

SUNNYSIDE AND KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK

Overview



Sunnyside, Queens – Photo: NYT

Sunnyside and Kew Gardens are two peaceful, residential neighborhoods in Queens. With easy access to more urban parts of New York City, these areas provide opportunities for more space, including single-family houses. While Kew Gardens is more suburban and significantly further from Manhattan, both areas are accessible via public transportation and by car. Queens is one of the most diverse places in the world, with as many as 800 languages spoken.



Kew Gardens – Photo: Untapped New York



Homes in Kew Gardens – Photo: Untapped New York



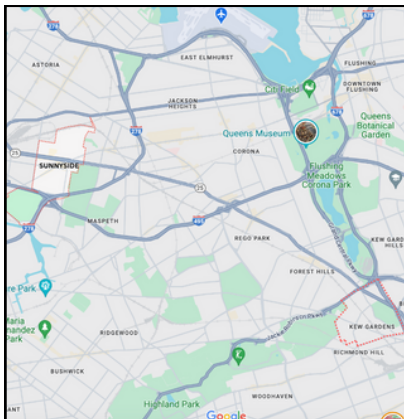
Sunnyside Pizza – Photo: NYT



View of Manhattan from Sunnyside – Photo: NYT

Location

Sunnyside is located in western Queens, east of Long Island City. It is on the 7 train line, and borders the Calvary Cemetery. Kew Gardens is further east, between Forest Hills and Jamaica, and near the E train. It is also near Forest Park.

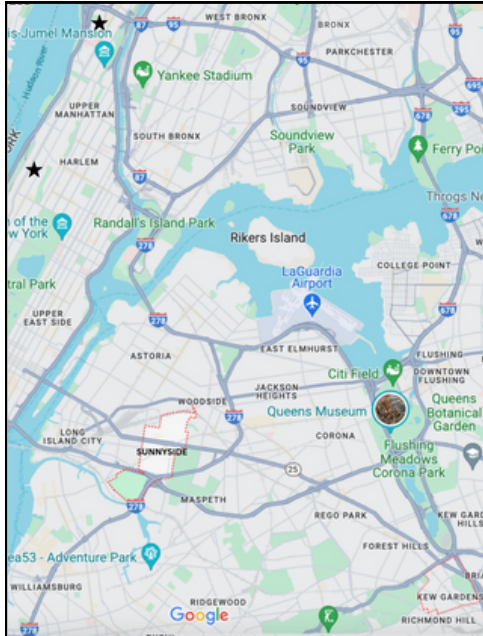


Sunnyside and Kew Gardens Map



Kew Gardens – Photo: Wikipedia

Living in Sunnyside or Kew Gardens and Working at Columbia



Commuting to Columbia from Sunnyside and Kew Gardens

Commuting by Car:

- When commuting from **Kew Gardens**, traffic can be heavy at rush hour on the Grand Central Parkway and over the RFK bridge and Randall's Island. The drive is typically 40-80 minutes.
- When commuting from **Sunnyside**, traffic is typically heavy over the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge, but may be less significant in Queens and Manhattan. If driving to the CUIMC campus, traffic will be heavy over the RFK bridge and Randall's Island. The drive is typically 30-75 minutes.

Commuting by Public Transit:

- The commute from **Sunnyside** is shorter, using the #7 train and then transferring to the #1 for the Morningside and Manhattanville campuses or the A for CUIMC. From **Kew Gardens**, The E can be taken to the #1 or A trains depending again on the campus. The B is used to transfer between the E and #1 trains in Manhattan.
- For more information refer to: mta.info/ and transportation.columbia.edu/

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

	30-80 mins	via Grand Central Pkwy (KG) or Ed Koch Bridge (S)
	40(S)/ 70(KG) mins	via 7 (S), or E & B (KG) & 1

**Commuting to:
CUIMC Campus**

	30-75 mins	via Grand Central Pkwy (KG) or I-278 E (S)
	50 (S)/ 75 (KG) mins	via 7 (S), or E (KG) & A

