



Case study: DIVERSITY IN ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT Programs and Best Practices Achieving Results In Underserved Communities

1. Read the description of the following city.

The geographic boundaries constituting Southeast Seattle are south of I-90, north of the southern Seattle City limits, west of Lake Washington, and east of I-5. About 84,000 people live in this region which comprises over a dozen neighborhoods. For decades, this mosaic of communities has been among the most ethnically diverse region in the State. Seventy-one percent of our residents are nonwhite, and 40-53% are immigrants(Vietnamize, Japanese, Filipino, Ethiopian, Easter Europeans, African Americans many of whom are fleeing war-torn and impoverished nations from East Africa and the Middle East. Forty ethnic groups live in Southeast Seattle, and 60 different languages are spoken. Thirty percent of the population is under age 18.

Data Demographics

34% Asian, 27% White or Caucasian, 23% Black or African-American, 8% Hispanic and 5% other races or of mixed race.

Southeast Seattle has the highest poverty rates and the greatest percentage of low-income residents within the City of Seattle. In certain parts of Southeast Seattle, the unemployment rate hovers at the 16%-20% level — about triple the current Seattle unemployment rate of 5.1%.

Members of Southeast Seattle communities need safe, affordable, and attractive housing, and they need increased opportunities to become economically self-sufficient.

Source of Data: SEED Seattle <https://www.seedseattle.org/economic-development/>.

The emergence of stable divers Urban Communities, Philip Nyden and Michael Mal.