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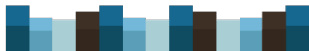


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Introduction and Background

This Neighborhood Portrait data profile was prepared by Data You Can Use with the support of the 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 an 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 2020-2024 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 West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Population	19,193	100.0%	566,973	100.0%
Hispanic or Latino	3,351	17.5%	118,591	20.9%
White Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	6,289	32.8%	179,514	31.7%
Black or African American Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	7,233	37.7%	214,848	37.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	106	0.6%	1,972	0.3%
Asian Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	1,135	5.9%	28,556	5.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	-	0.0%	16	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)	188	1.0%	1,597	0.3%
Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino)	891	4.6%	21,879	3.9%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B03002

Key Takeaway(s)

- 37.7% of Near West Side neighborhood residents identify as Black or African American alone, which is similar to the percentage for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (37.9%).
- 17.5% of Near West Side neighborhood residents identify as Hispanic or Latino, less than the City of Milwaukee as a whole (20.9%).

Table 2: Population by Age and Sex

	Near West Side				City of Milwaukee			
	Total		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female
	Estimate	%			Estimate	%		
Total	19,193		9,429	9,764	566,973		274,137	292,836
Under 5 years	1,147	6.0%	8.2%	3.8%	38,651	6.8%	7.2%	6.5%
5 to 9 years	881	4.6%	5.1%	4.1%	39,226	6.9%	7.4%	6.5%
10 to 14 years	561	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	42,270	7.5%	7.8%	7.2%
15 to 19 years	2,526	13.2%	11.6%	14.6%	43,732	7.7%	8.0%	7.4%
20 to 24 years	3,791	19.8%	16.7%	22.7%	46,321	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%
25 to 29 years	2,237	11.7%	10.9%	12.4%	49,921	8.8%	8.9%	8.7%
30 to 34 years	1,237	6.4%	8.9%	4.0%	46,467	8.2%	8.3%	8.1%
35 to 39 years	1,070	5.6%	6.5%	4.7%	38,743	6.8%	6.6%	7.1%
40 to 44 years	1,030	5.4%	4.4%	6.3%	36,431	6.4%	6.5%	6.4%
45 to 49 years	982	5.1%	6.5%	3.8%	30,304	5.3%	5.2%	5.5%
50 to 54 years	802	4.2%	3.6%	4.7%	29,026	5.1%	4.9%	5.3%
55 to 59 years	588	3.1%	3.5%	2.6%	29,492	5.2%	5.1%	5.3%
60 to 64 years	840	4.4%	4.0%	4.7%	28,499	5.0%	5.1%	5.0%
65 to 69 years	554	2.9%	2.3%	3.4%	24,136	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%
70 to 74 years	569	3.0%	3.6%	2.3%	18,315	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%
75 to 79 years	178	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	10,563	1.9%	1.8%	2.0%
80 to 84 years	95	0.5%	0.1%	0.9%	7,153	1.3%	1.0%	1.5%
85 years and over	105	0.5%	0.1%	1.0%	7,723	1.4%	0.9%	1.8%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B01001

Key Takeaways

- 49.1% of the residents in the Near West Side neighborhood are male and 50.9% are female.
- 26.7% of the residents in the Near West Side neighborhood are under 20 years old compared to 28.9% in the City of Milwaukee overall.
- 33% of the residents in the Near West Side neighborhood are between the ages of 15 and 24 compared to 15.2% in the City of Milwaukee overall.

Table 3: Residents Living in Poverty by Age

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Population *	16,567		552,601	
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	6,345	38.3%	125,891	22.8%
Under 5 years	528	8.3%	12,801	10.2%
5 years	65	1.0%	2,699	2.1%
6 to 11 years	453	7.1%	16,079	12.8%
12 to 14 years	142	2.2%	7,110	5.6%
15 years	27	0.4%	2,027	1.6%
16 and 17 years	51	0.8%	4,215	3.3%
18 to 24 years	1,762	27.8%	16,548	13.1%
25 to 34 years	1,118	17.6%	17,169	13.6%
35 to 44 years	525	8.3%	12,821	10.2%
45 to 54 years	601	9.5%	9,824	7.8%
55 to 64 years	609	9.6%	12,557	10.0%
65 to 74 years	369	5.8%	7,678	6.1%
75 years and over	95	1.5%	4,363	3.5%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 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

- 38.3% of Near West Side neighborhood residents live in households with incomes below the poverty line, compared to 22.8% in the City of Milwaukee overall.

