

To begin with, it is important to note that we don't have all of the information for a clear picture of our three neighbourhoods: Argyle Park, Englewood, and Hawkstone. We are on the cusp of a new census coming out. As well, we only have limited census data for Hawkstone, which is a new build. However, our picture is based on a familiarity with these communities including Hawkstone as we have key people who live here and we can extrapolate from the data that we have.

The Majority Picture

While Hawkstone is a new build, Argyle Park and Englewood were built in the early 70s. These neighbourhoods have been stable with a majority of married people raising families. The neighbourhood is now in transition as parents are retiring and moving out. However, the majority of people living here remain here. The median age is early 30s. As a result, these neighbourhoods are stable.

Economically these neighbourhoods are mainly strong. The majority of people—especially couples—fit within the “middle class.” This means they own their homes, cars, pay for their children's education, save for retirement, have good health care, and can enjoy vacations. As a result, the majority of our neighbours are self-sufficient and have more spiritual rather than physical needs.

The neighbourhoods themselves are largely “safe.” There is low gang activity and crime tends to be petty. Examples would be cars that are left open being rifled through for cash or goods. Common sense and reporting to the police will reduce this. These crimes are mainly youthful mischief.

Like all of Regina, higher needs caused by COVID include increased domestic violence, drug use, and mental health issues.

The Minority Picture

While we celebrate the strength of these neighbourhoods, it doesn't mean there are not issues present within them.

These are three suburban neighbourhoods which means they are drive-in neighbourhoods. Most people have to drive out of them to get to work or to procure amenities. As a result there can be little to no sense of being in community with neighbours and a lack of skill to foster community spirit.

There is also a growing presence of new Canadians moving into these neighbourhoods. Their tendency is to form sub-communities based on ethnicity for support while settling. As they settle they have increasing need to make cross-cultural connections as well as help navigating the “major” culture. While the growing diversity is a good thing, our neighbours may also need help as threats to homogeneity are not always welcome.

In addition to ethnic diversity, there is economic diversity in our neighbourhoods. We do have a small percentage of people that live below the poverty line, which includes more than just an income threshold. Some people pay more than 30% of their income in rent. There are those who struggle with food insecurity. And some who struggle with being working poor or unemployed. While education is available to everyone, not all finish high school or move on to post-secondary education. Those at greatest risk are:

- Children in single parent homes
- Single parents, especially women
- The self-employed
- People with disabilities
- Minorities, especially visible ones

In addition, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community struggle for dignity, love and acceptance in every neighbourhood.

These Are the People in Our Neighbourhoods

“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

—Jeremiah 29:7

Summary of Potential Needs

- Support to foster strong marriages and raise healthy families
- Particularly, right now, addressing domestic violence
- Providing community connections to meet social needs and community spirit
- Petty crime prevention and place for youth to be positively occupied
- Connection to drug abuse prevention and mental health aid
- Help integrating new Canadians into the majority culture and navigating resources
- Help to “majority” culture to embrace new diversity
- Assistance to the most vulnerable to overcome poverty, especially education, food insecurity, and affordable housing
- Advocacy for the LGBTQ2S+ community