# Central West End





#### **Washington University Medical Center**

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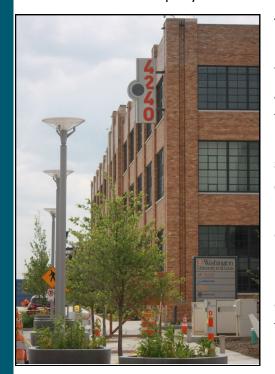
## **Central West End** Neighborhood Introduction

The Central West End neighborhood, or CWE, is one of the region's most sought after communities. Located adjacent to the award-winning Forest Park, this 112 block area contains some of Saint Louis' most regal historic architecture and presents one of the most



dense urban environments in the Midwest. With over 15,000 residents and 36,000 employees, the American Planning Association selected the CWE as one of America's Top Ten Great Neighborhoods in 2014.

The neighborhood is home to the Washington University Medical Center (WUMC) and Cortex Innovation Community, which together make up the second largest employment center in the region. This complex is home to world class patient care, research, teaching and innovation facilities which attract over 4 million visitors per year.



The Central West End is St. Louis' premiere 24 hour mixed-use transit friendly neighborhood. The Euclid Avenue Entertainment District is home to many of the region's trendiest restaurants, bars, boutiques and shops. The emerging Sarah Street corridor is home to neighborhoodlevel and regional retail centers, cafes, and a burgeoning tech scene. Planning is currently underway to transform Duncan Avenue in the Cortex-WUMC area into a thriving mixed-use district to serve the growing population of knowledge workers and residents.



Development within the neighborhood has reached new heights. Over the past ten years, Cortex and the Washington University Medical Center have experienced a total investment of \$1.133 billion in development. BJC Health Care is in Phase One of a \$1.2 billion dollar Campus Renewal Program that is transforming the skyline of the medical center. In addition, Washington University School of Medicine and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy are both undertaking major building projects to enhance their facilities. Meanwhile, the Cortex Innovation Community has grown to over 200 companies and is building hundreds of thousands of square feet of new innovation space.

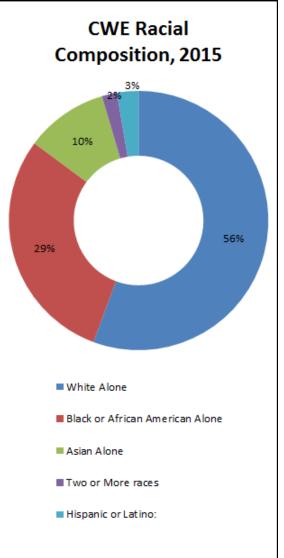
Residential construction throughout the neighborhood is booming, where \$459 million in private development has occurred over the past decade. As of the first quarter of 2016, over a thousand new units are coming on line or in the latter stage of planning. The impact has been enormous. The value of building permits throughout the neighborhood is greater than the rest of the region collectively.



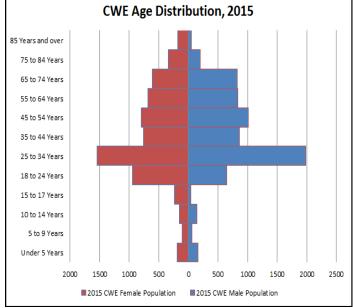




# Central West End Demographics

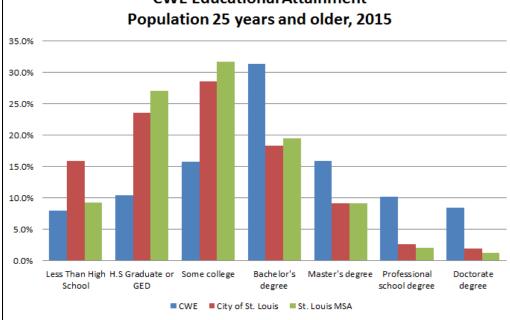






- The Central West End had an estimated 14,471 residents in 2010. Population density was 7,656 residents per square mile.
- In 2015, the Central West End had a median family household income of \$99,087, greater than the median family household income of the St. Louis metro area at \$70,718.\*
- The median age of CWE residents was 37.9yrs in 2015, older than the City of St. Louis median age at 34.6yrs and younger than the St. Louis MSA median age at 38.7 years.\*

