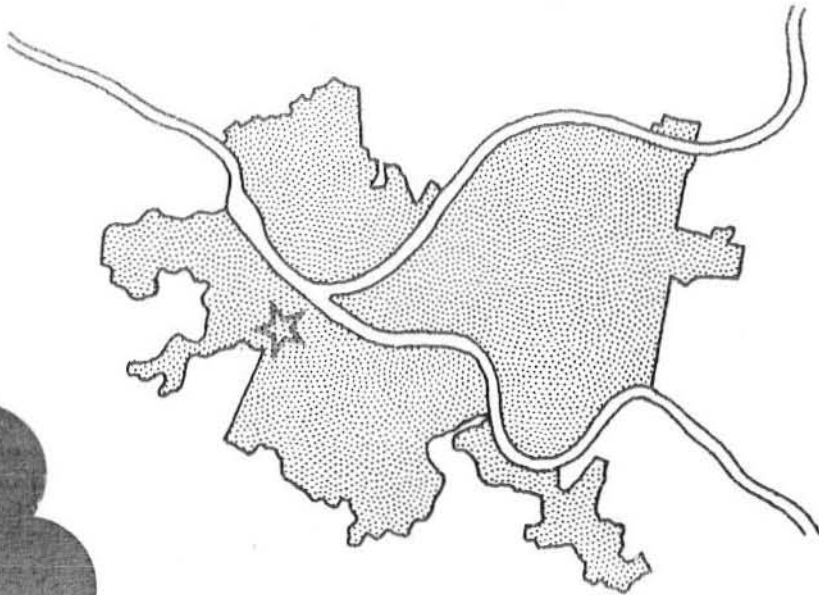


a community profile of
ridgemont -
chicken hill



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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.

RIDGEMONT-CHICKEN HILL

This hilltop area consists primarily of a new community of some 150 small, single-family houses built in the 1950's. In addition there are several older houses on the northern and eastern slopes which were built around the turn of the century.

In the 19th century, the Chicken Hill ridge was extensively mined for coal, while parts of the hilltop were farmed. Green Tree Road was not built through to Woodville Avenue in the West End until the 1930's.

The present population consists predominantly of middle-income families, both large and small.

Adjacent to Ridgemont is Parkway Center, a large complex of high-rise and medium-rise business and apartment buildings located just across the City line in Green Tree. The Parkway West intersects with Green Tree Road at this point.

The Census Tract used for information on this community is 2011. It should be noted, however, that Tract 2011 also includes a section of the Chatham West apartments in Banksville, a portion of the Westwood community, and a part of the West End Valley.



— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE

5280' 2640' 0' 5280'
 APPROX 2 MILES



OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 732 ; in 1970, 1,141, representing a +55.8% change. A total of 42.3% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 28 units were vacant, as compared to 59 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 5.1% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 10.9% of the 1960, and 5.1% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 1,263 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 45% 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	732	1141	+ 55.8
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	704	1082	+ 53.6
OWNER OCCUPIED	510	483	- 5.2
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	69.6	42.3	
RENTER OCCUPIED	194	599	+208.7
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	26.5	52.4	
VACANT UNITS	28	59	+110.7
PERCENT VACANT	3.8	5.1	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$11,500	\$13,165	+ 14.4
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 67	\$172	+156.7
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	10.9	5.1	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 25 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$217,290 . For the entire city, 4,002 permits were issued, accounting for construction in excess of \$53 million.

Also in 1972, there were 5.2 new housing units constructed per 1,000 existing units, and 13.1 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	6	\$ 70,300
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES	1	120,000
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	3	12,800
ALTERATIONS	15	14,190
TOTAL	25	\$ 217,290

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

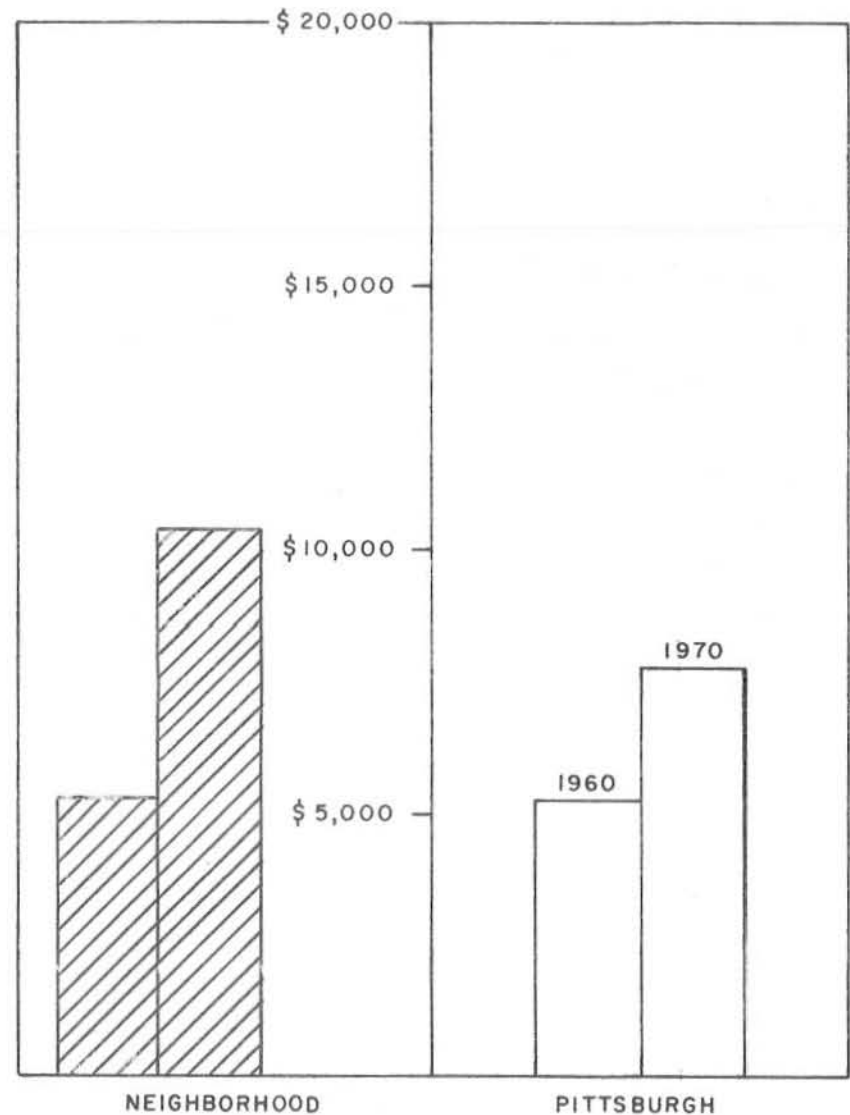
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	21	1.5	39	2.4
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	553	40.0	342	20.1
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	324	23.4	324	19.7
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	407	29.4	569	34.6
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	51	3.7	84	5.1
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	28	2.0	288	17.5
TOTAL	1384	100.0	1646	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

