

RIVERDALE, NEW YORK

Overview



Local Pizzeria - Photo: Google

Riverdale, a residential neighborhood in the Bronx, is located in the northwest section of New York City. Riverdale has one of the highest elevations in the area, affording it views of the Empire State Building, George Washington Bridge, Hudson River and the New Jersey Palisades. Riverdale is also known for its expansive parks and greenery, which creates a cross between an urban and suburban lifestyle.



View of the Bronx - Photo: Google



Hudson River Bridge – Photo: Pinterest

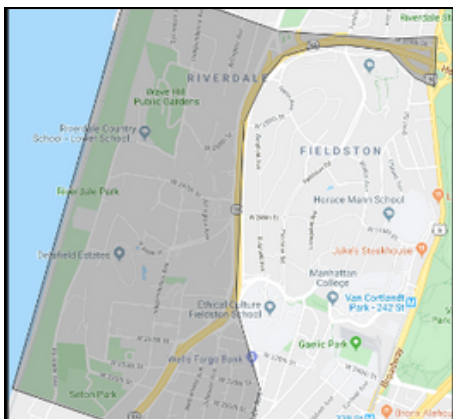


Welcome Sign – Photo: Google



Historic Church – Photo: Untapped Cities

Location



Riverdale Map

Just north of Manhattan, Riverdale provides easy access to major highways. Manhattan, and other parts of the New York metropolitan area, are within a short drive. The surrounding neighborhoods of North Riverdale, Fieldston, Spuyten Duyvil, Marble Hill and Kingsbridge are considered to be part of the “greater” Riverdale area.



Aerial View of Riverdale – Photo: New York Times

Living in Riverdale and Working at Columbia



Riverdale is a great community to live in and commute to Columbia.

Commuting by Car:

- Traffic during rush hour can be heavy on the Henry Hudson Parkway; however, once in Manhattan it is a quick drive to the Morningside, Manhattanville or CUIMC campuses.

Commuting by Public Transit:

- Take the #1 train subway along Broadway to access all campuses or the #Bx7 bus south to CUIMC.
- For more information refer to: <https://new.mta.info/> and <https://transportation.columbia.edu/>

Commuting to: Morningside Heights & Manhattanville Campuses		
	20-45 mins	via Henry Hudson Pkwy
	50 mins	via 1

Commuting to: CUIMC Campus		
	15-30 mins	via Henry Hudson Pkwy
	45 mins	via 1 or Bx7

Real Estate and Housing



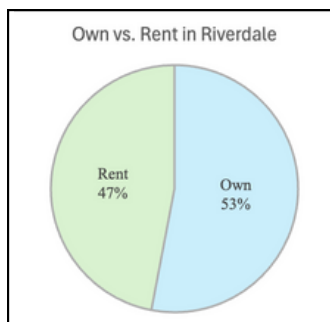
A House in Riverdale– Photo: Zillow



A Co-op Building in Riverdale – Photo: Zillow



An Apartment in Riverdale – Photo: Zillow



Riverdale home values range from:

\$800,000 - \$7,500,000 for a single-family house and

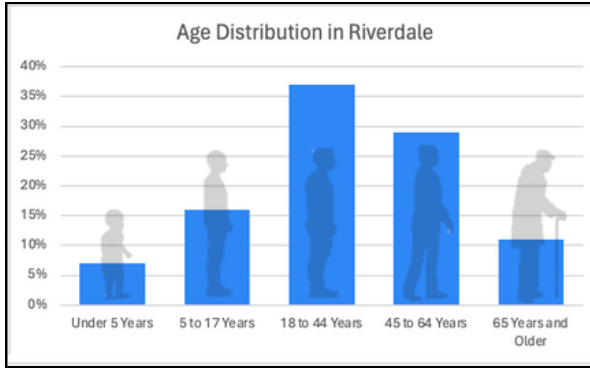
\$120,000-\$2,750,000 for apartments and townhouses

