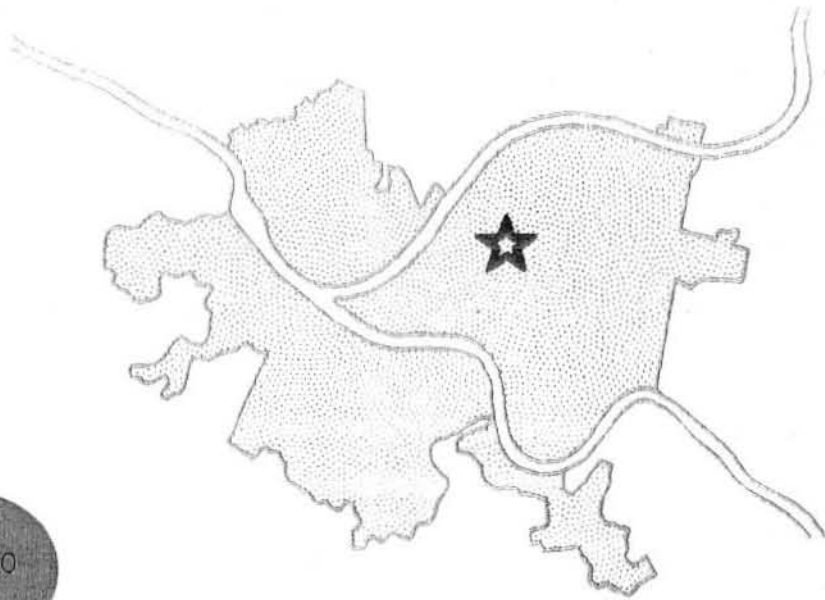


a community profile of *garfield*



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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.

GARFIELD

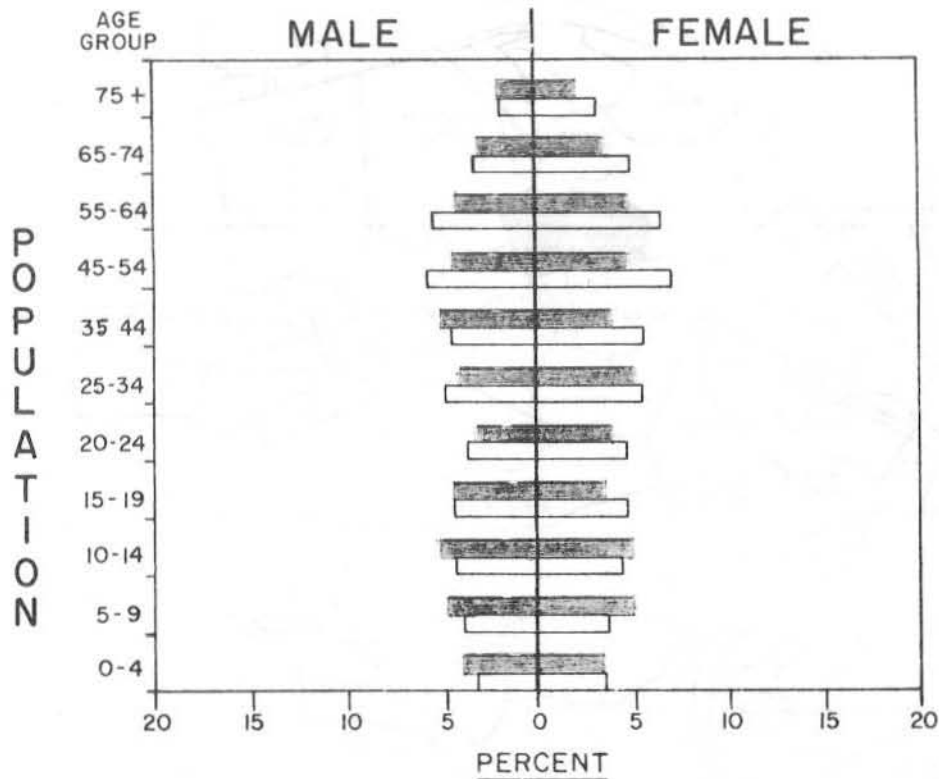
Garfield is generally considered to lie between Penn Avenue and Black Street, and between Mossfield Boulevard and Negley Avenue. For statistical purposes, it is composed of Census Tracts 1006, 1007, and 1104.