Real Estate and Housing



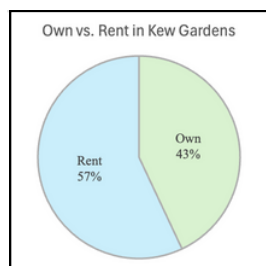
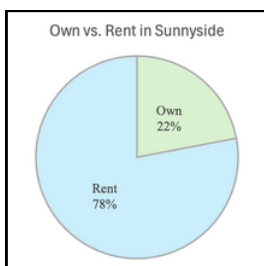
Condo Buildings in Sunnyside – Photo: Zillow



House in Kew Gardens – Photo: Zillow



Houses in Sunnyside – Photo: Zillow



Most residents in Sunnyside and Kew Gardens rent an apartment, but the cost to purchase an apartment or house range from:

\$200,000 - \$2,500,000 for apartments and townhouses in Sunnyside

\$250,000 - \$1,250,000 for apartments and townhouses in Kew Gardens

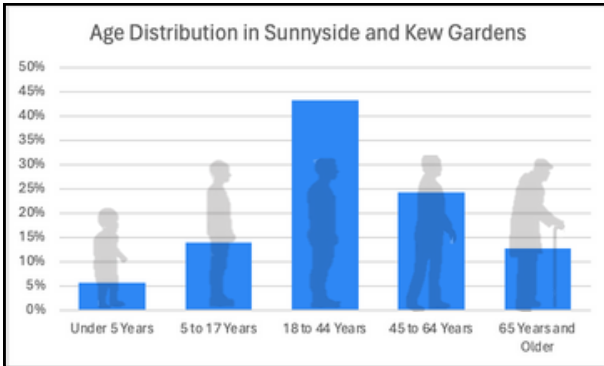
\$530,000 - \$3,400,000 for single family homes in Kew Gardens

Median Home Value: \$420,000-Sunnyside and \$400,000 in Kew Gardens

Median List Price/square foot: \$726-Sunnyside and \$375-Kew Gardens

Average Rent: \$3,830-Sunnyside and \$2,570-Kew Gardens

Demographics



Sunnyside:

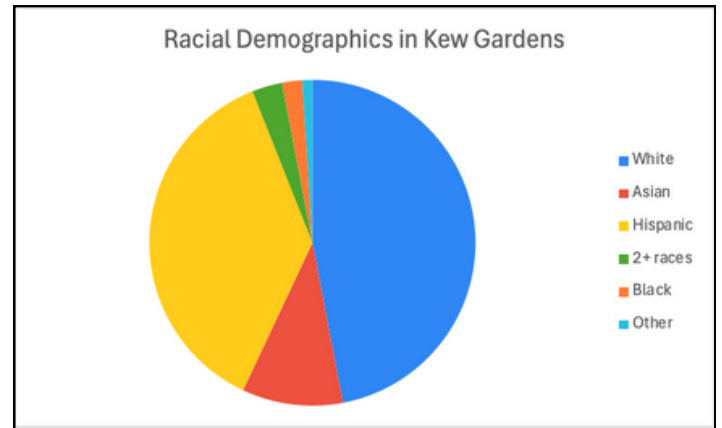
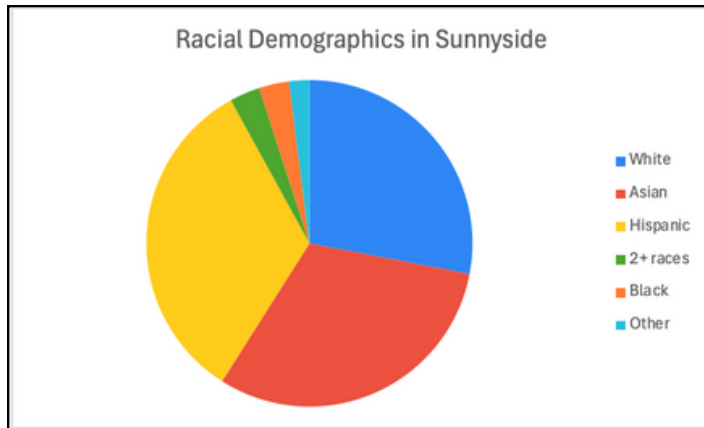
Population: 46,550
Households: 21,160
Population Density: 26,730 per sq. mile
Median Household Income: \$81,300

