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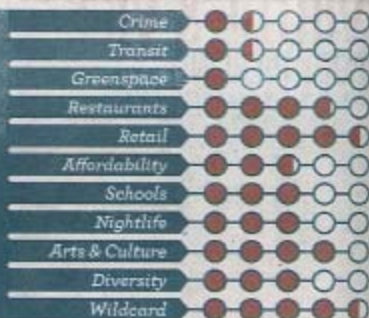


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# WESTSIDE

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Location » Intown/West



## UPSIDES

Great for the hip, the young, artists and foodies, with great food, shopping and culture.

Close to Midtown and downtown.

## DOWNSIDES

Low on certain amenities, like grocery stores.

The cost of a real loft space has gotten steep, pricing out artists and other urban pioneers.

### CRIME

Average total crimes per 1,000 residents: 114.7

Total violent crimes per 1,000 residents: 24.46

Total property crimes per 1,000 residents: 90.24

### MEDIAN HOME PRICE

**\$169,900**

Like other parts of the city, the Westside has seen a condo boom that's turned the former industrial/warehouse into a true neighborhood.

Average rental: \$700

### EDUCATION

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The Westside is home to two experimental single-gender public schools.

### GREENSPACE

There's Home Park and Knight Park. Or cross your fingers for Westside Reservoir Park, a proposed-350-acre Beltline greenspace centered around the 100-foot-deep Bellwood Quarry.

### DIVERSITY

The Westside is mostly white, but with notable black, Hispanic and Asian populations.

"I can walk everywhere. I never cook at home because there are so many great restaurants around, and I see everyone out and about.

You can't beat that."

— JAY MOREL, SIX-YEAR WESTSIDE RESIDENT  
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Once a wasteland of warehouses and drab industrial spaces, Atlanta's Westside has been transformed into what's arguably the city's hottest 'hood for top-notch dining, loft living and highbrow shopping. Indie galleries also have taken up residence. Throw in the mixed-use, mega-shopping destination that is Atlantic Station — and the youthful brainpower of Georgia Tech — and you've got a section of town that's thriving despite tough economic times.

### NIGHTLIFE

#### Northside Tavern

An intown blues oasis, this tavern is the real deal, with live music nightly from the likes of local legend Mudcat. 1058 Howell Mill Road. 404-874-8745. [www.northsidetavern.com](http://www.northsidetavern.com).

#### Ormsby's

Hidden-from-sight downstairs bar boasts shuffleboard, pool, bocce ball and darts — in addition to craft beers. 1170 Howell Mill Road. 404-968-2033. [www.ormsbysatlanta.com](http://www.ormsbysatlanta.com).

#### Swinging Richards

Don't even think about throwing your little bachelorette party at this all-male strip club, boo. Richards is strictly dicky. 1400 Northside Drive. 404-352-0532. [www.swingingrichards.com](http://www.swingingrichards.com).

### SHOPPING

#### Anthropologie

Oozes good taste in its women's clothing, as well as charming housewares. 1207 Howell Mill Road. 404-355-4889. [www.anthropologie.com](http://www.anthropologie.com).

#### Perrine's Wine Shop

The former sommelier at Joël offers a nicely rounded selection of varietals for all price points in an airy space. 1168 Howell Mill Road, Suite B. 404-254-5077. [www.perrineswine.com](http://www.perrineswine.com).

#### Bungalow Classic

Couches, lamps and high-end linens in muted colors and simple shapes. Low-key swank. 1197 Howell Mill Road. 404-351-9120. [www.bungalowclassic.com](http://www.bungalowclassic.com).

## HIDDEN GEM

At the rustic, 12-acre Goat Farm, you'll find roofers, artists and, yes, goats. Recently, the former cotton mill has served as a venue for concerts, art happenings and film shoots. 1200 Foster St.

## WILD CARD

Nine points for utter coolness. We love this 'hood.

### EATS

#### Abattoir

This upscale but lower-priced restaurant from the owners of Bacchanalia is a smart response to the recession. Adventurous foodies will be drawn to the offal dishes. 1170 Howell Mill Road. 404-892-3335. [www.starprovisions.com](http://www.starprovisions.com).

#### Bocado

The soothing, minimalist space is as delightful as the menu, which was created to be sharable and speaks to the aspirations and inspirations of talented chef Todd Ginsberg. The burger is among the best in town. 887 Howell Mill Road. 404-815-1399. [www.bocadoatlanta.com](http://www.bocadoatlanta.com).

#### Miller Union

Watershed sous chef Steven Satterfield and Sotto Sotto manager Neal McCarthy have delivered a truly regional restaurant, serving Southern food without shtick or embellishment. 999 Brady Ave. 678-733-8550. [www.millerunion.com](http://www.millerunion.com).

### CULTURE

#### Westside Arts District

Officially including 10 galleries, WAD has emerged as the city's most cohesive arts 'hood. Its daytime third Saturday art stroll is a monthly highlight. [www.wadatlanta.org](http://www.wadatlanta.org).

#### Actor's Express

Possibly Atlanta's most exciting theater company, specializing in finding bold new plays and rediscovering classics. 887 W. Marietta St. 404-875-1606. [www.actorexpress.com](http://www.actorexpress.com).

#### Relapse Theater

Located in a renovated church, it showcases burgeoning local comics, artists-in-residence and strong improv impresarios. 380 14th St. 404-343-0347. [www.relapsecomedy.com](http://www.relapsecomedy.com).

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