Garfield is a residential community built on the flat land along Penn and Negley Avenues, and rising north and west from these streets up the slopes, some of which are quite steep. Most construction is frame and took place around the turn of the century. In the 1960's the Garfield Heights housing development was constructed along the high point of the community. This development gave Garfield a gain in population during the past decade, thus running counter to the city-wide trend.

While generally an older community, during the past five years Garfield has been undergoing significant rehabilitation through the city's only federally assisted code enforcement program. This has enabled the housing stock to be upgraded and has provided public street and recreation improvements.

The shopping needs of this community are served by the commercial concentration along Penn Avenue and the Stanton Heights shopping center.

AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



NEIGHBORHOOD
 PITTSBURGH

Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Garfield'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 Garfield has changed from 10,695 in 1960 to 11,396 in 1970, representing a +6.6% 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 28.6 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

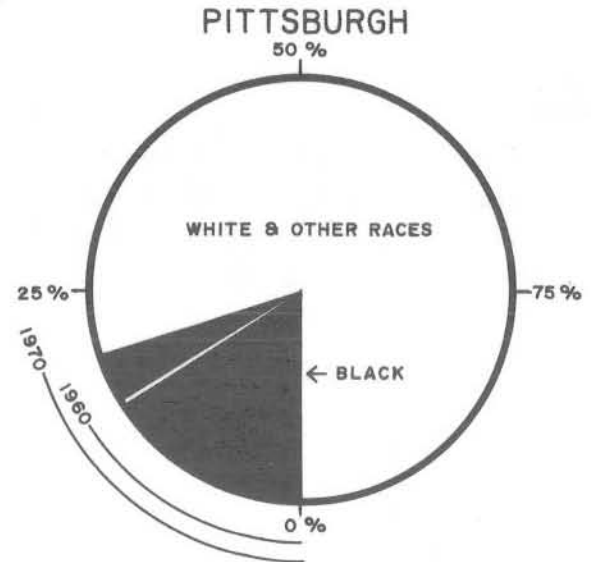
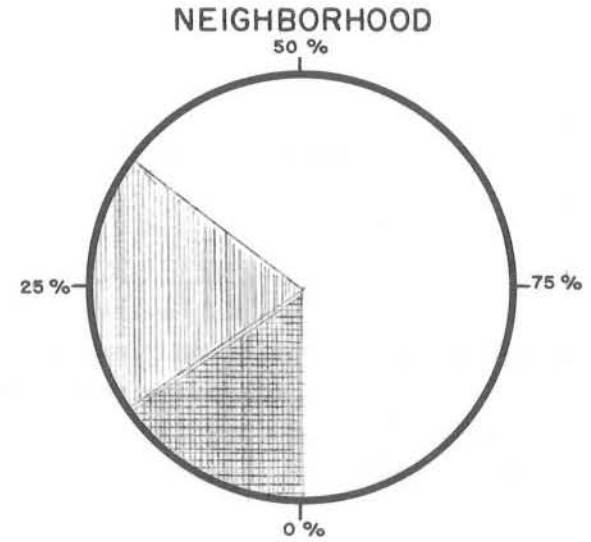
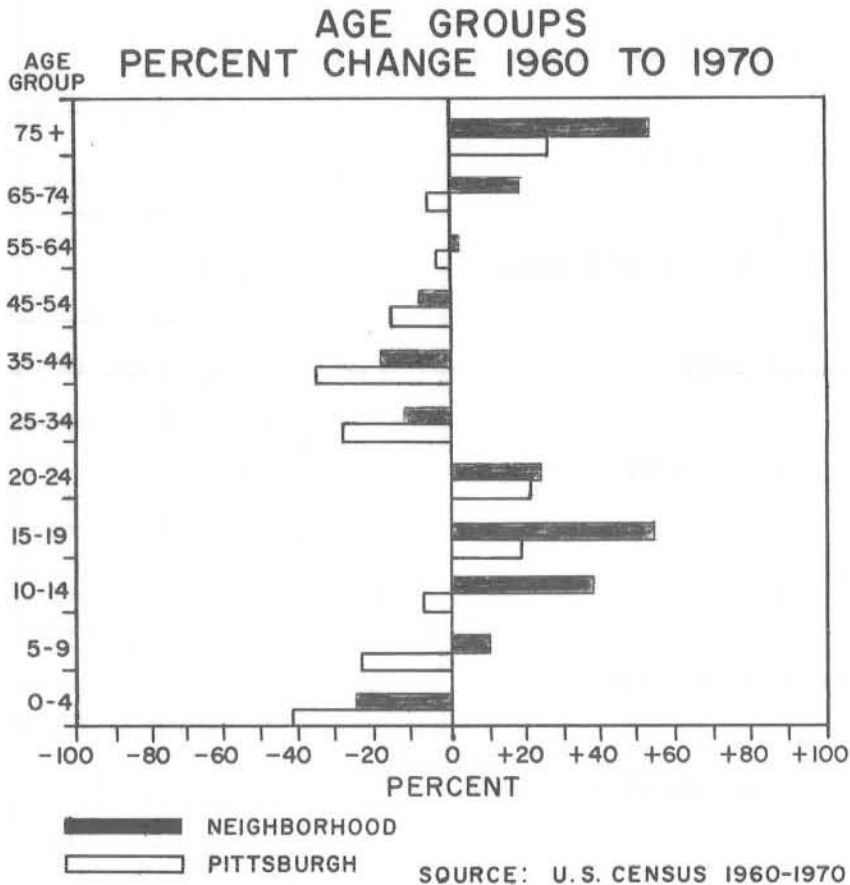
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

