

SUMMIT LAKE

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Joint Land Use / Neighborhood Task Force

July 15, 2021



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A scenic view of a lake with a wooden pier extending into the water under a clear blue sky. The pier is made of dark wood and has a metal railing. The water is calm and reflects the sky and the surrounding greenery. In the background, there are trees and a few buildings on a hill.

Welcome!

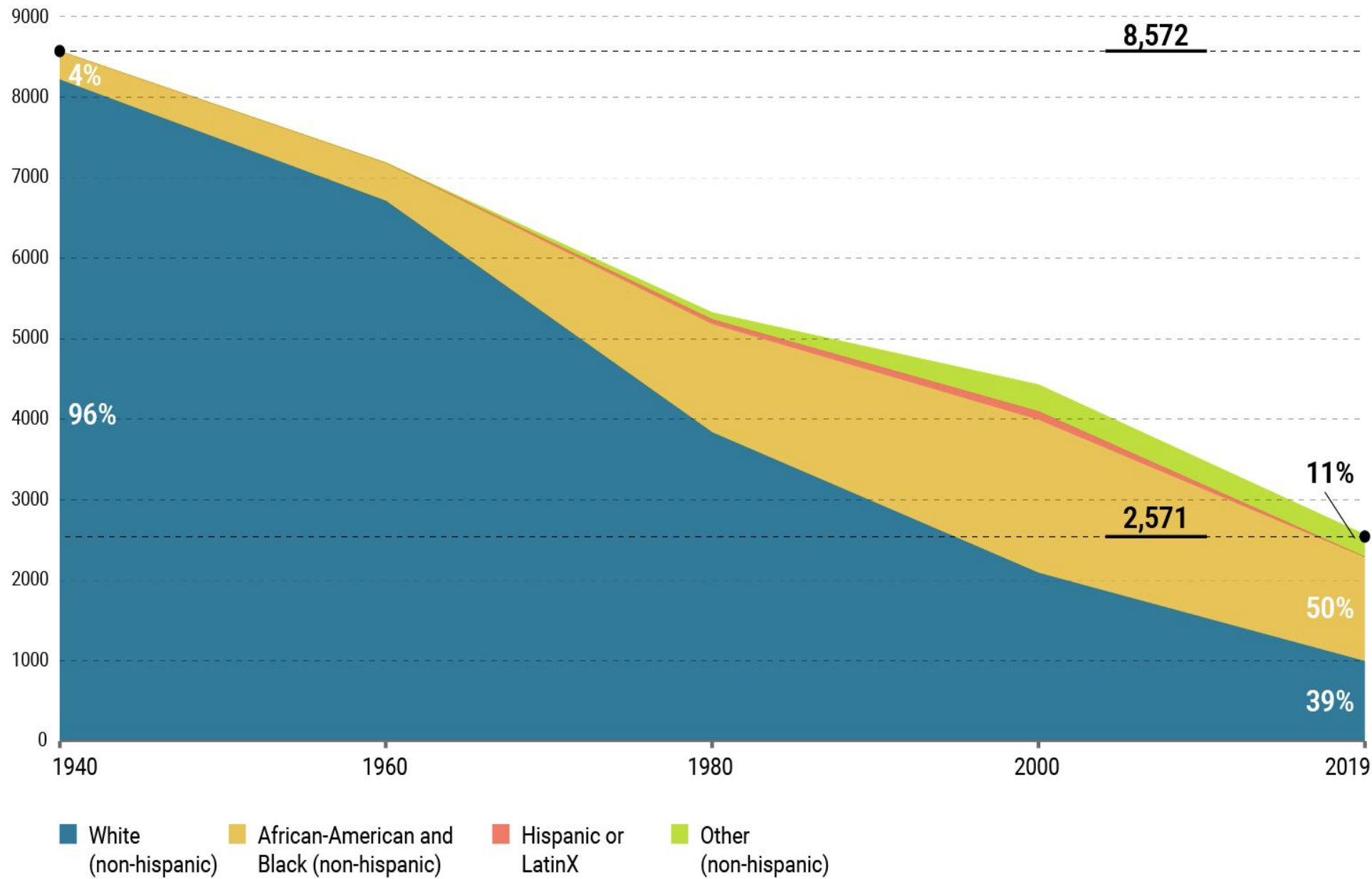
Today's Agenda

- Choice Neighborhoods update
- Akron Civic Commons update
- Land Use Plan update

Choice Activities to Date

- On-going review of neighborhood conditions
- **86** Summit Lake Apartments surveys completed
- **66** Neighborhood surveys completed
- **35+** interviews with residents, service providers + stakeholders
- Summit Lake Choice Neighborhoods webpage live on Akron Civic Commons website





