



FOUNTAIN PARK / LEWIS PLACE

2023 NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE

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WELCOME TO FOUNTAIN PARK & LEWIS PLACE

During the 1890s, Lewis Place, a two-block street situated in North Central St. Louis between Taylor and Walton Avenues, was under the ownership and development of the prominent real estate family of William J. Lewis. Many structures constructed at the turn of the century remain intact today.

With the rise in the African American population in St. Louis during the early 1900s, the lack of housing became a pressing issue. In the 1940s, Black St. Louis residents, notably led by Robert and Fredda Witherspoon, challenged the restrictive covenant that prohibited African Americans from owning homes. This pivotal action sparked a wave of legal activism in St. Louis, culminating in the groundbreaking Supreme Court case *Shelley v. Kraemer* that invalidated restrictive covenants nationwide.

Recognized for its significant role in the civil rights movement, Lewis Place was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. This three-block street stands as the oldest African American street in St. Louis.

Adjacent to Lewis Place, Fountain Park shares a parallel historical narrative. Positioned directly north of the Central West End, it boasts a similar architectural style to its neighbor. However, Fountain Park has not received the same level of investment and maintenance.

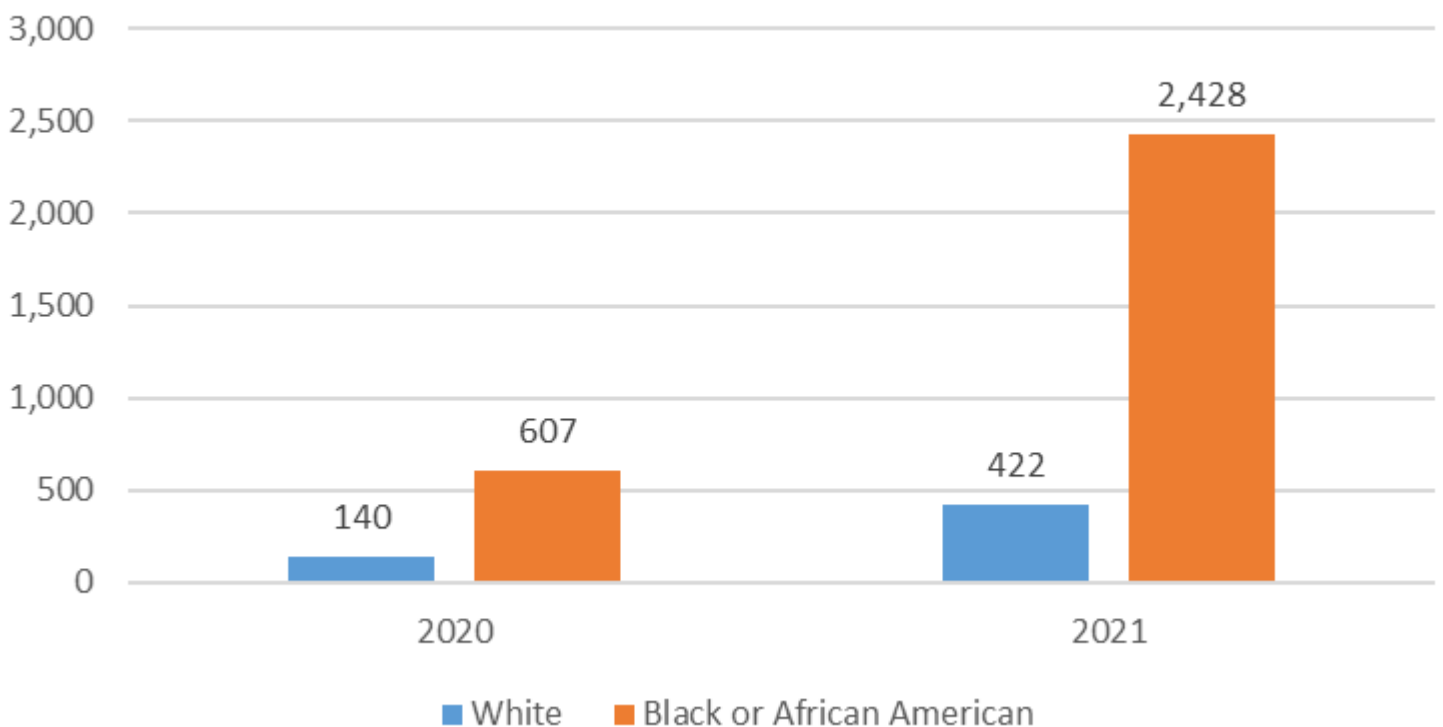
The neighborhood derives its name from the central oval park within its boundaries. The well-preserved homes surrounding the park add to the charm and character of Fountain Park.

DEMOGRAPHICS



POPULATION CHANGE

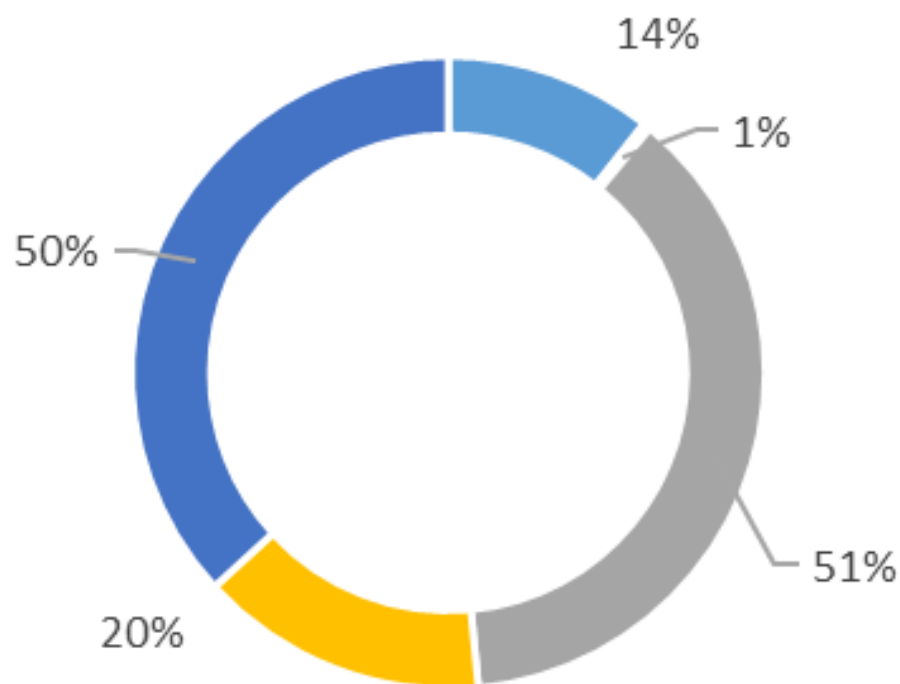
Population Change



Changes in Demographics

Between 2020 and 2021, there has been a notable increase in White and Black populations. The White American population rose from 140 in 2020 to 422 in 2021, while the Black or African American population surged from 607 in 2020 to 2,428 in 2021.

