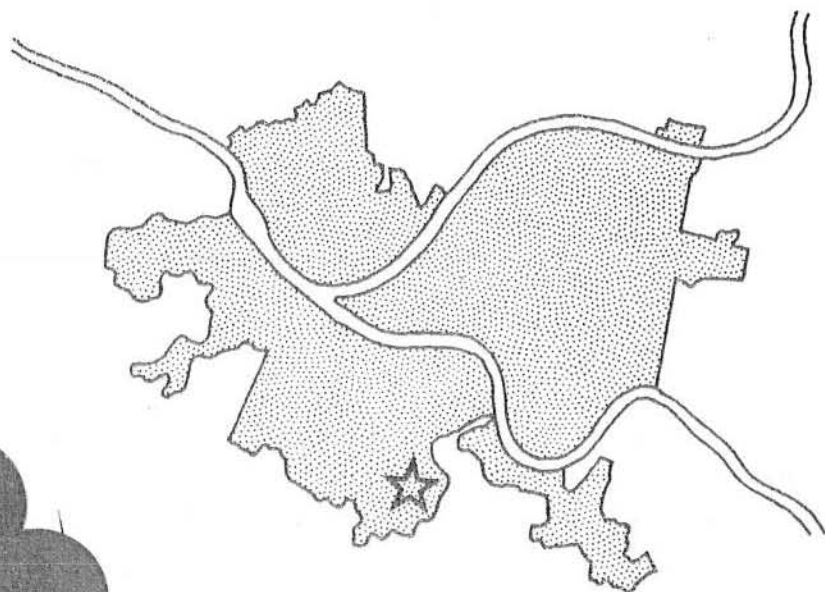


a community profile of *carrick*



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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.

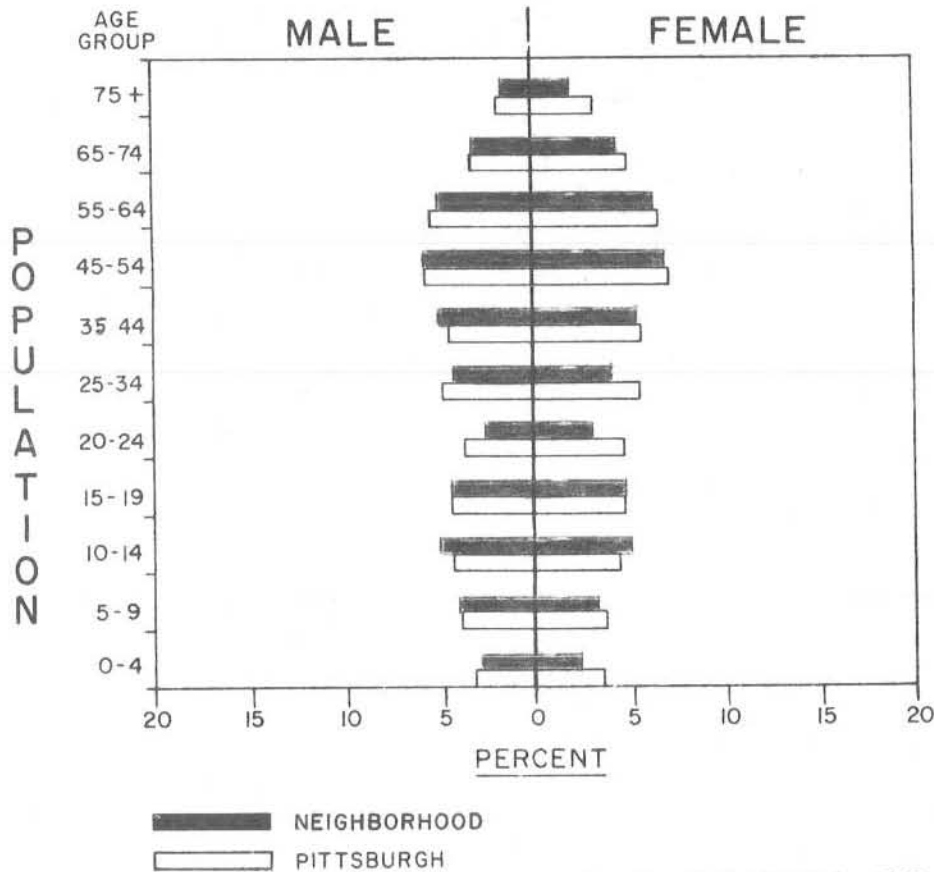
CARRICK

Carrick is a community of predominantly middle-income homeowners, with a commercial strip along the neighborhood's Brownsville Road "spine." It is largely a family neighborhood, although the number of young families has decreased in the past few years while the proportion of elderly persons has increased.

