Neighborhood in Northwest Detroit

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ABSTRACT

Census Tract 5402 is located in the northwest side of Detroit. For this report, the spatial boundaries of this census tract is defined as the area south of Pembroke and north of 7 mile rd. West of Greenfield and East of Southfield Fwy. This small block includes many homes and small apartment complexes.

Health Status Indicators

- In this census tract, there were 98 deaths from 2010-2012
- There were 23 more deaths than the average number of deaths of all the other census tracts other students reported on
- 20 people died of cancer
- 7 died of diseases to the nervous system
- 31 died due to circulatory diseases
- 6 died to diseases of digestive system
- 7 died due to suicide/assault
- There were significantly more teen births than other census tracts. 39 compared to the average of 19
- Low birth weight was not significantly higher (19 babies) than the average of other census tracts (16 babies)
- 25% of the population did not graduate high school
- 42% of the population did not attend college
- Only 32% of the population attended some college
- There were less than 6 people in the census tract that had an associates degree or higher
- 49% of the population used food stamps/SNAP benefits
- In the report, blank cells means there are fewer than 6 events in the cell and a specific number could not be reported

Census Tract 5402

Sociodemographics

- Total Population: 3,771
- Median Age: 32.2
  - Male: 29.2
  - Female: 35.3
- Median Household income: $22,828
- Mean Household income: $34,257
- No Health Insurance Coverage: 598 or 15.8% of the population
- Percent of population who are below poverty level: 40.4%
- Average household size: 2 persons
- Unemployment: 21.3%

Race:

- White: 3,111
- African Americans: 598
- Hispanics: 5
- Other: 5

Deficits

- There are many abandoned homes and lots located in this neighborhood
- Many are boarded up, with windows and doors broken
- Some lots are unmaintained and have leaves, trees and other litter scattered throughout the property
- In this neighborhood, there are five liquor stores all within a couple miles of each other
- There are also many fast food restaurants including Burger King, Church’s Chicken, local chicken and steak shacks, and ice cream stores
- There many businesses that are out of business and are boarded up
- There are no major grocery stores and limited access to fresh food

Assets

- In the main streets there were many local businesses that were still active
- There was one Chicken and Fish market, and many sit down family restaurants
- There were two pharmacies that were located in the main streets of the neighborhood
- In the heart of the neighborhood included an elementary school with a park and also another school called, Michigan Technical Academy
- Another park was near the elementary school and was fairly maintained
- A tutoring center was also located on the main street in this neighborhood. Also a public library was also near it.
- 5 churches were located throughout the neighborhood

Conclusion

- There are notable assets in this neighborhood and many opportunities for education for children
- However, segregation is very high in this area. 95.8% of the population is African American
- Unemployment is not only high in this area (21%), but those who are employed are not making much income. Median household income is $22,828 and the mean household income is $34,257
- There were many liquor stores and fast food restaurants that give the community easy access to alcohol and unhealthy food. With limited access to fresh food, these deficits can lead to diseases and other health problems
- It is evident that these unhealthy lifestyles may have caused deaths, 37% of deaths from 2010-2012 were caused by circulatory or digestive diseases
- There are 345 vacant housing units in this neighborhood, in the last 10 years vacant units has increased by 254
- There are however parks and schools in the area that allows children to have an area to play that does not expose them to the dangers of the environment
- Education statistics suggest that many people from this census tract do not attend college and rarely graduate college. This negatively affects the potential opportunity to attain a higher paying job and can also affect the ability to pay for medical care and other important factors that are required for a healthy lifestyle

Detroit Public Library located in the neighborhood