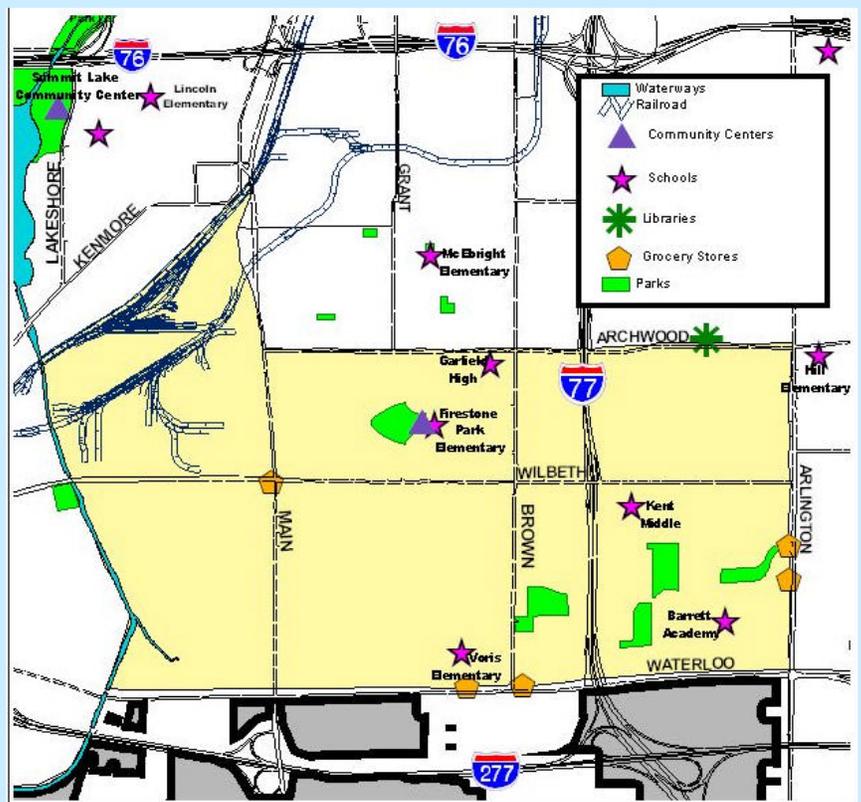




# Firestone Park

## AREA OVERVIEW

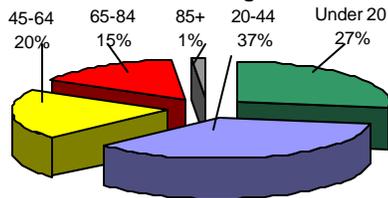
- Firestone Park is an historic landmark community designed and built for the Firestone Rubber Company's employees of all income levels.
- Located in South Akron, it borders Coventry Township (south) with easy access to I-77 and U.S. 224-227.
- A suburban-style shopping center strip and other retail services run along Waterloo Road.
- Firestone Park, a public park shaped like the original Firestone shield emblem, is at the heart of the community. It is surrounded by churches, a school, a community center, a new library, and a small business district.



## AGE

- The age distribution of Firestone Park residents is well balanced among generations. It is quite similar to that of the City as a whole.

2000 Firestone Park Age Distribution



## POPULATION

- Firestone Park is one of Akron's larger neighborhoods, with 6.5% of its population.
- Firestone Park's average household income is almost the same as the City's as a whole, and grew slightly more than City households during the 1990s.
- The number of persons in poverty is low; accordingly, there was a much smaller percentage reduction in numbers of persons in poverty than in the City as a whole.

