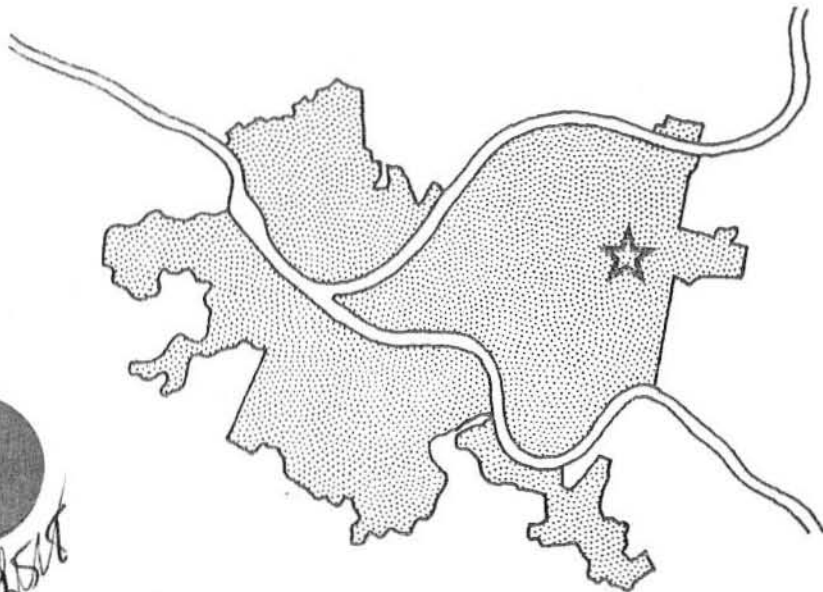


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PREFACE

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.

LARIMER

Larimer is generally considered to lie between Negley Run Boulevard, Washington Boulevard, and East Liberty Boulevard. For statistical purposes, it is composed of Census Tracts 1204, 1205 and 1206.

While the majority of the housing was built in the latter decades of the 1800's construction continued at a steady pace to World War II. The stock is predominantly frame construction built as small detached single family dwellings and a lesser number of brick row structures.

The majority of the present population is black. Before the transition, during the 1960's, the community was mainly of Italian descent. This is still reflected today in the shops along Larimer Avenue. Even though a number of these shops are now vacant, the Avenue remains a convenience shopping area with Italian food stores among those continuing to thrive.

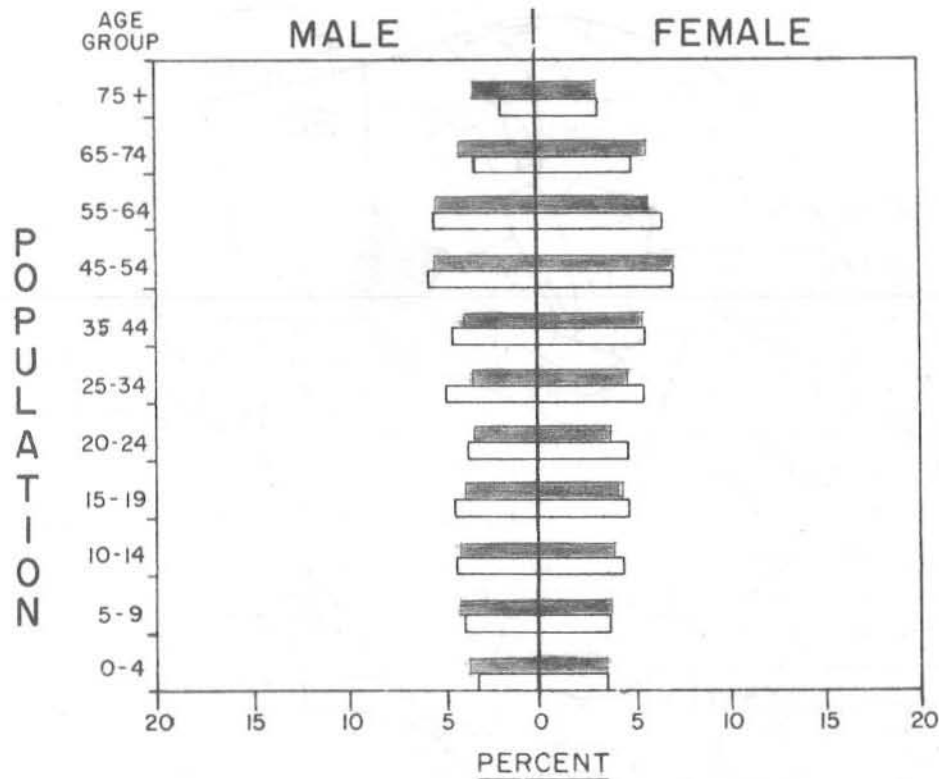


— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE

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 APPROX 2 MILES



AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



NEIGHBORHOOD
 PITTSBURGH

Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Larimer'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 Larimer has changed from 9,483 in 1960 to 7,397 in 1970, representing a -22.0% 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 - no 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 38.9 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

