A Brief History of Housing Discrimination, Redlining, and Affordable Housing in St. Louis

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Segregation Wins by 34.000 With 70,097 Votes Cast

Housing Covenants

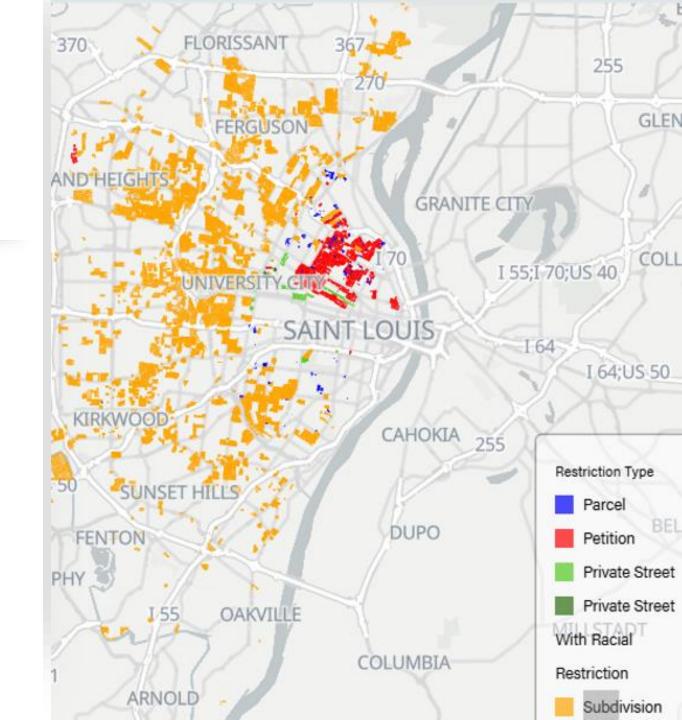
No lot in the subdivision, or any part thereof, shall ever be sold, conveyed, granted, devised, leased or rented to, or occupied by, any person or persons not of the Caucasian Race, nor shall any such excluded person live in any main building or subsidiary building, on any such lot; provided, live in any main building or subsidiary building, on any such lot; provided, however, that this restriction shall not be applicable to domestic servants in the employ of the owner or occupant then living in such building. In the event of a breach of this restriction, by reason of any sale, grant, devise, lease, or rental of any lot or improvements thereon, to any person not of the Caucasian Race, the title of such lot shall immediately revert to the Corporation and the Corporation may ihereupon re-enter and take possession of the lot, with

all improvements thereon.

1. There shall not be erected on said lct or tract herein conveyed more than one single private dwelling house and necessary servants, and other outhouses and said premises shall be used for private 'welling purposes only and by white persons only, not evoluding bone fide servants of any race. Said residence shall not be nearer than 45.5 feet to the front property line of said lot, nor shall same be built within 10 feet of either side line of said tract. Said (welling shall face the street the lot faces, The Servants or other outhouses shall not be built nearer than 125 feet to the front property line, unless same shall be made a part of said dwelling house that may be erected on said tract. Map of Racially Restrictive Covenants (1890-1952)

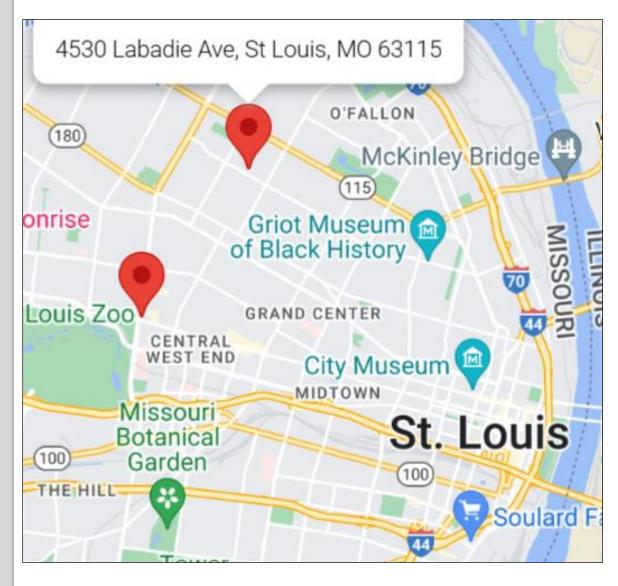
Professor Colin Gordon, University of Iowa:

