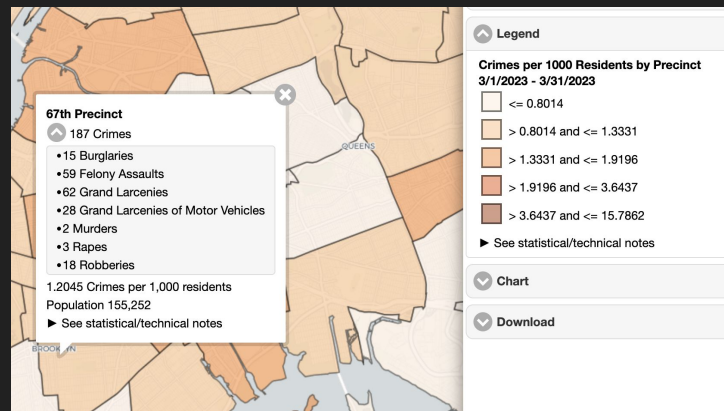# Inside East Flatbush

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Crime

My police precinct is the 67th, which is located in East Flatbush. According to the NYC Crime Map, since last month, there has been 187 Crime reported—two murders in the last month and 59 felony assaults. According to NYPD Compstats, there has been 22 Felony just this week alone. According to the New York Census in 2019, there were 7.6% of property crimes city-wide, and East Flatbush had 5,3% of property crimes. Out of 100,000 people, there were 324 people incarcerated of the year 2020, according to the Prison Policy Institute.
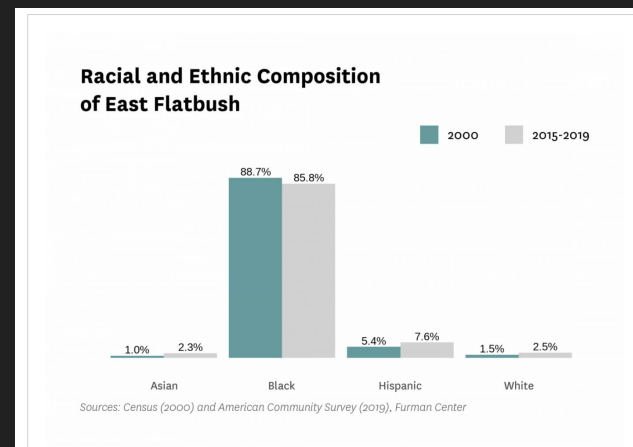
Demographics

In East Flatbush, I could already tell you it's predominantly a Caribbean community. But the NYU Furman Center breaks down each race and household's financial situation. In 2015-2019 there were 85.8% of Black people, 7.6% Hispanic people, 2.5% White people, and 2.3% Asian people.

In terms of household income, there is a majority that makes less than 60,000 dollars a year. Only 47.6% make over 60,000 dollars a year which shows a lower-income community. The city-wide benchmark for poverty in 2019 is 16%, and East Flatbush is at 9.9%. Rent has gone up so much in the past ten years that 36% of renters use half of their income just to pay rent.

The ages in East Flatbush are vastly different. 31.7% are under the age of 18. 42.9% are under the age of 44, and 25.3% are over the age of 45.

Income and Benefits (In 2021 inflation-adjusted dollars)	Estimate
Total households	287,674
Less than $10,000	24,928
$10,000 to $14,999	18,153
$15,000 to $24,999	23,346
$25,000 to $34,999	21,231
$35,000 to $49,999	31,295
$50,000 to $74,999	44,372
$75,000 to $99,999	34,654
$100,000 to $149,999	47,617
$150,000 to $199,999	19,613
$200,000 or more	22,465

Racial and Ethnic Composition of East Flatbush

2000 | 2015-2019

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
2000	1.0%	88.7%	5.4%	1.5%
2015-2019	2.3%	85.8%	7.6%	2.5%

Sources: Census (2000) and American Community Survey (2019), Furman Center

Education

The New York City Department of Education (DOE) operates several public schools in East Flatbush for elementary and middle school education. These schools include P.S. 135 Sheldon A. Brookner School, P.S. 181 Brooklyn, P.S. 269 Nostrand School, and I.S. 211 John Wilson School.

For high school education, there are a number of public and private schools in the East Flatbush area. The DOE operates several high schools, including Clara Barton High School and George W. Wingate High School. Additionally, several private high schools are in the area, including Holy Cross High School and Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. There are also several colleges and universities in the East Flatbush area. These include Medgar Evers College and Brooklyn College, which is part of the City University of New York (CUNY) system, as well as Touro College and LIU Brooklyn.

Local Government

My Congressional District is the 9th. The district is currently represented by Democrat Yvette Clarke, who has been in office since 2007. Clarke is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus and has been a strong advocate for issues such as healthcare, education, and immigration reform.

Over Policing

The Brooklyn Community Bail Fund reports that East Flatbush has one of the highest rates of pretrial detention in Brooklyn, with Black and Brown people being disproportionately impacted. In 2018, Black and Brown people made up 95% of those detained in East Flatbush, compared to 67% of the general population in the area

According to a survey conducted by the Brooklyn Movement Center, 70% of East Flatbush residents reported feeling unsafe around police officers. Additionally, 75% of respondents reported witnessing or experiencing police misconduct .