RACE AND ETHNICITY

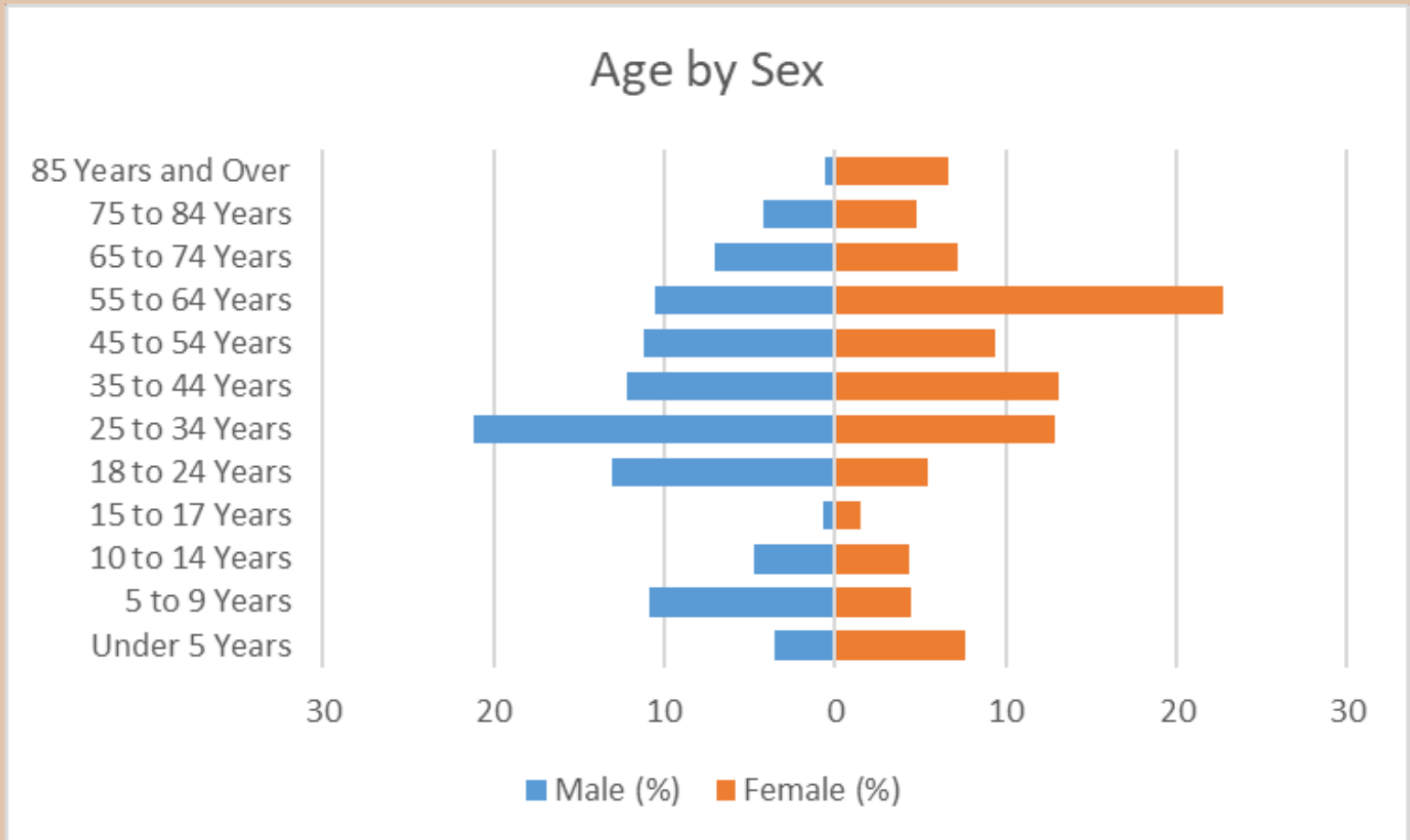


- White
- Asian
- Other Race or Ethnicity
- Black or African American

Demographics of Fountain Park and Lewis Place

Fountain Park and Lewis Place has a diverse population, with White American comprising 50% of the total population, followed by Black or African American at 20%. The Asian community represents the smallest percentage of the population at 1%.

