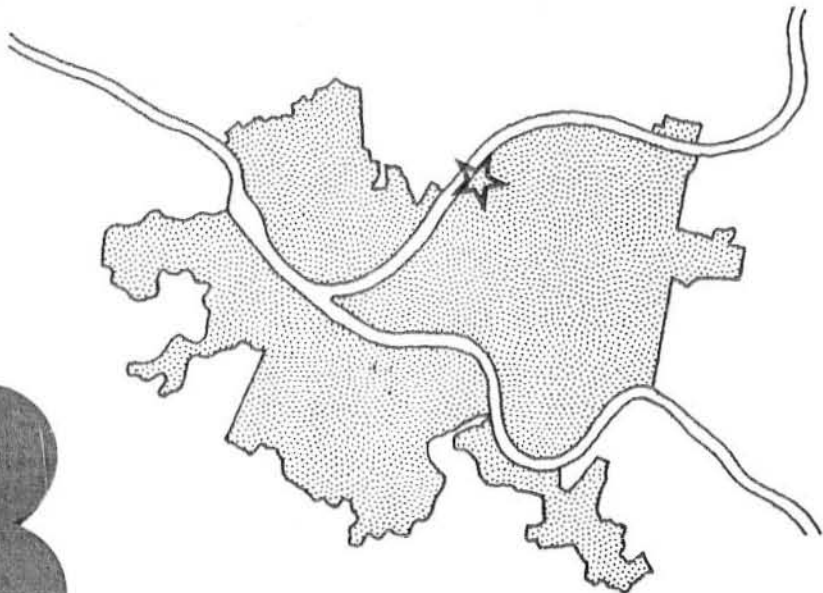


a community profile of *lower* *lawrenceville*



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PREFACE

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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.

LOWER LAWRENCEVILLE

Lower Lawrenceville is generally considered as the community lying between 33rd and 40th Streets, and between Liberty Avenue and the Allegheny River. For statistical purposes, Lower Lawrenceville is composed of Census Tracts 603 and 604.

The community is part of historic Lawrenceville, a major Indian settlement long before the Europeans arrived. Since that arrival, this area along the Allegheny River has been a major industrial center. Successive waves of immigration met the manpower needs and many residents still work in Lawrenceville. The Polish are now the predominant ethnic majority. From the mid 1800's both residential and industrial uses grew, with the majority of present housing stock built during the latter part of this century. This housing is of brick and frame construction, predominately in row and double structures on small lots. While old and small, most housing remains good through owner's careful attention.

The area north of Butler Street is marked by a mixture of residential, industrial, and commercial uses, while the area south of Butler Street is predominantly residential.

Some neighborhood convenience stores remain, although many have been converted to distribution and service uses, and others are now vacant, especially along Butler Street.



— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



OCCUPATION: MAJOR

OF PERSONS 14 YEARS

The largest percentage of persons

service positions. This group

The largest percentage of persons

tions, which represents 28%

**MAJOR OCCUPATION
OF PERSONS 14**

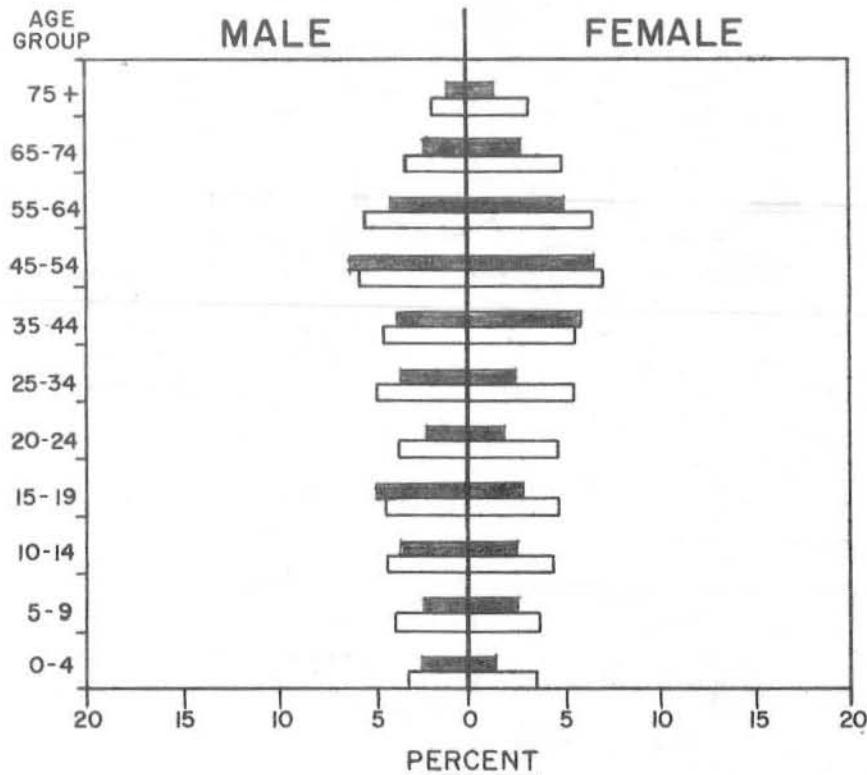
	PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, MANAGERIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE	
MALE	109	
FEMALE	62	
TOTAL	171	
PERCENT OF TOTAL	10.34	2



— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



NEIGHBORHOOD
 PITTSBURGH

Source: U. S. CENSUS 1970

AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Lower Lawrenceville'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 Lower Lawrenceville has changed from 4,984 in 1960 to 4,315 in 1970, representing a -13.4% 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 39.8 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

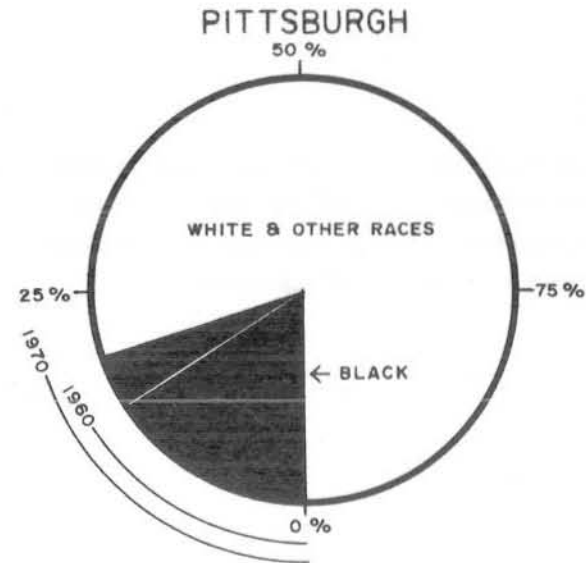
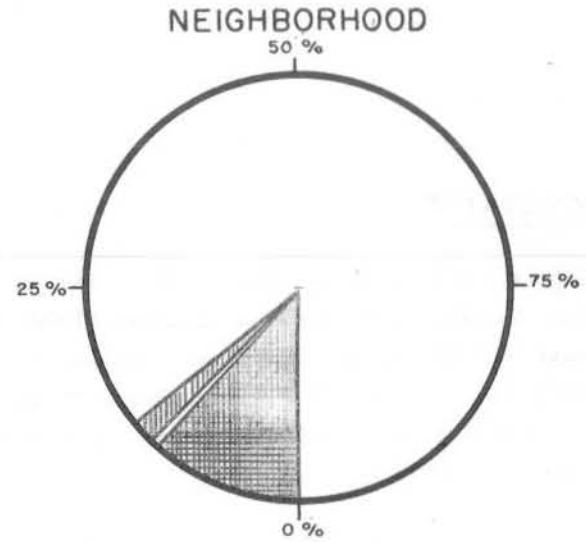
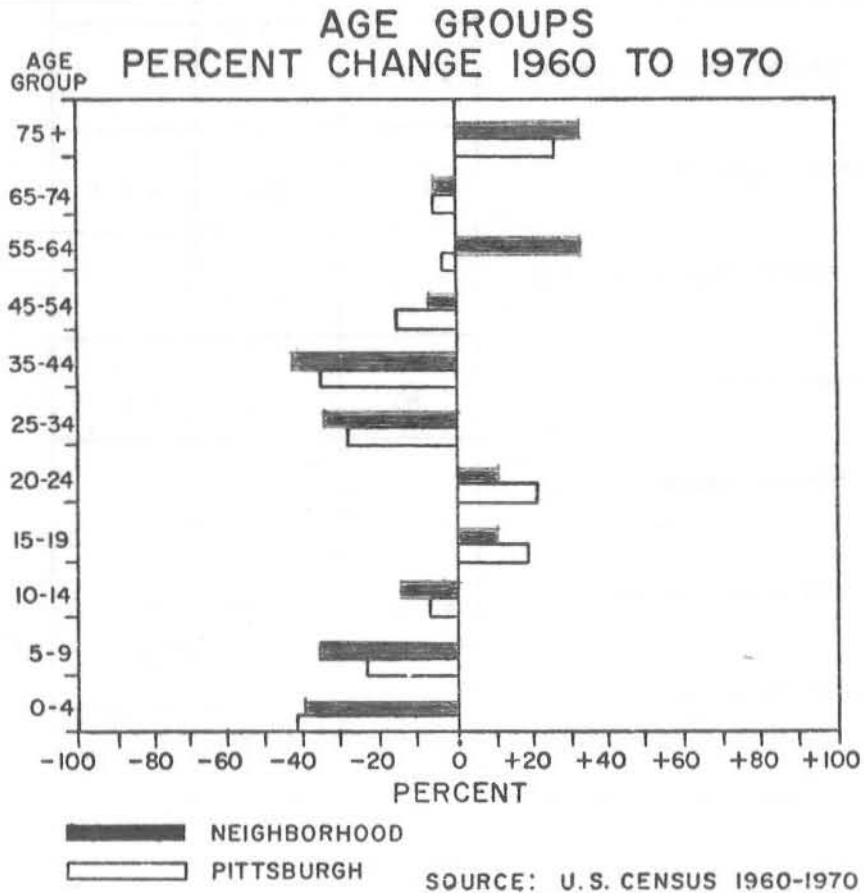
Four age brackets increased in population between 1960 and 1970 in the neighborhood. For the city, population in the 15-19, 20-24, and the 75 years and older age groups increased.

