

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

Overview



181st St A Subway Entrance - Photo: Untapped Cities

Washington Heights is a large neighborhood in Manhattan with many sub-neighborhoods. It is in a narrow part of Manhattan with parks and views of the rivers on both sides and a significant amount of historical architecture. There are many busy streets with diverse businesses and restaurants, especially along Broadway where the 1 train runs. It is sometimes referred to as “Little Dominican Republic.” It is the site of the famous Lin-Manuel Miranda musical, “In the Heights.”



Hudson Heights - Photo: New York Times



Sylvan Terrace – Photo: New York Times

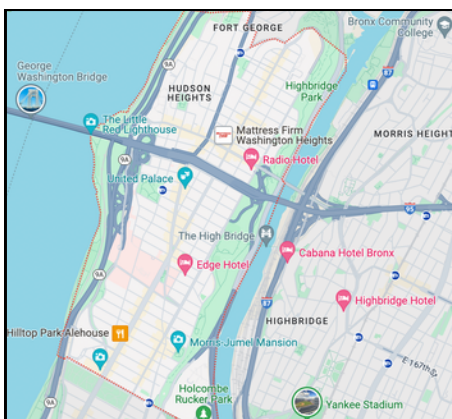


Local Ethiopian Cafe – Photo: New York Times



Audubon Park – Photo: New York Times

Location



Washington Heights Map

Washington Heights is in the northern part of Manhattan, between 155th and approximately 193rd streets. It is the location of the Columbia University Irving Medical Center and the George Washington Bridge. Audubon Park, Fort Washington/Hudson Heights, and Sylvan Terrace are three notable neighborhoods.



George Washington Bridge – Photo: New York Times

Living in Washington Heights and Working at Columbia



Washington Heights is a great community to live in and is a very easy commute to Columbia.

Commuting by Car:

- Depending where you live in Washington Heights, you could quickly drive to the Morningside or Manhattanville campuses via Riverside Drive, but public transportation would take a similar amount of time.

Commuting by Pubic Transit:

- Take the #1 train subway along Broadway to access all campuses, or you may be able to walk to the CUIMC campus.
- For more information refer to: new.mta.info/ and transportation.columbia.edu/

Commuting to: Morningside Heights & Manhattanville Campuses



12 mins

via Riverside Drive



12 mins

via 1

Commuting to: CUIMC Campus



0-5 mins

via city streets



0-10 mins

via 1 or walking

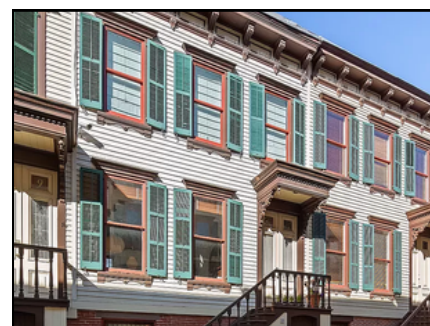
Real Estate and Housing



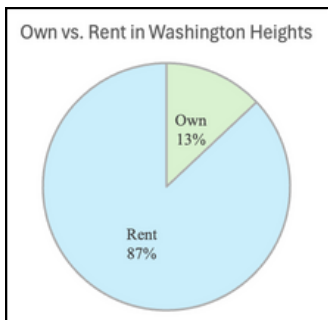
An Apartment Building in Washington Heights
– Photo: Zillow



Interior of an Apartment in Washington Heights
– Photo: Zillow



A Single-Family Home in Washington Heights
– Photo: Zillow



Most Washington Heights residents rent an apartment.

Prices to purchase range from:

