

HAMILTON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

Overview



Hamilton Statue - Photo: New York Times

Hamilton Heights is a small but diverse neighborhood in upper Manhattan. Named as the site of one of Alexander Hamilton's still-standing family homes, the area boasts a variety of older and more modern architecture. Many small businesses give the neighborhood local character. While the area is lively, there are also many peaceful spots located in parks and at historical sites.



Carmansville Playground - Photo: Mommy Poppins



Harlem Public – Photo: Tripadvisor

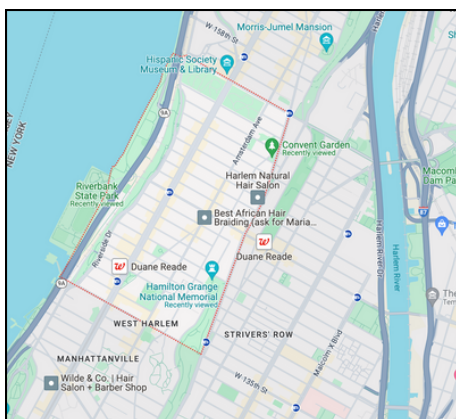


Historical Architecture – Photo: Google



City College Gate – Photo: New York Times

Location



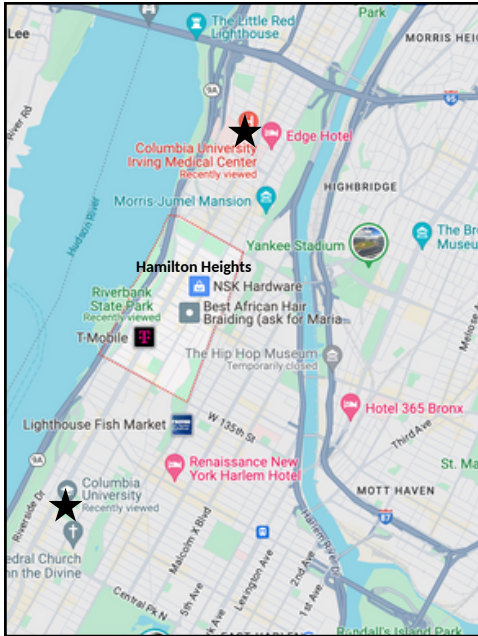
Hamilton Heights Map

Hamilton Heights is located on the west side of Harlem, between Manhattanville and Washington Heights. This also makes it close to all Columbia campuses. It is a small neighborhood, spanning 135th and 155th streets, and bordered to the east by St. Nicholas Avenue and to the west by Riverside Drive. It includes several parks including the large Riverbank State Park.



Riverbank State Park Pool – Photo: Google

Living in Hamilton Heights and Working at Columbia



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

Commuting by Car:

- The easiest way to get to any of the campuses via car is to use Riverside Drive, although there may be some minimal traffic at rush hour.

Commuting by Public Transit:

- You can take the #1 subway along Broadway to access all campuses, either uptown for CUIMC or downtown for the Morningside and Manhattanville campuses. It is a short commute in either direction, and city buses such as the M4 and M5 provide an efficient back-up option.
- For more information refer to: new.mta.info/ and transportation.columbia.edu/

Commuting to: Morningside Heights & Manhattanville Campuses



6-12
mins

via Riverside Drive



11
mins

via 1

Commuting to: CUIMC Campus



5-10
mins

via Riverside Drive



15
mins

via 1

Real Estate and Housing



Apartment Deck in Hamilton Heights
– Photo: Zillow

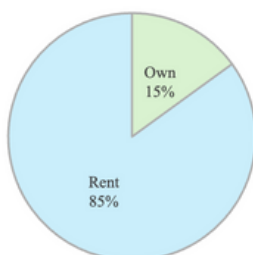


A Townhouse in Hamilton Heights
– Photo: Zillow



Interior of an Apartment in Hamilton Heights
– Photo: Zillow

Own vs. Rent in Hamilton Heights



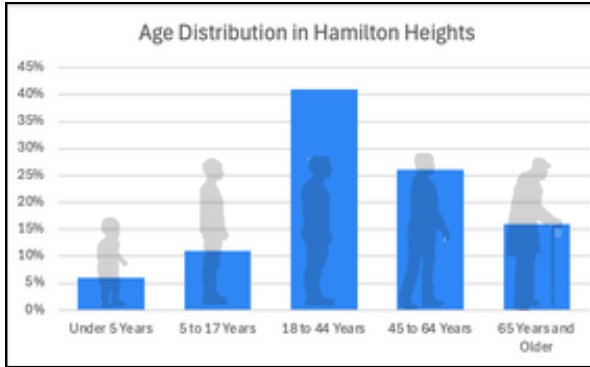
Most Hamilton Heights residents rent an apartment. Prices to purchase range from:
\$150,000 - \$1,800,000 for apartments
\$1,350,000 - \$3,500,000 for townhouses

