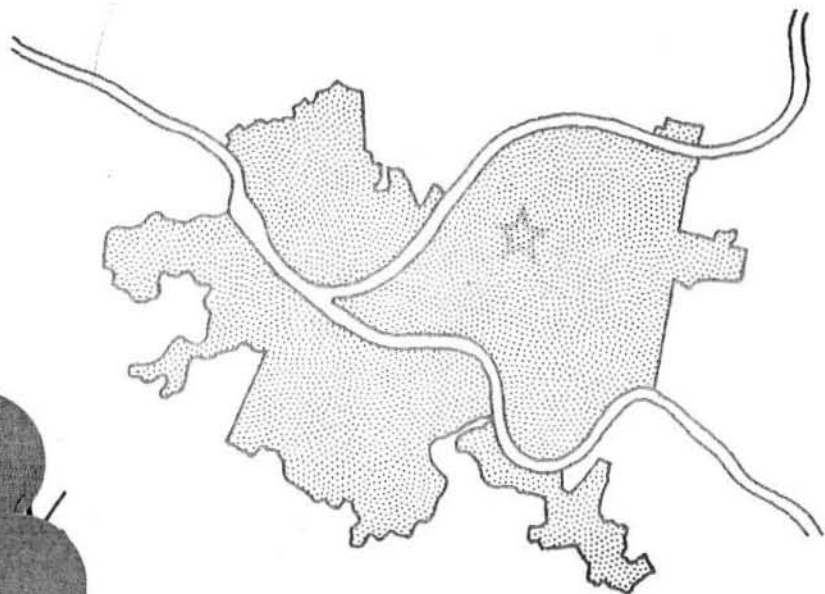


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PREFACE

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.

