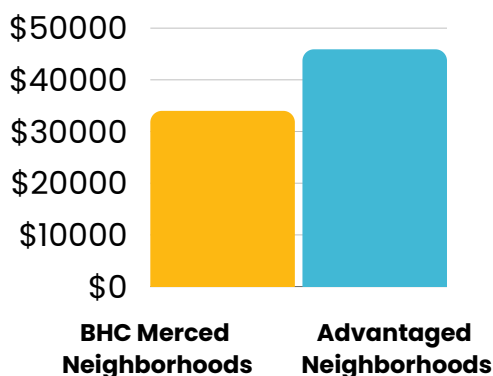
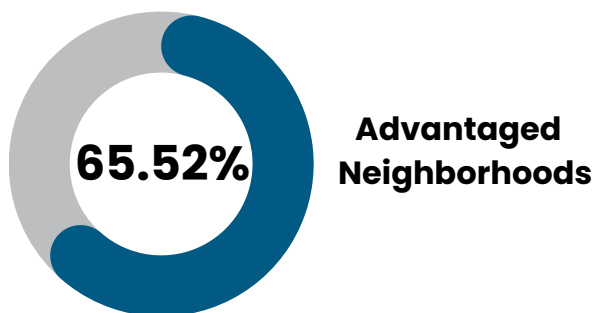
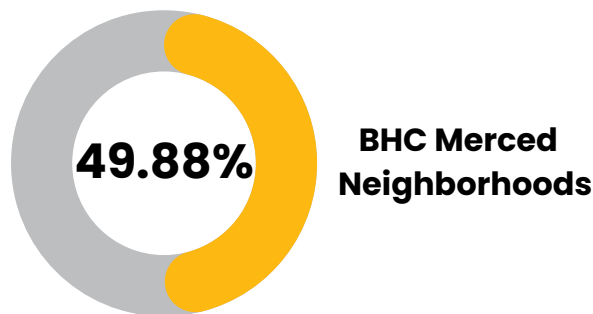


UNEQUAL NEIGHBORHOODS MERCED: NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

Where we live, work, and play determine the types of opportunities we can access in our daily lives.



EMPLOYMENT

There is a relationship between our employment status and the neighborhoods that we live in, our health insurance status and health care service access, our housing opportunities, and our food systems. In The Place, residents average employment at less than 50% whereas residents in Advantaged Neighborhoods average more than 15% higher.

POVERTY

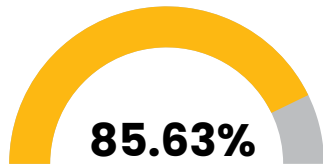
Neighborhoods with higher levels of poverty face obstacles in a number of areas including, access to healthy foods, affordable housing, access to safe places to exercise and play, and educational opportunities and attainment, among others. In The Place, there are approximately 20% more people living in poverty than in Advantaged Neighborhoods.

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

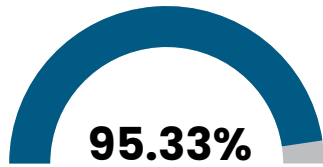
In The Place, the median income is nearly \$10k less than in Advantaged Neighborhoods.

AUTOMOBILE ACCESS

Automobile access is an important factor for a variety of daily activities, and having a vehicle is associated with shorter overall daily commute times. When communities lack investment in infrastructure, such as dependable and efficient public transportation options, people spend more time getting to and from the places they need to go everyday. In The Place, residents average automobile access at 85.6% whereas residents in Advantaged Neighborhoods average approximately 10% higher.



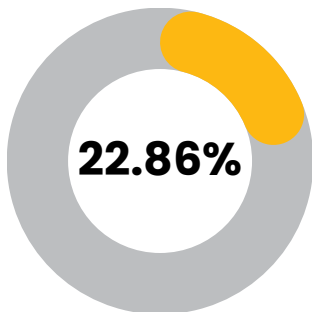
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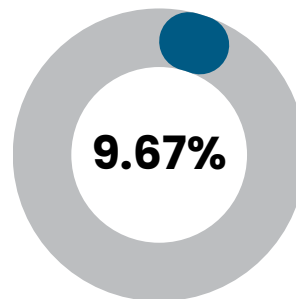
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SEVERE HOUSING BURDEN

Severe housing burden is defined by housing costs exceeding 50% of household income. Being housing burdened limits a household's ability to invest in healthy opportunities and choices. In The Place, there are approximately 12% more people experiencing severe housing burden than in the Advantaged Neighborhoods.



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