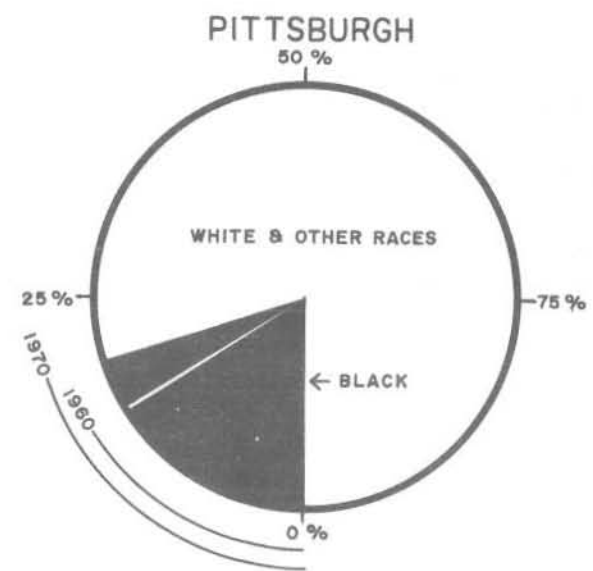
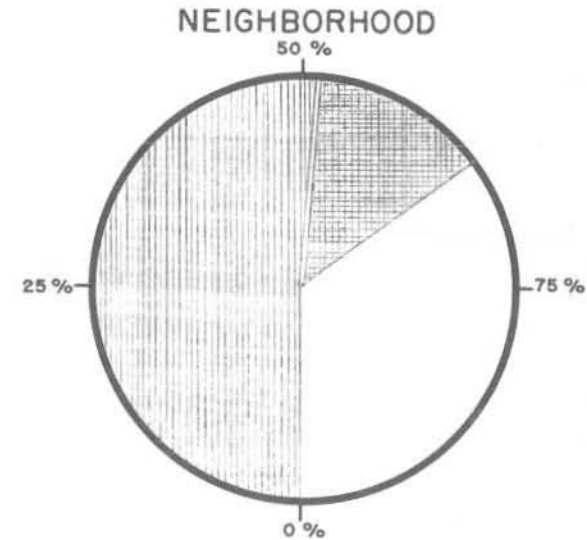
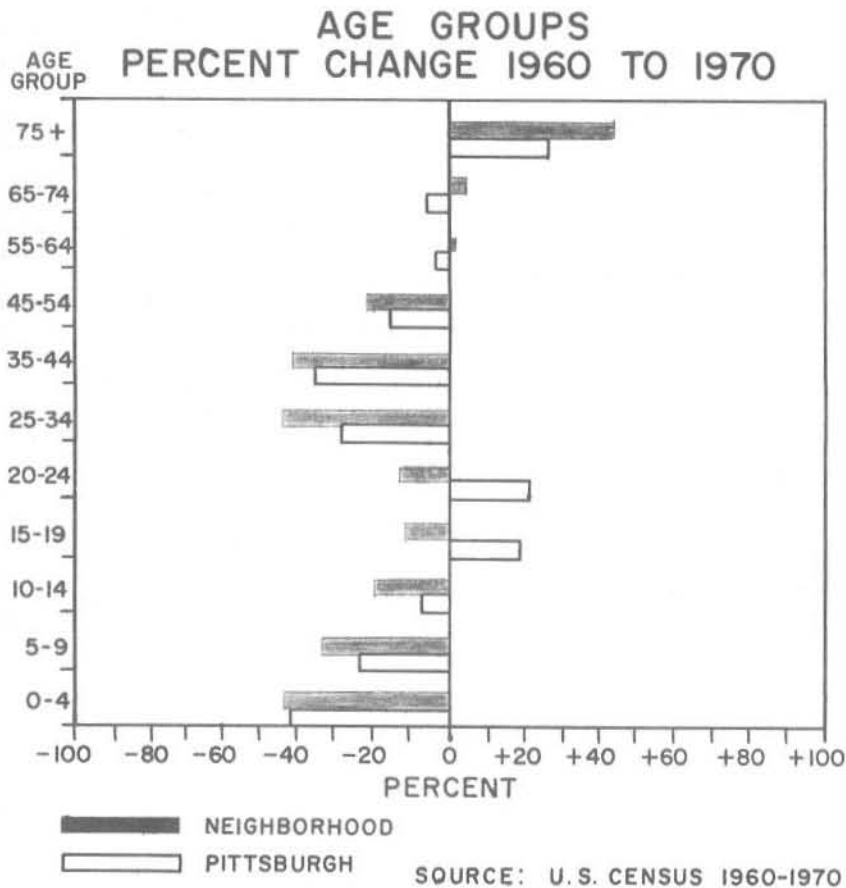
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Three 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 Larimer constituted 51.7% of its 1960 population, and 65.5% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970



SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

POPULATION

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 2,945; in 1970, 2,941, representing a -.1% change. A total of 30.9% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 75 units were vacant, as compared to 212 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 7.2% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 15.5% of the 1960, and 7.3% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 2,160 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 31% 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	2,945	2,941	- .1
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	2,870	2,729	- 4.9
OWNER OCCUPIED	1,094	910	-16.8
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	37.1	30.9	
RENTER OCCUPIED	1,776	1,819	+ 2.4
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	60.3	61.8	
VACANT UNITS	75	212	+182.7
PERCENT VACANT	2.5	7.2	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$8,615	\$9,200	+ 6.8
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$67	\$83	+23.9
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	15.5	7.3	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 40 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$260,225 . 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 13.25 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	1	\$200,000
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	0	0
ALTERATIONS	39	\$ 60,225
TOTAL	40	\$260,225

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

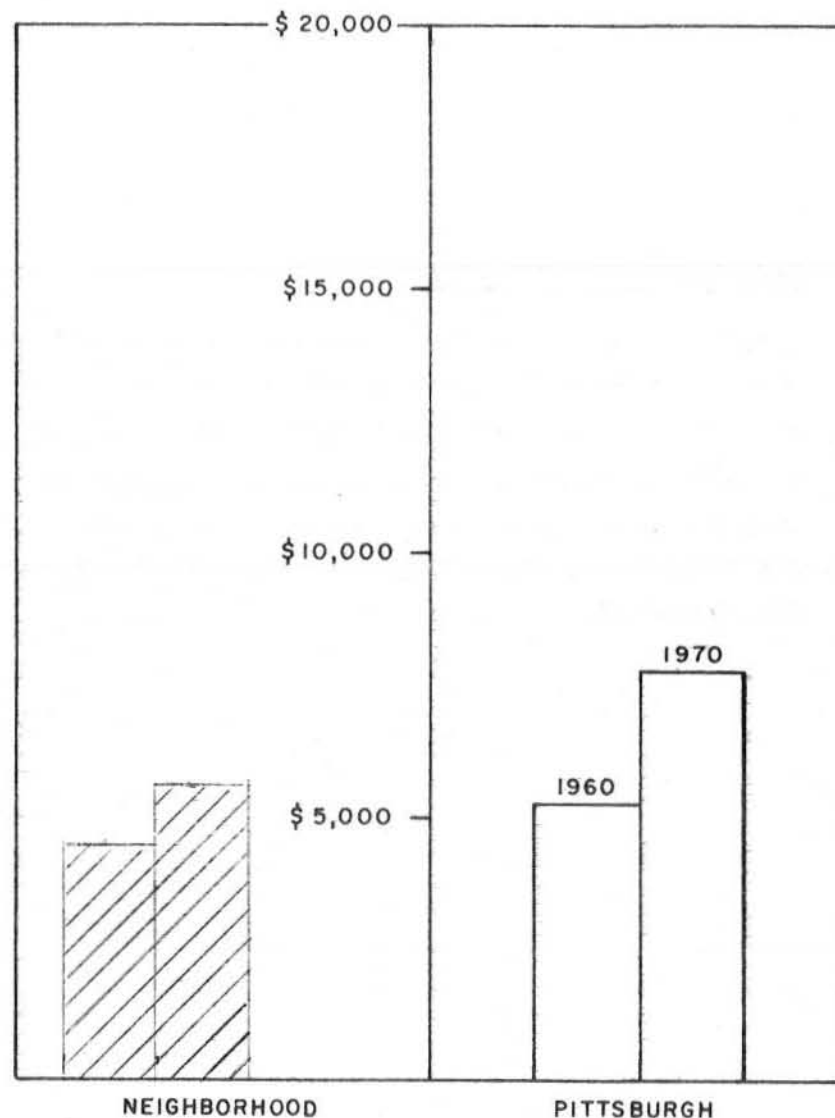
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	307	5.3	218	4.7
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	2,767	48.1	1,915	41.1
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1,310	22.8	1,081	23.2
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	1,048	18.2	1,036	22.2
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	196	3.4	180	3.9
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	124	2.2	230	4.9
TOTAL	5,752	100.0	4,660	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