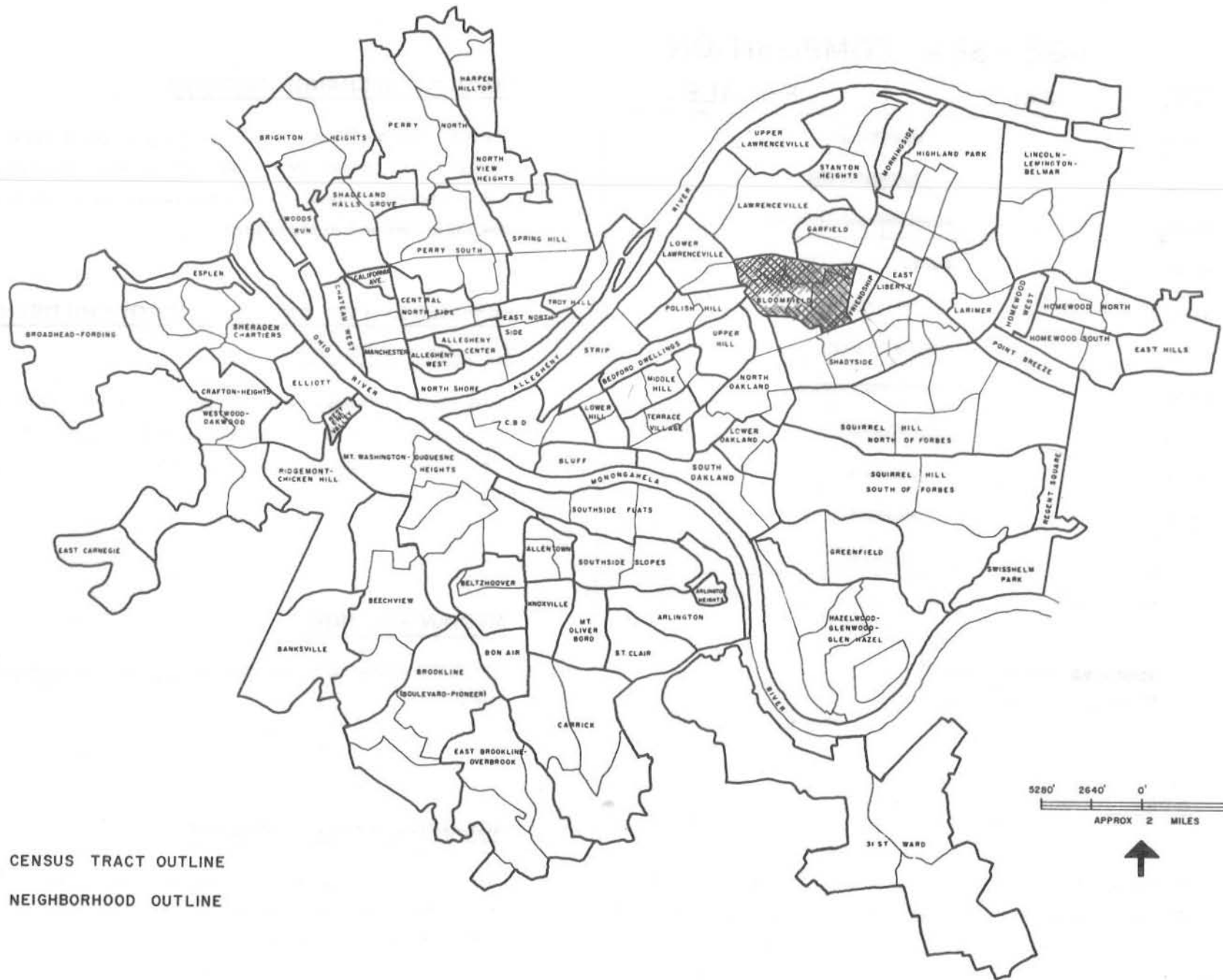
BLOOMFIELD

Bloomfield is generally considered to lie between Penn Avenue and the railroad under the Bloomfield Bridge and between the Bloomfield Bridge and Graham Street. For statistical purposes, it is composed of census Tracts, 801, 802, 804, 805, 806 and 903.

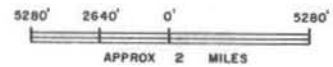
Bloomfield is a residential community of frame and brick homes mainly constructed during the latter decades of the 19th century.

These houses are chiefly single or double units built close together on narrow streets. Substantial resident maintenance effort is evident in the homes along these residential streets.

Influences of the strong Italian heritage of Bloomfield's residents can be seen in the shops and restaurants along Liberty Avenue, a major commercial strip which runs the length of this community.

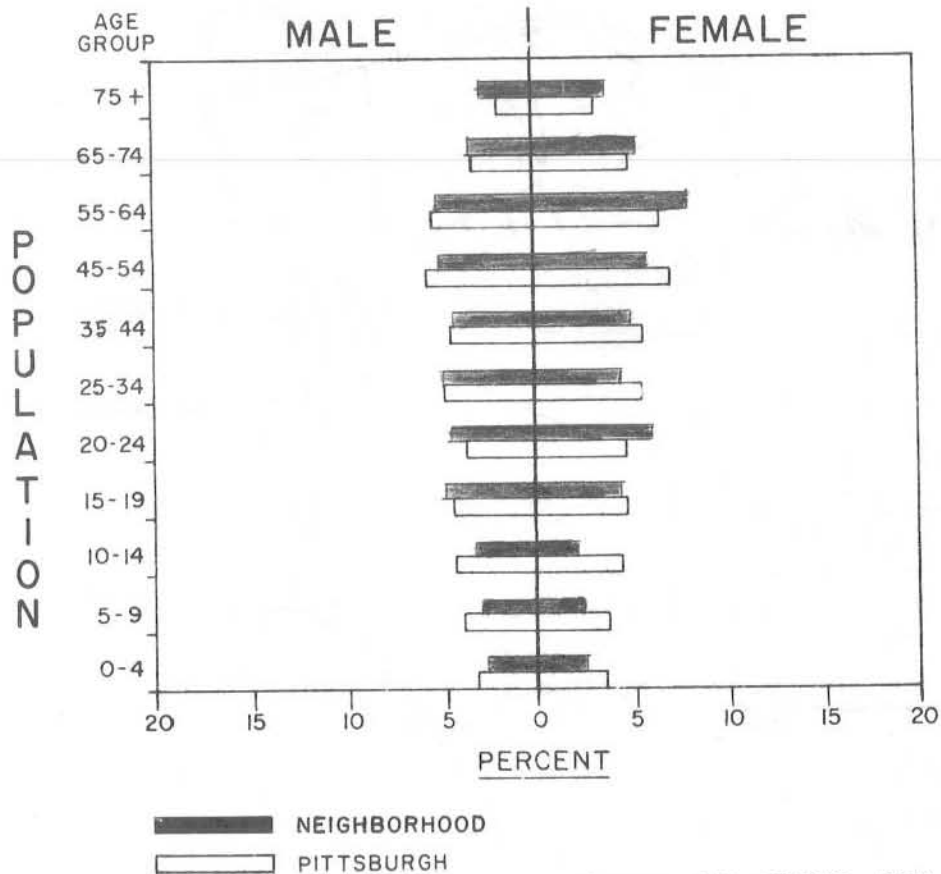


— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



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AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Bloomfield's population falls in the age 55-64 category, the smallest being the under 5 yr. 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 Bloomfield has changed from 15,799 in 1960 to 13,613 in 1970, representing a -13.9% 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 38.0 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

