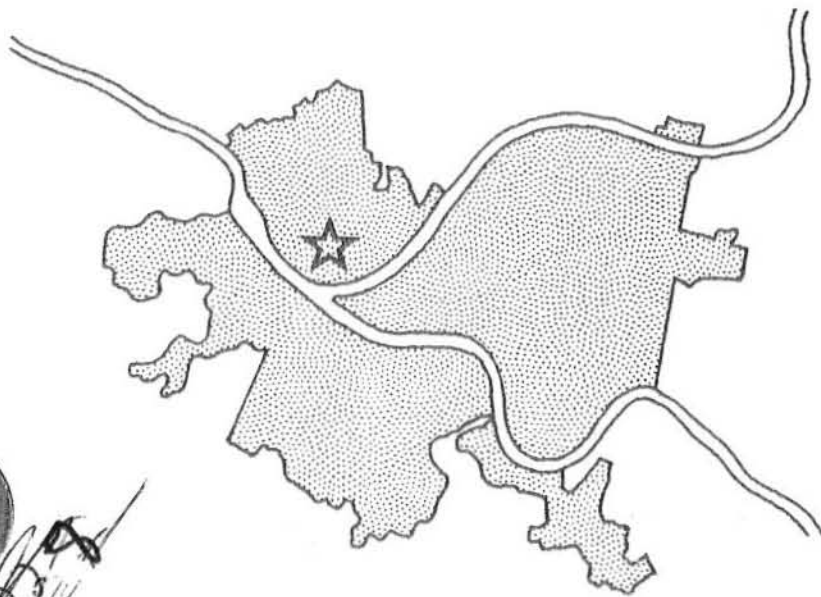


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PREFACE

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.

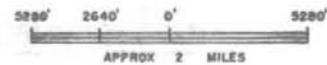
The material has been divided into four sections, Population, Housing, Socio-Economic characteristics and Community Facilities. Although most of the information comes from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the statistics on building permits (new, and alterations) come from the city's Bureau 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 WEST

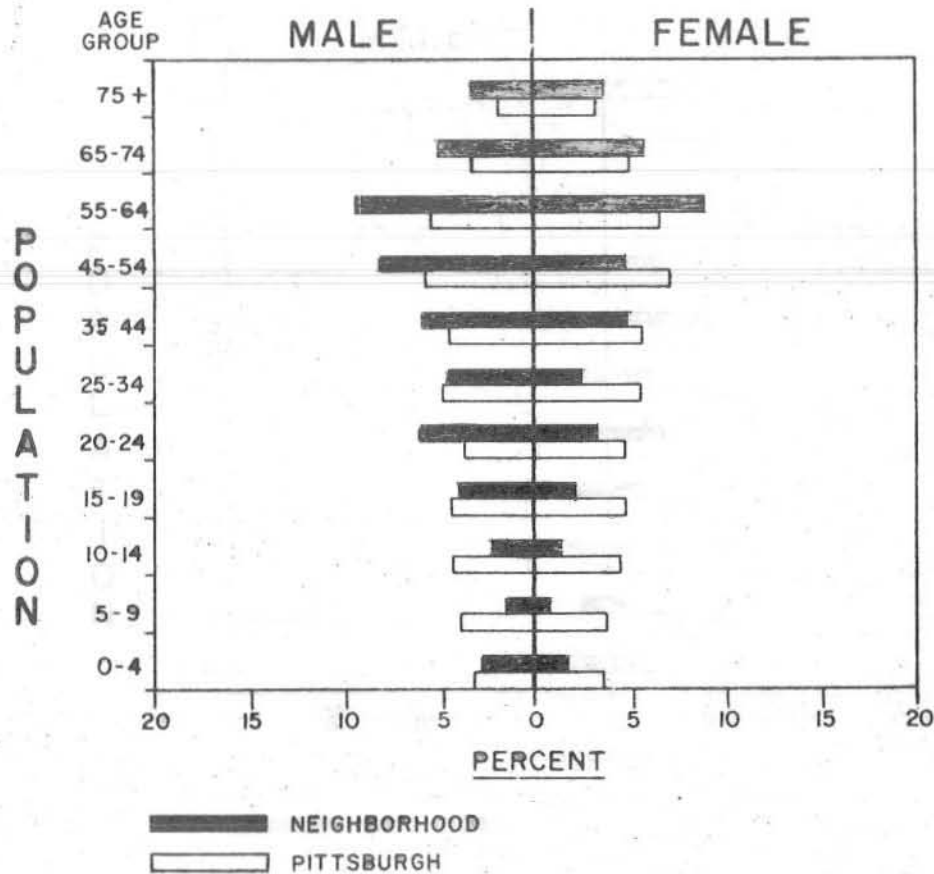
Allegheny West is a small mixed residential-institutional neighborhood located in the lower North Side adjacent to West Park. It lies in Census Tract 2201 and has an approximate population of about 1200 people. It was historically the home of many prominent Pittsburgh industrialists whose homes lined Ridge Avenue, the present site of the new campus for Allegheny Community College. This area was also known as the Lincoln-Beech area because of the two prominent residential streets that presently provide the residential character. However, many institutions are now located in this area and help define its functions as more than just residential. With convenient access to highways and major arteries, many community facilities and a local shopping district on Western Avenue the community may continue to be residential. Fortunately, an active Citizens Council has done much to preserve the area with the cooperative help of the local institutions.



— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Allegheny West's population falls in the age 55-64 category, the smallest being the 5-9 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 West has changed from 2,237 in 1960 to 1,159 in 1970, representing a -48.2% 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 47.6 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

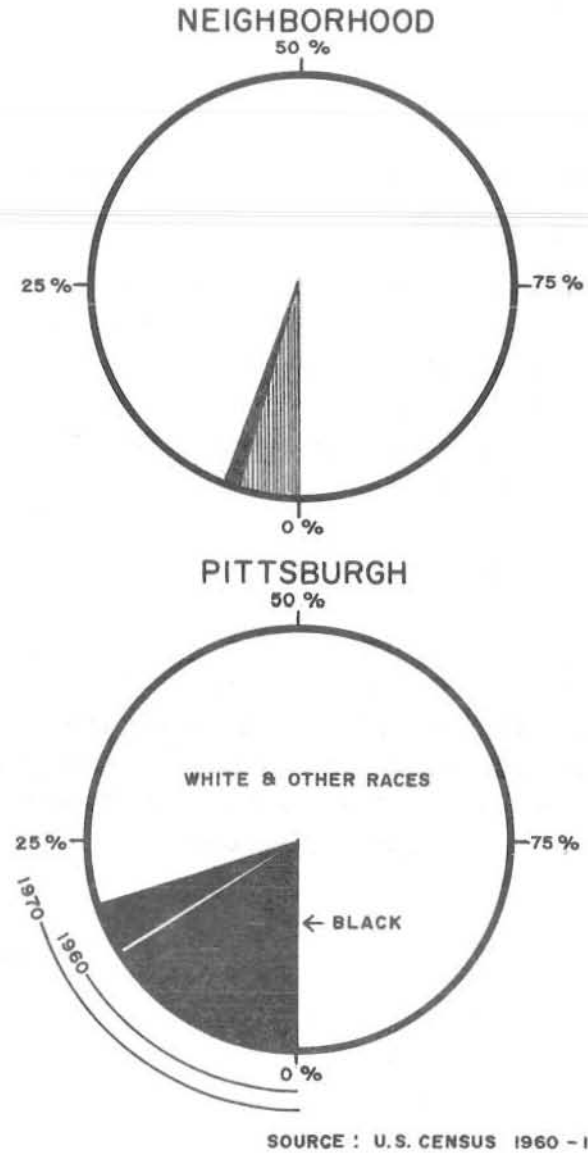
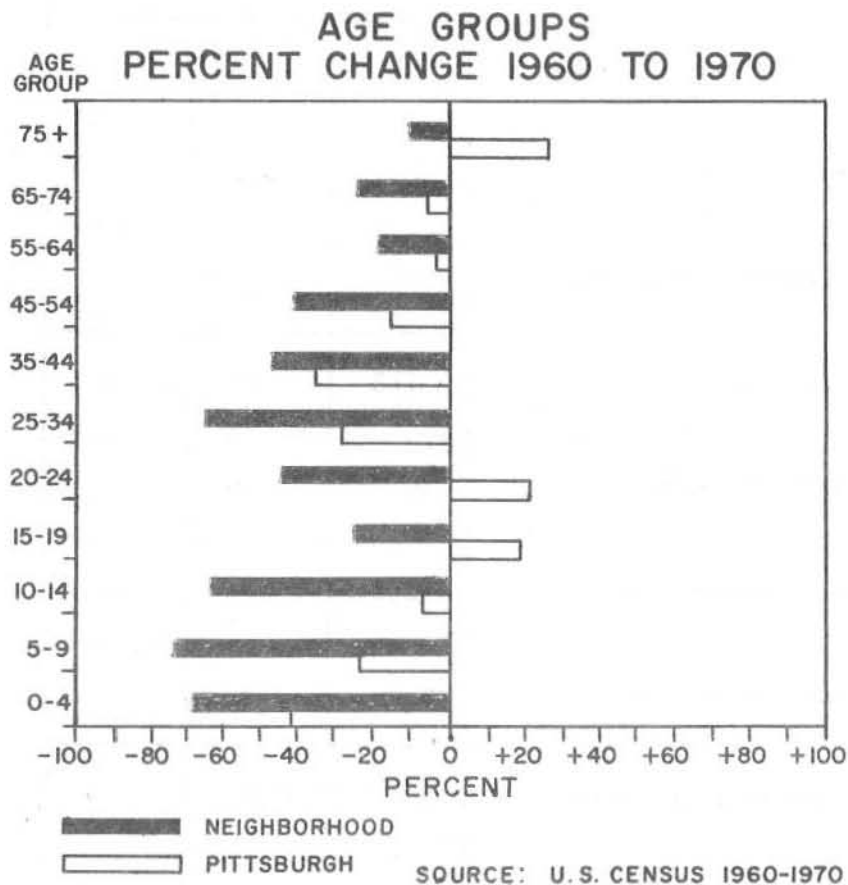
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