AGE BY SEX

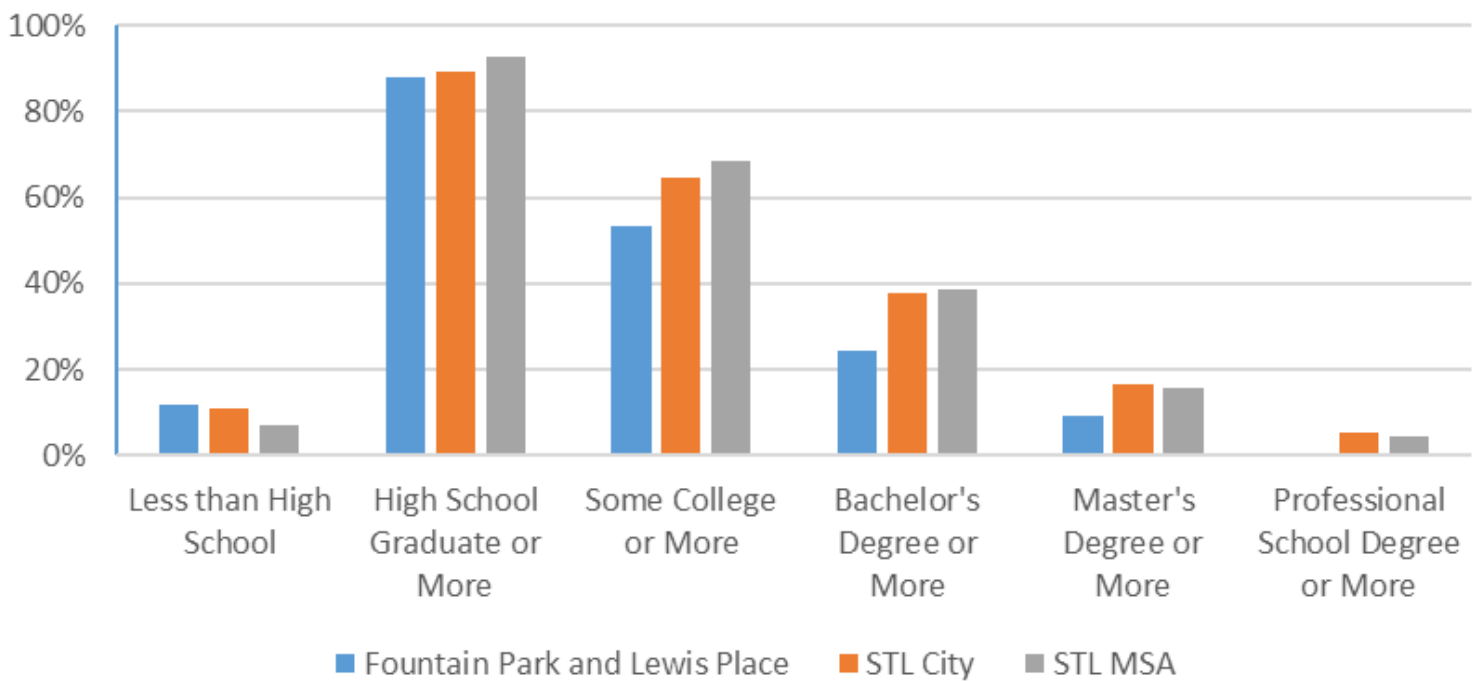


Examining the Population of Fountain Park/Lewis Place

Both Fountain Park and Lewis Place show minimal population growth, especially in younger age categories. Notably, there is a higher number of elderly females and a higher median age for men in this area. The median age of residents in this region is 33.7 years.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Educational Attainment

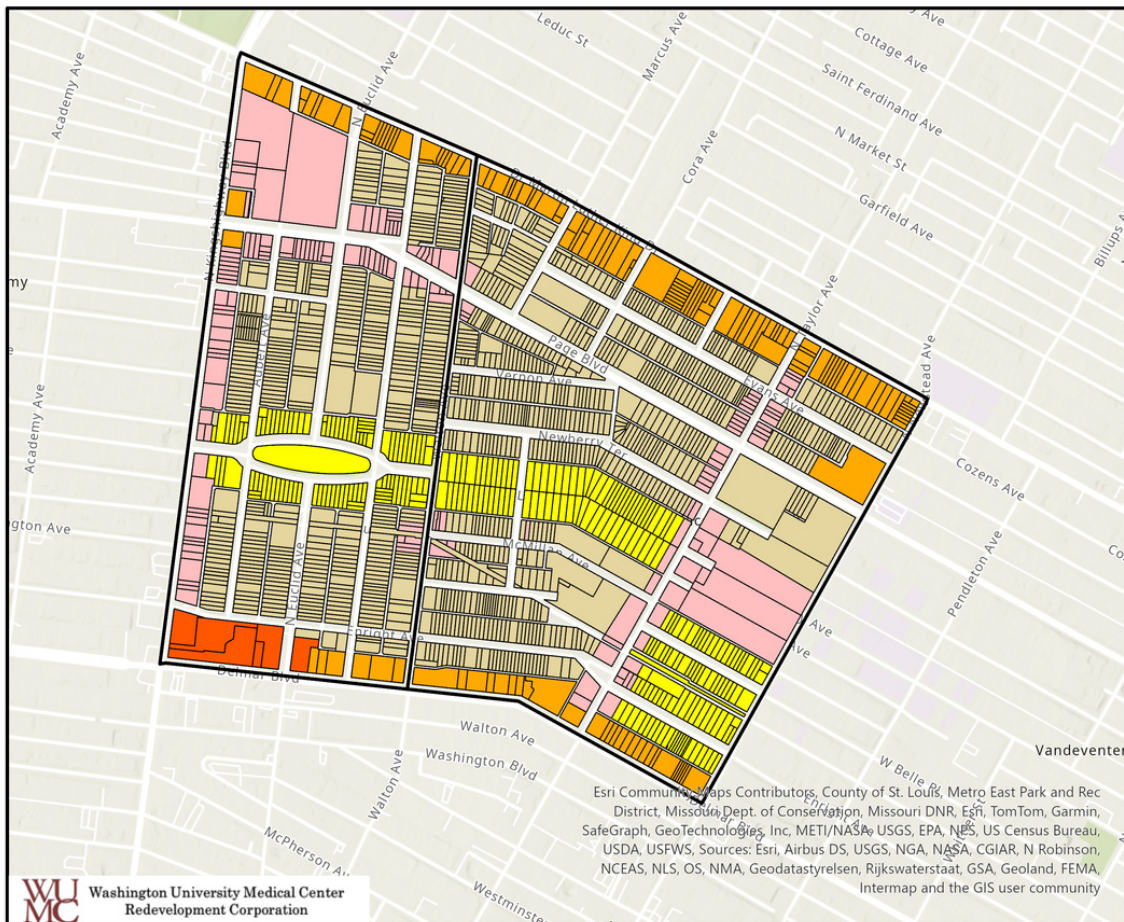


Educational Attainment Comparison

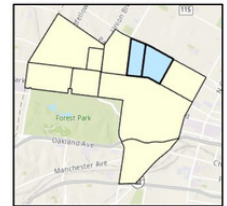
The comparison of the educational attainment of Fountain Park and Lewis Place with STL city and MSA shows a declining rate of higher educational attainment. The neighborhood has a significant number of high school graduates.