\*based on Census tract level data in 2015 ACS. Census tracts do not conform to exact neighborhood boundaries and, in the ACS, include a significant margin of error



**CWE Educational Attainment** 

|  | 1 mile radius | 3 mile radius | 5 mile radius |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| louseholds                                     | 9,922         | 70,540        | 169,861       |
| louseholds with Income<br>bove \$40k per year  | 3,902         | 22,819        | 63,764        |
| louseholds with Income<br>bove \$50k per year  | 3,007         | 16,610        | 47,589        |
| louseholds with Income<br>bove \$60k per year  | 2,489         | 12,359        | 35,800        |
| Iouseholds with Income<br>bove \$100k per year | 1,254         | 4,865         | 13,987        |

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> 66% of CWE residents above the age of 25 had a Bachelor's degree or higher level of education in 2015. This was over twice the rate of the St. Louis metro area at 32%

## 34%

34% of CWE residents above the age of 25 have earned a Master's, Professional, or Doctoral degree. This is nearly 3x the rate of the St. Louis metro area at 12%

# Central West End Development Summary

The Central West End has seen an impressive amount of investment of both private and public dollars over the past decade, building off the neighborhood's historic character, major institutional partners, and enviable location to create one of the strongest real estate submarkets in the St. Louis region.

While the global financial crisis and recession of the last decade caused a downturn in the real estate market throughout the country, the key public and private institutions working in the Central West End utilized this time to plan and launch their next phases of major investment and expansion. As the institutions within the Washington University Medical Center and Cortex have begun implementing multi-billion dollar facility expansions to strengthen their local, national, and global impact in the fields of healthcare and technology, they have set off a wave of major commercial and residential development in the surrounding Central West End neighborhood.

Recently competed and underway major facility expansions in the WUMC Campus and Cortex include:

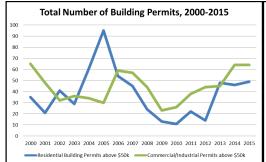
Barnes-Jewish Hospital north campus St. Louis Children's Hospital expansion WUSM McKinley Avenue Research Building WUSM Environmental Health and Safety Building

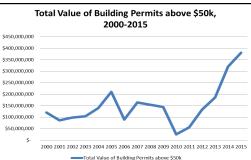


WUSM Mid Campus Center WUSM TAB Extension St. Louis College of Pharmacy Shriners Hospital for Children TechShop St. Louis Cortex Commons @4240 Duncan CIC@CET

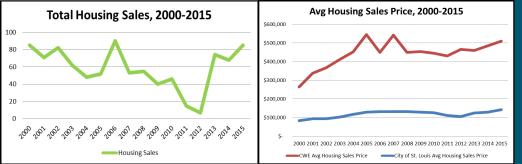
\$459 million Investment in commercial and residential development in the CWE since 2005

**\$1.133 billion** Investment in WUMC/Cortex facility expansion since 2005 Since 2009, large scale building permits for new commercial and residential construction and rehab have increased year over year, returning to and even exceeding pre-recession levels of building activity in the CWE. Notably however, the investment value of recent construction projects in the CWE dwarfs the value of pre-recession projects, introducing a sub-market for residential and commercial development unseen in the City of St. Louis in decades.

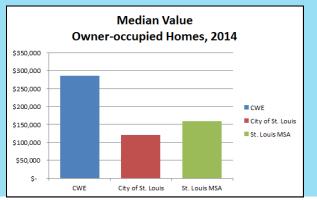




In 2015, there were 85 home sales in the Central West End, with an average sale price of \$509,385, as home sales & prices have been climbing since 2009.



In 2014, the median owner-occupied home value in the CWE was \$285,900, nearly twice the median home value in the St. Louis region.