STATISTICAL BUREAU OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

RACE

Black population in Lower Lawrenceville constituted 9.6% of its 1960 population, and 12.2% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970



SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

POPULATION

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 1,660; in 1970, 1,683, representing a +1.4 change. A total of 40.8% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 80 units were vacant, as compared to 134 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 8.0 vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 16.4 of the 1960, and 8.4 of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 1,203 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 29% 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	1660	1683	+ 1.4
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	1580	1549	- 2.0
OWNER OCCUPIED	657	686	+ 4.4
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	39.6	40.8	
RENTER OCCUPIED	923	863	- 6.5
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	55.6	51.3	
VACANT UNITS	80	134	+ 67.5
PERCENT VACANT	4.8	8.0	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 7113	\$ 8088	+ 13.7
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 55	\$ 80	+ 63.6
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	16.4	8.4	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 35 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$229,878 . 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 19.01 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	1	\$ 125,000
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	2	43,000
ALTERATIONS	32	61,878
TOTAL	35	\$ 229,878

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

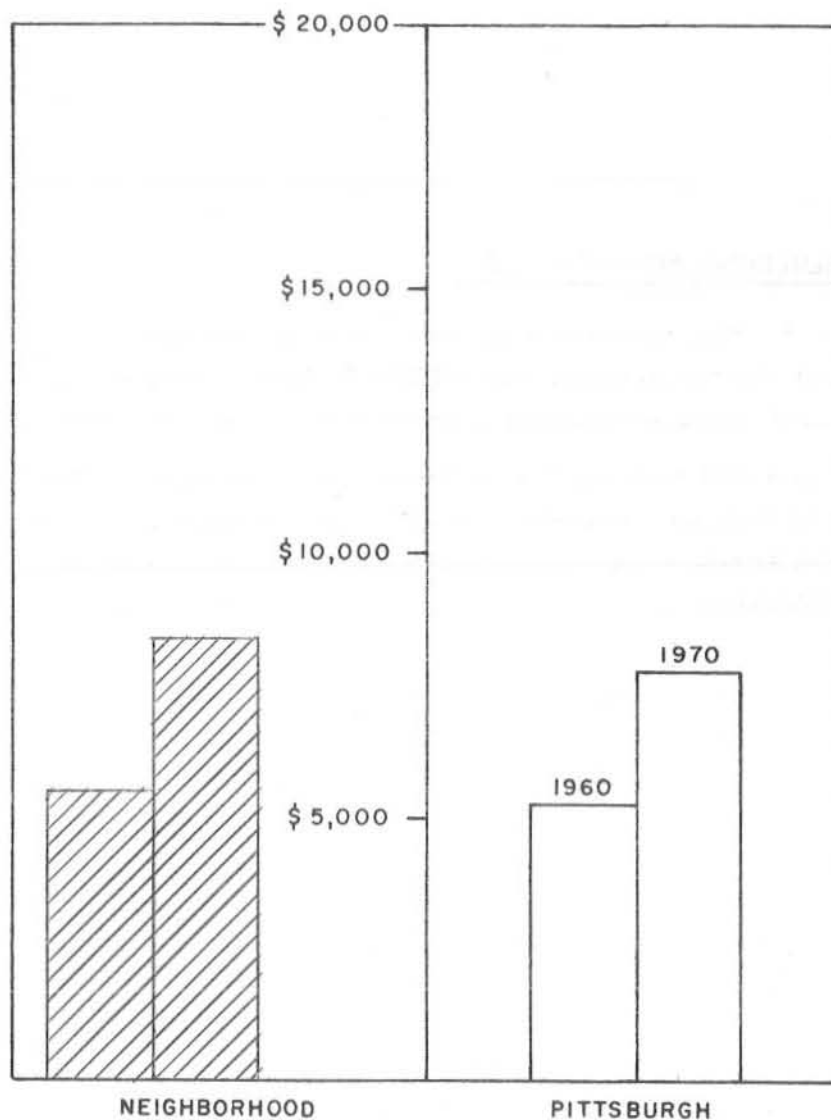
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	119	3.9	110	4.1
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	1512	49.0	1126	41.8
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	719	23.3	744	27.6
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	634	20.5	594	22.1
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	59	1.9	58	2.2
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	45	1.5	60	2.2
TOTAL	3088	100.0	2692	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

