



GROWING AND RETAINING DETROIT'S BLACK MIDDLE CLASS

What is it?

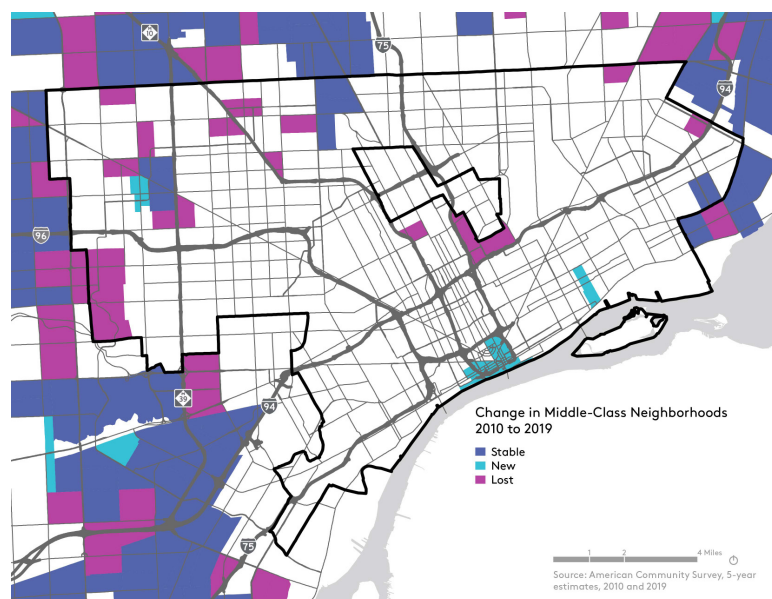
Middle-class neighborhoods are defined as census tracts where more than half of households are middle or upper middle class. Middle and upper middle-class households range in income from 80% to 300% of the national median income, which is \$52,500 to \$197,000.

Why is it important for economic equity?

Middle-class neighborhoods are amenity-rich places that can provide residents with a high quality of life. For residents, middle-class neighborhoods are places with the potential to build wealth for those living within them, not only from appreciation of home values, but by providing a range of assets, including high quality schools. Middle-class neighborhoods can continue to be the backbone of the city's revitalization, by retaining existing residents, and attracting new ones.

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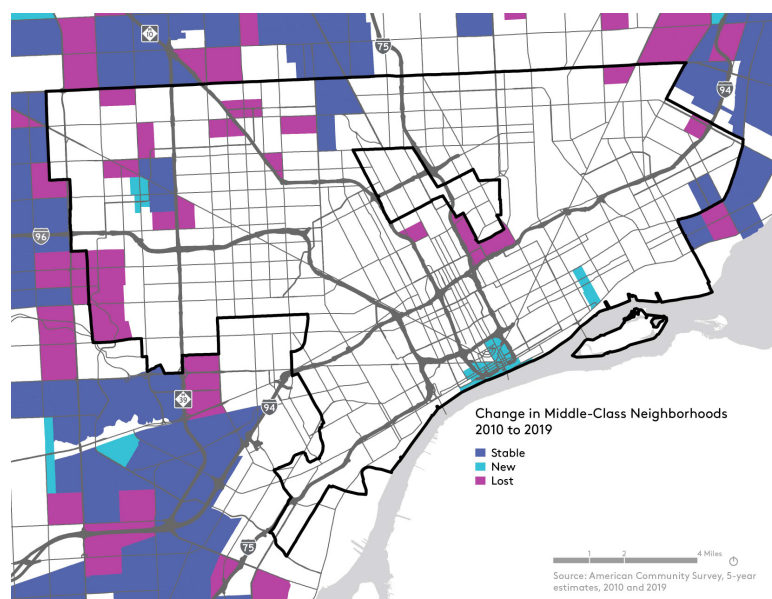
In Detroit only 5% of residents reside in middle-class neighborhoods. Currently, there are only 11 census tracts that met that definition, down from 22 in 2010.



Detroit is missing **middle-class** neighborhoods

22 In 2010

11 In 2019



Detroit is missing **near middle-class** neighborhoods

133 in 2010

By 2019

79 declined

4 Became middle-class

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Geographic equity

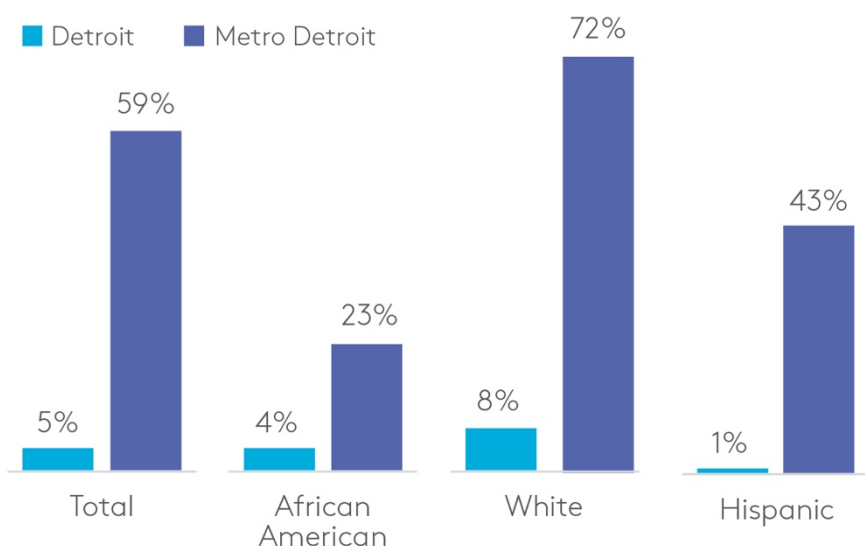
As poverty has continued to concentrate in the city, the number of middle-class residents and share of residents residing in these neighborhoods has declined. Currently, in Detroit, only 5% of residents reside in a middle-class neighborhood. By comparison, 59% of residents of the region live in middle-class neighborhoods.

Racial / ethnic equity

Across the region, African-American and Hispanic residents are much less likely to reside in middle-class neighborhoods, with only 23% of African-American and 43% of Hispanic residents currently doing so. This compares to 72% for white residents. Closing the gap across the region must include building strong middle-class neighborhoods in the city.

Share of residents living in middle-class neighborhoods by race/ethnicity

2019



Source: American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, 2019

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Detroit Future City's Report: Growing and Retaining Detroit's African American Middle Class

https://detroitfuturecity.com/middleclassreport/documents/DFC_Growing-Detroit%E2%80%99s-African-American-Middle-Class.pdf



Middle Neighborhoods Initiative

<https://middleneighborhoods.org/>

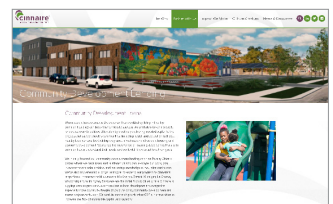


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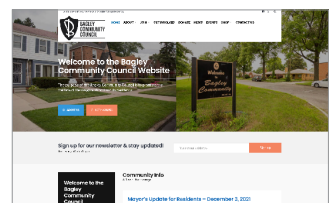
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