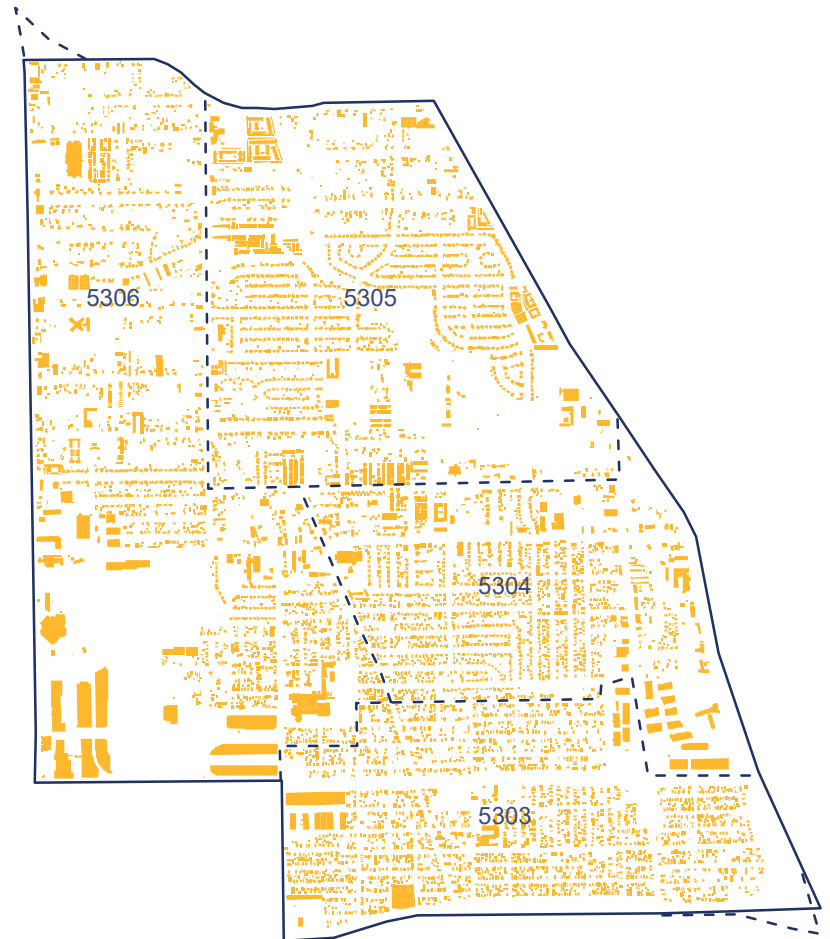
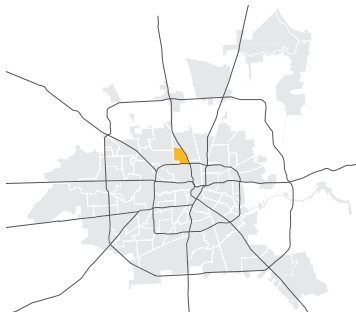


Independence Heights



Independence Heights Super Neighborhood is located 3 miles northwest of Downtown Houston. Overall, the neighborhood encompasses an area of approximately 2 square miles, and is bound by Tidwell Road to the north, I-45 to the east, 610 Freeway to the south, and North Shepherd Road to the west. Originally an African American community, the Hispanic or Latino population in the neighborhood has grown over time.

The data compiled here includes the census tracts shown on the map.



Since 2000...

Our population has remained stable and become more diverse

More of our residents graduate from high school and earn a college degree

The number of homeowners in our community is declining, and too many homes are vacant

Nearly six of every ten renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing

23% of our residents either carpool, ride transit, walk or bike to work and 20% of families do not own a car

The percent of our residents that are Hispanic or Latino has nearly doubled and are now the majority

Demographic Snapshot

	Independence Heights			Houston		
PEOPLE	2000	2010	2016	2000	2010	2016
Population	14,209	12,845	14,421	1,953,631	2,068,026	2,240,582
Population Change		-10%	12%		6%	8%
Population Density (per Sq Mile)	4,174	3,749	4,209	3,372	3,449	3,737
Age						
17 Years or Younger	28%	26%	28%	28%	26%	25%
18 - 64 Years Old	59%	61%	61%	64%	65%	65%
65 Years or Older	13%	13%	11%	8%	9%	10%
Race/Ethnicity						
White	6%	5%	6%	31%	26%	26%
Black or African American	60%	52%	33%	25%	23%	23%
Asian	0%	1%	1%	5%	6%	6%
Hispanic or Latino	33%	42%	60%	37%	44%	44%
Other	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%
Place of Birth						
Born Outside the U.S.	18%	23%	28%	28%	29%	26%
EDUCATION						
Educational Attainment 25 Years +						
Less Than High School	44%	41%	40%	30%	26%	23%
High School Graduate (includes equivalent)	30%	32%	30%	20%	22%	23%
Some College	18%	19%	21%	23%	24%	24%
Bachelor's Degree	6%	6%	7%	17%	17%	19%
Master's Degree	1%	1%	2%	6%	7%	8%
Professional and Doctorate Degrees	1%	1%	0%	4%	4%	4%
INCOME						
Median Household Income	\$22,518	\$22,998	\$26,233	\$36,616	\$44,124	\$47,010
Percent of the Houston Median	61%	52%	56%			
Percent of Population Below Poverty	26%	34%	36%	19%	18%	19%
HOUSING						
Housing Units						
Total Housing Units	5,422	5,566	5,623	782,009	889,489	937,245
Occupied	88%	79%	83%	92%	86%	89%
Vacant	12%	21%	17%	8%	14%	11%
Tenure						
Percent Owners	49%	45%	44%	46%	45%	43%
Percent Renters	51%	55%	56%	54%	55%	57%
Persons per Household	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7
Housing Cost Burden (>30% of Income)						
Percent Owners		32%	28%		29%	23%
Percent Renters		51%	59%		47%	47%
TRANSPORTATION						
Means of Transportation to Work						
Drove Alone	60%	69%	71%	72%	74%	76%
Carpooled	22%	9%	12%	16%	14%	12%
Public Transportation	12%	10%	5%	6%	5%	4%
Bicycled and Walked	3%	5%	6%	3%	3%	3%
Other	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Households without access to a vehicle	23%	19%	20%	12%	10%	9%

Sources: Census 2000, ACS 2010, ACS 2016

CRIME

- 60.1 Property crime rate per 1,000 in Independence Heights, 2017
- 69% Property crime, 2017
- 31% Violent crime, 2017
- 49.4 Property crime rate per 1,000 in Houston, 2017
- 79% Property crime, 2017
- 21% Violent crime, 2017

PARK AREA

- 13 Existing park acres in Independence Heights
- 32 Recommended park area in acres based on 2015 Parks Master Plan standards
- 19 Total neighborhood park deficit in acres

AGE OF STRUCTURE

- 20% Housing Built in 1949 or earlier in Independence Heights

HEALTH