- 100,000 properties have covenants in St. Louis City and County
- 80% of St. Louis County homes built by 1950 have a covenant in their chain of title



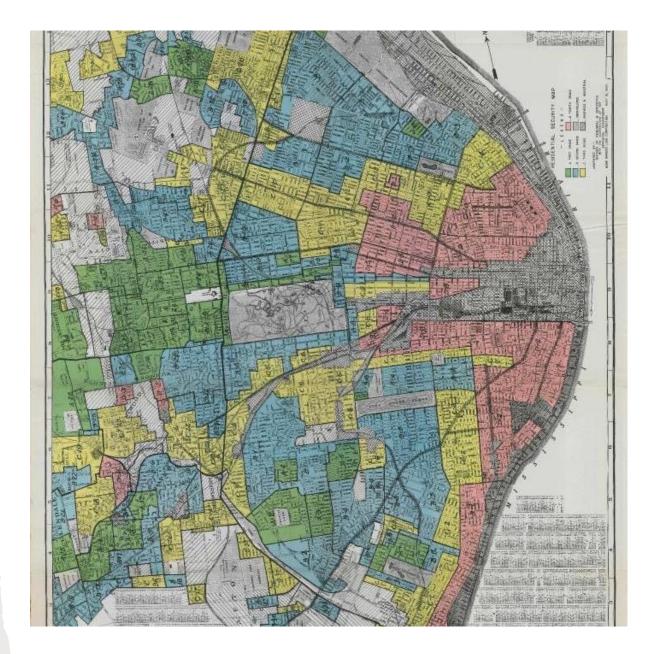


Shelley v. Kraemer, 1948



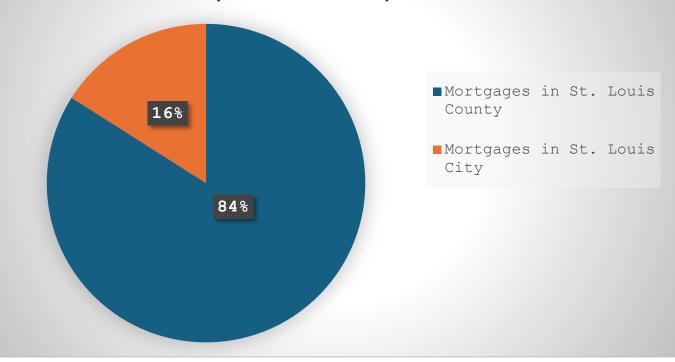


United States government's first redlining of St. Louis as part of the Federal Housing Act (FHA) and Home Owner's Loan Corporation (HOLC) Programs



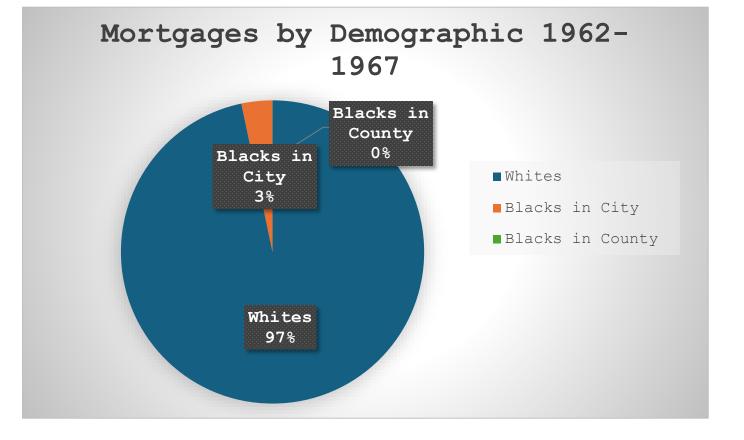
FHA Mortgages

St. Louis County vs. City (1934-1960)





