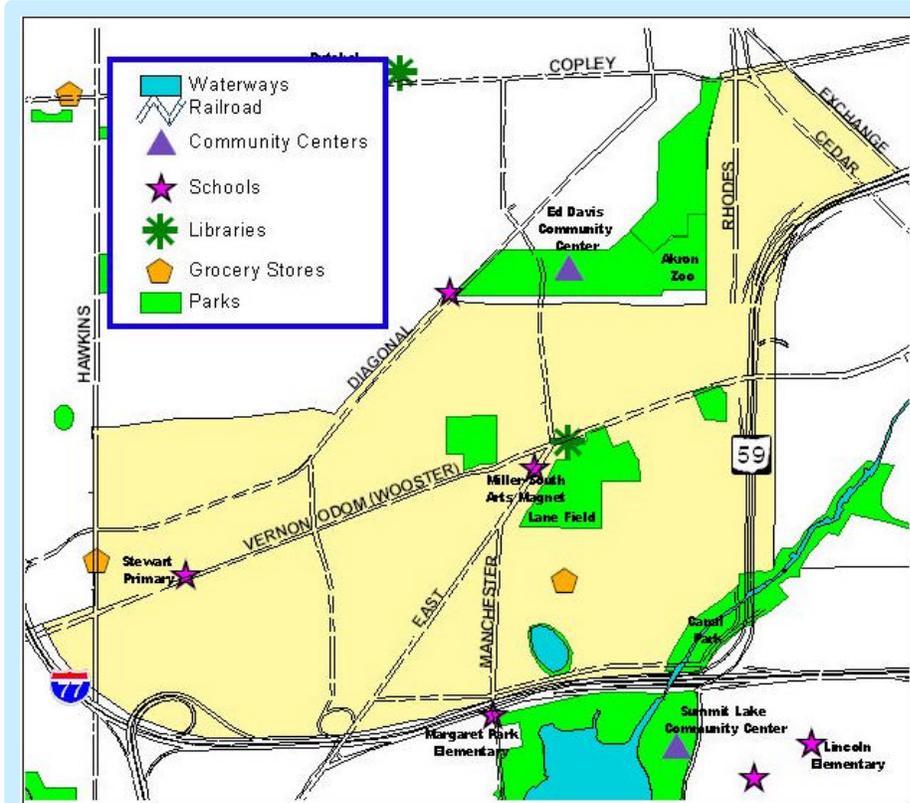




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AREA OVERVIEW

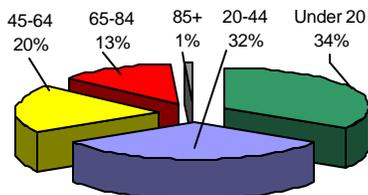
- In the early 20th century, the Lane-Wooster area became home to African-American families who were moving to Akron from the South.
- Situated in Southwest Akron adjacent to Downtown, it is bordered by I-77/76 and the Innerbelt.
- Neighborhood assets include Perkins Park and the Akron Zoo, the Miller-South School for the Visual and Performing Arts, Manning Lake, the Wooster Branch Library and the renovated Lane Field track and athletic complex.
- The section of Wooster Avenue in this neighborhood was recently renamed Vernon Odom Boulevard in honor of a longtime civil rights leader.



AGE

- Lane-Wooster's dominant age group is children under 18. It has one of the highest percentages of children in the City. The next largest group is people from 20 - 44.
- The percentages of persons in older age groups are similar to the City.

2000 Lane-Wooster Age Distribution



POPULATION

- Lane-Wooster has the highest percentage of African-Americans of any Akron neighborhood. Whites and people of other ethnic backgrounds comprise 13% of the population.
- In the 2000 Census, average household income was 70% of average household income in Akron. Even though household income lagged the City, there was a large percentage drop in persons in poverty.

2000 POPULATION

	Lane-Wooster	Akron
Population	9,329	217,088
White (1)	9%	67%
African-American (1)	87%	28%
% Change Total Population (2)	-10.0%	-2.7%
Households	3,864	89,923
% Change in Total Households (2)	1.8%	-0.2%
Avg. Household Income (1999 \$)	\$28,804	\$41,240
Change Avg Hshld Inc (1999 \$) (2)	-4.3%	12.9%
Persons in Poverty	2,882	36,904
% Change Persons in Poverty (2)	-28.0%	-17.0%

(1) In the 2000 Census, over 95% of Akron's population defined itself as either White or African-American.