The community was built up principally between the turn of the century and the 1920's. Single and two-family housing varies in type from the large houses in top condition on sizable lots to relatively inexpensive structures in medium condition on small lots, particularly in slope areas. There are a few apartment buildings on Brownsville Road. The ethnic background of Carrick's largest population group has been German and remains so, though to a decreasing extent. Most of the German population was Catholic, but there were many Protestants in the community too.

Carrick is surrounded on three sides by independent boroughs, and relates very closely with all of them. The community's boundaries are generally those of the 29th Ward - in a line with the southern boundary of Mt. Oliver, the Baldwin-Brentwood ridge line above Becks Run, and the western edge of Phillips Park, adjacent to the Overbrook community. It is comprised of census tracts 2901, 2902 and 2903.

AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Carrick'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 Carrick has changed from 16,604 in 1960 to 15,491 in 1970, representing a -6.7% 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 34.8 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

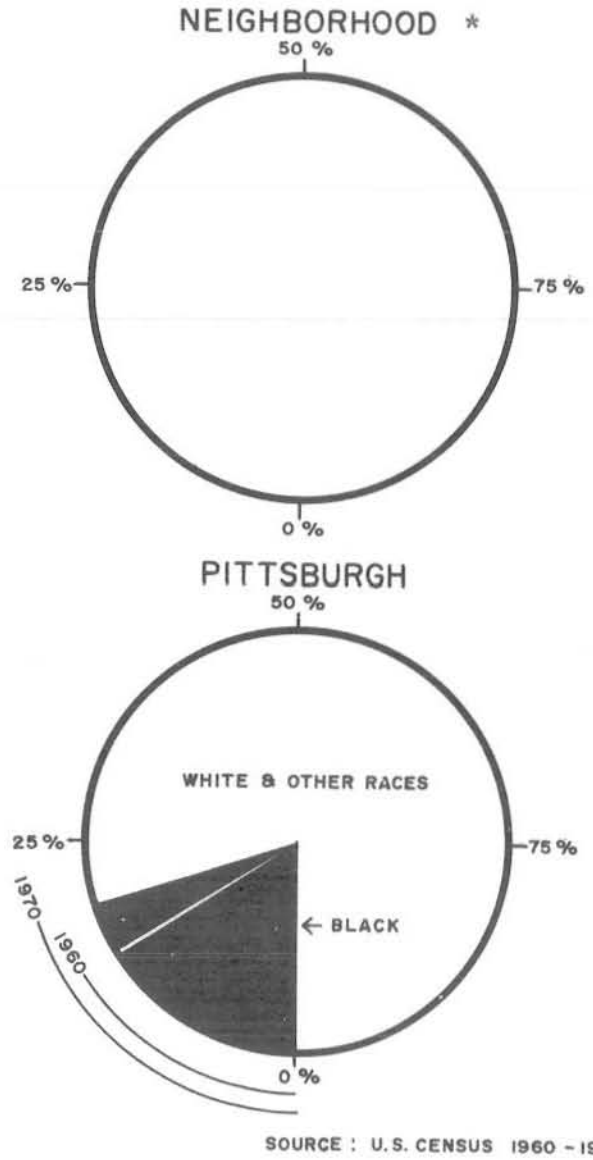
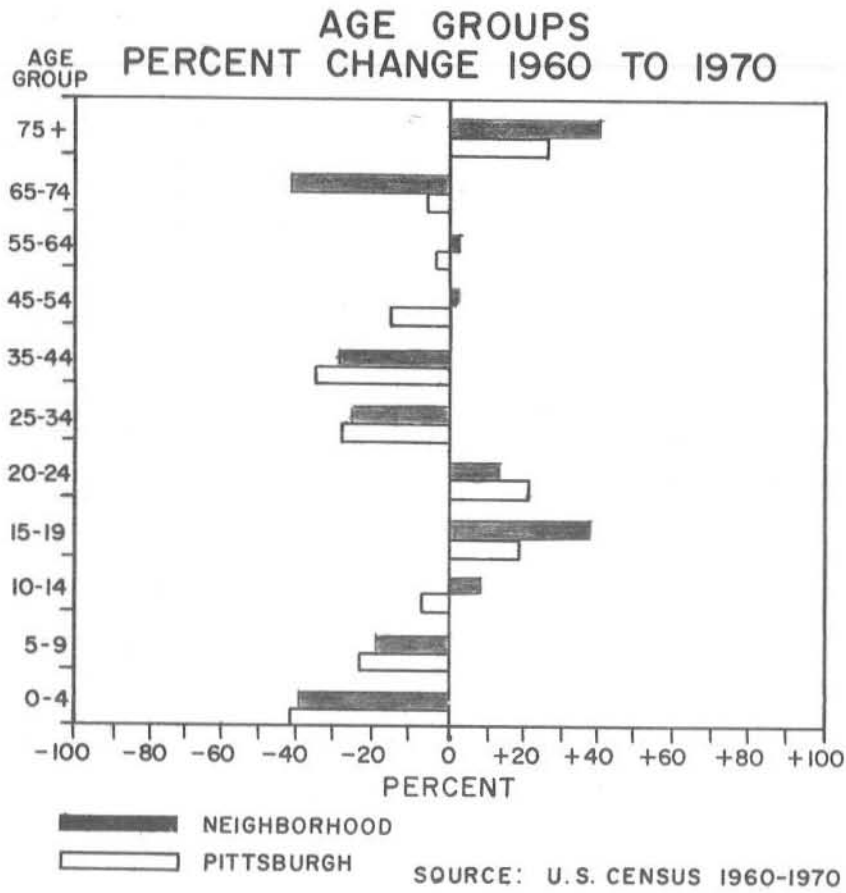
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Six 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 Carrick constituted .1% of its 1960 population, and .03% 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 5,163; in 1970, 5,078, representing a -1.6% change. A total of 69.2% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 137 units were vacant, as compared to 99 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 1.9% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 7.1% of the 1960, and 5.2% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 3,431 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 24% 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	5163	5078	- 1.6
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	5026	4979	- .9
OWNER OCCUPIED	3471	3519	+ 1.3
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	67.2	69.2	
RENTER OCCUPIED	1555	1460	- 6.1
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	30.1	28.7	
VACANT UNITS	137	99	- 27.7
PERCENT VACANT	2.6	1.9	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$12,310	\$13,345	+ 8.4
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 74	\$ 95	+ 28.3
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	7.1	5.2	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 127 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$850,090 . For the entire city, 4,002 permits were issued, accounting for construction in excess of \$53 million.