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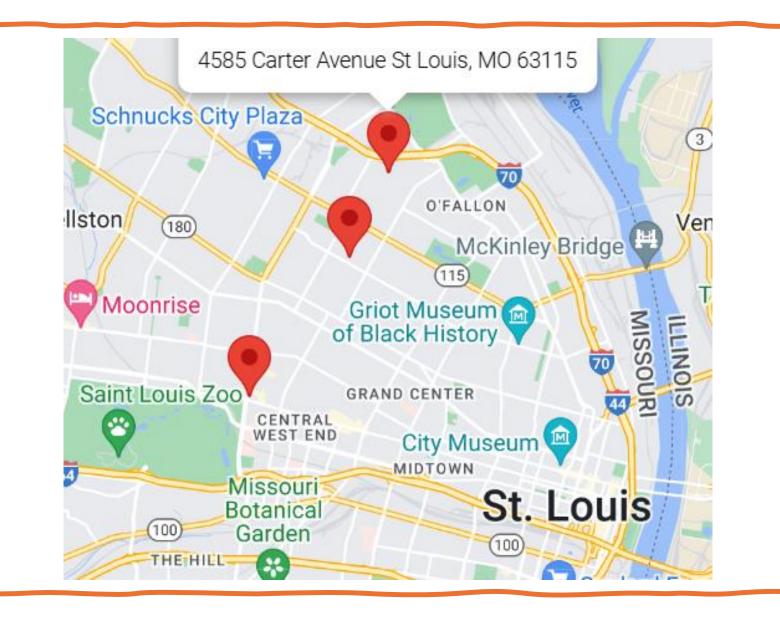


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Jones v. Alfred H. Mayer Co., 1968

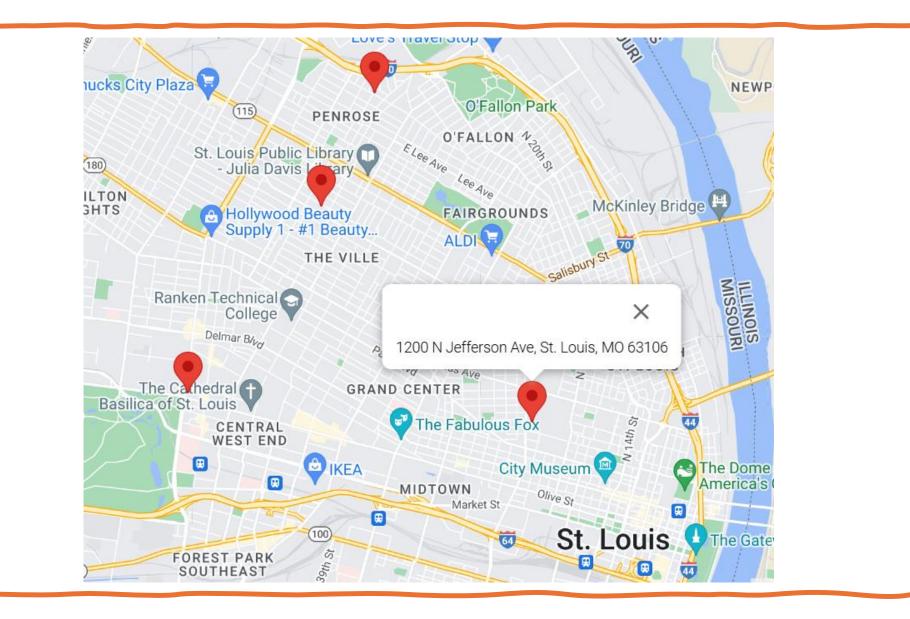




Pruitt-Igoe Public Housing Development

- 1952: Construction began, and 33 high-rise apartment buildings were built
- 2,870 units and reached peak occupancy in 1957 but plummeted below 35% by 1971
- The "Pruitt" building was intended for black residents, "Igoe" was intended for white residents
- By the mid-1960's the tenant population was mostly black
- 1972: three buildings were imploded with dynamite, and in 1976 the site was cleared completely





United States v. City of Black Jack, 1974 (8th Cir.)