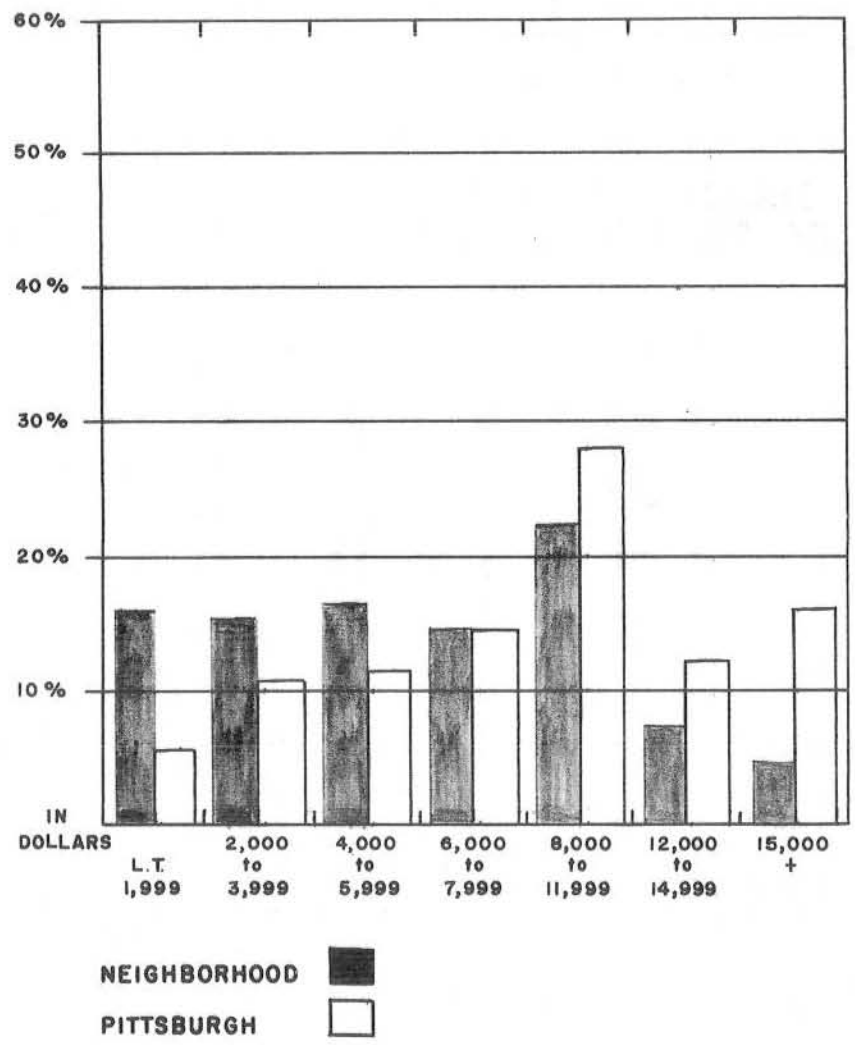


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Larimer families was \$4,734 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$6,083, representing a ten year change of 28.4%. 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 labor and service positions. This group constitutes 44% 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	147	178	466	537	1,328
FEMALE	180	279	140	540	1,139
TOTAL	327	457	606	1,077	2,467
PERCENT OF TOTAL	13.25	18.52	24.54	43.63	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	168	2.27
BLIND	16	.21
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	1,382	18.68
GENERAL	445	6.01
AID TO DISABLED	106	1.43
TOTAL	2,117	28.60

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	4	.05
ROBBERY	69	.93
ASSAULT	84	1.14
BURGLARY	103	1.39
LARCENY	106	1.43
TOTAL	367	4.95

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 29% 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 4.95 ; 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 Larimer are not limited to those located within the confines of Larimer. 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:

Larimer

Public Facilities

No. 5 Police Station
No. 6 and No. 8 Fire Stations

Recreation

Larimer Playground
East Liberty Playground
Highland Park
Winfield-Shetland Tot Lot

Health

Pittsburgh Hospital
West Penn Hospital

Schools

Larimer Elementary
Lincoln Elementary
Dilworth Elementary
Peabody High

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