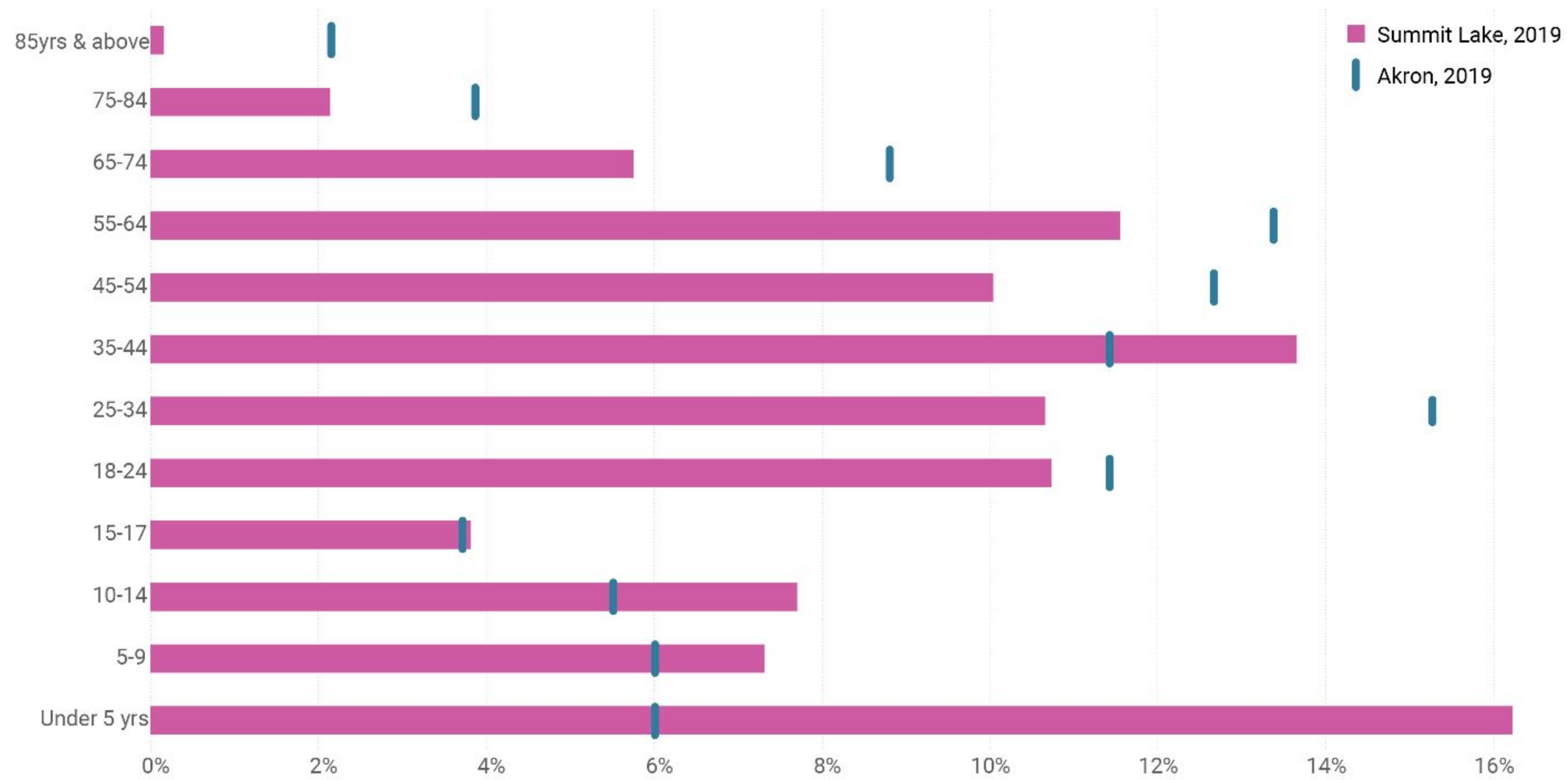
Since 1940, Summit Lake has lost **70%** of its population compared to Akron's decrease of **19%**

Source : Social Explorer, (U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2019)

Summit Lake* residents are younger than the city as a whole

*Summit Lake refers to the Choice boundary census tracts (5053, 5056)

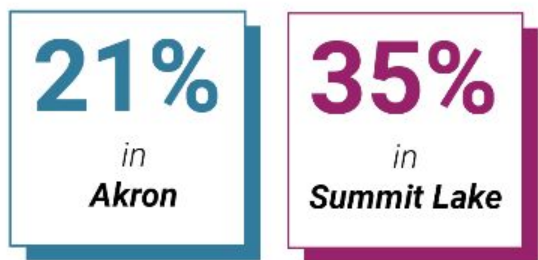
Age Distribution



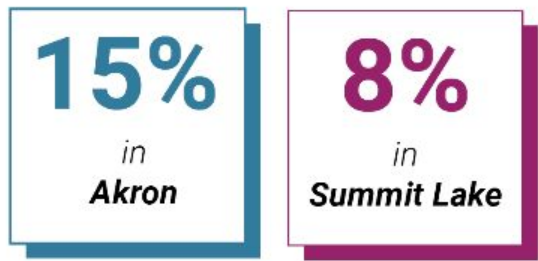
Median Age in 2019



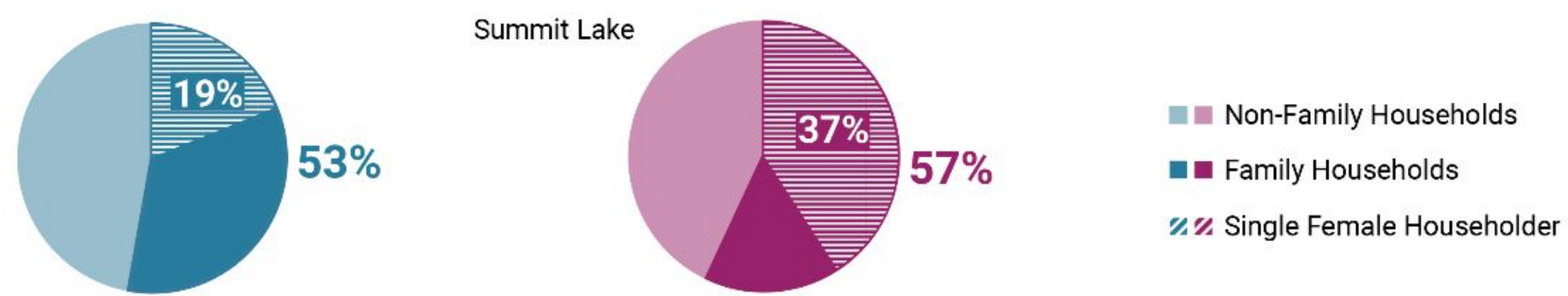
Percentage of population Under 18 years of age