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Federal action stirs Black Jack

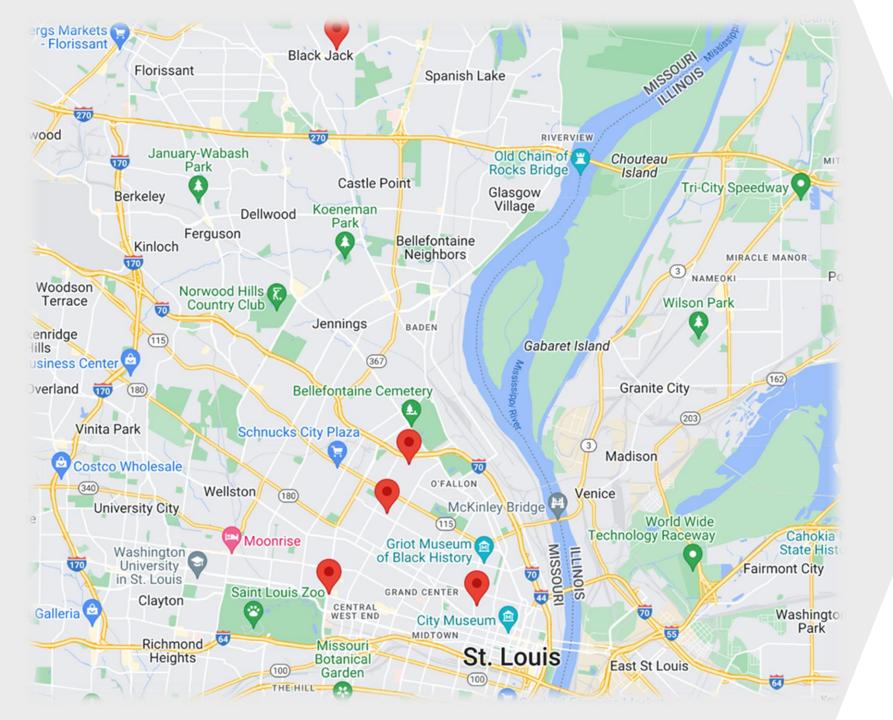
in north St. Louis County were He was optimistic last Friday surprised when the Justice De- when President Nixon said the partment filed suit Monday to government would not force inknock down a restrictive tegration of the suburbs. Even zoning law which has the sponsors of the Parkview prevented construction of an Heights townhouse project said integrated housing project.

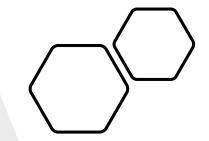
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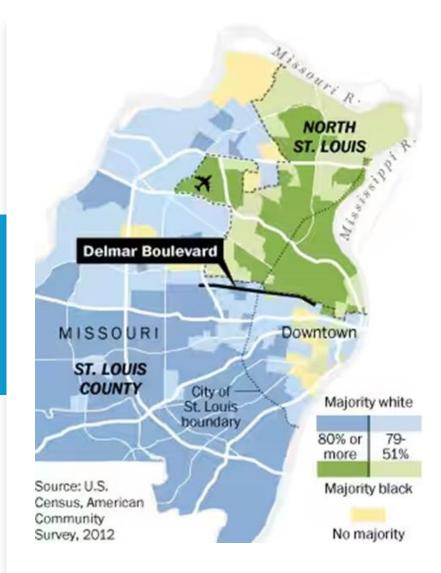
BLACK JACK, Mo. (AP) - by the American Civil Liberties The project had gotten. ap-Officials of this small suburb Union. proval for federal financing before the incorporation last August and passage of a zoning law prohibiting multi-family housing in October.

