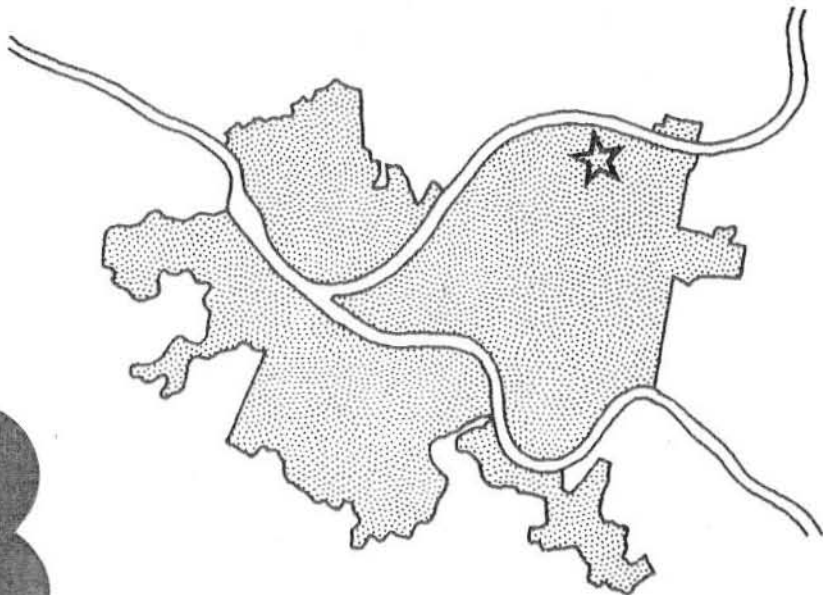


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## PREFACE

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.

## MORNINGSIDE

Morningside is generally considered to be that neighborhood between Duffield Street and Heth's Run, north of Stanton Avenue. For statistical purposes, it is composed of Census Tract 1004.

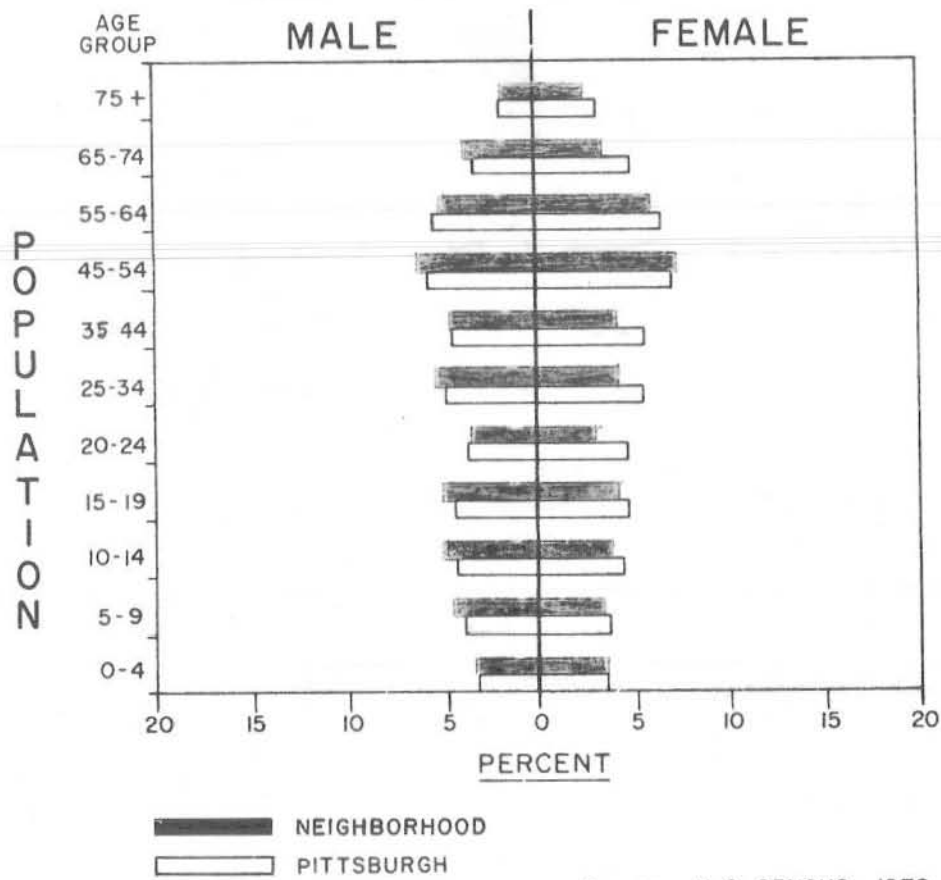
Morningside is located on the plateau between Heth's Run ravine and Stanton Heights. This is a residential community with most of the housing built around the turn of the century and into the 1920's. Most of these units are well-kept, single or double family structures of both frame and brick construction, on small and moderate sized lots.

