

ASTORIA, NEW YORK

Overview



Ferry Stop – Photo: NYC Ferry

Astoria is a large neighborhood in Queens that is quickly developing and becoming a popular spot for new residents. Astoria is home to many diverse restaurants, most famously those serving Greek cuisine. There are a mix of older and newer buildings, including many two-story houses which make the area feel less crowded than some other New York neighborhoods. The Astoria ferry stop is an additional notable feature used by both tourists and commuters.



Greek Restaurant – Photo: New York Times



HiFi Records – Photo: New York Times



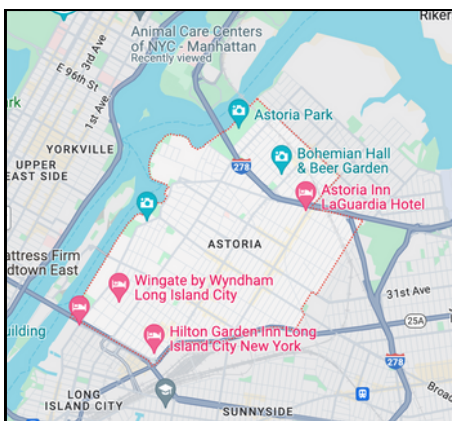
Block in Astoria – Photo: New York Times



View of Manhattan Skyline – Photo: New York Times

Location

Astoria overlooks the East River, and Roosevelt and Randall's Islands, with views of upper Manhattan. It is situated between the Queensboro and RFK bridges, offering multiple routes to Manhattan. It is also directly adjacent to Long Island City, another neighborhood that is both highly residential and commercial.



Astoria Map



Aerial View of Astoria – Photo: New York Times

Living in Astoria and Working at Columbia



Astoria is a great community to live in and is an easy commute to Columbia.

Commuting by Car:

- Commuting to all campuses, you can take the RFK Bridge and go over Randall's Island where there may be some traffic. Once in Manhattan, driving across on 125th street to the Morningside and Manhattanville campuses should be relatively easy.
- To get to the CUIMC campus, you can either take the Harlem River Drive or Major Deegan Expressway, depending on daily traffic.

Commuting by Public Transit:

- You can take the N or W subway and switch at 42nd street to the #1 train to the Morningside and Manhattanville campuses or to the A train for the CUIMC campus.
- For more information refer to: new.mta.info/ and transportation.columbia.edu/

**Commuting to:
Morningside Heights & Manhattanville Campuses**

	22-50 mins	via RFK Bridge, 125th St
	43 mins	via N / W & 1

**Commuting to:
CUIMC Campus**

	22-50 mins	via RFK Bridge, Harlem River Drive
	50 mins	via N / W & A

Real Estate and Housing



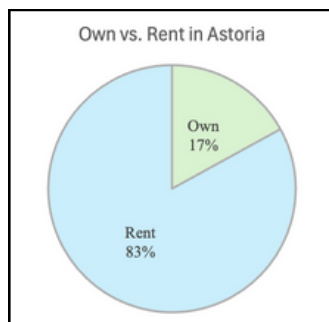
An Apartment Building in Astoria – Photo: Zillow



A Townhouse in Astoria – Photo: Zillow



Interior of an Apartment in Astoria – Photo: Zillow



Most Astoria residents rent an apartment. Prices to purchase range from:

\$300,000 - \$2,800,000 for apartments

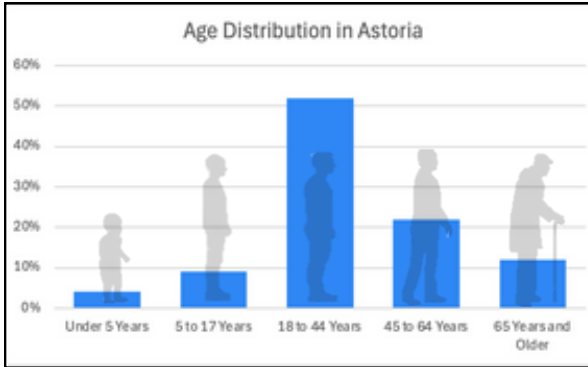
\$560,000 - \$3,750,000 for houses and townhouses

