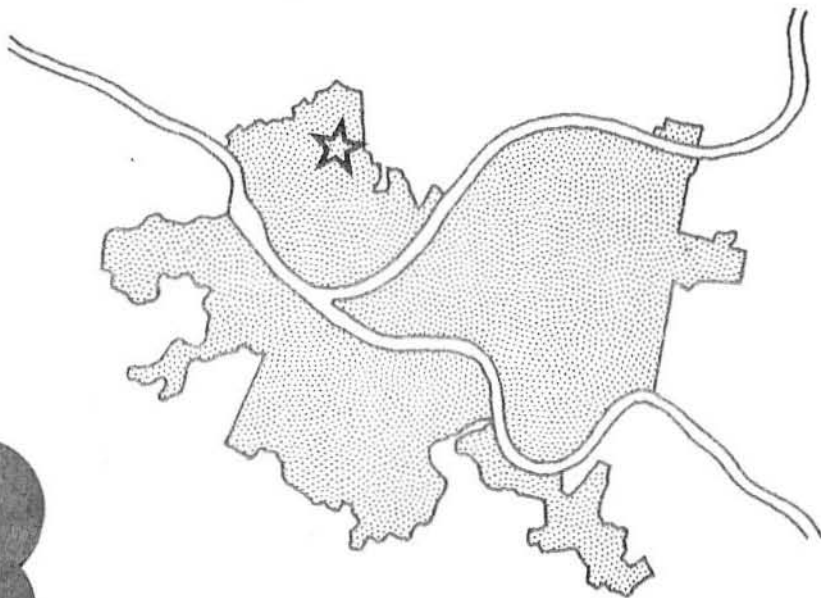


a community profile of

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north



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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.

PERRY NORTH

Perry North is the north central section of the North Side that is bounded by East Street, Evergreen and McKnight Road on the east, Ross Township on the north, Oakdale Street and Riverview Park on the west and Charles Street on the south. It falls in Census Tracts 2601, 2602 and 2607.

This neighborhood has a population of about 7600 people and only shows a loss in population of 5% since 1960. Perry North is a lineal neighborhood built on the hilltop along the major spinal road, Perrysville Avenue. Several shopping districts serve the area which consists of predominantly detached single family home ownership residential uses. The area along Perrysville Avenue opposite Riverview Park had many prominent large homes at the turn of the century which have since been converted into apartments.

