Race In Richland County Fact Sheet

Richland County Population by Race

- African American: 87%
- White: 8%
- Other: 5%

The Majority of Richland County’s Black Residents Live In Mansfield

- Mansfield: 94%
- Elsewhere in Richland County: 6%

Key Indicators of Prosperity in Richland County

- Households receiving food stamps: 32.4% Black, 15.0% White
- Households below the poverty level: 35.6% Black, 13.7% White

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- Median Household Income: $29,913 Black, $45,623 White

Richland County Unemployment Rate by Race and Sex

- Unemployment Rate: 22.0% Black Men, 16.8% Black Women, 7.7% White Men, 6.0% White Women

Richland County Out of the Labor Force by Race and Sex

- Out of the Labor Force: 67.8% Black Men, 33.0% Black Women, 26.1% White Men, 29.3% White Women

Mansfield City Schools Enrollment by Race

- Enrollment:
  - Black: 84.5%
  - White: 53.7%
  - Multiracial: 25.3%
  - Hispanic: 5.4%

Educational Attainment in Richland County by Race

- High School Diploma: 78.5% Black, 88.0% White

Educational Attainment in Richland County by Race

- Bachelor’s Degree or higher: 17.8% Black, 94.3% White

Richland County Owner Occupied Housing Units by Race

- Home Ownership:
  - Black: 94.3%
  - White: 3.8%
  - Other: 1.9%

BLACK
1 in 4

WHITE
1 in 50

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a quarter of all African Americans in the county (2,369) live in census tract 17, the census tract with the fewest housing units (183) in the county. This tract is also home to Mansfield Correctional Institution (M A N C I) an d R ich l a n d Correctional Institute (RICI).

Business Ownership in Richland County by Race (2012)

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African Americans in Richland County are behind on key indicators of prosperity. They suffer from higher rates of poverty, have significantly lower median household incomes, and receive food stamps at a higher rate relative to their population than their white counterparts.

Most African-Americans in Richland County live in census tracts that have a median household income well below the median of the country, county, and city. Similarly, concentrations of poverty in the central portion of Mansfield (tracts 5, 6, 7, 31) correspond with predominantly Black neighborhoods.

Based on the last three general elections, Mansfield Wards 4, 5, and 6 have some of the lowest voter turnouts in Richland County. These wards contain most of the census tracts in which the greatest number of African Americans live. That said, this does not formally prove that African Americans have low voter turnout, though it does warrant formal investigation of this hypothesis. Moreover, correlation is not causation.

Only 9% of African Americans in Richland County (=97 people) responded to health surveys that were sent out for the 2016 Richland County Community Health Assessment. As a result of this and other factors local health data by race is sparse.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau (2010), American Community Survey (2017), Ohio Department of Education
For a more comprehensive analysis of Race in Richland County, see NECIC’s The Richland County State of the African-American Community Report (2019) www.necic-ohio.org