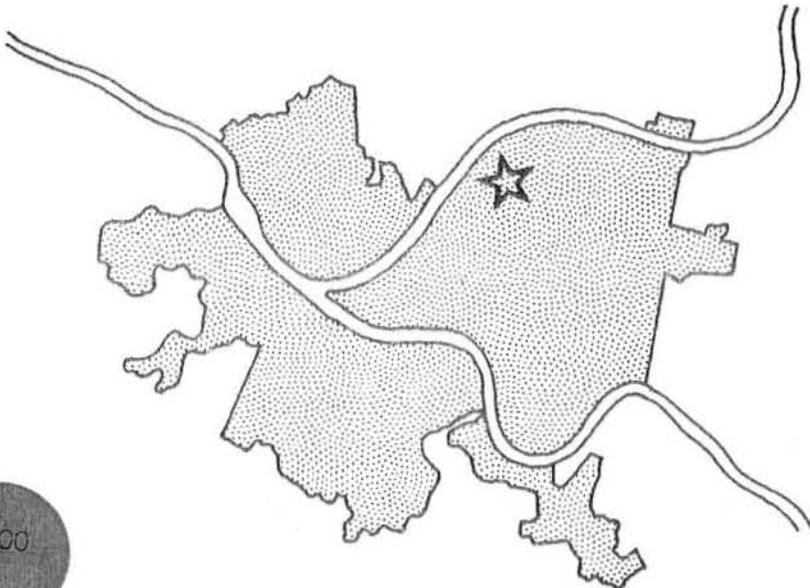


a community profile of *lawrenceville*



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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.

LAWRENCEVILLE

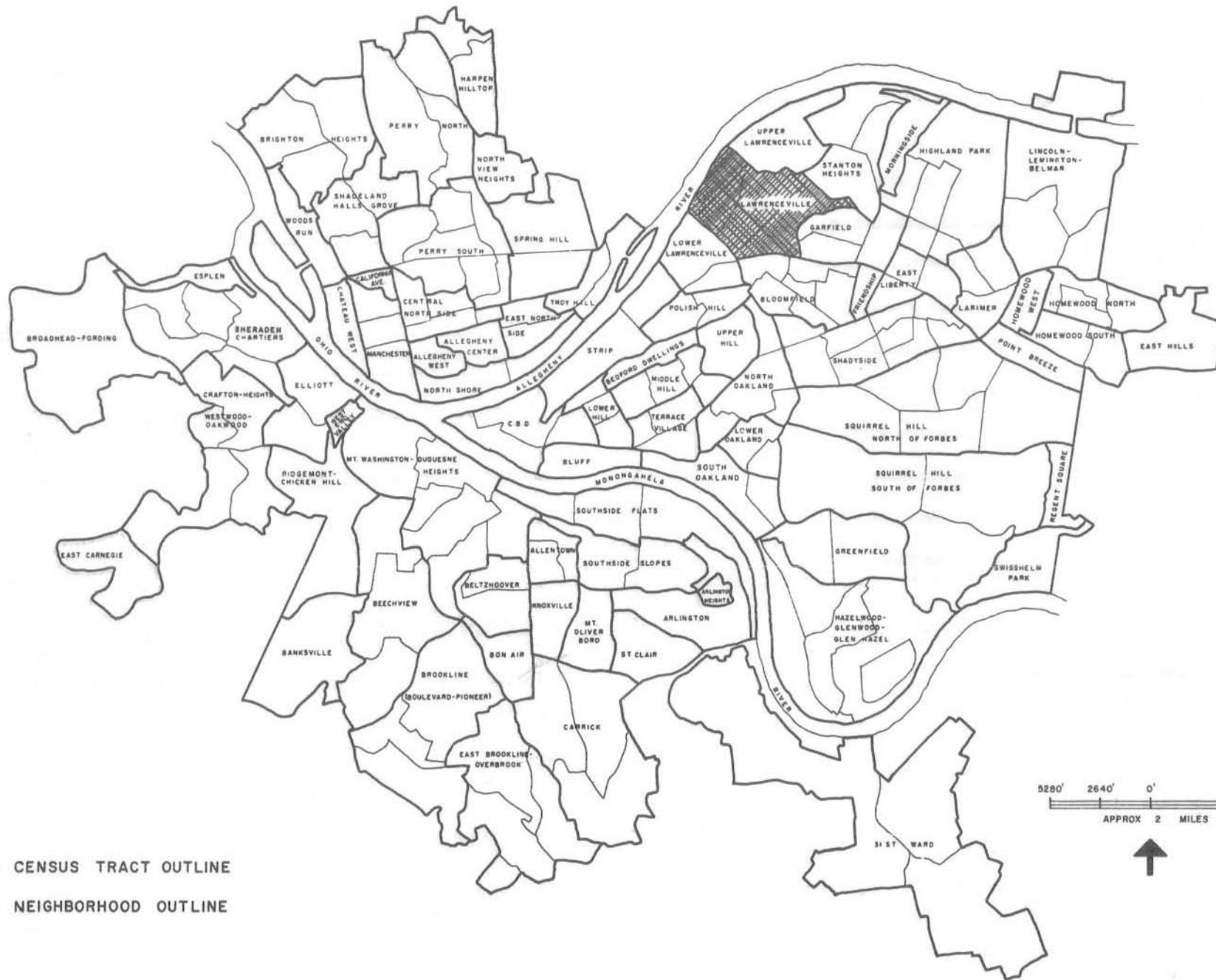
Lawrenceville is generally considered to lie between 40th Street and Stanton Avenue, and between Penn Avenue and the Allegheny River. For statistical purposes it is composed of Census Tracts 901 and 902.