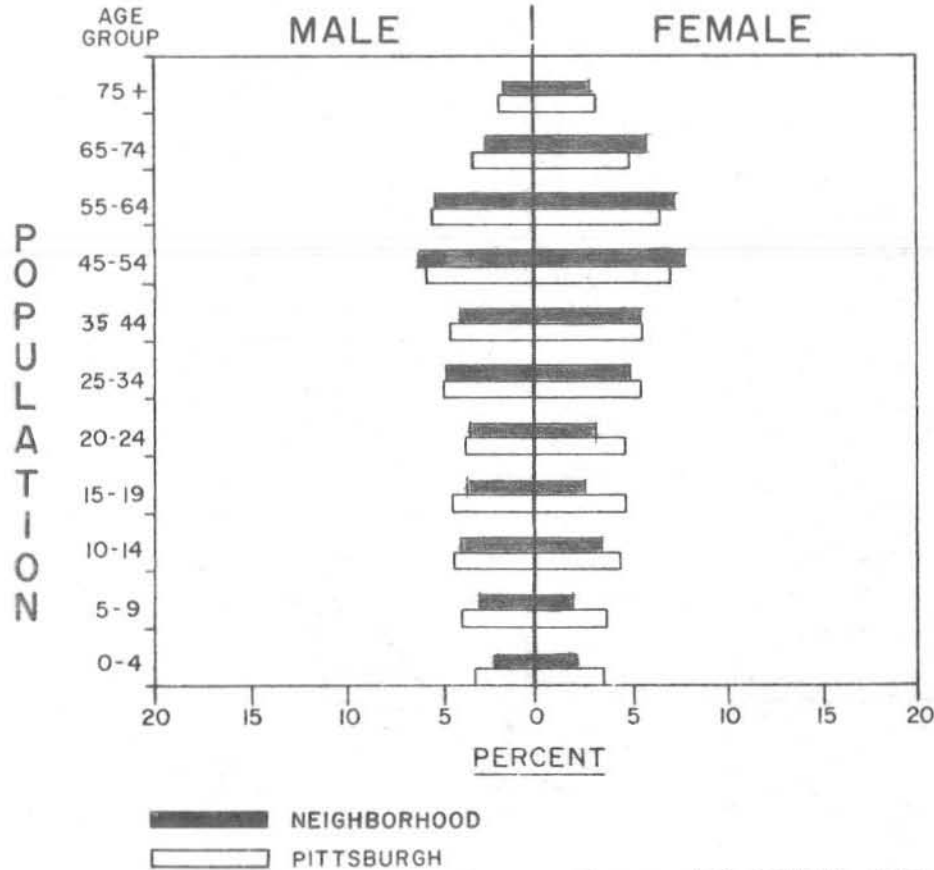


— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE

5280' 2640' 0' 5280'
 APPROX 2 MILES



AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Perry North's population falls in the age 45-54 category, the smallest being the 75 & 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 Perry North has changed from 7,979 in 1960 to 7,584 in 1970, representing a -5.0% 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 36.7 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

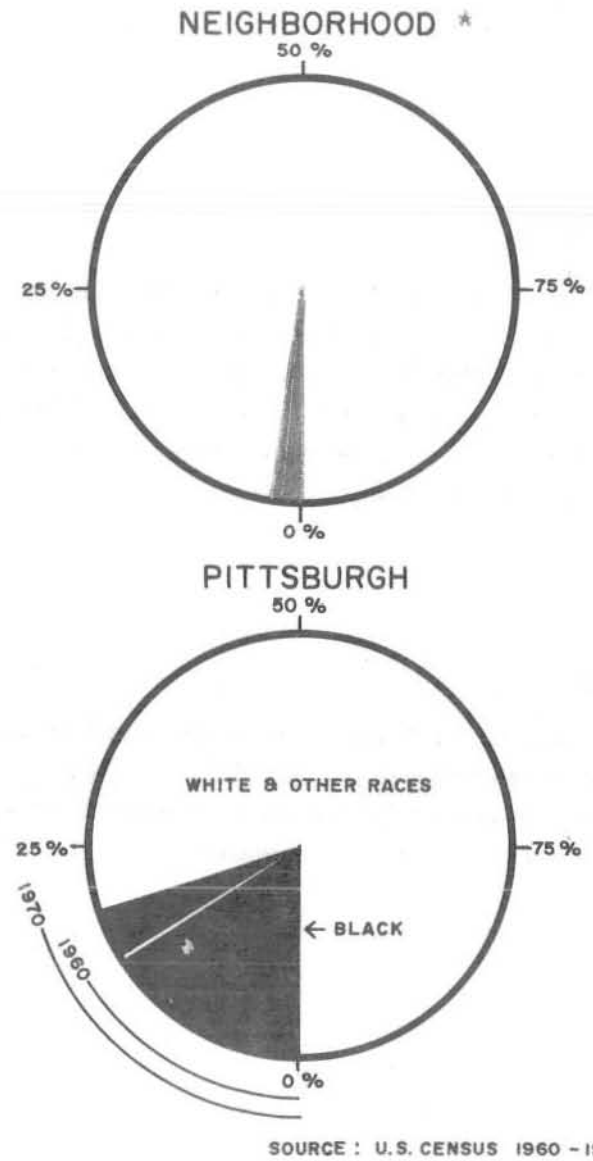
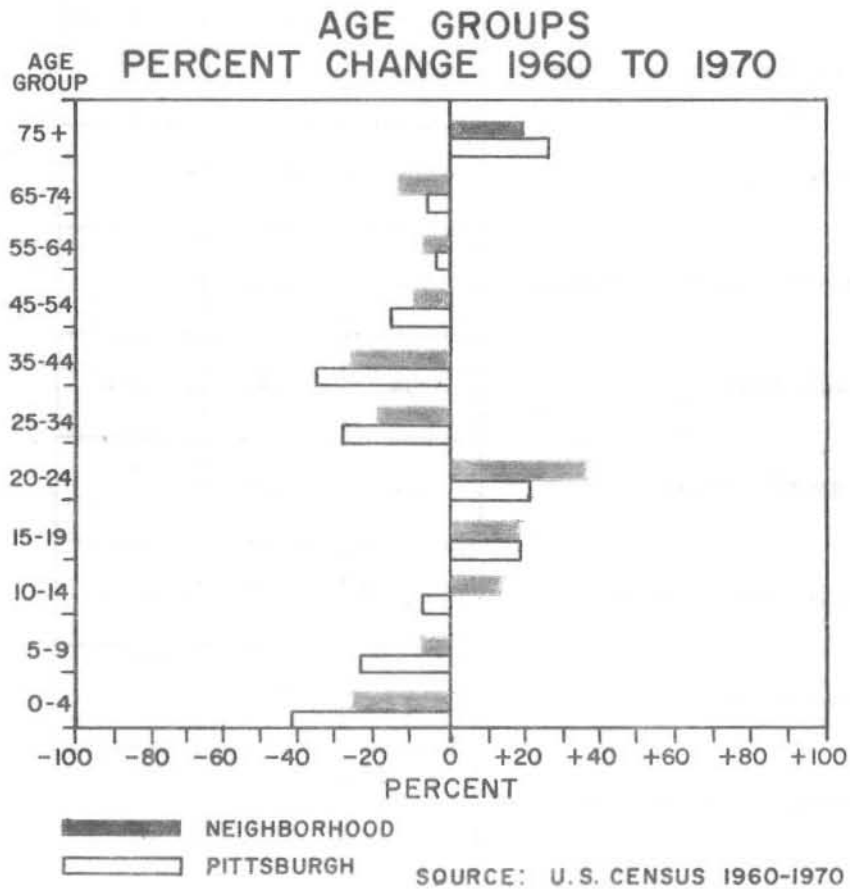
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Four 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 Perry North constituted 1.9% of its 1960 population, and 2.3% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.



