22,378	9.7%	

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	Average Household Size	2.31*	2.42

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B11001 *Note: the average household size for the neighborhood shown here 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."

- 57.3% of households in the Near West Side neighborhood are occupied by individuals living alone, greater than the rate for the City of Milwaukee (38.6%).
- The estimated average household size for the Near West Side neighborhood is 2.31 people per household, which is slightly less than the average household size for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (2.42).

Table 5: Vehicles per Household

	Near W	est Side	City of Milwaukee		
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total Households	8,323		230,759		
No vehicle available	2,925	35.1%	37,304	16.2%	
1 vehicle available	3,721	44.7%	105,885	45.9%	
2 vehicles available	1,301	15.6%	64,778	28.1%	
3 vehicles available	180	2.2%	17,094	7.4%	
4 or more vehicles available	196	2.4%	5,698	2.5%	

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B08021

Key Takeaways

• Approximately 35.1% of households in the Near West Side neighborhood do not have access to a vehicle, a much greater percentage than the rate of the City of Milwaukee as a whole (16.2%).

Table 6: Employment Status by Sex

Near West 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	12,371	67.0%	62.1%	7.3%	37.9%	340,499	75.8%	71.4%	5.8%	28.6%
Male	6,285	63.6%	58.4%	8.3%	41.6%	164,860	77.8%	72.6%	6.5%	27.3%

Male	6,285	63.6%	58.4%	8.3%	41.6%	164,860	77.8%	72.6%	6.5%	27.3%
Female	6,086	70.5%	66.0%	6.4%	34.0%	175,639	73.9%	70.1%	5.1%	29.9%

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 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.

- 67% of Near West Side neighborhood residents ages 20-64 are participating in the labor force by working or actively looking for work, less than the rate for the City of Milwaukee (75.8%).
- 7.3% of the labor force from the Near West Side neighborhood is unemployed and looking for work, slightly greater than the City of Milwaukee (5.8%).

Table 7: Commute Method and Time to Work

	Near W	est Side	City of M	ilwaukee
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
COMMUTE METHOD	1			
Total workers 16 and over	8,487		261,078	
Drove alone in car, truck, or van	4,241	50.0%	182,278	69.8%
Carpooled in car, truck, or van	865	10.2%	25,307	9.7%
Public transportation	1,153	13.6%	14,626	5.6%
Taxicab	143	1.7%	790	0.3%
Motorcycle	4	0.0%	105	0.0%
Bicycle	35	0.4%	1,172	0.4%
Walked	1,392	16.4%	10,495	4.0%
Other means	66	0.8%	1,828	0.7%
Worked from home	588	6.9%	24,477	9.4%
COMMUTE TIME				
Total workers 16 and over who did not work from home	7,899		236,601	
Less than 10 minutes	1,291	16.3%	24,884	10.5%
10 to 19 minutes	3,014	38.2%	86,229	36.4%
20 to 29 minutes	1,750	22.2%	62,771	26.5%
30 to 39 minutes	985	12.5%	39,318	16.6%
40 to 59 minutes	496	6.3%	13,592	5.7%
60 to 89 minutes	183	2.3%	6,034	2.6%
90 minutes or more	180	2.3%	3,773	1.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	2	1.0	22	2.2

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, tables B08301 and B08303. Mean travel time to work for the neighborhood is calculated based on table B08303. Mean travel time to work for the City of Milwaukee is taken from table S0801.

- 50% of Near West 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 (69.8%).
- The mean travel time to work in the Near West Side neighborhood is 21 minutes, compared to 22.2 minutes in the City of Milwaukee.

Table 8: Employment Sector by Sex

Near West Side

City of Milwaukee

	Toto	al	Total			al		
	Estimate	%	Male	Female	Estimate	%	Male	Female
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	8,736		3,963	4,773	265,657		131,158	134,499
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	2,342	26.8%	22.6%	30.3%	88,498	33.3%	28.4%	38.1%
Service occupations	2,493	28.5%	23.3%	32.9%	58,209	21.9%	17.5%	26.2%
Sales and office occupations	1,791	20.5%	16.2%	24.1%	48,688	18.3%	12.8%	23.8%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	295	3.4%	6.7%	0.6%	15,866	6.0%	11.4%	0.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,815	20.8%	31.3%	12.1%	54,396	20.5%	29.9%	11.3%

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table S2301

- The most common employment sectors for Near West Side neighborhood residents are service occupations, which accounts for 28.5% of the employed population in the Near West Side neighborhood.
- 54.6% of the civilian employed population in the Near West Side neighborhood is female, compared to 50.6% in the City of Milwaukee.

