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Neighborhood Report

My neighborhood report is on the East Flatbush. East Flatbush is a really distinct neighborhood that borders Crown Heights, Brownsville, Flatlands, and Canarsie. Some of the most notable/



infamous landmarks in East Flatbush are Kings County Hospital and the Wingate Campus.

The first photo is of the back of Wingate High School that is going through some external construction on the right and on the left is Wingate park. This photo was taken by me in the track field which is behind the initial park. The second



photo was taken from the same position and it is the back of Kings County Hospital, which is a very notable landmark in East Flatbush that I will talk more about in the upcoming section. Towards the left hand side (out of the picture's frame) there are a number of residential buildings that are of those newer/ nicer uppity buildings that made for lower income people or people coming out of shelters/ transitional

housing.

Brief history/ description of Kings County Hospital:

Kings County Hospital is a notable landmark in East Flatbush. The hospital spans from Clarkson Avenue between Albany Avenue and New York Avenue, which is about 3 blocks, which means

the hospital takes up a 3 blocks' worth of space. And across the street on Albany Avenue, there is a men's shelter that is a part of the hospital. The hospital is also right across the street from



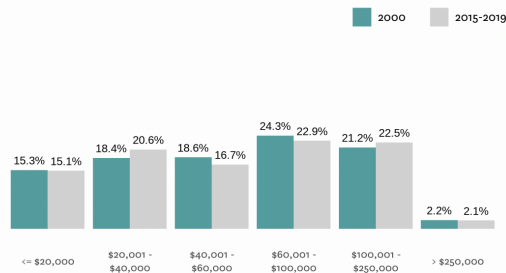
SUNY Downstate Hospital as well as their newest building that was created in the last couple of years. On the same block as SUNY Downstate Hospital, there are different fast food joints to choose from. So Clarkson Avenue is a very busy street especially the block where the hospital's are located. The picture on the right side is the front of the main building of Kings County Hospital.

The hospital's construction began between the years 1830-1837, the hospital's earliest reputation was that it was a family friendly place, which still prineates today. The hospital is infamous and notorious, especially in the last recent decades, for its trauma care; especially towards those that have experienced gun violence or any type of violence.

Socioeconomic & Ethnic Makeup:

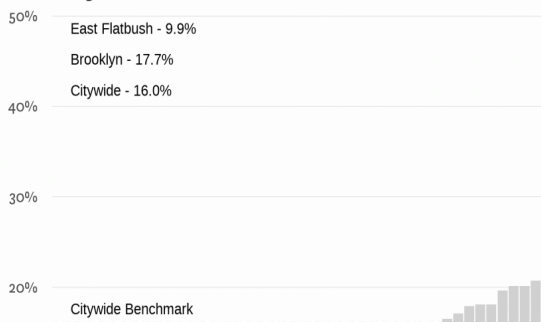
According to nyc.gov, it states that "In East Flatbush, 19% of residents live in poverty, compared with 20% of NYC residents." The government website later states that, "East Flatbush's unemployment rate is similar to the citywide average of 9%. Rent burdened households pay more than 30% of their income for housing and may have difficulty affording food, clothing, transportation and health care. Fifty-four percent of East Flatbush residents are rent burdened, a similar rate compared with residents citywide." The Furman Center states that, "Median household

Household Income Distribution in East Flatbush (2021\$)



Sources: Census (2000) and American Community Survey (2015-2019) via IPUMS USA, Furman Center

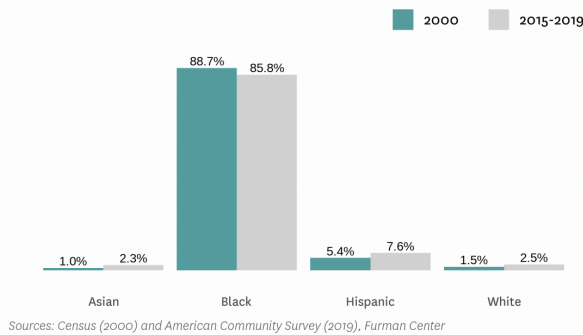
Poverty Rate, 2019



income in 2019 was \$63,990, about 12% less than citywide median household income (\$72,930). The poverty rate in East Flatbush was 9.9% in 2019 compared to 16.0% citywide.”

These statistics back each other up in showing that residents of East Flatbush are of low income status and or working class status. Moving on to the ethnic/ racial makeup of the neighborhood, East Flatbush is a predominantly Black neighborhood, specifically of Caribbean

Racial and Ethnic Composition of East Flatbush



descent. You will find all types of Caribbean folks from all over the place, you will find Roti shops, restaurants that sell Jamaican cuisine, and Guyanese restaurants and businesses are popping up all over the place as well. The further you go into East Flatbush, it's still very much Caribbean but the demographics change in national

background. In the deeper pockets of East Flatbush there is a higher concentration or population of Haitians. According to the Furman Center, it states that, “In 2019, there were an estimated 136,009 people in East Flatbush, of which 2.3% of the population identified as Asian, 85.8% identified as Black, 7.6% identified as Hispanic, and 2.5% identified as white.” These statistics above are realistic and accurate descriptions of my neighborhood.

Crime Info:

On the left hand side is a screenshot of the NYPD's CompStat of the 71st Precinct which is located in Brooklyn, which breaks down weekly reports. This report is from 4/10/23-4/16/23 shows the numbers of different types of crimes that were reported to police.

Crime Category	Week to Date		28 Day		Year to Date		2 Year % Chg	13 Year % Chg	30 Year % Chg	
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Murder	0	***	1	0	***	1	3.6%	40%	0%	
Rape	0	***	1	0	***	1	100%	100%	100%	
Robbery	4	2	1000	11	16	31.2	36	55	34.5	28%
Agg. Assault	3	2	25.1	18	28	38.7	95	137	51.2	16%
Burglary	0	3	1000	2	10	40.0	16	37	36.8	51%
Gr. Larceny	1	4	250	28	31	45.2	130	112	16.1	7%
GLA	1	2	1000	6	11	45.5	38	40	30.0	17%
TOTAL	6	19	38.16	67	180	33.00	377	217	12.32	20.8%

The bottom is a historical perspective of the precinct reported crimes from 1990-2022. The historical perspective versus the most recent weekly CompStat. The historical data shows that in the early 90s there was a lot of violence in the neighborhood that has significantly decreased over time.

Sources:

[2018chp-bk17.pdf \(nyc.gov\)](#)

[East Flatbush Neighborhood Profile – NYU Furman Center](#)

[Borough and Precinct Crime Stats - NYPD \(nyc.gov\)](#)