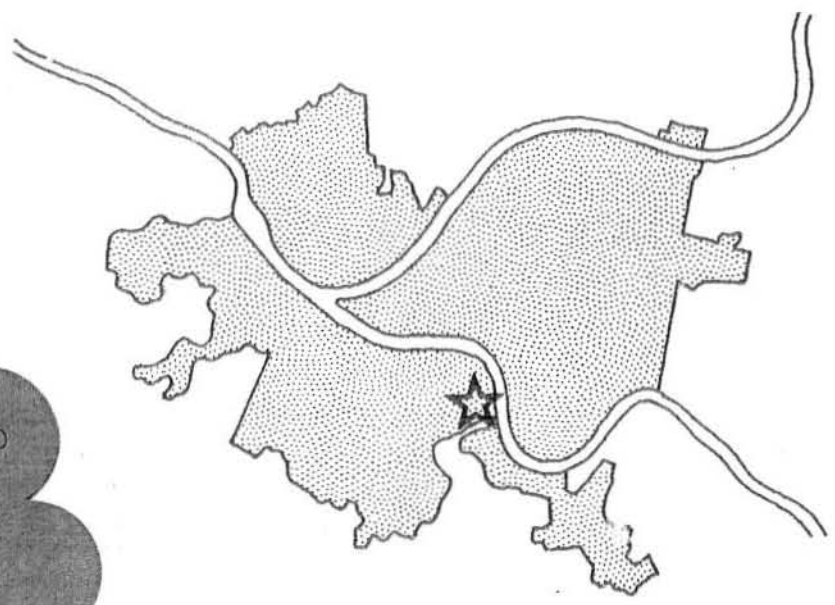


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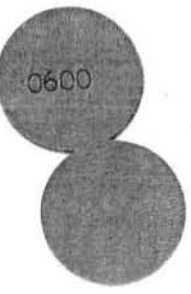


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PREFACE

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.

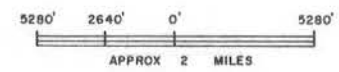
The material has been divided into four sections, Population, Housing, Socio-Economic characteristics and Community Facilities. Although most of the information comes from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the statistics on building permits (new, and alterations) come from the city's Bureau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

ARLINGTON

Arlington is a predominately ethnic white working class community located on the hilltop overlooking the South Side. This area includes Census Tract 1603.

