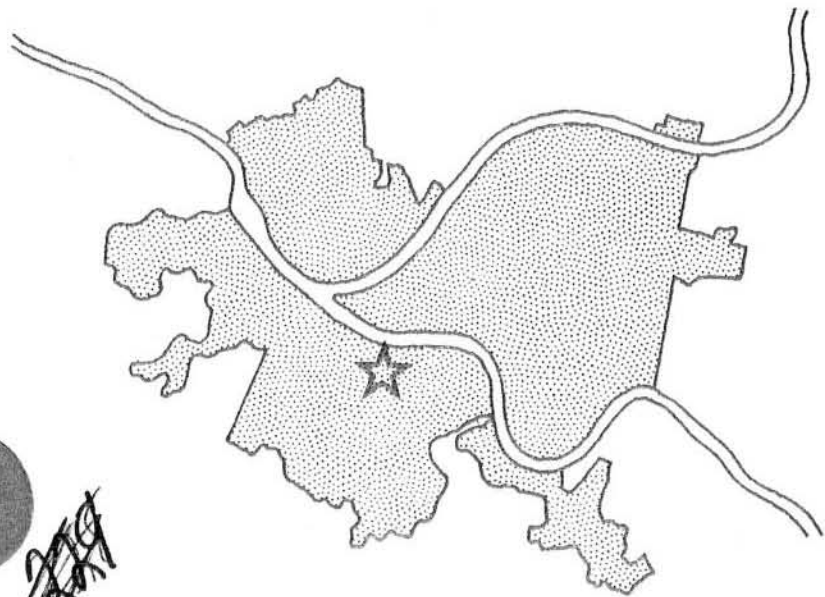


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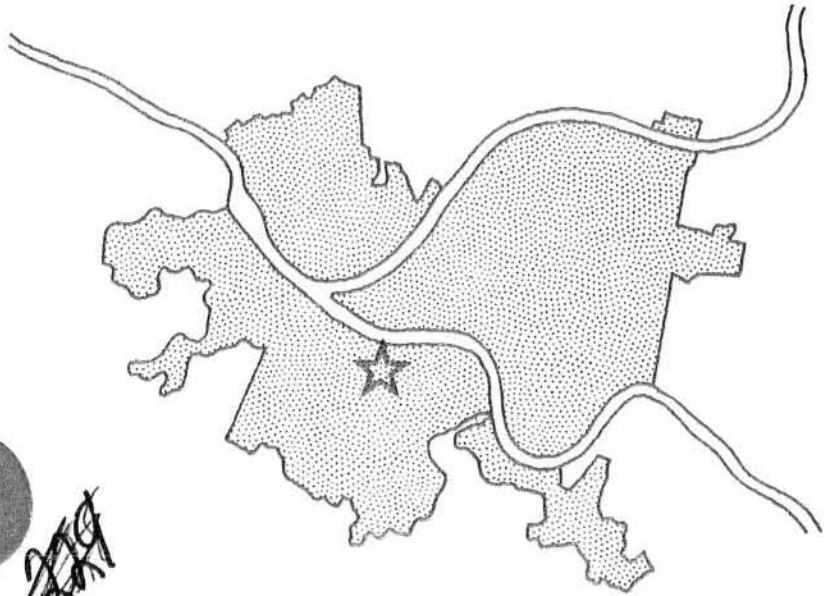
