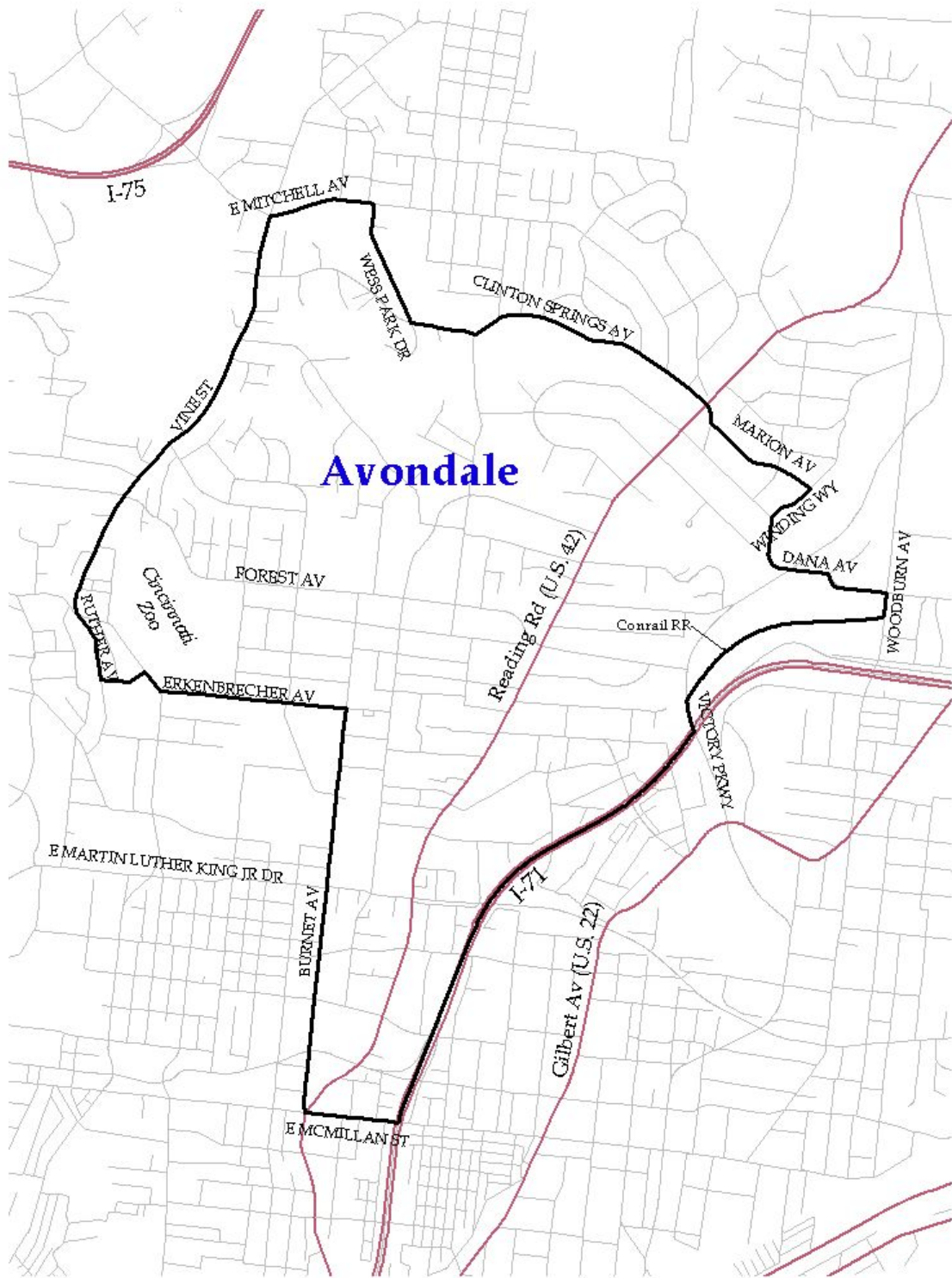


Avondale Profile

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Summary

Avondale is a severely disadvantaged neighborhood that lags far behind the rest of Cincinnati and Hamilton County on almost every indicator of child well-being. The child poverty rate in Avondale in 2000 was two to three times higher than the county, state, or national rate. According to the 2000 census, roughly two of three children under the age of 18 were living in a single-parent home, and one in three has no parent in the labor force. One third of neighborhood teens (ages 16 to 19) are high school dropouts.

Maternal and infant child health measures are equally discouraging. Avondale women who gave birth in 2003 were substantially younger and more poorly educated, on average, than their counterparts in the rest of the city and county. Almost one in five resident births in 2003 was premature, and 28% of new mothers received prenatal care that was less than adequate according to the Kotelchuck Index. Unmarried women accounted for 85% of resident births in Avondale.

