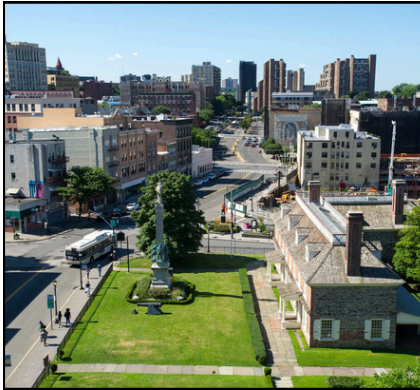


YONKERS, NEW YORK

Overview



Downtown – Photo: New York Times

Yonkers is a diverse city directly north of the Bronx. With a mix of apartments and single family homes, and a wide variety of neighborhoods, Yonkers provides many options for people looking for a less densely populated area with an easy commute into New York City. With new buildings and parks, the city's downtown area is developing and attracting new residents.



Yonkers City Hall – Photo: New York Times



Xavier's on the Hudson – Photo: New York by Rail

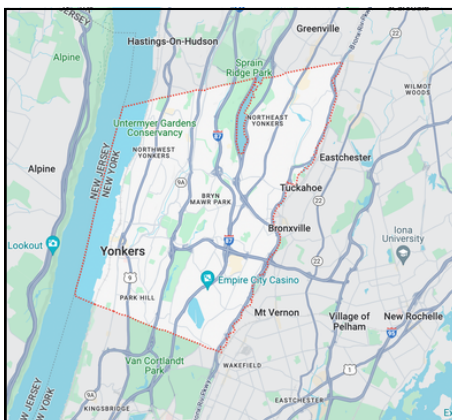


Welcome Sign – Photo: Google



Historic House in Yonkers – Photo: New York Times

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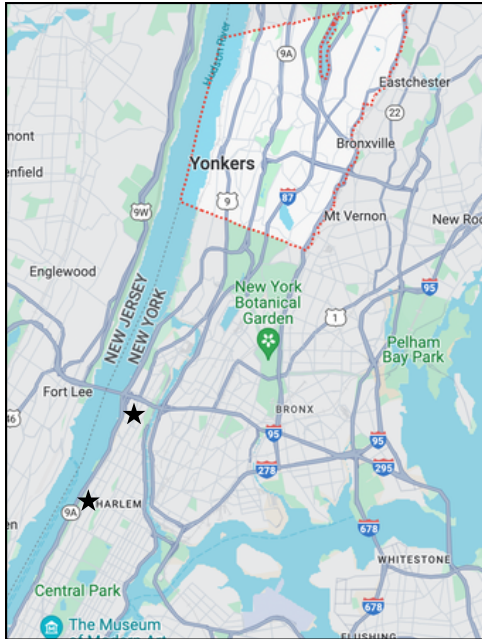
Yonkers Map

Yonkers borders Riverdale and Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, directly to the north. It is the most populous city in Westchester County. Yonkers includes both more urban and more suburban neighborhoods. It is west of Bronxville, Mt. Vernon, and New Rochelle, and south of Hastings-on-Hudson. The west side of the city borders the Hudson River with views of the Palisades.



Tibbetts Brook Park - Photo: Google

Living in Yonkers and Working at Columbia



Commuting to Columbia

Commuting by Car:

- Traffic during rush hour can be heavy on the Henry Hudson Parkway near the George Washington Bridge; however, other than that it is a quick drive to the Morningside, Manhattanville and CUIMC campuses.

Commuting by Public Transit:

- Public transit is very efficient from Yonkers. You can take the Metro-North Railroad to Marble Hill, 225th Street and then transfer to the #1 subway. For the Morningside and Manhattanville campuses, a similar-speed option is to take the Metro-North Railroad down to Harlem, 125th Street and then take the M60-SBS bus.
- For more information refer to: mta.info/mnr and transportation.columbia.edu/

Commuting to: Morningside Heights & Manhattanville Campuses



25-55 mins

via Henry Hudson Pkwy



45 mins

via MNR & M60-SBS or 1

Commuting to: CUIMC Campus



20-50 mins

via Henry Hudson Pkwy



35 mins

via MNR & 1 or Bx7

Real Estate and Housing



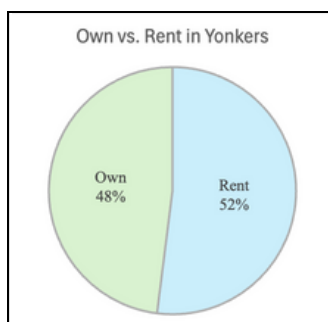
A House in Yonkers – Photo: Zillow



An Apartment Building in Yonkers – Photo: Zillow



A House in Yonkers – Photo: Zillow



Almost half of Yonkers residents own their own homes, ranging from:

