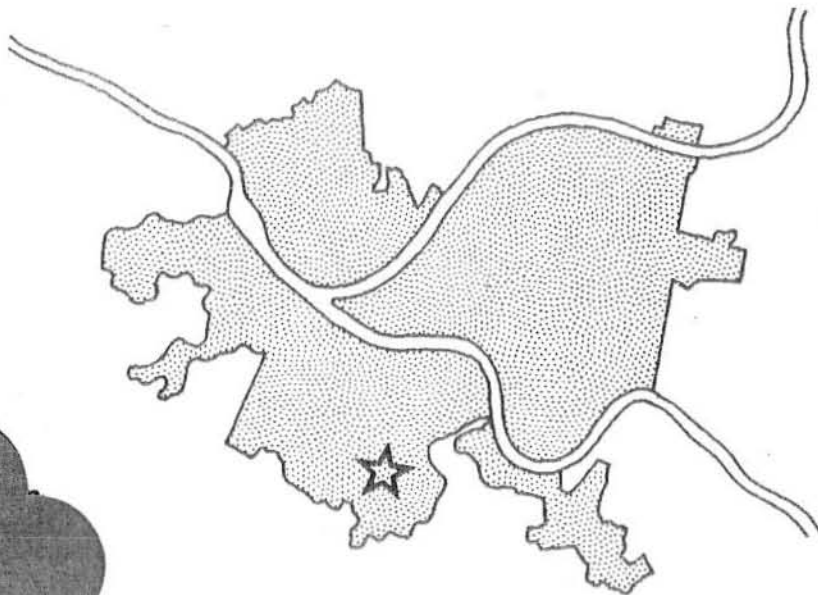


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## PREFACE

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.

### **EAST BROOKLINE - OVERBROOK**

The East Brookline - Overbrook community is divided sharply into three geographical parts by the Saw Mill Run and Library Run valleys. Before 1930 this community was the Borough of Overbrook, now the 32nd Ward of the City. It is composed of census tracts 3201, 3202, 3203 and 3204.

Because of these three divisions, each part tends to relate strongly to the adjacent community -- eastern Overbrook to Carrick, southern Overbrook to the Saw Mill Run shopping areas in Whitehall and Brentwood, and East Brookline to the Brookline community. Whatever cohesiveness there is among the three different parts of the community, comes from such institutions as the Overbrook School and the Little League.

Some of the single-family houses are more than 50 years old. These are primarily located in the Saw Mill Run valley, along with the commercial establishments of the community. But one-half of all the houses were built in the 10 or 15 years after World War II. These new houses are located on the hills of Brookline and Carrick. The young families who moved in have now "grown up," and the child population is sharply declining.



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 ——— NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE

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	PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, MANAGERIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE	
MALE	442	
FEMALE	172	
TOTAL	614	
PERCENT OF TOTAL	16.42	