POPULATION

* Black population less than 2% in 1960

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 5.0% of the 1960, and 4.9% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 2,373 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 33% 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	5.0	4.9	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 28 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$38,788. 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 9.40 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	2	\$ 2,340
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS		
ALTERATIONS	26	36,448
TOTAL	28	\$ 38,788

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

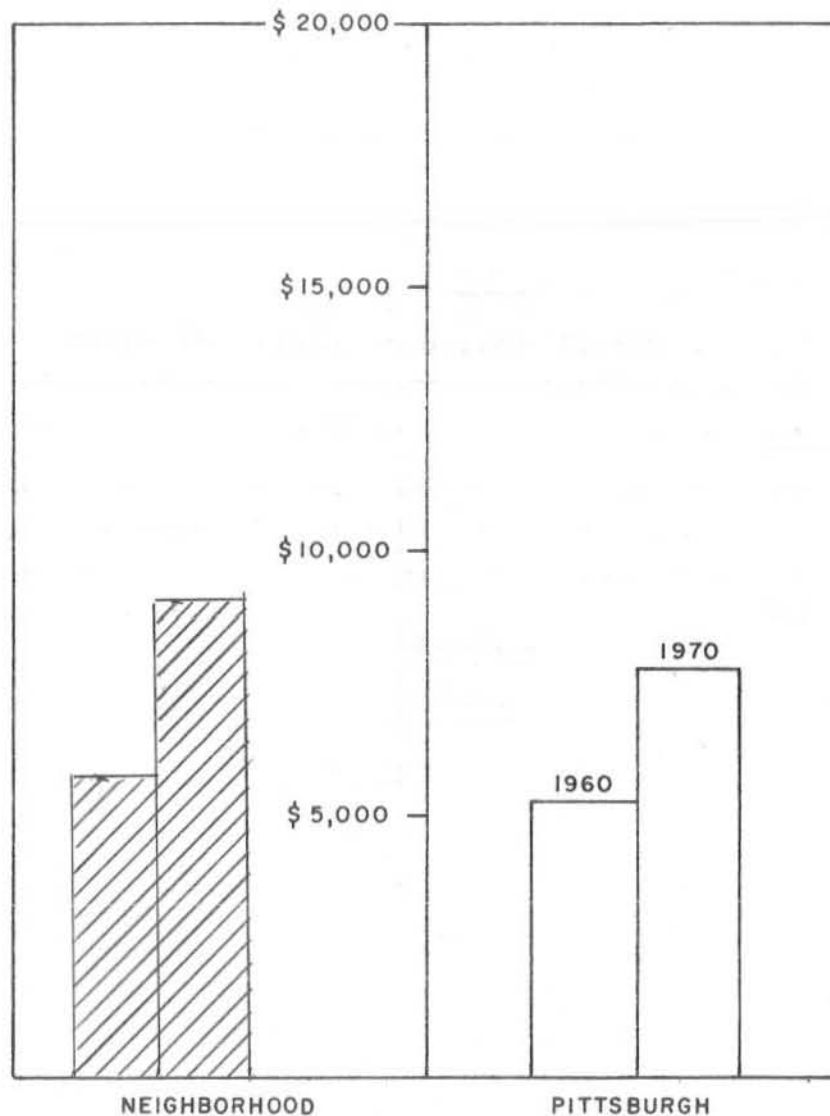
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	65	1.2	15	.3
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	1871	35.6	1242	26.3
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1203	22.9	1084	22.9
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	1505	28.6	1729	36.6
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	316	6.0	346	7.3
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	300	5.7	308	6.5
TOTAL	5260	100.0	4724	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970



