

Neighborhood Snapshot

California



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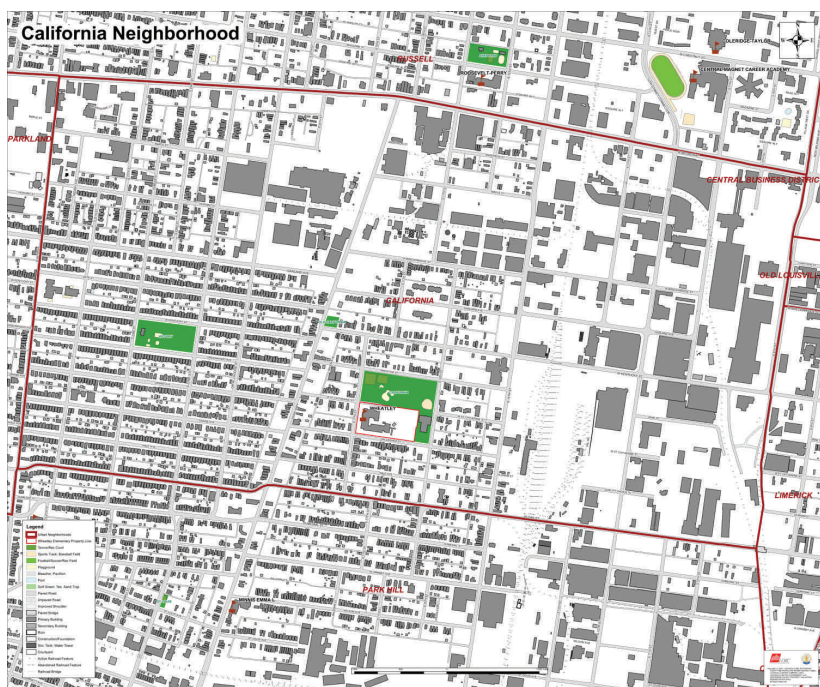
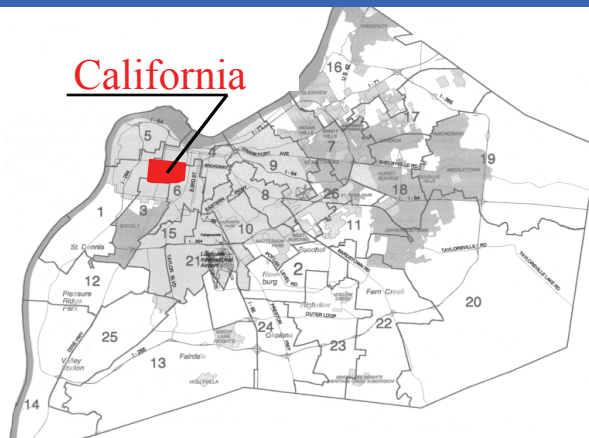
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The California neighborhood is located in western Louisville. The California Neighborhood is located west of 9th Street and east of 26th St. between Broadway and Oak

The boundaries for the California neighborhood are generally Broadway on the north, over to 9th Street on the east, Oak Street to the south and 26th Street to the west.

Surrounding neighborhoods are Parkland, Russell, Park Hill and Limerick.



Neighborhood Highlights

- **Neighborhood size** - .XXX square miles
- **Metro Council District 6**, George Unseld – 574-1106; 4, David Tandy – 574-1104; 3, Mary Woolridge – 574-1103.
- **Adjacent Neighborhood Schools** - Wheatley Elementary, Carrithers Middle School, and Jeffersontown High School are the resides. Other schools close by are Brandeis Elementary, Coleridge Taylor Elementary, Johnson Traditional Middle, Central High School
- **Civic Groups** - California Federation, California Roundtable, California Community Coalition
- **TARC** - Bus routes #12, 18, 22, 23, 25, 96
- **Distance from Metro Louisville Central Business District** - 1.5 miles
- **History** - The area was settled by Germans around the time of the 1849 Gold Rush. Oral tradition holds that because the land was the “far west” of the city, it was called California. After the Civil War many African Americans settled the area. By the 1870’s, California was a working-class neighborhood with a



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California - Facts and Statistics at a Glance