Median Home Value: \$946,360

Median List Price/square foot: \$1,100

Average Rent: \$3,450

Demographics



Population: 84,250

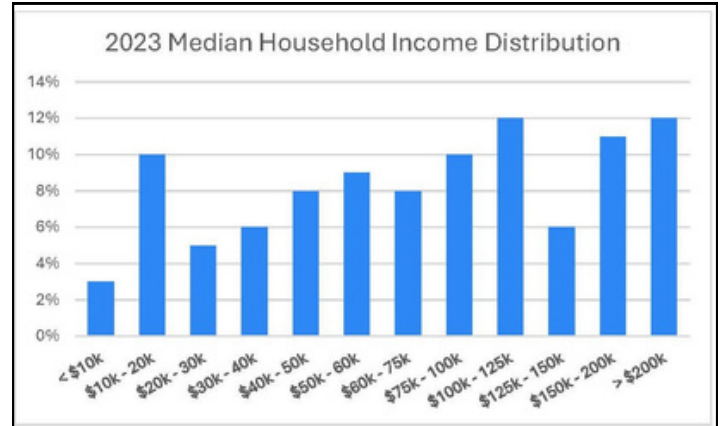
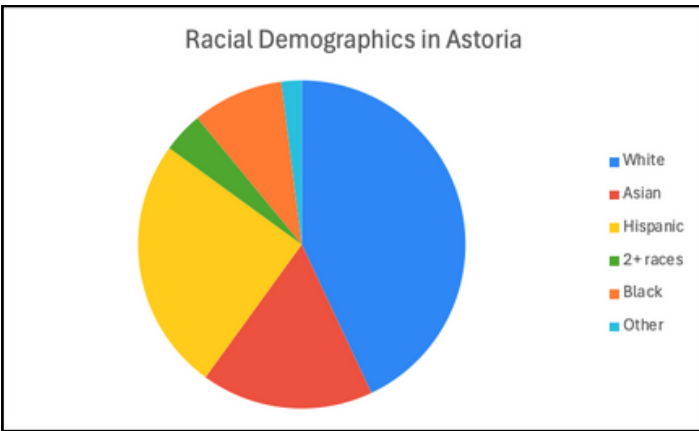
Households: 37,350

Population Density: 26,600
per sq. mile

2023 Median Household
income: \$99,330



Socrates Sculpture Park - Photo: New York Times



Sources: census.gov; censusreporter.org; city-data.com; niche.com

Points of Interest



Astoria Park – Photo:

Astoria Park houses the largest, oldest pool in the city and also features playgrounds and sports fields including tennis courts. The park has great views of the East River and nearby bridges.



The Noguchi Museum – Photo: The Noguchi Museum

The Noguchi Museum is a museum and sculpture garden by Japanese American sculptor Isamu Noguchi. It features educational programs such as *Art for Families* and *Art for Tots*.



Museum of the Moving Image – Photo: TimeOut

Housed in the historical Astoria Studios building, the Museum of the Moving Image is a media museum in Astoria with many permanent and special exhibits.

With many green spaces and views of the East River, and a ferry stop, Astoria is a great neighborhood to explore.

Schools

Astoria is in Queens' school District 30. There are a number of highly ranked public and charter schools available, as well as easy access to other New York City options. There is also a strong selection of religiously affiliated schools (primarily Christian and Islamic).



The Baccalaureate School for Global Education - Photo: Inside Schools



30th Avenue the School (Citywide G & T) - Photo: Google



Saint Demetrios Greek-American School - Photo: Google

History

Before the arrival of European settlers, while Queens was not heavily populated by Native Americans, the Mattinecock and Maspeth tribes used the area for hunting. Astoria was first developed by a fur trader named Stephen A. Halsey in the mid-1800s. He named it Astoria after John Jacob Astor, although he failed to secure his patronage. At first, the area was home to mansions for the wealthy. Parks and houses were developed, and factories were established, including Steinway Piano factory. In 1870, Astoria was incorporated into the then-independent municipality of Long Island City, which became part of New York in 1898. In the early 20th century, the subway (then, called the "Astoria elevated") extended into Queens, and more housing was developed.



Historic Steinway Factory - Photo: Queens Daily Eagle

At this time, movie studios for Paramount opened. While production mostly faded by the 1940s, the studios were used again in the 1970s for films such as "All That Jazz" and "The Wiz." While no longer used for movie production, one of the studio buildings is now the Museum of the Moving Image. After WWII, Astoria was largely populated by Italian and Greek-Americans. The Greek population grew significantly in the 1980s and 90s, although since then immigration has diversified the population.

Learn More About Astoria

[NYT: Astoria, Queens: 'A Mix of Traditional and Trendy'](#)
[NYC Tourism: Astoria](#)

[Astoria Post: Astoria tops as only Queens neighborhood in NYC experiencing largest growth in rental inventory](#)

[Forbes: Neighborhood To Watch: Astoria, Queens, New York](#)
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