WAYNEDALE 2040

JAN 2026
QUARTERLY PLAN UPDATE

WHAT:

Waynedale 2040 is a planning document that provides a shared vision of the neighborhoods located in the Waynedale area. Over time, the plan will include the history of the area, results and types of engagement accomplished, current conditions of various social and physical features, and recommendations created by the community that will guide the Waynedale area.

WHY:

Neighborhood Plans provide an opportunity for community voices to steer the direction of their neighborhoods. They help to engage residents and stakeholders of the Waynedale area to identify and prioritize needs and aspirations and celebrate its community, character, and unique identity. In turn, this develops a set of goals and implementation strategies that will guide planning and development activities, neighborhood design, public improvements, and future investments.

PLANNING PROCESS & TIMELINE

CONFIRMING

Last chance to give input! Engaging the public to review and give feedback to the visioning efforts. Attend a **Waynedale 2040 Open House** to give your input (details below).

PROJECT KICKOFF
Waynedale Planning Committee is formed from local residents, leaders, and business owners.

RESEARCH
Understanding who calls Waynedale home. The neighborhood planning staff researches demographics, housing, and other data.

ENGAGEMENT
In-person and online engagement allows neighborhood residents to workshop ideas on what matters most for their neighborhood. This lasts from late 2024 to early 2026.

VISIONING
Using the engagement results, the Waynedale Planning Committee is beginning to draft recommendations, goals, and action steps. This will last through the end of 2025.

we're here!

PLANNING
Bringing together conversations and research to finalize the planning document.

ADOPTION
Final plan will be presented to City Council and, if approved, adopted into ordinance.

IMPLEMENTATION
Projects begin moving forward!

2024 — 2025 — 2026





ENGAGEMENT TRACKER

Waynedale 2040 Open Houses:

Tuesday, Feb. 17th
Waynedale ACPL
2200 Lower Huntington Rd
6p - 8p

Thursday, Feb. 19th
Waynedale ACPL
2200 Lower Huntington Rd
5p - 7p

Look out for the next update to view the full plan and executive summary, including goals, strategies, and action steps.

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WAYNEDALE 1921
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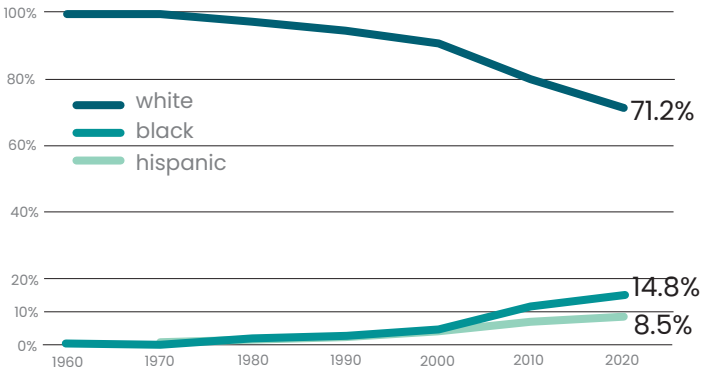
WHAT DOES THE DATA SAY ABOUT WAYNEDALE?

Data used for the Waynedale 2040 plan covers topics such as population changes, housing characteristics, commercial spending behaviors, public health, crime, and historic preservation. Depending on the topic, planners have used sources like the US Census, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County Public Library, and others. Key findings from this data have revealed important insights into the character and dynamics that shape Waynedale. **Here's what was found:**

POPULATION

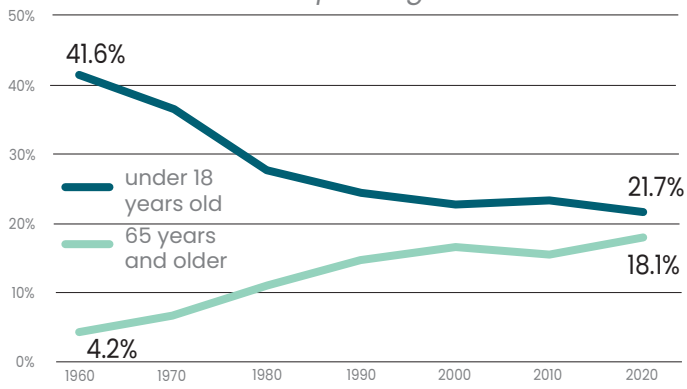
In 2023, there were 12,024 residents in the Waynedale area. Waynedale is becoming more racially and ethnically diverse, with growing black and hispanic populations.