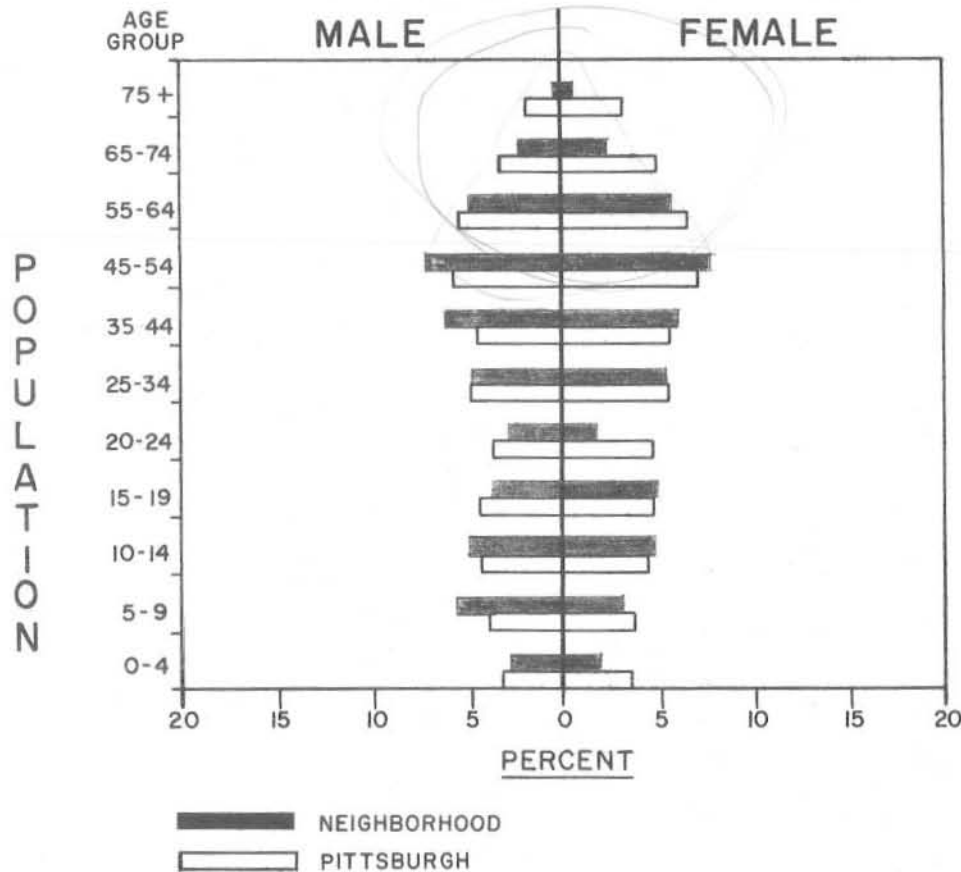




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 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



## AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

### AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of East Brookline-Overbrook 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 East Brookline-Overbrook has changed from 10,127 in 1960 to 9,875 in 1970, representing a -2.5% 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 30.8 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

