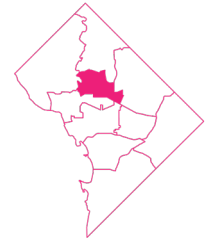


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## OVERVIEW

The opening narrative provides an overview of the 3.1 square miles that comprise the Mid-City Area Element, including its main land use composition, major landmarks, institutions, open spaces, and commercial areas. Mid-City is the smallest Planning Area and has residential and commercial land. The majority of residents are young, with approximately 47 percent between 18 and 34 years of age.

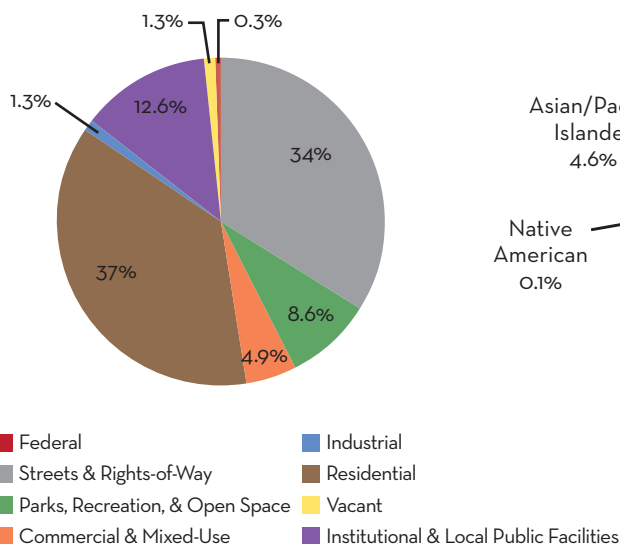
Mid-City is one of the most diverse parts of the city. Although it is one of the smallest of the ten planning areas geographically, it is the most populous and most dense. Mid-City enjoys a strong international culture. It is the heart of the city's Latino business community, home of some of Washington DC's most important African-American landmarks and cultural resources, and a gateway for immigrants from across the globe.

Mid-City experienced a significant population increase, highlighted by a growing share of White residents, and a shrinking share of Black and Latino residents. Mid-City is projected to continue seeing steady population growth, estimated to reach approximately 134,101 residents in 2045, a 40% increase from 96,489 in 2017.

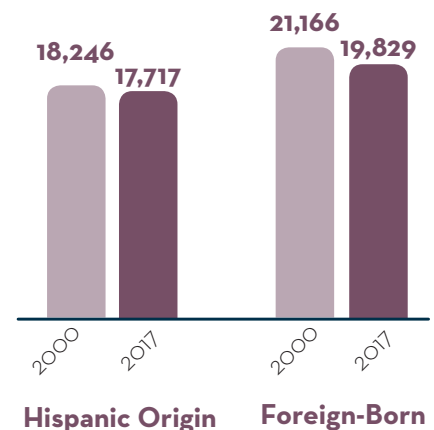
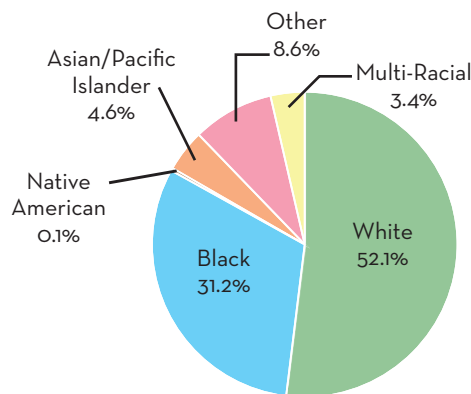
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- The area's context, including its history, land use, demographics, housing characteristics, income and employment, and projections for growth.
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Land Use Composition (2017)

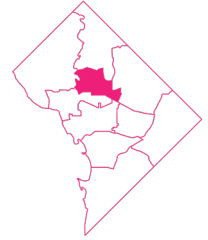


Racial Composition (2017)



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## SUMMARY OF MAJOR POLICY THEMES

### Emphasize Equitable and Sustainable Growth

- Explore opportunities for new housing, including affordable housing, and housing for a range of household sizes.
- Stimulate high-quality transit-oriented development around the Columbia Heights, Shaw/Howard University, and U St./African American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo Metrorail station areas, as well as along the Georgia Avenue corridor and the North Capitol Street/Florida Avenue business district.
- Implement recommendations of existing plans and plans that have been incorporated since the 2011 Comprehensive Plan update including the 2015 Adams Morgan Vision Framework and 2014 Mid City East Small Area Plan.
- Recognize the key role of community groups, residents' associations, and commercial management organizations in implementing the policies and actions in Mid City.

### Improving Connectivity and Pedestrian Safety

- Improve traffic circulation along major Mid-City arterial streets, with a priority on 14th Street, Georgia Avenue, U Street, 16th Street, Rhode Island Avenue, 18th Street, Columbia Road, North Capitol, and Connecticut Avenue.
- Support the development of a fully integrated transit, bicycle, and pedestrian system by moving forward with plans for expanded service on the Metrorail Green Line, extension of the Metrorail Yellow Line, and high capacity transit on Georgia Avenue and dedicated rush hour bus lanes along 16th Street.
- Improve public transit throughout Mid-City, improved efficiency and reliability on the north-south bus routes, additional east-west and cross-park bus routes, and extended Metrorail service.

### Enhancing Community Resources

- Maintain the cultural diversity of Mid-City by encouraging housing and business opportunities for all residents, sustaining a strong network of social services for immigrant groups, and retaining affordable housing for families and other households.
- Promote cultural tourism initiatives, public art, signage, and other improvements that recognize the African-American historical and cultural heritage of the Uptown area.
- Preserve and retain the architectural integrity and cultural resources of Mid City East neighborhoods.

### Expanding Parks and Open Space

- Explore the possibility for new neighborhood parks within the Mid-City area, particularly in the area around the proposed Howard Town Center, and on the McMillan Reservoir site.
- Encourage pocket parks and plazas elsewhere in the Planning Area, particularly near higher density development.