

West Oakland

Community Information Book Update

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Social and Demographic Characteristics



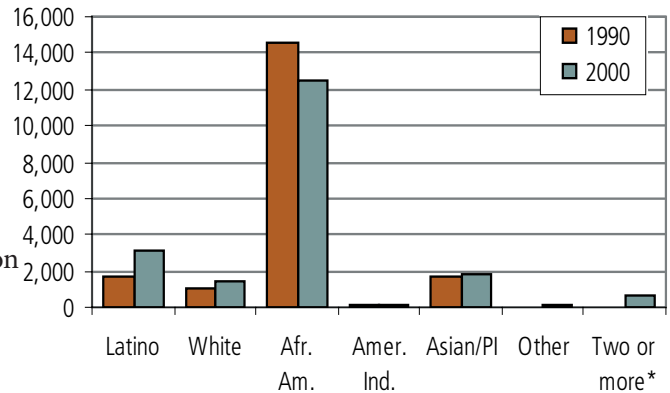
The latest figures from Census 2000 show that 19,684 people lived in West Oakland in 2000, an increase of 3% since 1990.

■ The racial/ethnic composition of West Oakland is 64% African American, 16%

Latino, 9% Asian, 7% White, 4% two or more races, and less than 1% each of American Indian, Pacific Islander, and some other race.

■ The racial/ethnic composition in Alameda County is 41% White, 20% Asian, 19% Latino, 15% African American, 4% two or more races, and less than 1% each American Indian, Pacific Islander, and some other race.

West Oakland Racial and Ethnic Composition, 1990 vs. 2000



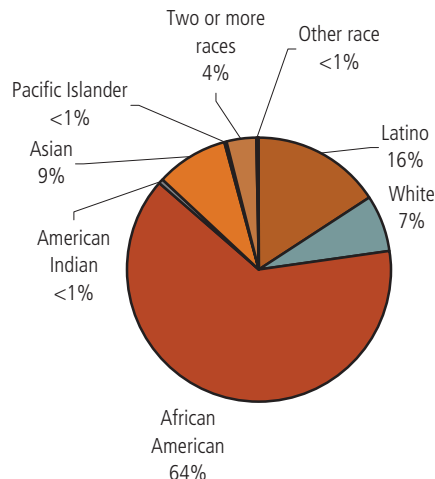
*Information on multiracial residents was collected for the first time in the 2000 Census. Therefore, 1990 comparison is not available.

■ The West Oakland Latino population grew the fastest, by 85% from 1990 to 2000 to 3,098. The White population also increased by 27%, to a population of 1,382.

■ The Asian and Pacific Islander population in West Oakland also experienced an increase of 3% between 1990 and 2000, reaching 1,804.

■ The African American population experienced a decrease by 14% to 12,526.

West Oakland Racial and Ethnic Composition, 2000



The census tracts included in this update are 4015-4019 and 4021-4027. Please see the West Oakland Community Information Book for a map of the area.



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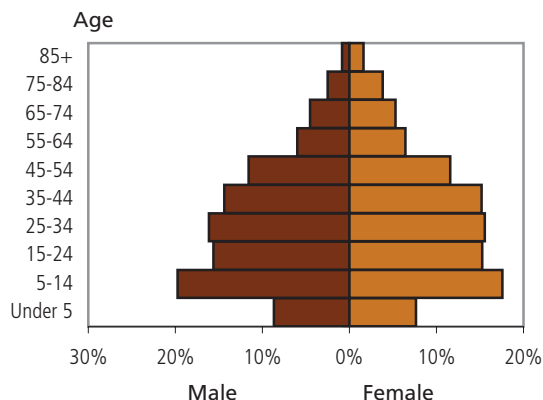
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Sex and Age

- In 2000, West Oakland had slightly more women (52%) than men (48%). Alameda County had 51% women and 49% men.
- Children under 14 years of age made up 27% of the community in West Oakland, as compared to 21% in Alameda County as a whole.
- Seniors (65 and older) made up 9% of the West Oakland population, as compared to 10% countywide.

West Oakland Age Distribution by Sex, 2000



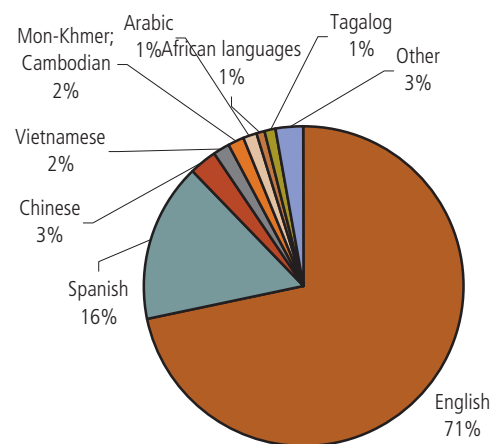
Household

- Between 1990 and 2000, the number of households in West Oakland decreased by 3.4% from 7,145 to 6,904.

Language

- In 2000, 71% of West Oakland residents age 5 years and older spoke only English at home.
- The breakdown of languages spoken in West Oakland homes was: Spanish (16%), Chinese (3%), Vietnamese (2%), Mon-Khmer/Cambodian (2%), Arabic (1%), African languages (1%), Tagalog (1%), and spoke some other language (3%). This included people who can speak English in addition to other languages.

West Oakland Language Spoken at Home, 2000



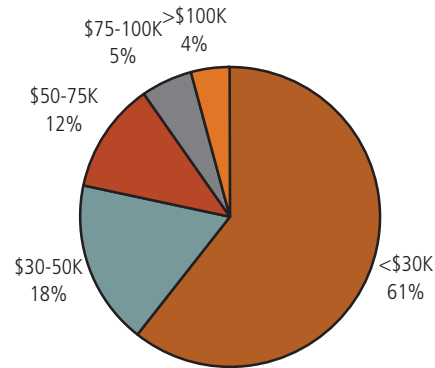
Income and Poverty

■ 61% of households in West Oakland earned an income of less than \$30,000 in 1999, as compared to 26% in Alameda County as a whole.

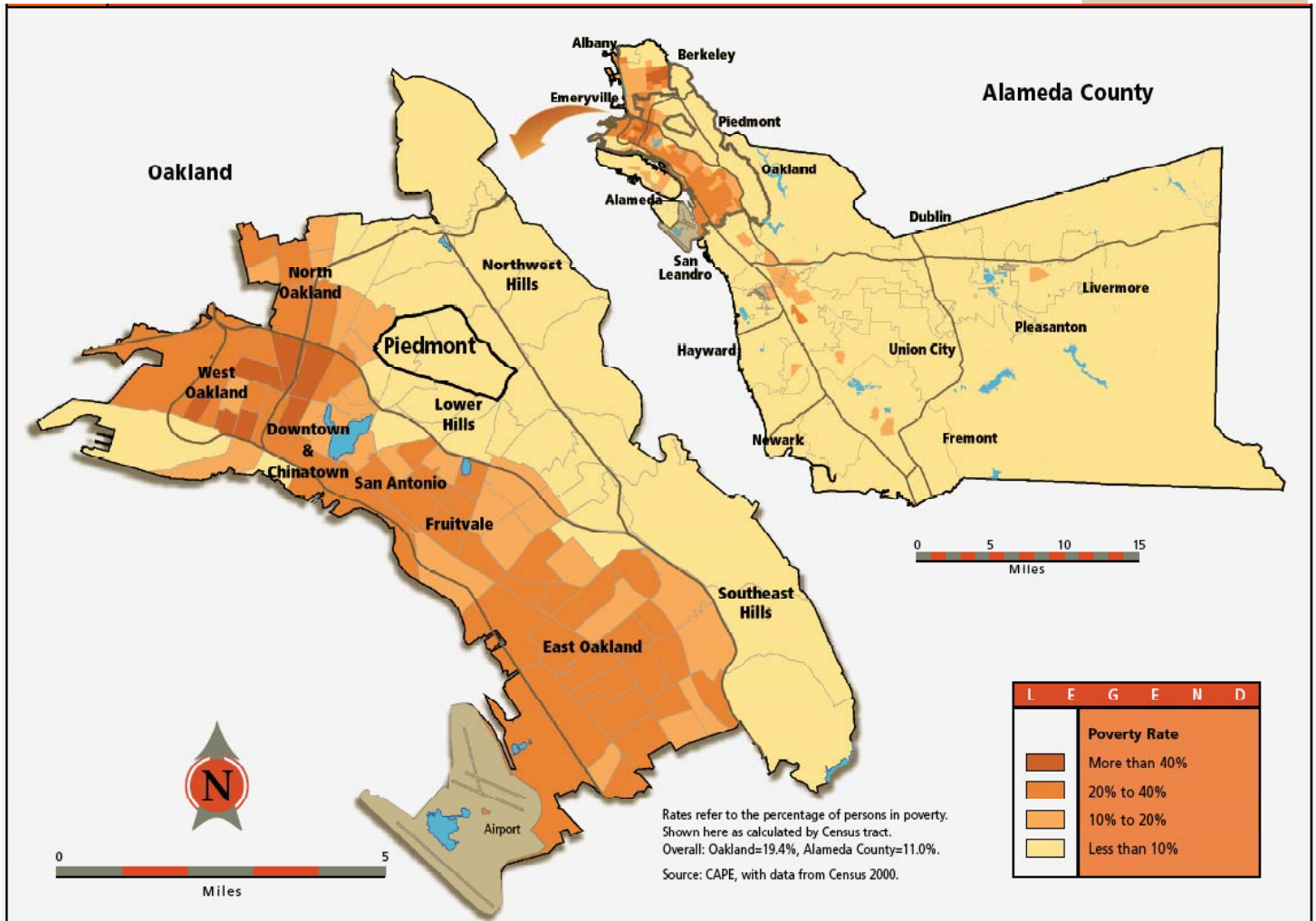
■ In 1999, half of all households in Alameda County earned more than \$46,795. In 1999, half of the households in the richest census tract in West Oakland earned more than \$50,208, while half of the households in the poorest census tract earned less than \$11,944.