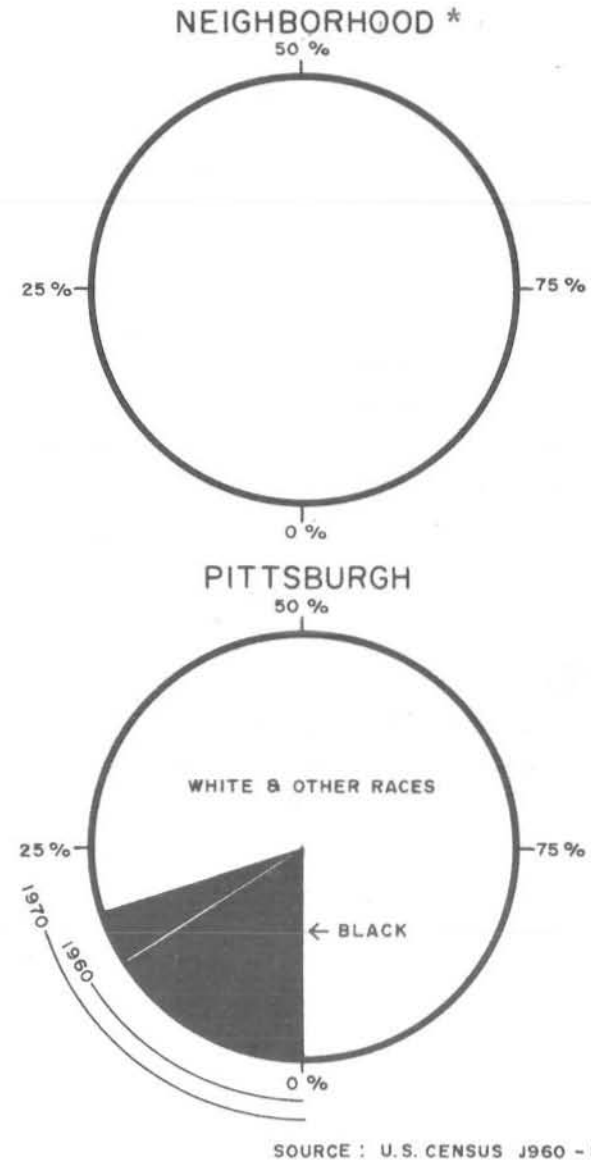
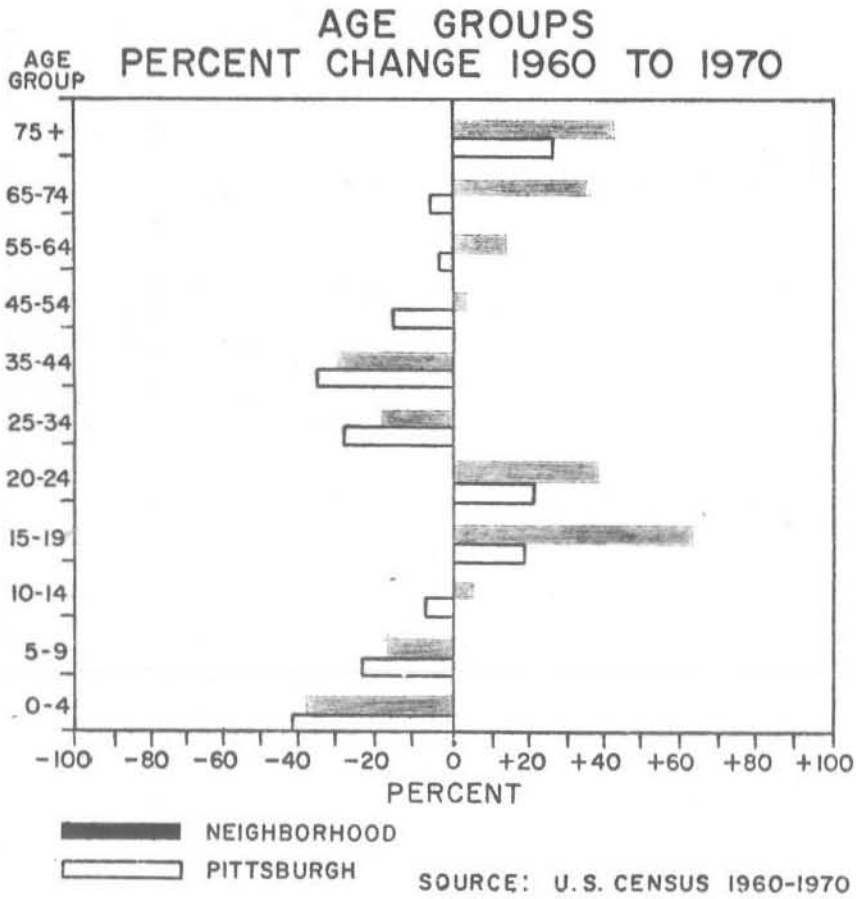
### AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

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 East Brookline-Overbrook constituted .5% of its 1960 population, and 1.2% 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**

In 1960, total housing units numbered 2,897; in 1970, 2,982, representing a +2.9% change. A total of 83.7% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 67 units were vacant, as compared to 34 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 1.1% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 6.8% of the 1960, and 6.2% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

**MOBILITY**

For the neighborhood, 1,452 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 16% 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	2897	2982	+ 2.9
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	2830	2948	+ 4.1
OWNER OCCUPIED	2435	2498	+ 2.5
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	84.0	83.7	
RENTER OCCUPIED	395	450	+ 13.9
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	13.6	15.0	
VACANT UNITS	67	34	- 49.2
PERCENT VACANT	2.3	1.1	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 13,300	\$ 14,785	+ 11.1
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 86	\$ 112	+ 30.2
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	6.8	6.2	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

**BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972**

In 1972, there were 39 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$5,064,996. For the entire city, 4,002 permits were issued, accounting for construction in excess of \$53 million.