LAND USE

ZONING MAP OF FOUNTAIN PARK & LEWIS PLACE NEIGHBORHOODS

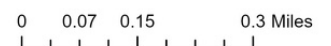


KEY MAP



Legend

	B Two-Family Dwelling District
	C Multiple-Family Dwelling District
	F Neighborhood Commercial District
	G Local Commercial and Office District
	H Area Commercial District



EMPLOYMENT



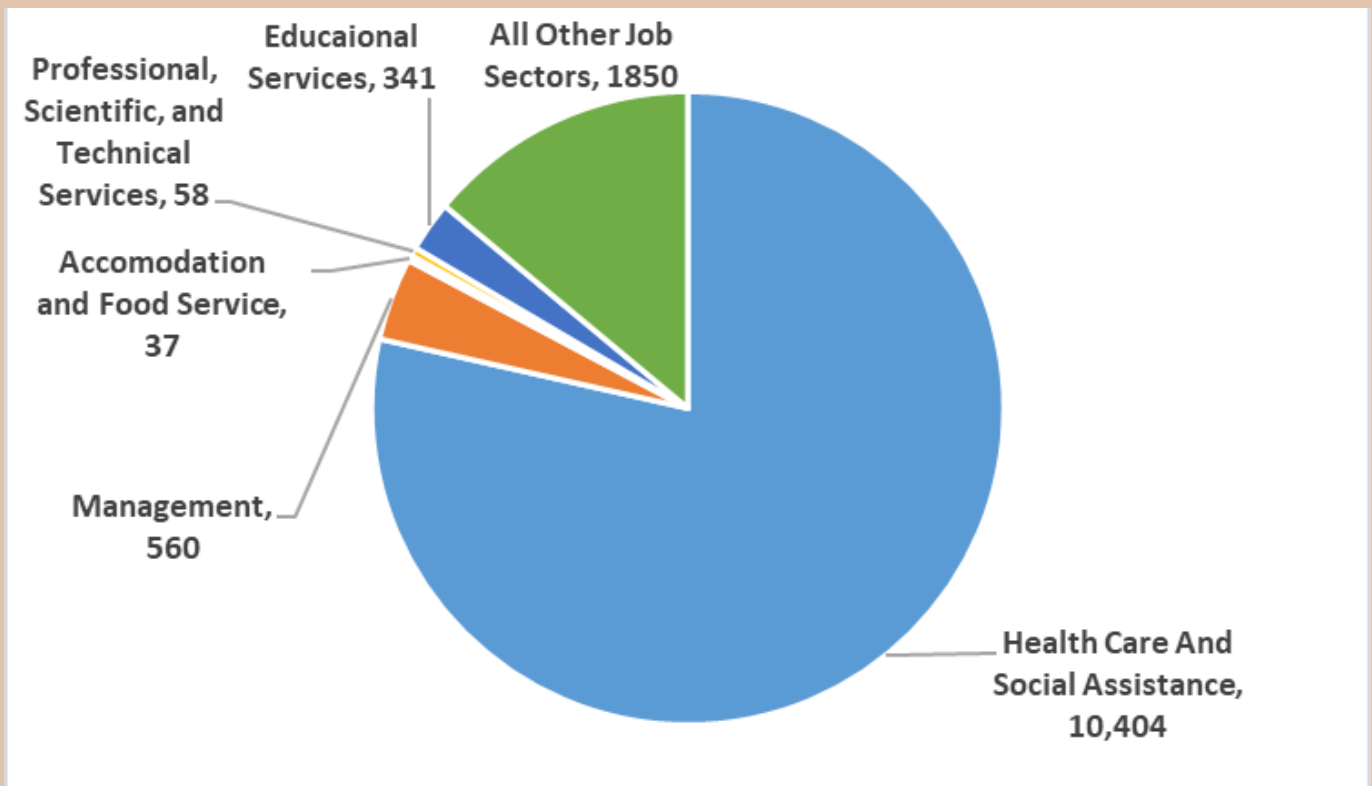
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The Work Habits

Residents are employed outside their community, while those working within the neighborhood come from other areas. A percentage of residents work and reside in the same neighborhood.

