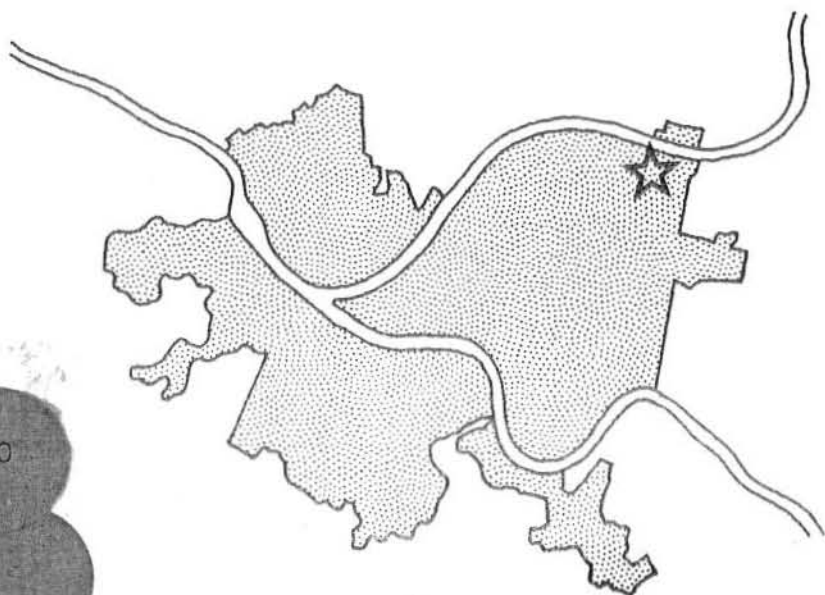


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## PREFACE

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.

## LINCOLN - LEMINGTON - BELMAR

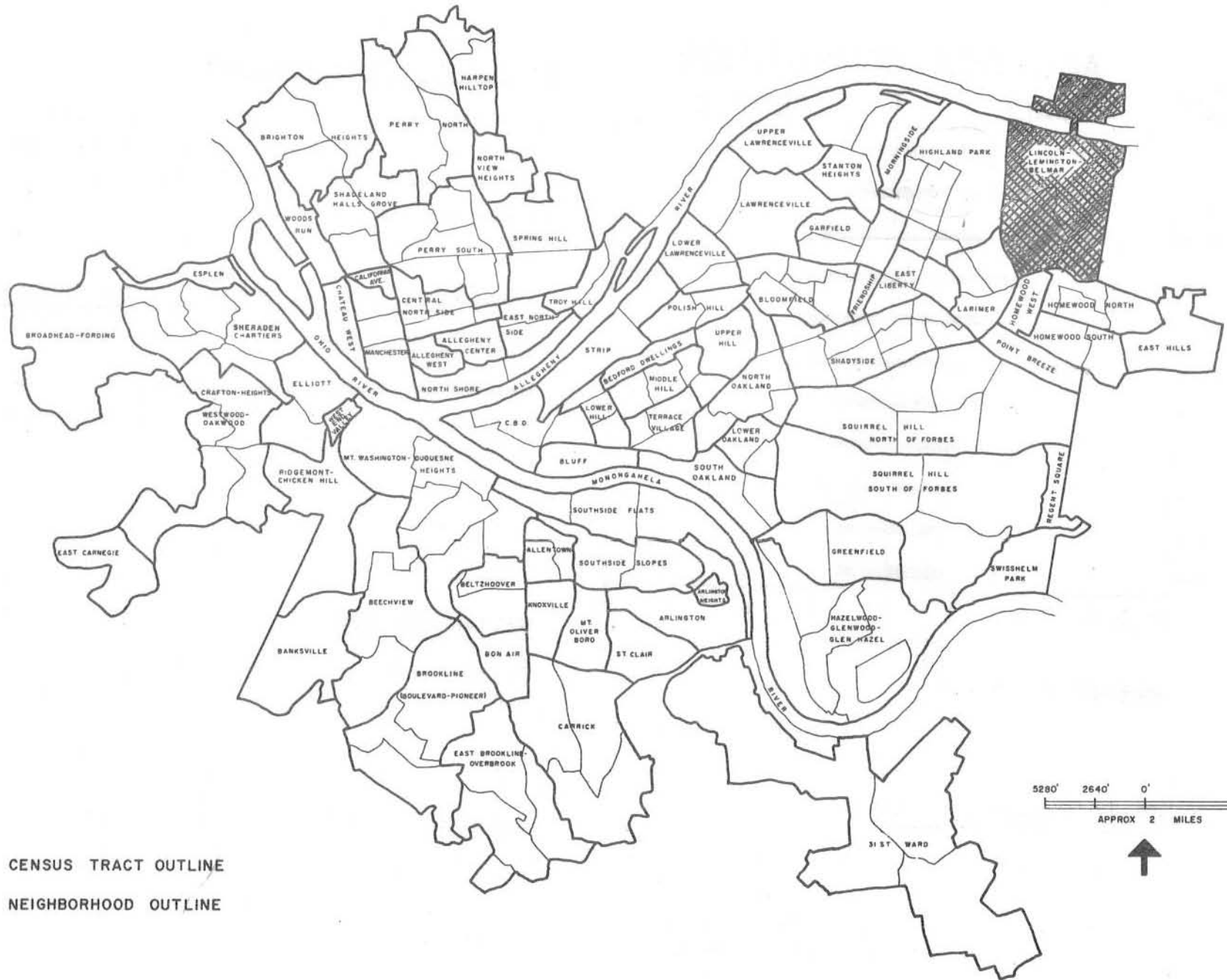
Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar is the area east of the Washington Boulevard slopes, north of the 13th Ward boundary, with the Penn Hills incorporation line to the east. It is composed of Census Tracts 1201, 1202, and 1203.

