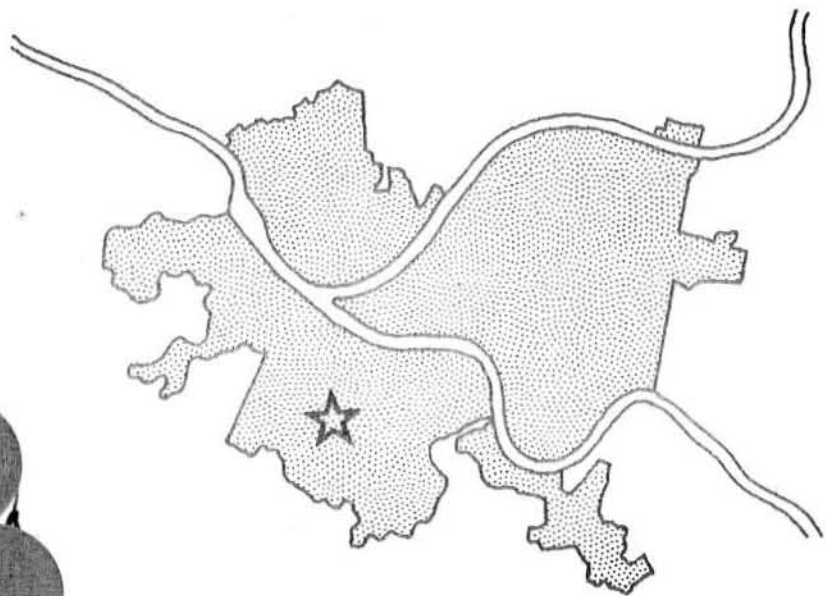


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PREFACE

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.

BROOKLINE

Brookline is predominantly a community of middle-income families.

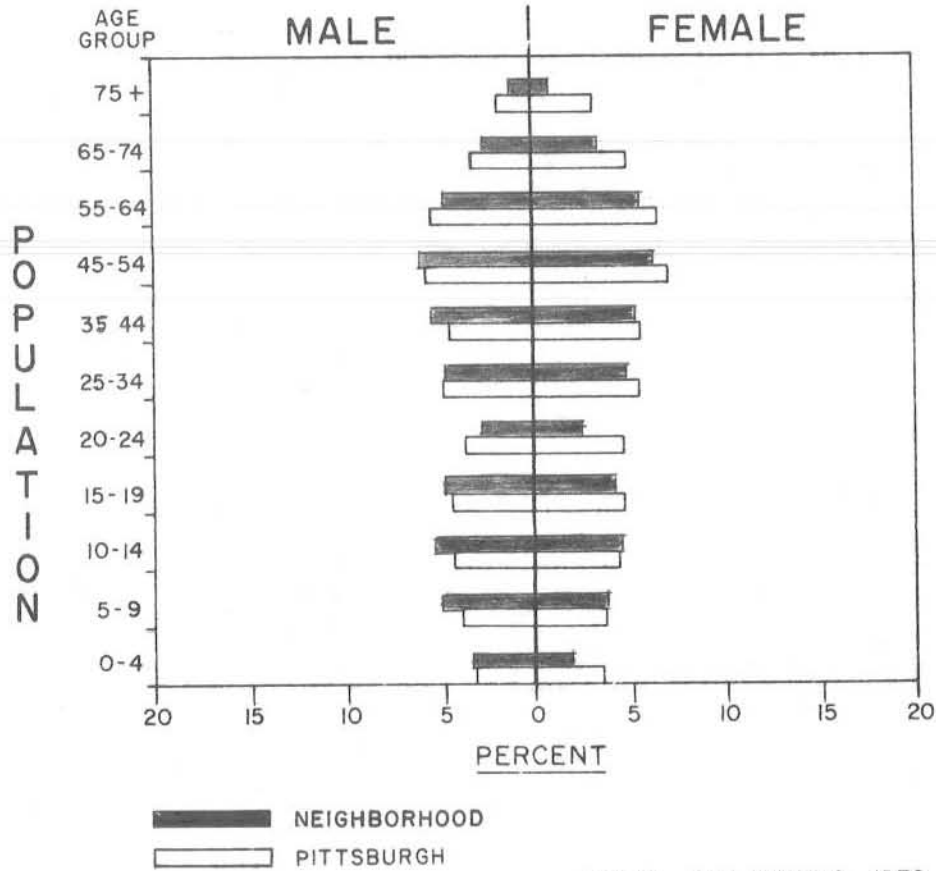
Approximately three fourths of the housing units are single-family structures, and there are only two or three small apartment buildings. The most active period of new-home construction was in the 1920's. The commercial establishments are located primarily along a half-mile stretch of Brookline Boulevard, and various neighborhood sub-centers exist at the two public schools and four parochial schools, and the two City playgrounds.