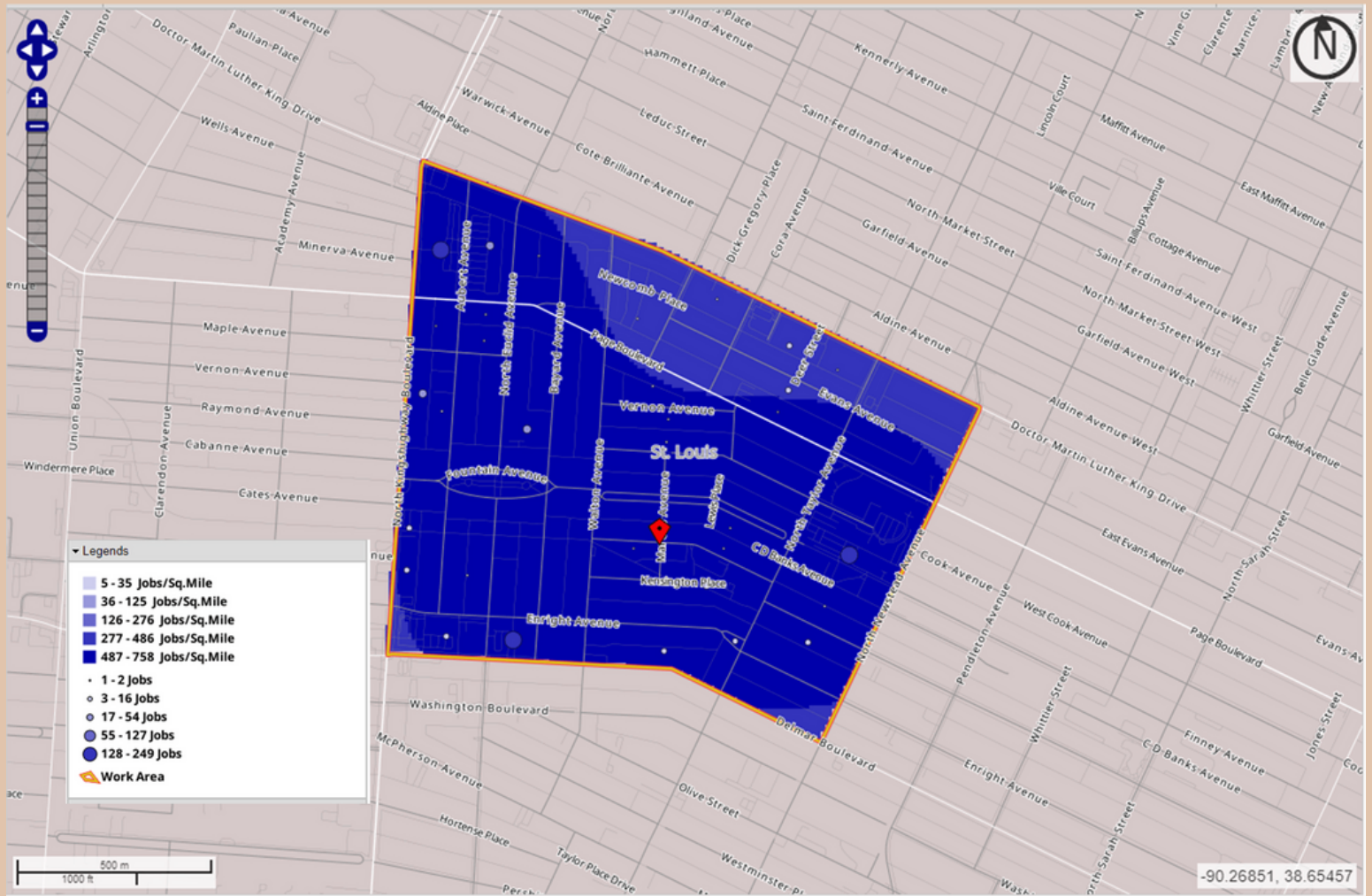
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Job Categories in Fountain Park and Lewis Place

Given the significant presence of medical facilities in the neighborhood, most jobs are in the healthcare and social assistance sector, followed by management roles and educational services placing third.

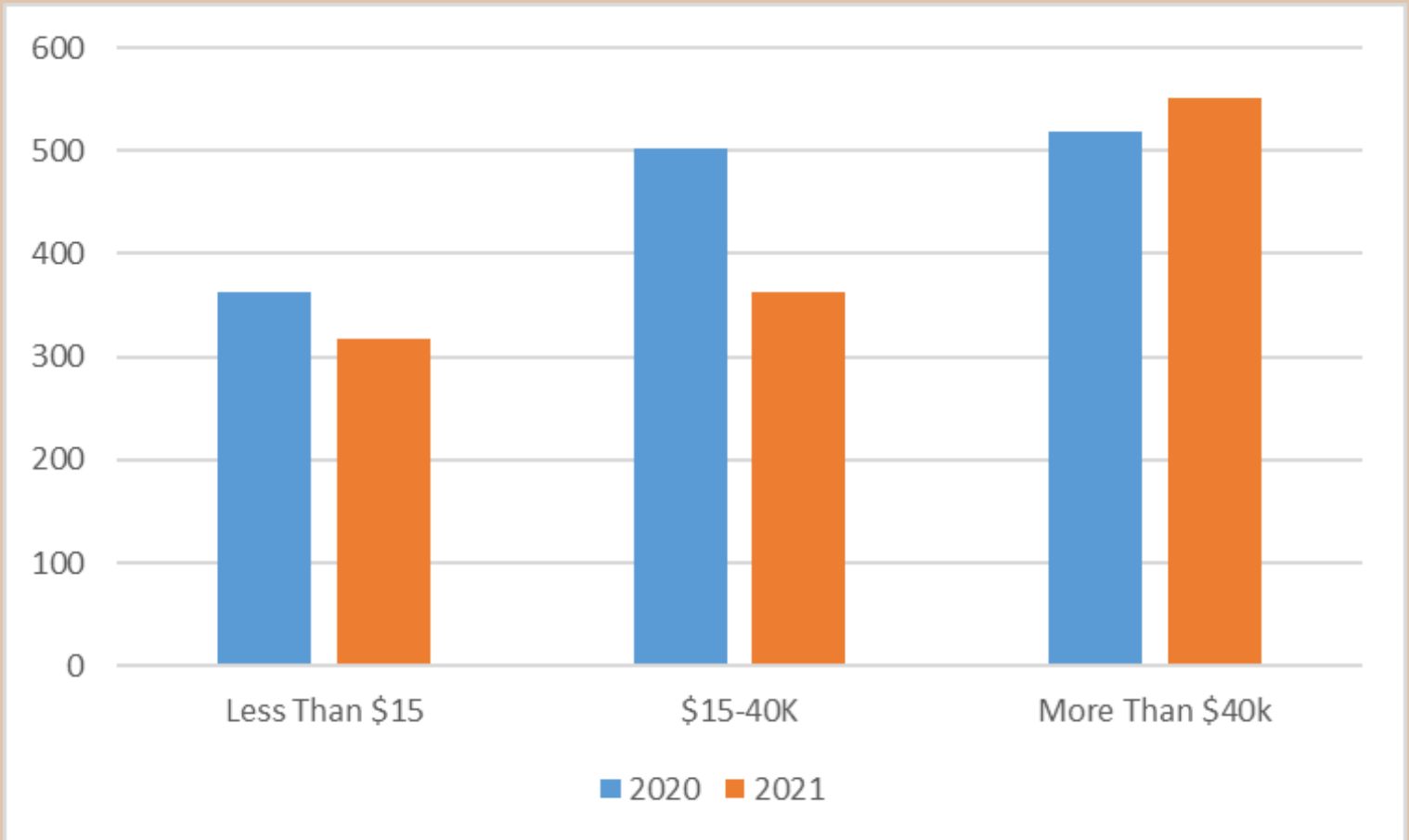
EMPLOYMENT



Analysis of Career Map

These neighborhoods contain large businesses offering employment opportunities. As a result, Fountains Park and Lewis Place boast over 487 jobs per square mile.

