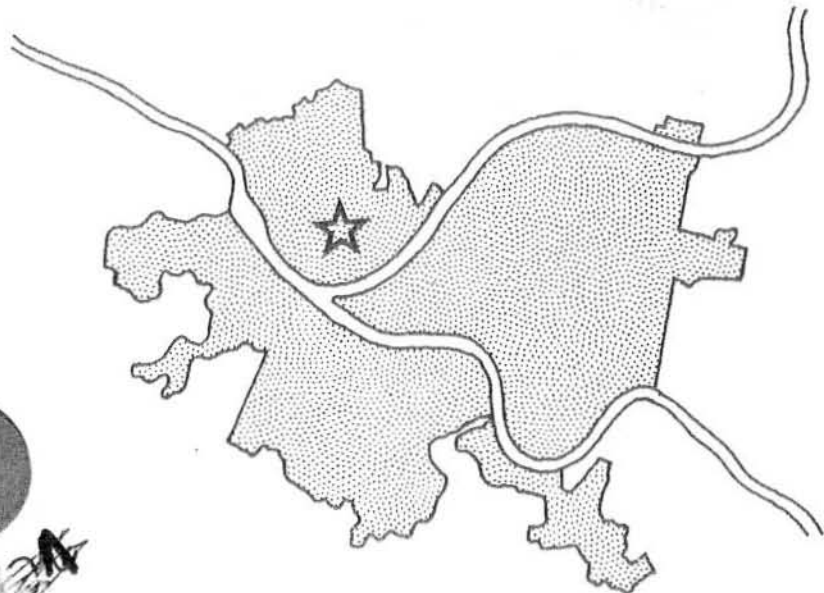


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PREFACE

One thing that citizens need if they are to take part in planning for their neighborhoods is up-to-date information about their neighborhoods. This booklet is an attempt by the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning to present information, primarily from the United States Census of Population and Housing, for use by citizens and community groups. Unfortunately, census material is not perfect; it may not have all the information that you need and it may not be in the most useful form for your purposes. It is, however, the best that is available.

Where possible, comparisons have been made between 1960 and 1970 characteristics, and between neighborhood and city-wide values, in order to better understand present neighborhood conditions.

The material has been divided into four sections, Population, Housing, Socio-Economic characteristics and Community Facilities. Although most of the information comes from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the statistics on building permits (new, and alterations) come from the city's Bureau of Building Inspection; the crime data was compiled by the Bureau of Police; and the welfare data was provided by the Allegheny County Board of Public Assistance. The summary tapes from which much of the census information was extracted were provided by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission.

ALLEGHENY CENTER

Allegheny Center is not what one might call a neighborhood, but it does have almost 1200 residents with the clear majority in high-rise apartments. This is a mixed development of a commercial regional shopping center, high rise office buildings, residential townhouses and high rise apartments.

The statistics for this area in 1970 show a great reduction in population. This loss has almost been compensated for in the last four years due to new residential construction.

It is located in the central part of lower North Side bounded by Allegheny Commons on the east, west and north and the railroad tracks on the south. It falls in census tract 2204. It is serviced and surrounded by a loop road with connections to Federal Street north and south and East Ohio Street east and west. It is therefore well situated for centrality of access both to the North Side and also downtown Pittsburgh via the Sixth Street-Federal Street Bridge.