Table 4: Household Characteristics

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total	8,472		232,520	
Family households	2,740	32.3%	118,290	50.9%
Married couple family	1,138	13.4%	57,955	24.9%
Family with male householder, no spouse present	372	4.4%	14,341	6.2%
Family with female householder, no spouse present	1,230	14.5%	45,994	19.8%
Non-family Households	5,732	67.7%	114,230	49.1%
Householder living alone	4,760	56.2%	91,349	39.3%
Householder not living alone	972	11.5%	22,881	9.8%
Average Household Size	2.27*		2.37	

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, tables B11001 and S1101 *Note: the average household for Near West 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

- 56.2% of households in the Near West Side neighborhood are occupied by individuals living alone, greater than the rate for the City of Milwaukee (39.3%).
- The estimated average household size for the Near West Side neighborhood is 2.27 people per household, which is similar to the average household size for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (2.37).

Table 5: Vehicles per Household

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Households	8,472		232,520	
No vehicle available	3,081	36.4%	37,704	16.2%
1 vehicle available	3,609	42.6%	106,938	46.0%
2 vehicles available	1,403	16.6%	64,820	27.9%
3 vehicles available	184	2.2%	17,419	7.5%
4 or more vehicles available	195	2.3%	5,639	2.4%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B08021

Key Takeaways

- Approximately 36.4% of households in the Near West Side neighborhood do not have access to a vehicle, a larger 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	12,577	70.6%	66.1%	6.4%	33.9%	335,204	77.0%	72.2%	6.1%	27.7%
Male	6,140	69.3%	64.3%	7.3%	35.8%	161,004	78.7%	73.5%	6.5%	26.4%
Female	6,437	71.9%	67.9%	5.6%	32.1%	174,200	75.4%	71.1%	5.7%	28.9%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 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

- 70.6% 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 (77%).
- 6.4% of the labor force from the Near West Side neighborhood is unemployed and looking for work, similar to the City of Milwaukee (6.1%).

Table 7: Commute Method and Time to Work

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
COMMUTE METHOD				
Total workers 16 and over	9,207		261,320	
Drove alone in car, truck, or van	4,437	48.2%	173,173	66.3%
Carpooled in car, truck, or van	1,207	13.1%	25,785	9.9%
Public transportation	975	10.6%	12,946	5.0%
Taxicab	80	0.9%	996	0.4%
Motorcycle	-	0.0%	118	0.0%
Bicycle	95	1.0%	1,384	0.5%
Walked	1,364	14.8%	10,496	4.0%
Other means	115	1.2%	2,674	1.0%
Worked from home	934	10.1%	33,748	12.9%
COMMUTE TIME				
Total workers 16 and over who did not work from home	8,273		227,572	
Less than 10 minutes	1,512	18.3%	24,402	10.7%
10 to 19 minutes	3,290	39.8%	83,390	36.6%
20 to 29 minutes	1,706	20.6%	58,439	25.7%
30 to 39 minutes	1,201	14.5%	37,838	16.6%
40 to 59 minutes	250	3.0%	12,989	5.7%
60 to 89 minutes	210	2.5%	7,031	3.1%
90 minutes or more	104	1.3%	3,483	1.5%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.4		22.4	

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, tables B08301 and B08303. Mean travel time to work for Near West Side is calculated based on table B08303. Mean travel time to work for City of Milwaukee is taken from table S0801.

Key Takeaways

- 48.2% 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 (66.3%).
- The mean travel time to work in the Near West Side neighborhood is 19.4 minutes, compared to 22.4 minutes in the City of Milwaukee.

Table 8: Employment Sector by Sex

	Near West Side				City of Milwaukee			
	Total		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female
	Estimate	%			Estimate	%		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	9,480		4,391	5,089	265,636		130,130	135,506
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	3,156	33.3%	29.7%	36.4%	93,409	35.2%	30.3%	39.8%
Service occupations	2,553	26.9%	20.3%	32.7%	56,202	21.2%	16.7%	25.5%
Sales and office occupations	1,671	17.6%	12.9%	21.7%	46,752	17.6%	12.5%	22.5%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	320	3.4%	6.6%	0.6%	16,045	6.0%	11.5%	0.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,780	18.8%	30.5%	8.6%	53,228	20.0%	29.0%	11.5%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table S2301

Key Takeaways

- The most common employment sectors for Near West Side neighborhood residents are management, business, science, and arts occupations, which accounts for 33.3% of the employed population in the Near West Side neighborhood.
- 53.7% of the civilian employed population in the Near West Side neighborhood is female, compared to 51% in the City of Milwaukee.