Percentage of population 65 years or older of age



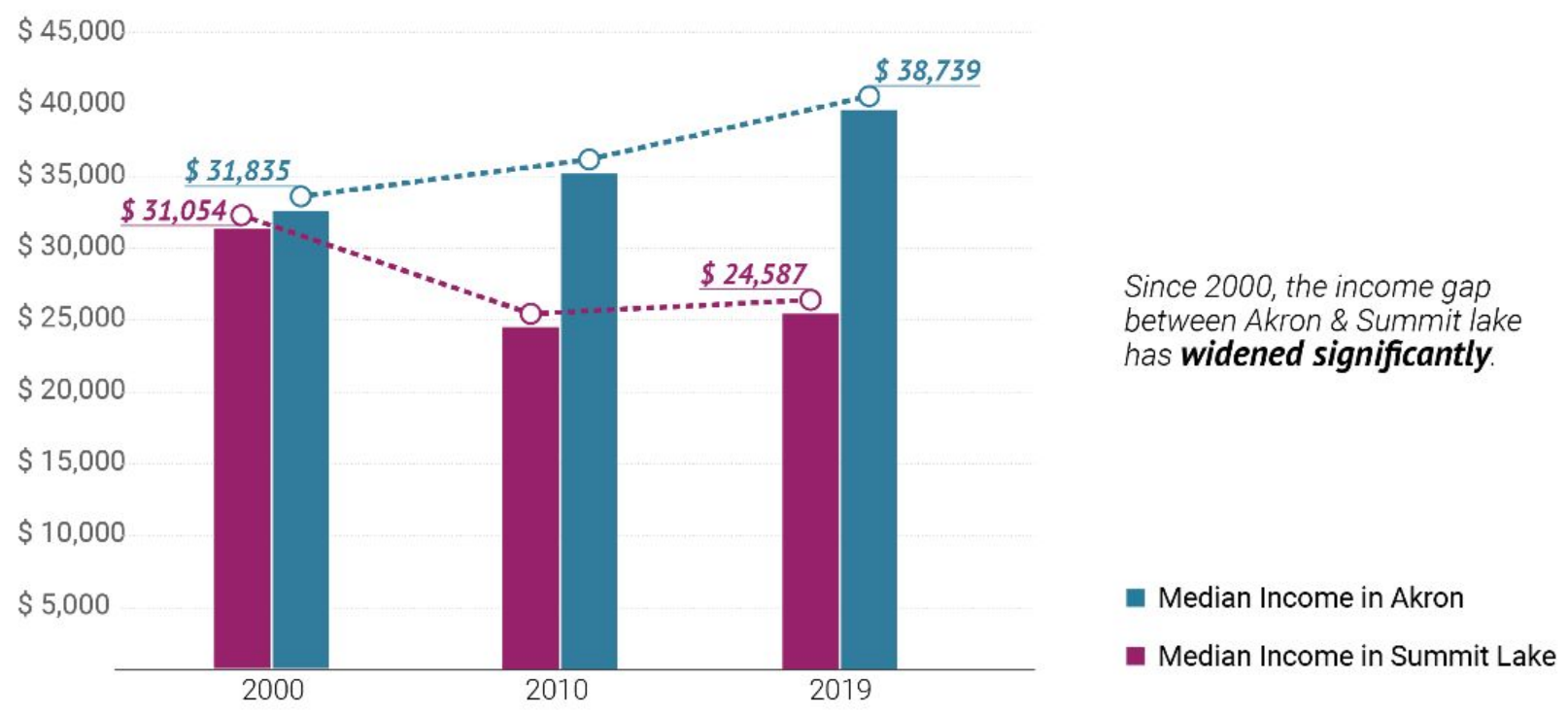
Family and Household Composition



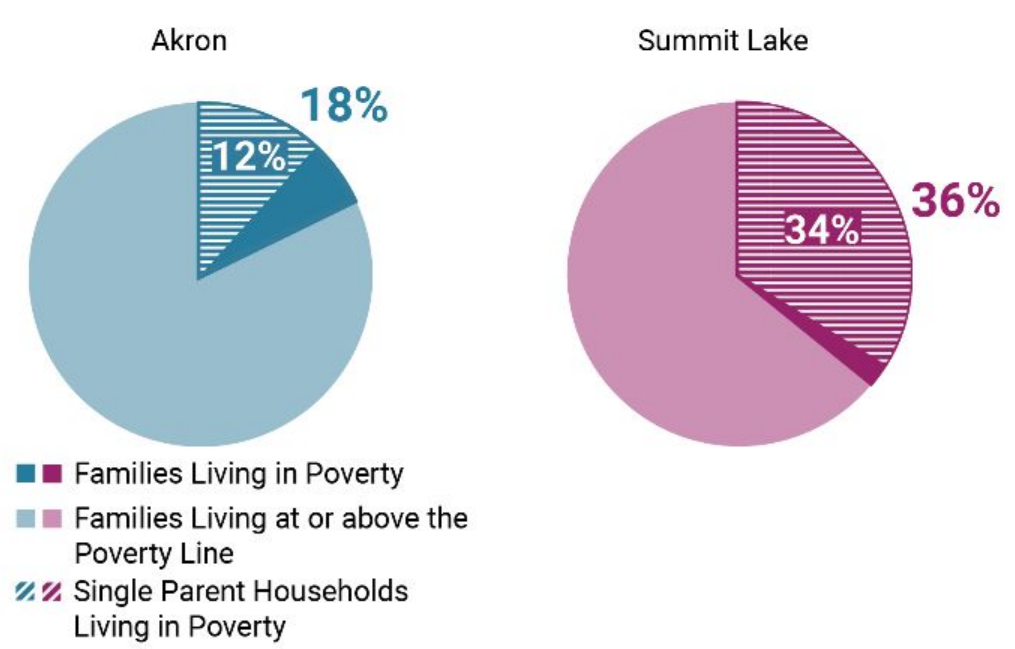
There are almost twice as many single female households in Summit Lake as in the city as a whole

Source : Social Explorer (U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2019 and 2010); Census Tracts 5053 and 5056

Summit Lake residents are twice as likely to live in poverty and their incomes have been trending downward



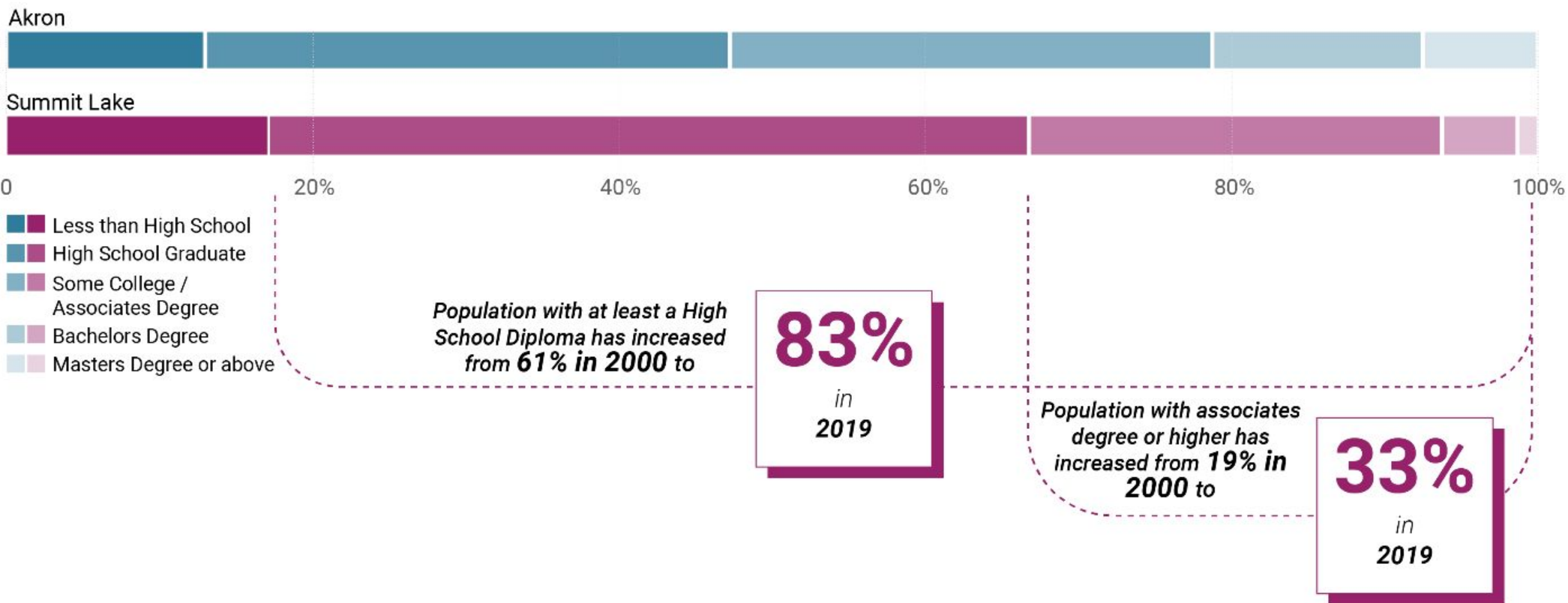
Percentage of **Families & Single Parent Households with Child** living in Poverty