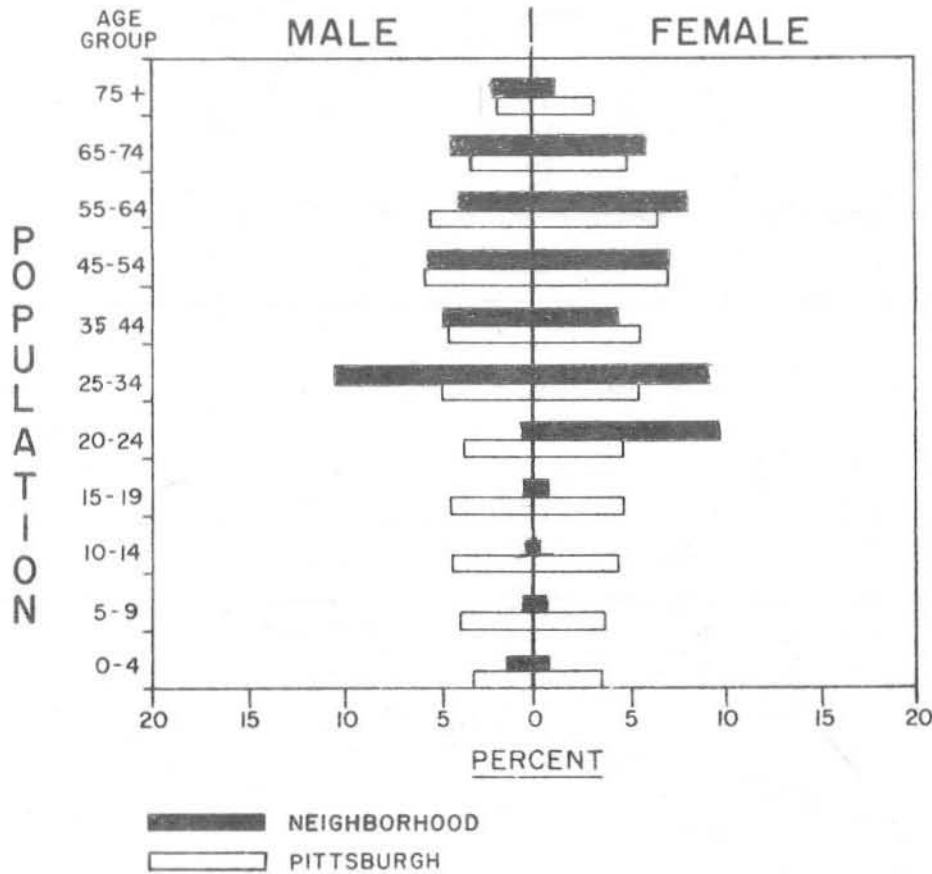


— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



31 ST WARD

AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Allegheny Center's population falls in the age 25-34 category, the smallest being the 10-14 yrs. age group. Citywide, more people are found in the age 45-54 group than in any other; the age 75 and older category is the smallest.

POPULATION CHANGE, 1960-1970

The population of Allegheny Cent. has changed from 2,421 in 1960 to 588 in 1970, representing a -75.7% change. This compares to an average citywide change of -13.9%, where population declined from 604,332 in 1960 to 520,117 in 1970.

FAMILIES BY TYPE AND PRESENCE OF CHILDREN LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD

The predominant family-type in this neighborhood is the husband-wife family - no children less than 18 category. The highest portion of families with incomes below poverty level is the male head - no children less than 18 group.

MEDIAN AGE, 1970

The median age for the neighborhood is 42.2 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

