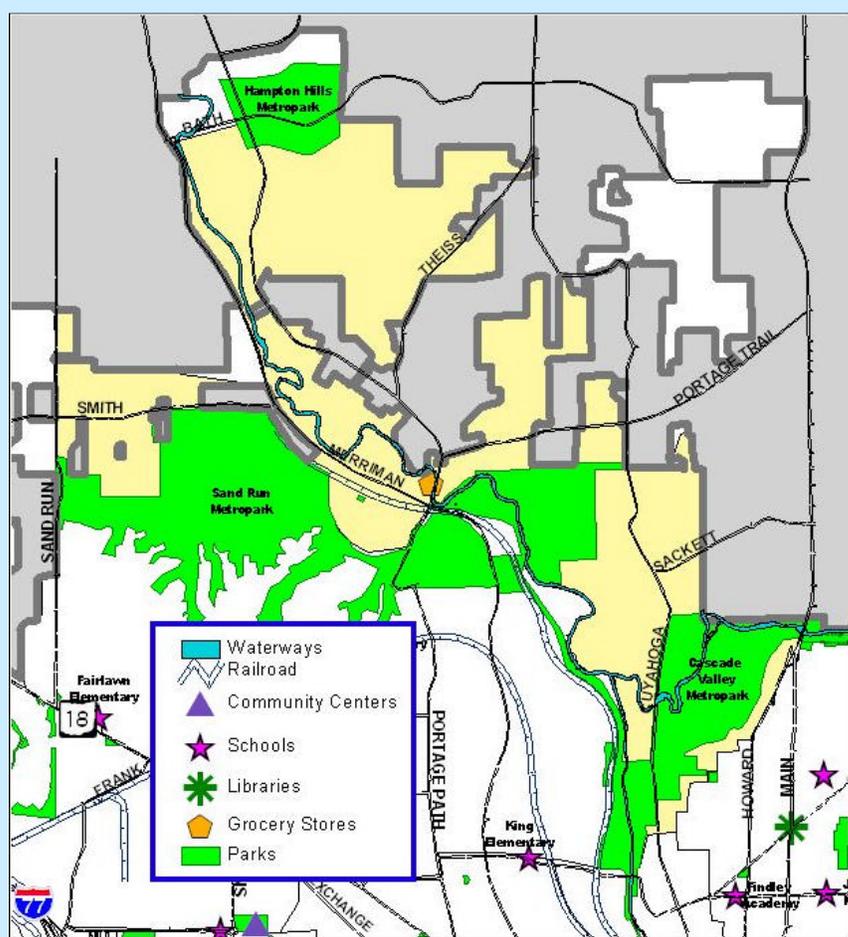




Merriman Valley

AREA OVERVIEW

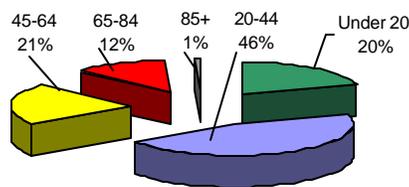
- This neighborhood in northwest Akron provides a range of housing sizes, styles and price points. Single-family housing is mixed with large-scale condominium and apartment development.
- Retail and office development around the intersection of Portage Path and Merriman Road offers restaurant, live theater, convenience and niche shopping opportunities.
- Much of the Cuyahoga River valley is parkland, offering significant recreational opportunities.



AGE

- Merriman Valley residents are slightly older than the City as a whole, with more people in the 20 – 44 range and fewer under 20. However, the distribution of the 45+ population is quite similar to the City.

2000 Merriman Valley Age Distribution



POPULATION

- The Merriman Valley experienced the largest percentage increases in population and number of households in the City.
- Merriman Valley continued to be among Akron's higher income areas, with 42% higher average household income than the City. Fewer than 3% of the population was in poverty.