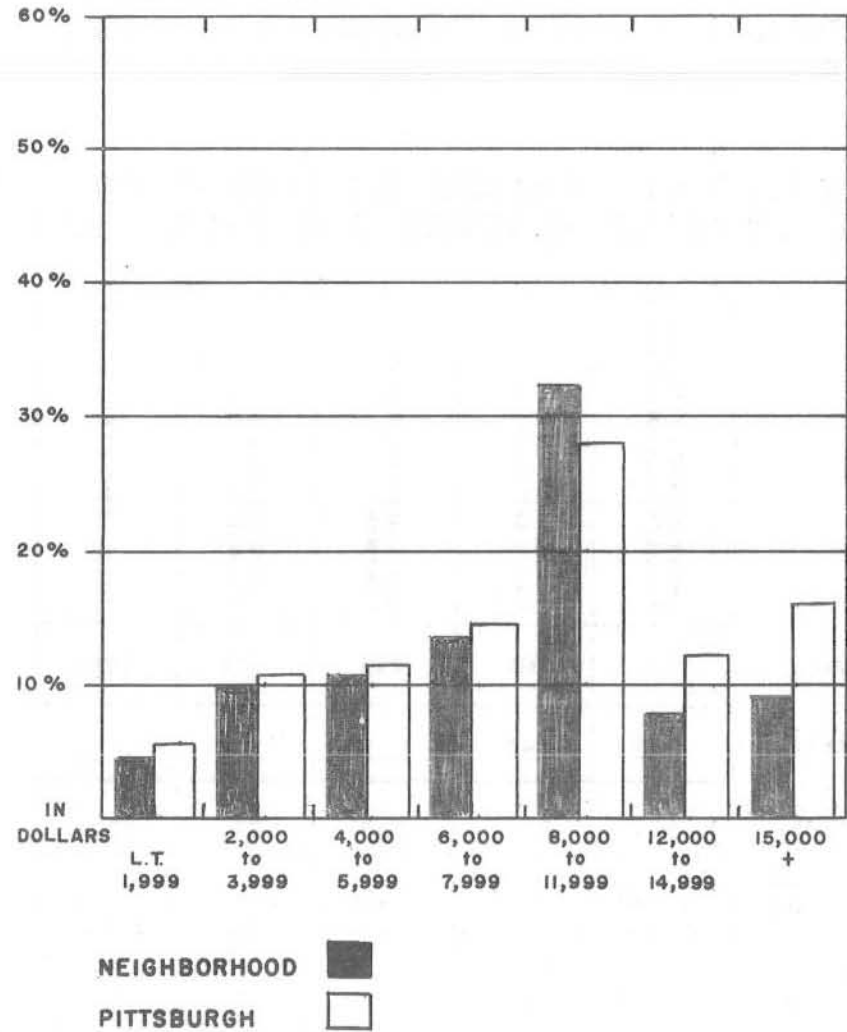
SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

SOCIO-ECONOMIC

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Perry North families was \$6,314 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$9,344, representing a ten year change of 47.9%. 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 33% 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	334	304	792	326	1756
FEMALE	173	690	125	227	1215
TOTAL	507	994	917	553	2971
PERCENT OF TOTAL	17.05	33.45	30.85	18.60	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	20	.26
BLIND	9	.11
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	464	6.11
GENERAL	65	.85
AID TO DISABLED	15	.19
TOTAL	573	7.52

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	2	.03
ROBBERY	5	.07
ASSAULT	38	.50
BURGLARY	34	.45
LARCENY	60	.79
TOTAL	139	1.84

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 8% 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 1.84 ; 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 Perry North are not limited to those located within the confines of Perry North. 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:

Perry North

Public Facilities

No. 54, and 50 Fire Stations

No. 9 Police Station

Carnegie Library - North Side Branch

Recreation

Perry High School Ballfields, indoor swimming pool, court games.

Riverview Park court games, ballfield and outdoor swimming pool

Chatham Elementary School play yard

Vinceton Parklet

Milroy Parklet

Schools

Chatham Elementary School

McNaugher Middle School

Perry High School

Health

Allegheny General Hospital

Divine Providence Hospital

St. Johns Hospital

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