Table 9: Educational Attainment

	Tota				Tota			
	Estimate	%	Male	Female	Estimate	%	Male	Female
years	6,009		2,605	3,404	69,051		34,219	34,219
ool	383	6.4%	10.4%	3.3%	9,583	13.9%	15.5%	15.5%

City of Milwaukee

Less than high school graduate	383	6.4%	10.4%	3.3%	9,583	13.9%	15.5%	15.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,029	33.8%	32.7%	34.6%	24,858	36.0%	36.7%	36.7%
Some college or associate's degree	3,199	53.2%	51.1%	54.8%	27,279	39.5%	38.4%	38.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	398	6.6%	5.8%	7.3%	7,331	10.6%	9.4%	9.4%

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Population 25 years and over	10,153		5,319	4,834	357,095		169,170	169,170
Less than 9th grade	294	2.9%	2.2%	3.6%	19,708	5.5%	6.1%	6.1%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,268	12.5%	11.3%	13.8%	32,294	9.0%	9.8%	9.8%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,731	36.7%	41.0%	32.1%	109,929	30.8%	32.5%	32.5%
Some college, no degree	2,261	22.3%	23.4%	21.0%	75,047	21.0%	20.7%	20.7%
Associate's degree	584	5.8%	3.9%	7.8%	26,739	7.5%	6.8%	6.8%
Bachelor's degree	1,325	13.1%	11.8%	14.5%	59,525	16.7%	15.9%	15.9%
Graduate or professional degree	690	6.8%	6.4%	7.2%	33,853	9.5%	8.2%	8.2%
High school graduate or higher	8,591	84.6%	86.5%	82.6%	305,093	85.4%	84.1%	84.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,015	19.8%	18.2%	21.7%	93,378	26.1%	24.2%	24.2%

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table \$1501

Key Takeaways

• In the Near West Side neighborhood, 84.6% of residents over 25 years old have graduated from high school or higher, similar to the City of Milwaukee overall (85.4%).

Section Two | Housing and Household Characteristics

Table 10: Housing Occupancy and Tenure

	Near W	est Side	City of Milwaukee		
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total Housing Units	10,275		257,441		
Vacant Housing Units	1,952	19.0%	26,682	10.4%	
Occupied Housing Units	8,323	81.0%	230,759	89.6%	
Owner-occupied housing units	1,383	16.6%	94,975	41.2%	
Renter-occupied housing units	6,940	83.4%	135,784	58.8%	

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

- Of the occupied housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood, 16.6% are owner occupied, which is considerably less than rate for the City of Milwaukee (41.2%).
- 19% of housing units in the Near West 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

	Near West 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	8,323	1,383	6,940	230,759	94,975	135,784
Occupied housing units %		16.6%	83.4%		41.2%	58.8%
units in structure						
1, detached	1,306	70.7%	4.7%	95,488	75.9%	17.2%
1, attached	123	0.5%	1.7%	9,802	4.1%	4.3%
2 apartments	1,283	21.0%	14.3%	47,383	12.4%	26.3%
3 or 4 apartments	277	1.5%	3.7%	15,699	1.1%	10.8%
5 to 9 apartments	470	0.0%	6.8%	13,925	0.6%	9.8%
10 or more apartments	4,832	6.0%	68.4%	47,435	5.3%	31.2%
Mobile home or other type of housing	32	0.2%	0.4%	1,027	0.5%	0.4%

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table \$2504

- Of the owner-occupied housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood, 21% are duplexes (2 apartments) compared to 12.4% in the City of Milwaukee.
- Over two thirds (68.4%) of renters in the Near West Side neighborhood live in buildings with 10 or more apartments, more than double the rate (31.2%) in the City of Milwaukee as a whole.

Table 12: Housing Unit Bedrooms and Year Built

	Near We	st Side	City of Milwaukee		
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total housing units	10,275		257,441		
BEDROOMS					
No bedroom	1,623	15.8%	10,599	4.1%	
1 bedroom	3,847	37.4%	42,421	16.5%	
2 bedrooms	2,052	20.0%	87,791	34.1%	
3 bedrooms	1,931	18.8%	85,218	33.1%	
4 bedrooms	682	6.6%	25,661	10.0%	
5 or more bedrooms	140	1.4%	5,751	2.2%	
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT					
Built 2014 or later	45	0.4%	402	0.2%	
Built 2010 to 2013	360	3.5%	8,088	3.1%	
Built 2000 to 2009	151	1.5%	9,010	3.5%	
Built 1990 to 1999	223	2.2%	8,511	3.3%	
Built 1980 to 1989	271	2.6%	10,081	3.9%	
Built 1970 to 1979	794	7.7%	23,289	9.0%	
Built 1960 to 1969	1,354	13.2%	29,919	11.6%	
Built 1950 to 1959	1,009	9.8%	49,681	19.3%	
Built 1940 to 1949	1,077	10.5%	27,000	10.5%	
Built 1939 or earlier	4,991	48.6%	91,460	35.5%	

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

- 37.4% of the housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood have only one bedroom, compared with 16.5% in the City of Milwaukee.
- Of all the housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood, 48.6% were built in 1939 or earlier, compared to 35.5% in the city overall.

