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Closing Equity Gaps in DC's Wards and Neighborhoods

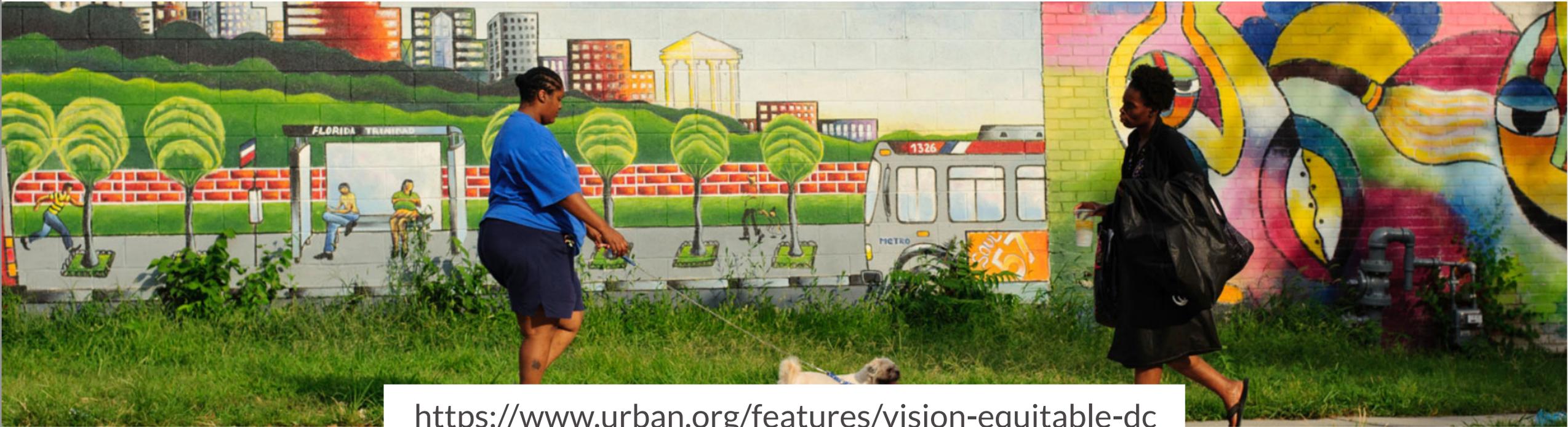
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A Vision for an Equitable DC

