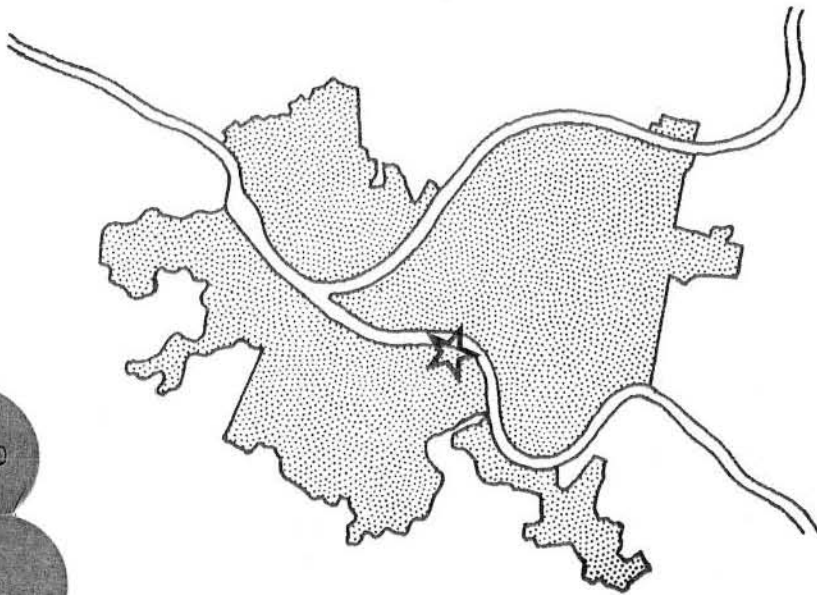


a community profile of *southside* *flats*



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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.

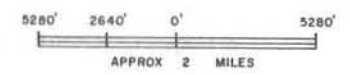
The material has been divided into four sections, Population, Housing, Socio-Economic characteristics and Community Facilities. Although most of the information comes from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the statistics on building permits (new, and alterations) come from the city's Bureau 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.

SOUTH SIDE FLATS

South Side Flats is a predominantly white ethnic working class neighborhood located adjacent to the Monongahela River. Because of its location it is also the site of many heavy industrial uses. This area includes census tracts 1601, 1701, 1702.

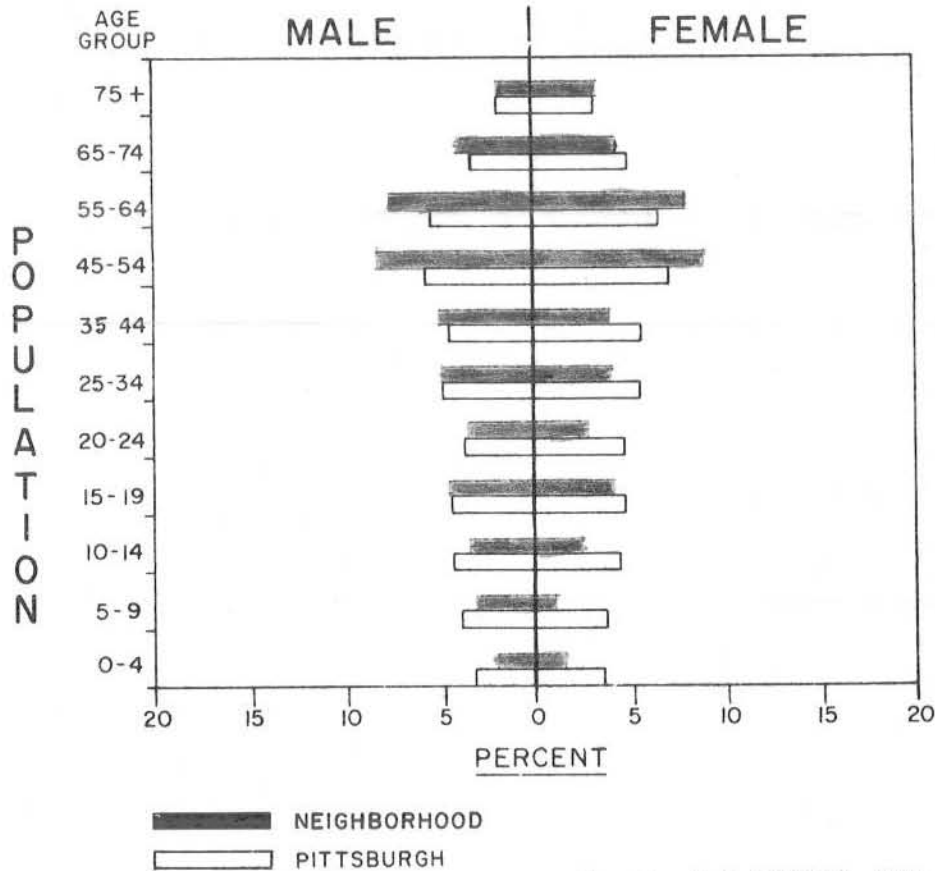


— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



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AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of The South Side Flats' population falls in the age 45-54 category, the smallest being the under 5 yrs. 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 South Side Flats has changed from 12,854 in 1960 to 9,556 in 1970, representing a -23.8% 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 43.2 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