■ Another way to look at income is through a poverty level established by the federal government. According to this method, people under a certain income level are considered poor. The map below shows the percent of people living in poverty in 1999. The poverty level for a family of four was \$16,895 in 1999.

West Oakland Household Income Distribution, 1999



Oakland and Alameda County Poverty Rate, 1999



Employment and Occupation

- 6,378 people in West Oakland age 16 years and older were employed in 2000.

- Approximately 30% of employed West Oakland residents worked in sales and office jobs. These included retail workers, secretaries, and postal clerks.



- 23% of West Oakland workers held service jobs such as firefighters, police, housekeepers, childcare workers, cooks, waiter/waitresses, janitors, and hairdressers.

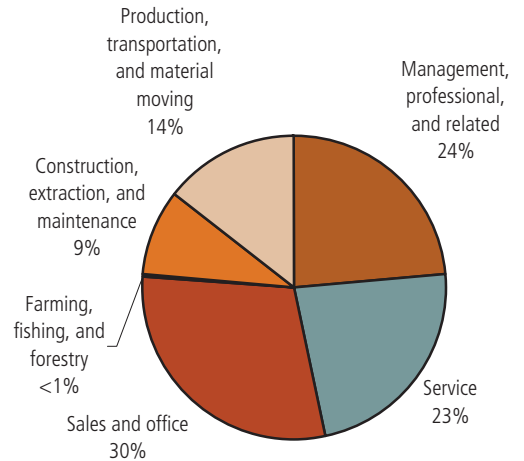
- 14% of West Oakland workers were employed in production, transportation, and material moving occupations, including bus drivers, movers, and aircraft control operators.

- Construction and maintenance workers made up 9% of the workers. These included construction trade workers, installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.

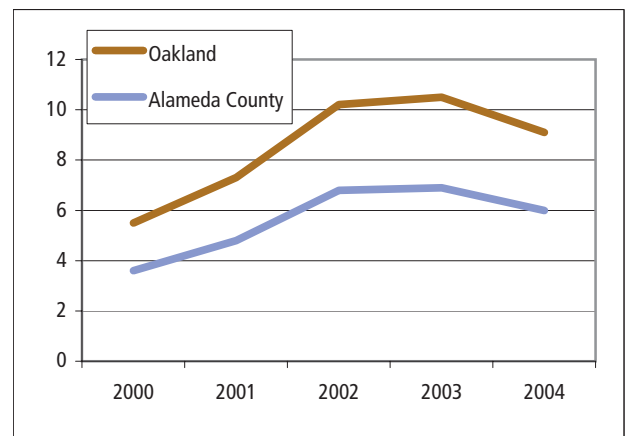
- About 24% were employed in management, professional, and related occupations. These included executives, engineers, teachers, lawyers, and nurses.