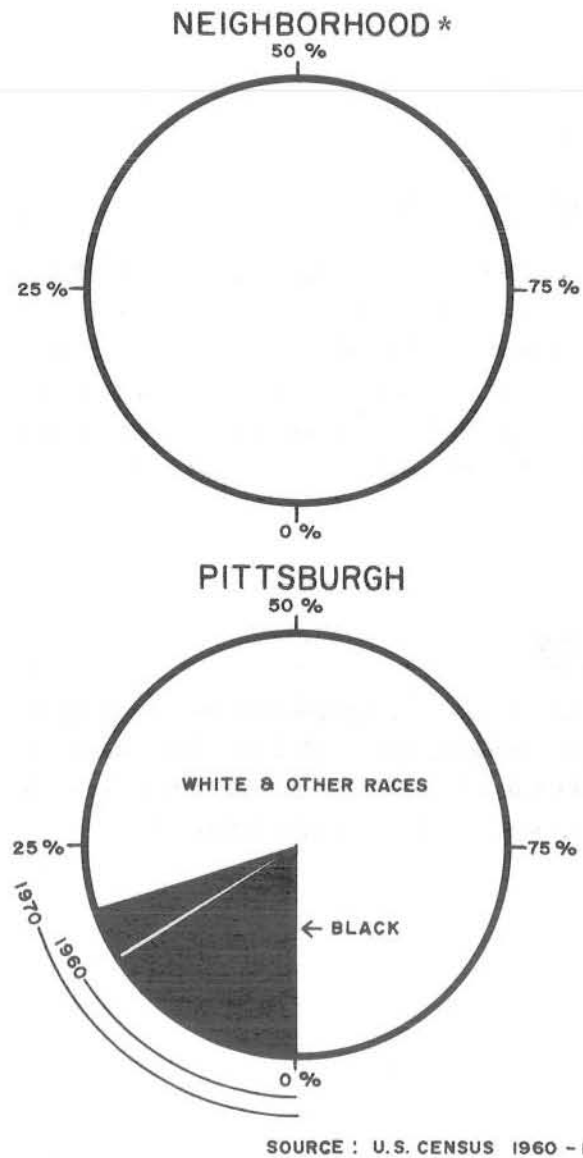
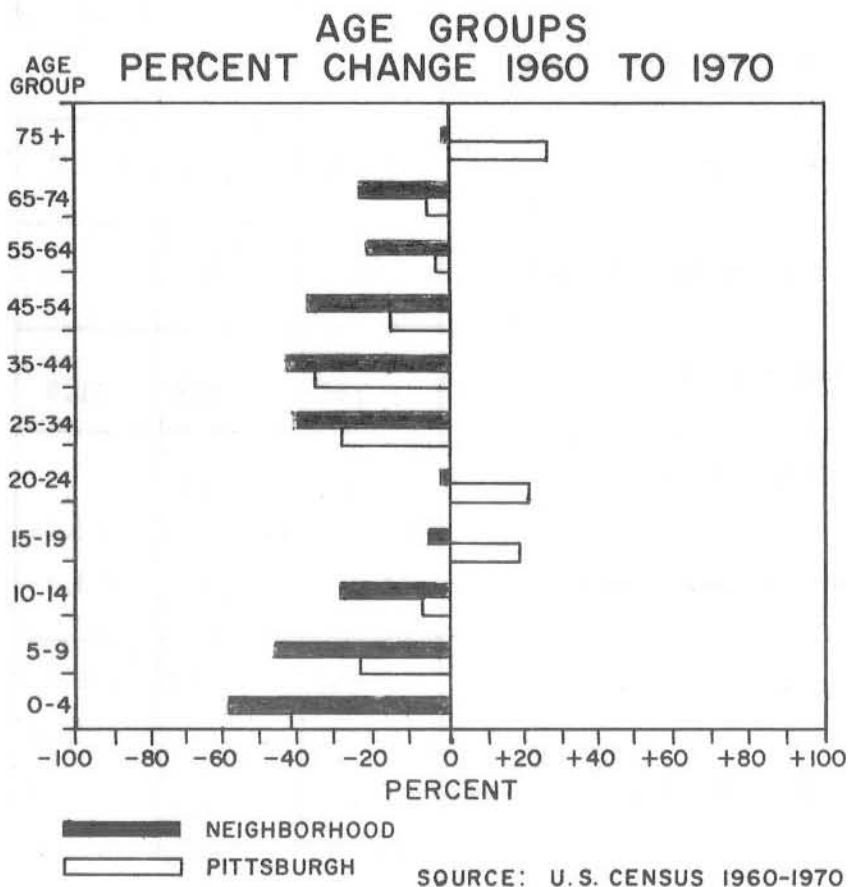
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

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.

