

- Many liquor stores operate as illegal bars, rather than just liquor stores
 - Many of these illegal bar/liquor stores are in residential areas
 - These bars play loud music regularly
- Some residents host illegal parties, advertising them throughout the neighborhood and charging people to attend
- The City needs a plan to develop an area for nightlife
 - Downtown should be that area
 - Newark is a good model to follow
 - The key is to get outsiders to change their perception of the City
- Grand Street is a nice area, but no one comes
- Downtown should be the main nightlife area, but Union Avenue could have some night life, as could the area around the Great Falls
- The biggest issue with downtown is parking
- Residents need to see some actual progress
- The City makes it difficult for business owners to get permits
- Ridge-Wood is also a good model to follow. People spend money there, and feel safe there.
- Businesses have declined to come to Paterson because of public safety concerns
- Owners need to be held accountable for property maintenance. But be friendly to businesses and landlords
- The current laws on the books often are not enforced
- Old television sets are left on the street corner for months
- Union Ave could use more public garbage cans, and better lighting at night
- Street lighting creates lots of light pollution
 - City should get more modern technology implemented for its street lights (LED)
- Need to see storm drains on Chamberlain Ave and Webster
- The City needs gateway signs upon entering the city
 - Local school children can design the signs
- There is a high level of dissatisfaction with property taxes
 - The City needs more tax ratables to reduce the burden on homeowners
- There are drug problems in the 2nd Ward but not gang problems
- Behind school 5, after school gets out, people smoke and drink
- School 27 is considered the best in the City
- The new fence around Kennedy High School is ugly
- The City should use eminent domain in some specific areas
- The Housing Authority owns several large properties near Home Depot
- The 5th Ave housing complex could be used as a commercial development
- The Master Plan needs to work with the Schools and School Board
- The schools do not provide outdoor recreation, and are very depressing ugly buildings
- The City itself is one of the largest landowners in the City
- There should be a grassroots program to rehabilitate homes rather than simply board them up.

- Work with schools, trade unions, Habitat for Humanity, etc, to develop such a program

Census Data

In 2010, Ward 2 had a population of 24,244 persons with a population density of 21.4 persons per acre. This ward contained 7,502 housing units, 7,073 which were occupied. Unlike the other Wards and the City as a whole, the renter to owner ratio of occupied housing is quite similar. 46.4% of the occupied housing is owner occupied, with only 53.6% being renter occupied. The percentage of owner occupied housing is much higher than the City's 27.4%. Ward 2 also has the second lowest number of vacant housing units; 429 or 5.7% of the housing units are vacant within the ward which only contributes to 11.9% of the total vacant housing in the City.

The area of the ward makes up 20.4% of the total area of Paterson, making it the second largest Ward. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 1.

The ethnicity of Ward 2 differs significantly from that of the City in 2010. 43.2% of the population is White American, which makes up over one-fifth (20.7%) of the total White American population in the City. Approximately two-thirds (64.7%) of the total Asian population in the City resides in this ward, however this race only accounts for 13.0% of the population in this Ward. There is significantly less African Americans; only 14.8% of the population is comprised of African Americans. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 2.

The majority of households in the Ward were family households (77.2%), with the remainder being non-family (22.8%). The breakdown of household size compares well with that of the City. 16.0% of all households are found within Ward 2. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 3.

Using the 2010 Census data, more than half (51.3%) of this Ward were females, with the latter (48.7%) being males. Females outnumber males in all age cohorts with the exception of those under the age of 14 and between the ages of 45 to 54. The overall ratio of females to males in this ward is consistent with that of the City which had 51.7% of the population being female and the remaining 48.3% being male. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 4.

Existing Land Use

The existing land use of Ward 2 makes up 20.9% of the total parcel area of the City. This ward contains the most vacant land, 43.9 acres, which makes up 25.1% of the total vacant land in the city. 376.5 acres or 46.9% of this Ward is residential. The majority of residential land is found north of the Passaic River. Although this Ward houses the most residential land use, it has the lowest area of commercial land out of all the wards. Only 8.3% of the total land area is designated as commercial. The commercial property is only concentrated in several locations; along Marshall Street in the southernmost part of the Ward, along parts of Totowa Avenue, Union Avenue, and Chamberlain Avenue in the north, and scattered along McBride Avenue in the central region. However, Ward 2 has the highest area of Public Property, making up 43.4% of the City's total Public Property. This is because Ward 2 has several significantly sized parks including East Side Park, Pennington Park, Garret Mountain and Upper Raceway Park. For a more detailed analysis of the existing land use, see Table 5.