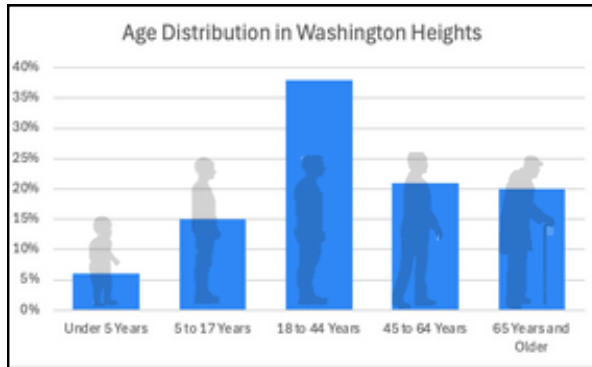
\$225,000 - \$2,150,000 for apartments

Median Home Value: \$553,000

Median List Price/square foot: \$670

Average Rent: \$2,740

Demographics



Population: 127,600

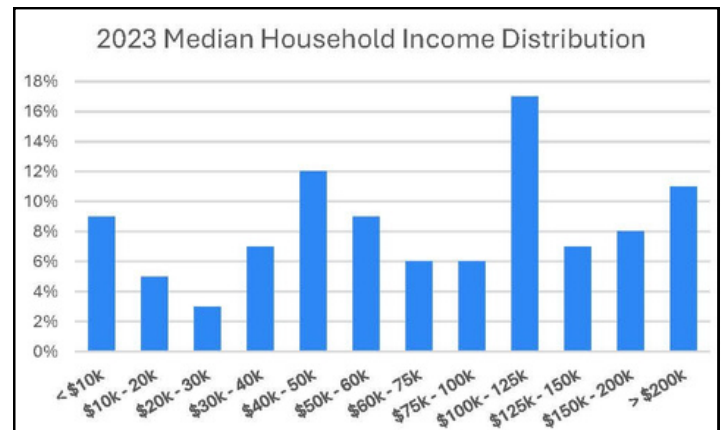
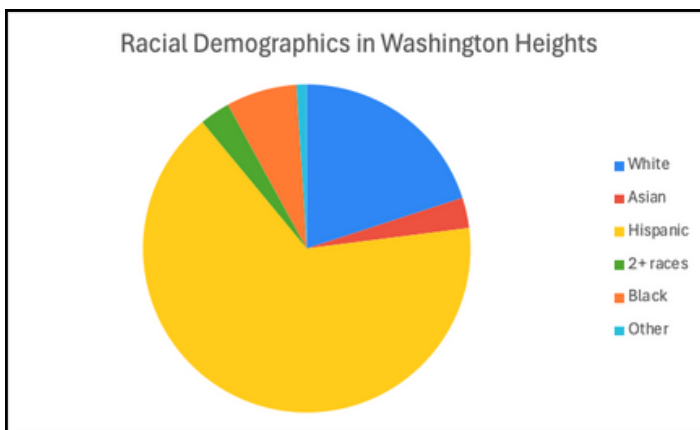
Households: 52,130

Population Density: 68,800
per sq. mile

2023 Median Household
income: \$61,530



Fort Tryon Park - Photo: New York Times



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

Points of Interest



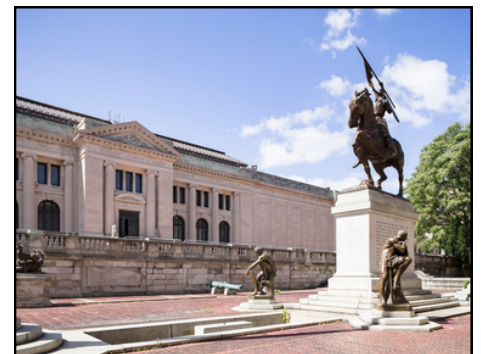
Morris-Jumel Mansion – Photo: New York Times

The Morris-Jumel Mansion is the oldest surviving house in Manhattan, and is now a museum. It served as George Washington's headquarters during the American Revolution.



Little Red Lighthouse and Fort Washington Park –
Photo: NYC Parks

Under the George Washington Bridge and along the Hudson, Fort Washington Park offers walking and bike paths, playgrounds, and scenic overlooks, as well as the children's-book-famous Little Red Lighthouse.



The Hispanic Society of America – Photo: WSJ

The Hispanic Society of America is a museum and library for arts and literature from Spain, Portugal and Latin America.

With a variety of smaller neighborhoods and parks, Washington Heights offers a range of interesting locations and different building styles.

Schools

Washington Heights is in Manhattan's school District 6. There are a large number of public and charter schools available, as well as easy access to other New York City options. A number of the public schools have dual language Spanish-English programs.



Dos Puentes Elementary School - Photo: Google



School in the Square Charter School - Photo: Google



Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School - Photo: Google

History

The area of Washington Heights was originally inhabited by the Wiechquaesgeck, a Lenape tribe, until Dutch colonists conquered the area. During the Revolutionary War, this land was primarily used for Fort Washington in defense against the British Army. In the 1800s, wealthy New Yorkers had land and houses there, including the famous nature painter John James Audubon. Part of the area he owned is now referred to as Audubon Park. In the early 1900s, as settlers expanded upwards in Manhattan, Washington Heights developed quickly and became a home for immigrant groups such as the Irish escaping the Potato Famine, and later, German Jews escaping the Nazi regime.



Fort Washington Point, 1918 - Photo: NYPL Digital

At this time, Washington Heights was home to Hilltop Stadium, the first American professional baseball stadium, where the CUIMC campus now stands. In the mid-20th century, the neighborhood was home to many famous jazz musicians, including Duke Ellington. In 1965, Washington Heights was the site of the assassination of Malcolm X. More recently, Latin American immigrants, especially those from the Dominican Republic, have become the predominant population.

Learn More About Washington Heights

[NYT: Washington Heights: The 'Last Bastion of Affordability' in Manhattan](#)

[NYT: Audubon Park, From Hinterlands to Urban Density](#)

[NYT: Hudson Heights: A Hidden Gem, Gaining Popularity](#)

[NYC Tourism: Washington Heights & Inwood](#)

[MTA Away: Have You Been? A Guide to Washington Heights and Inwood](#)

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