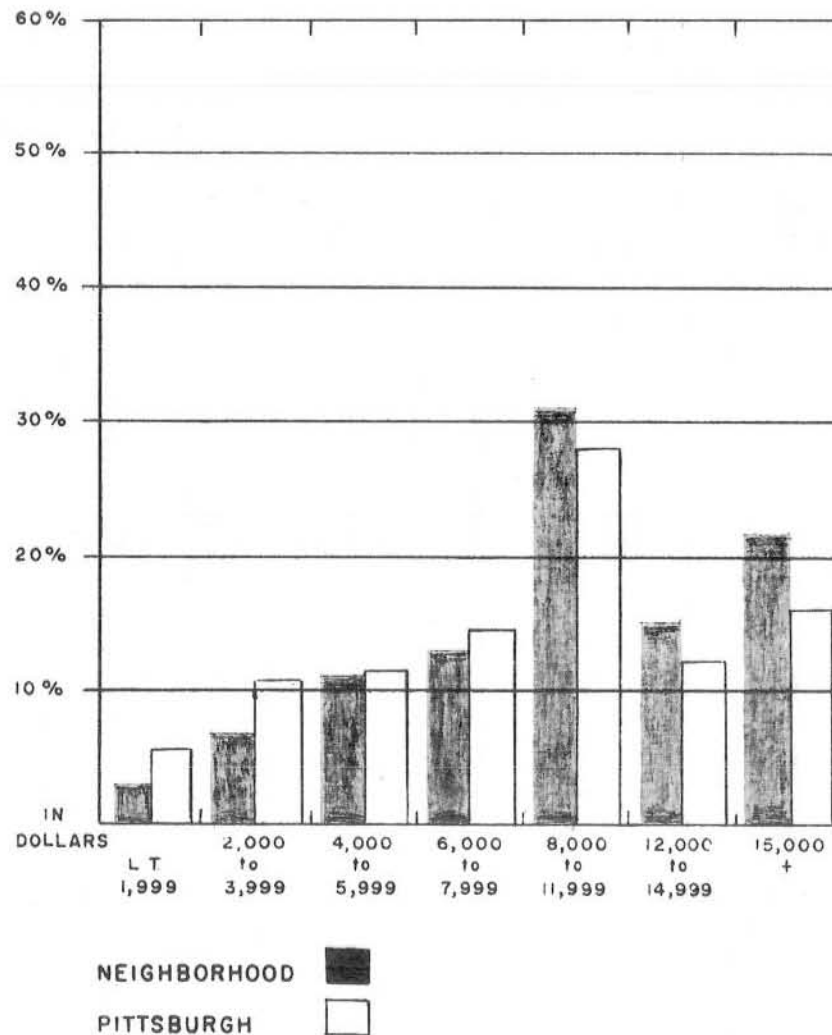


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME: MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Ridgemont-Chicken Hill families was \$6,470 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$10,700 representing a ten year change of 65.3% . 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 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	307	163	242	161	873
FEMALE	138	324	45	88	595
TOTAL	445	487	296	249	1468
PERCENT OF TOTAL	30.31	33.16	19.53	16.96	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	10	.32
BLIND	0	.00
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	121	3.87
GENERAL	27	.86
AID TO DISABLED	3	.09
TOTAL	161	5.14

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	.03
RAPE	4	.13
ROBBERY	14	.45
ASSAULT	6	.19
BURGLARY	36	1.15
LARCENY	42	1.34
TOTAL	103	3.29

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 3.29 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 Ridgemont-Chicken Hill are not limited to those located within the confines of Ridgemont-Chicken Hill. 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:

Ridgemont-Chicken Hill

Public Facilities

Police District No. 8
Fire Stations No. 10 and 39

Schools

Westwood Elementary
Langley High School

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