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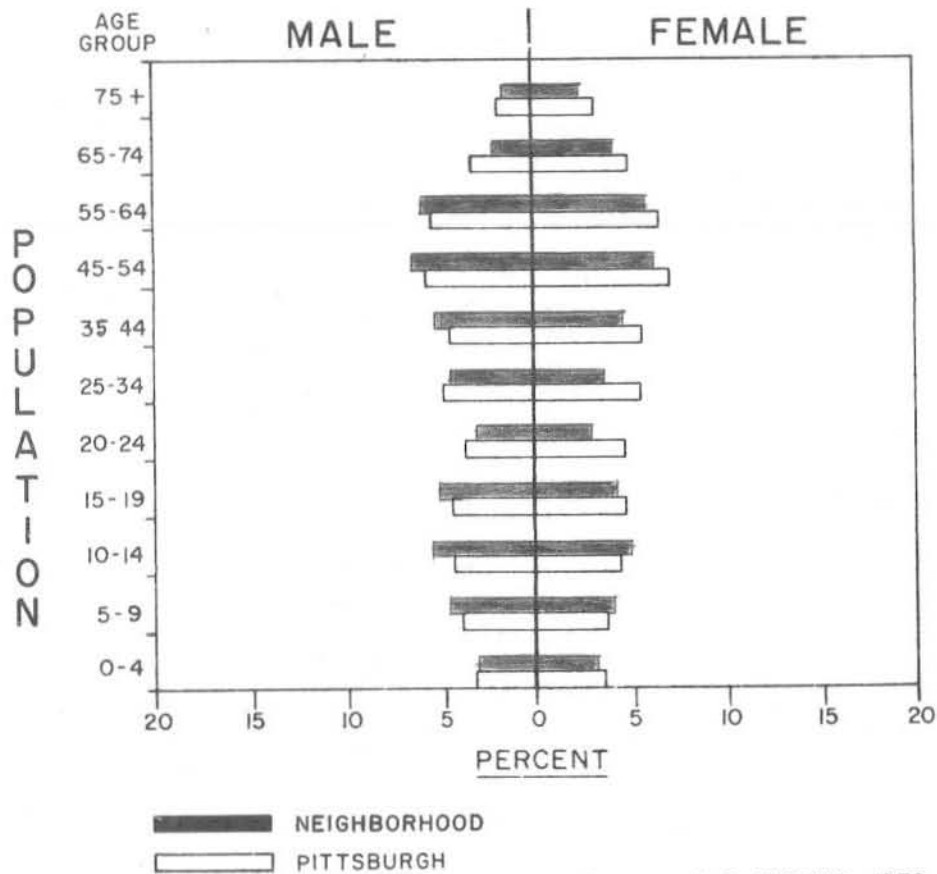
— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE

*North of Strip
 CBD
 W. End
 East in City*

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 Allentown'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 Allentown has changed from 6,057 in 1960 to 5,042 in 1970, representing a -16.8% 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 - 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 33.1 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

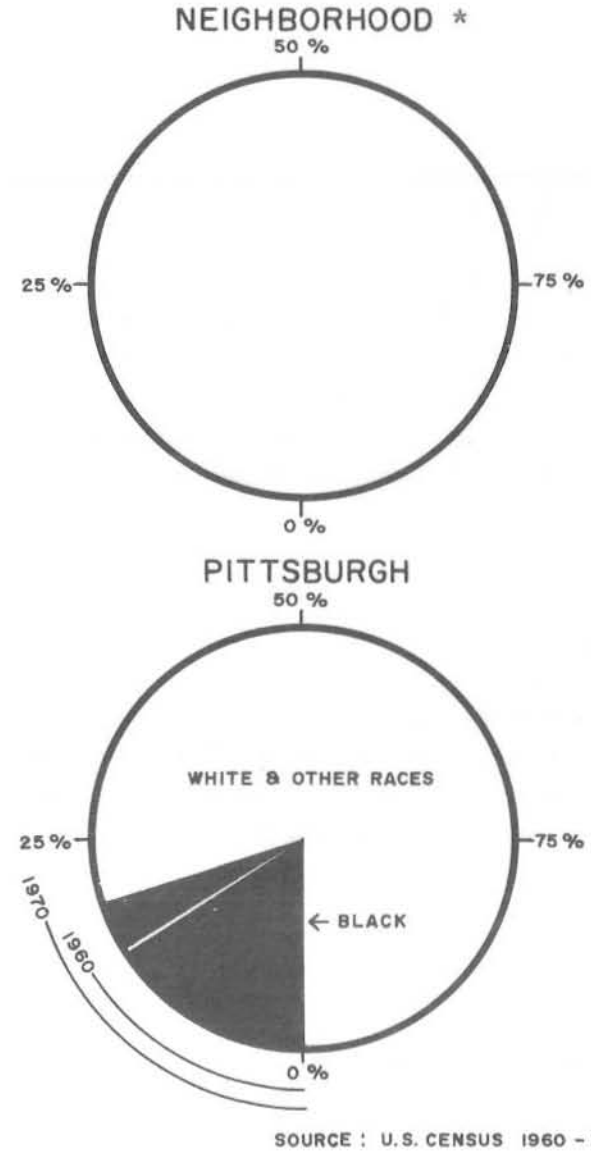
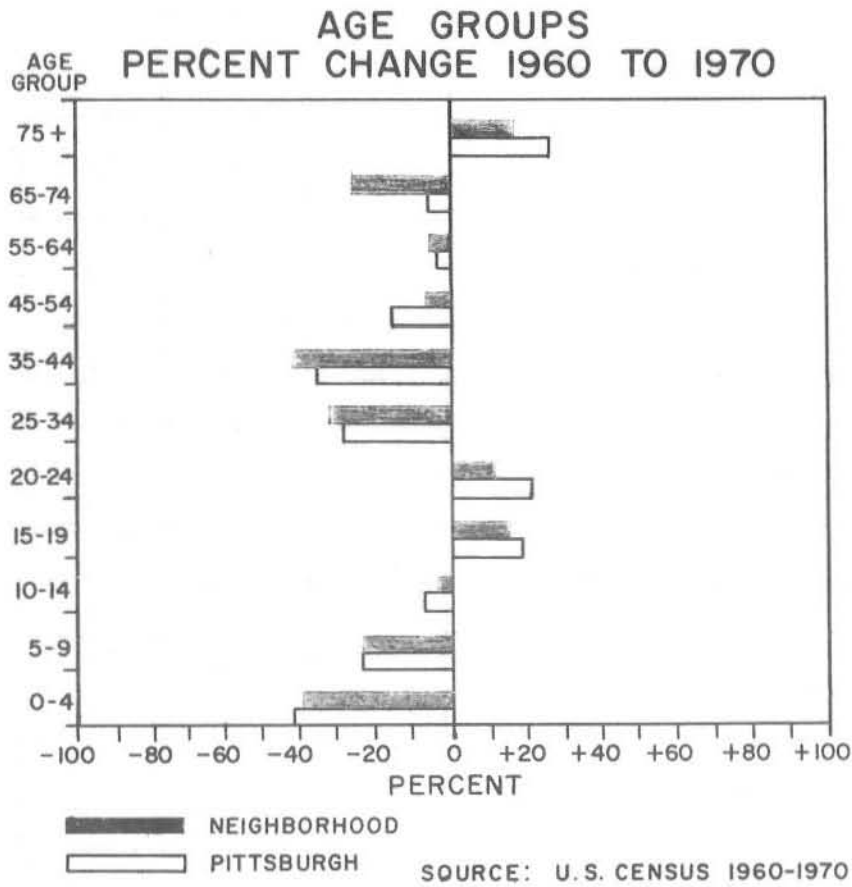
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Three 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 Allentown constituted .3% of its 1960 population, and .4% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970



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* Black population less than 2% in 1960 and 1970

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 1937; in 1970, 1739, representing a -10.2% change. A total of 58.4% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 82 units were vacant, as compared to 89 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 5.1% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 13.0% of the 1960, and 9.2% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 1,472 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 31% 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	1937	1739	- 10.2
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	1855	1650	- 11.1
OWNER OCCUPIED	1123	1017	- 9.4
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	57.9	58.4	
RENTER OCCUPIED	732	633	- 13.5
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	37.7	36.4	
VACANT UNITS	82	89	+ 8.5
PERCENT VACANT	4.2	5.1	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 8172	\$ 8140	- .4
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 58	\$ 82	+ 41.4
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	13.0	9.2	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 49 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$39,587 . 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 27.58 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	1	\$ 1,000
ALTERATIONS	48	38,587
TOTAL	49	\$ 39,587