RACE

Black population in Bloomfield constituted 1.7% of its 1960 population, and .9% 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

OCCUPANCY STATUS 1960 - 1970

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 5,550; in 1970, 5,484, representing a -1.2% change. A total of 39.4% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 196 units were vacant, as compared to 278 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 5.0% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 8.7% of the 1960, and 4.8% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 4,035 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.

	1960	1970	PERCENT CHANGE
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	5,550	5,484	- 1.2
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	5,354	5,206	- 2.8
OWNER OCCUPIED	2,188	2,164	- 1.1
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	39.4	39.4	
RENTER OCCUPIED	3,166	3,042	- 3.9
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	57.0	55.4	
VACANT UNITS	196	278	+41.8
PERCENT VACANT	3.5	5.0	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$9,345	\$11,530	+23.4
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$68	\$93	+36.8
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	8.7	4.8	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 112 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$6,579,011. For the entire city, 4,002 permits were issued, accounting for construction in excess of \$53 million.

Also in 1972, there were 4.73 new housing units constructed per 1,000 existing units, and 18.58 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	3	\$ 185,000
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES	4	6,151,000
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	3	53,000
ALTERATIONS	102	19,011
TOTAL	112	\$ 6,579,011

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

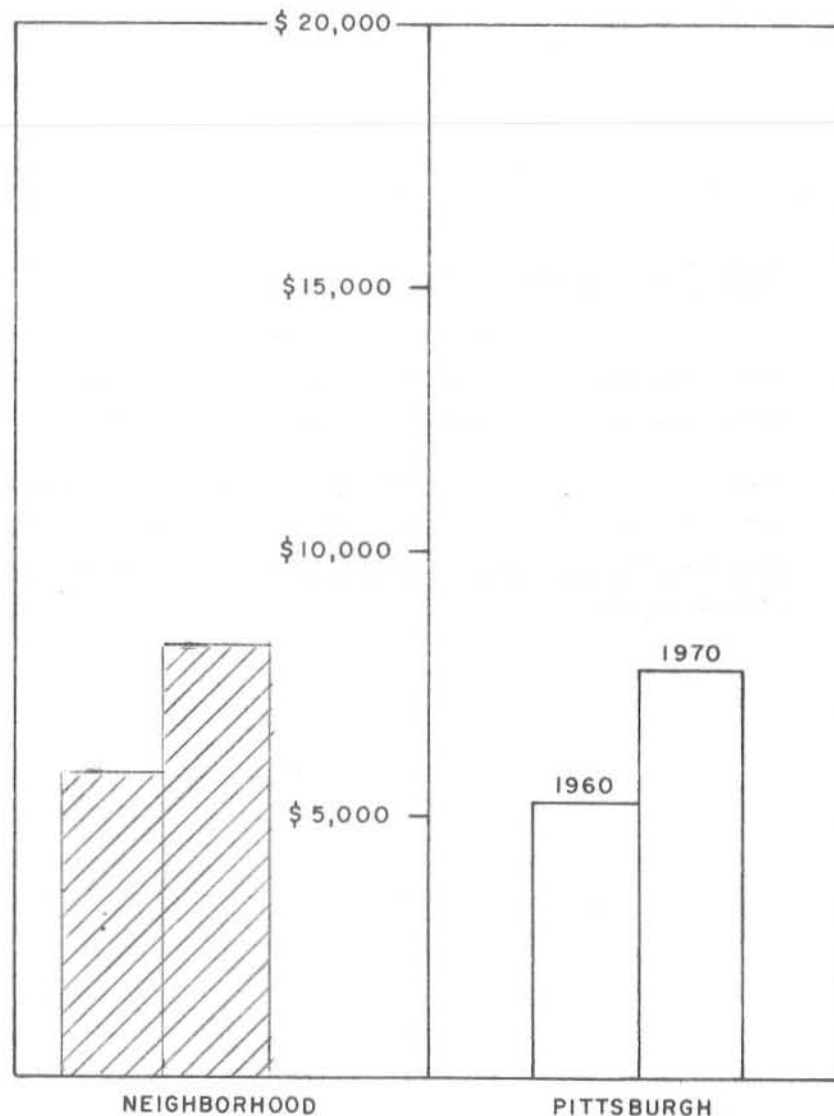
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	341	3.3	225	2.6
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	4,413	43.3	3,040	35.4
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	2,203	21.6	1,820	21.2
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	2,224	21.8	2,427	28.3
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	412	4.0	511	5.9
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	609	6.0	568	6.6
TOTAL	10,202	100.0	8,591	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