2000 POPULATION	Firestone Park	Akron
<b>Population</b>	14,153	217,088
White (1)	86%	67%
African-American (1)	11%	28%
% Change Total Population (2)	-3.7%	-2.7%
<b>Households</b>	6,033	89,923
% Change in Total Households (2)	-0.9%	-0.2%
<b>Avg. Household Income (1999 \$)</b>	\$41,888	\$41,240
Change Avg Hshld Inc (1999 \$) (2)	14.0%	12.9%
<b>Persons in Poverty</b>	1,804	36,904
% Change Persons in Poverty (2)	-3.3%	-17.0%

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

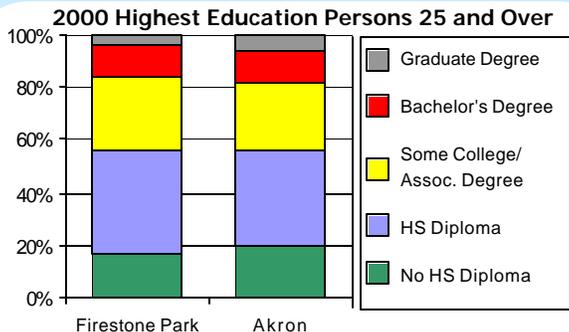
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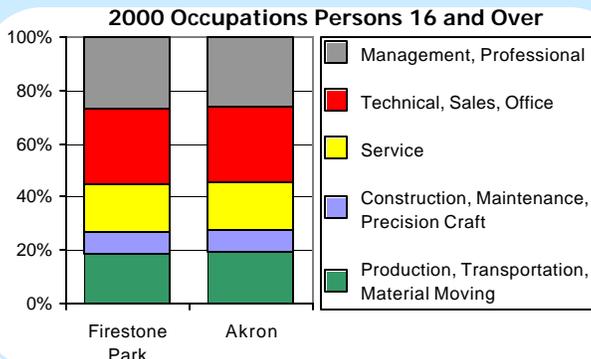
## EDUCATION

- The educational profile of Firestone Park residents is quite similar to that of the City. The most typical educational achievement level is high school graduate or some college.



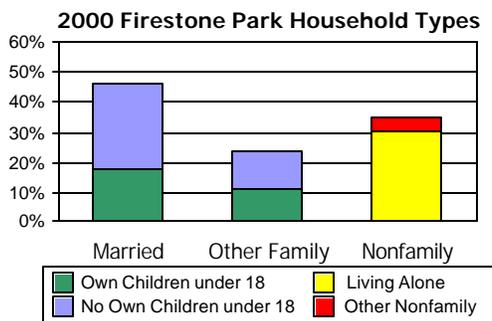
## OCCUPATION

- The diversity envisioned by Firestone Park's planners continues today. Firestone Park's occupational profile closely resembles that of the City. The dominant occupational group is Technical, Sales, and Office, but other occupational groups are well represented.



## HOUSEHOLD TYPE

- Firestone Park has a strong traditional family presence, with about half of households headed by a married couple.
- Children in Firestone Park who are under 18 are more than twice as likely to live in Married households as in Other Family households.
- By a small margin, households composed of persons living alone is the largest household category.



## HOUSING

- Two-thirds of Firestone Park housing units were built between 1940 and 1980. Approximately one-third were built prior to 1940.
- Nearly three-fourths of Firestone Park housing units are owner-occupied.
- The average value of Firestone Park owner-occupied housing units is about 93% of the value of City owner-occupied units. Housing appreciated more slowly in Firestone Park than elsewhere during the 1990s.

2000 HOUSING	Firestone Park	Akron
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	6,298	97,265
% Units Built 1980-2000	2.8%	9.4%
% Units Built 1940-1980	66.2%	55.9%
% Units Built Pre-1940	31.0%	34.7%
% Change Total Housing Units (1)	0.3%	0.9%
% Owner Occupied Units	71.1%	54.9%
% Change Owner-Occupied	-0.7%	1.2%
% Change Renter-Occupied	2.0%	-1.2%
<b>Avg Value Owner Occupied (2)</b>	\$83,777	\$90,503
% Change Average Value (2)	23.1%	33.5%

(1) Refers to 1990 - 2000 change.

(2) Values adjusted to 1999 dollars.