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

**EDUCATION: YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS
25 YEARS AND OVER, 1960-1970**

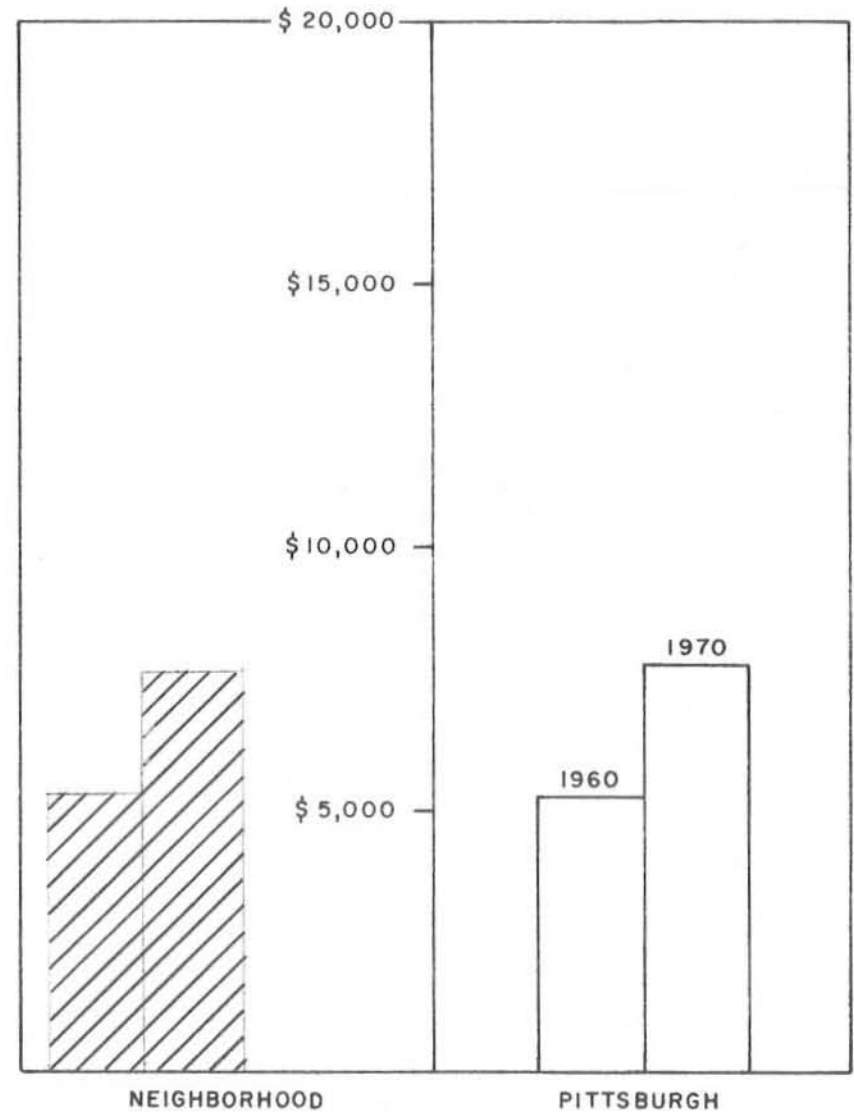
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

**SCHOOL YEARS
COMPLETED BY PERSONS
25 YEARS & OVER
1960-1970**

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	89	2.5	42	1.4
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	1794	50.2	1033	35.7
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	905	25.3	974	33.7
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	655	18.3	650	22.5
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	96	2.7	99	3.4
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	36	1.0	93	3.2
TOTAL	3575	100.0	2891	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