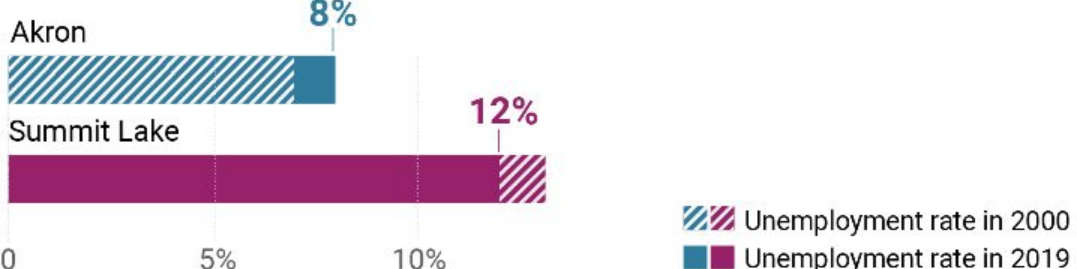
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Overall, Summit Lake residents have been closing the educational and employment gap with the city, but racial disparities exist

Educational Attainment in 2019

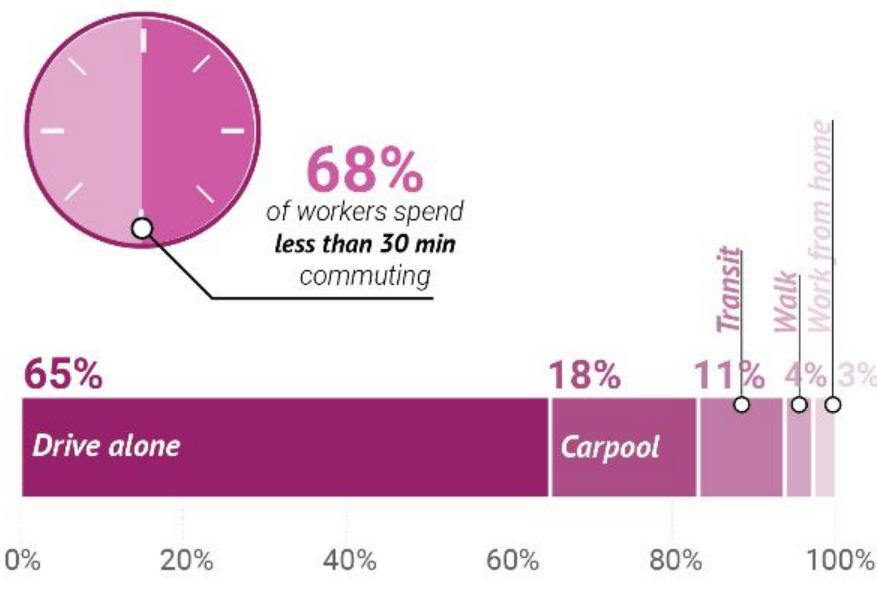


Unemployment in 2000 & 2019

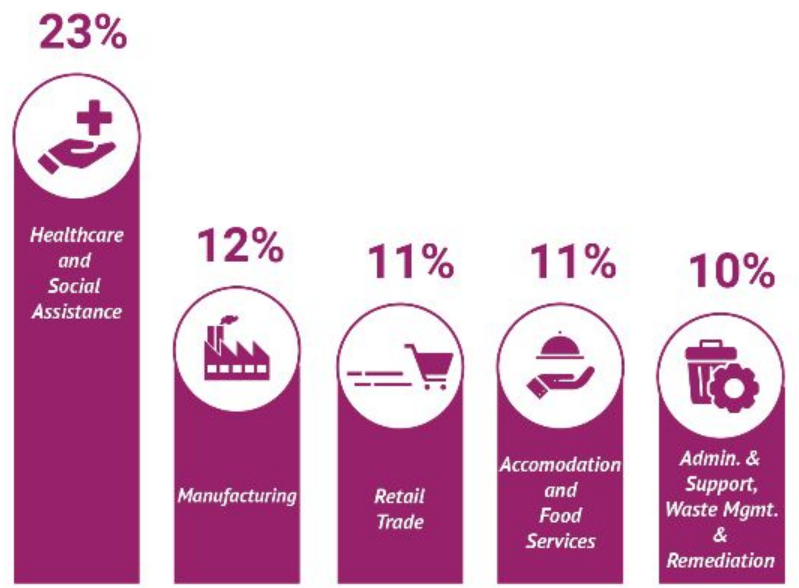


Since 2000, the unemployment rate in Summit Lake has been **declining**, however the rate for Black residents has **increased** from 18% to 20%.

Commuting Patterns in 2018



Employment by Industry in 2018



Source : Social Explorer (U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2019 and 2010); Census Tracts 5053 and 5056

Summit Lake has lost a significant amount of housing. Renters make up a larger portion of the households and are more at risk of housing instability.