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 Garfield constituted 15.8% of its 1960 population, and 35.8% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.



SOURCE : U. S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

POPULATION

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 3,356; in 1970, 3,813, representing a +13.6% change. A total of 40.5% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 138 units were vacant, as compared to 200 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 5.2% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 12.4% of the 1960, and 10.5% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 4,322 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 41% 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	3,356	3,813	+13.6
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	3,218	3,613	+12.3
OWNER OCCUPIED	1,671	1,546	- 7.4
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	49.7	40.5	
RENTER OCCUPIED	1,547	2,067	+33.6
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	46.0	54.2	
VACANT UNITS	138	200	+44.9
PERCENT VACANT	4.1	5.2	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$8,645	\$9,792	+13.3
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$67	\$85	+26.9
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	12.4	10.5	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 199 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$441,525 . 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 51.08 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	0	0
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES	2	\$75,000
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	2	\$600
ALTERATIONS	195	\$365,925
TOTAL	199	\$441,525

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

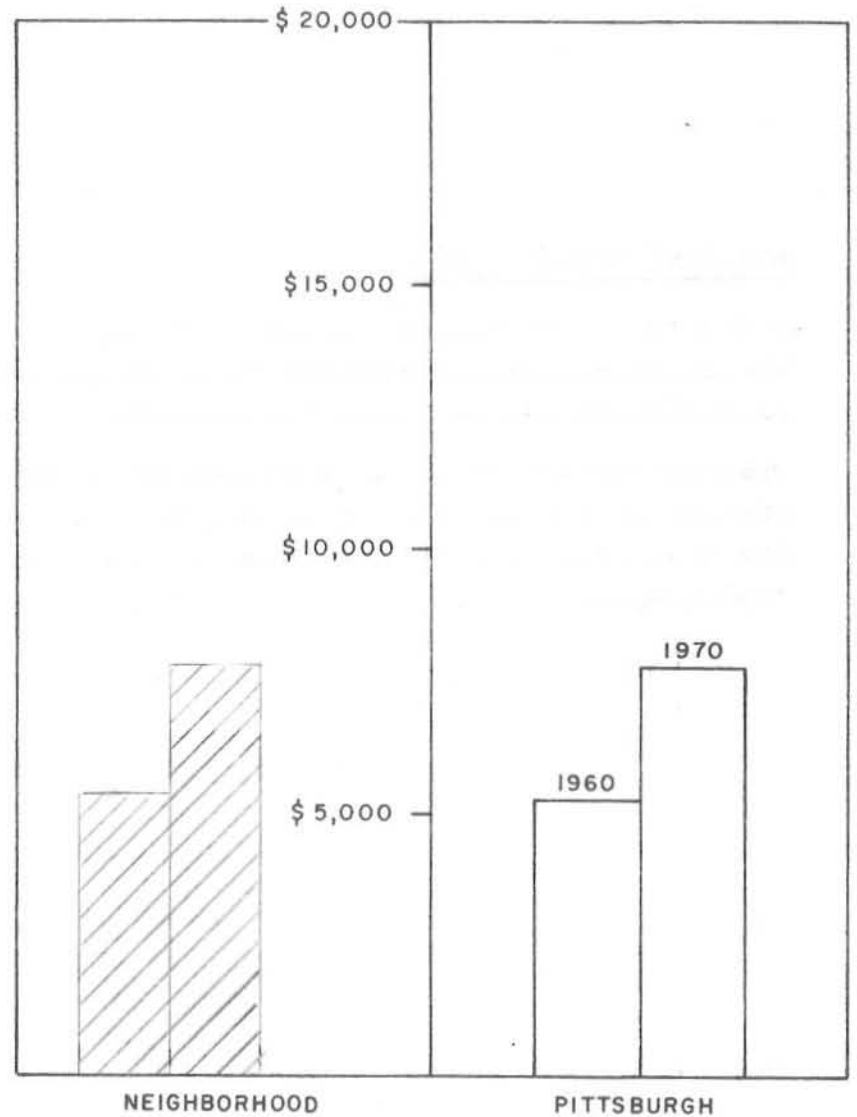
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	209	3.4	105	1.7
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	2,642	42.5	1,992	32.7
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1,479	23.8	1,702	27.9
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	1,466	23.6	1,816	29.8
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	280	4.5	270	4.4
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	134	2.2	215	3.5
TOTAL	6,210	100.0	6,100	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

