

Community

Assessment For  
Zip code  
11233

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# Boundaries



Within the zip code 11233 the neighborhoods included are Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights, Ocean Hill and Weeksville. There were no visible entrance signs for the various sub-communities in 11233. The boundaries for zip code 11233 are Broadway Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, Jamaica Avenue and Hancock Street. The economic status of 11233 varies from lower-class to upper middle class, which is visible by the style, condition and value of the homes and neighborhood. The boundaries appear to be more economic. The median yearly household income is estimated to be \$36,000.

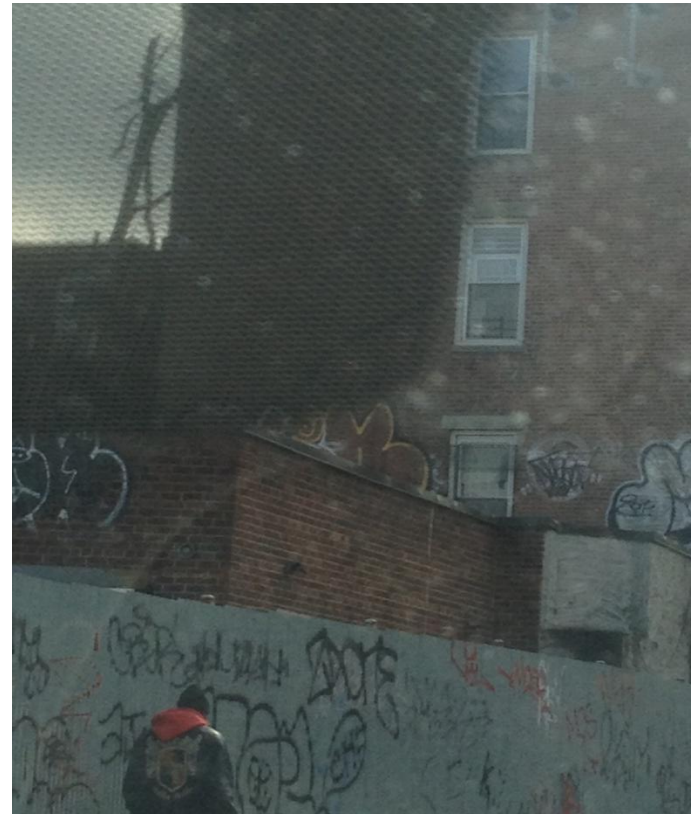
# Housing and Zoning



A majority of the homes in this area were built in 1939 or prior, mainly 1-2 family homes. The style and upkeep of the homes throughout 11233 showed clear division in economic status. The more classic row-style brownstone homes located in parts of Bedford Stuyvesant on blocks such as MacDonough and Macon are made of stone, which seem to be well kept and uniform in size. In the lower income neighborhood the majority of the homes and buildings are made of brick, vinyl and wood. The homes and buildings in this area vary in size and appearance. A large portion of the homes and buildings in particular Crown Heights and the surrounding area of Bedford Stuyvesant are abandoned/ boarded up, dilapidated, and needs major repairs. There are newly built affordable homes and apartment buildings. These homes and buildings are noticeably different from neighboring older decaying homes giving the appearance of two different housing styles on one block. The median value of the homes throughout 11233 is an estimated \$515,000.

# Signs of Decay

The streets seem to be fairly clean despite several open lots with scattered trash. Some abandoned cars can be seen throughout the zip code near vacant or open lots. Many of homes have graffiti are decayed or abandoned with windows and doors boarded up. There are multiple areas noted with cracked broken sidewalk in need of repairs. A few stray cats can be seen and large amounts of pigeon droppings.





# Parks and Recreational Areas



There are many parks and recreational areas seen throughout 11233 within walking distance from each other. During the winter parks are not used as much as summer and spring. During the early morning hours older adults are strolling through and sitting on benches in Fulton Park. During the night younger adults are seen in parks. For the most part playground equipment seems new and in safe condition, but dirty particularly at Elizabeth Stroud playground. This playground is located near a high traffic flow area on Fulton Street.