- In 2004, approximately 9.1% of Oakland residents age 16 or older were unemployed. This is compared to 6.0% in Alameda County as a whole.

West Oakland Occupations, 2000



Oakland Annual Unemployment Rate, 2000-2004



- Unemployment in Oakland increased from 2000 to 2003 and had a slight decline in 2004.

Education

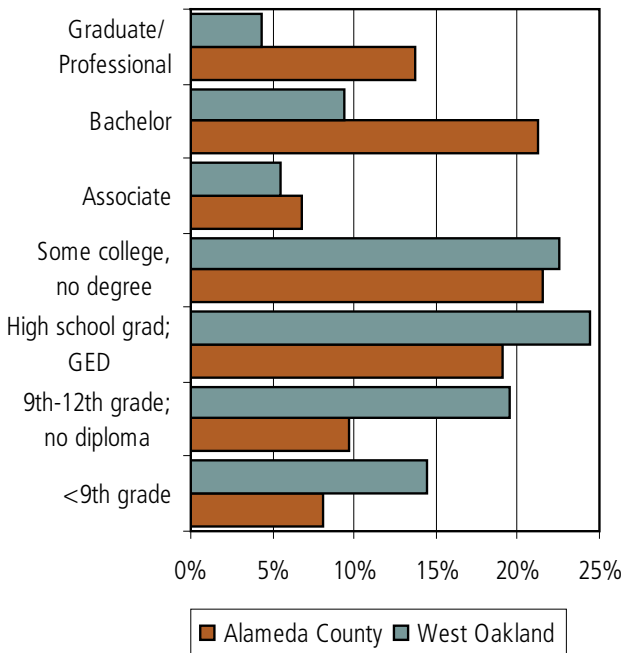
■ In 2000, about 14% of West Oakland residents aged 25 and older had completed college (bachelor's degree) or held a graduate/professional degree. For Alameda County as a whole this figure was 35%.

■ About 22% in West Oakland had completed some college (but had not graduated) and 5% had completed an associate degree. This was similar to 22% who had attended some college and 7% who had completed an associate degree in Alameda County as a whole.

■ Approximately 24% of West Oakland residents had graduated from high school or passed the General Educational Development (GED) exam. In Alameda County as a whole, 19% had finished high school or held a GED certificate.

■ 34% of West Oakland residents ages 25 and over did not have a high school degree. This figure was 18% in Alameda County as a whole.

West Oakland Educational Attainment, 2000



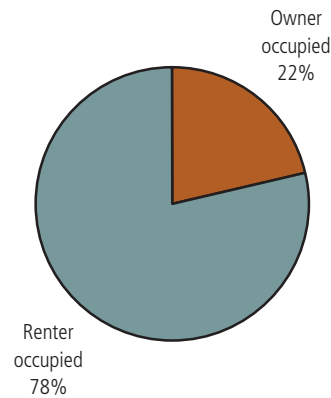
Housing

■ In West Oakland, there were 7,958 housing units in the year 2000. About 13.2% of these were vacant.

■ On average, there were 2.8 persons per household in West Oakland, as compared to 2.7 in Alameda County.

■ About 22% of West Oakland homes were owner occupied in 2000.