The community increased slightly in total population from 1960 to 1970, but the number of children age 4 and under dropped by more than 40% -- a reflection of both outmigration and a decline in the birth rate. Thus the sudden "bulge" in child population during the '60's, which overcrowded the schools, is now shrinking. The number of elderly persons increased 20%.

The ethnic backgrounds of Brookline's largest population group since the 1920's have been Irish and Italian, and the community has been largely Roman Catholic.

Brookline (Boulevard-Pioneer) is distinguished for the sake of convenience from the East Brookline - Overbrook community (32nd Ward). The ward line -- roughly the Whited-Breining Street alignment -- is considered the easterly boundary, while other boundaries are Saw Mill Run Boulevard, West Liberty Avenue and McNeilly Road. Census Tracts 1908, 1909, and 1910 are included in the area.

AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Brookline'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 Brookline has changed from 16,711 in 1960 to 16,824 in 1970, representing a +0.67% 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 32.6 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

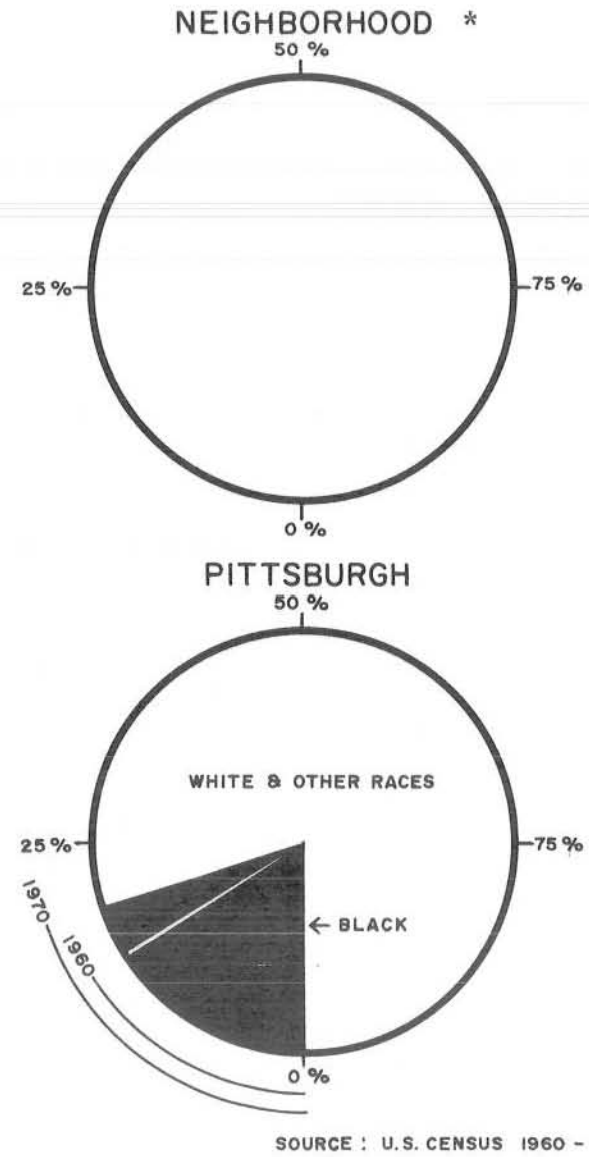
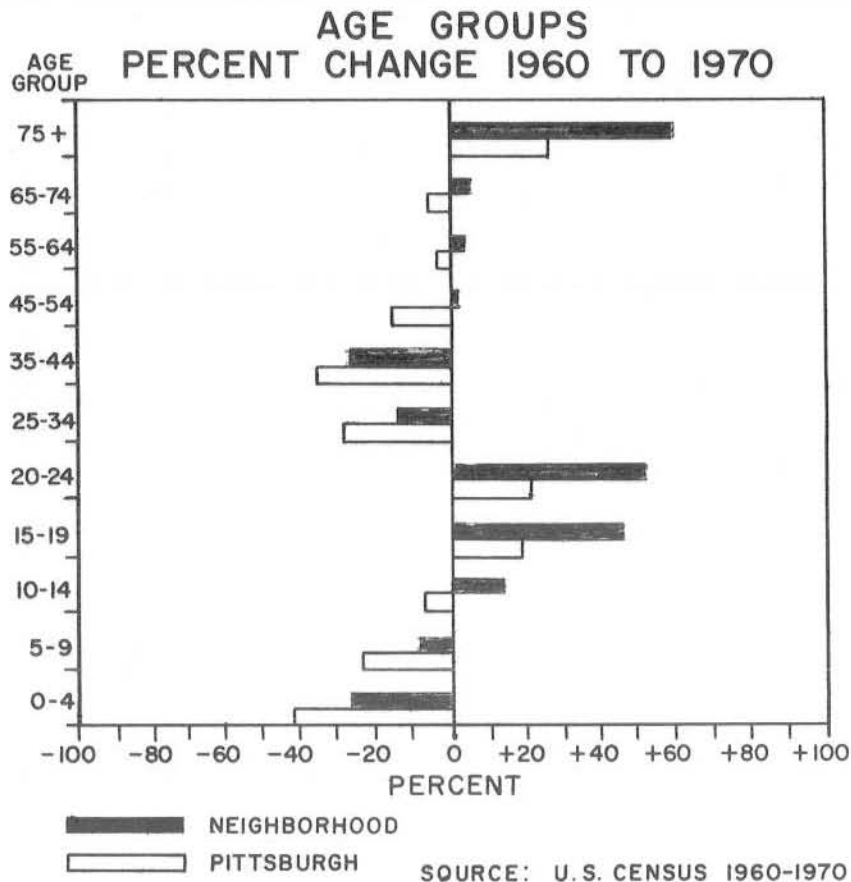
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

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.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970

RACE

Black population in Brookline constituted .02% 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.



POPULATION

* Black population less than 2% in 1960 and 1970

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

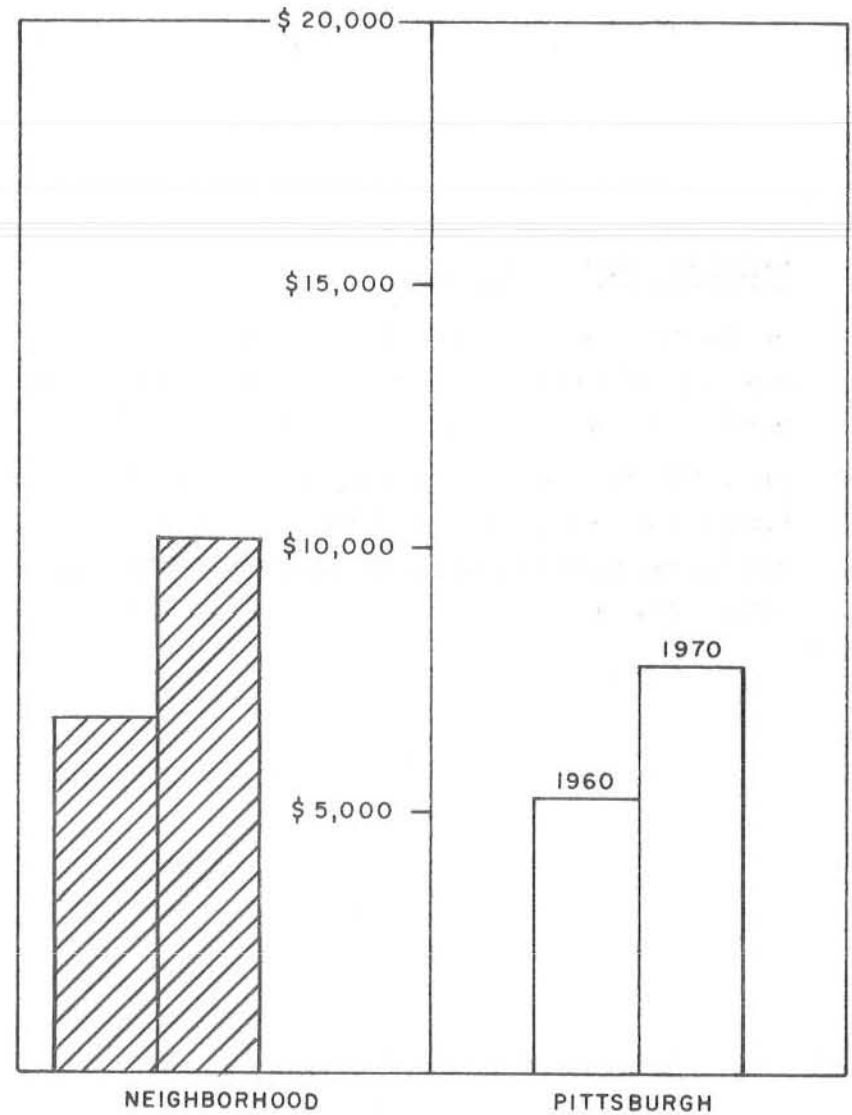
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a high school education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	181	1.8	145	1.5
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	3196	31.4	2237	23.1
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	2199	21.6	2157	22.3
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	3305	32.5	3843	39.7
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	703	6.9	649	6.7
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	580	5.7	647	6.7
TOTAL	10164	100.0	9678	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

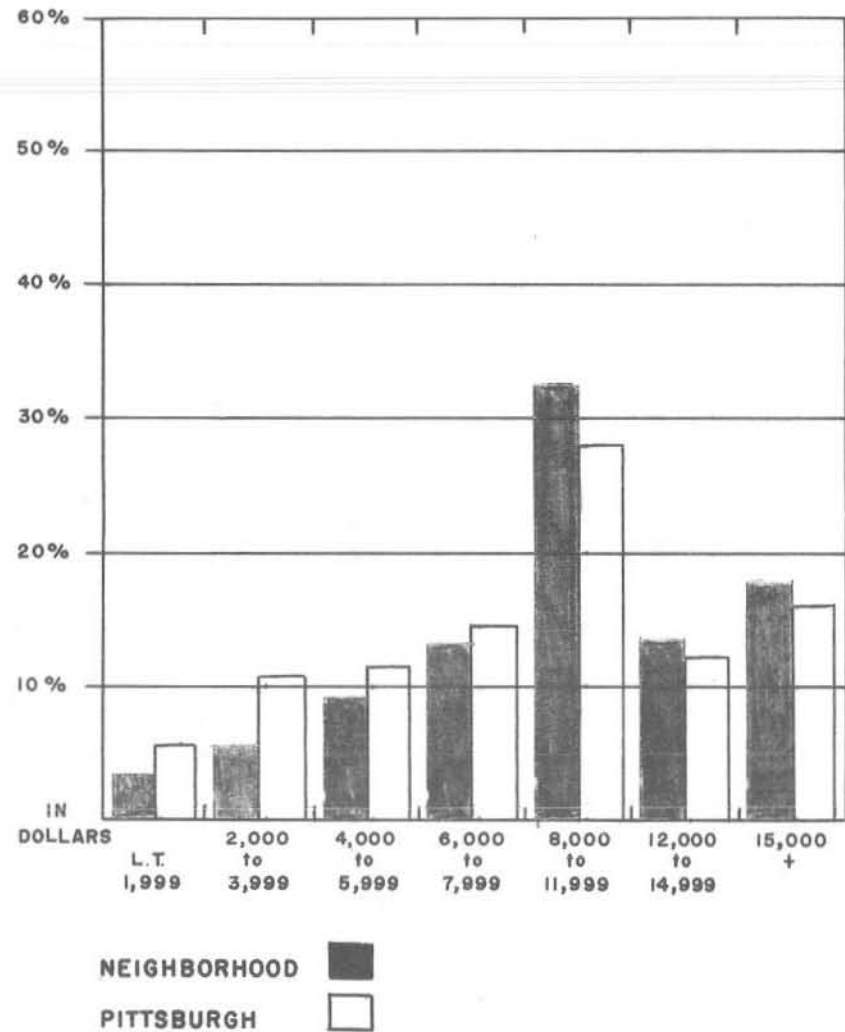


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Brookline families was \$6,740 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$10,112, representing a ten year change of 50.0%. Citywide, the median family income rose from \$5,605 in 1960, to \$8,800 in 1970, a 57% change.



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SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

Brookline

Public Facilities

- No. 57 Fire Station
- Brookline Branch, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
- Police District No. 2

Recreation

- Moore Park
- Brookline Community Recreation Center
- Brookline Park
- Starkamp Court

Schools

- Brookline Elementary
- West Liberty Elementary
- Pioneer Elementary
- South Hills High School (in Mt. Washington)

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