Median Home Value: \$350,000

Median List Price/square foot: \$360

Median Rent: \$3,100

Demographics



Population: 38,840
20,220 Households

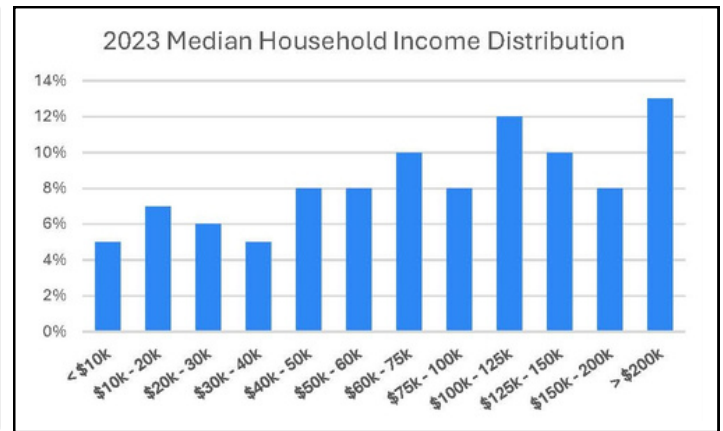
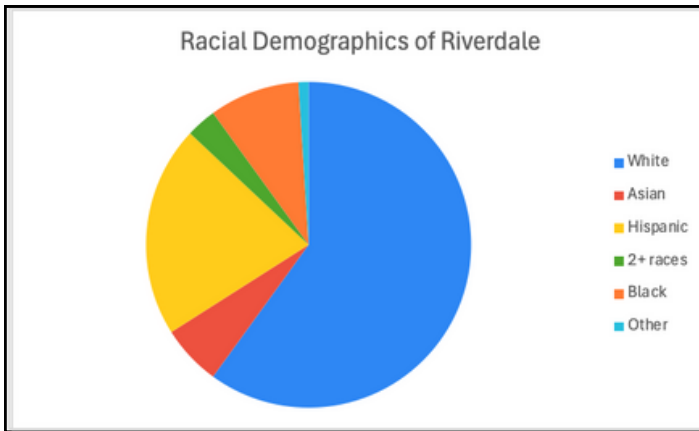
Population Density:
42,710 per sq. mile

2023 Median Household
income: \$100,700

Three public schools serve
approx. 2,750 students



Van Cortlandt Park - Photo: Wikipedia



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

Points of Interest



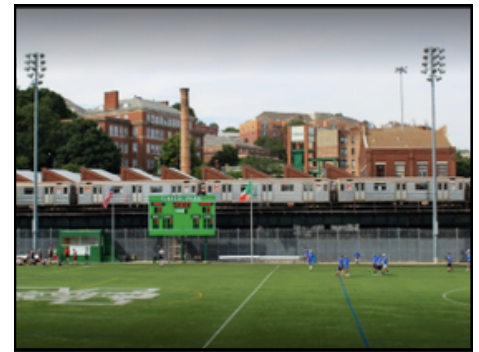
Wave Hill – Photo: Wikipedia

Located along the Hudson River, in 1836 Wave Hill was established as an estate for the Morris family. Now a public park, Wave Hill offers a respite from urban living.



Bell Tower Monument – Photo: NYC Landmarks

Built in 1930, the Bell Tower Monument memorializes veterans from World War I.



Gaelic Park – Photo: Wikipedia

Since 1926, Gaelic Park, a multi-purpose outdoor facility, has hosted many athletic events. It is currently owned and maintained by nearby Manhattan College.

With the luxury of open spaces and the benefits of being part of a bustling city, Riverdale has a diverse population as well as many places to explore. In addition to Wave Hill, Bell Tower and Gaelic Park, other points of interest are Van Cortlandt Park and the many types of houses of worship available. Not to be overlooked, Riverdale has a full-range of gastronomic options, along with other amenities such as public libraries, parks, and easy access to transportation.

Schools

The local public schools in Riverdale include two K-5 schools, P.S. 24 and P.S. 81, and one grades 6-12 school, Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy M.S./H.S. 141. There are many highly-regarded private and parochial school options as well: Fieldston, Horace Mann, Riverdale Country, SAR Academy and High School, and the Kinneret Day School, among others.



Public K-5 Elementary school – P.S. 24 -
Photo: Google



Public 6-12 Middle and High School –
M.S./H.S. 141 - Photo: Google



Riverdale Country School - Photo: Google

History

One of the first inhabitants of the northwest section of the Bronx, after the Lenape tribe was pushed out of the area, was Frederick Philipse. In 1693 he was granted permission to build a bridge (King's Bridge) across the small expanse of water known by the Dutch, the first European settlers in the area, as Spuyten Duyvil (Devil's Mouth).

In 1852, a 250-acre parcel of land was purchased by five wealthy businessmen for a suburban development, given the name "Riverdale", and planned as a suburban summer community accessible by the Hudson River Railroad. Riverdale is the earliest known railroad suburb in New York City. In 1908, the IRT subway had opened up, which then brought in additional developers.



Font Hill Castle, Mount St. Vincent, built in 1852 -
Photo: NYPL Digital

In 1909, Fieldston, the wooded area in Riverdale known for its large homes, began development. As the 20th century progressed, upscale apartment buildings and smaller homes continued to attract city residents to this affluent enclave. Further residential development continued post WWII and through today. Present day Riverdale has a diverse population with a rich history, as exhibited in its varied architecture.

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