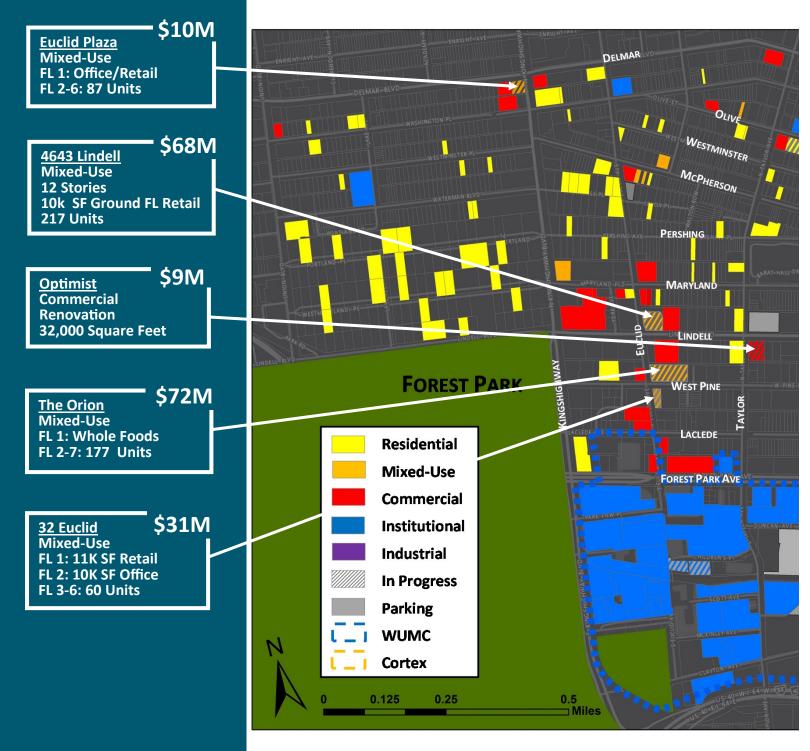


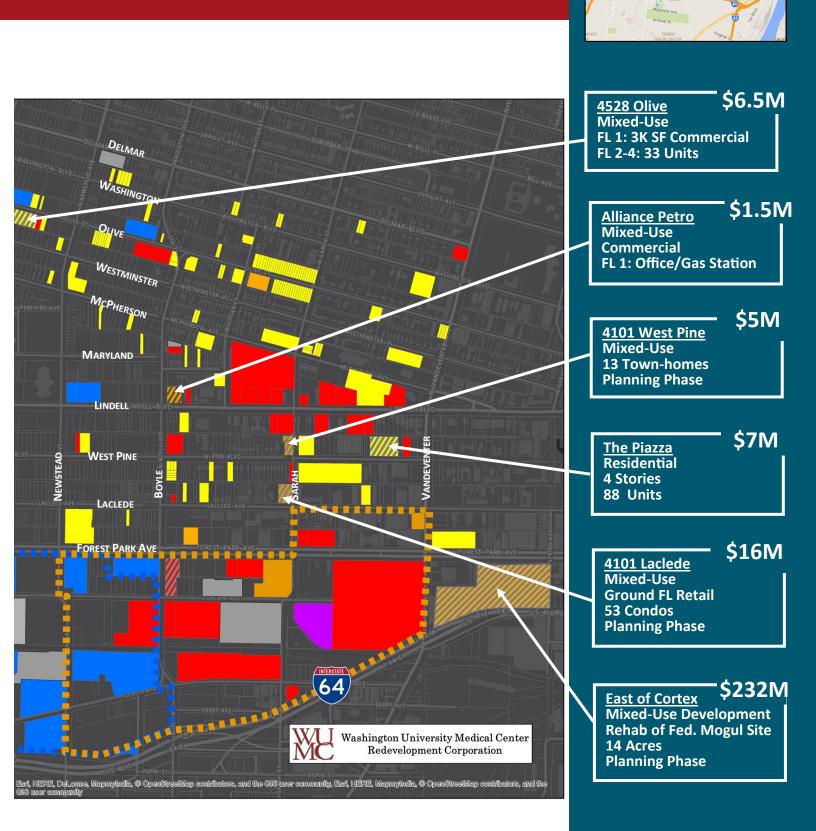




## Central West End Development Summary 2005-Present

## **Current** Neighborhood Development





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# Central West End Employment Summary