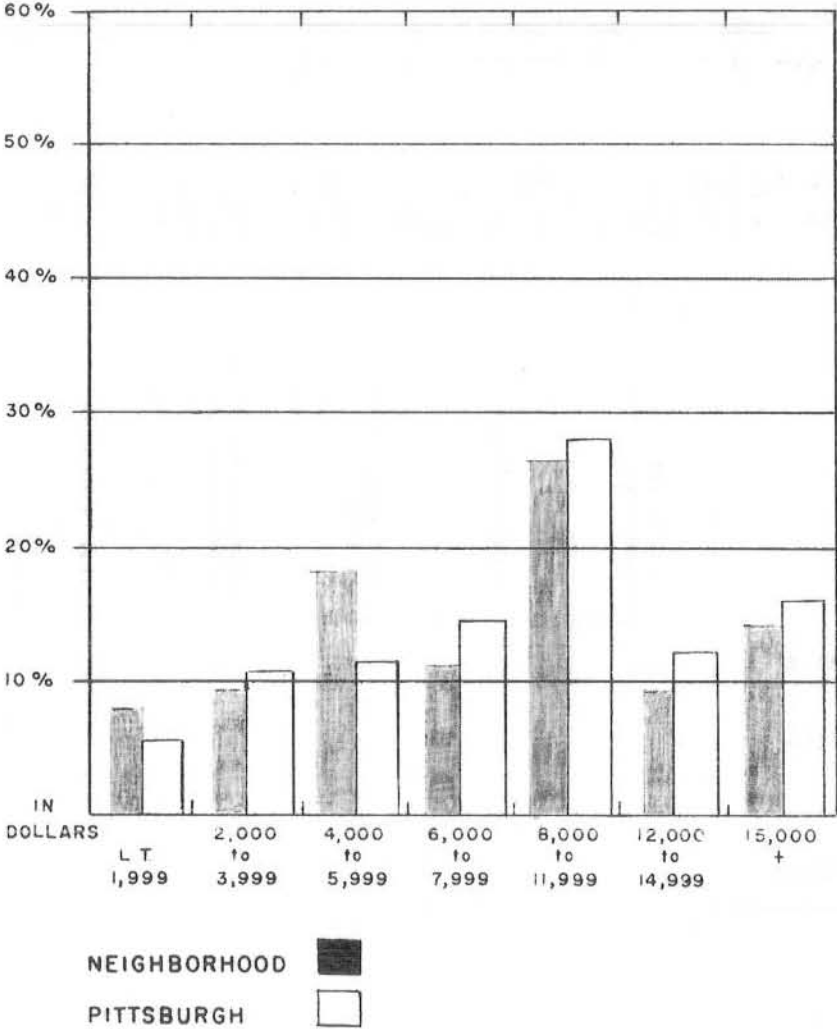


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME: MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Lower Lawrenceville families was \$5,296 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$8,182, representing a ten year change of 54.5%. 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 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	109	139	448	295	991
FEMALE	62	290	57	251	660
TOTAL	171	429	505	546	1651
PERCENT OF TOTAL	10.34	25.97	30.57	33.05	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	46	1.06
BLIND	6	.13
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	500	11.58
GENERAL	162	3.75
AID TO DISABLED	59	1.36
TOTAL	773	17.88

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

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 18% 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 7.29 ; for Pittsburgh, the rate was 4.71.

**ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES
IN 1972**

CRIME	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	CRIME RATE
MURDER	1	.02
RAPE	3	.06
ROBBERY	26	.60
ASSAULT	53	1.22
BURGLARY	151	3.49
LARCENY	82	1.90
TOTAL	316	7.29

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

Lower Lawrenceville

Public Facilities

- No. 3 Police Station
- Engine & Truck Co. No. 25
- Carnegie Library

Recreation

- Sullivan Playground
- Arsenal Park
- Leslie Recreation Center & Pool
- Bloomfield Recreation Center & Pool

Public Schools

- Woolslayer Elementary
- Arsenal Middle
- Schenley High

Health

- St. Francis Hospital
- St. Margaret's Hospital
- West Penn Hospital

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