Table 1					
General Data	Ward 2		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Population	24,244	-	146,199	-	16.6%
Housing Units	7,502	100.0%	47,946	100.0%	15.6%
Occupied Units	7,073	94.3%	44,329	92.5%	16.0%
Owner Occupied	3,279	43.7%	13,118	27.4%	25.0%
Renter Occupied	3,794	50.6%	31,211	65.1%	12.2%
Vacant Housing	429	5.7%	3,617	7.5%	11.9%
For Rent	189	2.5%	1,868	3.9%	10.1%
Rented not occupied	2	0.0%	48	0.1%	4.2%
For sale only	68	0.9%	391	0.8%	17.4%
Sold not occupied	27	0.4%	103	0.2%	26.2%
Seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	4	0.1%	36	0.1%	11.1%
Other	139	1.9%	1,171	2.4%	11.9%
Area (acres)	1,133.0	-	5,563.2	-	20.4%

Table 2					
Racial Composition	Ward 2		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
White Only	10,478	43.2%	50,706	34.7%	20.7%
Black Only	3,597	14.8%	46,314	31.7%	7.8%
Asian Only	3,157	13.0%	4,878	3.3%	64.7%
Native American/Alaskan	233	1.0%	1,547	1.1%	15.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	16	0.1%	60	0.0%	26.7%
Other Race	5,573	23.0%	34,999	23.9%	15.9%
Two or More	1,190	4.9%	7,695	5.3%	15.5%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	14,137	58.3%	84,254	57.6%	16.8%

Table 3					
Types of Households	Ward 2		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Family Household	5,457	77.2%	32,731	73.8%	16.7%
Non-Family Household	1,616	22.8%	11,598	26.2%	13.9%
Household Size					
1-Person	1,238	17.5%	9,316	21.0%	13.3%
2-Person	1,543	21.8%	9,468	21.4%	16.3%
3-Person	1,221	17.3%	8,088	18.2%	15.1%
4-Person	1,284	18.2%	7,250	16.4%	17.7%
5-Person	829	11.7%	4,960	11.2%	16.7%
6-Person	460	6.5%	2,534	5.7%	18.2%
7 or More Person	498	7.0%	2,713	6.1%	18.4%
Total Households	7,073	100.0%	44,329	100.0%	16.0%

Table 4					
Age Profile	Ward 2		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Total	24,244	100.0%	146,199	100.0%	16.6%
Under 5	1,958	8.1%	11,730	8.0%	16.7%
5 to 9	1,891	7.8%	11,053	7.6%	17.1%
10 to 14	1,847	7.6%	10,816	7.4%	17.1%
15 to 19	1,856	7.7%	12,099	8.3%	15.3%
20 to 24	1,888	7.8%	11,730	8.0%	16.1%
25 to 34	3,820	15.8%	21,679	14.8%	17.6%
35 to 44	3,500	14.4%	20,649	14.1%	16.9%
45 to 54	3,168	13.1%	19,462	13.3%	16.3%
55 to 59	1,291	5.3%	7,648	5.2%	16.9%
60 to 64	998	4.1%	6,314	4.3%	15.8%
65 to 74	1,122	4.6%	4,513	3.1%	24.9%
75 to 84	626	2.6%	7,197	4.9%	8.7%
85 and older	279	1.2%	1,309	0.9%	21.3%
Males					
Under 5	1,005	8.5%	6,006	8.5%	16.7%
5 to 14	1,892	16.0%	11,185	15.8%	16.9%
15 to 24	1,846	15.6%	11,921	16.9%	15.5%
25 to 34	1,850	15.7%	10,455	14.8%	17.7%
35 to 44	1,756	14.9%	9,983	14.1%	17.6%
45 to 54	1,563	13.2%	9,365	13.3%	16.7%
55 to 64	1,080	9.1%	6,468	9.2%	16.7%
65 and over	818	6.9%	5,286	7.5%	15.5%
Total	11,810	100.0%	70,669	100.0%	16.7%
Females					
Under 5	953	7.7%	5,724	7.6%	16.6%
5 to 14	1,846	14.8%	10,684	14.1%	17.3%
15 to 24	1,898	15.3%	11,908	15.8%	15.9%
25 to 34	1,970	15.8%	11,224	14.9%	17.6%
35 to 44	1,744	14.0%	10,666	14.1%	16.4%
45 to 54	1,605	12.9%	10,097	13.4%	15.9%
55 to 64	1,209	9.7%	7,494	9.9%	16.1%
65 and over	1,209	9.7%	7,733	10.2%	15.6%
Total	12,434	100.0%	75,530	100.0%	16.5%

Table 5
Existing Land Use in Ward 2 & Paterson, NJ (in acres)

Existing Land Use	Ward 2		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Acreage	Percent	Acreage	Percent	
Vacant	43.9	5.5%	174.6	4.5%	25.1%
Residential	376.5	46.9%	1,633.0	42.5%	23.1%
Commercial	66.9	8.3%	570.2	14.8%	11.7%
Industrial	21.9	2.7%	311.5	0.4%	7.0%
Apartment	13.1	1.6%	124.2	3.2%	10.5%
Railroad Class I	0.0	0.0%	26.2	0.7%	0.0%
Public School	23.6	2.9%	113.6	3.0%	20.8%
Other School	2.1	0.3%	5.1	0.1%	41.2%
Public	197.4	24.6%	454.7	11.8%	43.4%
Church & Charitable	15.4	1.9%	110.8	2.9%	13.9%
Cemeteries & Graveyards	0.0	0.0%	111.0	2.9%	0.0%
Other Exempt	25.1	3.1%	120.0	3.1%	20.9%
No Data	16.9	2.1%	91.2	10.0%	18.5%
Total Area	802.8	100.0%	3,846.1	100.0%	20.9%