



# *Southside Jamaica queens*

*Final Presentation: My Community*

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For my presentation i chose my own Community, Southside jamaica Queens, it is where i grew up and where i made all my memories. I know every part of it and i know its history.





The neighborhood i chose to conduct my exploration in is my own community, Southside Jamaica Queens. I chose to explore here because it urges me to find out new things, i am also familiar with the people and places here. During my time in the exploration in Jamaica i learned a number of new things, which include why my neighborhood the way it is and the history of specific people that made impacts here.

The first thing that came to attention is that it is not a clean area, walking around i can see trash that people litter everyday. The roads have holes in them, the houses are not what would be considered fancy, they all looked like they haven't been repaired in years. Cops are at almost every other block. There are homeless people on the streets doing drugs very often.

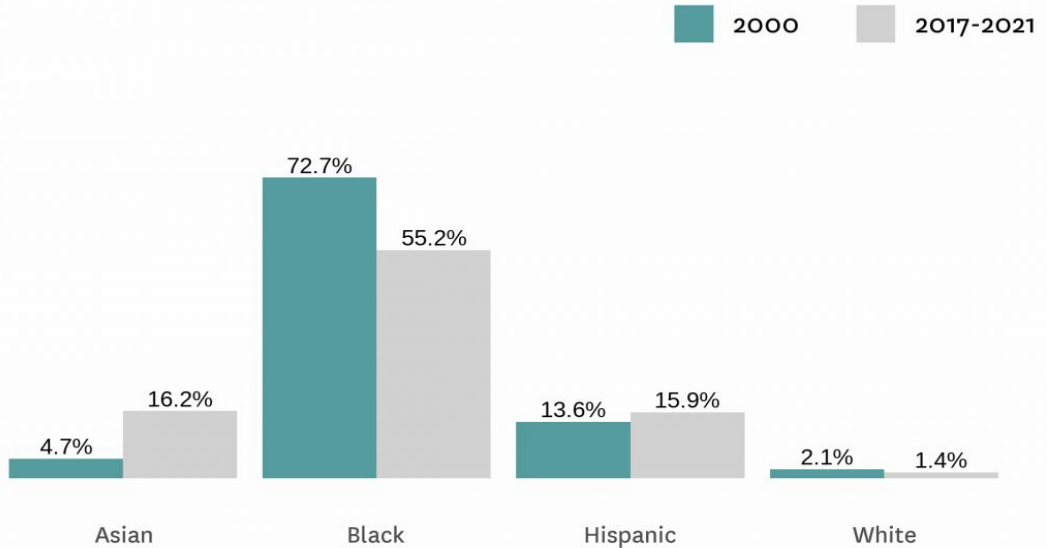


My neighborhood might have flaws and imperfections but this is where i grew up and where i made my memories with the people i can call my family. In my neighborhood, i learn to be thankful and embrace the little we have. The people here is almost like family, we look out for each other and gather as one.

My neighborhood do need help, they're young kids who is missing out of opportunity and are being looked at as less than because of the environment they grew up in, so if there's one thing i could do i would help give what they don't have and let them know that it does not limit their opportunity because of where you grew up. Beside that, i wouldn't change anything about my community, we look out for each other and wish for a better day all together.

My community is very diverse with all different races. It populated with mostly black with about 55.2% as of 2017-2021, followed by hispanics, however asians migrated in the area and populated it more with about 16.2%. There are also about 2.1% of white in my community. My environment continue to be diverse with different races and continue to grow.

## Racial and Ethnic Composition of Jamaica/Hollis



Sources: Census (2000) and American Community Survey (2021), Furman Center

## NYPD CRIME STATISTICS | QUEENS SOUTH PRECINCTS

Below are crime statistics for precincts covering your area comparing data from the Sept. 18, 2022, to Sept. 24, 2022, period with data from the Sept. 18, 2023 to Sept. 24, 2023, period.

Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Felony Assault	Burglary	Grand Larceny	G. Larceny Auto
<b>100th PRECINCT</b>							
2022	0	0	2	3	1	2	3
2023	0	0	2	2	0	2	1
Percent change	0%	0%	0%	-33.3%	-100%	0%	-66.7%
<b>101st PRECINCT</b>							
2022	0	0	2	5	2	2	1
2023	0	2	2	4	0	2	1
Percent change	0%	+200%	0%	-20%	-100%	0%	0%
<b>102nd PRECINCT</b>							
2022	1	1	7	11	4	8	5
2023	0	0	4	8	1	11	7
Percent change	-100%	-100%	-42.9%	-27.3%	-75%	-37.5%	+40%
<b>103rd PRECINCT</b>							
2022	0	1	6	13	9	10	4
2023	0	1	12	14	2	11	1
Percent change	0%	0%	+100%	+7.7%	-77.8%	10%	-75%

Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Felony Assault	Burglary	Grand Larceny	G. Larceny Auto
<b>105th PRECINCT</b>							
2022	0	0	7	11	5	13	7
2023	0	1	5	11	6	11	7
Percent change	0%	+100%	-28.6%	0%	20%	-15.4%	0%
<b>106th PRECINCT</b>							
2022	0	0	6	5	1	13	4
2023	0	0	8	7	2	15	2
Percent change	0%	0%	+33.3%	+40%	+100%	+15.4%	-50%
<b>107th PRECINCT</b>							
2022	0	0	4	5	8	14	2
2023	0	0	1	13	2	13	7
Percent change	0%	0%	-75%	+160%	-75%	-7.1%	+250%
<b>113th PRECINCT</b>							
2022	0	1	3	4	7	12	4
2023	0	1	3	6	1	6	4
Percent change	0%	0%	0%	+50%	-85.7%	-50%	0%

Crimes do occur in my community, very often maybe so. Everyone is scared for their lives and have to be cautious on their every move. Especially when robbery is the most common crime here. Police officers need to do their jobs and help to make my community better, for this are kids home, and whatever they see they tend to do. So if they continue to see wrong, doing right might be something hard to fulfill. Furthermore, we are driving people out of our community when crime is such a major thing here. I believe it takes all of us to make it better for our younger generation

# Education and Graduation Level

Y-o-Y Change

<b>No High School</b>	8,283	7.4%
<b>Some High School</b>	33,069	4.7%
<b>Some College</b>	21,152	5.6%
<b>Associate Degree</b>	6,477	0.9%
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	14,485	5.7%
<b>Graduate Degree</b>	7,035	5.7%

Approximately 36.54% of the population in Jamaica holds a high school degree (that's 33,069 residents), while 23.37% have attained a college certificate (21,152 locals) and 16.01% have a bachelor's degree (14,485 people).

# Neighborhood issues



I Look to the right there's a homeless person, to the left another, it's like theres no escape. Maybe for me but what about them? Homeless people is what my eyes reach at first. There eyes reach me also, as though they were in cries for help for someone to save them.

They weren't just sitting or begging, they were either selling, partaking, or in the results of doing it. Drugs! Days after days the number would rise,there would be one, then two, then three, it just continue to go up. It's sickening watching these people hurt themself repeatedly and no one is doing anything to help them.

People complain about them by calling the cops or when they OD or they go bad. So what does the government do? They treat them for a bit then put them back right on the streets to continue and repeat the cycle.

Many might argue that they made themselves like this or for them to get a job and stop doing drugs, but how can an addict stop? It's not as easy as it may sound because they now are addicted to these drugs. It's hard to function without it since their bodies are used to it and is a regular use for them. How can they get jobs if they are not even in the right mind set since drugs dose you off and you're not aware of your emotions and reactions most of the time.



It has become too common to be a bystander and witness these people harm themselves when we could speak up so that governmental system can help deal with the problem. The government can have institutions take them in and help them, because that is what they need, to be helped. Give them rehab and show them that there are other ways than drugs. Another way the government could help is by building more rehabilitation center in neighborhood like mine and actually treating these people so they can be clean

By this we are not only helping these addicts, we are also helping the community. Kids growing up will have the opportunity to look outside and admire the night sky instead of having to see another human scream for help with their eyes, looking at them.

# Reflection

My community is beautiful, maybe not always in look but the people make it beautiful. I believe that things occur in my community and its not being taken care of so it continues to happen. People die, homelessness and crimes. What do they do to help? They circle the area for a few days then forget about it. My community need help, for our future generation especially. Crime increased tremendously than a couple year before. You look around homeless people are on the streets everywhere you walk. Our education are limited because of this. There are little to n programs for kids and hardly any extracurricular activities. I love my community but it need help for bettermess.





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