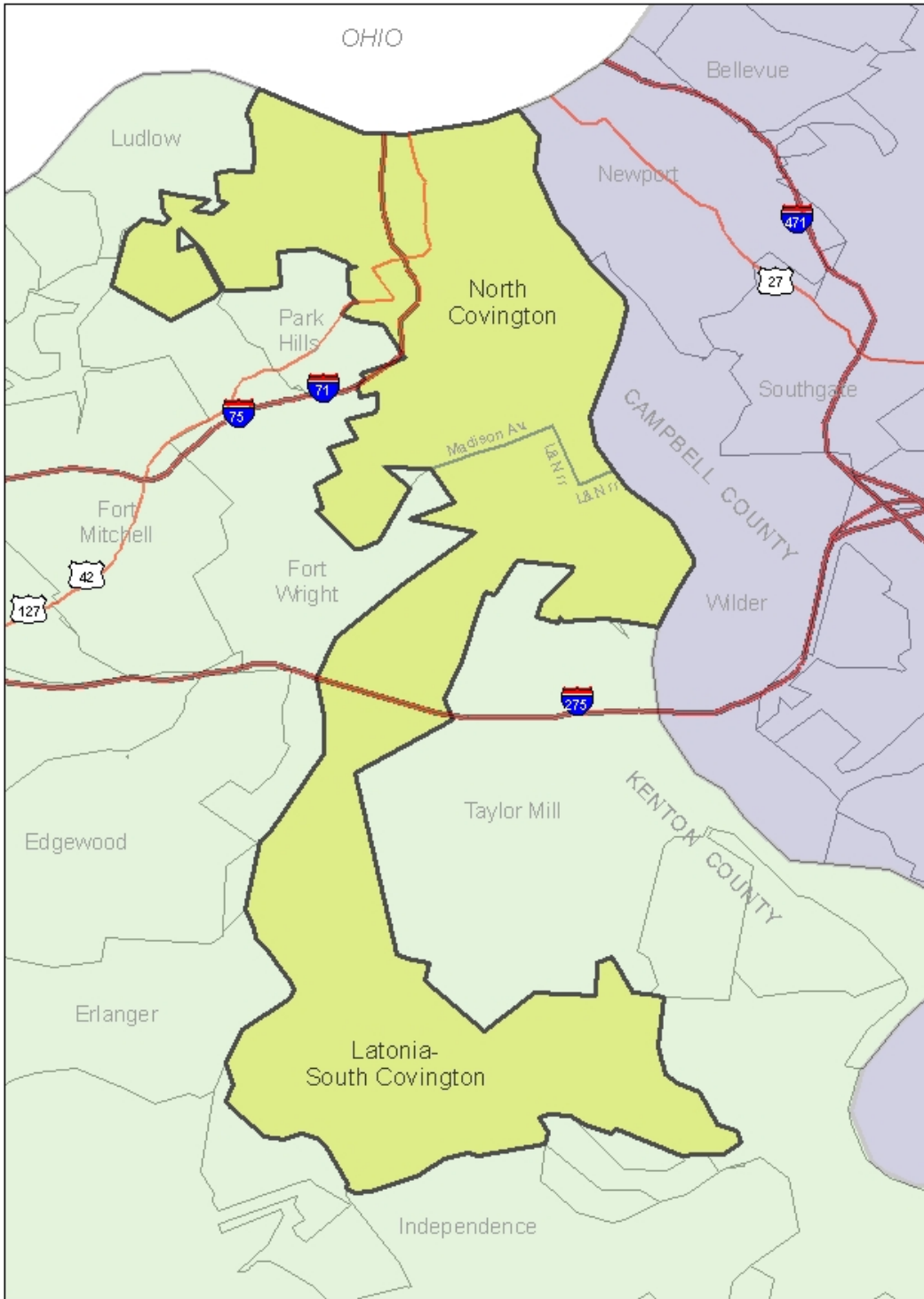


# Covington Profile

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Covington and vicinity

## Covington profile notes:

Covington, with a population over 40,000, continues to be northern Kentucky's largest city. This profile presents selected indicators of child health and well-being for the city as well as Kenton County, the State of Kentucky, and the United States. For purposes of this report, Covington has been partitioned into two areas along a north-south dividing line that aligns with census tract boundaries defined for the 2000 Census. The two city parts, referred to here as North Covington and Latonia-South Covington, do not reflect aggregations of city neighborhoods recognized by the City of Covington.