Morningside has a strong ethnic influence of Italian heritage.

The community's convenience shopping needs are served by the commercial concentration around Greenwood and Jancey Streets.



## AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



### AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Morningside'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 Morningside has changed from 5,093 in 1960 to 4,733 in 1970, representing a -7.1% 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 34.1 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

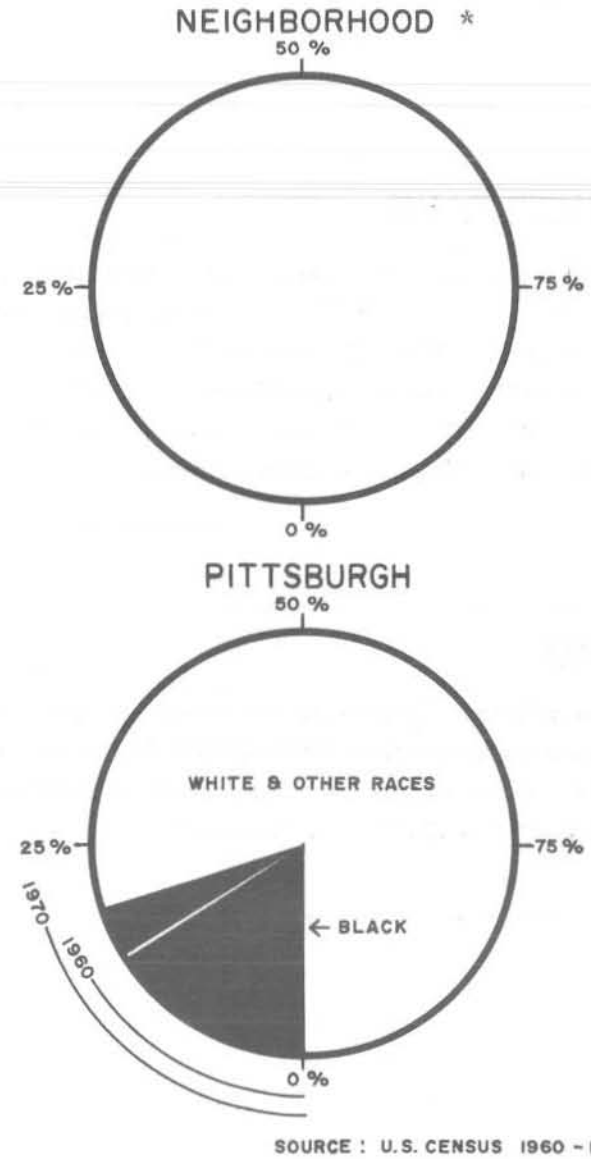
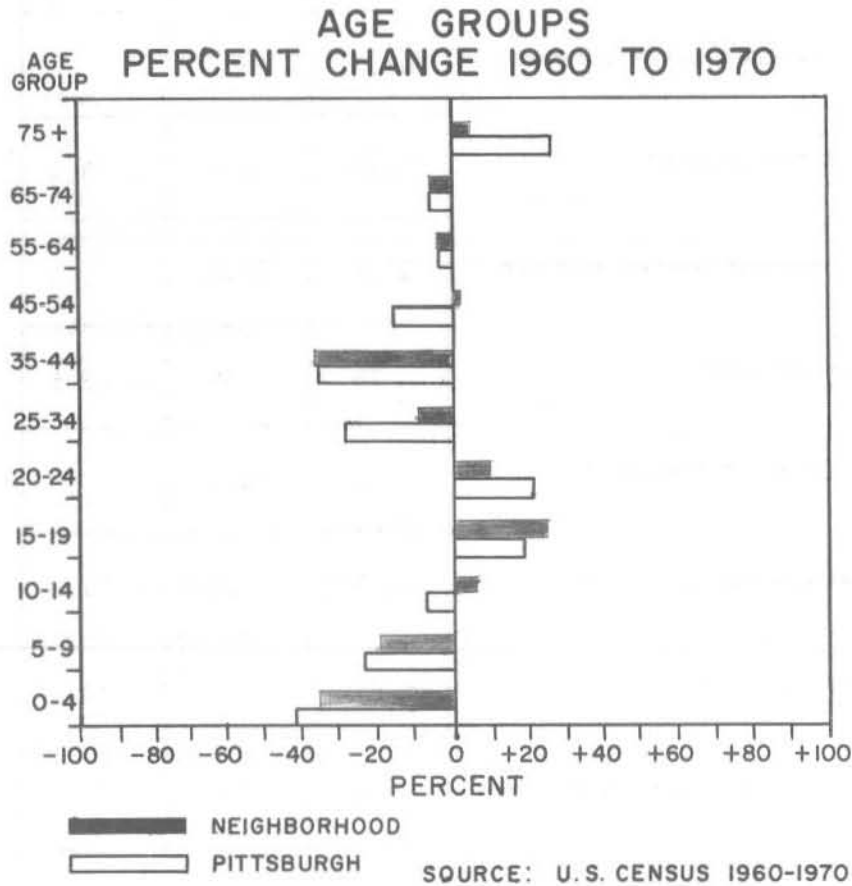
### AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Five 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 Morningside constituted 1.7% of its 1960 population, and .7% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.

**BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970**



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\* Black population less than 2% in 1960 and 1970

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

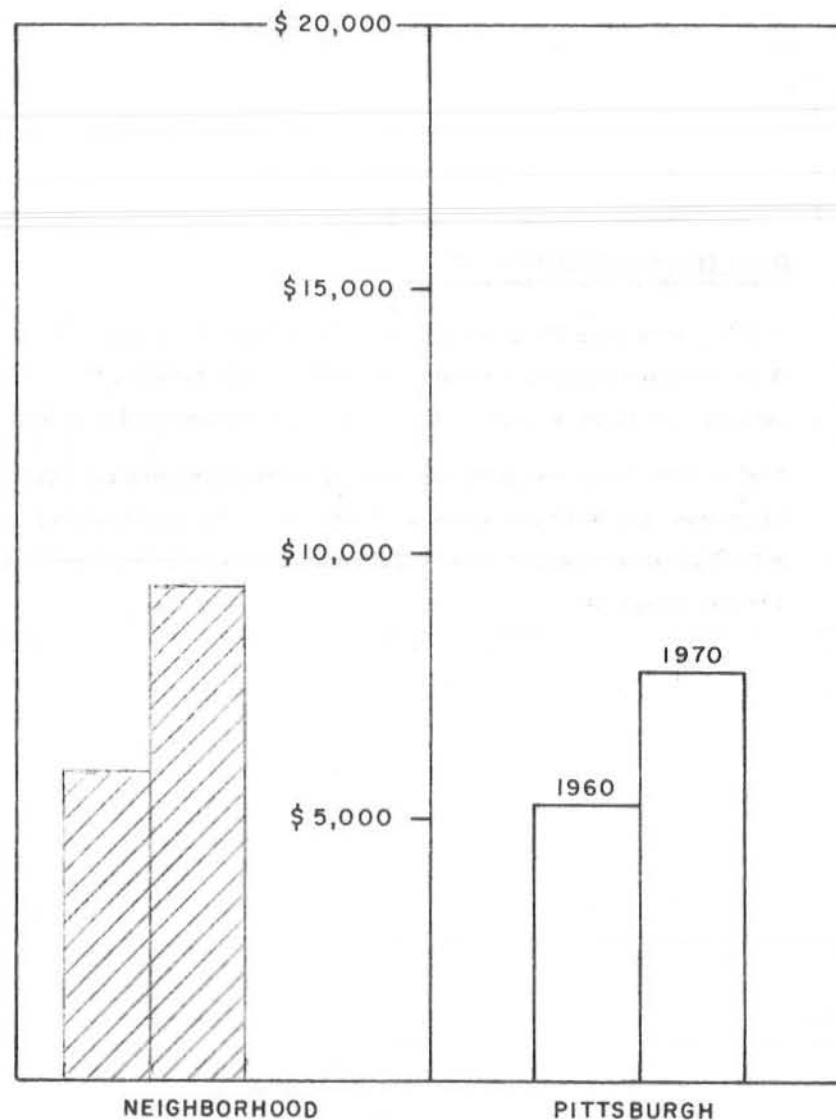
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	118	3.8	39	1.4
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	1032	33.2	667	23.7
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	675	21.7	682	24.2
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	884	28.5	1162	41.3
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	199	6.4	142	5.0
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	196	6.3	122	4.3
TOTAL	3104	100.0	2814	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

**MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970**



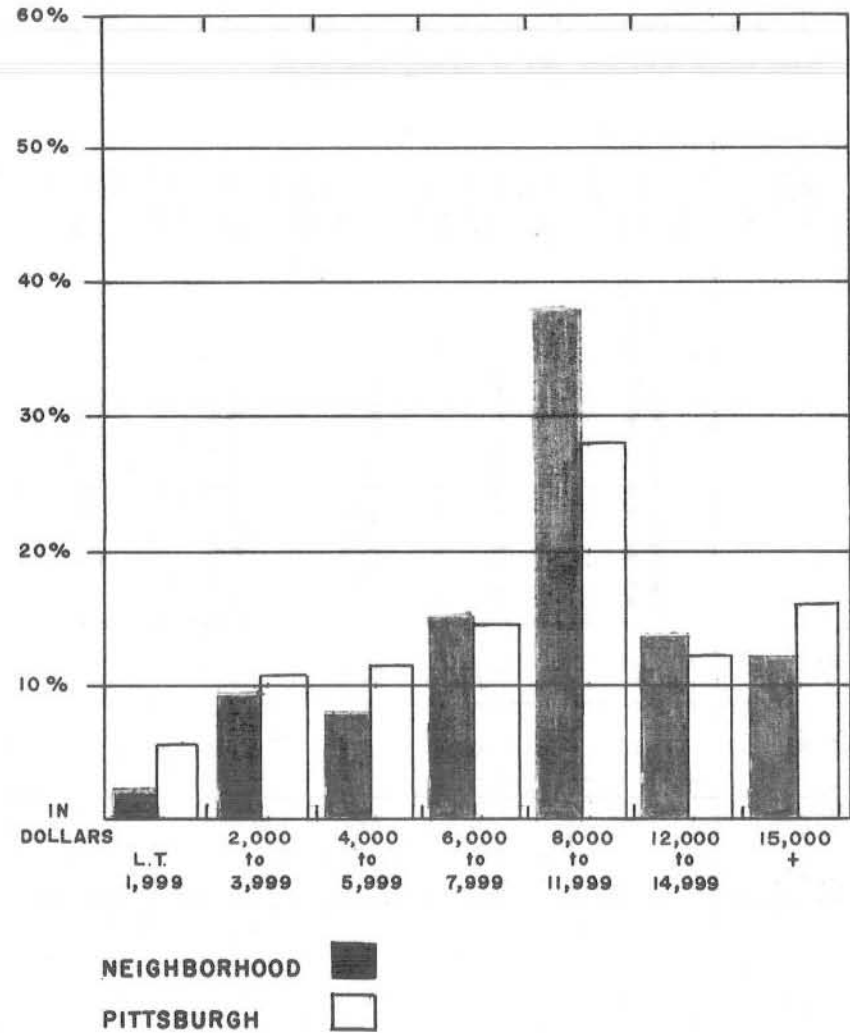
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**PERCENT DISTRIBUTION  
OF FAMILY INCOME  
BY INCOME RANGES  
( IN DOLLARS )**

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

The median income for Morningside families was \$6,578 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$9,270, representing a ten year change of 40.9% 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 38% 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	157	268	415	304	1144
FEMALE	83	446	33	156	715
TOTAL	240	714	448	460	1862
PERCENT OF TOTAL	12.87	38.34	24.05	24.69	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	.16
BLIND	4	.08
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	161	3.40
GENERAL	23	.48
AID TO DISABLED	34	.71
TOTAL	230	4.83

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
 BOARD OF ASSISTANCE  
 MARCH 2, 1973

## ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES IN 1972

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### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 5% 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 1.61 ; for Pittsburgh, the rate was 4.71.

CRIME	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	CRIME RATE
MURDER	0	.00
RAPE	1	.02
ROBBERY	1	.02
ASSAULT	8	.17
BURGLARY	26	.55
LARCENY	40	.85
TOTAL	76	1.61

SOURCE: ANNUAL REPORT OF MAJOR CRIMES  
CITY OF PITTSBURGH  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, 1972

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

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

Morningside

Public Facilities

Police Station No. 5

Fire Engine and Truck Station No. 36

Recreational Facilities

Morningside Playground

Heth's Run Field

Public Schools

Morningside Elementary

Peabody High School

Health

West Penn Hospital

Shadyside Hospital

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

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