Lawrenceville is the heart of a historic section of Pittsburgh. Once the home of a major United States arsenal, the community still houses an important industrial concentration in which successive generations of ethnic groups have found employment. Today the predominant groups are of Polish and Italian descent. Many of the residents are employed in the community.

The bulk of the housing stock was built in the latter decades of the 1800's. Most of the housing is of brick construction built in row and double structures on small lots. Substantial care of these older structures has provided sound housing for today's residents.

Land uses north of Butler Street are divided between manufacturing, and housing, while to the south, residential uses predominate.

Commercial districts are located along Butler Street and Penn Avenue, which provide much of the community's convenience, food and service needs.

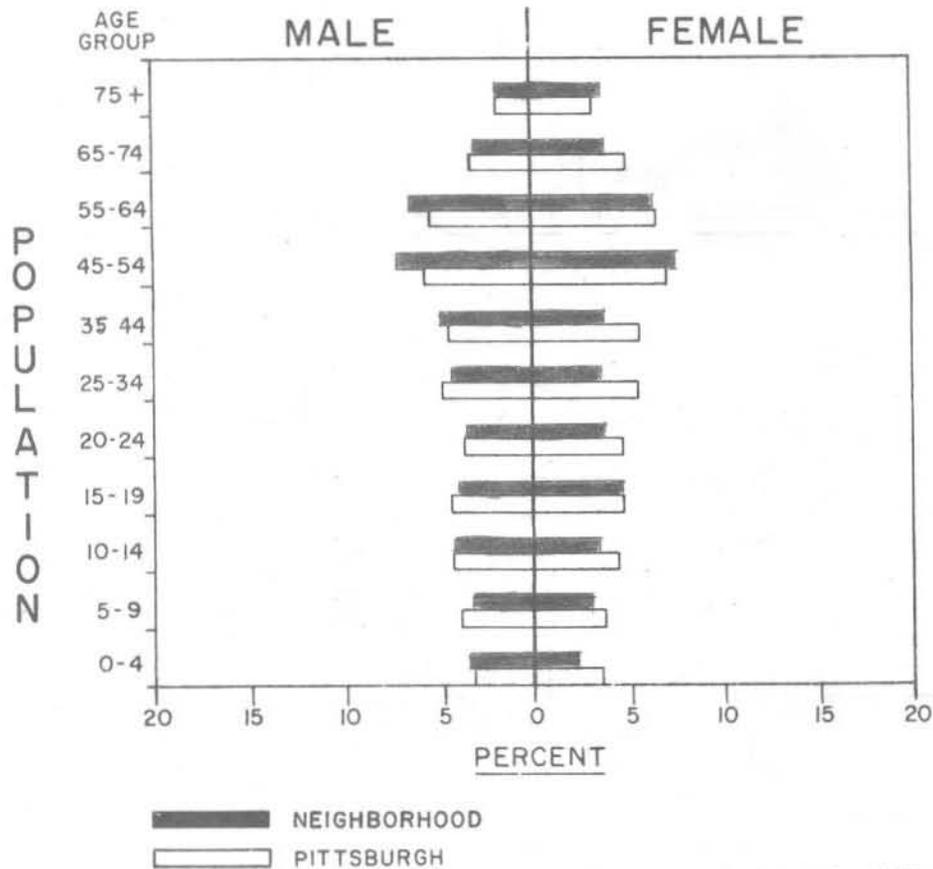


— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE

5280' 2640' 0' 5280'
 APPROX 2 MILES



AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Lawrenceville's population falls in the age 45-54 category, the smallest being the 75 & over 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 Lawrenceville has changed from 10,251 in 1960 to 8,043 in 1970, representing a -21.5% 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 female head - children less than 18 group.

MEDIAN AGE, 1970

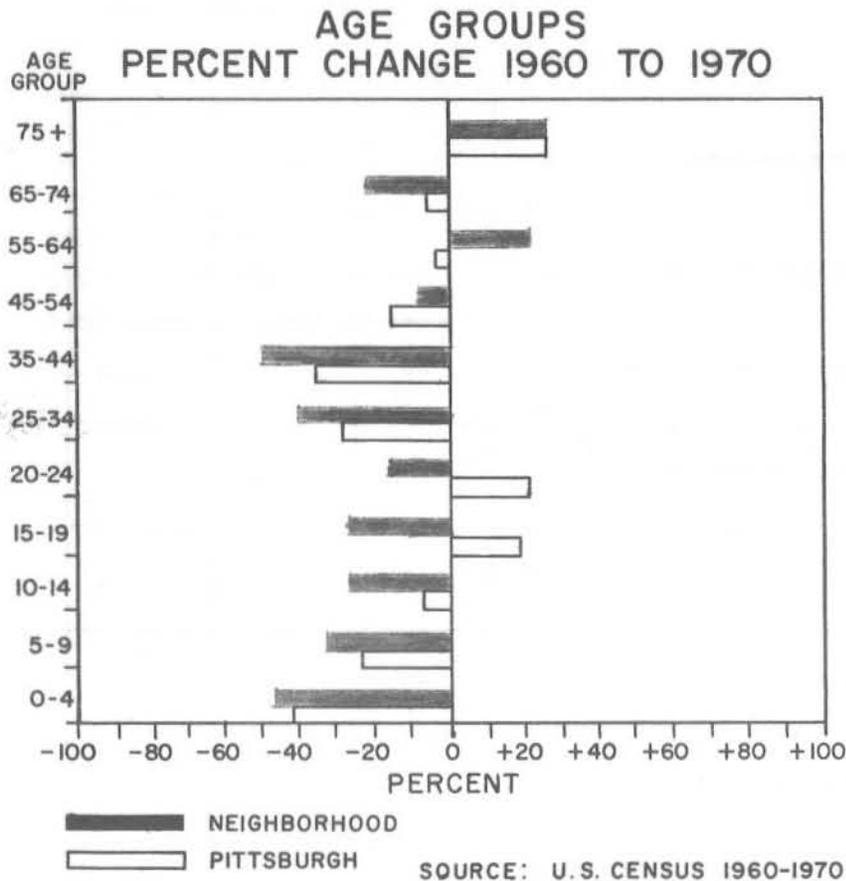
The median age for the neighborhood is 39.4 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

