

# MILWAUKEE: SEGREGATED ISOLATION

W A S H I N G T O N

Here we see the mass movement of a predominantly White community (87% White). The bulk of community 3's travels are travels originating in Waukesha County and heading into Milwaukee County on interstate 94/43. Waukesha County was a major destination of White Flight in the Milwaukee metro area. This practice began in the 1950s as legal segregation policies went away and were replaced with so-called practical segregation<sup>4</sup>.

W A U K E S H A

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Community 4 is the most diverse community regarding demographics. It is composed of 43% White, 30% Hispanic, 11% Black, and 10% other. This area has seen a lot of immigration in the past years from Hispanic populations.

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Community 7 is the most concentrated and isolated community. This community consists of 84% Black residents. Moreover, community 7 travels rarely to *environments of opportunity* throughout Milwaukee County such as the central business district and downtown.

K E N O S H A

For years, systemic racism such as redlining has afflicted the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In June, 2019 the city government declared racism as a public health crisis<sup>1</sup>. The 2013-2017 American Community Survey suggests Milwaukee is the most segregated metro area in the USA<sup>2</sup>. One way to quantify this segregation is to examine the level of neighborhood isolation which is when minority neighborhoods lack access to environments of opportunity with better education, living, and job opportunities<sup>3,5</sup>. Anonymous cell phone data per census block group from Safegraph is used to detect seven communities in Milwaukee. The community demographics are determined using Census Bureau data.

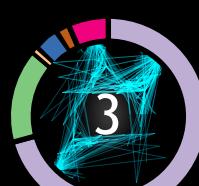
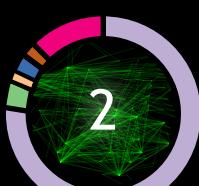
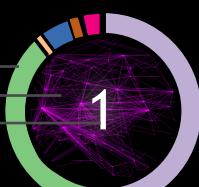
Who are Milwaukee's Communities?

Reading the Map

A community's demographics

A community's flow color

A community's label



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