Graph 1: Race and Ethnicity



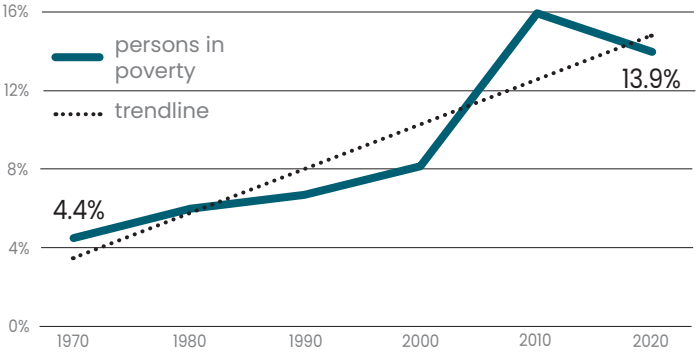
Waynedale is an aging community. The percent of residents who are aged 65 and older has more than quadrupled from 1960 to 2020.

Graph 2: Age



Poverty is increasing in Waynedale. The poverty rate has more than tripled from 1970 to 2020.

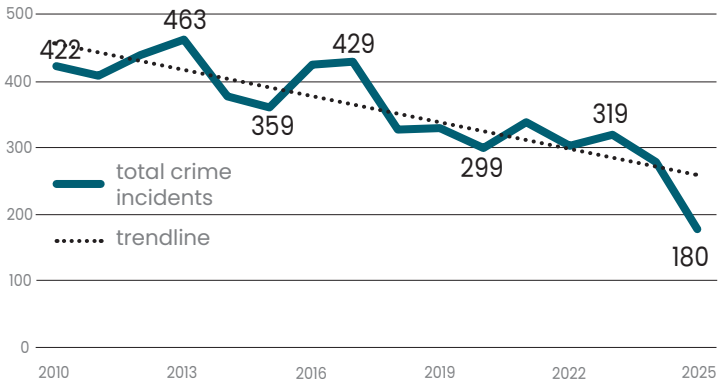
Graph 3: Poverty



CRIME

Crime in Waynedale has been going down steadily over the past 15 years, with a sharp drop in 2025. Total crime includes violent and nonviolent crime.

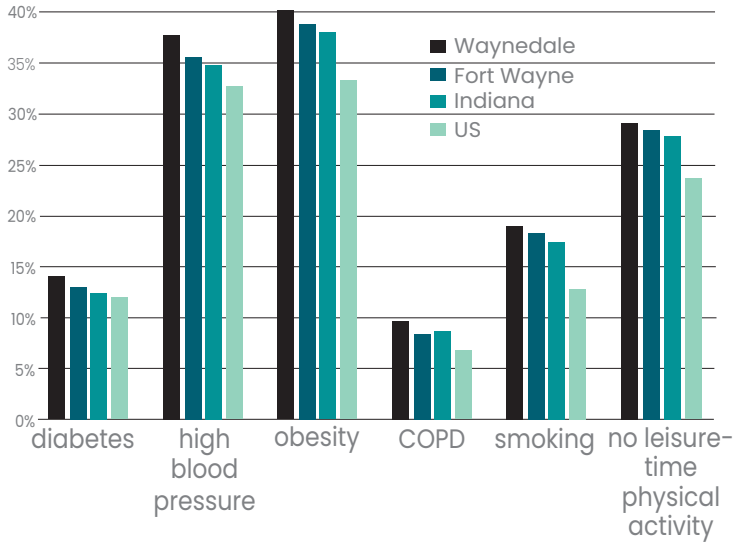
Graph 4: Total Crime



HEALTH

Across many health outcomes, Waynedale fairs similar to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the nation, including in measures like asthma, stroke, cancer, binge drinking, adults without health insurance, and others. However, Waynedale has higher rates, comparatively, in diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, COPD, smoking, and no leisure-time physical activity.

Graph 5: Health Outcomes



All data and the full report will be available during and following the adoption phase of the planning process. Follow along at **WaynedalePlan.com**.

Data Sources: Graphs 1, 2, and 3 - US Census Bureau, Decennial Census; Graph 4 - FWPD; Graph 5 - CDC PLACES, 2024 Data Release.