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

	Near W	Near West Side		ilwaukee
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	6,789		132,552	
Less than \$500	766	11.3%	9,419	7.1%
\$500 to \$999	4,429	65.2%	60,194	45.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,181	17.4%	45,844	34.6%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	289	4.3%	12,368	9.3%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	104	1.5%	2,746	2.1%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	15	0.2%	987	0.7%
\$3,000 or more	5	0.1%	994	0.7%

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Occupied units paying rent*	6,287		127,994	
Less than 15.0 percent	724	11.5%	17,333	13.5%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	664	10.6%	15,617	12.2%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	563	9.0%	15,474	12.1%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	498	7.9%	13,914	10.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	282	4.5%	10,610	8.3%
35.0 percent or more	3,556	56.6%	55,046	43.0%
Not computed	653		7,790	

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 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

 61.1% of Near West Side neighborhood households paying rent paid 30 percent or more of their household income towards rent, compared to 51.3% 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 moderately cost burdened.

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

	Near W	est Side	City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	1,383		94,975	
Housing units with a mortgage	873	63.1%	61,902	65.2%
Housing units without a mortgage	510	36.9%	33,073	34.8%
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS				
Housing units with a mortgage	873		61,902	
Less than \$500	-	0.0%	193	0.3%
\$500 to \$900	228	26.1%	8,707	14.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	314	36.0%	25,492	41.2%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	247	28.3%	17,385	28.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	84	9.6%	5,657	9.1%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	-	0.0%	2,272	3.7%
\$3,000 or more	-	0.0%	2,196	3.5%
Housing units without a mortgage	510		33,073	
Less than \$250	1	0.2%	673	2.0%
\$250 to \$399	56	11.0%	3,122	9.4%
\$400 to \$599	200	39.2%	11,700	35.4%
\$600 to \$799	188	36.9%	9,931	30.0%
\$800 to \$999	45	8.8%	4,538	13.7%
\$1,000 or more	20	3.9%	3,109	9.4%

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

Key Takeaways

• Of all owner-occupied houses in the Near West Side neighborhood, 63.1% have a mortgage, compared to 65.2% in the City of Milwaukee.

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

	Near W	est Side	City of Milwaukee		
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Housing units with a mortgage*	868		61,320		
Less than 20.0%	509	58.6%	26,462	43.2%	
20.0 to 24.9%	38	4.4%	9,337	15.2%	
25.0 to 29.9%	134	15.4%	6,665	10.9%	
30.0 to 34.9%	26	3.0%	4,466	7.3%	
35.0% or more	161	18.5%	14,390	23.5%	
Not computed	5		582		
Housing units without a mortgage*	509		32,373		
Less than 10.0%	102	20.0%	10,968	33.9%	
10.0 to 14.9%	207	40.7%	6,826	21.1%	
15.0 to 19.9%	33	6.5%	4,686	14.5%	
20.0 to 24.9%	-	0.0%	2,489	7.7%	
25.0 to 29.9%	12	2.4%	1,700	5.3%	
30.0 to 34.9%	71	13.9%	1,133	3.5%	
35.0% or more	84	16.5%	4,571	14.1%	
Not computed	1		700		

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 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.

- 18.5% of all owner-occupied units with a mortgage in the Near West Side neighborhood pay 35 percent or more of their household income towards housing costs, less than the City of Milwaukee as a whole (23.5%).
- Over half (58.6%) of all owner-occupied units with a mortgage in the Near West Side neighborhood pay less than 20 percent of their household income towards housing costs, compared to 43.2% in the City of Milwaukee as a whole.

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

	Near W	est Side	City of Milwaukee		
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total	8,323		230,759		
Less than \$10,000	1,489	17.9%	18,377	8.0%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,340	16.1%	16,773	7.3%	
\$15,000 to \$19,999	700	8.4%	10,980	4.8%	
\$20,000 to \$24,999	567	6.8%	12,359	5.4%	
\$25,000 to \$29,999	719	8.6%	14,356	6.2%	
\$30,000 to \$34,999	395	4.7%	11,576	5.0%	
\$35,000 to \$39,999	332	4.0%	10,667	4.6%	
\$40,000 to \$44,999	343	4.1%	10,324	4.5%	
\$45,000 to \$49,999	356	4.3%	10,453	4.5%	
\$50,000 to \$59,999	400	4.8%	20,386	8.8%	
\$60,000 to \$74,999	501	6.0%	21,894	9.5%	
\$75,000 to \$99,999	565	6.8%	27,218	11.8%	
\$100,000 to \$124,999	297	3.6%	17,151	7.4%	
\$125,000 to \$149,999	137	1.6%	10,710	4.6%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	141	1.7%	9,718	4.2%	
\$200,000 or more	41	0.5%	7,817	3.4%	

Median Household Income	\$25,455	\$49,733

Data Source: 2018 - 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B19001. Median Household Income for the neighborhood is calculated based on table B19001. Median Household Income for the City of Milwaukee is taken from table S1901.

- Approximately 7.4% of households in the Near West Side neighborhood make \$100,000 or more per year, which is a smaller percentage than the City of Milwaukee as a whole (19.6%).
- The median household income in the Near West Side neighborhood is \$25,455, far less than the median household income for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (\$49,733).