Also in 1972, there were 2.1 new housing units constructed per 1,000 existing units, and 20.60 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	10	\$ 124,500
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES	7	594,850
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	5	20,300
ALTERATIONS	105	110,440
TOTAL	127	\$ 850,090

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

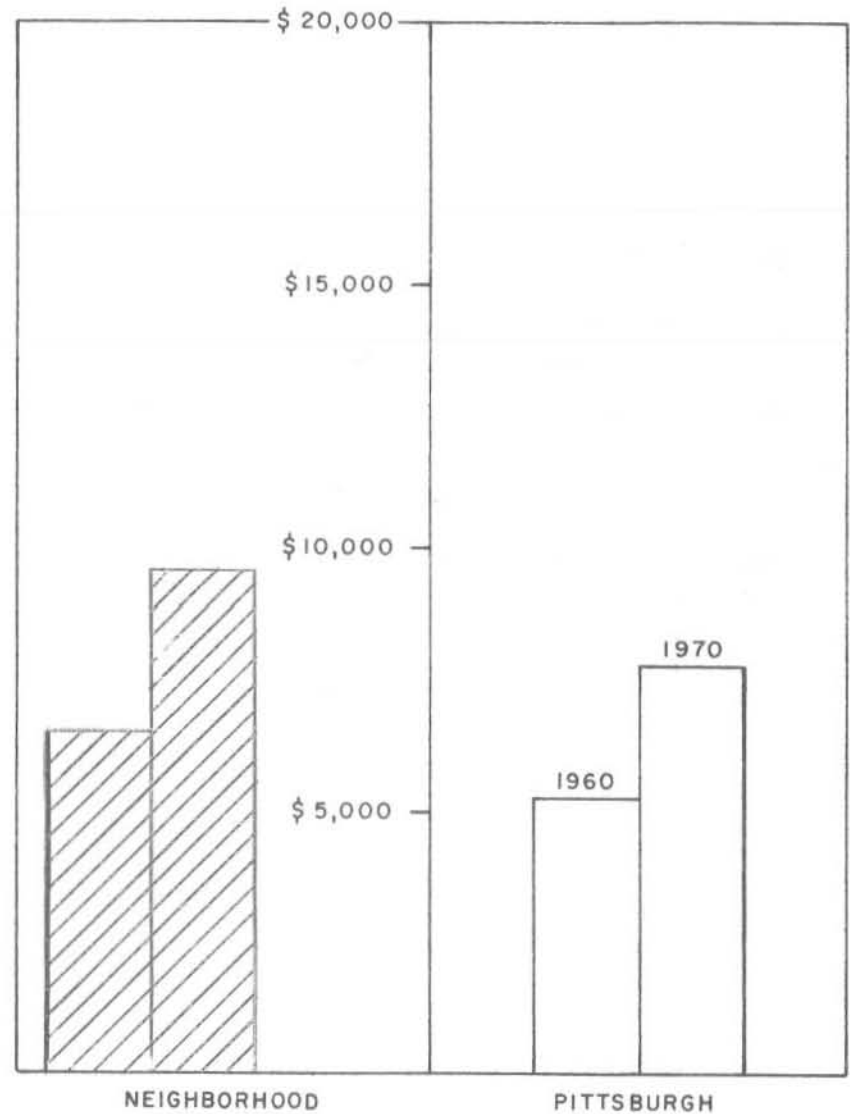
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	118	1.2	109	1.2
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	3998	39.7	2626	28.9
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	2444	24.3	2295	25.2
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	2750	27.3	3352	36.9
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	362	3.6	433	4.8
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	388	3.9	278	3.1
TOTAL	10060	100.0	9093	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