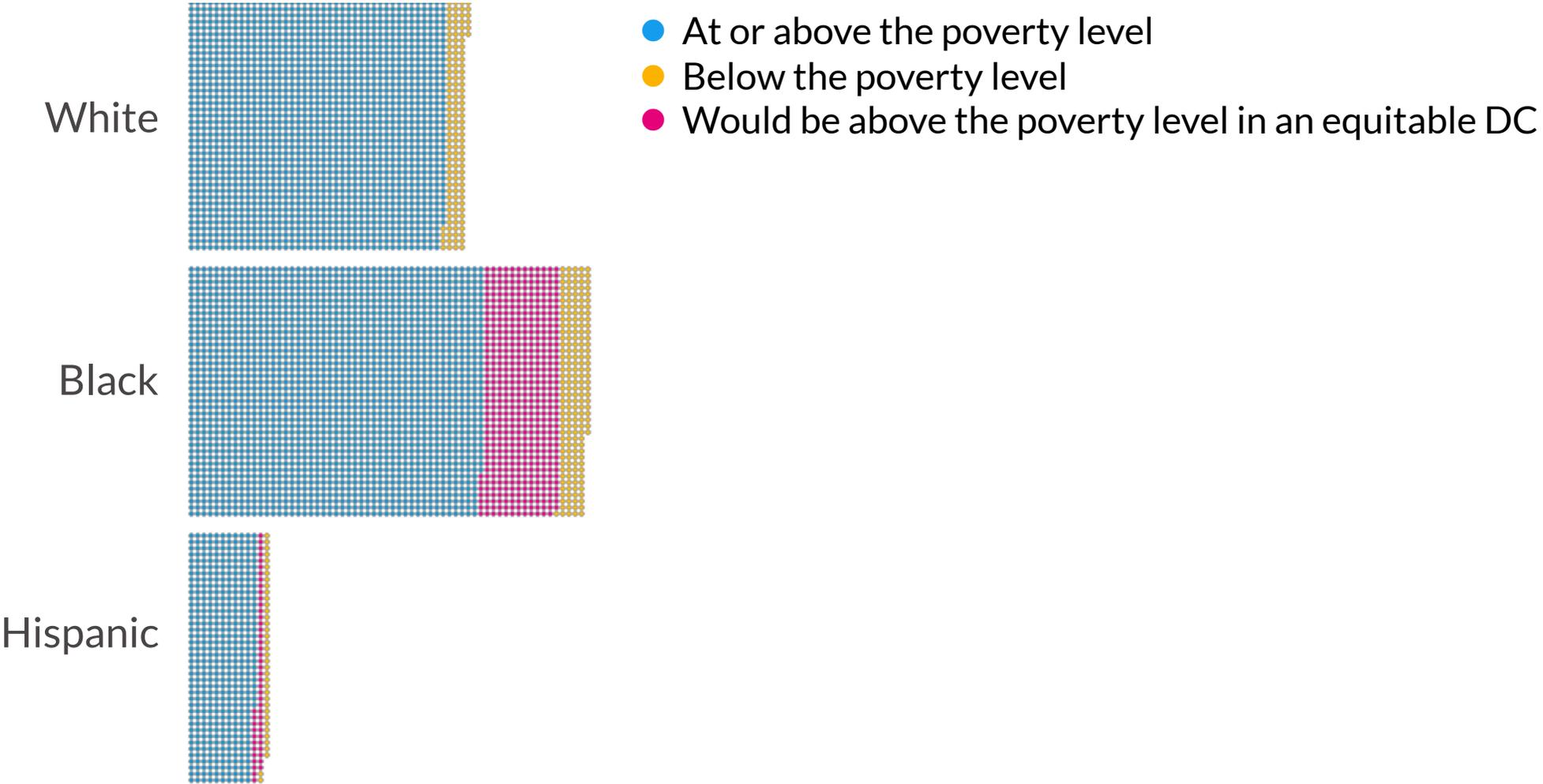
Features

Interactives, stories, and collections that go beyond the data



<https://www.urban.org/features/vision-equitable-dc>

Racial equity: Poverty status



<https://urbn.is/dcequity>

DC equity tool

Indicator

 +

Location

 +

Compare

Set goal

Comparison location

 +

Equity indicators are measures of community well-being.



Choose one of 16 indicators

- People above poverty
- Children above poverty
- Living wage
- Family income
- Unemployment
- Commute time
- Small-business lending
- Postsecondary education
- Retail bank branch locations
- Premature mortality
- Prenatal care
- Grocery stores
- Homeownership
- Housing cost burden
- Home sales affordable to the average household of color
- Violent crime

DC equity tool

Indicator

Postsecondary education +

Location

Select a location +

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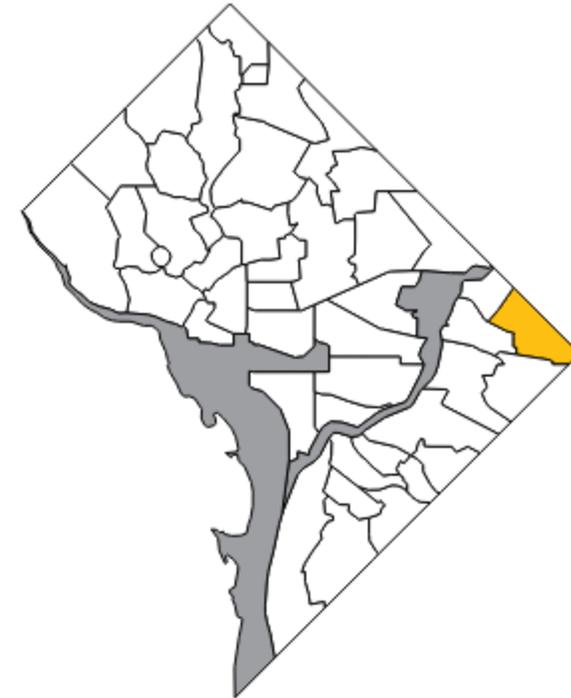
Select a ward or a neighborhood cluster as your primary location.