Housing Units



Summit Lake has lost
26%
of its **housing units** since 2000
in Akron this number is
1%

Home Ownership and Rentals

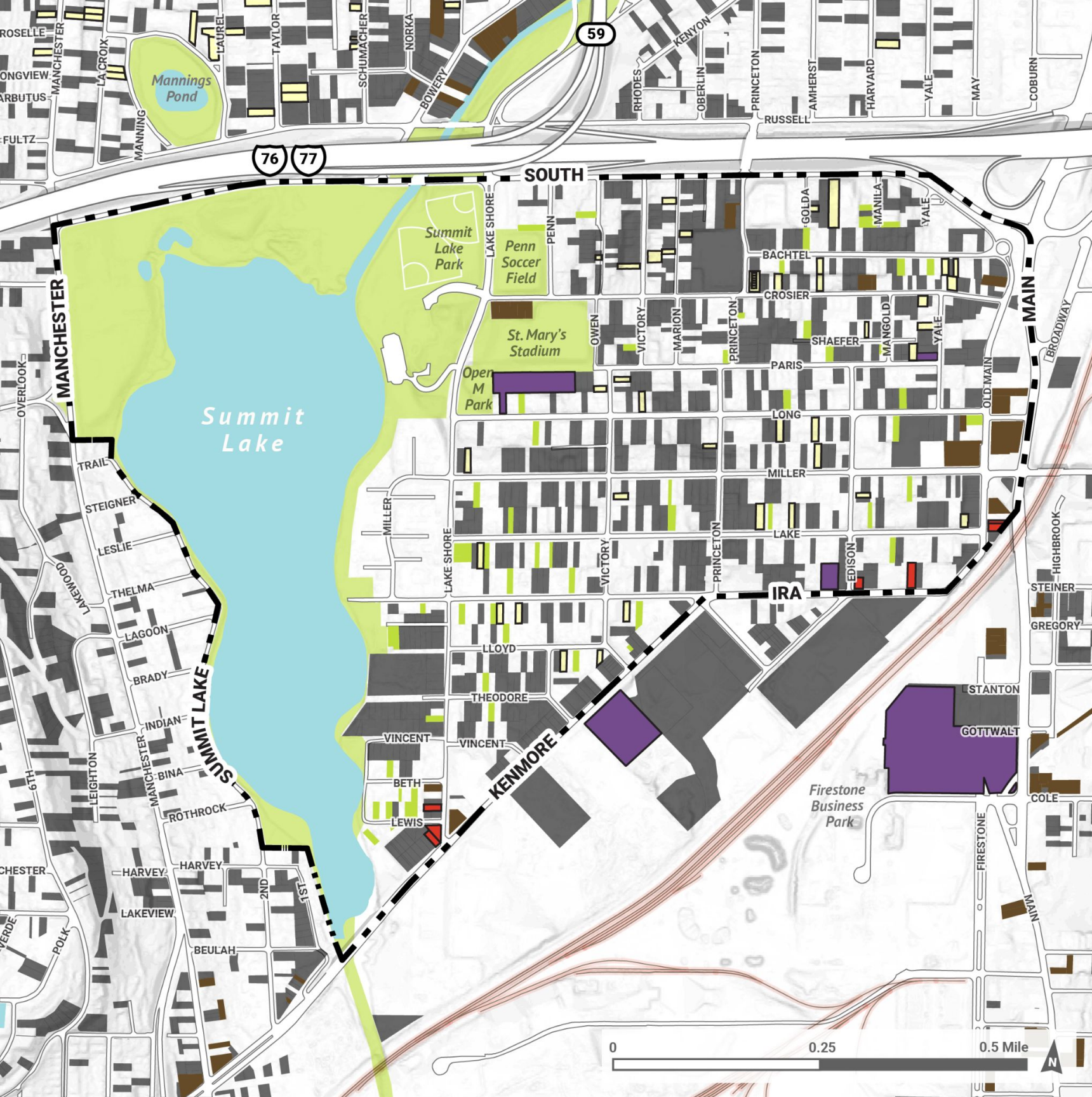
Summit Lake has
33%
owner occupied housing
in Akron this number is
50%



Summit Lake has
67%
renter occupied housing
in Akron this number is
50%

49%
of renters in Summit Lake spend
30% or higher
of their gross household income
on rent

Source : Social Explorer (U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2019 and 2010); Census Tracts 5053 and 5056

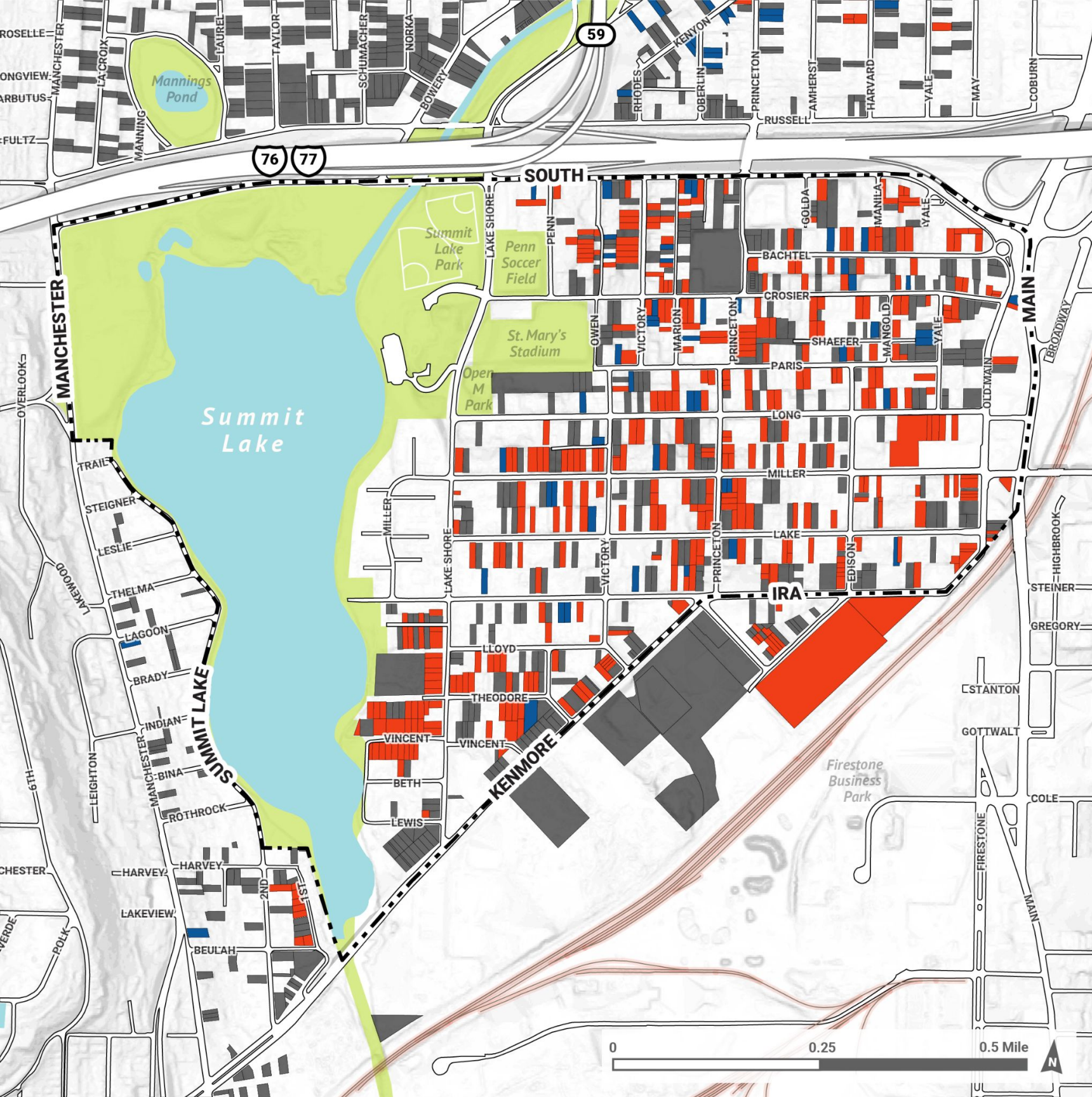


There are 83 acres of vacant land [63 football fields] & 54 vacant buildings in the Choice Study Area [44 are residential]