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## 34,032

Number of jobs located within the Central West End in 2014

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The CWE stands as the 2nd largest employment center in the St. Louis region, behind only Downtown St. Louis

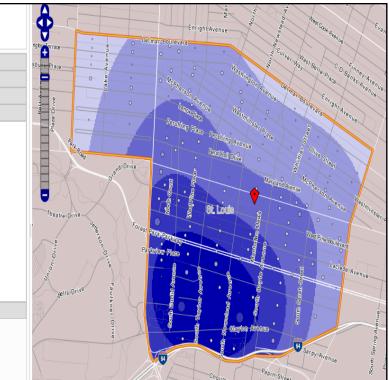
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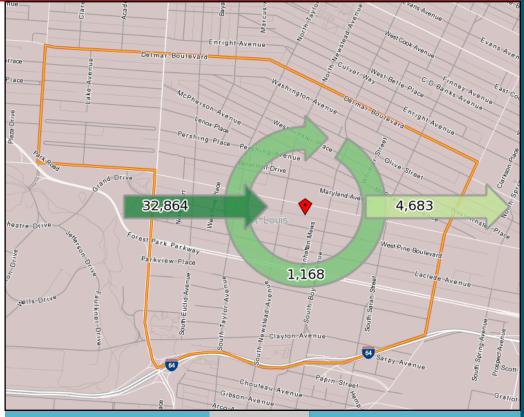
Net jobs added in the Central West End between the years 2006 to 2014

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With over 34,000 jobs, the CWE is the region's second largest employment hub, behind only Downtown Saint Louis. Total employment in the CWE grew by 3,155 jobs between 2006 and 2014. At the center of this growth in employment are Cortex and the Washington University Medical Center.







#### Washington University Medical Center

Together, the world class medical institutions of BJC Healthcare, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and Washington University School of Medicine employ over 21,000 health professionals in the CWE at WUMC.

#### **Cortex**

The Cortex Innovation Community is home to over 200 firms, employing over 3,600 innovators in bioscience and technology research, development, and commercialization. Cortex hosts 5 Innovation Centers, including TechShop.



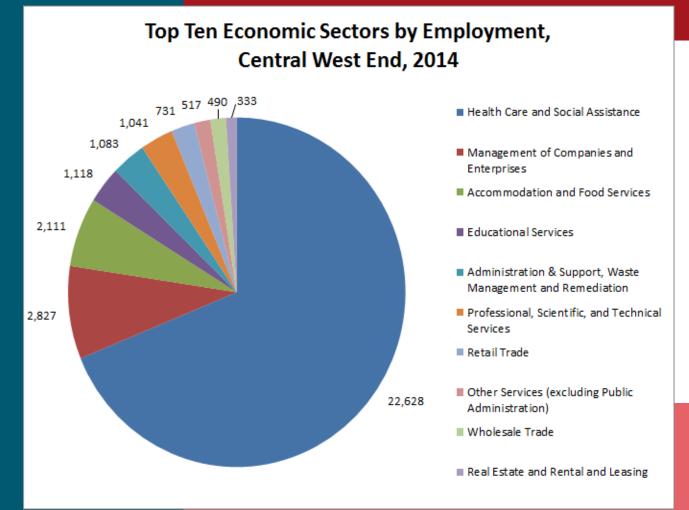
### 2014 Employment Inflow/Outflow

Each day in 2014, 32,864 people commuted to work in the CWE from elsewhere in the St. Louis region

4,683 CWE residents commuted outside of the neighborhood for work

- 1,168 CWE residents lived and worked within the neighborhood
- The CWE had the
  largest percentage and
  total number of
  residents that lived and
  worked within its
  boundaries of any
  neighborhood in the
  St. Louis region