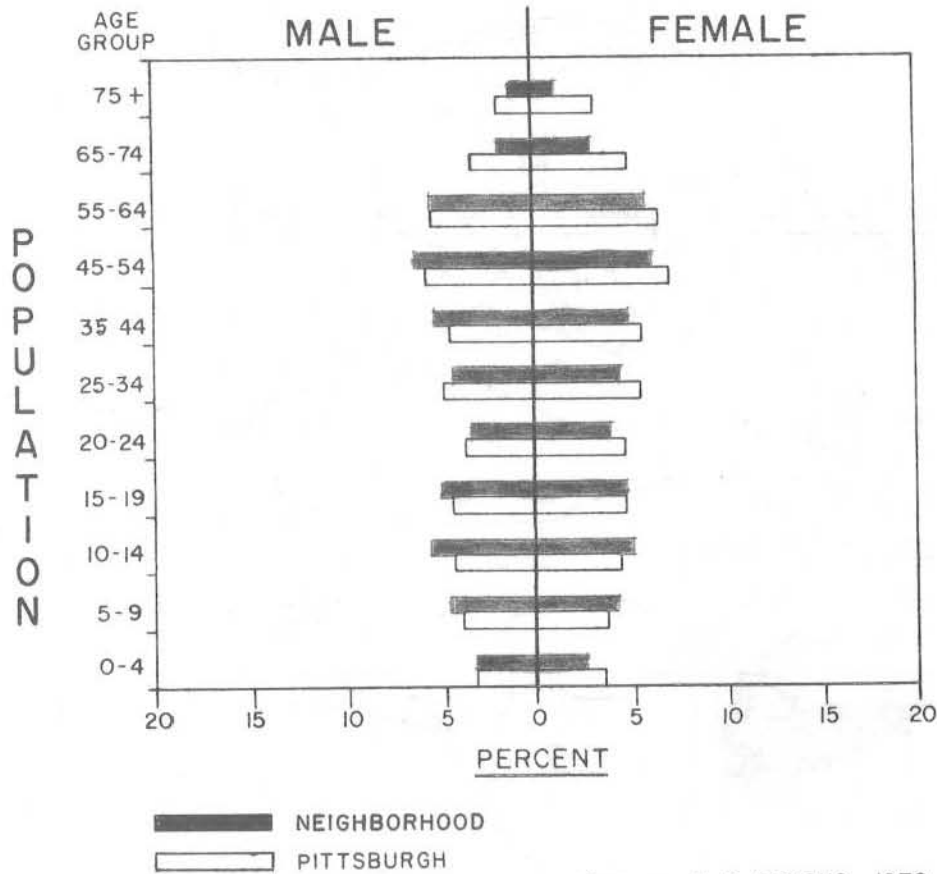


— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



31 ST WARD

AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Arlington's population falls in the 45-54 Years category, the smallest being the 75 and 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 Arlington has changed from 5,337 in 1960 to 4,758 in 1970, representing a -10.8% 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 