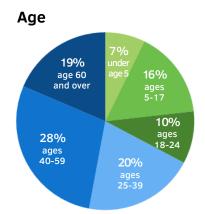
# WESTCHESTER CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

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### **WESTCHESTER 2015 Community Snapshot**

## **MOUNT VERNON**

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

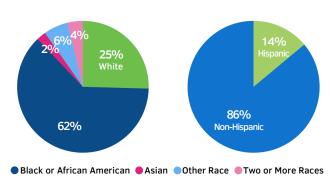


**67,653** Residents **15,715** Children

## 58 diversity score

There is a 58% chance that two randomly selected people will be from different racial and ethnic groups.

#### Race/Ethnicity



U.S. Census Bureau: 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Age: Table B01001; Diversity calculated based on: Table B03002; Race/Ethnicity: Table DP05; http://factfinder2.census.gov

# Children in Poverty 23% 26% 51% Poor (<100% of poverty level) Low-income (100 - 199% of poverty level)

U.S. Census Bureau: 2009-2013 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Table B17024, http://factfinder2.census.gov.

## 15% of people in the labor force are unemployed.

U.S. Census Bureau: 2009-2013 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03, http://factfinder2.census.gov.

Percent of Children in Family Type		Median Income	
45%	Married Couple	\$84,940	
50%	Single Mother	\$31,685	
4%	Single Father	\$46,181	

U.S. Census Bureau: 2009-2013 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Tables S0901 and B19126, http://factfinder2.census.gov.

#### **Monthly Housing Costs**

**\$2,176** Owners

**\$1,167**Renters

61% of renting households are rent burdened.

NOTE: Rent burden is defined as spending more than 30% of household income on rent.

U.S. Census Bureau: 2009-2013 ACS Survey 5-Year Estimates, Tables S2503 and DP04, http://factfinder2.census.gov.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Mount Vernon Public School Students**

8%

had limited proficiency in English. 14%

were suspended.

72%

received free or reduced lunch.

New York State Education Department (NYSED): 2013-14 Report Card Database; 2014 Limited English-Proficient Students, 2013 Attendance and Suspensions, 2014 Free/Reduced Lunch, http://data.nysed.gov/downloads.php.

#### **Academic Proficiency Rates\***

Subject-Grade	2013	2014	Trend
Math-3rd	19%	17%	<b>+</b>
Math-8th	4%	6%	<b>↑</b>
ELA-3rd	17%	15%	<b>\</b>
ELA-8th	12%	12%	-

\*Percent of students at levels 3 or 4 on English Language Arts & Math exams.

NOTE: As of 2014, 8th grade advanced math students can opt out of the 8th Grade Math exam and take the High School Regents exam instead.

NYSED: 2013-2014 Grades 3-8 ELA & Math District and Building Aggregates (unmatched data), http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/pressRelease/20140814/home.html.

48% of students graduate from high school by June of their fourth year.

2014 On-time Graduates



2014 College-ready Graduates

Yet only 4% of graduates are ready for college or careers.

NYSED: 2010 Total Cohort 4-Year Outcome; 2014 Graduation Rate and Enrollment Outcomes by Student Subgroup, 2014 English Language Arts & Mathematics Aspirational Performance Measure, http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/pressRelease/20141218/home.html.

#### 74% of adults ages 25+ don't have a bachelor's degree.

15%	31%	28%	15%	11%
Less than high school graduate	High school diploma or GED	Some college or Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or prof. degree

U.S. Census Bureau: 2009-2013 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Table S1501, http://factfinder2.census.gov

#### Improving School Climate to Promote Positive Behavior

In 2012, Longfellow Elementary School in Mount Vernon adopted the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) model in an effort to improve student achievement by reducing problem behavior. The goal is to create a supportive school culture that acknowledges' students good behavior.

Since then, disciplinary referrals, suspensions, and bullying incidents have dropped drastically. Longfellow is currently a School in Good Standing.

The Journal News, http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/2015/03/15/positive-feedback-turns-school-around/24823661/.

#### HEALTH

of infants were born underweight.

38%

of infants had delayed or no prenatal care.

36%

of children are obese/overweight.

77 walk score

Most errands can be done on foot.

Westchester County Department of Health: 2014-2017 Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, Birth Data: 2008-2010 Annual Average, Weight Data: 2008-2010 Combined, http://health.westchestergov.com/images/stories/Data-Stats/Community\_Health\_Assessment2014-17.pdf. WalkScore® analyzes pedestrian friendliness and distance to amenities: https://www.walkscore.com/NY/Mount\_Vernon.

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