Table 9: Educational Attainment

	Near West Side				City of Milwaukee			
	Total		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female
	Estimate	%			Estimate	%		
Population 18 to 24 years	5,855		2,542	3,313	66,459		32,523	33,936
Less than high school graduate	230	3.9%	5.5%	2.7%	8,391	12.6%	14.6%	10.8%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,124	36.3%	33.9%	38.1%	25,963	39.1%	41.1%	37.1%
Some college or associate's degree	2,997	51.2%	51.3%	51.1%	24,811	37.3%	35.4%	39.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	504	8.6%	9.2%	8.1%	7,294	11.0%	8.9%	12.9%

Population 25 years and over	10,287		5,226	5,061	356,773		168,398	188,375
Less than 9th grade	381	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%	21,450	6.0%	6.7%	5.4%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,301	12.6%	12.8%	12.5%	30,313	8.5%	8.9%	8.1%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,270	31.8%	36.8%	26.7%	108,358	30.4%	32.2%	28.7%
Some college, no degree	2,253	21.9%	19.6%	24.3%	72,483	20.3%	19.8%	20.8%
Associate's degree	697	6.8%	5.1%	8.5%	26,253	7.4%	6.9%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	1,611	15.7%	14.6%	16.8%	63,079	17.7%	17.1%	18.2%
Graduate or professional degree	774	7.5%	7.7%	7.4%	34,837	9.8%	8.4%	11.0%
High school graduate or higher	8,605	83.6%	83.7%	83.6%	305,010	85.5%	84.3%	86.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,385	23.2%	22.2%	24.2%	97,916	27.4%	25.5%	29.2%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table S1501

Key Takeaways

- In the Near West Side neighborhood, 83.6% of residents over 25 years old have graduated from high school or higher, a similar percentage to the City of Milwaukee overall (85.5%).

Section Two | Housing and Household Characteristics

Table 10: Housing Occupancy and Tenure

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total Housing Units	10,230		259,101	
Vacant Housing Units	1,758	17.2%	26,581	10.3%
Occupied Housing Units	8,472	82.8%	232,520	89.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	1,405	16.6%	97,223	41.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	7,067	83.4%	135,297	58.2%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

Key Takeaways

- Of the occupied housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood, 16.6% are owner-occupied, which is less than the City of Milwaukee rate (41.8%).
- 17.2% of housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood are vacant, compared to 10.3% 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	8,472	1,405	7,067	232,520	97,223	135,297
Occupied housing units %		16.6%	83.4%		41.8%	58.2%
UNITS IN STRUCTURE						
1, detached	1,507	78.1%	5.8%	96,074	75.6%	16.7%
1, attached	151	2.3%	1.7%	10,154	4.2%	4.5%
2 apartments	996	14.2%	11.3%	46,384	12.6%	25.2%
3 or 4 apartments	365	0.0%	5.2%	16,931	1.0%	11.8%
5 to 9 apartments	366	0.0%	5.2%	13,293	0.9%	9.2%
10 or more apartments	5,067	4.7%	70.8%	48,767	5.2%	32.3%
Mobile home or other type of housing	20	0.6%	0.2%	917	0.5%	0.3%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table S2504

Key Takeaways

- Of the owner-occupied housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood, 14.2% are duplexes (2 apartments) compared to 12.6% in the City of Milwaukee.
- 70.8% of renter-occupied units in the Near West Side neighborhood are buildings with 10 or more apartments, compared to 32.3% in the City of Milwaukee as a whole.

Table 12: Housing Unit Bedrooms and Year Built

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total housing units	10,230		259,101	
BEDROOMS				
No bedroom	1,465	14.3%	10,499	4.1%
1 bedroom	3,927	38.4%	42,928	16.6%
2 bedrooms	2,179	21.3%	90,801	35.0%
3 bedrooms	1,837	18.0%	84,423	32.6%
4 bedrooms	602	5.9%	24,840	9.6%
5 or more bedrooms	220	2.2%	5,610	2.2%
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Built 2014 or later	66	0.6%	1,270	0.5%
Built 2010 to 2013	307	3.0%	9,683	3.7%
Built 2000 to 2009	260	2.5%	10,698	4.1%
Built 1990 to 1999	194	1.9%	8,925	3.4%
Built 1980 to 1989	455	4.4%	10,271	4.0%
Built 1970 to 1979	782	7.6%	23,424	9.0%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,269	12.4%	29,392	11.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	860	8.4%	49,410	19.1%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,032	10.1%	27,899	10.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	5,005	48.9%	88,129	34.0%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

Key Takeaways

- 38.4% of the housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood have only one bedroom, compared with 16.6% in the City of Milwaukee.
- Of all the housing units in the Near West Side neighborhood, 48.9% were built in 1939 or earlier, compared to 34% in the city overall.

