A Basic Community Profile: Cody/ Rouge

Cody/ Rouge are two communities of 42,233 residents in western Detroit, bordered on the East by the Southfield Freeway (M-39). It is bordered on the West by Westland and Dearborn Heights. The Northern border is the railroad line. The Southern border is with Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

Cody/Rouge is a community of residents, institutions, and businesses that has been highly interested in the welfare of the city and the continued revitalization of its neighborhoods. The area supports community organizations, business associations, commercial establishments, and an impressive City of Detroit Rouge Park.

Cody/Rouge is home to an estimated 14,000 children and youth (under 18).

I. Overall Population Statistics

According to the 2000 census, the population of the Cody/Rouge area is 42,233, an increase of 10% from the 1990 census figure of 41,895. In comparison, the population of the State of Michigan increased 7% during the same period and the population of Detroit as a whole decreased by 7%. This means that Cody/Rouge is growing.

Cody/Rouge has an African American population of 68%, a White population of 24.9%, and a Hispanic/Latino population of 3.4%.\(^1\) Cody/Rouge has a significant foreign-born population (4.6%).

\(^1\) The 2000 Census defines race and ethnicity as follows:

- **American Indian or Alaska Native** – A person having origins in any of the original people of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment
- **Asian** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam
- **Black or African American** – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands
- **White** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa
- **Hispanic or Latino** – A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race
In Cody/Rouge, 33.2% of the population under the age of 18, compared to a national average of 25.6% (Detroit 31.1%; State 26.1%). Seniors (65+) make up 8.6% of the population (Detroit 10.5%; State 12.3%; USA 12.4%). The percentage of seniors in Cody/Rouge has decreased from 11.9% in 1990. This means that Cody/Rouge is getting younger and has many children who will benefit from the Good Neighborhoods Initiative.

Cody/Rouge has an average percentage of single parent households at 23.5% compared to a national average of 9.1% for the same period. (Detroit 21.5%; State 9.4%).

**II. Income and Poverty**

The average household income rate for Cody/Rouge in 2000 was $42,520, which is over the average household income in Detroit of $40,837 (State $57,400; USA $56,644).

At 19%, the rate of poverty in the community is greater than the rate of poverty nationally (Detroit 26.1%; State 10.5%; USA 12.40%). Children living in poverty make up 25.7% of the population compared to 13.9% statewide (Detroit 34.8%; USA 16.6%).

The unemployment rate in 2000 was 10.4% (Detroit 13.8%; State 5.8%; USA 5.8%). In addition, 7.8% of the population receives public income assistance (Detroit 11.4%; State 3.6%; USA 3.4%).

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2 Poverty levels are set by the federal government depending on family size and the number of children in the family. In 1999, the poverty level for a family of four with two children was $16,895.
Occupations in Cody/Rouge are evenly divided between management (18%), personal care and service (21.7%), sales (30%) and production jobs (22.8%). Additionally 7.4% of jobs are in construction.

III. Education

The number of people in the Cody/Rouge community without a high school diploma is 25.4%, which is lower than the Detroit average of 30.4% (State 16.6%; USA 19.6%). This means that more people are graduating high school in Cody/Rouge than in Detroit as a whole.

The percent of persons 25 years old and over who have a bachelor’s or graduate/professional degree is 9.7% compared to 24.4% for the national average (Detroit 11%; State 21.8%; USA 24.4%).

IV. Health

Health Statistics are provided by the City of Detroit’s Health and Wellness Promotion department for 2004 and are grouped by planning cluster. Cody/Rouge is in planning cluster #7, but cluster seven also includes the neighborhoods of Brooks and Mackenzie which are situated east of Cody/Rouge. Further data is provided by Detroit Kids Data (www.detroitkidsdata.org). Detroit Kids Data shows health statistics by zip code area 48228. These zip code areas also are for an area that does not include all of the Cody/Rouge area, include some geography that goes beyond the Cody Rouge region and are different than the Cluster #7 area.

Births

The Birth rate in the cluster #7 area in 2004 is 13.6 per 1,000 total population as compared to 14.3 per 1,000 for Detroit. The rate for Wayne County in 2004 was similar to Detroit at 14 births per 1,000, which was the same as the national rate. For Michigan, the rate was 12.8 per 1,000 in 2004.
For the zip code area 48228, the number of births to teens was reported as 13.7% of all births (26.8% for Detroit), and the number of those births to teens that were repeat teen births were 20.4% (23.4% for Detroit). The percentage of births (out of all births) to unmarried mothers was 58.2% (Detroit 69.7%) and the percentage of new mothers with less than 12 years of education was 28.0% (Detroit 34.6%). The percentage of preterm and low birth weight babies was 13.4% (Detroit 15.9%) and 11.2% (Detroit 13.4%) respectively. Women who received no or late prenatal care made up 6.2% of the total (8.3% for Detroit). This data represents an average of the years 2002-2004.