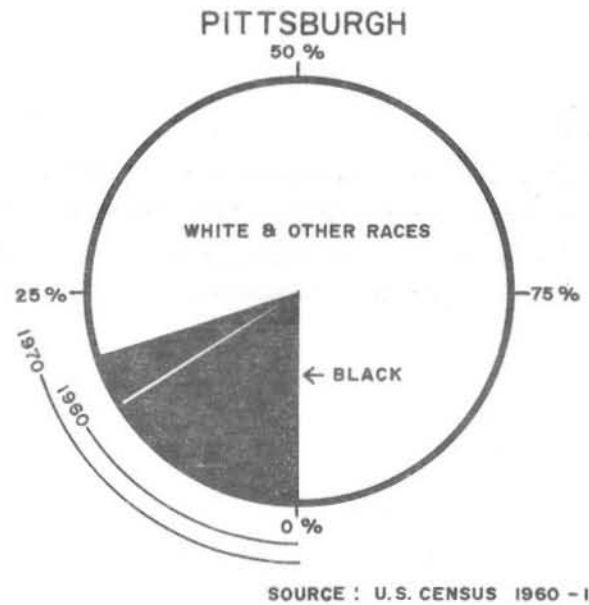
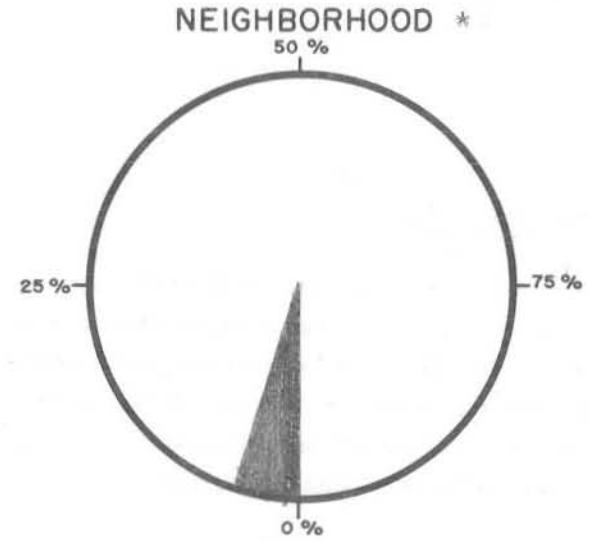
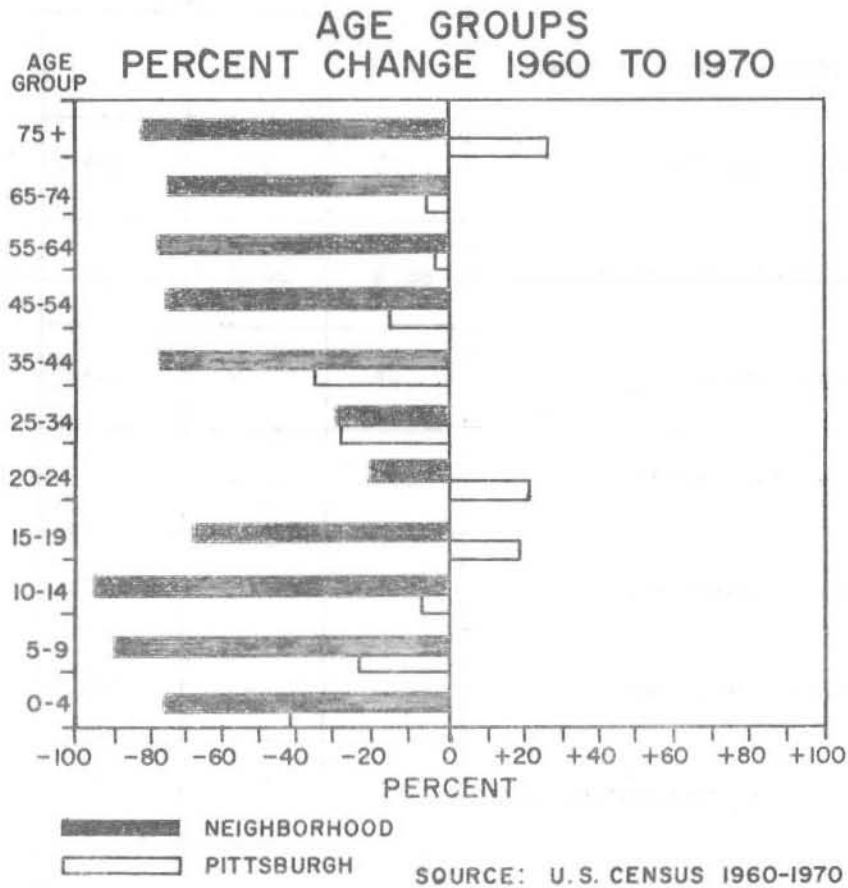
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Zero age brackets increased in population between 1960 and 1970 in the neighborhood. For the city, population in the 15-19, 20-24, and the 75 years and older age groups increased.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970

RACE

Black population in Allegheny Cent constituted 0.6% of its 1960 population, and 4.1% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.