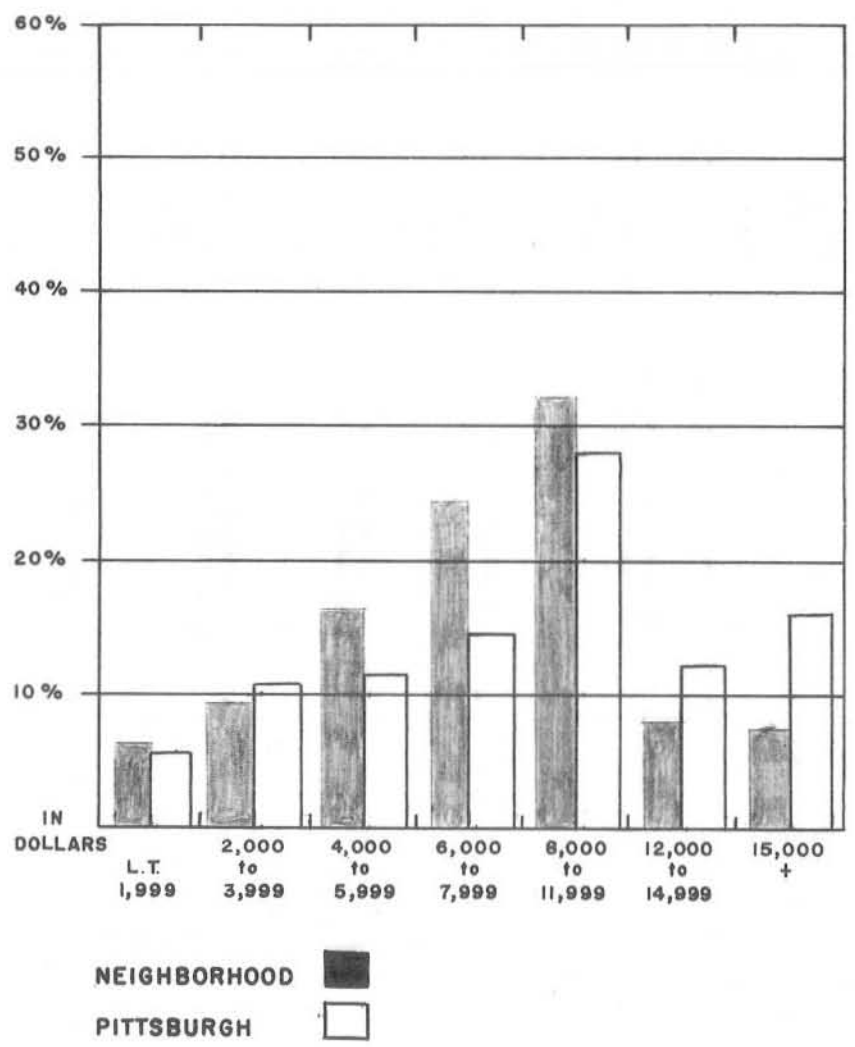


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

**PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
OF FAMILY INCOME
BY INCOME RANGES
(IN DOLLARS)**

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Allentown families was \$5,182 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$7,599, representing a ten year change of 46.6%. Citywide, the median family income rose from \$5,605 in 1960, to \$8,800 in 1970, a 57% change.



SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 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 33% 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	113	170	532	334	1149
FEMALE	81	283	45	172	581
TOTAL	194	453	577	506	1730
PERCENT OF TOTAL	11.21	26.18	33.33	29.24	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	27	.53
BLIND	5	.09
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	507	10.05
GENERAL	91	1.80
AID TO DISABLED	13	.25
TOTAL	643	12.72

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	1	.02
ROBBERY	23	.46
ASSAULT	41	.81
BURGLARY	48	.95
LARCENY	45	.89
TOTAL	158	3.13

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 13% 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 3.13 ; 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 Allentown are not limited to those located within the confines of Allentown. 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:

Public Facilities

Police Station No. 7

Fire Station No. 21

Recreation

Grandview Park

Warrington Recreation Center

Schools

Grandview Elementary

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