HOUSING AND POVERTY SNAPSHOT: BUFFALO, WEST SIDE, NY

The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State, Inc. is a statewide membership organization of community-based, not-for-profit housing companies committed to revitalizing New York State’s urban and suburban areas.

NPCs work to provide a range of services that strengthen our communities, including the preservation and development of affordable housing, home buyer education, landlord/tenant mediation, Main Street development, employment assistance programs, and beyond.

NPCs serve low-and-moderate income residents and contribute to economic development efforts in New York State, raising approximately $45 for every dollar appropriated. Stand with us and together we can make New York State a better place to live and work for everyone.

The City of Buffalo includes twelve Neighborhood Preservation Companies:

- Black Rock-Riverside NHS, Inc.
- Broadway-Fillmore Neighborhood Housing Services
  Citizens’ Alliance, Inc.
- Ellicott District Community Development
- Fillmore-Leroy Area Residents, Inc.
- Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.
- Hispanics United of Buffalo, Inc.
- Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western New York
  NHS of South Buffalo, Inc.
- Old First Ward Community Association, Inc.
- University District Community Development Association
- West Side Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Buffalo, West Side, NY

Population and Demographics, Race and Sex

Buffalo, West Side, NY Poverty
- 40% of residents live between 0-138% of the federal poverty level
- 55% of renters and 26% of owners live between 0-138% of the federal poverty level
- A greater percentage of women, 42% live within 0-138% of the federal poverty level than do men, 38%
  54% of children; 38% of adults and 29% of seniors live within 0-138% of the federal poverty level

Buffalo, West Side, NY by Race/Ethnicity
- People of color are more than twice as likely to live at 0-138% of the federal poverty line than are Whites.

Poverty by Race
- 40% of residents live between 0-138% of the federal poverty level.

Overall Poverty

Buffalo (West) by Race/Ethnicity

Ownership Status by Poverty Level

Owners and Renters by Poverty Level

Poverty by Race/Ethnicity
Buffalo, West Side, NY Rates of Homeownership and Home Rental
- Buffalo, West Side, is comprised of 35% owners and 65% renters.
- Whites are more likely to own a home – 77% of Whites are homeowners, than people of color, whose collective homeownership rate is 48%.

Homeowner Cost Burden
- In Buffalo, West Side, NY, 19% of homeowners spend 30% or more of their income on housing. 5% are considered to be severely cost-burdened, spending 50% or more of their income on housing costs.

Homeowner Cost-Burden by Race
- In Buffalo, West Side, NY, fewer homeowners are cost-burdened when compared with the East Side, but American Indian/Alaskans Natives are the most cost-burdened, with 86% spending 30% or more of their income on housing.
Homeowner Cost Burden by Race and Gender

- Men are slightly more cost-burdened, 17%, than women, 16%.

- American Indian/Alaskan Native men and women are the most cost-burdened, with 100% and 86%, respectively spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs.

Buffalo, West Side, NY Renter Cost Burden

- 43% of renters spend 30% or more of their income on housing, with 21% spending 50% or more on housing.

*Renters paying 30% or more of their income on housing are considered cost-burdened.*

Renter Cost-Burden by Race

- Latinos and American Indian/Alaskan Natives are the most cost-burdened renters with 60% and 66%, respectively spending 30% or more of their income on housing.

Buffalo, West Side, NY Renter Cost-Burden by Race and Gender

- Female renters are more cost-burdened than male renters, 44% compared with 41%. 22% of women and 19% of men are considered severely cost-burdened, spending 50% or more of their income on housing.

- Latino men and women are the most severely cost-burdened renters with 33% and 39%, respectively spending 50% or more of their income on housing.