
America's Most Diverse, Mixed-Income Neighborhoods



In a nation increasingly divided by race and economic status, some American neighborhoods are bucking the trend. These neighborhoods have high levels of racial, ethnic and income diversity—which research has shown reduces poverty and promotes economic mobility.

About North Hill

Located just 1.5 miles north of downtown, North Hill is a primarily residential neighborhood and is a major center for recent immigrants, including a vibrant Nepalese community.

Its main shopping street includes North Hill African Market, the Nepali Kitchen and Crest Bakery. The neighborhood also borders two important regional parks: Cascade Valley Metro Park and Gorge Metro Park. Important local civic institutions include North Hill Branch Library and The International Institute of Akron.

A typical 3 bedroom, 2 bath home built in the early 1900s on Chalker Street has a Walk Score of 72 - very walkable.

After decades of population loss, the neighborhood has stabilized and the most recent census data suggest modest growth since the end of the Great Recession.

Fun Fact: The current mayor of Akron, Dan Horrigan, lives in North Hill.

METHODOLOGY

For purposes of this study, neighborhood populations are divided into five broad groupings: Asian, Black, Latino, White and all other. We also used an income diversity index—which measures how varied incomes are in an area—to identify which neighborhoods had the most mixed incomes.

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COMPARING NEIGHBORHOODS:

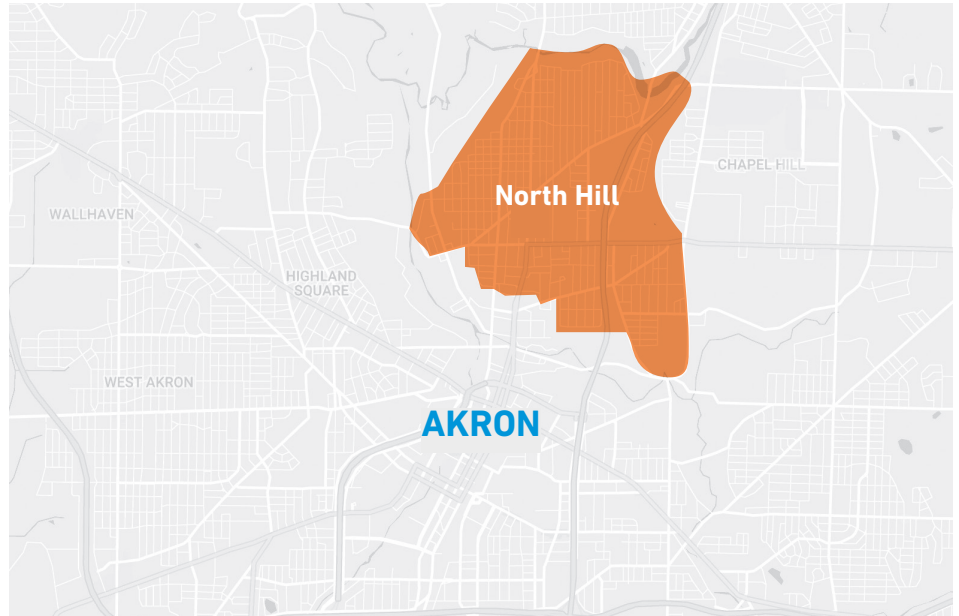
North Hill diversity index: 63.4

North Hill has greater ethnic diversity than about 81 percent of all US urban neighborhoods.

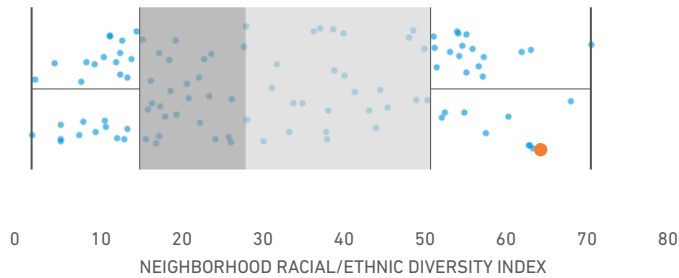
North Hill income diversity index: 75.6

North Hill has greater income diversity than 72 percent of all urban US neighborhoods.

North Hill Walk Score: 72



Racial and ethnic diversity of Akron neighborhoods



- Each circle corresponds to the racial/ethnic diversity index of one neighborhood
- Racial/ethnic diversity index of North Hill

Income diversity of Akron neighborhoods



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- Income diversity index of North Hill

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