31.4 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

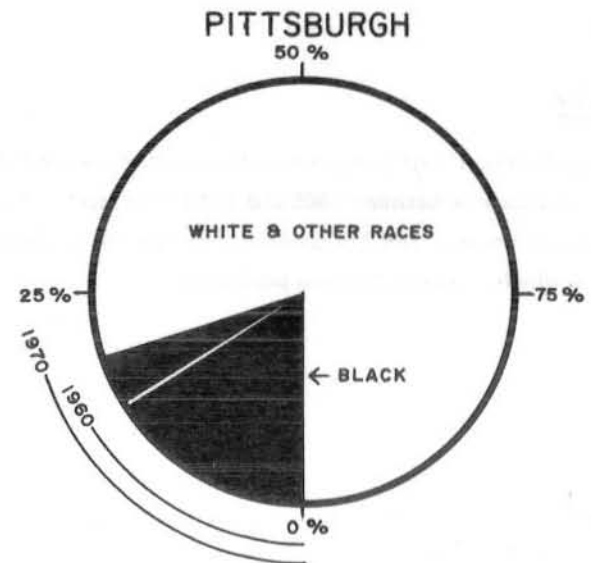
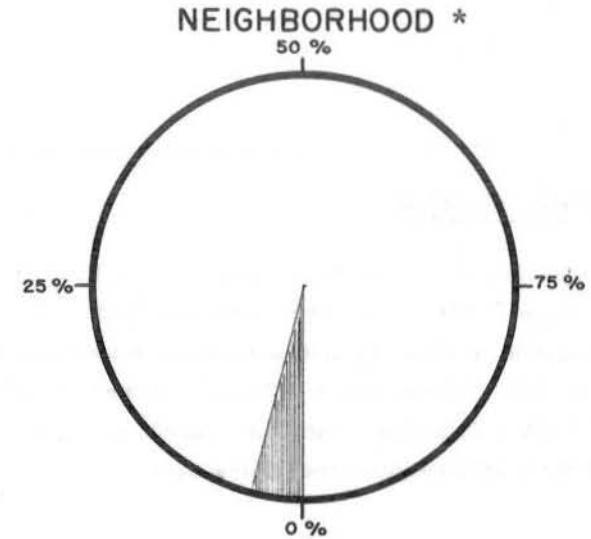
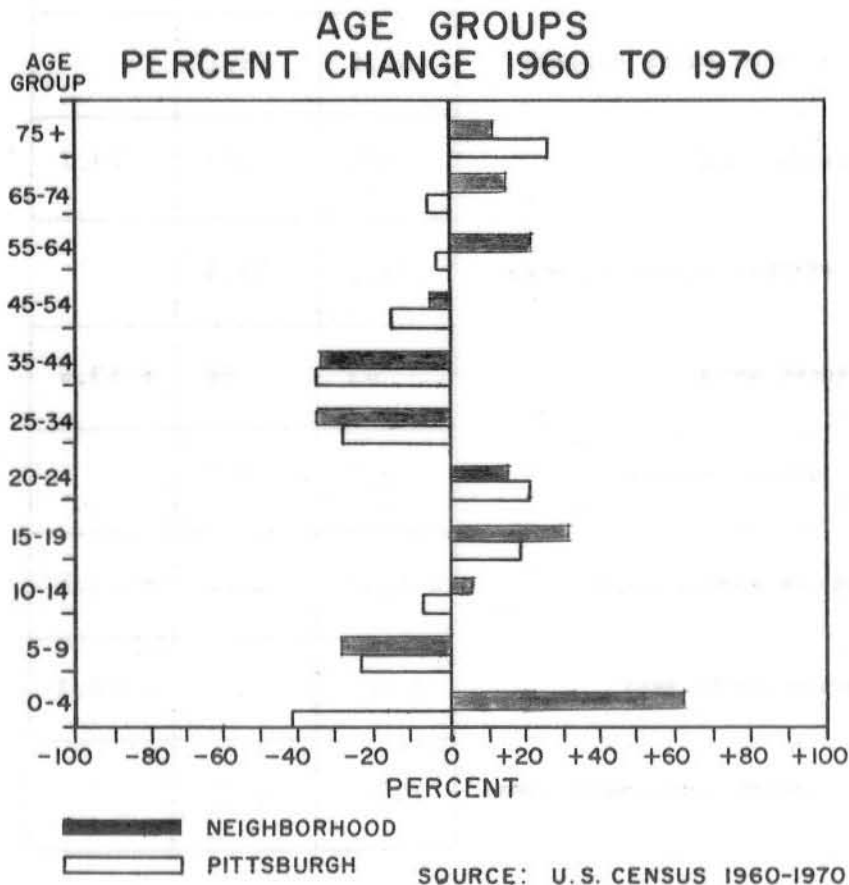
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Seven 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 Arlington constituted 1.8% of its 1960 population, and 3.8% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970



SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

POPULATION

* Black population less than 2% in 1960

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 1,585; in 1970, 1,535, representing a -3.2% change. A total of 66.1% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 43 units were vacant, as compared to 66 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 4.2% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 13.1% of the 1960, and 9.4% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 1,013 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 23% 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 | 1585 | 1535 | - 3.2 |
| TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS | 1542 | 1469 | - 4.7 |
| OWNER OCCUPIED | 1017 | 1016 | - .1 |
| PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED | 64.1 | 66.1 | |
| RENTER OCCUPIED | 525 | 453 | - 13.7 |
| PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED | 33.1 | 29.5 | |
| VACANT UNITS | 43 | 66 | + 53.5 |
| PERCENT VACANT | 2.7 | 4.2 | |
| MEDIAN MARKET VALUE | \$ 8360 | \$ 8465 | + 1.3 |
| MEDIAN GROSS RENT | \$ 60 | \$ 71 | + 18.3 |
| PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS | 13.1 | 9.4 | |

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 35 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$47,050. 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 22.14 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 | \$ 4,500 |
| ALTERATIONS | 34 | 42,550 |
| TOTAL | 35 | \$ 47,050 |

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

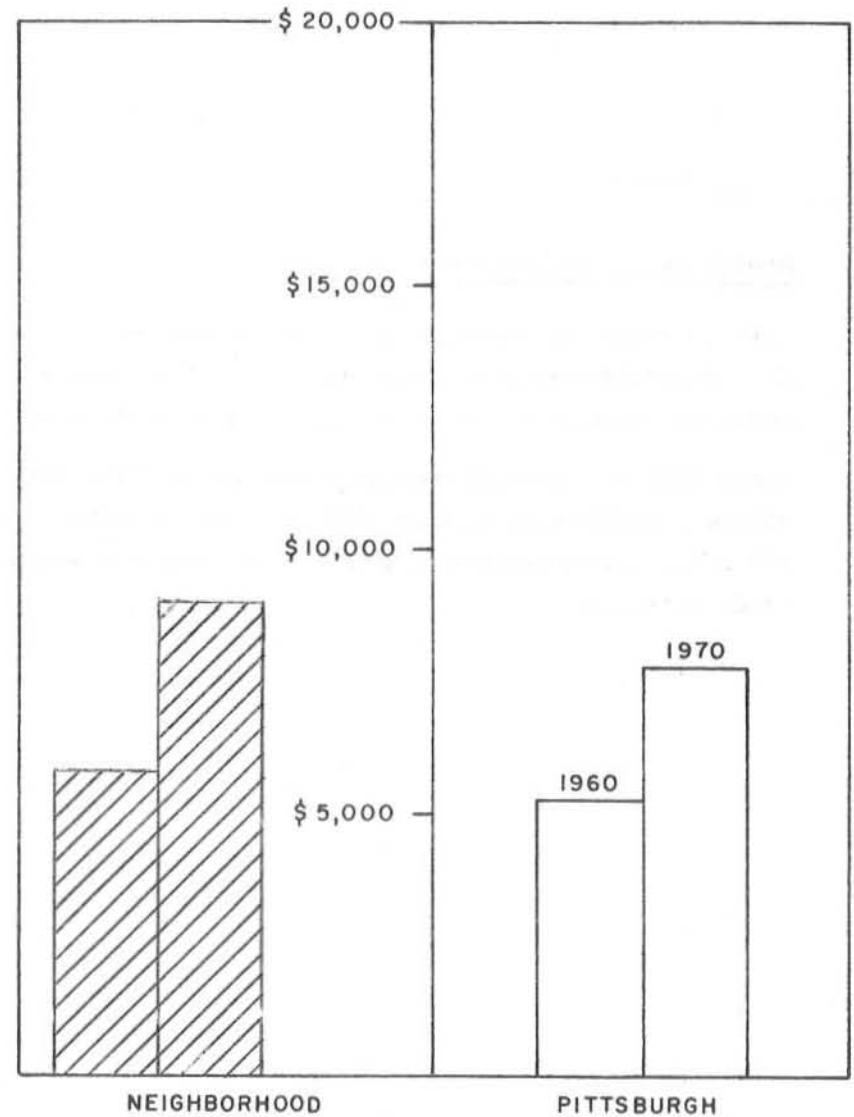
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a Elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a Elementary education.

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

| | 1960 | PERCENT OF TOTAL | 1970 | PERCENT OF TOTAL |
|------------------------|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
| NO SCHOOLING | 115 | 3.7 | 65 | 2.4 |
| ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.) | 1363 | 44.0 | 906 | 33.9 |
| HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.) | 1004 | 32.4 | 833 | 31.2 |
| HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.) | 543 | 17.5 | 801 | 30.0 |
| COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.) | 41 | 1.3 | 33 | 1.2 |
| COLLEGE (4 YRS.) | 35 | 1.1 | 32 | 1.2 |
| TOTAL | 3101 | 100.0 | 2670 | 100.0 |