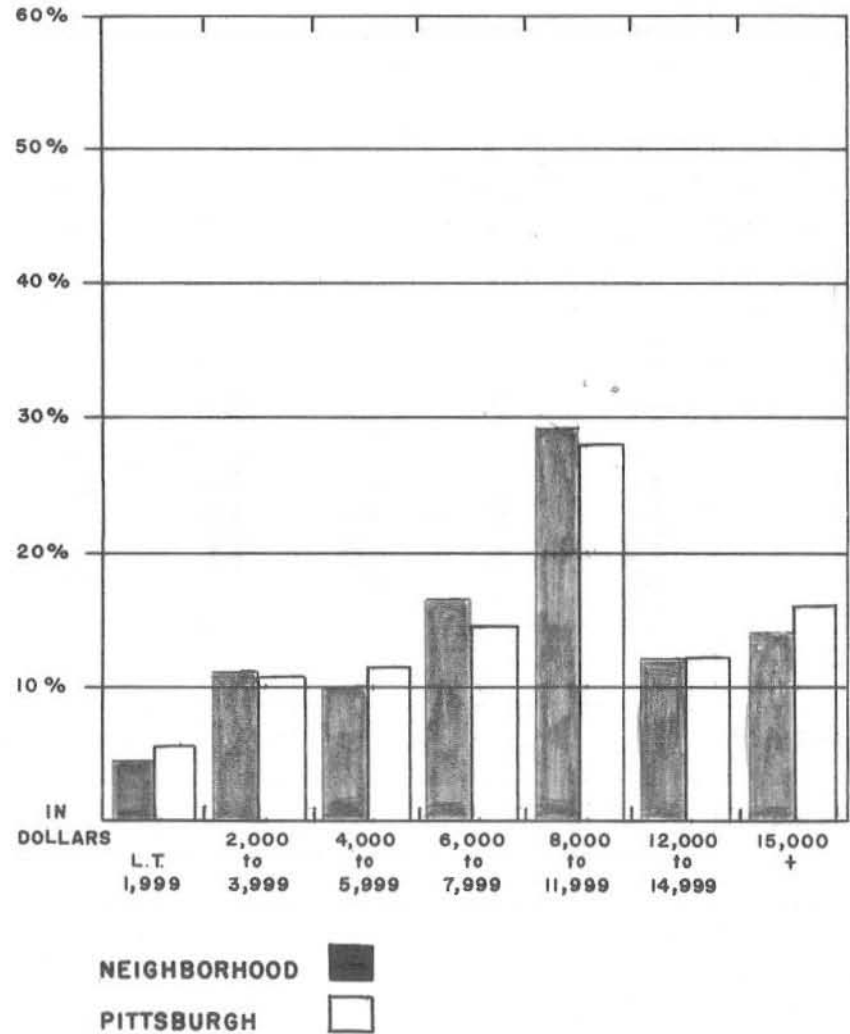


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Bloomfield families was \$5,717 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$8,582, representing a ten year change of 50.1%. Citywide, the median family income rose from \$5,605 in 1960, to \$8,800 in 1970, a 57% change.



SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

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

The largest percentage of people in this neighborhood work in sales & clerical positions. This group constitutes 29% 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	541	431	1,191	790	2,953
FEMALE	653	1,195	228	588	2,664
TOTAL	1,194	1,626	1,419	1,378	5,617
PERCENT OF TOTAL	21.25	28.93	25.25	24.51	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	112	.82
BLIND	33	.24
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	600	4.40
GENERAL	164	1.20
AID TO DISABLED	128	.94
TOTAL	1,037	7.60

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	0
RAPE	5	.04
ROBBERY	52	.38
ASSAULT	77	.57
BURGLARY	196	1.44
LARCENY	235	1.73
TOTAL	565	4.16

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 8% 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 4.16 ; 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 Bloomfield are not limited to those located within the confines of Bloomfield. 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:

Bloomfield

Public Facilities

No. 3 Police Station

Engine Company No. 6

Engine & Truck Company No. 25

Recreation

Bloomfield Recreation Center & Pool

Friendship Park

Osceola Parklet

Public Schools

Woolslayer Elementary

Friendship Elementary

Arsenal Middle

Schenley High

Health

West Penn Hospital

St. Francis Hospital

Shadyside Hospital

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