# Central West End Employment Summary



**67%** Of jobs in the CWE were in the Healthcare and Social Services sector

49%

Of jobs in the CWE earned an annual wage or salary above \$40k per year

#### 78%

Increase in the number of jobs earning over \$40k per year from 2006 to 2014

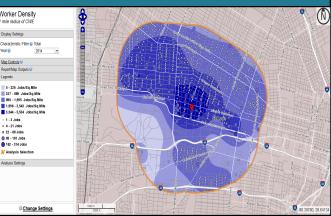
## Total Jobs by Earning per Job, 2006 and 2014

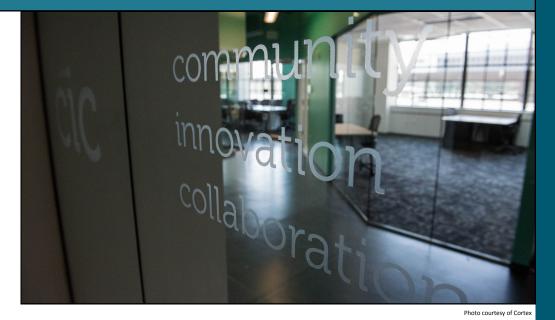


## Within 1 mile of the Central West End

While job growth is booming in the Central West End, part of the reason for that growth is the strength of the market surrounding the neighborhood:

- There were 65,840 jobs located within 1 mile of the CWE in 2014
- 3,796 residents lived and worked within 1 mile of the CWE.
   15,014 residents travelled outside of the area for employment.
- 45.5% of the jobs located within 1 mile of the CWE earned more than \$40k per year
- 32.4% of employed residents in this area earned over \$40k per year
- 23% of employed residents age 30 or older had at least a Bachelor's degree level of education , better than regional average







Neighborhood Resident Labor Force Profile 2014

5,851

Total Employed Residents in the Central West End

2,980

Employed residents aged 30 to 54

2,874

Employed residents earning more than \$40k per year

**31%** 

Of employed residents age 30 or older have a Bachelor's degree or higher level of education

## Central West End Community Infrastructure

#### What is Community Infrastructure?

Infrastructure includes Community the entities, partnerships and programs that serve as the long-term guardian, implementer, or funder of important neighborhood services, programs and projects. A great deal of the success of the Central West End neighborhood can be attributed to its rich and hardy community infrastructure. In the CWE, there are a host of community organizations and programs supporting the long-term viability of the neighborhood.

#### **Special Business Districts**:

The neighborhood is home to six special business districts (SBDs) that collect a local property tax used to enhance safety & security, beautification and public improvements throughout the neighborhood. Collectively these districts expend \$1.1 million on these activities annually. Currently, these districts cover about one third of the neighborhood. Efforts are currently underway for an additional SBD to cover the remainder of the neighborhood. These entities are governed by a local board of property and business owners as well as residents appointed by the mayor.

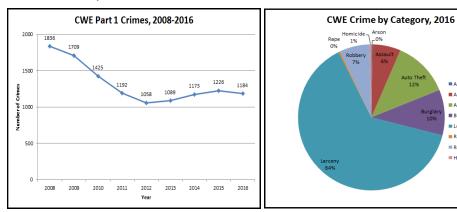
#### Community Improvement Districts:

The neighborhood is home to two community improvement districts (CIDs) located along Euclid Avenue. These districts, which collect a local sales tax, focus on marketing, public improvements, beautification and safety of the area. Collectively they expend \$1.1 million dollars annually on these activities. Efforts are currently underway to create addition districts along other commercial corridors within the neighborhood. These districts are governed by boards of property and business owners appointed by the mayor.

Neighborhood Organizations: The Central West End has a very involved resident population. The neighborhood is home to several neighborhood organizations. These volunteer based groups serve at the grassroots level providing critical feedback and ownership of a wide array of decisions about development, safety, public improvement, community services and beautification. These entities have been critical in ensuring that the community engagement process within the neighborhood stays consistent with and representative of the area's needs.

Safety and Security: The neighborhood has one of the most sophisticated and innovative safety infrastructures in the region. In 2008, the special business districts, community improvement districts and Washington University Medical Center came together to create the Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative.