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 West constituted 5.4% of its 1960 population, and 5.0% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.



POPULATION

OCCUPANCY STATUS 1960 - 1970

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 1,102; in 1970, 762, representing a -30.9% change. A total of 9.4% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 113 units were vacant, as compared to 90 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 11.8% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 12.6% of the 1960, and 4.0% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 414 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 39% of its population. For the city, 159,774 changed their place of residency during those years, which is 33% of the total population.

	1960	1970	PERCENT CHANGE
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	1102	762	- 30.9
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	989	672	- 32.1
OWNER OCCUPIED	100	72	- 28.0
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	9.0	9.4	
RENTER OCCUPIED	889	600	- 32.5
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	80.6	78.7	
VACANT UNITS	113	90	- 20.4
PERCENT VACANT	10.2	11.8	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$12,500	\$ 00	- 100.0
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 60	\$ 73	+ 21.7
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	12.6	4.0	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 4 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$4,600. For the entire city, 4,002 permits were issued, accounting for construction in excess of \$53 million.

Also in 1972, there were 0.00 new housing units constructed per 1,000 existing units, and 5.23 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		
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES		
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS		
ALTERATIONS	4	\$ 4,600
TOTAL	4	\$ 4,600

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 craftsmen-foremen positions. This group constitutes 37% 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	36	61	153	62	312
FEMALE	6	85	19	42	152
TOTAL	42	146	172	104	464
PERCENT OF TOTAL	9.05	31.46	37.06	22.41	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	42	3.62
BLIND	3	.25
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	114	9.83
GENERAL	157	13.54
AID TO DISABLED	21	1.81
TOTAL	337	29.05

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	1	.09
RAPE	3	.26
ROBBERY	16	1.38
ASSAULT	17	1.47
BURGLARY	53	4.57
LARCENY	76	6.56
TOTAL	166	14.33

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 29% 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 14.33; 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 West are not limited to those located within the confines of Allegheny West. 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 West

Public Facilities

- No. 47, 43 and 46 Fire Stations
- No. 9 Police Station
- Carnegie Library - North Side Branch

Recreation

- Allegheny Commons, West Park Sections
- Community College of Allegheny County, Ballfields and indoor facilities

Schools

- Conroy Elementary School
- Conroy Junior High School
- Allegheny High School

Health

- Allegheny General Hospital
- Manchester Clinic with Allegheny General Hospital
- Divine Providence Hospital
- St. Johns Hospital

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