

Community Background Report

Alhambra Heights

County

Miami-Dade

Boundaries

North: Northwest 125th Street

South: Northwest 119th Street (City of Miami Boundary)

West: Northwest 6th Avenue

East: Northwest 2nd Avenue

Community Type

Neighborhood

History

Alhambra Heights is a neighborhood of one square quarter mile, located in the City of North Miami. The community is contained by the jagged city boundary, which divides neighborhood blocks from Northwest 119th Street and is met by Interstate 95 (I-95) on its western boundary. This is an economically mixed neighborhood, with some properties costing more than double the amount of neighboring properties. This neighborhood is a mix of mostly single-family homes built in the 1950s and 1960s.

Residents have been building community cohesiveness in order to make their neighborhood safer. Block parties for the area's Crime Watch Association have been held, increasing the number of members in attendance. Residents are attempting to stop what are mostly property crimes occurring along Northwest 6th, 5th, and 4th Avenues. Properties in these areas are located along roads with thru traffic. There are residents interested in road closures to reduce the rate of crime.

Since 1995, there have been no major housing developments in the area. What construction there has been is commercial, along Northwest 119th and 125th Streets. The City of North Miami has installed traffic signals along these roads as they intersect with Northwest 5th, 4th, and 2nd Avenues. The County Commission District 2 was helpful in petitioning for sound barriers along I-95 and landscaping along Northwest 6th Avenue.

In comparison with many of the surrounding neighborhoods, Alhambra Heights has few businesses and offices. Current zoning indicates that the neighborhood will remain mostly residential into the near future, especially the southernmost portions, south of Northwest 121st Street.

Community Dynamics

Alhambra Heights has a population of 3,607, 71% of which are of working age, from 18 to 64. The average per capita income of \$17,326 is much lower than Miami-Dade County's average per capita income of \$28,823. The population is 25.87% Hispanic, 22.2% White, 70.78% Black, and 6.43% Other. A non-English language is spoken by 11.69% of the population. Regarding education level, 63.6% of the population has less than a high school education, which is lower than Miami-Dade County's 48.86%. Foreign-born individuals make up 46.19% of the population, and 61.22% of the population are naturalized citizens, while 38.78% are not US citizens. Out of the foreign-born population, 58.44% are from the Caribbean.

Business Landscape

Alhambra Heights has very few commercial properties, and these are located on major roads, serving thru traffic. A Montessori school, a Greek Orthodox Church, and Barry University are all institutions located in the neighborhood, and at various times these institutions host public meetings. Abutting the neighborhood boundaries is a strip mall at the intersection of Miami Avenue and Northwest 119th Street, with a small grocery and other retail and service businesses.

Transportation

The main streets of Alhambra Heights are those that form the boundaries of the neighborhood, Northwest 125th Street (SR 922) on the northern boundary, and NW 119th Street (SR 924) on the southern boundary. Alhambra Heights is served by Miami-Dade Transit bus #19, which runs along NW 125th Street.

The NoMi Express free shuttle bus serves Alhambra Heights, with its Green Line running along the northern border (NW 125th Street) and along the eastern border (NW 2nd Avenue) of Alhambra Heights.

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