

The History of White Flight in Dayton

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WHITE FLIGHT

phenomenon that became popular in the mid 1950's where white families moved out of inner cities and into the suburbs. Black families were unable to do the same due to discriminatory policies and practices.

RED LINING

process where African Americans or blacks were denied housing in certain areas. There were areas in a city that were "zoned" for black families and they could only purchase housing in those designated areas.

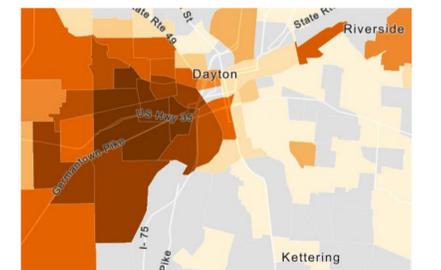
"When I started High School in 1953, I was one of 1,250 students entering Roosevelt High School...When I graduated four years later, there were 350 students in the class. When I entered, 90% of the high school was white and four years later it was 90% of the students were black"

Bill Johnson, Facing Project Narrative: "Through Life's Changes, God Provides"

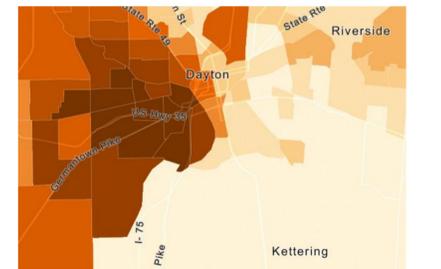
Black or African American Population in Dayton



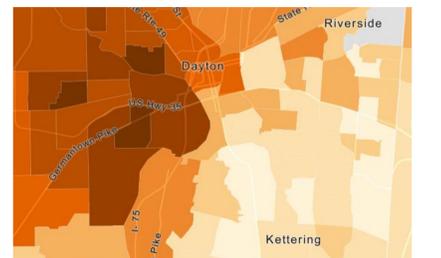
1950



1970



1980



2016

White population decreases over time.

JIM CROW

discriminatory policies that were put in place to ensure racial segregation after the abolition of slavery. After Jim Crow was abolished, there were other "colorblind" policies put in place to continue racial discrimination.

BLOCK BUSTING

scare tactic used by realtors to convince white families to move out when black families moved in around them. Realtors convinced families that their property value would decrease if they stayed due to the increasing population of blacks in the area.

Dayton

- According to Bucknell.edu, Dayton is the 3rd most segregated city in the US, largely due to suburb zoning policies in cities, such as Kettering.
- The addition of I-75 caused a very literal separation of resources and separation of races.

Why should we care?

- Many businesses and jobs moved out of the inner cities with the white population.
- White flight caused for the predominantly black population who were left living in the inner cities to be isolated from essential resources, and many still are to this day.

Why do we still see effects of white flight in Dayton today?

- The three main contributors to white flight (as shown above) have left lingering effects on Dayton's population, causing it to still be largely racially segregated.
- A possible solution for lingering effects could be implementing programs to help end concentrated poverty and help areas affected by food deserts in the city of Dayton.

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