Vacant Land and Buildings, 2021

Source: City of Akron GIS, Akron Fiscal Office

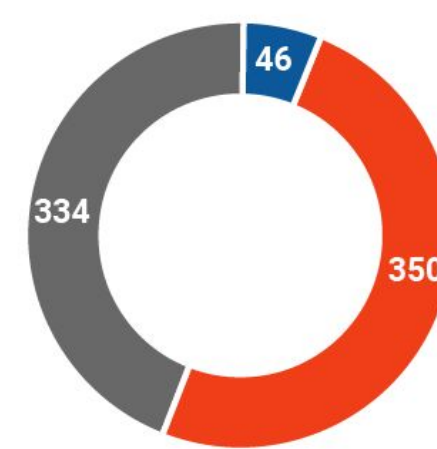
-  Choice Study Area
-  Vacant Residential Building
-  Vacant Commercial Building
-  Vacant Industrial Building
-  Vacant Land
-  Parking Lot
-  Side Yard



Over half of the vacant property is public owned

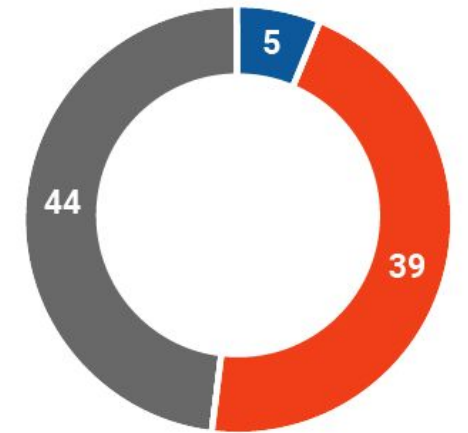
Parcels By Ownership

793 Total Parcels



Land Area By Ownership

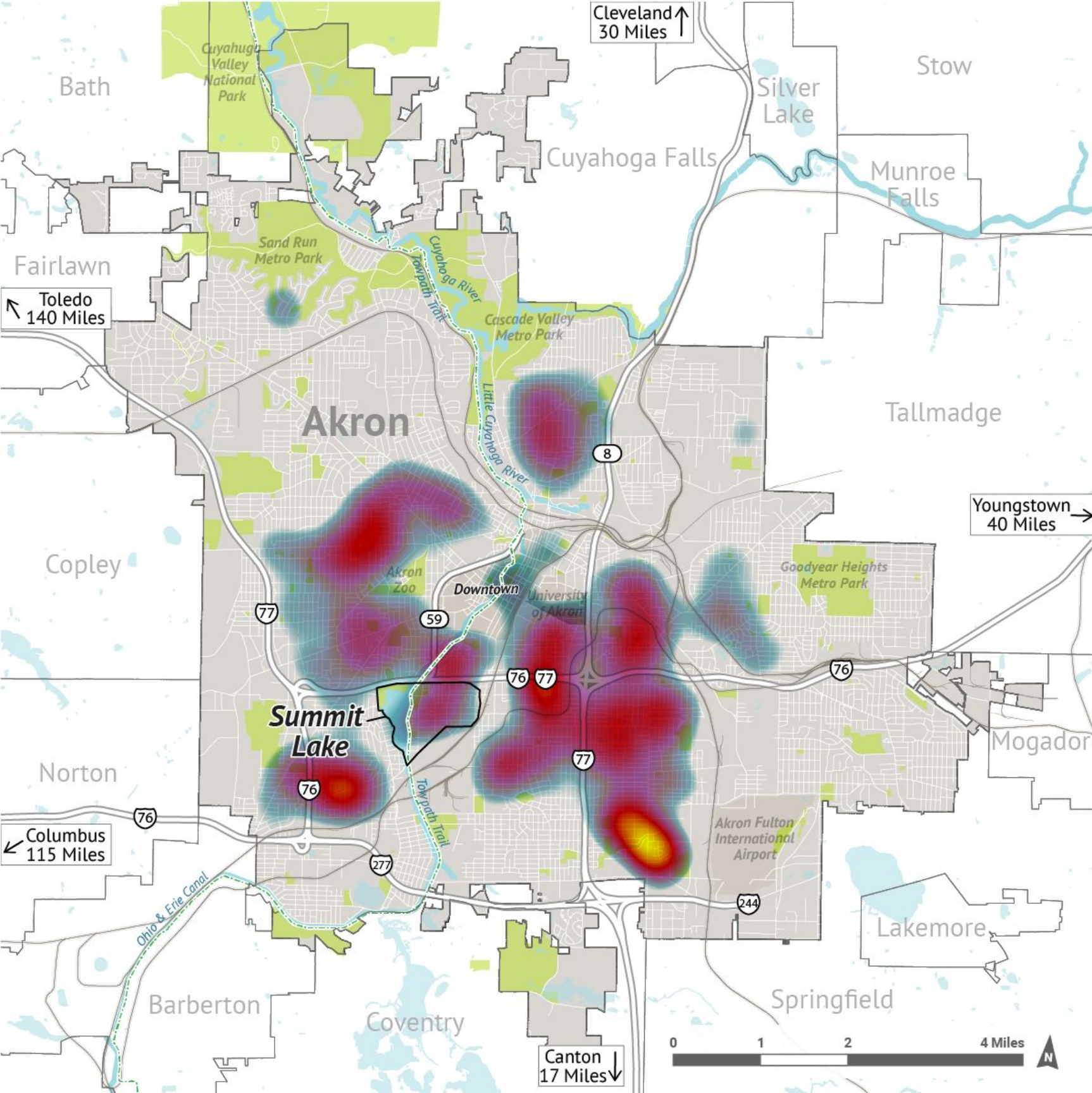
89 Total Acres



Vacancy by Ownership, 2021

Source: City of Akron GIS, Akron Fiscal Office

- Choice Study Area
- Lake/River/Pond
- Parks/Open Space
- Railroad
- Privately Owned - Vacant
- Summit County Land Bank - Vacant
- City of Akron - Vacant



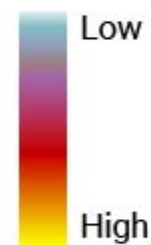
The neighborhood is impacted by violent crime, at **almost twice the rate** as the city.