Kew Gardens:

Population: 19,300
Households: 8,770
Population Density: 18,250 per sq. mile
Median Household Income: \$96,100



Spring Clean-up in Sunnyside- Photo: QNS



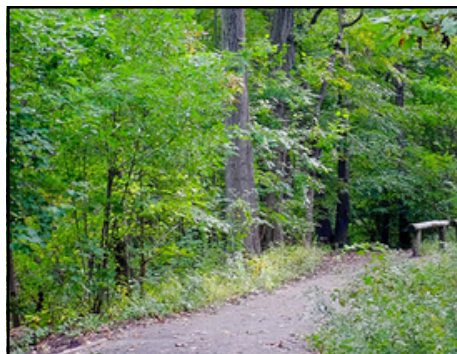
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Points of Interest



Thalia Hispanic Theatre – Photo: Tripadvisor

Thalia Hispanic Theatre in Sunnyside is the only Latin American theater in Queens. They have a variety of performances in both English and Spanish.



Forest Park – Photo: Google

Forest Park is a large park adjacent to Kew Gardens with playgrounds, hiking trails, and green spaces.



Sunnyside Greenmarket – Photo: TimeOut

Sunnyside Greenmarket is a year-round farmer's market featuring a diverse group of small farmers and local artisans.

Kew Gardens and Sunnyside, as well as adjacent neighborhoods in Queens, feature a wide variety of well-loved restaurants and businesses due to a very diverse population.

Schools

Sunnyside is in District 30, which has 52 public schools. Kew Gardens is in District 28, with 50 public schools. Both neighborhoods also have a large number of private and parochial schools within the community or very close by. Since there are so many school options, it is easy to find one that meets a student's needs. There are special needs, magnet, charter, religious, art schools, and more. For more information about public schooling, visit the DOE's website - www.schools.nyc.gov/



P.S. 150, Sunnyside Public Elementary School -
Photo: Wikipedia



Archbishop Molloy High School - Photo: Google



P.S. 99, Kew Gardens Public Elementary School -
Photo: Google

History

Sunnyside, Queens, was originally developed from farmland in the Victorian era. Some of the rich architecture of the time still remains, although the neighborhood became a diverse suburban area in the early 20th century, when it was home to some notable stars such as Mae West and Dizzy Gillespie. This further development followed the completion of the Queensboro Bridge in 1909 and the extension of the subway system also around this time. In the 1920's, Sunnyside Gardens, an area within Sunnyside, was created as one of the first planned communities in the U.S. with a variety of private gardens and parks.



Early 1900's Kew Gardens - Photo: NYPL

Kew Gardens, Queens, is home to many historical buildings and gardens. A wealthy 19th century lawyer, Albon Man, commissioned Olmstead, the famous landscape architect who designed Central Park and Prospect Park, to design gardens in the neighborhood. He also created Forest Park, the large park adjacent to Kew Gardens. In the early 20th century, the expansion of subways and roads allowed Kew Gardens to urbanize, including the development of new apartment buildings. However, many historical neo-Tudor style houses remain, giving the neighborhood a unique appearance.

Learn More About Sunnyside and Kew Gardens

[NYT: Sunnyside, Queens: The Lure of Greenery in a Pandemic](#)

[NYT: Kew Gardens: Where New York Doesn't Feel So Urban](#)

[Untapped New York: Top 10 Secrets of Kew Gardens, Queens](#)

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[Brief History Of Kew Gardens Queens](#)

[QNS: Queens is the language capital of not just NYC, but also Earth: World Economic Forum](#)

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