\$350,000 - \$1,000,000 for a single-family house

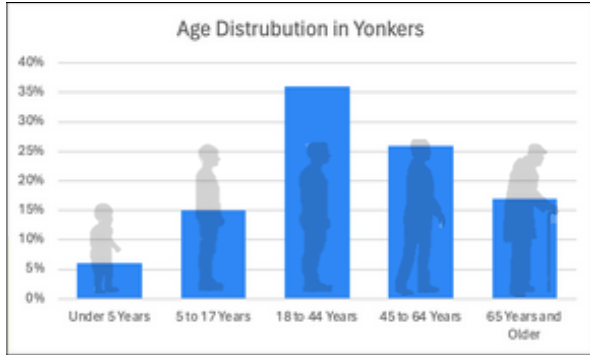
\$140,000 - \$790,000 for apartments and townhouses

Median Home Value: \$300,000

Median List Price/square foot: \$256

Average Rent: \$3,450

Demographics



Population: 208,110

Households: 81,470

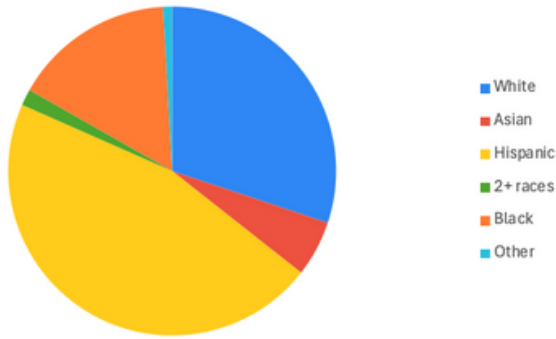
Population Density: 11,560
per sq. mile

2022 Median Household:
income: \$68,460

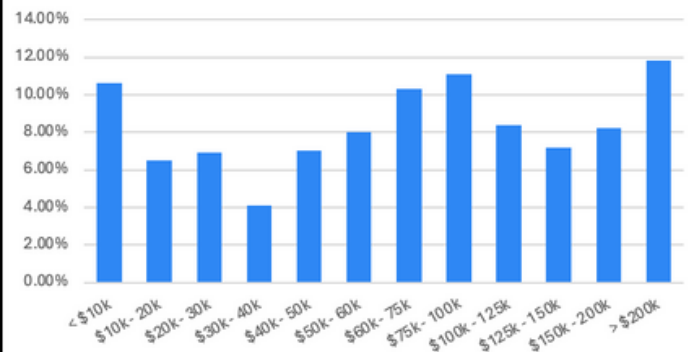


Downtown Yonkers - Photo: Wall Street Journal

Racial Demographics in Yonkers



2022 Median Household Income Distribution



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

Points of Interest



Undermyer Park and Gardens– Photo: The Cultural Landscape Foundation

Undermyer Park and Gardens is a historic public park and former estate. With beautiful views, rich gardens, and public performances, this park is a destination spot in Yonkers.



Tibbetts Brook Park– Photo: Westchester Magazine

With woodlands, pools, sports fields, playgrounds, and more, this large park in Yonkers is a popular spot for both families and outdoor enthusiasts.



Hudson River Museum – Photo: Wikipedia

The largest museum in Westchester, the Hudson River Museum offers both traditional and modern art galleries, as well as planetarium shows and educational opportunities.

Schools

The Yonkers public school district has 40 public schools, and utilizes a school choice process which takes both location and ranking into account. While some schools are stronger than others, there are many options to choose from. There are also a number of private and parochial options, including those in nearby areas such as Riverdale or Bronxville. For more information on public schools see: <https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/>.



Pearls Hawthorne School - Photo: Google



Yonkers Middle/High School - Photo: Google



Yonkers Montessori Academy - Photo: Google

History

Yonkers was originally inhabited by Algonquin, Mohegan and Manhattes Native Americans. In the 1600's, after the arrival of Henry Hudson, the Saw Mill River, which flows through Yonkers, powered a mill belonging to a Dutch man named Adrian Van der Donck. His nickname was De Jonkheer, leading to the name, "Yonkers." The name stuck even after the land was taken over by the British.



Otis Elevator Factory, 1968 – Photo: Otis Elevator Co., on X (formerly Twitter)

In 1790, after the Revolutionary War, Yonkers was formally defined as a town in Westchester. As industrialization grew, many factories were housed in Yonkers, including one for the famous Otis elevator company. This high level of industry also led to many local inventions, such as FM radio. In 1867, Yonkers was declared a city. Today, it is diverse and growing, now the third most populous city in the state.

Learn More About Yonkers

NYT: [Lawrence Park West, Yonkers: Affluent Setting, Without the Price Tag](#)
NYT: [Park Hill, Yonkers, N.Y.: A 'Secret Neighborhood' Overlooking the Bronx](#)
NYT: [Downtown Yonkers: A Cleaner, Greener Place to Call Home](#)
[WSJ: Is Yonkers Ready For Its Renaissance?](#)

[City of Yonkers Website](#)
[Yonkers Chamber of Commerce: Early Yonkers History](#)

[Westchester Magazine: Tibbetts Brook Park Is a Delightful Destination in Westchester](#)
[The Atlas Obscura Guide To Yonkers](#)
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