This new non-profit, governed by a board of its member institutions has pooled the collective resources of the community to reduce crime, enhance public safety and engage in innovative programming to ensure the long-term stabilization of the community. The CWE NSI coordinates off-duty security patrols throughout the neighborhood, implements a Court Advocacy program to ensure community input on sentencing and administers the Neighborhood Ownership Model to engage community residents around safety and security. The NSI recently installed security cameras in key areas throughout the neighborhood with plans for expansion of the program. All of this has resulted in overall crime reduction better than citywide averages since the inception of the CWE NSI.





#### Community **Development:**

The Central West End is also served by Park **Central Development** Corporation, which acts in a city-manager role for the community, handling the planning and implementation of:

- public improvements
- marketing

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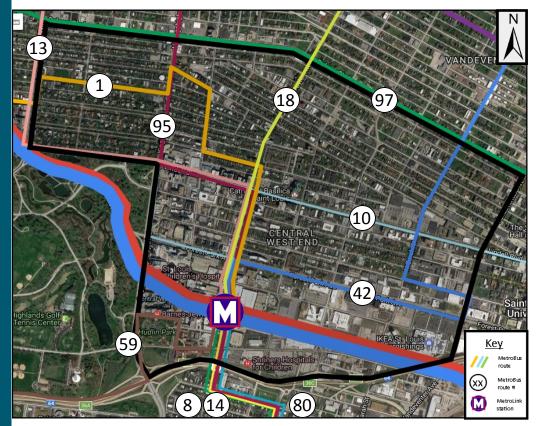
Auto Theft Burglary Larceny Rape

Robbery Hom icide comprehensive planning activities

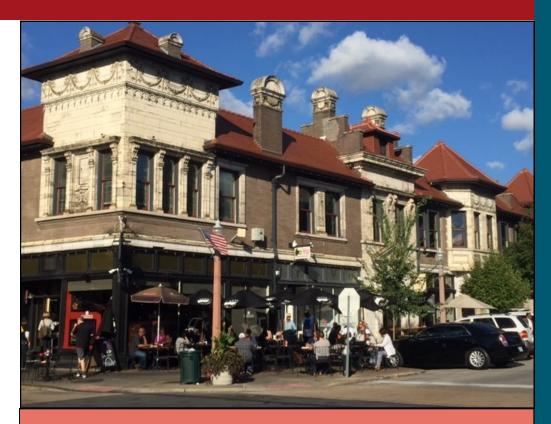
# Central West End Transportation

Located in the Central Corridor of the St. Louis region, the Central West End is highly accessible and prominently visible. Interstate 64 forms the southern border of the neighborhood, carrying over 120,000 vehicles per day, while Metro brings thousands of transit riders through the Central West End each day.

In 2013-2014, three overpasses above Interstate 64 were reconstructed and an additional interstate interchange was created to improve highway access into the neighborhood.



