

Indicators in Brief

Air Quality & Health	Air Pollution In 1998, West Oakland zip code 94607 registered 34,103 pounds of toxic air releases by TRI permitted facilities, the highest of any Oakland neighborhood and nearly half of the total Oakland air releases.	13
	Air Pollution Health Risks West Oakland residents had the second highest health risk from air pollution in the city of Oakland in 1997.	16
	Asthma Rates In 1998, West Oakland children were seven times more likely to be hospitalized for asthma than the average child in the state of California.	20
Civic Engagement	Voting Power Less than half of the registered voters in West Oakland voted in the last Presidential election; this is over 15% lower than the voting rate in District 3, and over 20% lower than in the city of Oakland as a whole.	25
Gentrification & Displacement	Vulnerability to Displacement & Housing Affordability In 1999, only 35% of West Oakland residents could afford to buy the median priced home in the neighborhood, and only 31% could afford the median rent on available housing units.	27
	Community Stability & Market Trends Out of the 1,276 West Oakland parcels that were sold from January 1997 to June 1999, nearly a quarter of them (23.6%) were being sold for the second time within two years.	29
	Subsidized Housing Supply While West Oakland is considered saturated in the number of publicly assisted housing units in the neighborhood (over 20% of all public housing in Oakland is located in West Oakland); there has been a decline in the number of private units renting to HUD Section 8 voucher holders.	31



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Physical Environment	New Business Development The last few years has seen a steady increase in new business development in West Oakland, most notably in the retail, services, and advanced services (e.g., computer software, consulting, architecture) sectors.	33
	Illegal Dumping Between January and June 2000, the City of Oakland removed 263 tons of illegally dumped garbage from the streets of West Oakland; per capita, this was three times the amount collected in the rest of city.	35
	Land Use Conflict Nearly 82% of West Oakland residents live within 1/8 mile of an industrial area.	37
Toxics	Neighborhood Toxic Volumes In 1998, West Oakland generated five times more toxic chemicals per per capita than the city of Oakland.	41
	Resident Toxic Exposure The overwhelming majority of West Oakland residents (83%) live in close proximity to at least one of the 403 contaminated or potentially contaminated sites in the neighborhood; this is significantly higher than resident toxic exposure in the rest of Oakland (54%).	45
	Sensitive Area Toxic Hazard Exposure Over 10% of the sensitive sites (schools, hospitals, etc.) in West Oakland are within 1/8 mile of a Priority 1 High Hazardous Facility. In the rest of Oakland, only 2% of sensitive sites face this level of risk.	50
	Lead Poisoning Since 1995, the West Oakland zip code of 94607 has ranked as one of the top three worst zip codes for childhood lead poisoning risk within the entire Alameda County.	53
	Lead Abatement Although West Oakland is considered one of the highest risk areas in Alameda County for lead poisoning, the number of lead abatement projects in West Oakland in 2000 was less than 8% of the total for Oakland.	57
Transportation	Transit Access & Service From 1995 to 1999, the West Oakland neighborhood experienced a 15% reduction in the frequency and range of bus service.	61
	Bikeable Streets West Oakland currently has only 0.95 miles of designated bikeways, although Oakland's Bicycle Master Plan has proposed adding 10 miles of new bikeways.	64