Choose a geographic area



Wards



Neighborhood Clusters

Adults with a postsecondary degree, 2012-16

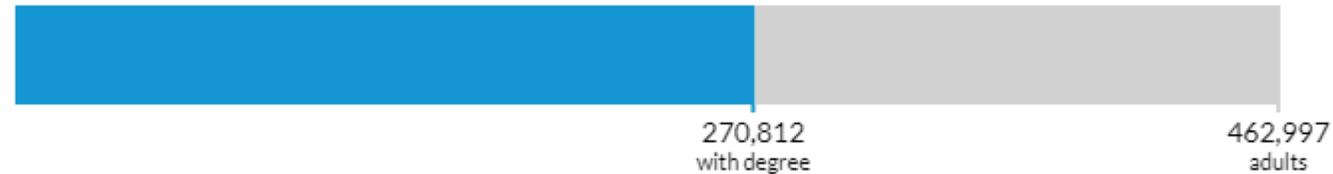
Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

19%



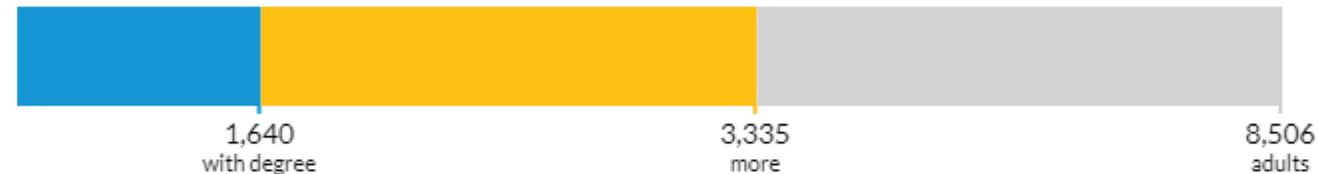
DC

58%



Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights in an equitable DC

58%



If we closed this equity gap, 3,335 more adults in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would have postsecondary degrees.

Adults with a postsecondary degree, 2012-16

Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

19%



Ward 2

85%



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85%



If we closed this equity gap, 5,606 more adults in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would have postsecondary degrees.

Adults with a postsecondary degree, 2012-16

Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

19%



Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

92%



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92%



If we closed this equity gap, 6,205 more adults in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would have postsecondary degrees.

Why is this important?

A college education is increasingly necessary for people who want higher-wage jobs. **Earnings for college graduates are higher**, on average, than for workers without a college degree. And many good jobs in growing fields such as technology and health care **require a college degree**.

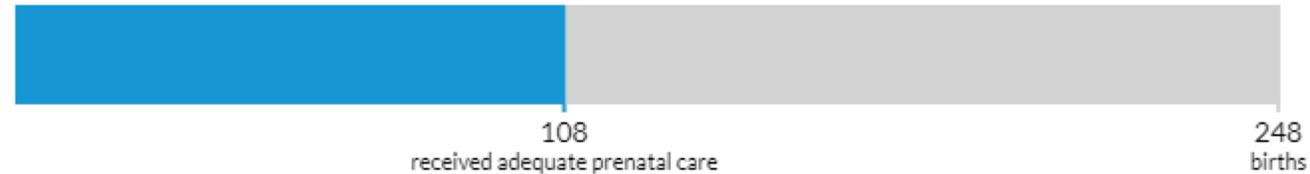
What can we do?