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

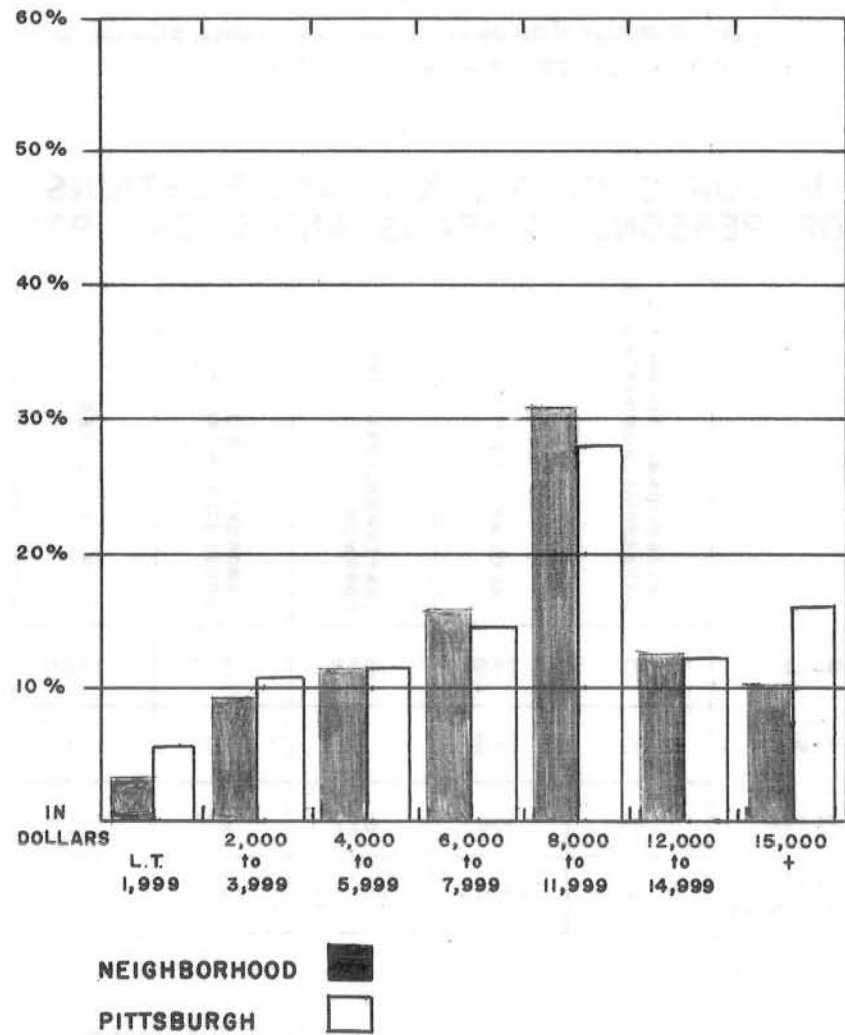


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Arlington families was \$5,537 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$8,700, representing a ten year change of 57.1%. 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 Craftsman, foremen positions. This group constitutes 38% of the employed population. The largest percentage of people in the city work in Sales and 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 | 91 | 158 | 618 | 242 | 1109 |
| FEMALE | 51 | 398 | 59 | 177 | 685 |
| TOTAL | 142 | 556 | 677 | 419 | 1794 |
| PERCENT OF TOTAL | 7.90 | 30.98 | 37.72 | 23.34 | 100.00 |

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

| ASSISTANCE TYPE | NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS | PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| OLD AGE | 11 | .23 |
| BLIND | 3 | .06 |
| AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN | 379 | 7.96 |
| GENERAL | 51 | 1.07 |
| AID TO DISABLED | 18 | .37 |
| TOTAL | 462 | 9.69 |

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 | 0 | .00 |
| ROBBERY | 7 | .15 |
| ASSAULT | 33 | .69 |
| BURGLARY | 44 | .92 |
| LARCENY | 35 | .74 |
| TOTAL | 119 | 2.50 |

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 10% 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 2.50 ; 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 Arlington are not limited to those located within the confines of Arlington. 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. 22

Recreation

South Side Park

Arlington Playground

Cobden St. Basketball Court

Schools

Arlington Elementary

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