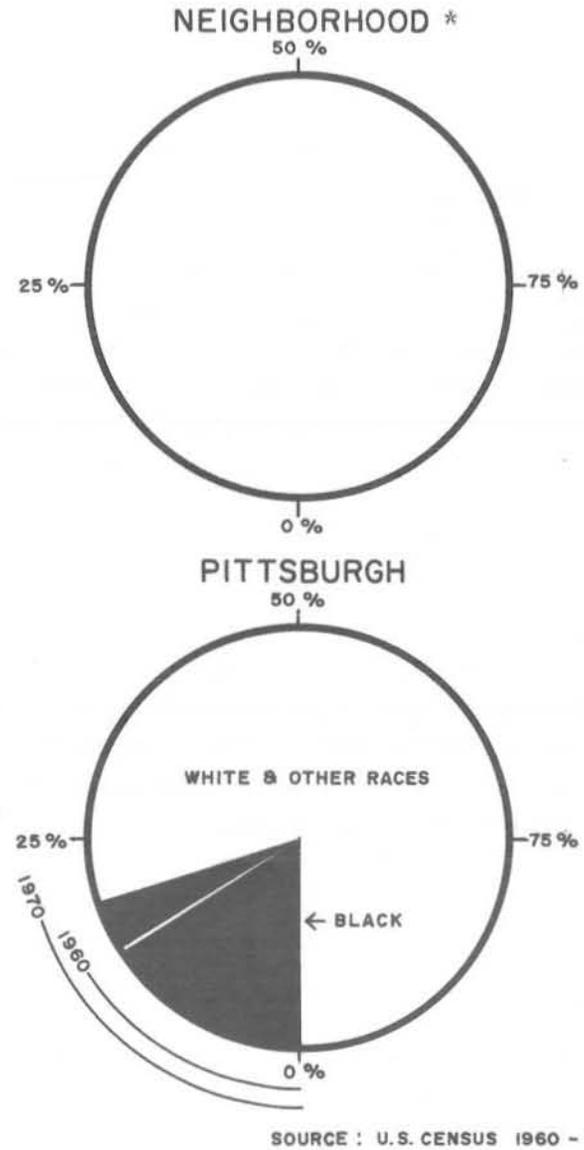
Two age brackets increased in population between 1960 and 1970 in the neighborhood. For the city, population in the 15-19, 20-24, and the 75 years and older age groups increased.

RACE

Black population in Lawrenceville constituted .7% of its 1960 population, and .1% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.



BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970



POPULATION

* Black population less than 2% in 1960 and 1970

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

The largest percentage of people in this neighborhood work in craftsmen-foremen positions. This group constitutes 31% 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	207	317	835	619	1978
FEMALE	204	556	152	316	1228
TOTAL	411	873	987	935	3206
PERCENT OF TOTAL	12.81	27.72	30.77	29.15	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	38	.47
BLIND	5	.06
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	379	4.67
GENERAL	74	.92
AID TO DISABLED	41	.50
TOTAL	537	6.62

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

ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES
IN 1972

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 7% 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 3.98 ; for Pittsburgh, the rate was 4.71.

CRIME	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	CRIME RATE
MURDER	0	.00
RAPE	3	.04
ROBBERY	19	.24
ASSAULT	70	.87
BURGLARY	100	1.24
LARCENY	128	1.59
TOTAL	320	3.98

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

S O C I O - E C C O N O M I C

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities which serve Lawrenceville are not limited to those located within the confines of Lawrenceville. 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:

Lawrenceville

Public Facilities

No. 3 Police Station
 Engine Co. No. 6
 Carnegie Library

Recreation

Leslie Recreation Center & Pool
 Arsenal Park
 Bloomfield Recreation Center & Pool

Public Schools

Arsenal Elementary
 Arsenal Middle
 Schenley High

Health

St. Francis Hospital
 St. Margaret Hospital
 West Penn Hospital

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