This area has a hilly topography with a few relatively flat sections. On top of the hills to the north are several institutions, Veterans Administration Hospital, Marcy State Hospital, and the Juvenile Detention Center, which is now under construction.

Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar is an area of generally sound housing, and has maintained a relatively stable population during the past ten years. Some sections exhibit a suburban-like character, with well-kept homes and lawns. There are a few danger signals appearing in some sections, with some abandonment occurring and deterioration along the commercial section of Lincoln Avenue.

The area is presently predominantly Black, but the shift is a fairly recent one. The southwestern section of the district still has a substantial Italian-American population.

Several community organizations are working hard to maintain the area.

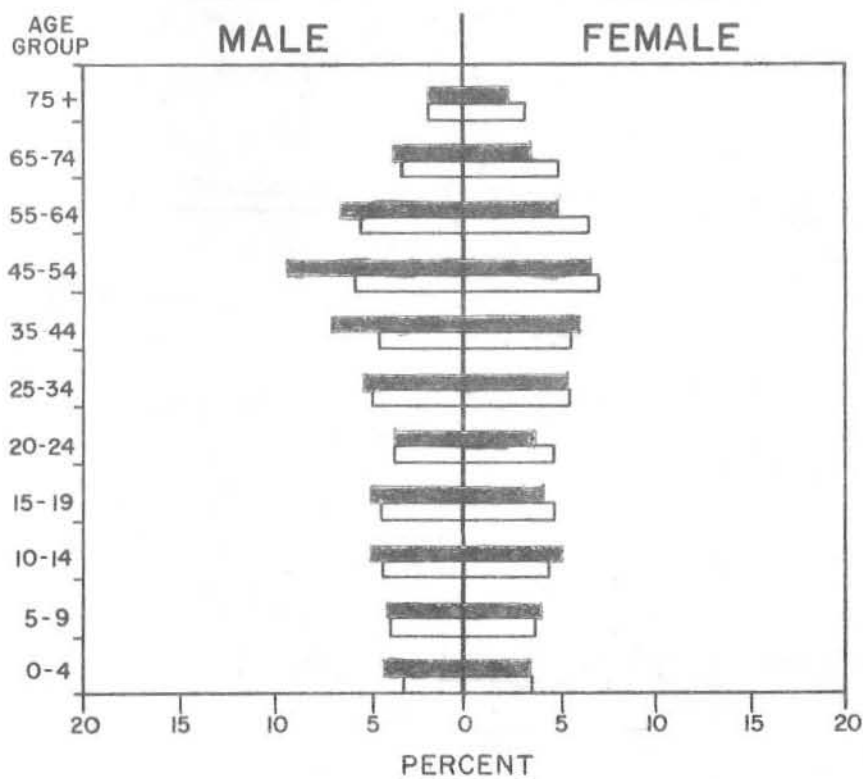


— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE  
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE

5280' 2640' 0' 5280'  
 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 Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar'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 Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar has changed from 10,475 in 1960 to 9,468 in 1970, representing a -9.6% 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 36.6 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

