

Williamsburg

- Located in Brooklyn New York

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Why I choose this Neighborhood?

- I grew up in this neighborhood from pre-k until high school.
- There is access to anything and everything is close by.
- All forms of transportation is nearby
- I saw Williamsburg transform into what it is today as Williamsburg also saw me grow up into who I am today
Williamsburg will always be apart of me
- This neighborhood will always be home to me



History & Background

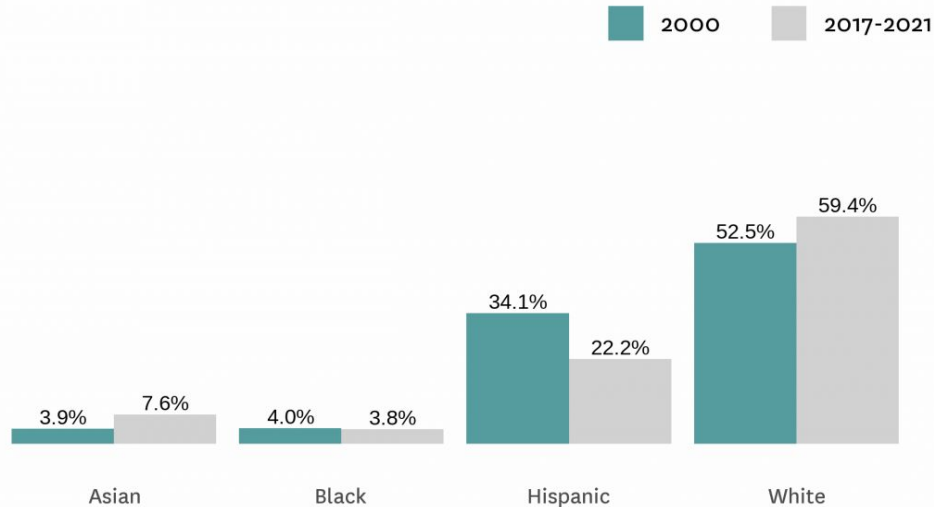


- Williamsburg was known as Bushwick or Bushwick Shore. Eventually a developer named Jonathan Williams acquired land along what is now Metropolitan Avenue, and in 1802 renamed that area Williamsburgh in honor of himself.
- Williamsburg's location on the East River made it a major shipping hub, and resulted in numerous factories expanding there. Due to its expansive growth, it officially separated from the town of Bushwick in 1840, and dropped the “h” from the end of its name to become simply Williamsburg.
- 1855 Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Bushwick all become part of the city of Brooklyn



Demographics

Racial and Ethnic Composition of Greenpoint/Williamsburg



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

From 2000 to 2017-2021

- Increase of 3.7% Asian
- Decrease of 0.2% Black
- Decrease of 11.9% Hispanics
- Increase of 7.2% White

Demographics

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Education Levels

		National
Master's degree or higher	16%	13%
Bachelor's degree	31%	21%
Some college or associate's degree	15%	28%

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Racial Diversity

White	57%
Hispanic	26%
African American	7%

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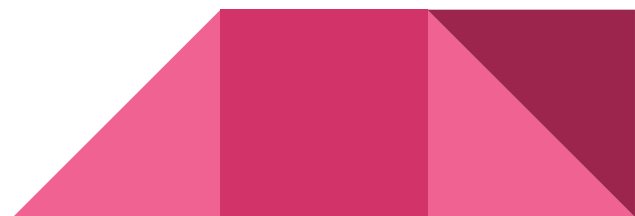
Gender

Female	50%
Male	50%

Age

<10 years	16%
10-17 years	11%
18-24 years	9%
25-34 years	25%
35-44 years	15%
45-54 years	9%
55-64 years	7%
65+ years	9%

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	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date		
	2024	2023	% Chg	2024	2023	% Chg	2024	2023	% Chg
Murder	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	0.0 %
Rape	0	0	0.0 %	3	1	200.0 %	7	6	16.7 %
Robbery	2	3	-33.3 %	13	12	8.3 %	55	69	-20.3 %
Felony Assault	11	6	83.3 %	35	24	45.8 %	94	94	0.0 %
Burglary	3	6	-50.0 %	26	16	62.5 %	124	69	79.7 %
Grand Larceny	11	13	-15.4 %	43	51	-15.7 %	240	245	-2.0 %
Grand Larceny Auto	5	3	66.7 %	12	11	9.1 %	41	44	-6.8 %
Total	32	31	3.2 %	132	115	14.8 %	563	529	6.4 %
Patrol	27	28	-3.6 %	116	95	22.1 %	496	447	11.0 %
Transit	1	0	- %	2	5	-60.0 %	10	14	-28.6 %
Housing	4	3	33.3 %	14	15	-6.7 %	57	68	-16.2 %
Shooting Victims	2	0	- %	3	0	- %	3	5	-40.0 %
Shooting Incidents	2	0	- %	3	0	- %	3	2	50.0 %
UCR Rape*	1	0	- %	5	2	150.0 %	9	10	-10.0 %
Other Sex Crimes	1	0	- %	4	5	-20.0 %	16	18	-11.1 %
Petit Larceny	27	30	-10.0 %	79	78	1.3 %	360	329	9.4 %
Misd. Assault	11	6	83.3 %	48	27	77.8 %	198	152	30.3 %
Hate Crimes	0	0	0.0 %	3	0	- %	10	4	150.0 %
Traffic Fatalities	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	- %	3	2	50.0 %

Crime Data

- 90th Precinct Corresponding to the Williamsburg neighborhood
- This year 2024 No cases reported on Murders or rapes
- 2 robberies compared to 2023 which was 3
- Felony Assaults & Grand Larceny Auto increased
- Overall its a safe neighborhood to live in

Local Businesses and Culture

- Domino Park
- Food trucks
- Shops
- Mccarren park/ pool
- Public Libraries



Challenges

- Williamsburg is undergoing rapid gentrification
- Affordable housing is an issue because
- Real median gross rent in Greenpoint/Williamsburg increased from \$1,150 in 2006 to \$2,490 in 2021. This represents a 116.5% increase over the same period.
- The median household income residents of Williamsburg must make to live comfortably is \$96,012 and the national amount one must make to be considered in the middle class is \$75,149.

Income

Median Household Income

\$96,012

National \$75,149

Household Income Brackets

<\$25k	21%
\$25-\$44k	13%
\$45-\$74k	13%
\$75-\$149k	22%
\$150k+	31%

- implementing stronger rent stabilization measures to protect tenants from unjust evictions and extremely high rent increases.
- Offering more affordable housing apartments in the new luxury buildings
- we hold our elected officials and policymakers accountable for their failure to address this housing situation
government is not doing much.

Reflection

Overall Williamsburg has been the Neighborhood I know and love and it's where I grew up. While the neighborhood faces challenges, particularly in ensuring affordable housing for all its residents, there is an undeniable spirit of resilience and creativity here. As I look to the future, I am hopeful that Williamsburg will find ways to balance growth with inclusivity, preserving the unique character that makes it so special. This neighborhood will always be home to me even if in the long run I end up moving to a different borough or state.



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