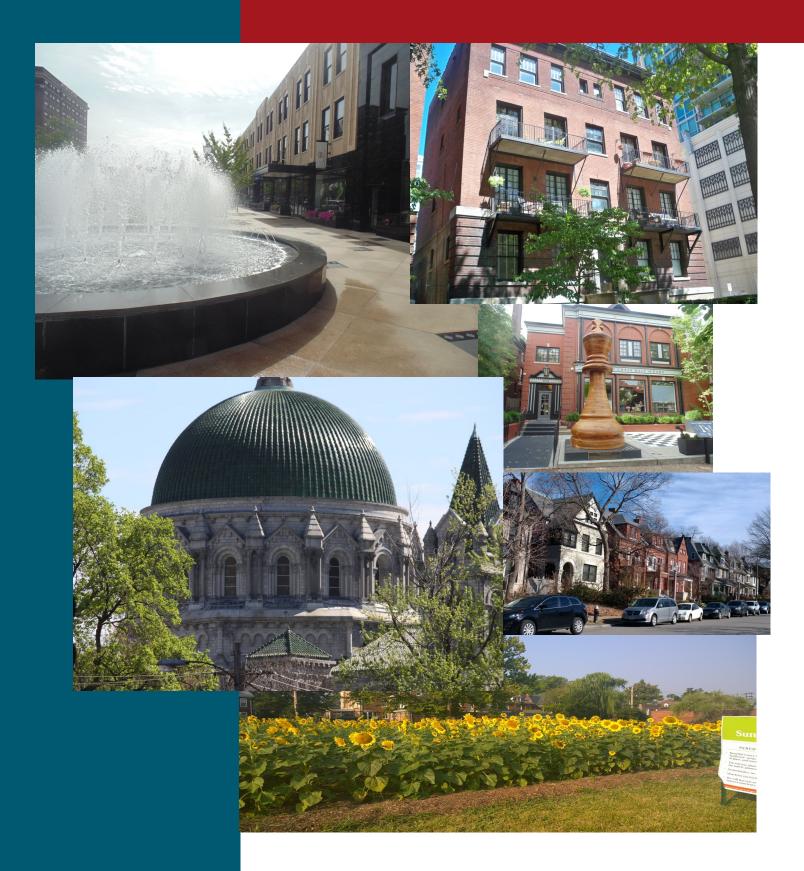
The neighborhood is served by transit better than perhaps anywhere in the region with light rail service from the Red and Blue MetroLink lines as well as 11 MetroBus lines, including the #1, #8, #10, #13, #14, #18, #42, #59, #80, #95, and #97 buses, many of which are routed through the Central West End MetroLink Station in the WUMC Campus. An additional MetroLink Station has been financed for construction at Boyle near Clayton Avenue to serve the growing Cortex Innovation Community, which is set to open in 2018.

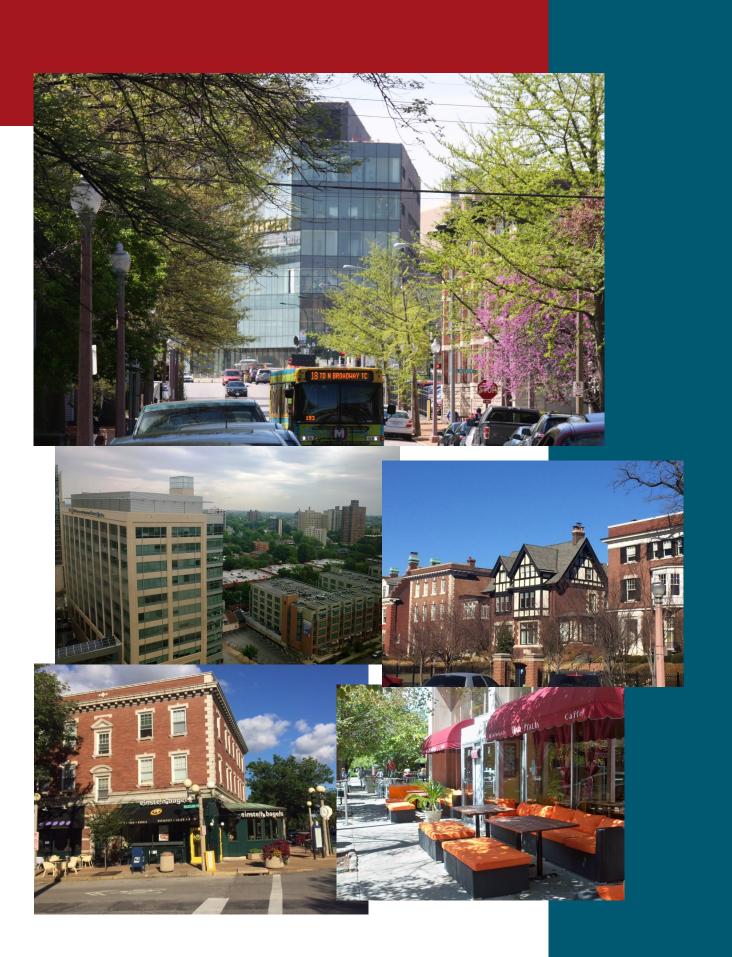


## **Data Sources**

- 2010 U.S. Census
- 2014 Syear American Community Survey (ACS)
- Geo St. Louis
- Park Central Development– Central West End Development Committee
- 2006 and 2014 U.S. Longitudinal Employer-Housing Dynamics survey
- St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

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