Keith J. Barbero, mayor of they thought the government Black Jack, said he was "nerwould not enter the case. But vous" about the government "We have called the race dis- when hearing of the new suit suit but confident. "When we crimination issue a phony is- Bergmann said "I am sur- win one we'll win both," he said. "The whole country is denending on little old Blook Tools



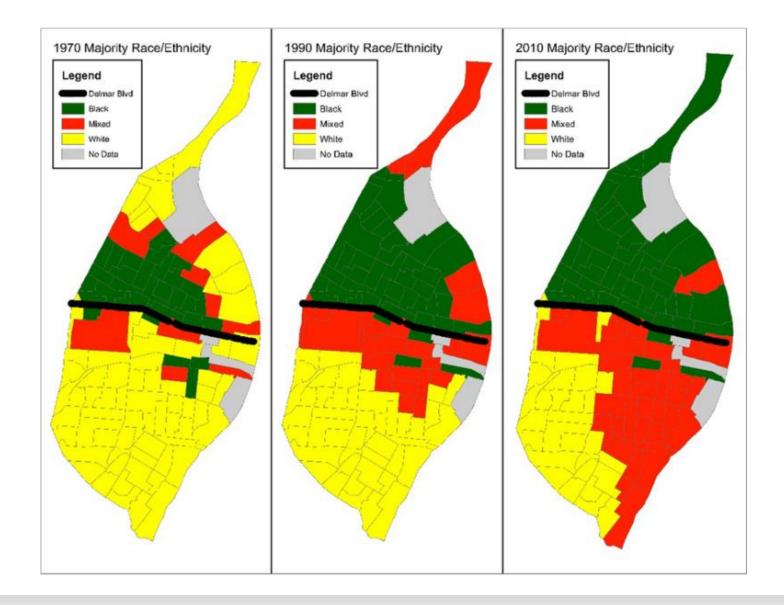








The Delmar Divide



Progress ion of Census Data in St. Louis

Foreclosures take a heavy toll on predominantly black neighborhoods

to the longer and more borrowerfriendly process in tilinois.



63111 Carondelet/Dutchtown

Some revitalizing neighborhoods in south St. Louis have seen big jumps in foreclosure rates, partly because of investors and rehabbers who were overextended and unable to sell their properties.

63122 Kirkwood

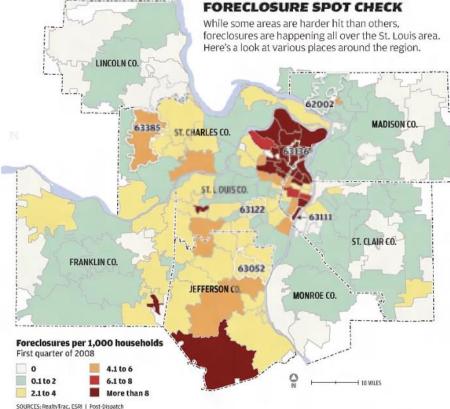
Kirkwood is one of a number of more affluent communities that have gone from virtually no foreclosures in the middle of the decade to a significant number today.



63052 Imperial

Faster-growing parts of Jefferson County have seen a jump in foreclosure activity as adjustable-rate mortgages have reset and the economy has weakened. 14

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B.J. Scott shovels trash left by the previous owner from the basement of a foreclosed house in Brid

was purchased by Midwest Realty, the largest foreclosure purchaser in the area. Anthony Soufflé | Po

A RISING TIDE

If the current pace of St. Louis-area home foreclosures continues, the number will shoot up in 2008.