Creating more opportunities for adults to earn a college degree requires multiple strategies, including [increasing funding to public colleges and universities](#) and [increasing spending on student services](#). [Improving the quality of K-12 education](#) could help more young people graduate from high school and be ready for college, particularly in communities that have not received an equitable share of public school funding in the past.

Births to mothers who received adequate prenatal care, 2016

Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

44%



Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

82%



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If we closed this equity gap, 96 more mothers in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would receive adequate prenatal care each year.

Premature deaths per 1,000 population, 2014-16

Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights



Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale



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If we closed this equity gap, 92 fewer people in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would die before age 75 each year.

People who live within one mile of a major grocery store, 2018

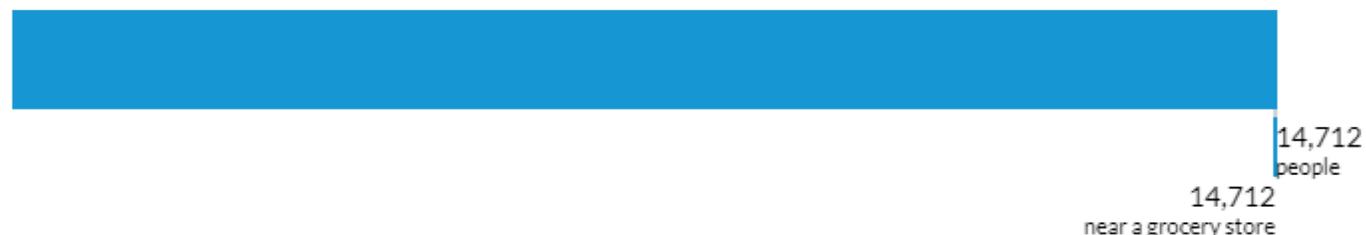
Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

21%



Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

100%



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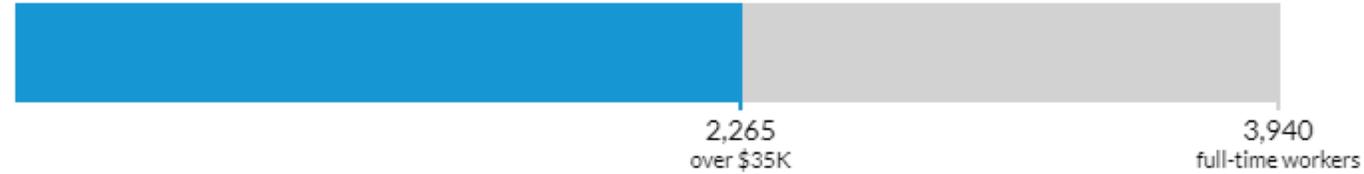


If we closed this equity gap, 10,168 more people in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would have a grocery store nearby.

Full-time workers earning a living wage, 2012-16

Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

57%



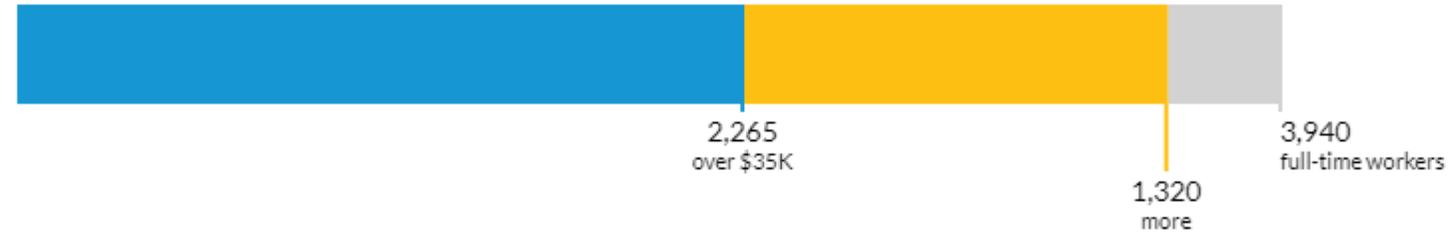
Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

91%



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If we closed this equity gap, 1,320 more full-time workers in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would earn over \$35,000 a year.

