



CENTRAL WEST END

North Business Community
Improvement District

SAFETY FACTS & FIGURES

For Business Owners and Employees

The Facts

About the Neighborhood

- In 2014, the American Planning Association selected the CWE as one of America's Top Ten Great Neighborhoods.
- The neighborhood generates nearly \$30 million per year in tax revenue.
- More people choose to both live and work in the Central West End than any other neighborhood in the region.
- The neighborhood is home to the Washington University Medical Center (WUMC) and Cortex Innovation Community, which attract more than four million visitors a year.

A Growing Urban Region

- Since 2005, there has been more than \$400 million invested in commercial and residential development in the Central West End. More than 1,400 residential units have been added since 2006.
- The Central West End is the most densely populated area in the St. Louis region, with 30,000 - 40,000 people in the neighborhood on a daily basis.

Safety and Security

- Part 1 crimes, which include violent crimes and property-related incidents, decreased from more than 2,300 a year in 2006 to 1,200 in 2015.
- Since 2007, overall crime has decreased by more than 40%. Person crime (assault, homicide, rape, and robbery) has decreased 40%, and property crime (arson, burglary, larceny, and vehicle theft) has decreased 43%.
- With an increase in population, development, and growth, there was a slight increase in person crimes from 2015 to 2016. As of November 2016, this increase was four person crimes; overall crime was down 3.7% or 40 criminal acts.

Safety Initiatives

The CWE Neighborhood Security Initiative (NSI)

- The NSI coordinates a number of initiatives to keep the area safe including:
 - Administering off-duty security patrols and video camera programs throughout the neighborhood.
 - Coordinating a Court Advocacy program to ensure community input on sentencing.

Security Cameras

- There are more than 90 security cameras throughout the neighborhood. These cameras assist the police department in apprehending and convicting those who commit the crimes. They can also serve as a deterrent to criminals.
- In 2016 footage from the cameras was reviewed more than 90 times. The information gathered assisted with 48 arrests.

Updated Lighting

- Throughout the Central West End updated, bright street lighting provides safer walkways, alleys, and common spaces.

Security Patrols

- A variety of neighborhood programs fund more than 2,500 foot, ATV and bicycle safety patrols around the area. These safety officers are off-duty St. Louis City Police officers.

Neighborhood Guides

- Off-duty public service personnel serve as neighborhood guides. As they patrol the area, these guides build relationships with neighborhood visitors, business owners and residents.