Population Highlights

	California	Louisville Metro	Metro Statistical Area*
Total population	5,543	693,604	1,025,598
Race			
White	151 (3 %)	563,462 (77.3 %)	849,362 (82.8 %)
Black	5,198 (94 %)	130,153 (18.8 %)	141,623 (13.8 %)
American Indian	3 (<1 %)	1,625 (0.2 %)	2,633 (0.3 %)
Asian	0 (0 %)	9,043 (1.3 %)	10,227 (1.0 %)
Other race	88 (1 %)	4,308 (0.6 %)	5,756 (0.6 %)
Two or more races	103 (2 %)	11,741 (1.7 %)	15,694 (1.5 %)
School enrollment			
Elementary/Middle (K-8)	1,023	77,351	116,361
High School (9-12)	372	37,969	56,902
Commuting to work (total)	1,471	329,091	492,821
Car, truck, alone	925 (63 %)	265,977 (80.8 %)	404,166 (82.0 %)
Carpool	201 (14 %)	36,332 (11.0 %)	53,769 (10.9 %)
Public transportation	266 (18 %)	10,096 (3.1 %)	10,898 (2.2 %)
Walk	66 (4 %)	6,556 (2.0 %)	8,485 (1.7 %)
Bicycle	8 (1 %)	737 (0.2 %)	924 (0.2 %)
Work at home	5 (<1 %)	7,348 (2.2 %)	11,587 (2.4 %)
Occupation	1,589	334,938	501,258
Mgmt, professional	243 (15 %)	110,677 (33.0 %)	156,307 (31.2 %)
Service occupations	370 (23 %)	47,317 (14.1 %)	69,713 (13.9 %)
Sales and office	425 (27 %)	95,673 (28.6 %)	139,756 (27.9 %)
Construction, etc.	120 (8 %)	28,105 (8.4 %)	46,067 (9.2 %)
Production and transportation	431 (27 %)	52,620 (15.7 %)	88,144 (17.6 %)
Median household income <i>(in 1999 dollars)</i>	\$ 16,704	\$ 49,161	\$ 40,821
Poverty Status	2,409 (43 %)	84,143 (12.1%)	109,575 (10.7 %)

Housing Highlights

	California	Louisville Metro	Metro Statistical Area*
Total housing units	2,494	305,835	438,235
Occupied housing units	2,139 (86 %)	287,012 (93.8 %)	412,050 (94.0 %)
Vacant housing units	355 (14 %)	18,823 (6.2 %)	26,185 (6.0 %)
Median home value <i>(owner-occupied)</i>	\$ 37,804	\$ 103,000	\$ 102,300
Owner-occupied	1,032 (48 %)	186,358 (65.0 %)	282,466 (68.6 %)
Renter-occupied	1,107 (52 %)	100,654 (35.0 %)	129,584 (31.4 %)
Year structure built			
1995 – 2000	158 (6 %)	23,272 (7.6 %)	43,187 (9.9 %)
1990 – 1994	45 (2 %)	16,065 (5.3 %)	29,527 (6.8 %)
1980 – 1989	175 (7 %)	26,369 (8.6 %)	45,334 (10.3 %)
1970 – 1979	176 (7 %)	53,928 (17.6 %)	81,702 (18.6 %)
1960 – 1969	237 (10 %)	56,326 (18.4 %)	72,875 (16.6 %)
1950 – 1959	304 (12 %)	54,813 (17.9 %)	68,367 (15.6 %)
1940 – 1949	478 (19 %)	28,392 (9.3 %)	36,608 (8.4 %)
1939 or earlier	921 (37 %)	46,670 (15.3 %)	60,635 (13.8 %)
Total	2,494 100 %	305,835	438,235

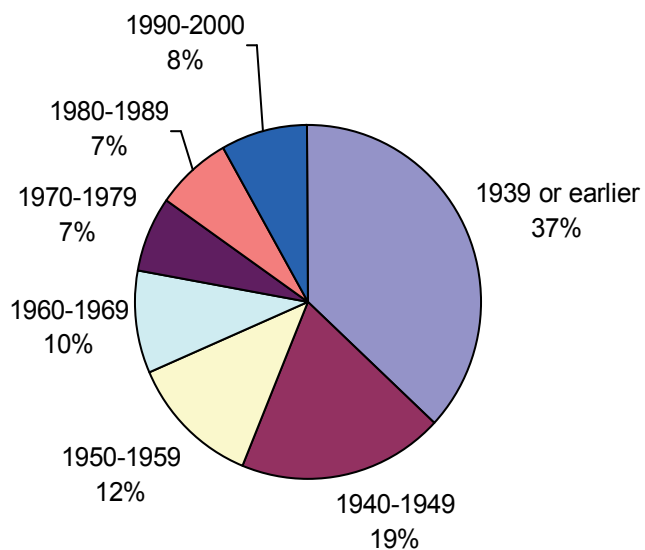
Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census <http://factfinder.census.gov/>
 Census Tract 17, Block Group 1, 2(50%); Census Tract 18, Census Tract 27, Block Groups 1,2 and 3(20%)

*Geographic and population area of Jefferson County and its surrounding counties.