People above poverty, 2012-16

Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

74%



Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

87%



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If we closed this equity gap, 1,721 more people in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would be above the poverty threshold.

Children above poverty, 2012-16

Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

61%



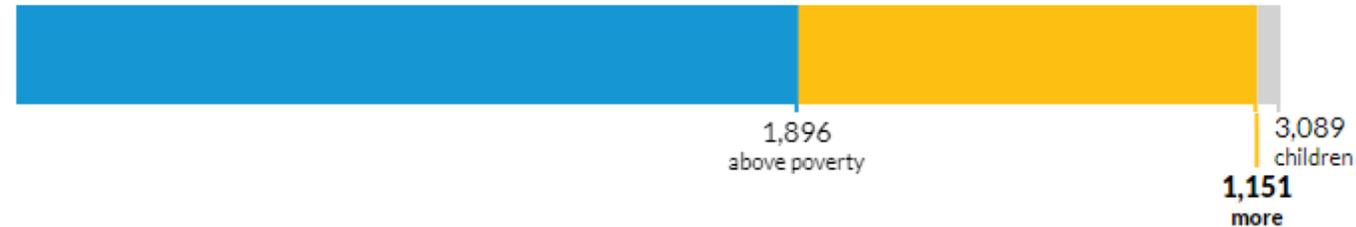
Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

99%



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If we closed this equity gap, 1,151 more children in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would be above the poverty threshold.

Homeownership rate, 2012-16

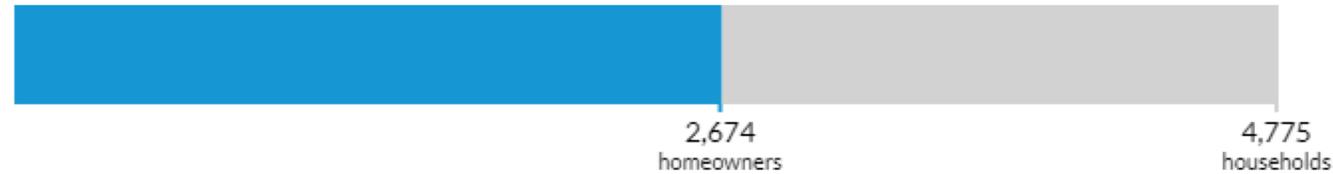
Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

43%



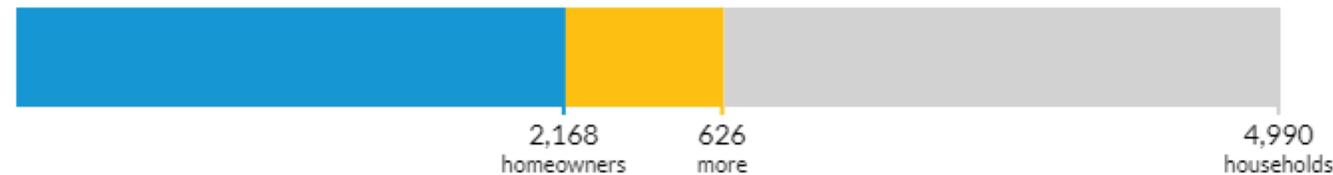
Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

56%



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If we closed this equity gap, 626 more households in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights would own their own homes.

Home sales affordable to the average household of color, 2017

Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

37%



Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

1%



Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights in an equitable DC

A larger share of affordable homes are sold in Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, and Fairmont Heights than in Georgetown and Burleith/Hillandale.

Home sales affordable to the average household of color, 2017

Georgetown, Burleith/Hillandale

1%



Deanwood, Burrville, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights, Fairmont Heights

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If we closed this equity gap, 73 more homes sold in Georgetown and Burleith/Hillandale would be affordable to the average household of color in DC each year.

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