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

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	6,943		131,911	
Less than \$500	886	12.8%	9,196	7.0%
\$500 to \$999	4,224	60.8%	48,808	37.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,204	17.3%	50,312	38.1%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	385	5.5%	15,950	12.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	78	1.1%	4,028	3.1%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	78	1.1%	1,807	1.4%
\$3,000 or more	88	1.3%	1,810	1.4%

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Occupied units paying rent*	6,409		127,270	
Less than 15.0 percent	725	11.3%	18,394	14.5%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	783	12.2%	15,256	12.0%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	673	10.5%	15,261	12.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	739	11.5%	13,624	10.7%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	405	6.3%	10,946	8.6%
35.0 percent or more	3,084	48.1%	53,789	42.3%
Not computed	658		8,027	

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 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

- 54.4% of Near West Side neighborhood households paying rent paid 30 percent or more of their household income towards rent, compared to 50.9% 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)

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	1,405		97,223	
Housing units with a mortgage	904	64.3%	63,218	65.0%
Housing units without a mortgage	501	35.7%	34,005	35.0%
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS				
Housing units with a mortgage	904		63,218	
Less than \$500	-	0.0%	196	0.3%
\$500 to \$900	139	15.4%	6,966	11.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	359	39.7%	22,856	36.2%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	206	22.8%	19,494	30.8%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	198	21.9%	7,766	12.3%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	2	0.2%	2,894	4.6%
\$3,000 or more	-	0.0%	3,046	4.8%
Housing units without a mortgage	501		34,005	
Less than \$250	7	1.4%	583	1.7%
\$250 to \$399	57	11.4%	2,776	8.2%
\$400 to \$599	125	25.0%	9,285	27.3%
\$600 to \$799	224	44.7%	11,084	32.6%
\$800 to \$999	88	17.6%	5,702	16.8%
\$1,000 or more	-	0.0%	4,575	13.5%

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table DP04

Key Takeaways

- Of all owner-occupied houses in the Near West Side neighborhood, 64.3% have a mortgage, compared to 65% in the City of Milwaukee.

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

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Housing units with a mortgage*	898		62,351	
Less than 20.0%	515	57.3%	27,025	43.3%
20.0 to 24.9%	47	5.2%	9,291	14.9%
25.0 to 29.9%	119	13.3%	7,021	11.3%
30.0 to 34.9%	23	2.6%	4,515	7.2%
35.0% or more	194	21.6%	14,499	23.3%
Not computed	6		867	
Housing units without a mortgage*	500		33,247	
Less than 10.0%	182	36.4%	11,247	33.8%
10.0 to 14.9%	201	40.2%	6,820	20.5%
15.0 to 19.9%	50	10.0%	4,632	13.9%
20.0 to 24.9%	8	1.6%	2,523	7.6%
25.0 to 29.9%	18	3.6%	1,859	5.6%
30.0 to 34.9%	-	0.0%	1,079	3.2%
35.0% or more	41	8.2%	5,087	15.3%
Not computed	1		758	

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 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

- Less than a quarter (21.6%) 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 (23.3%).
- Over half (57.3%) 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 43.3% in the City of Milwaukee as a whole.

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

	Near West Side		City of Milwaukee	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total	8,472		232,520	
Less than \$10,000	1,339	15.8%	18,215	7.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,098	13.0%	14,479	6.2%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	434	5.1%	9,743	4.2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	639	7.5%	11,187	4.8%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	424	5.0%	10,371	4.5%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	737	8.7%	12,939	5.6%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	407	4.8%	9,788	4.2%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	405	4.8%	11,230	4.8%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	397	4.7%	10,241	4.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	649	7.7%	18,424	7.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	381	4.5%	23,328	10.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	759	9.0%	28,771	12.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	378	4.5%	19,684	8.5%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	86	1.0%	11,303	4.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	250	3.0%	12,637	5.4%
\$200,000 or more	89	1.1%	10,180	4.4%
Median Household Income	\$32,048		\$54,234	

Data Source: 2020 - 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, table B19001. Median Household Income for Near West Side is calculated based on table B19001. Median Household Income for City of Milwaukee is taken from table S1901.

Key Takeaways

- Approximately 9.6% 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 (23.2%).
- The median household income in the Near West Side neighborhood is \$32,048, less than the median household income for the City of Milwaukee as a whole (\$54,234).