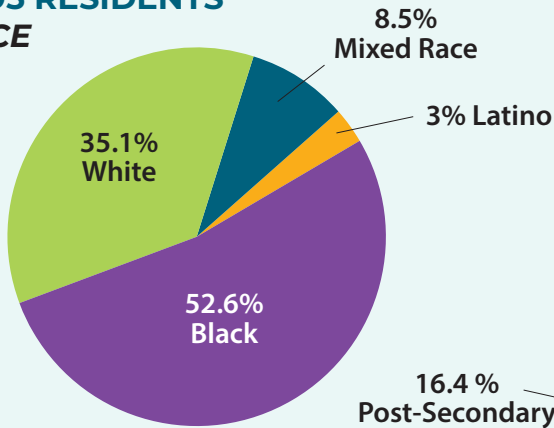


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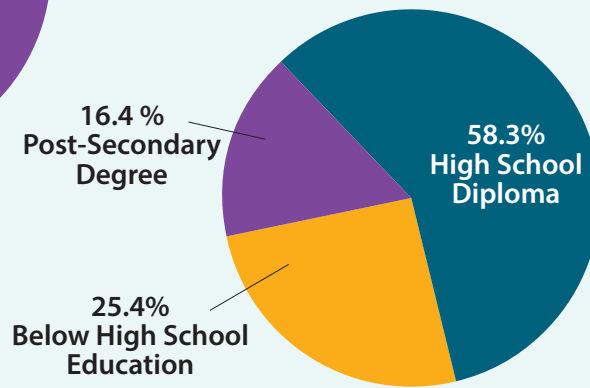
Demographics

2,395 RESIDENTS
RACE



Median household
income: **\$26,000**

EDUCATION



People to know

Mary & Cornelius Dollison
Neighborhood Leaders

Ken Hudson
Executive Director, Whately Community Council

Harold Mason
City Council

Frank Scott
President, Whately Community Council

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Boys & Girls Club | Buley Center
After-school & summer program 6–12 grade
- Motivate Our Minds
After-school program 1–8 grade
- Harvest Church
Monthly food pantry, free ZUMBA classes

PARKS/MUSEUMS

- McCulloch Park
- Riverview Park
- John Craddock Wetland Nature Preserve
- Shaffer Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

SCHOOLS

- Longfellow Elementary School & Muncie P3
- The Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship

LOCAL GATHERING PLACES

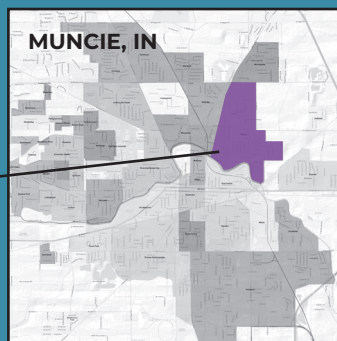
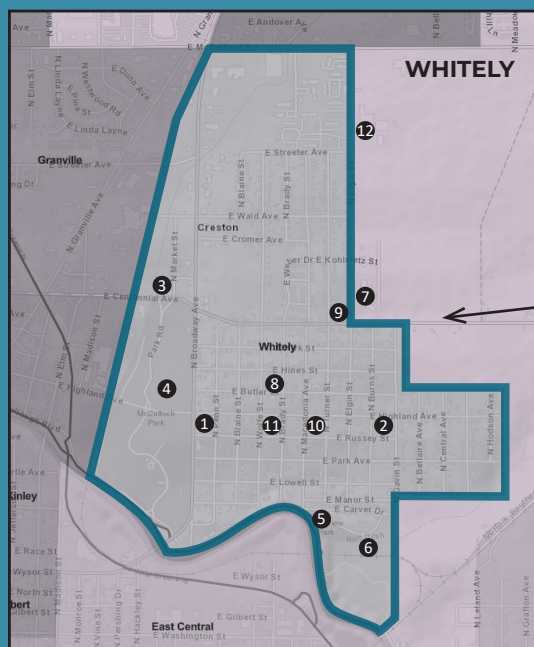
- Greater Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ
- Connection Corner
Muncie Public Library resource site
- Union Missionary Baptist Church

BUSINESSES

Food:

- 1 mile to nearest fast food restaurant
- 1 gas station and 1 dollar store in the area

Health care: no primary care sites



Whitely History Highlights

The Whitely neighborhood was originally founded as its own city, Whitely Town, by William Needham Whitely, from Ohio, in the early 1890s. The neighborhood housed the workers of Whitely Reaper Factory which burned down in 1894, just 2 years after construction.

The Whitely Community is a traditionally African American neighborhood in Muncie. The Shaffer Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was originally a public school building, circa 1893, and is Muncie's oldest standing public school building. In 1930 Rev. John E. Johnson pastor of Shaffer, retrieved the bodies of two boys who were lynched in Marion. He brought the bodies back to Shaffer Chapel to prepare them for burial, advocating to protect them from protesters. The building and congregation has been a safe haven from ever present racism & prejudice.

The Whitely neighborhood is home to Muncie's largest park. McCulloch Park was named after local newspaper industrialist George F. McCulloch, who donated the 118 acres. McCulloch Park used to host professional baseball teams, including The Muncie Fruit Jars—Muncie's first professional team.

Whitely has a board game, Whitely-Opoly. This game was created by BSU Immersive learning student, Ky'Lie Garland -Yates as an opportunity to learn about the history and many significant sites in Whitely.

Whitely is engaged in a multiyear, multimillion dollar endeavor, The Centennial Campaign that focuses on renovating the future location and neighborhood resource hub. This project will improve the quality of life & place, help implement and sustain initiatives that strengthen our neighborhood as well as the entire Muncie community.

Open Door's involvement in the Whitely neighborhood includes flu shot & Covid vaccine events at the Buley Center and local churches, regular Mobile Unit visits at Longfellow and Union Missionary Baptist (mid 2010s–2020), CKF / insurance enrollment outreach, and volunteering at monthly food pantries. Open Door has tentative plans for an Open Door health center to be included in a new social services hub the Whitely Community Council is planning.

In the fall of 2022, Whitely was one of the initial neighborhoods in our Open Door Connections outreach launch which placed neighborhood ambassadors within partner organizations to assist neighbors connect with support resources, schedule appointments, and enroll in health coverage.

This list includes highlights and is not exhaustive.