- Population change in Covington was essentially stagnant between 1990 and 2000, far below the growth rates for the county, state, and nation. North Covington experienced a population loss of 6%, while Latonia-South Covington gained nearly 14%.
- One in four Covington children in 2000 were poor (*i.e.*, in families with income below 100% of federal poverty level), and more than half were classified as low-income (below 200% of poverty level). The geographic distribution of child poverty within the city is far from even. One in three North Covington children lived in poverty, compared to a rate of one in eight in the southern part of the city. Two-thirds of children in North Covington lived in low-income families.
- Nearly one in five Covington teens (ages 16 to 19) was a high school dropout in 2000, roughly two times the rate for Kenton County. In North Covington, 23% of 16-to-19-year-olds had dropped out of high school. Among adult (ages 25 and over) residents of Covington, high school dropouts outnumbered college graduates by a ratio of two to one.
- Nearly half (46%) of North Covington children lived in a single-parent family in 2000. This share was roughly two times higher than the corresponding share in Latonia-South Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky, or the U.S.
- Covington households in 2000 were split almost evenly between owners and renters, but there were large disparities between south and north. Owner-occupied units accounted for 72% of occupied housing units in Latonia-South Covington, but only 39% in North Covington.
- Lack of transportation is an issue for the 22% of Covington households which do not have a vehicle available for their use. The share of North Covington households with no vehicle is 2.5 times higher than the corresponding share in Latonia-South Covington.

- A majority of Covington resident births in 2003 were to unmarried women.
- Smoking among pregnant women is a major health concern in Covington and northern Kentucky. Nearly 40% of Covington women with a birth in 2003 admitted to smoking cigarettes during her pregnancy.
- About one in seven pregnant women in Covington received prenatal care that was classified as less than adequate according to established standards.
- In North Covington in 2003, the typical woman giving birth in that year was less than 24 years old and had completed less than 12 years of education. In Latonia-South Covington, the typical new mother was 2.3 years older and had the benefit of 1.4 additional years of education.
- The incidence of low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds) was 8% in Covington in 2003. The corresponding figure for Kenton County was 6%. Similarly, the incidence of premature birth (less than 37 weeks gestation) was higher in Covington (12%) than in all of Kenton County (9%).

### Population Change, 1990 to 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

	North Covington	Latonia- S. Covington	Covington	Kenton County	Kentucky	United States
1990 population	29,557	13,707	43,264	142,031	3,685,296	248,709,873
2000 population	27,799	15,571	43,370	151,464	4,041,769	281,421,906
Change, 1990 to 2000						
Number	-1,758	1,864	106	9,433	356,473	32,712,033
Percent	-5.9%	13.6%	0.2%	6.6%	9.7%	13.2%

### Population Composition by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000

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

	North Covington	Latonia- S. Covington	Covington	Kenton County	Kentucky	United States
One race, White	81.5%	96.9%	87.1%	94.0%	90.1%	75.1%
One race, Black or African American	15.2%	1.1%	10.1%	3.8%	7.3%	12.3%
One race, American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.9%
One race, Asian and Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	3.8%
One race, Other	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%	5.5%
Two or more races	1.9%	0.9%	1.6%	1.0%	1.0%	2.4%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1.6%	1.0%	1.4%	1.1%	1.5%	12.5%

## Census 2000 Indicators of Child Well-Being

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

	North Covington		Latonia-S. Covington		Covington	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in poverty	2,239	34.3%	570	12.8%	2,809	25.6%
Children in extreme poverty (below 50% of poverty level)	1,285	19.7%	198	4.5%	1,483	13.5%
Children in low-income families (below 200% of poverty level)	4,346	66.7%	1,284	28.9%	5,630	51.4%
Population age 16 to 19 who are high school dropouts	309	23.3%	73	9.0%	382	17.9%
Population age 16 to 19 who are not in school and not working	291	21.9%	95	11.7%	386	18.1%
Population age 5 to 17 who have difficulty speaking English	29	0.6%	34	1.1%	63	0.8%
Population age 5 to 15 with one or more disabilities	437	10.5%	191	7.2%	628	9.2%
Population under 18 with no parent* in the labor force	1,294	21.4%	293	6.9%	1,587	15.4%
Women with own children under 6, and employed (see Note)	758	54.9%	706	60.7%	1,464	57.5%
Children in single-parent families †	3,114	46.1%	1,052	23.6%	4,166	37.1%

	Kenton County	Kentucky	United States
Children in poverty	12.4%	20.8%	16.6%
Children in extreme poverty (below 50% of poverty level)	6.4%	9.4%	7.4%
Children in low-income families (below 200% of poverty level)	29.4%	43.9%	37.8%
Population age 16 to 19 who are high school dropouts	9.2%	11.6%	9.8%
Population age 16 to 19 who are not in school and not working	8.7%	10.9%	8.9%
Population age 5 to 17 who have difficulty speaking English	0.8%	1.5%	6.6%
Population age 5 to 15 with one or more disabilities	6.7%	6.8%	5.8%
Population under 18 with no parent* in the labor force	7.4%	11.6%	10.5%
Women with own children under 6, and employed (see Note)	62.1%	57.5%	57.5%
Children in single-parent families †	22.9%	23.2%	23.3%

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

† Person under age 18, child of the householder, in a non-married-couple family.

Note. Sample interpretation of percent column goes as follows: Among women in the U.S. with a child under 6 years, 57.5% are employed.

## Selected Social and Housing Characteristics: 2000

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

	North Covington		Latonia-S. Covington		Covington	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Educational attainment of adults (age 25 and over)						
Failed to complete high school	5,702	31.3%	2,289	23.9%	7,991	28.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,482	13.6%	1,229	12.9%	3,711	13.3%
Total housing units	14,238		6,212		20,450	
Vacant	1,808	12.7%	412	6.6%	2,220	10.9%
Occupied	12,430	87.3%	5,800	93.4%	18,230	89.1%
Owner-occupied	4,804	38.6%	4,192	72.3%	8,996	49.3%
Renter-occupied	7,626	61.4%	1,608	27.7%	9,234	50.7%
Structure built before 1940	7,715	54.2%	2,047	33.0%	9,762	47.7%
Crowded (1.01 or more persons/room)	419	3.4%	90	1.6%	509	2.8%
No vehicle available	3,392	27.3%	559	9.6%	3,951	21.7%
Owner-occupied units with cost burden*	729	18.2%	772	19.7%	1,501	18.9%
Renter-occupied units with cost burden**	2,966	38.9%	529	33.0%	3,495	37.9%
Median value of owner-occupied units	\$63,000	-na-	\$78,800	-na-	\$71,900	-na-

	Kenton County	Kentucky	United States
Educational attainment of adults (age 25 and over)			
Failed to complete high school	17.9%	25.9%	19.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.9%	17.1%	24.4%
Total housing units			
Vacant	6.5%	9.2%	9.0%
Occupied	93.5%	90.8%	91.0%
Owner-occupied	66.4%	70.7%	66.2%
Renter-occupied	33.6%	29.3%	33.8%
Structure built before 1940	23.4%	12.4%	15.0%
Crowded (1.01 or more persons/room)	1.6%	2.1%	5.7%
No vehicle available	10.0%	9.3%	10.3%
Owner-occupied units with cost burden*	15.6%	16.9%	21.8%
Renter-occupied units with cost burden**	33.1%	32.1%	36.8%
Median value of owner-occupied units	\$105,600	\$86,700	\$119,600

\* Selected monthly owner costs (mortgage, taxes, insurance, utilities) account for 30% or more of household income. Half of U.S. households (in owner-occupied units) spend less than 18.7% of household income on these costs.

\*\* Gross rent (rent and utilities) accounts for 30% or more of household income. Half of U.S. renter households spend less than 25.5% of household income on these costs.

### Characteristics of Mothers and Infants: 2003

Source: Child Policy Research Center tabulations of Kentucky Department for Public Health 2003 birth certificate file.

Characteristic	North Covington		Latonia-S. Covington		Covington		Kenton County
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total births	360	100.0%	280	100.0%	640	100.0%	100.0%
<u>Mother</u>							
Age under 18	24	6.7%	14	5.0%	38	5.9%	3.3%
Married	117	32.5%	158	56.4%	275	43.0%	61.2%
Education not appropriate to age*	111	30.9%	46	16.4%	157	24.6%	14.8%
Smoked during pregnancy	158	44.5%	91	32.6%	249	39.3%	26.8%
Used alcohol during pregnancy	13	3.7%	--	--	17	2.7%	1.8%
Prenatal care less than adequate†	64	17.8%	26	9.3%	90	14.1%	10.8%
No prenatal care (0 or 1 visit)	--	--	0	0.0%	--	--	0.5%
Mean age of mother (years)	23.5	-na-	25.8	-na-	24.5	-na-	26.5
Mean education completed (years)	11.4	-na-	12.8	-na-	12.0	-na-	13.0
<u>Infant</u>							
Low birth weight, < 2500 grams	31	8.6%	21	7.5%	52	8.1%	6.0%
Very low birth weight, < 1500 grams	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.7%
Premature, < 37 weeks gestation	47	13.1%	29	10.4%	76	11.9%	8.6%
Very premature, < 32 weeks gestation	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.9%
Multiple birth	--	--	--	--	14	2.2%	3.2%

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

† Adequacy of prenatal care as measured by Kotelchuck index.

-- Denotes 1 to 9 events. Data are suppressed to protect confidentiality.