JOB GROWTH BY INCOME



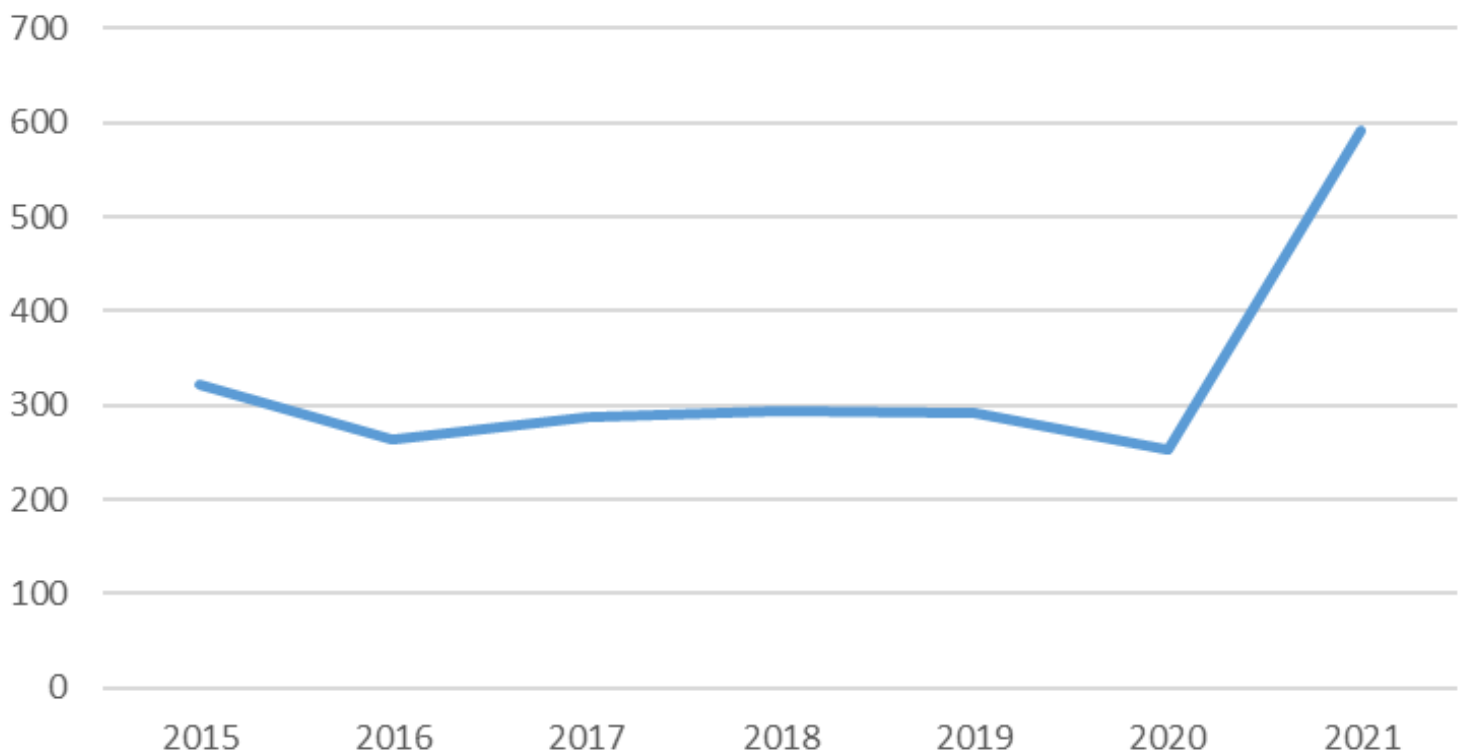
Comparing Job Growth in 2020 and 2021

The job decreases are noticeable for jobs earning \$15-\$40k. While overall job growth in the area has declined, there has been a slight increase in jobs paying over \$40K from 2020 to 2021.

CRIME



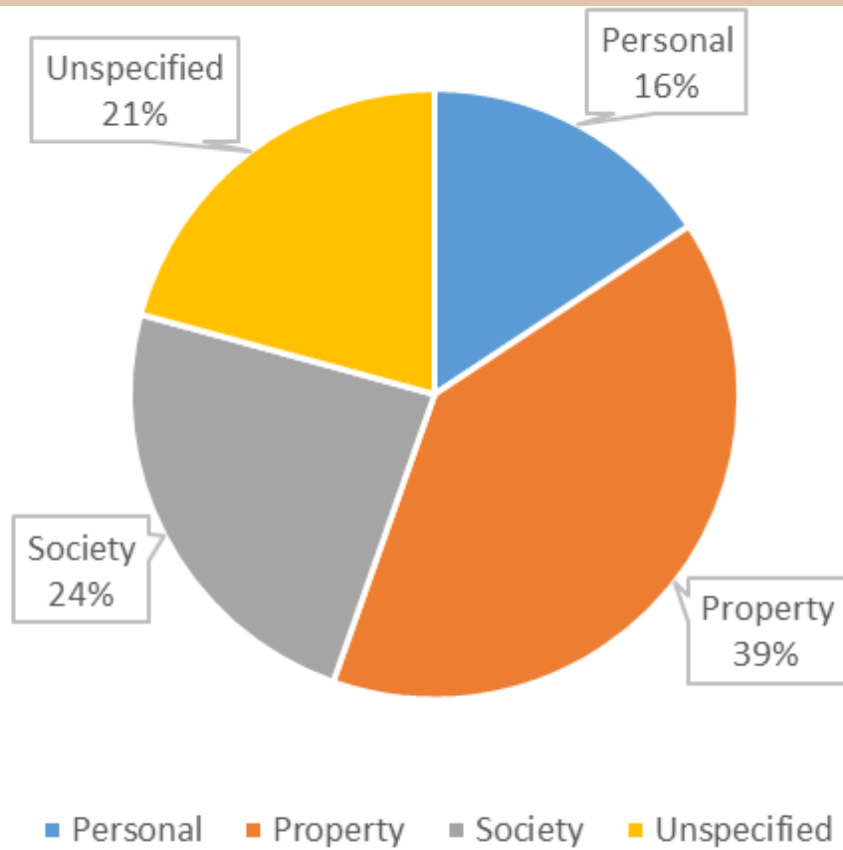
CRIME OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS



Analyzing Crime Statistics in Fountain Park/Lewis Place

Over the past decade, the crime rate has been steady at 300 incidents. A spike occurred in 2021, with a peak of 600 incidents in a year.

