
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 Audubon Park

Located about 8 miles east of downtown, the Audubon Park neighborhood is named for an adjacent park and borders the campus of the University of Memphis.

Audubon Park's census tract (118) is one of the most diverse, mixed-income tracts in the city; it ranks in the top 10 percent of all tracts nationally in measured racial/ethnic diversity and top third in income diversity. The neighborhood is 37 percent black, 31 percent white, and 28 percent Latino, with the remainder Asian, mixed race or other.

Audubon Park, established in 1953, provides a wide assortment of entertainment options for residents and visitors. Within the neighborhood's 375 acres are a golf course, play area, tennis courts, soccer field, picnic areas, pavilions, and jogging/walking trails. The 96-acre Memphis Botanic Gardens are also located within Audubon Park.

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:

Audubon Park diversity index: 68.4

Audubon Park has greater ethnic diversity than about 91 percent of all US urban neighborhoods.

Audubon Park income diversity index: 75.2

Audubon Park has greater income diversity than 68 percent of all urban US neighborhoods.

Audubon Park Walk Score: 32



Racial and ethnic diversity of Memphis neighborhoods



- Each circle corresponds to the racial/ethnic diversity index of one neighborhood
- Racial/ethnic diversity index of Audubon Park

Income diversity of Memphis neighborhoods



- Each circle corresponds to the income diversity index of one neighborhood
- Income diversity index of Audubon Park

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