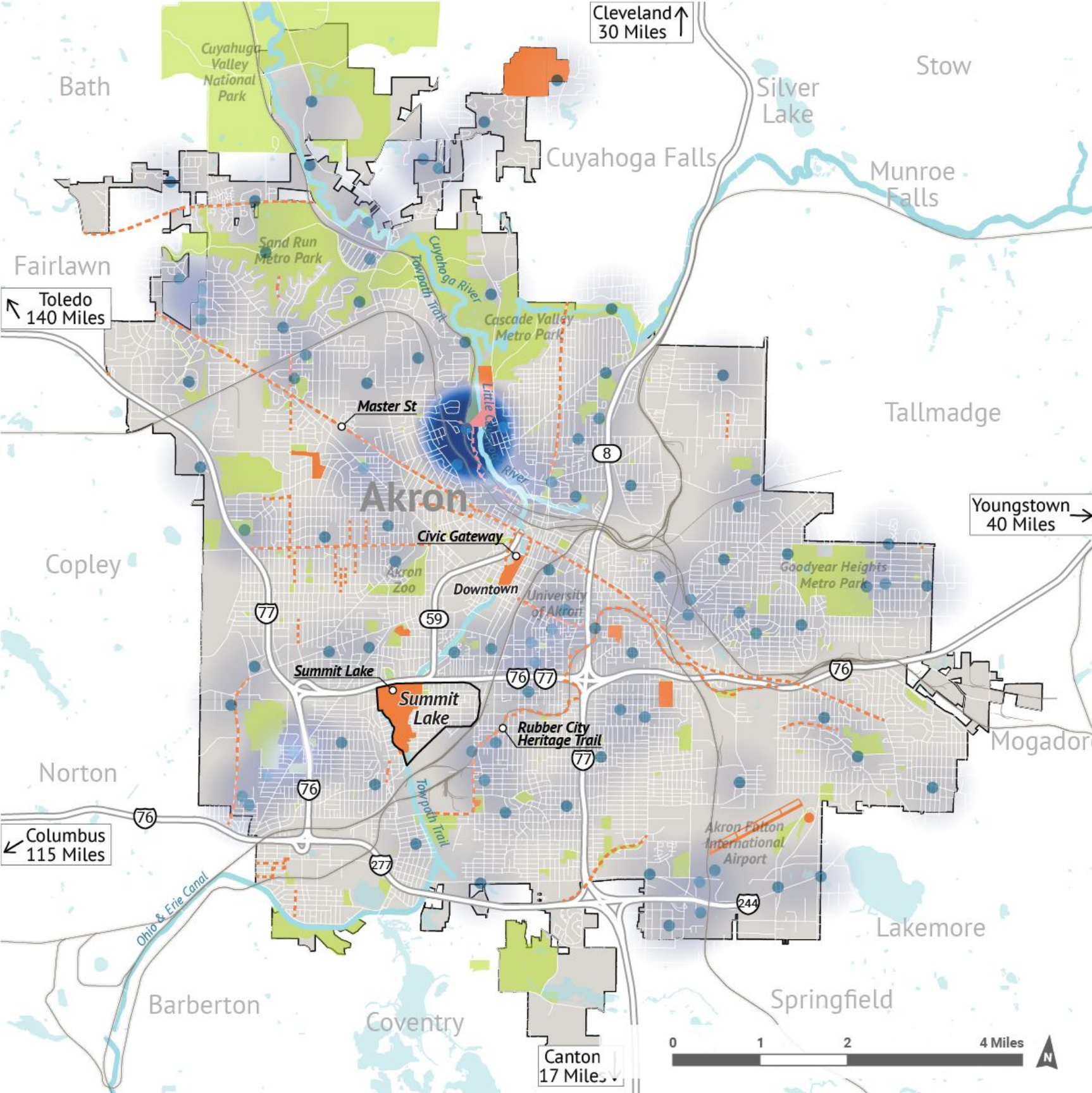
Summit Lake: 255/1000 residents
City of Akron: 126/1000 residents

Incidents of Violent Crime, 2018 - 2021

Source: City of Akron GIS

Choice Study Area













140 new construction permits have been issued in Akron since 2016...but none were in Summit Lake

Recent and Proposed Investments 2016 - Present

Source: City of Akron GIS, Akron Fiscal Office

-  Choice Study Area
-  Lake/River/Pond
-  Parks/Open Space
-  Existing Towpath Trail
-  Railroad
-  Capital Improvement Plan Investments
-  New Construction Permits Issued Between 2016 - 2021
-  Key Projects

Help us spread the word!



SHARE YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE



SUMMIT LAKE
COMMUNITY
WORKSHOP

Drop in **WHEN** and **WHERE** it is most convenient for you.
Come any time between 4 and 7pm
at one of the locations below:

- 1 Reach Opportunity Center**
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Overview of workshop activities

WELCOME TO THE **SUMMIT LAKE** COMMUNITY WORKSHOP!



A CHANCE TO WIN \$25!

To be entered into the raffle you must collect **three stamps** from completing the activities below:

1. WRITE YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY OF SUMMIT LAKE

2. SHOW US ON THE COLLABORATIVE MAP

3. GIVE A SPINWHEEL TESTIMONIAL

4. FILL OUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY
(this one is worth two stamps!)

Your Name:

Email OR phone number:

YOU MUST include your contact information above to be eligible to win!

Once you've collected your stamps, return this card to the sign in station and you will be contacted if you win.