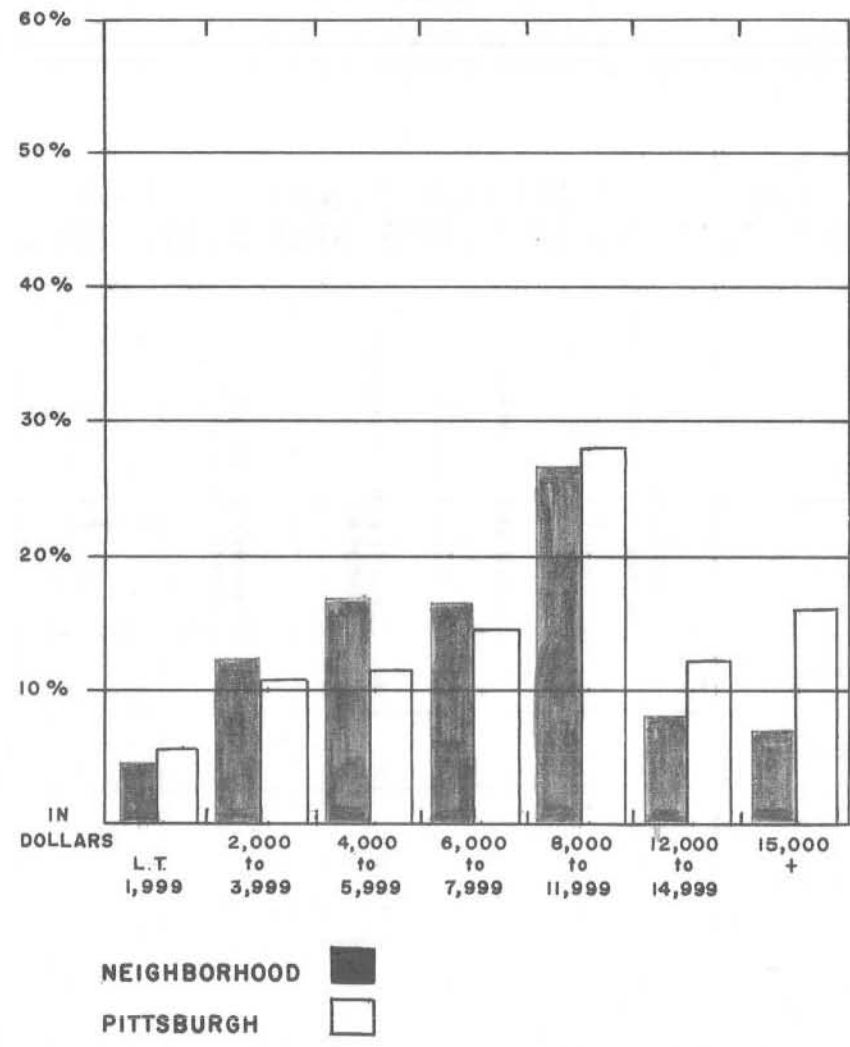


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Garfield families was \$5,289 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$7,438, representing a ten year change of 40.6%. Citywide, the median family income rose from \$5,605 in 1960, to \$8,800 in 1970, a 57% change.



SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

Garfield

Public Facilities

No. 3 and No. 5 Police Stations
No. 8, No. 6 and No. 36 Fire Stations

Recreation

Garfield Playground
Broad St. Tot Lot
Rogers Tot Lot
Broad-Millvale Tot Lot
Highland Park

Health

Pittsburgh Hospital
West Penn Hospital
Shadyside Hospital

Schools

Fort Pitt Elementary
Rogers Elementary
Peabody High School

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