HARDEST HIT

The following ZIP codes had the highest rates of foreclosure in the first three months of 2008:

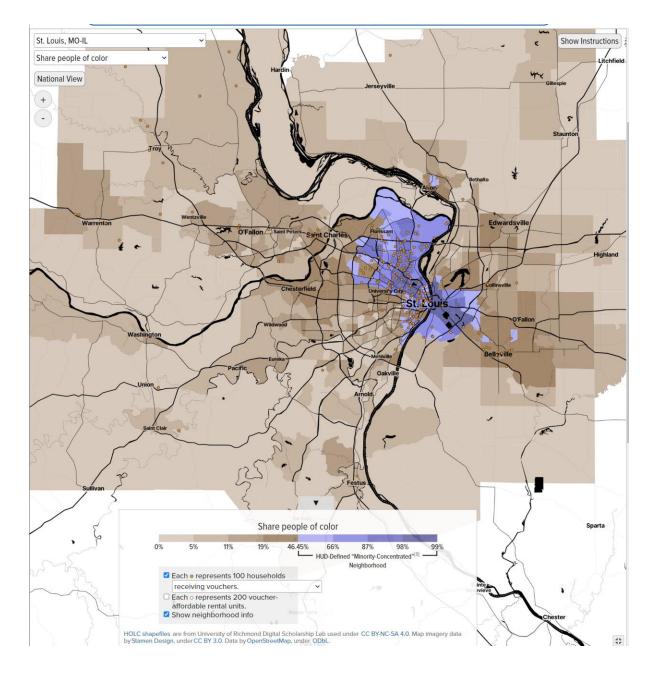
ZIP	Area R	ateper	ZIP	Area F	tate per
	1,000 households			1,000 households	
63133	Pagedale	22.1	63135	Ferguson	14.4
63137	N. St. Louis County	20.3	63034	Florissant	13.1
63136	Jennings	18.2	63113	St. Louis	13.1
63120	Pine Lawn	16.3	63138	N. St. Louis County	12.7
63118	St. Louis	16.2	63111	St. Louis	12.4
63134	Berkeley	15.7	63115	St. Louis	12.1
63147	St. Louis	15.6	63033	Florissant	9.9
63121	Normandy	14.7	SOURCE: RealtyTrat, ESRI		

HOT SPOTS

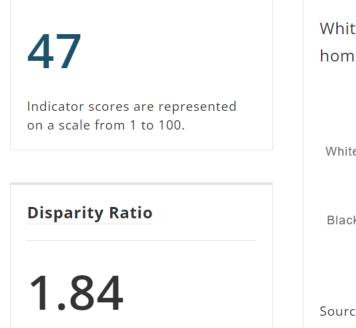
Here are the places that have seen the fastest growth in foreclosures between the first three months of 2005 and the same period in 2008.*

ZIP	Area	2005	2008	Change
63385	Wentzville	5	55	1.000.0%
63034	Florissant	9	85	844.0%
63031	Florissant	22	159	623.0%
63010	Arnold	5	35	600.0%
63301	St. Charles	6	39	550.0%
63135	Ferguson	18	115	539.0%
63033	Florissant	27	172	537.0%
63021	Ballwin	7	44	529.0.%
63104	St. Louis	9	56	522.0%
63376	St. Peters	13	75	477.0%
63132	Olivette	6	34	466.7%
63109	St. Louis	5	28	460.0%
63119	Webster Groves	7	38	443.0%
63125	Lemay	12	65	442.0%
63042	Hazelwood	12	63	425.0%

Housing Choice Voucher Usage



Homeownershi p in St. Louis by Race and Ethnicity

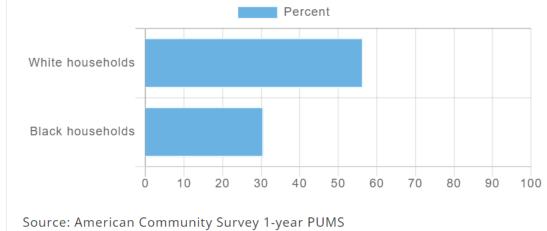


Disparity direction: white-black

Equity Score

Owner-occupied households

White residents are nearly twice as likely as black residents to be homeowners.



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