CRIME BY TYPE



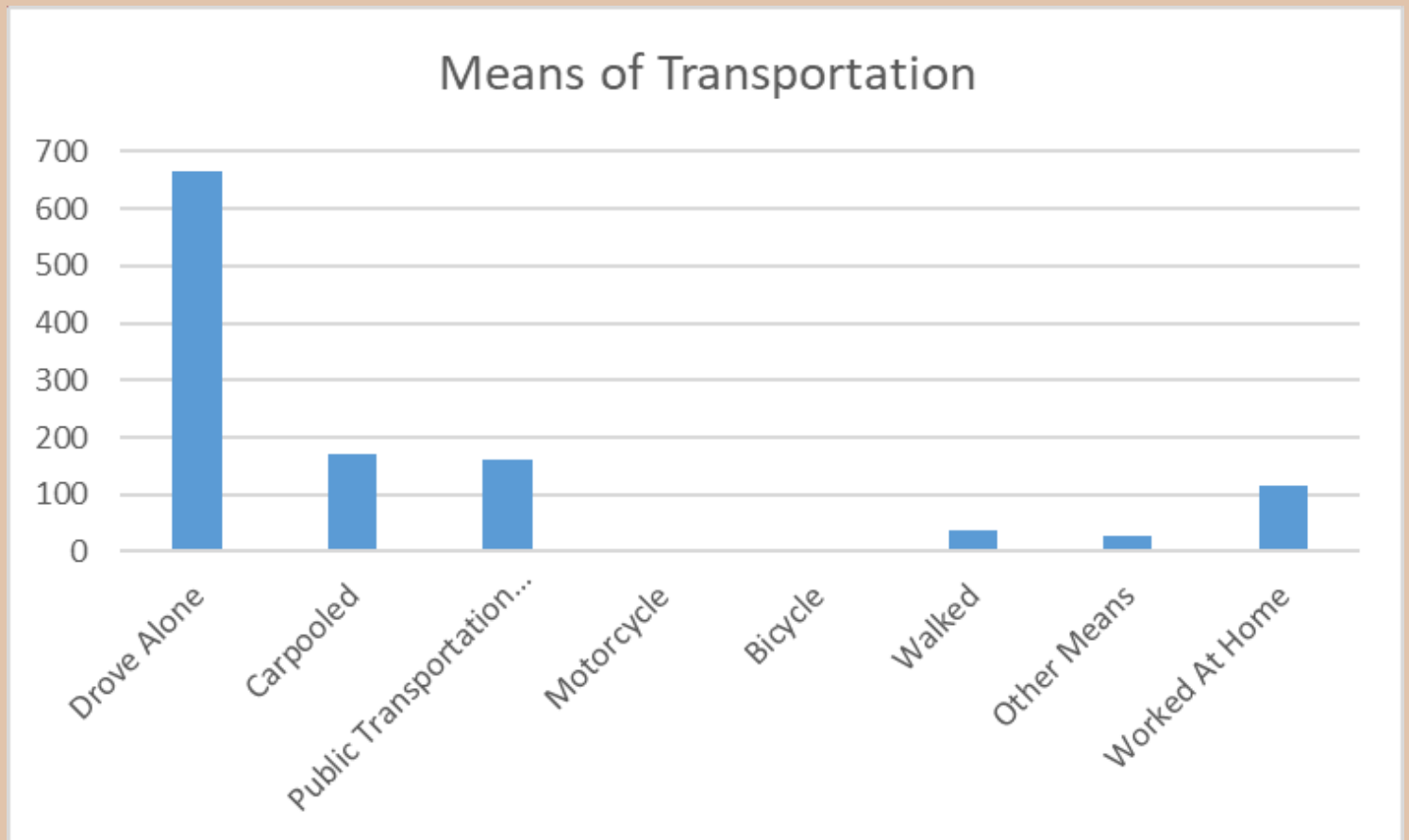
Crime Statistics

According to official records, there have been 592 crime cases reported in the neighborhood. These incidents are related to property crimes, while society, unspecified and personal crimes make up 24%, 21%, and 16% of the total.

