Demographic overview of District 1 and Highwood

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History of Highwood Development

- 1850s-1870s – First houses built on larger farms
- 1880s – Burlington Heights was platted which created early residential properties in Highwood
- Early 1900s – Railroad depots built connecting Highwood to Saint Paul, Boys Totem town built
- 1950s – Homes start to be built along Burlington Rd, still mostly farms
- 1970s – Afton View Apts built, cul-de-sacs off McKnight Rd began to be built, farms converted to homes
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46.7% White
32.9% Black
10.3% Asian
6.3% Latino
3.8% Other Races/Multi-Racial

72.6% of children are people of color
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Median age 30.6 years old
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• 56.7% of households are owner-occupied
• 43.3% of households are renter-occupied

• Median age of head of household for owned units: 46 years old
• Median age of head of household for rented units: 35 years old
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• 83% of owned households have a White head of household
• 27% of rented households have a White head of household
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• 36% speak a language other than English (mostly Asian and other non-European languages)
• Median household income of homeowners $78,182, of renters $33,843 (vs. City overall median of $50,885)
• 10.5% unemployment rate
• 22.5% of residents below 150% of poverty line
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• 76.7% of homeowners moved into home since 1990 (52.6% since 2000)

• 99.1% of renters moved into unit since 2000