Infant Mortality
The infant mortality rate in 2004 for cluster #7 was 11.8 per 1,000 compared to 15.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births for Detroit. It is an increase over the rate of 6.8 infant deaths per 1,000 residents in 2003. The rate for infant mortality in 2004 was 7.6 per 1,000 in Michigan and 10.6 per 1,000 for Wayne County. Nationally, the infant mortality rate for 2004 was 6.79 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Lead Poisoning
There is relatively less lead poisoning in Cody/Rouge than in Detroit as a whole. Elevated blood levels were found in 1.7% (Detroit 6.2%) of the 33.3% of all children in the zip code areas 48228 ages 0-5 who were tested for lead. This data represents an average for the years 2005-2006.

Hospitalization
The rate of preventable hospitalizations in Cody Rouge is similar to the rates for all of Detroit. The rate of preventable hospitalization for asthma in zip codes area 48228 is 52 cases per 10,000 residents (Detroit 64.7 per 10,000) and the rate of preventable hospitalizations for diabetes is 6.6 per 10,000 residents, which is the same rate as all of Detroit.

The rate of hospital use is 874.9 per 10,000 for children 0-17 (Detroit 902.1 per 10,000). The rate of hospital use for children ages 0-4 was 2,563.0 per 10,000 (Detroit: 2,679.4 per 10,000), the rate of hospital use for children ages 5-12 was 169.7 per 10,000 (Detroit: 209.6 per 10,000) and the rate of hospital use for children ages 13-17 was 446.8 per 10,000 (Detroit 436.2 per 10,000).

Three out of thirteen census tracts - those in the north central region - of Cody/Rouge are recognized as “Medically Underserved Areas” also known as MUAs. MUA status is determined by the “ratio of primary medical care physicians per 1,000 population, infant mortality rate, percentage of the population with incomes below the poverty level, and percentage of the population age 65 or over. The value of each of these variables for the service area is converted to a weighted value, according to established criteria.”

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3 Detroit Kids Data (http://detroitkidsdata.org) reports their birth statistics as an average. In this case, birth data was collected and averaged over the period 2002 to 2004.
V. Housing

The total number of housing units is 15,945, down about 304 units from 1990. 92.9% of all homes were built before 1970. Most housing units are single detached homes (85.5%). Average home values were high in 2000 for the area at around $70,295 compared to about $70,000 for Detroit and approximately $160,000 nationally.

Overall home ownership rate is high at 68.4%, compared to 54.9% in Detroit and 66.2% nationally (State 73.8%), and is up slightly from 1990 (68.1%).

The overall vacant property rate is low at 5.5% compared to Detroit 10.3%, Wayne county 7%, Michigan 10.6% or nationally 9%. 

Vacant Properties in Cody/Rouge
VI. Community Assets and Resources

Community assets and resources have been identified and are listed below. Residents are invited and encouraged to identify additional assets and resources.

Places of Worship

- Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
- Gate to Glory Apostolic Church
- United Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Greater Rohoboth, Church of God in Christ
- Detroit New Hope, Church of the Nazarene
- United Christian, Congregational Christian Churches
- A Word in Season Family Life Center, Higher Covenant Fellowship of Churches
- Blood Bought Church of the Redeemed, Higher Covenant Fellowship of Churches
- Shiyloh Baptist
- Tawheed Center of Detroit
- Evergreen Lutheran Church
- Greater Sonora National Baptist Convention of America
- New Providence National Baptist Convention
- Fountain of Life Church of God in Christ
- SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Roman Catholic Church
- St. Suzanne Roman Catholic Church
- St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church
- Warrendale United Brethren in Christ
- Second Grace United Methodist Church
- Grace Community Church of Detroit
- In His Presence Ministries Worldwide
- Recovery Evangelical Bible
- Universal Life Church of Love

Parks

- Rouge Valley Parkway
- Fitzpatrick Playground
- Greenview-Wadsworth Playground
- Weaver-Penrod Playground
- Ryan Playground
- Stein Playfield
- Fitzpatrick-Warwick Playground
- Rouge Park

Public Library

- Thomas A. Edison
Public Schools
- Jemison Academy
- Carver Elementary School
- Ann Arbor Trail Magnet Middle School
- Kosciusko Elementary School\(^4\)
- Dixon Elementary School
- Lessenger Middle School\(^5\)
- McColl Elementary School
- Cody High School\(^6\)
- Mann Elementary School
- Erma Henderson Lower and Upper School

Private and Charter Schools
- Warrendale Charter Academy
- St. Thomas Aquinas School
- Detroit Community High School
- St. Timothy Lutheran School
- Westside Christian Academy
- Evergreen Lutheran Academy
- Renaissance Head Start

Fire Stations
- Engine 55, Ladder 27 (located at 18140 Joy Rd)

Police Departments
- District Headquarters for the Northwestern District (located at 11450 Warwick St)

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\(^4\) School closure recommended in 2007-2008 Realignment Plan
\(^5\) Program closure (New K-8 learning opportunity within building) according to Realignment Plan
\(^6\) Cody 9th Grade Academy – New learning opportunity within former Ruddiman building according to Realignment Plan