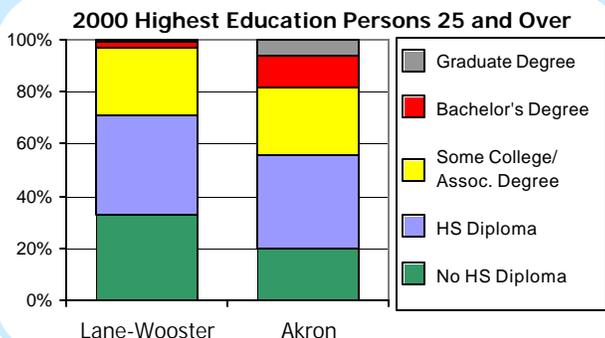
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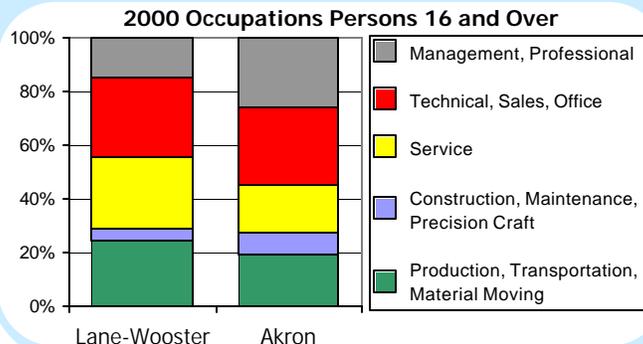
EDUCATION

One-third of adults 25 and over did not graduate from high school. Almost two-thirds either graduated from high school or have some college. Persons with bachelor's or graduate degrees represent 3% of the population.



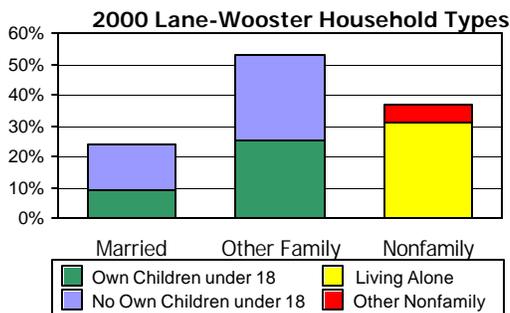
OCCUPATION

- The dominant occupational groups of employed persons 16 and over are Technical, Sales and Office; Service; and Production, Transportation, and Material Moving.
- The percentage of persons in Management or Professional Occupations was lower than the City.



HOUSEHOLD TYPE

- Twenty-four percent of Lane-Wooster households are headed by married couples, compared to 38% in Akron.
- The dominant household type (53%) in Lane-Wooster is Other Family. Twenty-eight percent of Lane-Wooster households are headed by a Single-parent living with his or her own children under 18. Percentages and types of nonfamily households are similar to the City.



HOUSING

- The age profile of Lane-Wooster housing is similar to, but slightly older than Akron housing.
- The total number of housing units declined. The percentage of owner-occupied units is lower than the City.
- Lane-Wooster owner-occupied housing appreciated by 30.8% in the 1990s. The average value of Lane-Wooster's owner-occupied housing is 58.7% of the average value of owner-occupied housing in Akron.

2000 HOUSING	Lane-Wooster	Akron
Total Housing Units	4,132	97,265
% Units Built 1980-2000	7.2%	9.4%
% Units Built 1940-1980	51.8%	55.9%
% Units Built Pre-1940	41.0%	34.7%
% Change Total Housing Units (1)	-5.6%	0.9%
% Owner Occupied Units	44.4%	54.9%
% Change Owner-Occupied	-5.3%	1.2%
% Change Renter-Occupied	-2.5%	-1.2%
Avg Value Owner Occupied (2)	\$53,190	\$90,503
% Change Average Value (2)	30.8%	33.5%

(1) Refers to 1990 - 2000 change.
 (2) Values adjusted to 1999 dollars.