# Common Areas

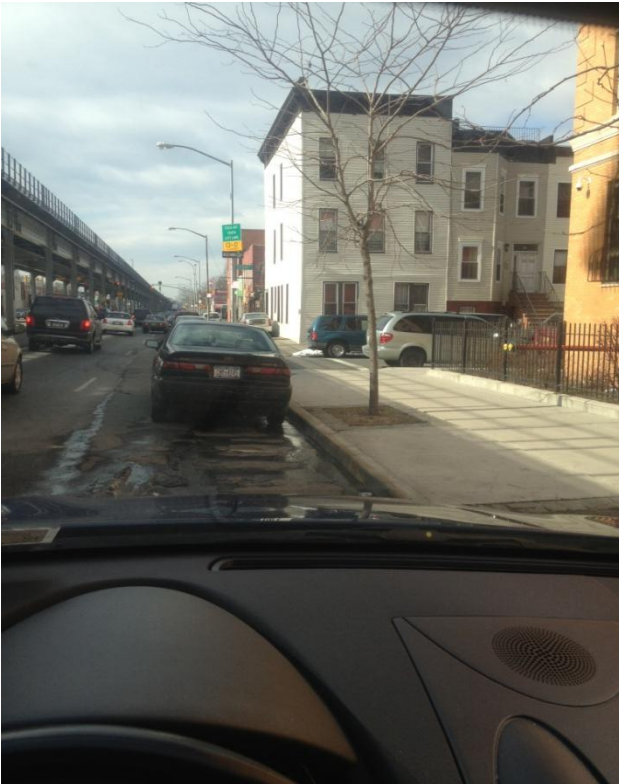


Throughout the zip code of 11233 there are several locations for social gathering. There are several churches, parks and restaurants that can be found on Fulton Street, which is the main shopping and recreational area. Parks are mostly used during summer and spring by younger and middle aged children and have signs posted for open hours . During the immediate after school hours teenager can be seen gathered by the train station, bus stops between Fulton St. and Utica Ave., corner stores and fast food restaurants such as McDonalds and Chinese Food. There are 4 senior centers in 11233. The Hugh Gilroy Senior Center is open from 8a-4p and offers breakfast, lunch, nutritional education and recreational activities.

# Stores

The 11233 area consists of numerous stores including large chains stores as well as independent small owned businesses. The stores include grocery stores (Associate Supermarket); retail shops (Family Dollar #6602); drug stores (Rossi pharmacy, CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens); car parts store (AutoZone); dry cleaners (Starborn Professional Cleaning, Bills Dry Cleaner, Joeal Dry Cleaners Inc.). There are convenience or corner stores located on almost every block. Stores are easily accessible and within walking distance from each other. Residents travel to these various locations by walking, driving, bus, subway, taxi and bicycle.

# Transportation



The modes of transportation in 11233 include driving a car alone (23%), car pooling (7%), street car (6%), railroad (4%), motorcycle and bicycle (16%) and travelling by bus is (12%). The Metropolitan transportation Authority (MTA) is the main mode of public transportation. While observing the community, many bus stops were occupied with 5-7 passengers. The various buses observed were the B25, B15, B47 and the B46. The main subway is the J, C, L and A line, 59% of the people in this area use the train services to get to and from work. The LIRR is also used by 4% of the people in this area. The condition of the roads and sidewalks ranged from crumbling and in need of major repair to roads that have been newly paved.



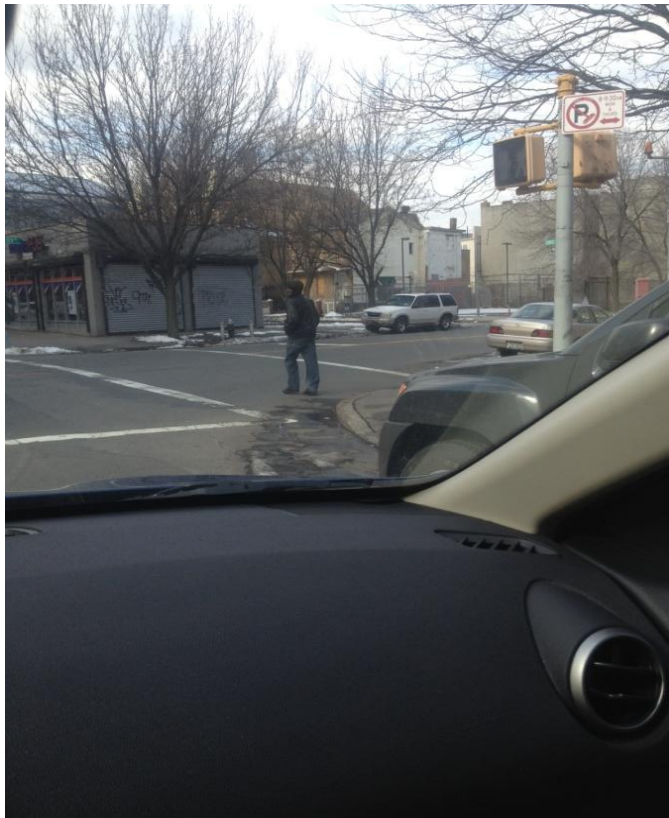
# Communication

The daily News, New York Post, AM News, Metro and Caribbean Weekly are delivered to the 11233 area. The daily News and the Post are sold but the AM News, Metro and Caribbean weekly are free. These free papers are usually distributed in the subways. There are a few billboards advertising and promoting colleges, businesses and public awareness. Informational posters are located on buses and in the subways and in some health care facilities in the area. These posters contain information about upcoming movies, video games, T.V shows, local events and services around the community.