TRANSPORTATION



MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

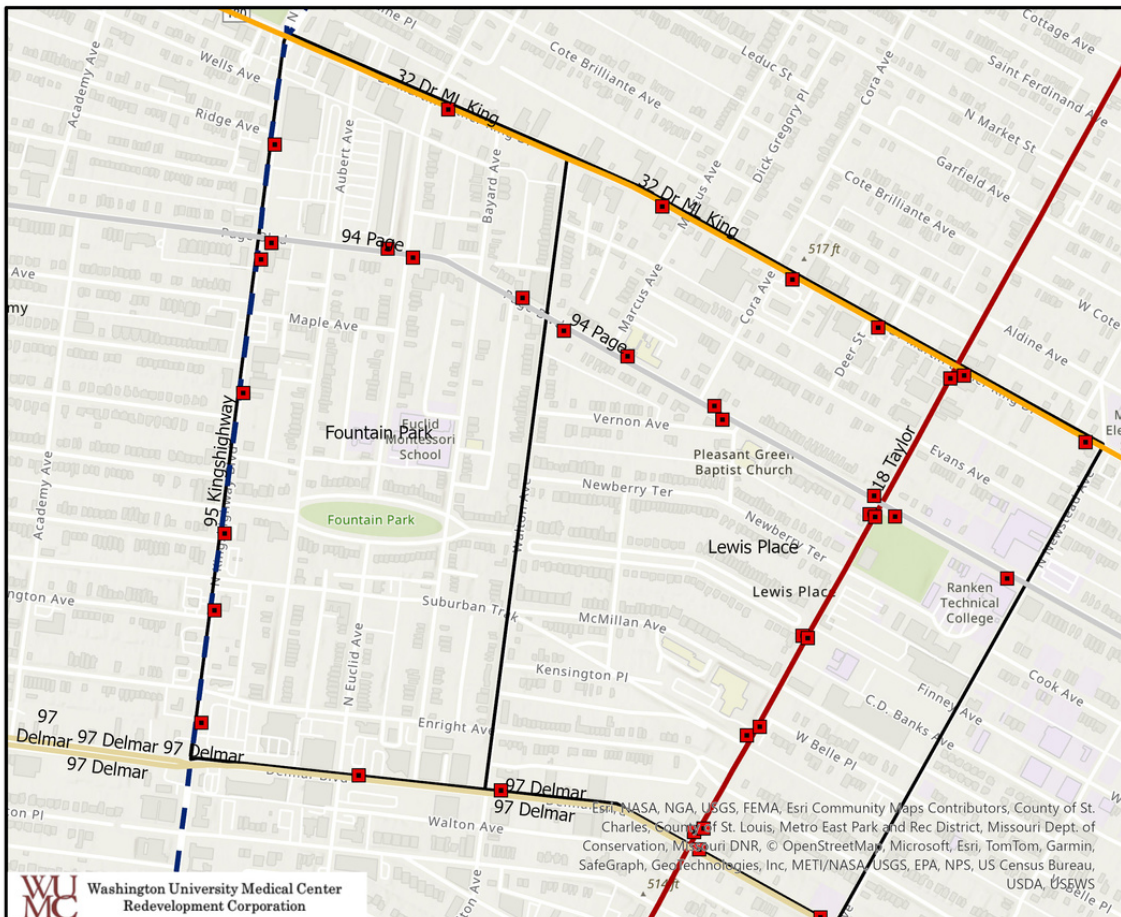


Analyzing Commuting Patterns in the Community

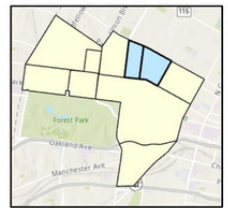
Of the 1,173 workers, a majority (56%) preferred to drive as their primary mode of transportation. Those who did not choose driving tended to rely on alternative modes of transportation, such as carpooling and public transit.

TRANSPORTATION

LOCATION OF BUS STOPS AND ROUTES (FOUNTAIN PARK & LEWIS PLACE)



KEY MAP

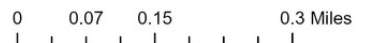


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LEGEND

- Bus Stops
- Bus Routes
- 18 Taylor
- 32 Dr ML King
- 94 Page
- 97 Delmar
- 95 Kingshighway
- Neighborhood Boundary



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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Courtyard by Marriot

The proposed Courtyard by Marriot at the corner of Delmar and Kingshighway will have 100 rooms and 200 parking spaces. It will be smaller than most Marriott hotels, allowing for a more intimate atmosphere and personalized service.



Elevation Space

The Elevation Space at 4731 Delmar Blvd will contain 25,000 square feet of shared office space with tools to support entrepreneurship and investment in underserved communities.

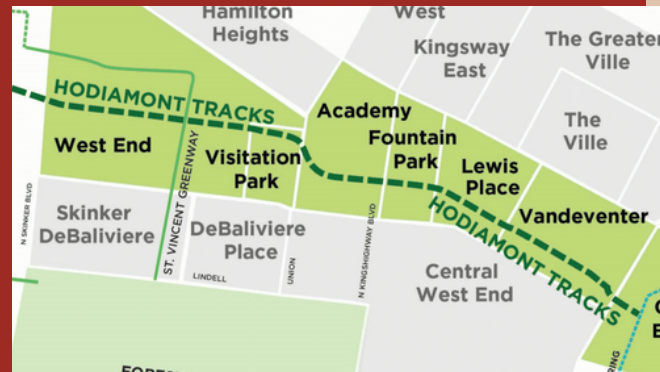
**\$3 MILLION INVESTMENT
UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



Hodiamont Greenway

Great Rivers Greenway has proposed linking the St. Vincent Greenway with Midtown and the Brickline Greenway through a trail built along the former Hodiamont streetcar line. The Greenway will serve the West End-Visitation Park, Vandeventer, Lewis Place, Academy and Fountain Park communities.

**UNKNOWN INVESTMENT
PLANNED**



Urban League Projects

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis has submitted over 20 building permits over the last year, including \$1.75M for a new greenhouse, issued July 2023, and various other projects, such as a new Simmons Bank.

**\$2.6 MILLION+ INVESTMENT
UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



EVENTS

Martin Luther King Day Celebration - January

- The day begins with a prayer gathering for peace at the MLK statue in Fountain Park. Then, attendees head across the street to Centennial Christian Church for an afternoon of music, talent, and workshops on voting, organizing, and empowerment.

Fountain Park Juneteenth - June

- The neighbors of Fountain Park and Centennial Church host an annual Juneteenth Community Awareness Celebration. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States.

National Night Out - October

- NNO is a national community-building celebration to encourage neighborhoods to develop a relationship with their local police force. The event includes food, music, giveaways, and activities for all ages.

Ernestine Hill Children's Winter Wonderland - December

- This Christmas party is held annually in honor of Mrs. Ernestine Hill, who served as committeewoman for the 18th Ward for over 30 years and held an annual party for the children of the community.

THINGS TO SEE / ASSETS

Fountain Park

In 1889 this fountain was donated to the Aubert Park neighborhood by the Merchants Exchange. As a result the subdivision was renamed Fountain Park.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Statue

The statue of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. serves as a focal point within the community.



The Lewis Place Gate

The Lewis Place Gate is distinguished by its classical Roman-style arch, stands as the entrance to the neighborhood, welcoming residents to the elegant homes within its confines.



COMMUNITY ASSETS

Ranken Technical College

Ranken Technical College is a private technical school that offers programs automotive, electrical, construction, information technology, and manufacturing.



LaunchCode

Founded in 2013, Launchcode is a nonprofit offering free tech education and job placement opportunities for people of all backgrounds.



Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis

Since 1918, this organization has empowered African Americans and others throughout the region in securing economic self-reliance, social equity and civil rights.