2000 POPULATION	Merriman Valley	AKRON
Population	7,424	217,088
White (1)	78%	67%
African-American (1)	18%	28%
% Change Total Population (2)	23.9%	-2.7%
Households	3,772	89,923
% Change in Total Households (2)	25.1%	-0.2%
Avg. Household Income (1999 \$)	\$58,758	\$41,240
Change Avg Hshld Inc (1999 \$) (2)	-15.5%	12.9%
Persons in Poverty	992	36,904
% Change Persons in Poverty (2)	130.7%	-17.0%

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

(2) Refers to 1990 - 2000 change.

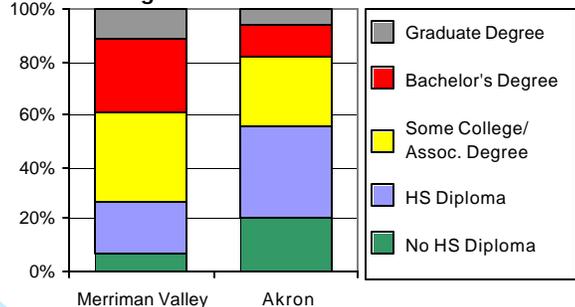


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EDUCATION

Residents of Merriman Valley are better educated than residents of the City. There is a lower percentage of persons with a high school diploma or less and higher percentages of persons with Bachelor's and Graduate degrees.

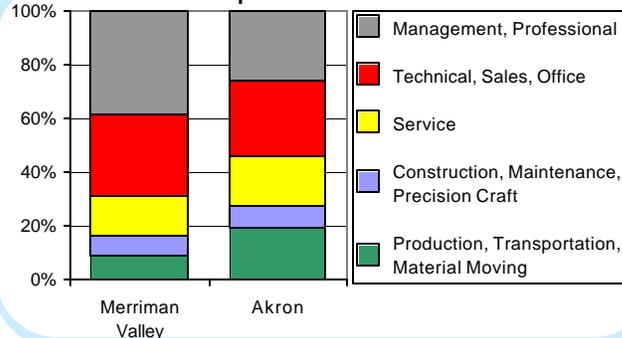
2000 Highest Education Persons 25 and Over



OCCUPATION

Over 60% of Merriman residents have Management, Professional, or Technical, Sales, and Office Professions.

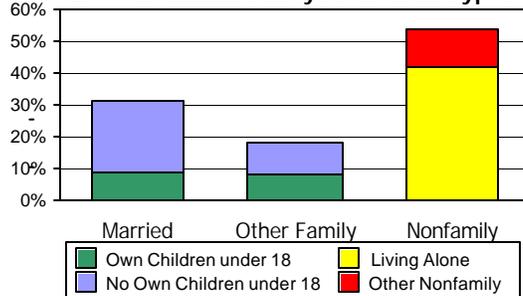
2000 Occupations Persons 16 and Over



HOUSEHOLD TYPE

- The percentage of Merriman non-family households is higher than in the City as a whole; 42% of Merriman households are persons living alone.
- Thirty-two percent of households are married or single parent households with children under 18.

2000 Merriman Valley Household Types



HOUSING

- Merriman housing is much newer than that of Akron, with nearly 60% of housing units built since 1980, and fewer than four percent built prior to 1940.
- The average value of owner-occupied Merriman Valley housing is 73% higher than the average value of City owner-occupied housing.
- Merriman Valley average owner-occupied housing values were flat from 1990–2000, while City housing values rose.
- The large number of apartment units is reflected by the lower percentage of owner-occupied housing.

2000 HOUSING	Merriman Valley	Akron
Total Housing Units	4,340	97,265
% Units Built 1980-2000	57.3%	9.4%
% Units Built 1940-1980	38.8%	55.9%
% Units Built Pre-1940	3.8%	34.7%
% Change Total Housing Units (1)	28.2%	0.9%
% Owner Occupied Units	38.1%	54.9%
% Change Owner-Occupied	13.2%	1.2%
% Change Renter-Occupied	39.4%	-1.2%
Avg Value Owner Occupied (2)	\$156,668	\$90,503
% Change Average Value (2)	-1.2%	33.5%

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