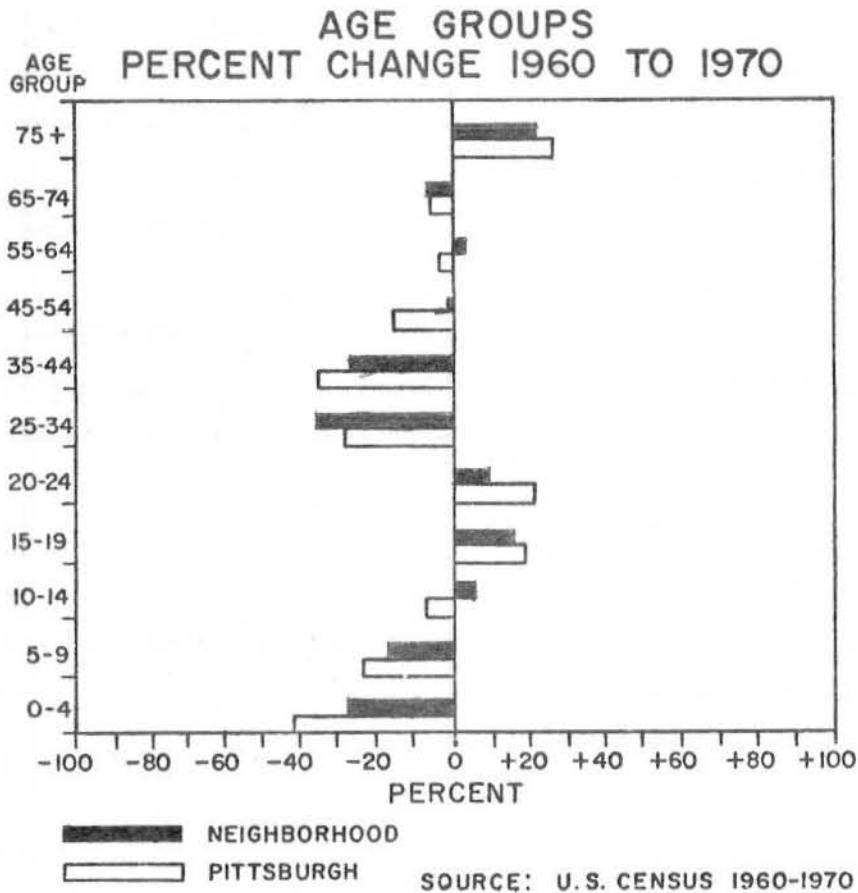
### AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

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.

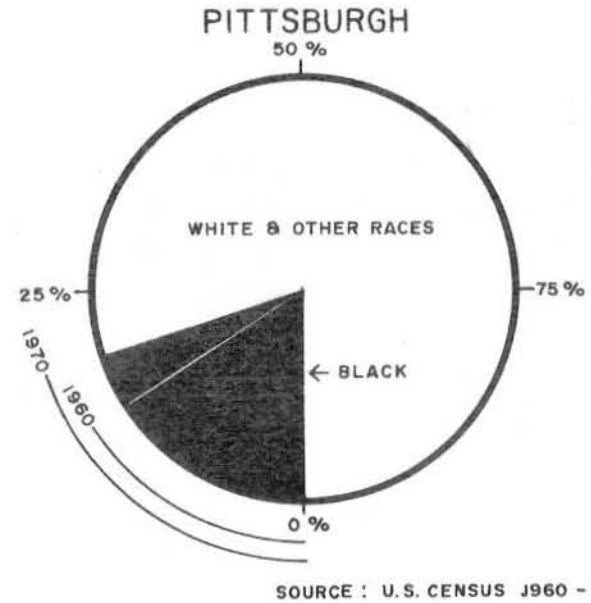
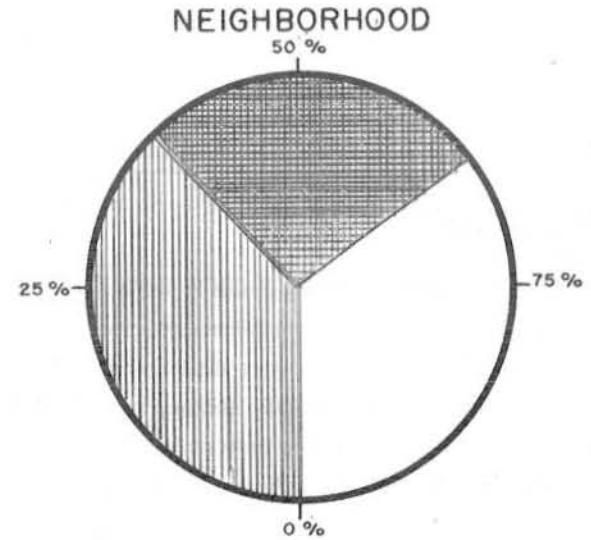


**RACE**

Black population in Lincoln-Lemington-Beimar constituted 30.8% of its 1960 population, and 64.8% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.



**BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970**



POPULATION

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 2,638 in 1970, 2,632, representing a -.2% change. A total of 68.8% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 52 units were vacant, as compared to 93 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 3.5% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 10.4% of the 1960, and 6.6% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 3,025 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 34% 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	2638	2632	- .2
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	2586	2539	- 1.9
OWNER OCCUPIED	1767	1812	+ 2.5
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	66.9	68.8	
RENTER OCCUPIED	819	727	- 11.2
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	31.0	27.6	
VACANT UNITS	52	93	+ 78.8
PERCENT VACANT	1.9	3.5	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$11,105	\$12,395	+ 11.6
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 76	\$ 101	+ 32.9
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	10.4	6.6	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

**BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972**

In 1972, there were 48 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$5,269,697. 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 17.07 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	3	\$ 5,150,500
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS		
ALTERATIONS	45	119,197
TOTAL	48	\$ 5,269,697

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

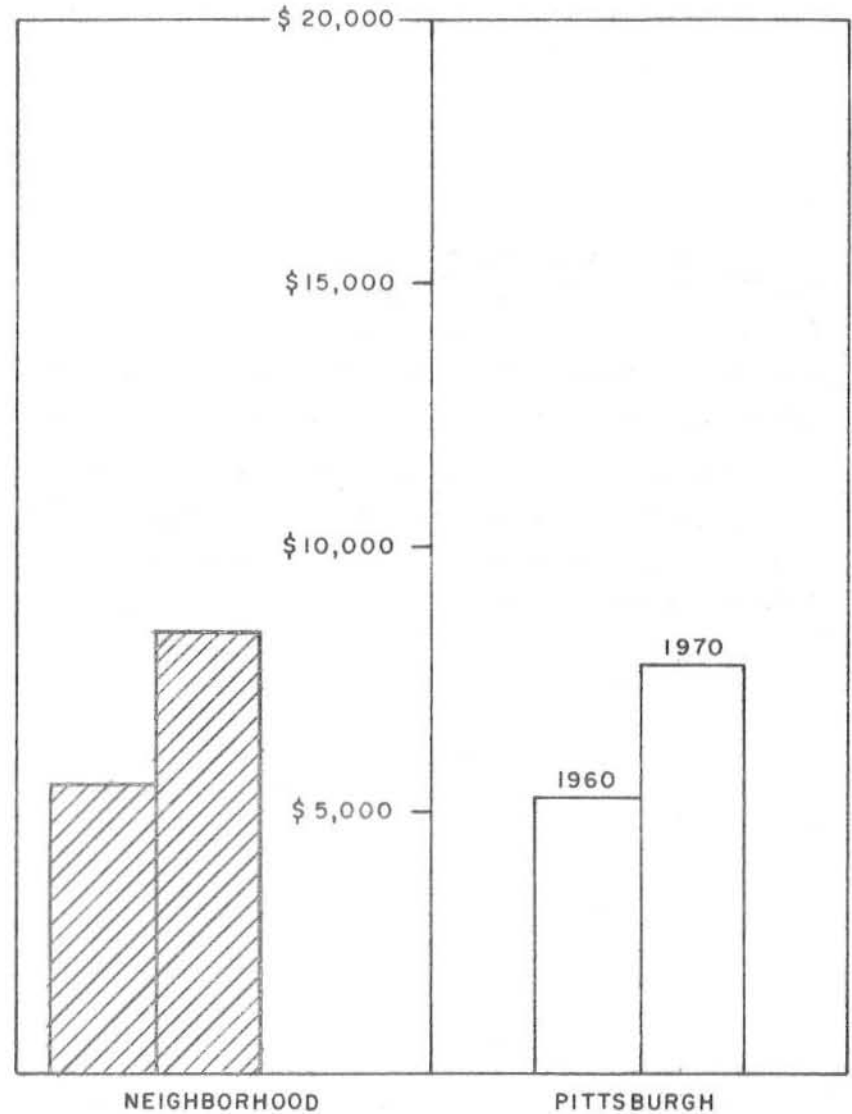
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a High School education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	196	2.9	77	1.3
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	2756	41.1	1749	30.0
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1667	24.9	1466	25.2
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	1603	23.9	2011	34.5
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	264	3.9	311	5.3
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	217	3.2	214	3.7
TOTAL	6703	100.0	5828	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