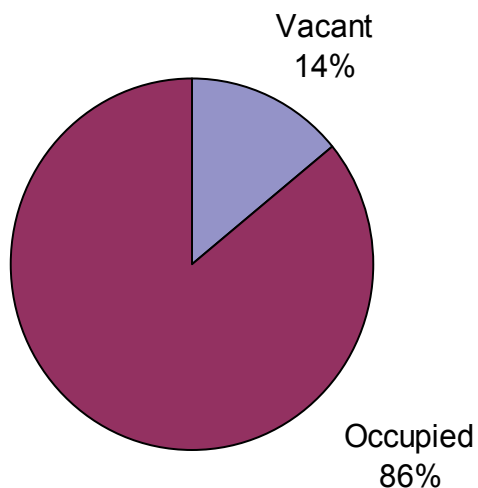
California - Statistics Illustrated

Neighborhood

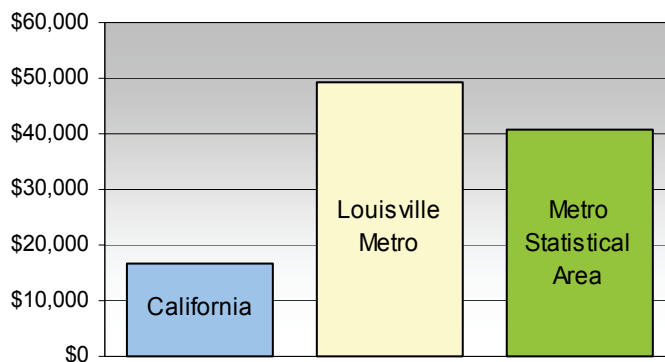
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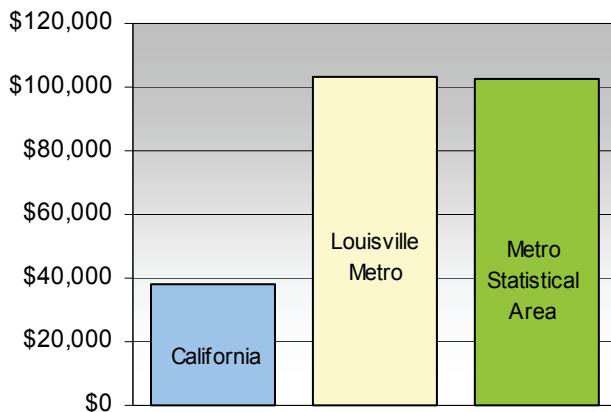
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Median Household Income



Median Home Value

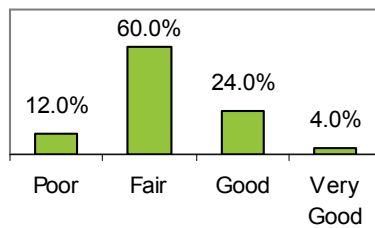


Survey Highlights

The following results highlight responses from 37 residents who participated in the Neighborhood Assessment Survey. Of the survey participants, 45% have lived in the California

neighborhood for 1-4 years, 29% for 5-10 years and 26% for more than 10 years. Participants ranged from 20 to more than 70 years of age.

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in the California neighborhood?



You most strongly agree with the following statements:

1. If someone asked me for directions I would stop to help.
2. It is very important to me that I live in this neighborhood.
3. During the past year I have been notified or have seen posters or flyers for neighborhood get-togethers, festivals, etc.
4. People who live in my neighborhood generally get along with each other.

You most strongly disagree with the following statements:

1. There are no illegal activities (such as drug dealing, prostitution, gang activities) taking place in my neighborhood.
2. Every building in my neighborhood is occupied, either by people living in them or by businesses such as stores and workplaces.
3. If there is a problem in my neighborhood, the residents can get it solved.

The following are the top three reasons you continue to live in your neighborhood:

1. I am close to my child's school and/or daycare facility.
2. I have easy access to grocery stores and other retail services.
3. My neighborhood is clean.