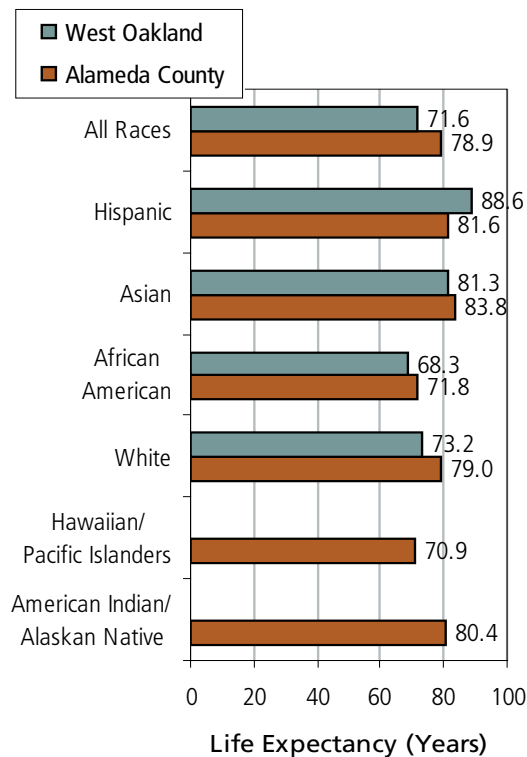
West Oakland Tenure, 2000



Mortality

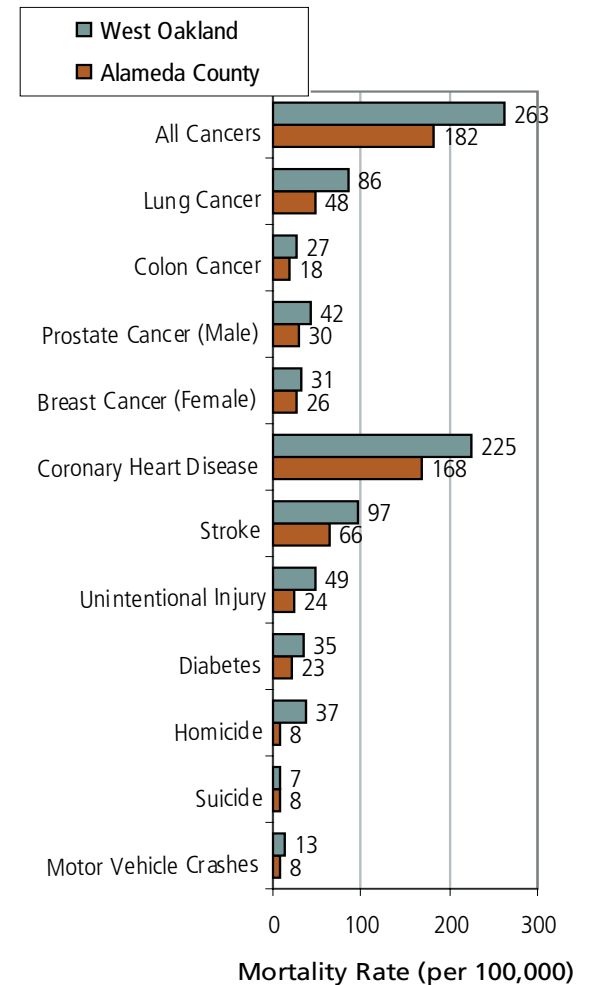
- Life expectancy is the average number of years of life to be expected if current mortality rates continue.
- The life expectancy in West Oakland for the years 2000 to 2003 was 71.6 years. This is 7.3 years lower than the county as a whole.
- The life expectancy for each West Oakland race/ethnic group except for Hispanics was lower than the life expectancy for those groups in Alameda County.
- Based on only 22 deaths over the four-year period, the life expectancy for Hispanics in West Oakland was 88.6 years.

West Oakland Life Expectancy, 2000-2003



- The number of deaths in a defined group of people during a given period is called the mortality (or death) rate.
- The mortality rate for all causes of death in West Oakland was 1,130 per 100,000 people between 2000 and 2003. This is 50% higher than the Alameda County rate of 756 per 100,000.
- The mortality rate for each cause of death is higher in West Oakland than the Alameda County rate. The exception is suicide, whose rate is slightly lower.

West Oakland Mortality Rate, 2000-2003



- Heart disease and cancers were the top two causes of death for all race/ethnic groups in West Oakland.
- For African Americans in West Oakland, stroke, homicide, and unintentional injuries were the third, fourth, and fifth leading causes of death, respectively.

Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity, 2000-2003

Rank	Hispanic	Asian	African American	White
1	Heart disease (6)	Heart disease (15)	Heart disease (151)	Heart disease (11)
2	Cancers (5)	Cancers (9)	Cancers (140)	Cancers (5)
3	♦	♦	Stroke (53)	♦
4	♦	♦	Homicide (29)	♦
5	♦	♦	Unintentional injuries (24)	♦

Notes: The numbers in () are the four-year total number of deaths.
 ♦ Fewer than five deaths during the four-year period.