Census 2000 Indicators of Child Well-Being

Source: CPRC tabulations of data published by U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing

Indicator	Avondale		Cincinnati	Hamilton County	Ohio	United States
	Number	Percent				
Children in poverty	2,197	47.4%	32.5%	16.6%	14.4%	16.6%
Children in extreme poverty (below 50% of poverty level)	1,199	25.9%	17.9%	8.5%	6.7%	7.4%
Children in low-income families (below 200% of poverty level)	3,529	76.2%	43.7%	33.4%	34.0%	37.8%
Population age 16 to 19 who are high school dropouts	308	34.1%	16.6%	10.3%	8.3%	9.8%
Population age 16 to 19 who are not in school and not working	230	25.4%	14.2%	8.5%	7.5%	8.9%
Population age 5 to 17 who have difficulty speaking English	126	3.5%	2.1%	1.7%	2.0%	6.6%
Population age 5 to 15 with one or more disabilities	331	10.8%	8.5%	6.8%	6.3%	5.8%
Population under 18 with no parent* in the labor force	1,292	32.3%	19.8%	10.3%	8.3%	10.5%
Women with own children under 6, and employed (see Note)	494	53.9%	56.7%	60.0%	61.2%	57.5%
Children** in single-parent families	3,107	65.2%	48.5%	30.3%	24.6%	23.3%

* Parent living in same residence with his/her child.

** Persons under age 18 who are children of the householder.

Note. Interpretation of percent column is as follows: Among women in Hamilton County with a child under 6 years, 60% are employed.

Characteristics of Mothers and Infants: 2003

Source: CPRC tabulations of Ohio Department of Health 2003 birth certificate file.

Characteristic	Avondale		City of Cincinnati		Hamilton County
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent
Total births	257	100.0%	4,989	100.0%	100.0%
<u>Mother</u>					
Age under 18	40	15.6%	319	6.4%	4.4%
Married	39	15.2%	2,115	42.4%	58.9%
Education not appropriate to age*	73	29.9%	103	20.5%	14.2%
Smoked during pregnancy	47	18.4%	762	15.3%	13.1%
Used alcohol during pregnancy	3	1.2%	32	0.6%	0.6%
Prenatal care less than adequate†	71	28.3%	932	18.7%	14.7%
No prenatal care (0 or 1 visit)	12	4.8%	88	1.8%	1.2%
Mean age of mother (years)	23.5	-na-	26.1	-na-	27.5
Mean education completed (years)	11.7	-na-	12.8	-na-	13.4
<u>Infant</u>					
Low birth weight, < 2500 grams	39	15.2%	540	10.8%	9.5%
Very low birth weight, < 1500 grams	11	4.3%	113	2.3%	2.0%
Premature, < 37 weeks gestation	48	18.7%	609	12.2%	11.2%
Very premature, < 32 weeks gestation	13	5.1%	130	2.6%	2.3%
Multiple birth	10	3.9%	187	3.7%	4.3%

* Mother's years of school completed is lower than expected for her age.

† Adequacy of prenatal care as measured by Kotelchuck index.

Population Change, 1990 to 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

	Avondale	City of Cincinnati	Hamilton County	Ohio	U.S.
1990 population	18,736	364,030	866,228	10,847,115	248,709,873
2000 population	16,298	331,285	845,303	11,353,140	281,421,906
Change, 1990 to 2000					
Number	-2,438	-32,745	-20,925	506,025	32,712,033
Percent	-13.0%	-9.0%	-2.4%	4.7%	13.2%

**Selected Social and Housing Characteristics:
2000**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing

Indicator	Avondale		Cincinnati	Hamilton County	Ohio	United States
	Number	Percent				
Educational attainment of adults (age 25 and over)						
Failed to complete high school	3,432	35.4%	23.3%	17.3%	17.0%	19.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	965	10.0%	26.6%	29.2%	21.1%	24.4%
Total housing units	8,136					
Vacant	1,246	15.3%	10.8%	7.1%	7.1%	9.0%
Occupied	6,890	84.7%	89.2%	92.9%	92.9%	91.0%
Owner-occupied	1,640	23.8%	39.0%	59.9%	69.1%	66.2%
Renter-occupied	5,250	76.2%	61.0%	40.1%	30.9%	33.8%
Structure built before 1940	3,515	43.2%	40.0%	25.8%	22.5%	15.0%
Crowded (1.01 or more persons/room)	303	4.4%	3.0%	2.1%	1.6%	5.7%
No vehicle available	2,943	42.7%	23.4%	13.5%	8.6%	10.3%
Owner -occupied units with cost burden*	413	35.8%	22.4%	19.7%	18.7%	21.8%
Renter -occupied units with cost burden**	2,102	40.1%	36.7%	35.4%	34.3%	36.8%
Median value of owner-occupied units	\$82,500	-na-	\$93,200	\$109,000	\$100,500	\$111,800

* Selected monthly owner costs account for 30% or more of household income

** Gross rent accounts for 30% or more of household income