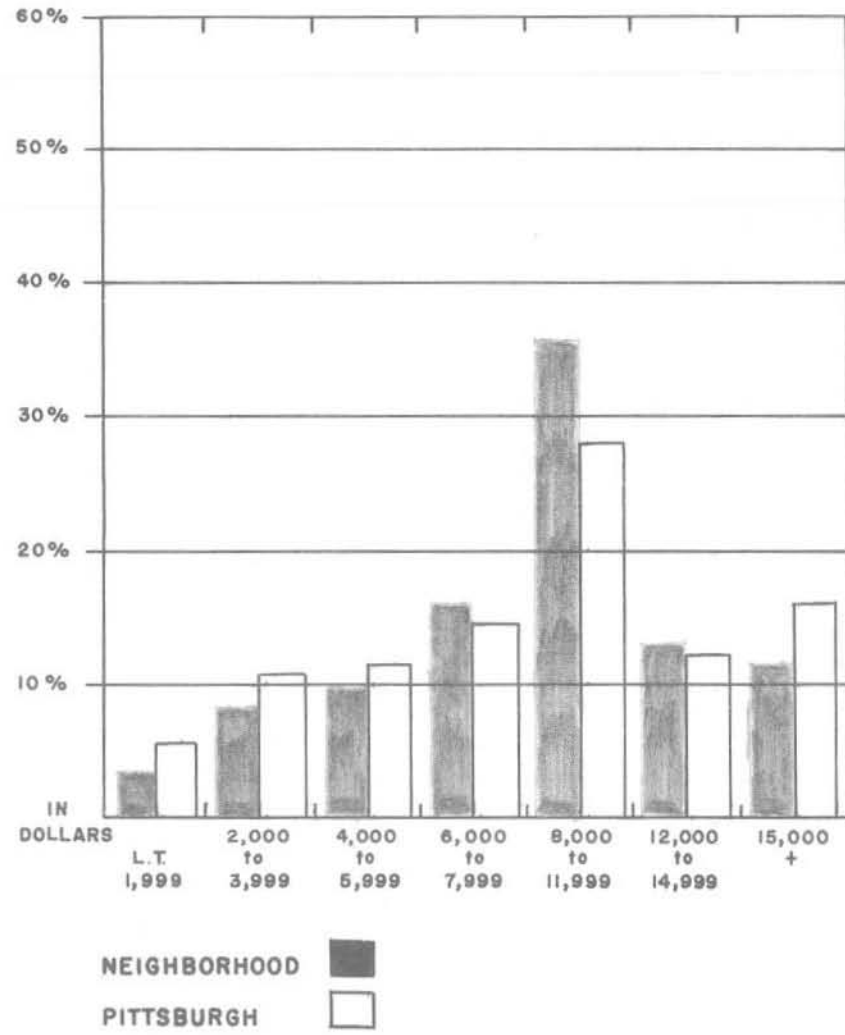


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Carrick families was \$6,305 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$9,386, representing a ten year change of 48.8%. 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 sales & clerical 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	502	725	1750	755	3732
FEMALE	213	1206	148	469	2036
TOTAL	715	1931	1898	1224	5768
PERCENT OF TOTAL	12.38	33.47	32.89	21.21	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	32	.20
BLIND	14	.09
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	482	3.11
GENERAL	98	.63
AID TO DISABLED	18	.11
TOTAL	644	4.14

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	1	.01
RAPE	5	.03
ROBBERY	19	.12
ASSAULT	68	.44
BURGLARY	123	.79
LARCENY	92	.59
TOTAL	308	1.98

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 4% 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 1.98 ; 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 Carrick are not limited to those located within the confines of Carrick. 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:

Carrick

- Police District No. 7
- No. 23 Fire Station
- Carrick Branch, Carnegie Library

Recreation

- Phillips Park
- Leolyn Street Parklet
- Poplargo Court
- Carrick High School Athletic Field
- Volunteers Field

Schools

- Carrick High
- Concord Elementary
- Quentin Roosevelt Elementary

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