POPULATION

* Black population less than 2% in 1960

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 1,345; in 1970, 366, representing a -72.8% change. A total of .5% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 76 units were vacant, as compared to 9 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 2.4% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 10.3% of the 1960, and 2.7% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 584 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 88% of its population. For the city, 159,774 changed their place of residency during those years, which is 33% of the total population.

OCCUPANCY STATUS 1960 - 1970

	1960	1970	PERCENT CHANGE
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	1345	366	- 72.8
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	1269	357	- 71.9
OWNER OCCUPIED	99	2	- 97.9
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	7.3	.5	
RENTER OCCUPIED	1170	355	- 69.7
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	86.9	96.9	
VACANT UNITS	76	9	- 88.2
PERCENT VACANT	5.6	2.4	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$14,200	\$ 00	- 100.0
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 41	\$ 197	+ 380.5
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	10.3	2.7	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 31 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$6,296,279. For the entire city, 4,002 permits were issued, accounting for construction in excess of \$53 million.

Also in 1972, there were 96.72 new housing units constructed per 1,000 existing units, and 57.37 alterations per 1,000 units in the neighborhood. City-wide 3.6 new housing units and 16.2 alterations were undertaken per every 1,000 existing units.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN 1972

	NUMBER OF PERMITS	ESTIMATED COST
NEW HOUSING UNITS	7	\$ 4,408,751
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES	3	1,534,000
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS		
ALTERATIONS	21	452,528
TOTAL	31	\$ 6,296,279

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

**OCCUPATION: MAJOR OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS
OF PERSONS 14 YEARS AND OVER, 1970**

The largest percentage of people in this neighborhood work in professional positions. This group constitutes 72% of the employed population. The largest percentage of people in the city work in sales & clerical positions, which represents 28% of the total population.

**MAJOR OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS
OF PERSONS 14 YEARS AND OVER, 1970**

	PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, MANAGERIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE	SALES AND CLERICAL	CRAFTSMEN, OPERATIVES, FOREMEN	LABORERS, SERVICES, HOUSEHOLD WORKERS	TOTAL EMPLOYED
MALE	193	19	14	7	233
FEMALE	161	95	0	0	256
TOTAL	354	114	14	7	489
PERCENT OF TOTAL	72.39	23.30	2.86	1.43	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	2	.34
BLIND	1	.17
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	11	1.87
GENERAL	5	.85
AID TO DISABLED	1	.17
TOTAL	20	3.40

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE
MARCH 2, 1973

ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES
IN 1972

CRIME	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	CRIME RATE
MURDER	0	.00
RAPE	2	.34
ROBBERY	24	4.08
ASSAULT	30	5.10
BURGLARY	14	2.38
LARCENY	236	40.14
TOTAL	306	52.04

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 3% received public assistance in 1972. Citywide, 14% of the population received some kind of assistance in the same year.

ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES, 1972

The crime rate listed here represents the number of arrests that were made for major crimes in 1972 as a ratio of the total population of the area. Major crimes are defined as murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, and larceny. In 1972, the crime rate for this neighborhood was 52.04; for Pittsburgh, the rate was 4.71.

SOURCE: ANNUAL REPORT OF MAJOR CRIMES
CITY OF PITTSBURGH
POLICE DEPARTMENT, 1972

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities which serve Allegheny Center are not limited to those located within the confines of Allegheny Center. Although there are many community facilities in the general vicinity, this list is limited to police and fire stations, public libraries, public schools, City of Pittsburgh recreational facilities (indoor and outdoor), major hospitals, and major colleges and universities.

Community facilities for this neighborhood include:

Allegheny Center

Public Facilities

- No. 43 and 46 Fire Stations
- No. 7 Police Station
- Carnegie Library, North Side Branch

Recreation

- Allegheny Commons
- Allegheny High School ballfield and court games
- Martin Luther King Elementary School ballfield, court games, playground
- Sue Murray outdoor swimming pool

Schools

- Martin Luther King Elementary School
- Latimer Middle School
- Allegheny High School

Health

- Allegheny General Hospital
- Divine Providence Hospital
- St. Johns Hospital

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