Median Home Value: \$700,000

Median List Price/square foot: \$704

Average Rent: \$2,900

Demographics



Population: 65,800

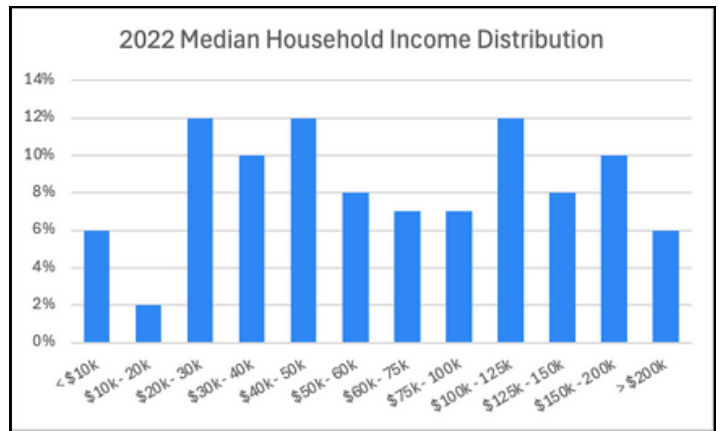
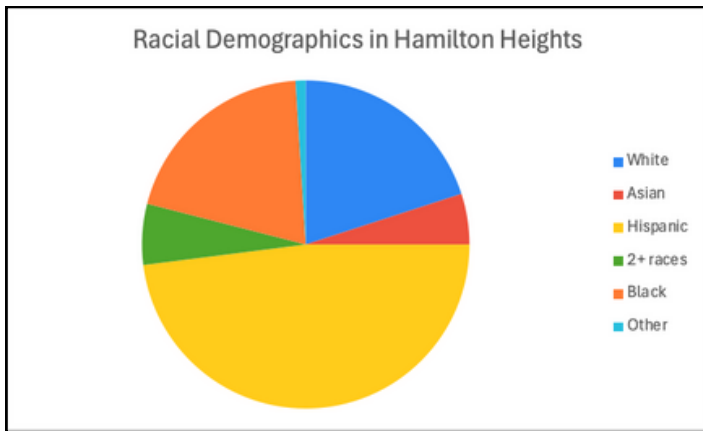
Households: 26,900

Population Density: 69,000
per sq. mile

2022 Median Household
income: \$55,500



Mural from Audubon Mural Project - Photo:
New York Times



Sources: [census.gov](https://www.census.gov/); [censusreporter.org](https://www.censusreporter.org/); city-data.com; [niche.com](https://www.niche.com/)

Points of Interest



Hamilton Grange National Memorial – Photo:
National Park Planner

The Hamilton Grange National Memorial is a home built and inhabited by Alexander Hamilton. It is now a part of the National Parks Service and offers visiting hours and tours.



Riverbank State Park – Photo: Dattner Architects

Riverbank State Park is a large public park with many amenities, including a carousel, amphitheater, running track, sports fields, Olympic sized pool, ice skating rink, and green spaces.



Convent Garden – Photo: Park Odyssey

A small public garden in Hamilton Heights, Convent Garden is often full of a variety of flowers. It is near several other small green spaces, giving the area a peaceful atmosphere.

Schools

Hamilton Heights is in Manhattan's school District 6. There are several strong public and charter schools available, as well as easy access to other New York City options. The specialized High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at City College (HSMSE) is in this neighborhood.



P.S./I.S. 210 Twenty-first Century Academy
for Community Leadership - Photo: Flickr



Neighborhood Charter School - Photo: Google



HSMSE - Photo: Google

History

Originally Lenape land, the area now known as Hamilton Heights was settled by a range of European farmers in the early 1600s. In 1658, the area was incorporated into the Village of New Harlem by Dutch governor Peter Stuyvesant. During the Revolutionary War, Harlem was the site of several key battles. What is now Hamilton Heights is named after Alexander Hamilton's estate and existing 1802 home, now a national memorial site. At that time of the home's construction, most of the surrounding area was farmland. In the late 19th century, along with the expansion of the subway system, much of the farmland in the neighborhood was developed into townhouses, and populated by Irish, German, and Jewish immigrants.



City College Campus - Photo: CUNY

In 1907, the City College of New York, originally founded in 1847, moved to the current Neo-Gothic Harlem campus, designed by George Browne Post. During the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and 1930s, affluent African-American families lived here, including significant intellectual and artistic figures such as Langston Hughes, W. E. B. Du Bois, Duke Ellington, and Jacob Lawrence. The neighborhood continued to be a significant center of the arts. In 1969, the Dance Theater of Harlem was founded in Hamilton Heights.

Learn More About Hamilton Heights

[NYT: Hamilton Heights: Harlem Enclave With River Views](#)

[City Neighborhoods: Hamilton Heights](#)

[Brick Underground: Hamilton Heights: The insider's guide to living there](#)

[Corcoran: Get to know Hamilton Heights](#)

[Park Odyssey: Convent Garden, Donnellan Square, and the Mystery of the Bushman Steps](#)

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