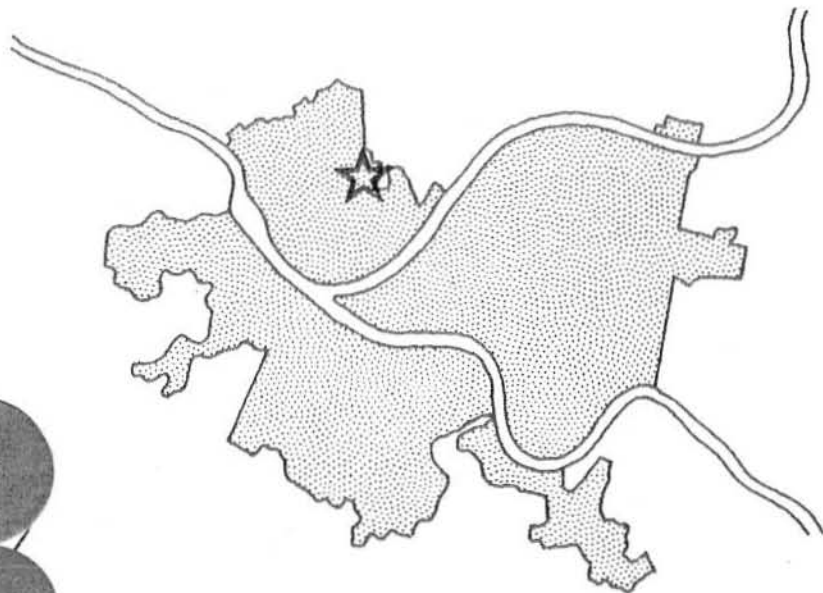


# a community profile of *north view* *heights*



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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.

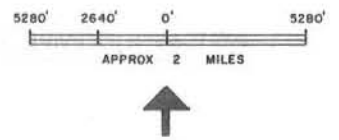
### **NORTH VIEW HEIGHTS**

North View Heights is located in the middle north side on the eastern boundary of the City next to Reserve township. It is bounded on the north by Mt. Pleasant Road, on the south by Essen and Lamar Streets, and on the west by East Street. It falls in census tract 2609.

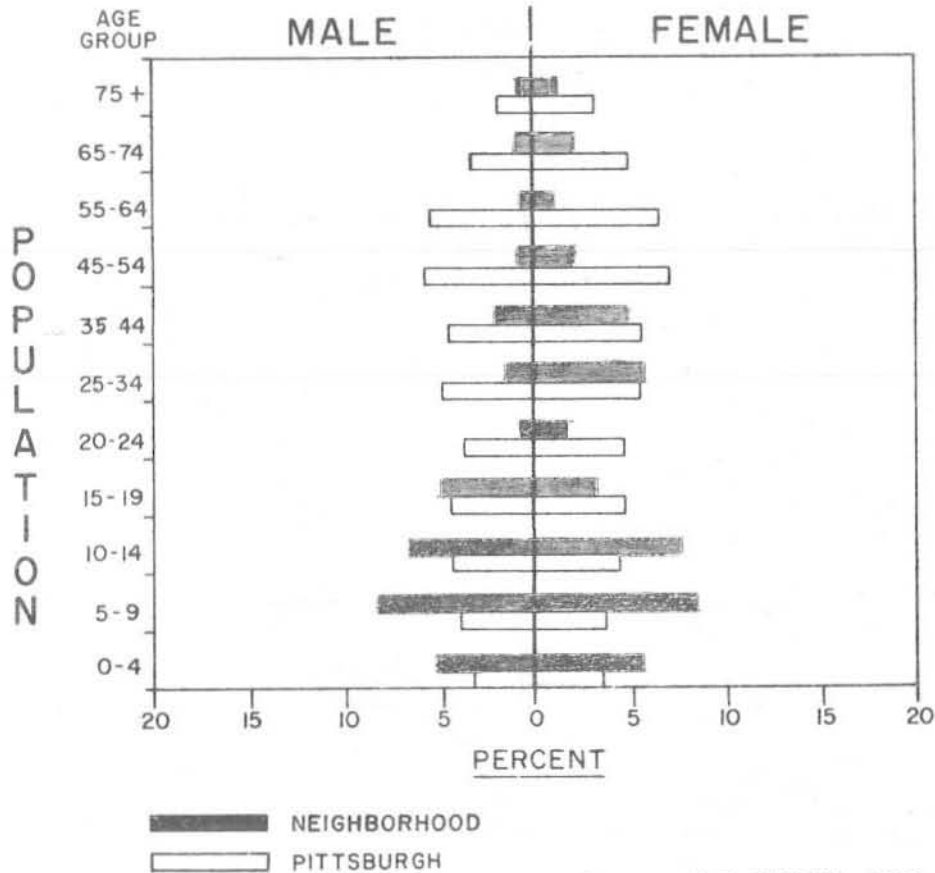
This neighborhood, built in 1962, is a residential public housing community with a population of about 4600 people residing in 1000 housing units. It is presently over 75% black with the white elderly population living in the two high rise apartments. There is no shopping within Northview Heights to serve its residents. Due to topography, it is somewhat isolated with only two main accesses, one to the east and the other to Perrysville Avenue via the Charles Street Bridge.



— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE  
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



## AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

### AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Northview Heights' population falls in the age 5-9 category, the smallest being the 55-64 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 Northview Hghts. has changed from 527 in 1960 to 4,561 in 1970, representing a +765.5% 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 15.0 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

### AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

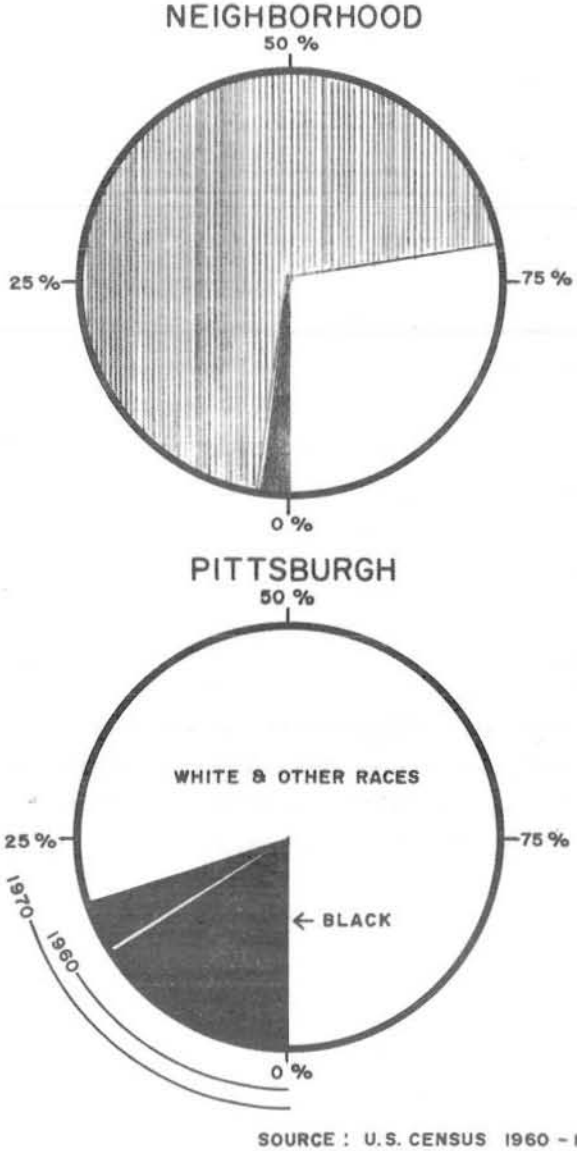
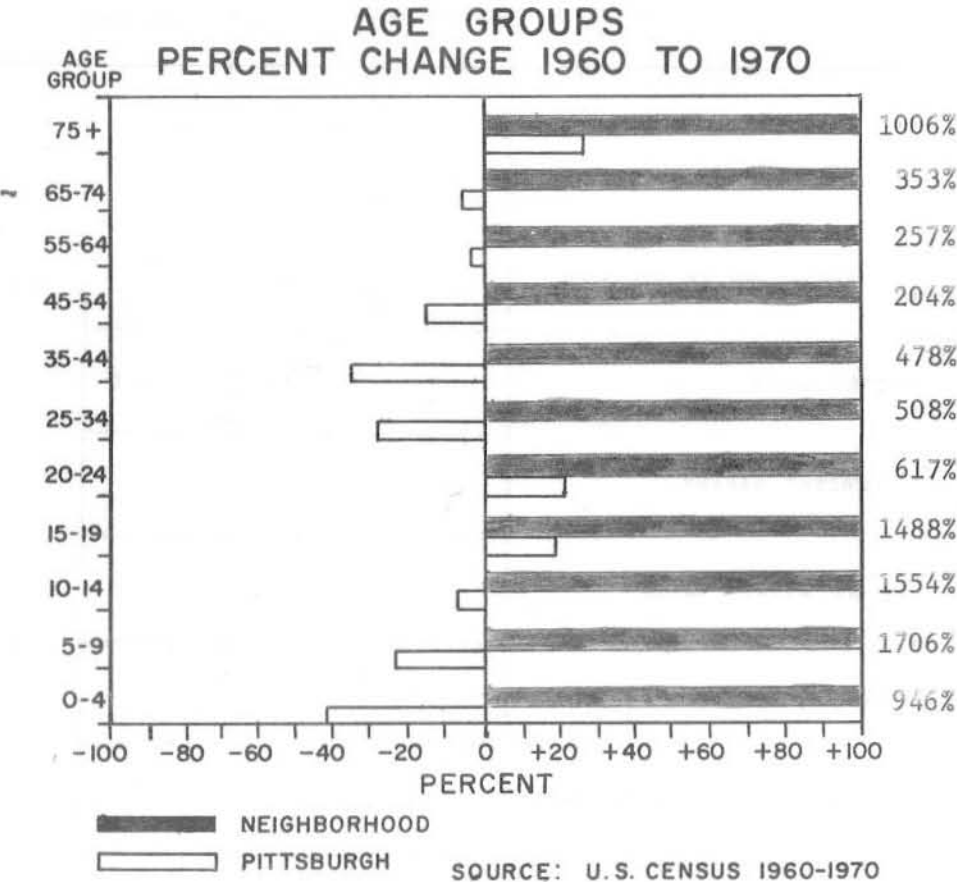
Eleven age brackets increased in population between 1960 and 1970 in the neighborhood. For the city, population in the 15-19, 20-24, and the 75 years and older age groups increased.



# BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970

## RACE

Black population in Northview Hghts constituted 2.3% of its 1960 population, and 72.4% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.



POPULATION

## OCCUPANCY STATUS 1960 - 1970

### OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 2,695; in 1970, 2,756, representing a +2.3% change. A total of 58.8% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 94 units were vacant, as compared to 103 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 3.7% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 12.8% of the 1960, and 27.5% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

### MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 1,909 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 48% 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	2695	2756	+ 2.3
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	2601	2653	+ 2.0
OWNER OCCUPIED	1640	1622	- 1.1
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	60.8	58.8	
RENTER OCCUPIED	961	1031	+ 7.3
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	35.6	37.4	
VACANT UNITS	94	103	+ 9.6
PERCENT VACANT	3.4	3.7	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 12,345	\$ 13,720	+ 11.1
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 78	\$ 101	+ 29.5
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	12.8	27.5	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

**BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972**

In 1972, there were 0 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$00.00. 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 0.00 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		
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES		
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS		
ALTERATIONS		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

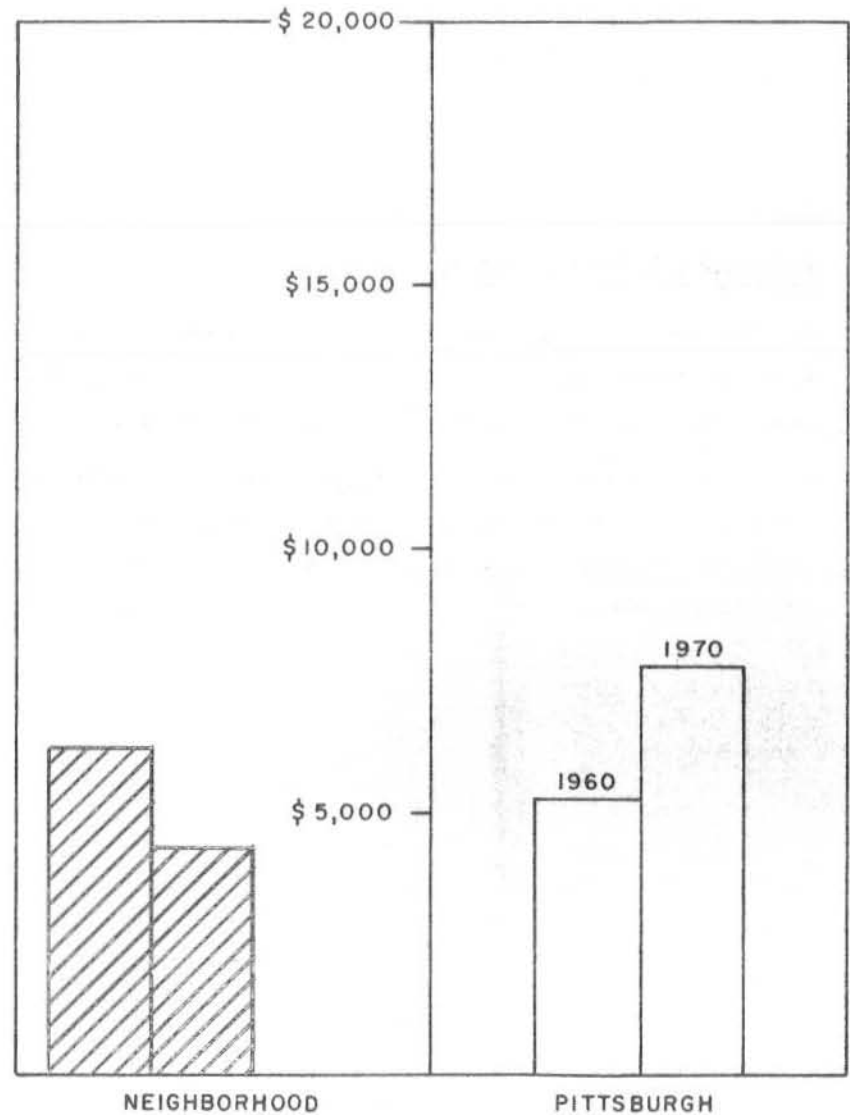
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a partial high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	3	.9	18	1.2
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	170	53.8	504	33.5
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	61	19.3	526	35.0
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	78	24.7	395	26.3
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	4	1.3	50	3.3
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	0	0.0	11	.7
TOTAL	316	100.0	1504	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

**MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970**

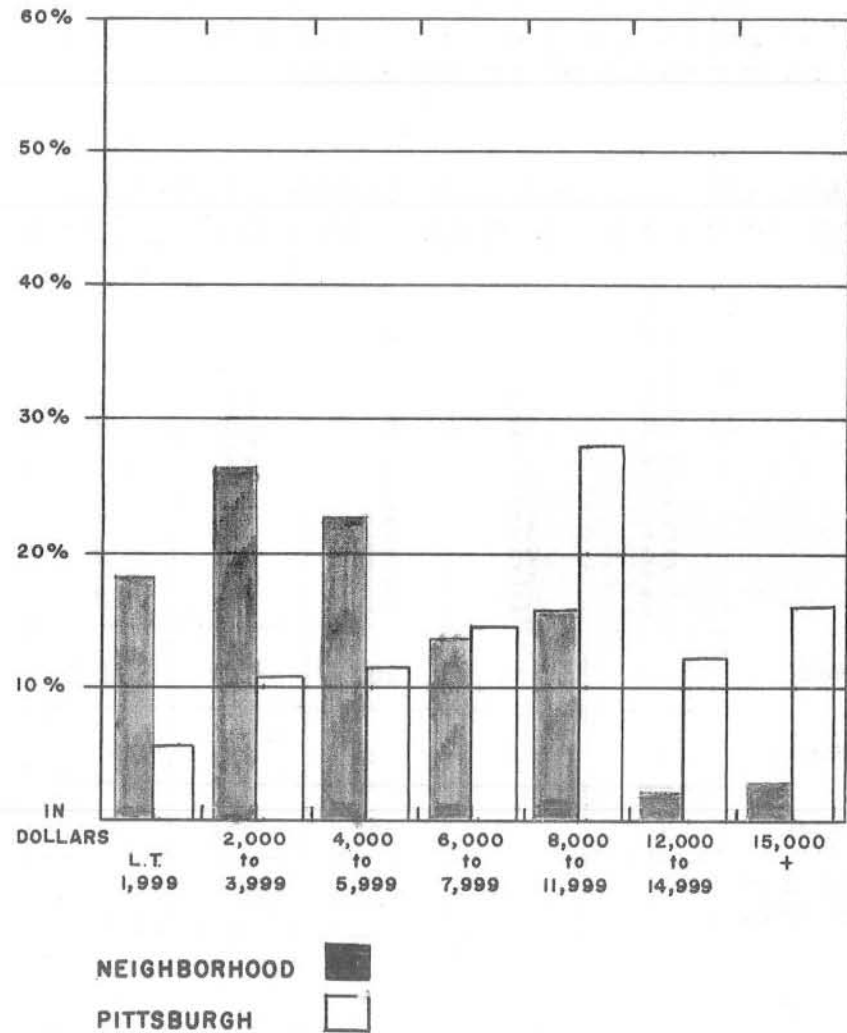


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Northview Hghts. families was \$7,023 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$4,459, representing a ten year change of -36.5%. 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 labor & service 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	5	54	207	157	423
FEMALE	42	116	25	121	304
TOTAL	47	170	232	278	727
PERCENT OF TOTAL	6.46	23.38	31.89	38.23	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	21	.46
BLIND	8	.17
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	2168	47.53
GENERAL	52	1.14
AID TO DISABLED	24	.52
TOTAL	2273	49.82

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	3	.07
ROBBERY	31	.68
ASSAULT	92	2.02
BURGLARY	67	1.47
LARCENY	52	1.14
TOTAL	245	5.38

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 50% 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 5.38 ; 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 Northview Hights are not limited to those located within the confines of Northview Hights. 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:

North View Heights

Public Facilities

- No. 50 and 54 Fire Stations
- No. 9 Police Station
- Carnegie Library, North Side Branch

Recreation

- Northview Heights ballfield, court games, playgrounds, indoor recreational center
- Northview Heights Elementary School playground, indoor gym.

Schools

- Northview Heights Elementary School
- McNaugher Middle School
- Perry High School

Health

- Northview Heights Clinic
- Allegheny General Hospital
- Divine Providence Hospital
- St. Johns Hospital



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