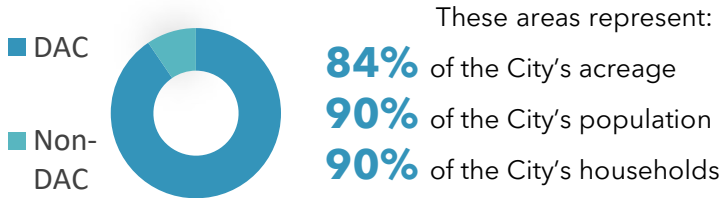




Below is a summary of key findings from the Environmental Justice White Paper prepared for the City of Hawthorne in April 2021.

Disadvantaged Communities* (DACs)

19 of **21** Hawthorne census tracts are considered DACs.



Pollution Exposure and Air Quality



All 21 census tracts have high burdens in particulate matter 2.5 and toxic releases and medium or high burdens in ozone, diesel particulate matter, traffic, and drinking water.

There are 54 hazardous waste sites in the City generally clustered within two DAC tracts in the northeastern area.



Public Facilities



While 12 of the City's 14 parks and recreation facilities are evenly distributed in DACs throughout the community, there are 10 DACs notably void of parks.

Several bus lines provide citywide service and there are three Metro stations within City borders. Two of them are within DAC tracts.



Food Access

All census tracts in the City are within the 43rd Congressional District. The food insecurity rate in the district is

11.6%

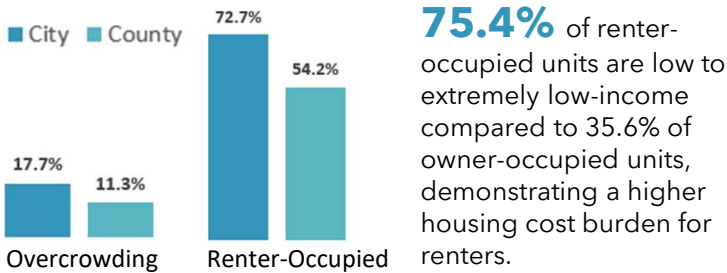
which is slightly higher than County, State, and national rates.

There are no supermarkets in the eastern half of the City. All census tracts have at least some households without access to a vehicle, which may make it more difficult to get groceries.



Safe and Sanitary Homes

The City has a higher overcrowding rate and a higher rate of renter-occupied housing units than the County.



Physical Activity

Active transportation use during daily commutes is one indicator of physical activity levels. Overall, Hawthorne residents use active transportation modes less than the County.

How Hawthorne commuters get to work

1.7%



0.5%

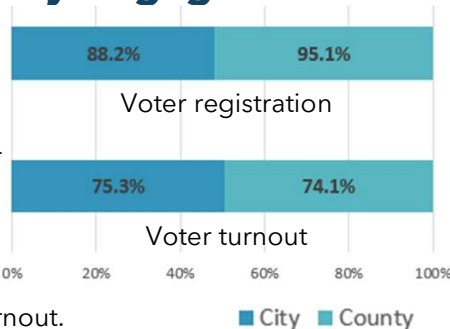


75.1%



Community Engagement

One way of measuring the City's level of civic engagement is voter participation. While Hawthorne had a lower voter registration rate than the County for the 2020 presidential election, the City had slightly higher voter turnout.



Addressing the Needs of DACs

The Regional Opportunity Index identifies the level of people-based and place-based opportunities for each census tract based on several indicators.

Areas with low levels of opportunity (where improvements need to be made)

People-based assets

14 DAC census tracts mostly located east of Hawthorne Blvd.

Place-based assets

8 DAC census tracts distributed throughout the City.

*A **Disadvantaged Community** is an area identified by CalEPA pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code, or a low-income area disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation.