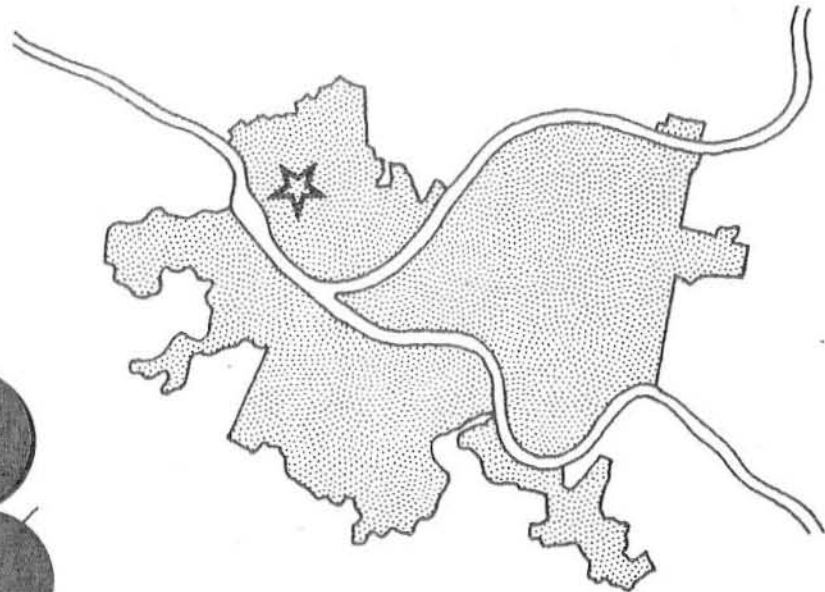


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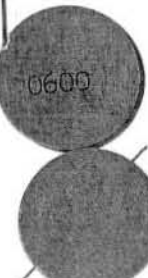


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PREFACE

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.

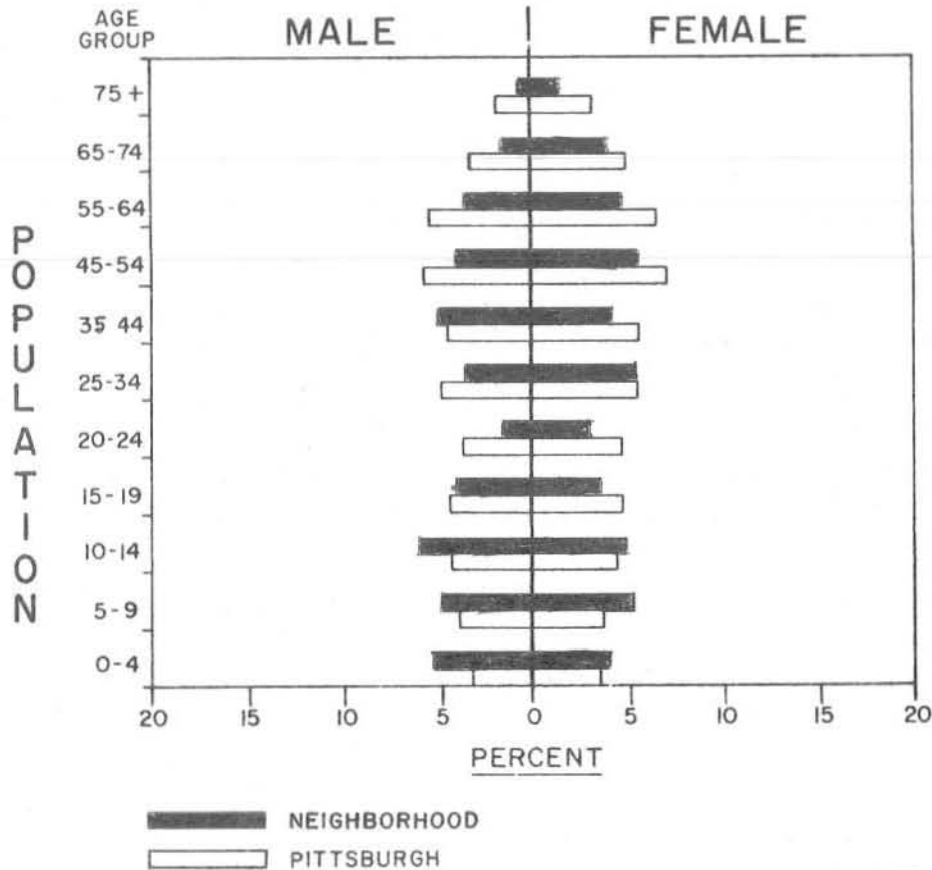
The material has been divided into four sections, Population, Housing, Socio-Economic characteristics and Community Facilities. Although most of the information comes from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the statistics on building permits (new, and alterations) come from the city's Bureau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

CALIFORNIA AVENUE

This small predominantly residential neighborhood situated in the north-western part of the Lower North Side, is somewhat isolated by the railroad tracks adjacent to California Avenue on the south, steep hillside to the north and west and Brighton Road on the east. Largely in Census Tract 2102, the California Avenue area has only about 1350 population with about one-half at a poverty level income. The housing stock is old but some rehabilitation and demolition has occurred which has removed the worst of the blight.

Historically, this area had been part of Manchester but due to the barrier imposed by the railroad, it did not receive the industrial uses typical of Manchester except on its borders. However, it was effected by the racial shift in population which increased from about 3% Black in 1960 to about 35% in the 1970 census.

AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of California Avenue's population falls in the age 10-14 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 California Avenue has changed from 1,674 in 1960 to 1,343 in 1970, representing a -19.8% 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 26.2 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

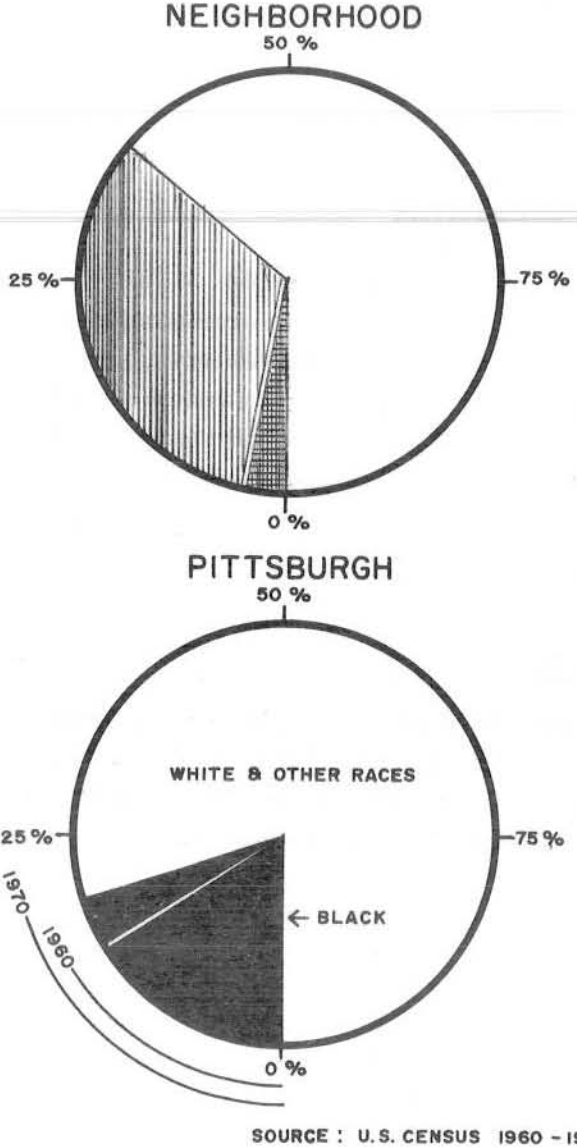
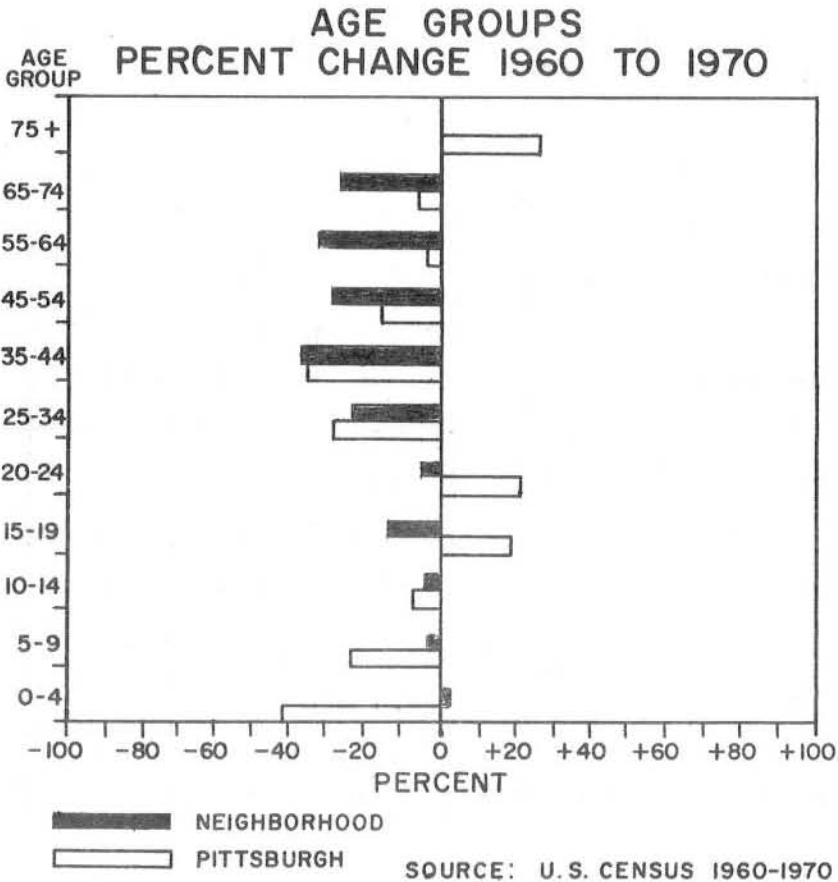
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

One age bracket 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 California Ave. constituted 3.3% of its 1960 population, and 35.4% 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 558 ; in 1970, 448 , representing a -19.7% change. A total of 47.7% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 38 units were vacant, as compared to 29 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 6.4% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 13.5% of the 1960, and 14.9% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 547 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 45% 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	558	448	- 19.7
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	520	419	- 19.4
OWNER OCCUPIED	306	214	- 30.1
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	54.8	47.7	
RENTER OCCUPIED	214	205	- 4.2
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	38.3	45.7	
VACANT UNITS	38	29	- 23.7
PERCENT VACANT	6.8	6.4	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 7065	\$ 6810	- 3.6
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 64	\$ 87	+ 35.9
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	13.5	14.9	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 13 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$44,087 . 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 29.01 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	13	\$ 44,087
TOTAL	13	\$ 44,087

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

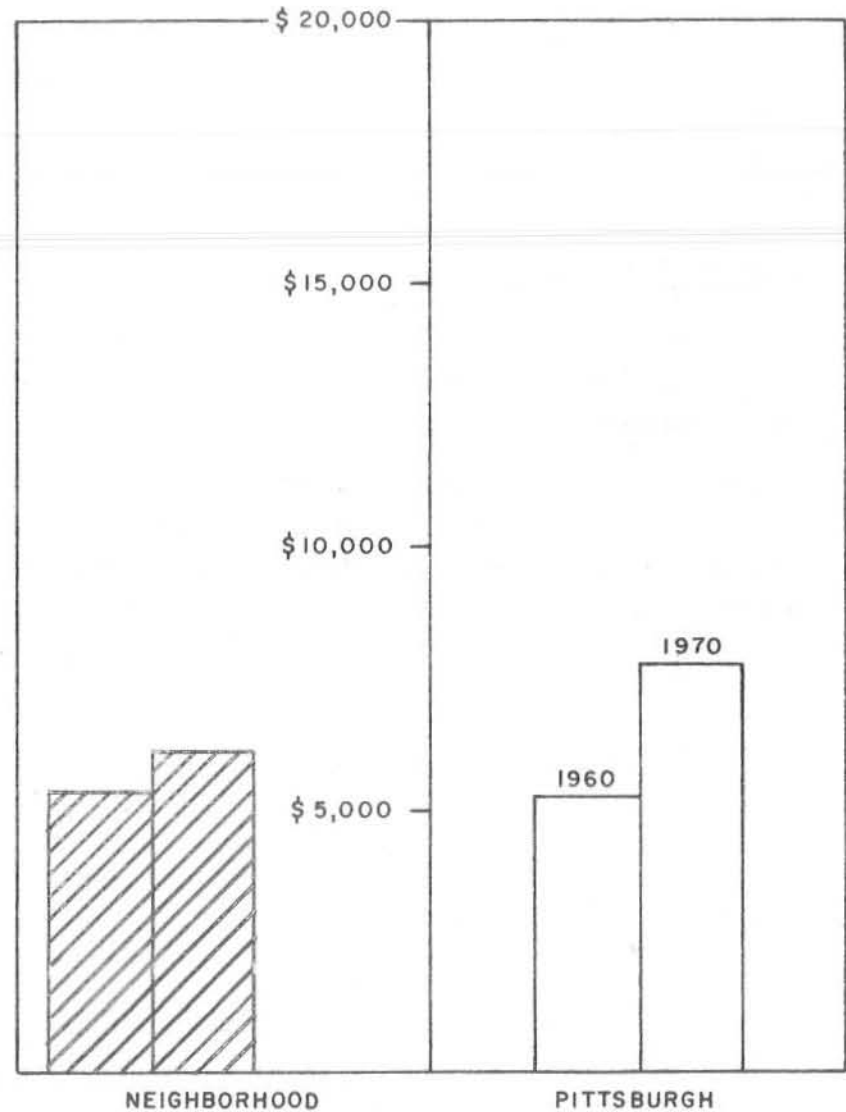
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	16	1.6	11	1.6
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	459	46.9	294	43.6
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	257	26.3	208	30.8
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	211	21.6	131	19.4
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	21	2.1	22	3.3
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	15	1.5	9	1.3
TOTAL	979	100.0	675	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

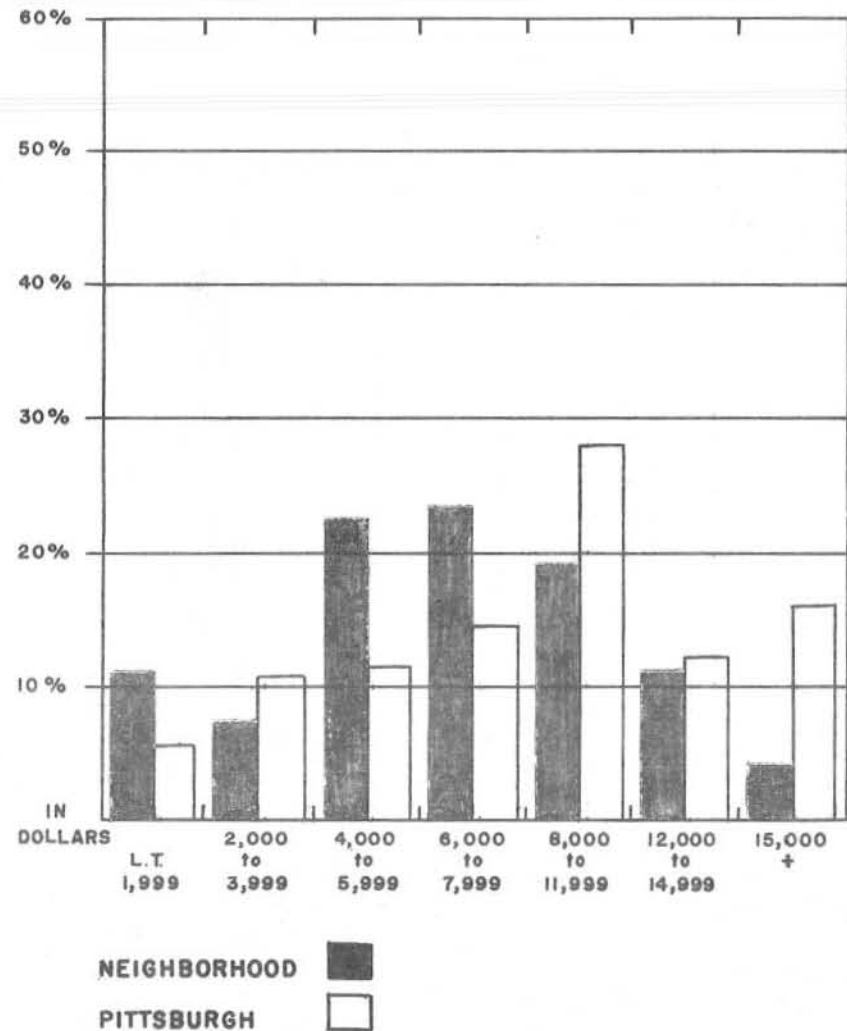


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for California Ave. families was \$5,371 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$6,692, representing a ten year change of 25.7%. 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

**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 45% 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	20	22	120	60	222
FEMALE	21	40	39	33	133
TOTAL	41	62	159	93	355
PERCENT OF TOTAL	11.54	17.46	44.78	26.18	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	8	.59
BLIND	0	.00
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	368	27.40
GENERAL	42	3.12
AID TO DISABLED	13	.96
TOTAL	431	32.07

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	2	.15
ROBBERY	7	.52
ASSAULT	14	1.04
BURGLARY	25	1.86
LARCENY	10	.74
TOTAL	58	4.31

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 32% 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 4.31 ; 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 California Ave. are not limited to those located within the confines of California Ave. 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:

California Avenue

Public Facilities

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

Recreation

- Columbus School ballfield and playground
- Manchester Elem. School ballfield and playground

Schools

- Manchester Elementary
- Columbus Middle School
- Oliver High School

Health

- Allegheny General Hospital
- Divine Providence Hospital
- St. Johns Hospital

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