# Service Centers

The majority of the services for the community in the 11233 area are located on Fulton street. These services include the Brooklyn Public Library (Fulton street branch). The Restoration center is a major hub that provides multiple services ranging from WIC to Health Care services. It also includes superstores, senior centers, a community center, banks and pharmacies. There are multiple daycare, pre-K and public schools are scattered throughout. Some of the schools include P.S 5 Dr. Ronald McNair school, PS 12, PS. 28 The Warren school, PS 40 George. W. Carver school, PS-73 Thomas Boyland school, PS-262 EL Haj Malik Shabazz, E B C High school for public Safety, Brooklyn Collegiate and Foundation Academy. There are also literacy services at MS 35- Decatur Clearpool School.

# People in the Community



During the day there are a variety of people milling around, ranging from those that were unemployed and just hanging out, students on their way to and from school and workers, going about their day. The style of dress also varied, some in construction clothes, uniform, some casually dressed, but mostly other were dress in urban wear. During the survey a few stray cats and a few dogs mostly pit bulls being walked by their owners. The community is a densely populated urban area made up of primarily of Caribbean American, mostly single, average age of 31 years and a estimated median income of 35, 000 per year. Divisions in economic classes are seen in the upkeep of different locations.

# Industries



The industries of employment are based on education and health care field. Nursing care facilities and schools comprise 29% of the workforce and retail consist of 17% of the workforce in the community. Other industries noted are manufacturing like Giordano & Sons and H. S Finishing Products. Financial institutions like Chase and Capital One Banks. Employers in the area include fast food restaurants like Duncan Donuts, Popeye's Fried Chicken, McDonalds and Burger King.

# Protective Services

Fire station 227 is located on Ralph Ave off of Broadway, Engine 233 and Ladder 176 is located on Rockaway avenue. The fire stations are fairly large and seem to meet area 11233 needs. There are two police stations located approximately one and a half mile apart from each other, the 81<sup>st</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> precincts. As I continue to observed the area I observed a number of police cars and scooters patrolling the area, one police van was stationed right outside a building on Fulton street.





# Ethnicity

Zip code 11233 has approximately 66,737 residents, which are from diverse ethnicities dwelling in relative peace and harmony. The predominant ethnicity identifies themselves as African American or Black. African Americans or Blacks make up 84.8% or 55,745 of the population, including 13% from Trinidad and Tobago, 13% from Jamaica, 10% from Guyana, 10% from Barbados and 16% identify as other Caribbean. The large population of Caribbean residents is evident in the multiple Caribbean bakeries and eateries in the neighborhood. Caucasians or Whites represent 5.4% or 3,604 of the population. The remaining population is comprised of Asians/Pacific islanders, mixed-races and Hispanics, which include Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Cubans etc.

# Religion



The predominant religion is Christianity. This is reflected by the various Christian denominations, churches, and temples all within blocks of each other. Most of the churches in the area are not solely used for Sunday services. A majority host summer and holiday events, youth choir practices, recreational events, etc. Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church is one of the larger churches in the community. Reinforce by their motto "A ministry of love" the church boost a counseling service available to church member and the general public regardless of circumstances. They host a 7:30am and 11am service on Sundays; except, on the first Sunday of each month when services are held at 10:30am for communion. They are one of the only if not the only churches in the area that offers an array of services that can be easily access via the internet. Although the majority of the community's residents are Christians there are other smaller religious groups such as Muslims and Rastafarians.

# Health And Morbidity



Walking around the community there are several liquor stores, fast food restaurants, delis, bakeries, along with poverty this may attribute to the development of many chronic diseases in particular obesity, MI, diabetes, and dental caries. Some of residents were seen smoking cigarettes or drinking alcohol. This community is also part of central Brooklyn which has 2 times the overall NYC death rate from HIV-related complications. There is also a high rates of other STD. The closest hospitals are in closely neighboring zip codes such as Woodhull and Interfaith Hospitals.

# Politics



The majority of the community residents seems to be democratic as depicted by the "Obama" or democratic posters in the community or the decal on their vehicles. The local street vendors also has an assortment of various Obama T-shirt, caps, cups and bracelets.

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