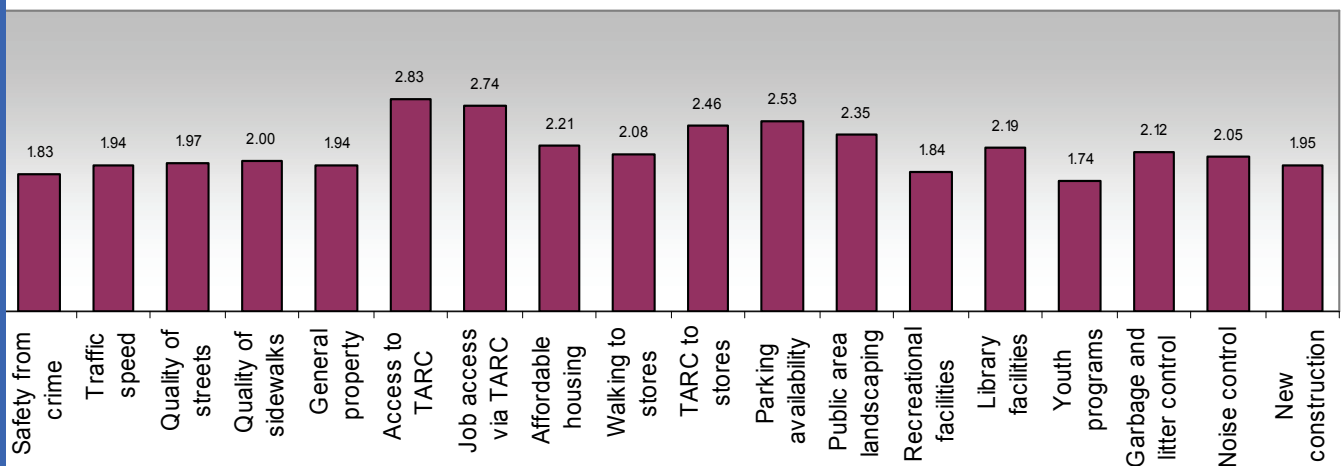
The following are the top three reasons that might make you consider moving away from the Portland neighborhood:

1. I don't feel safe here.
2. The neighborhood is dirty and unattractive.
3. Other

You would regularly use the following new establishments added to your neighborhood:

1. Coffee shop or cafe
2. Health Clinic
3. Convenience store/gas station

Rate the following aspects of life in the California neighborhood
 Rating scale: 4.0 = Very Good 3.0 = Good 2.0 = Fair 1.0 = Poor



Action Matrix*

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Partnerships with Private Entities

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Summary

Resident Survey and Public Workshop

Residents of the California neighborhood submitted responses to the Quality-of-Life Self-Assessment Survey, the major results of which are shown on the earlier “Survey Results” page of this snapshot. Additionally, an energetic and enthusiastic group of 27 neighbors braved chilly spring weather to attend two resident workshops in April and May. The meeting brought together California residents, representatives of the Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods and planners and workshop facilitators from the Center For Neighborhoods.

The primary result of this public workshop and the residents’ energies is the Action Matrix.* In addition to being a “to-do” list of neighborhood improvement projects, this document outlines sustainable partnerships between the California Neighborhood and all the identified entities, such as Louisville Metro agencies and private business organizations, who can continue to help each other realize their common goals of a healthy and prosperous neighborhood with an ever-improving quality of life.

** Action Matrix is the table of projects, potential partners and implementation schedule for neighborhood goals.*

California neighborhood residents who took part in the Quality-of-Life Survey and Public Workshop and who gave generously of their time and ideas include:

Jackie Grace Lee
Dreema Jackson
Robbie Bell
Gwen Kelly
Beverly Gaylor
Barbara Weaver

Sharita Malone
Carlos Jones
Susan Nichols
Keith Price
Kim Mapp

Elizabeth Dorsey
Jackie Floyd
Deborah Wade
Yolanda Wade
Billie Jean Walker



After discussing their dreams and wishes, the Workshop participants prioritized items by dot voting.

Residents were engaged in the discussions that took place during the Workshop.



The residents were divided into small groups to work on action steps for the Neighborhood Action Matrix

Thanks

In addition to the dedicated California neighborhood residents who participated in the Neighborhood Assessment Project, “Thanks” are extended to:

The California Block Club Federation (for local coordination of the assessment process)

California Community Center (for the use of their facility for the workshops)

Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods (for sponsorship, leadership and guidance)