Akron Civic Commons Update

- Summit Lake Nature Center - grand opening on July 1
- Ohio & Erie Canal, Summit Lake Trail - design plans 70% complete





Overview of Our Summit Lake Engagement Actions Timeline



TODAY

- PHASE 1: ASSESSING EXISTING CONDITIONS
- PHASE 2: UNDERSTANDING OPTIONS
- PHASE 3: REFINING THE PLAN



Overview of Our Summit Lake Community Events



Resident Advisory Board Mtg 1.0
18 Attendees

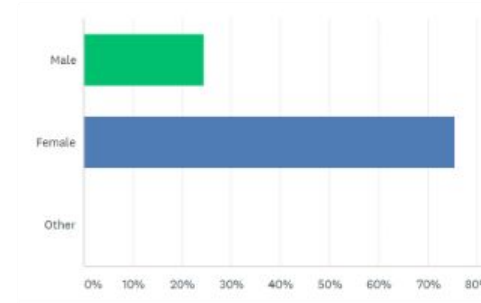


Neighborhood Walks Event
30 Attendees

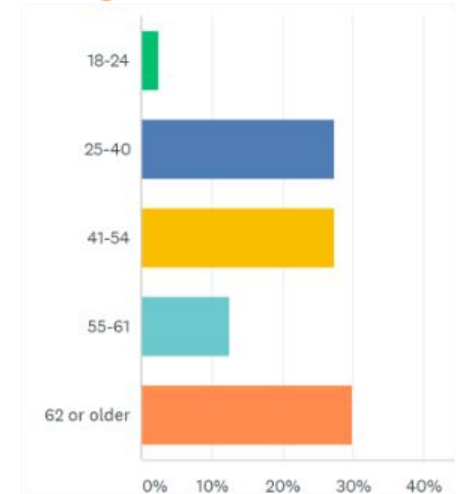


Neighborhood Survey
66 Responses

Gender



Age





OUR SUMMIT LAKE

Neighborhood Walks Event

May 27th, 2021



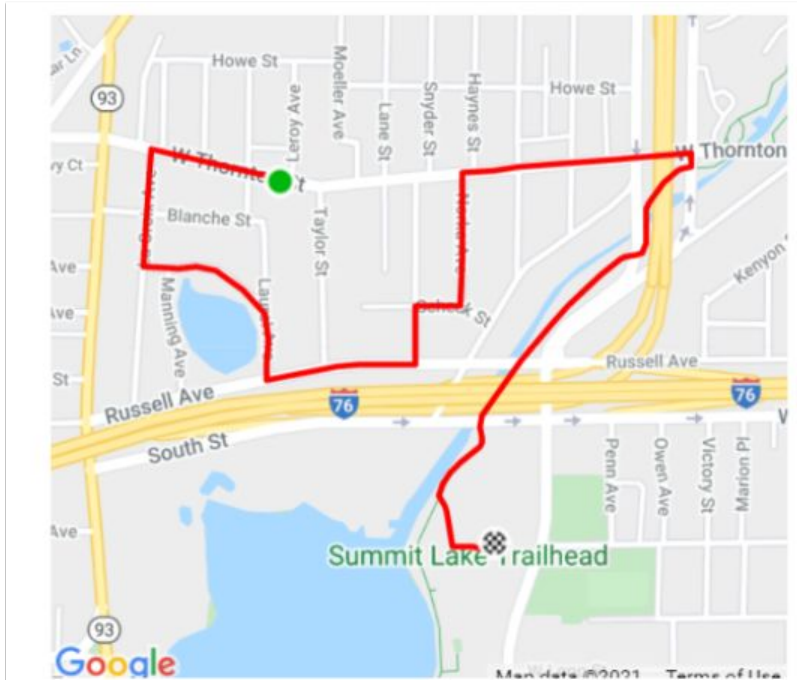


Neighborhood Walks

3 Routes

North Route

1.85 miles

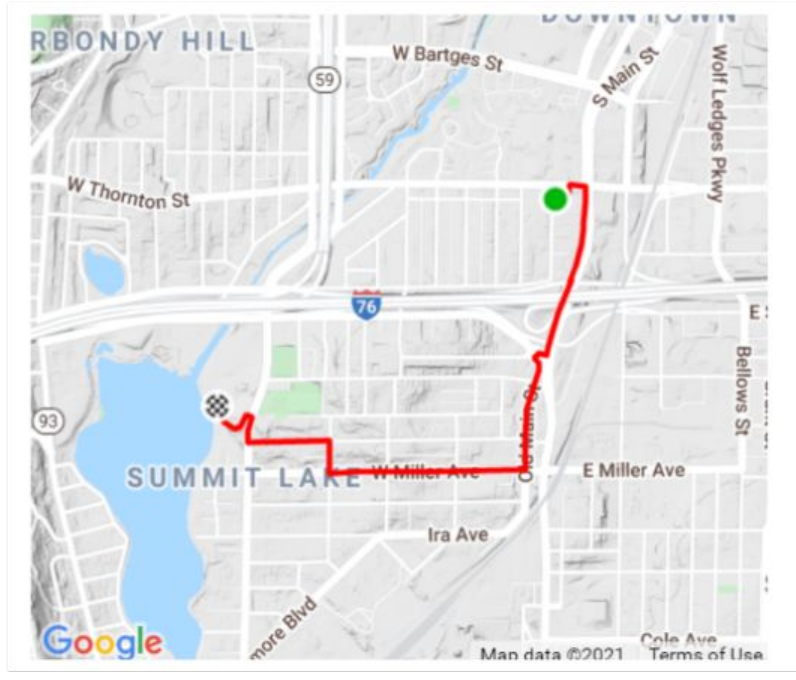


Begin at Roush's Market (554 Thornton)

Directions: West to La Croix; South to Parkdale; Manning Pond to Russell; East to Schumacher; North to Scheck; East to Norka; North to Thornton; West to Towpath Trail; South to Community Center.

Central Route

1.66 miles



Begin at Aldi (772 Main)

Directions: Begin Aldi's; East to Main; South to Roundabout; South on Old Main to Miller; West to Victory; North to Long; West to Lakeshore; North to Reach Center Driveway.

South Route

1.65 miles



Begin and end at Community Center.

Directions: Towpath Trail south to Lewis; East to Lakeshore; North to Theodore; East to Akins; North to Lloyd; East to Victory; North to Miller; West to Summit Lake Apartments; North to Community Center.



Community Feedback Themes

MORE LAKE ACCESS

Amenities at South end, lighting, grills by the water.

RETAIL AMENITIES

Grocery store, pharmacy, barber shop, local business.

CORNER STORES

Fill a neighborhood need. "It's close and safe."

AMHA

Better communication, drug dealing, air conditioning.

TRANSIT

Routes have been cut, more bus shelters, frequency.

SAFETY

Crosswalks at Lakeshore Blvd, sex offenders, stigma.

VACANT LOT REUSE

Infill housing, picnic area with local food trucks.

EXISTING HOUSING

"Can we rehab more houses, instead of demolition?"

STREET TREES

Several attractive streets with mature tree canopy.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITION

Litter, edges feel like barriers, more public art.

STREET DESIGN

Flooding, dangerous intersections, speeding.

SIDEWALK CONDITIONS

"Conditions doesn't matter if there's nowhere to walk."

Next Steps

- **Workshop July 20 at the Reach Opportunity Center and July 21 at the Front Porch Fellowship**
- **Completion of Summit Lake Apartments resident and Summit Lake neighborhood surveys**

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