



Community Profile for Sunnyside Neighborhood

Community Assets

- Oldest African-American community in south-central Houston with strong history of community organization
- 18,629 residents, 93% African American
- 105 churches, large congregations drawing residents from outside the neighborhood
- Strong civic associations
- Philanthropic investment on mental health.

Education

- 38% of Sunnyside residents have a 12th-grade or lower education level
- Worthing High School ranked academically acceptable (2010)
- 26% drop out rate for 2008 compared to 19% (HISD) and 11% (Texas)

Health

- Only one mental health provider offers services locally
- 24% of residents are uninsured

Crime

- Two of the city's top street blocks for violent crime
- 50% of released prisoners in 2005 went to Sunnyside (3,142)
- One of Houston's highest prison expenditure neighborhoods

Income

- 36% of the Sunnyside population is living below the poverty line