Also in 1972, there were 0.30 new housing units constructed per 1,000 existing units, and 10.72 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	1	\$ 23,500
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES	2	5,002,000
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	4	10,200
ALTERATIONS	32	29,296
TOTAL	39	\$ 5,064,996

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

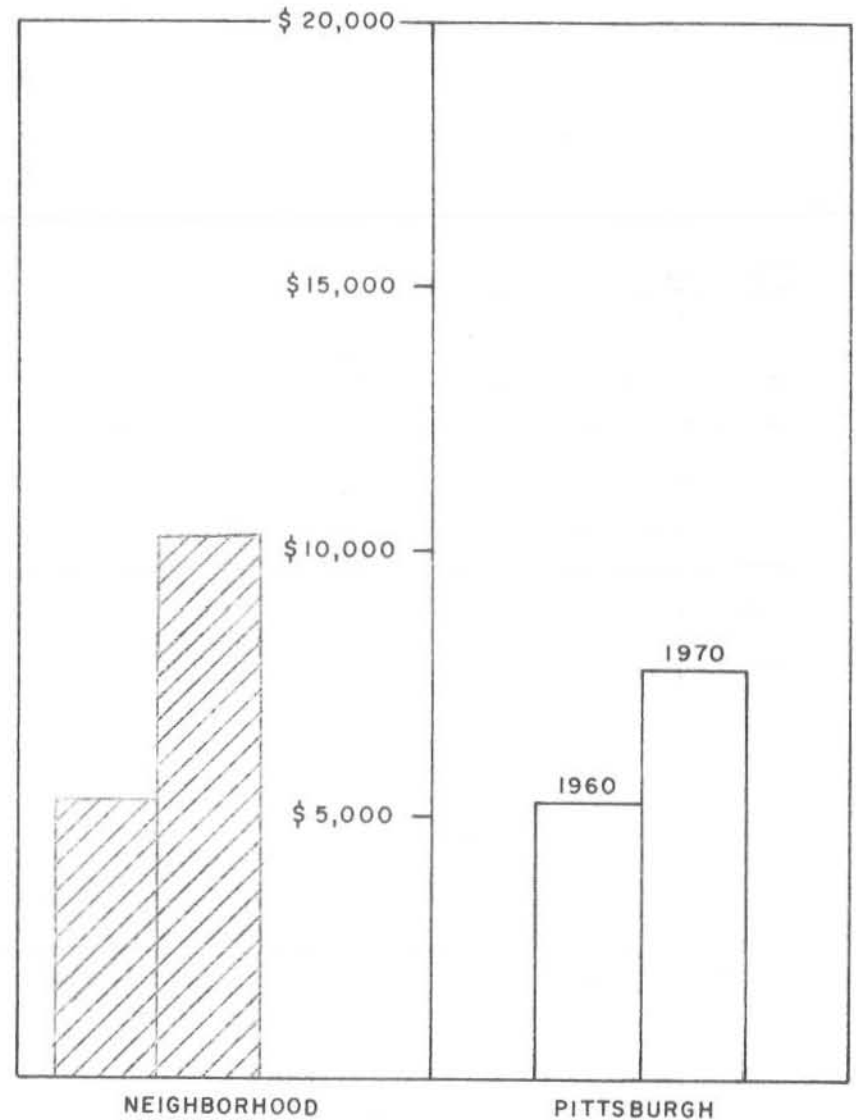
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a high school education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	60	1.0	36	.6
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	1787	30.8	1332	23.9
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1469	25.4	1296	23.3
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	1899	32.8	2357	42.4
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	348	6.0	379	6.8
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	231	4.0	162	2.9
TOTAL	5794	100.0	5562	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

**MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970**

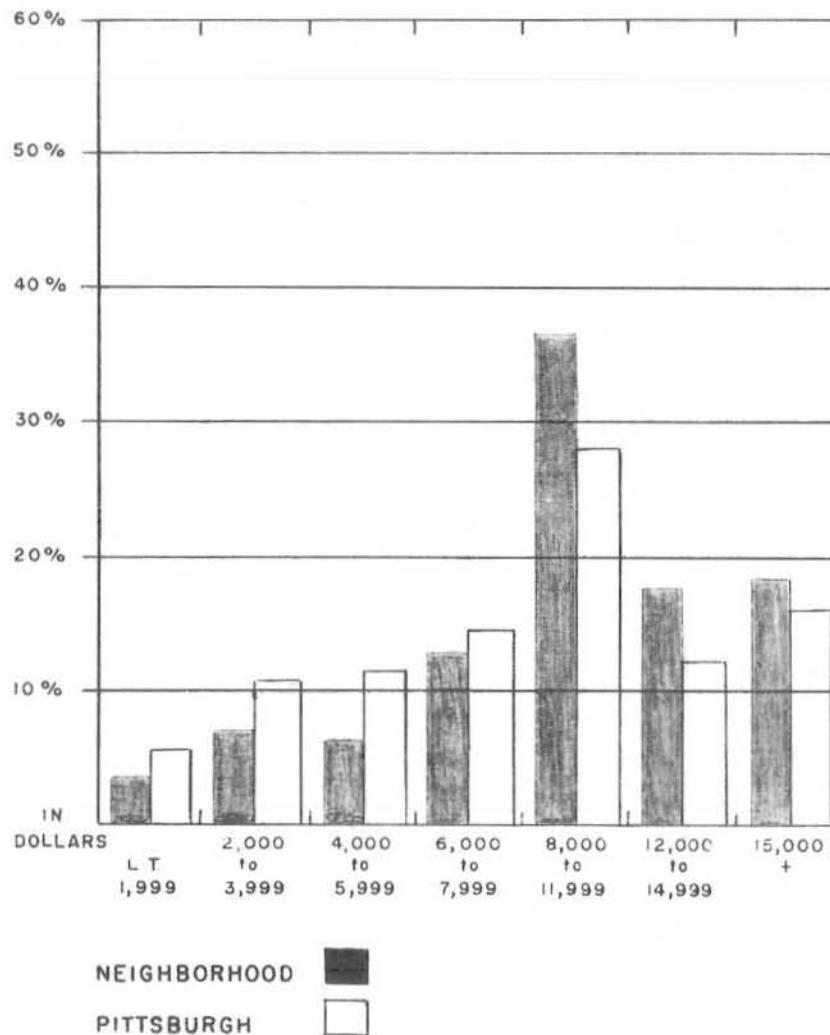


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

**INCOME: MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970**

The median income for East Brookline-Overbrook families was \$6,864 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$10,446, representing a ten year change of 52.1%. 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 craftsmen-foremen positions. This group constitutes 32% 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	442	470	1061	521	2494
FEMALE	172	638	95	339	1244
TOTAL	614	1108	1156	860	3738
PERCENT OF TOTAL	16.42	29.63	31.90	22.99	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	7	.07
BLIND	8	.08
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	279	2.82
GENERAL	48	.48
AID TO DISABLED	0	.00
TOTAL	342	3.45

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	13	.13
ASSAULT	25	.25
BURGLARY	66	.69
LARCENY	59	.60
TOTAL	163	1.67

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 3% 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 1.67 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 East Brookline-Overbrook are not limited to those located within the confines of East Brookline-Overbrook. 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:

East Brookline - Overbrook

Public Facilities

Police District No. 8  
No. 59 Fire Station

Recreation

Overbrook Playground (under construction)  
Brookline Community Recreation Center  
Brookline Park

Schools

Overbrook Elementary  
Carmalt Elementary  
Fairview Elementary  
Carrick High School

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