

**Fast Facts: Census Tract 505**

Project Hope is an undertaking of the colleges and universities in our region to expand service learning by finding real opportunities in needy communities – places where the classroom and community can connect. NKU’s focus area is the West Side neighborhood of Newport. The U.S. Census collects neighborhood data by “tracts” – and the core tract for the West Side is 505.

**Demographics: The neighborhood is predominantly Caucasian (2010 figures).**

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| **Caucasian** | **African American** | **Other** |
| 95.8% | 1.3% | 2.9% |

**INCOME: The annual median household income for 505 is less than half of the national median.**

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| **505** | **Kentucky** | **National** |
| $23,578 | $41,576 | $51,144 |

**POVERTY PERCENTAGES: Most households in 505 live below the poverty level; 17% of the families earn less than $10,000 per year.**

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| **Families** | **Single mother** | **Single mothers with children under 5** |
| 51.6% | 72.7% | 100% |

**OTHER STATS: 505 falls below state and national levels in several other key measures.**

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| 42.1% of residents over 25 have not received a high school diploma ; the national average is 12.8%. |
| Off the 1,597 residents over 25, only 200 have received a bachelor’s degree. |
| Over 37% of households do not own a motor vehicle verses 9.1% of the national population. |
| About 30% of households received food stamps in the last 12 months, greatly exceeding the national average of 11.6% and state average of 13.7%. |
| 18.2% of the available housing units in the area are vacant; the national average is 9.4%. |
| 24% of households are headed by a single parent. The national and state averages are, respectively, 18.1% and 17.5%. |
| 16.4% of households consist of grandparents living with and taking care of grandchildren, exceeding the national average of 2.3%. |