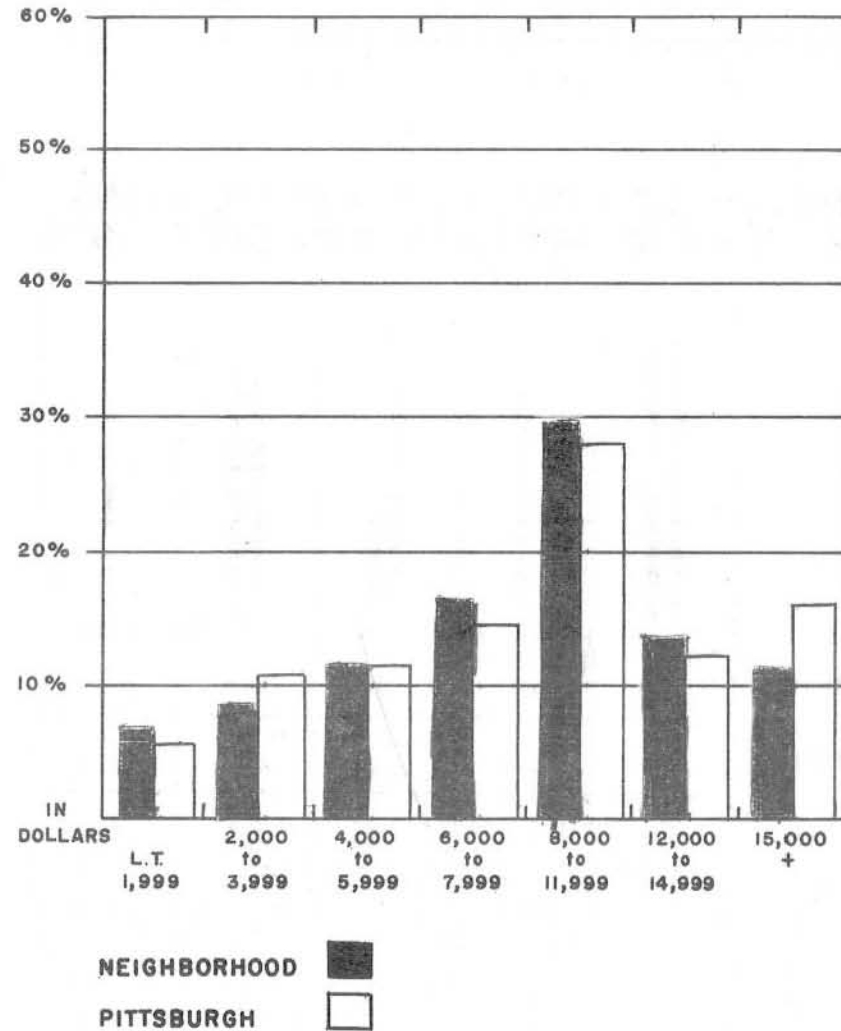


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

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

The median income for Lin.-Lam -Bel. families was \$5,745 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$8,656, representing a ten year change of 50.6%. 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 35% 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	320	207	862	678	2067
FEMALE	207	445	127	479	1258
TOTAL	527	652	989	1157	3325
PERCENT OF TOTAL	15.84	19.60	29.74	34.78	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	68	.71
BLIND	13	.13
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	1547	16.33
GENERAL	232	2.45
AID TO DISABLED	31	.32
TOTAL	1891	19.94

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	4	.04
RAPE	5	.05
ROBBERY	50	.53
ASSAULT	46	.49
BURGLARY	104	1.10
LARCENY	68	.72
TOTAL	277	2.93

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 20% 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 2.93 ; 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 Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar are not limited to those located within the confines of Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar. 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:

Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar

Public Facilities

Police Station No. 5

Fire Station No. 38

Recreation

Paulson Playground

Highland Park

Chadwick Playground

Health and Institutional

Pittsburgh Hospital

Marcy State Hospital

Schools

Lemington Elementary

Westinghouse High School

Veterans Administration Hospital

Juvenile Detention Center



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