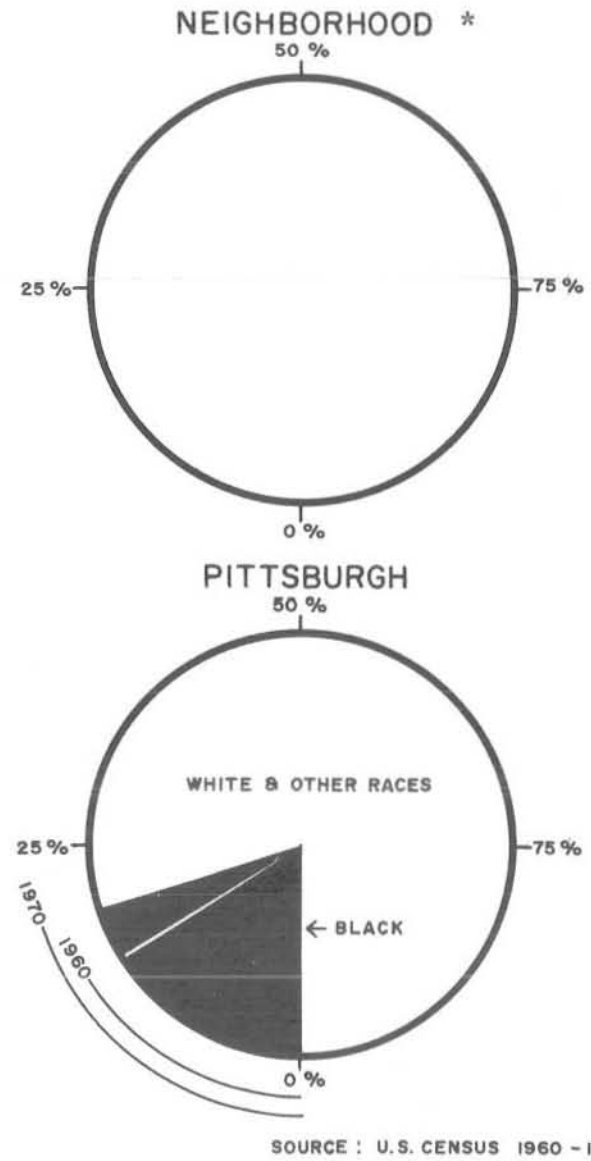
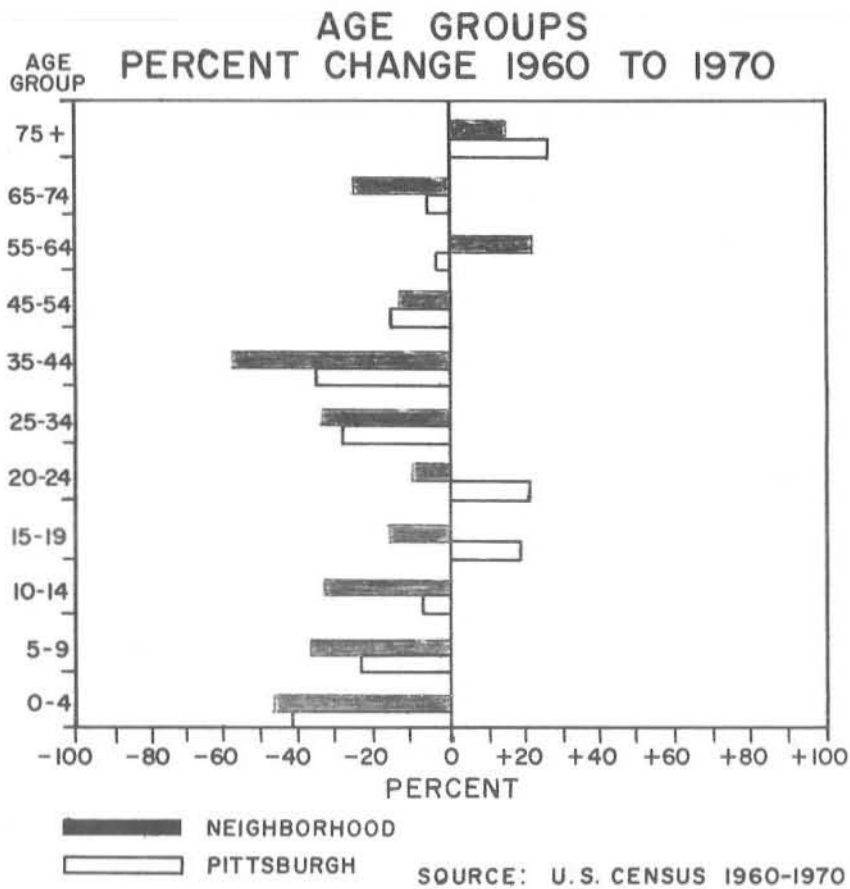
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Two 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 South Side Flats constituted .9% of its 1960 population, and 1.0% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970



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* Black population less than 2% in 1960 and 1970

OCCUPANCY STATUS

In 1960, total housing units numbered 4,402; in 1970, 3,935, representing a 10.6 change. A total of 42.4% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 247 units were vacant, as compared to 349 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 8.8% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 14.5% of the 1960, and 9.0% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 2,036 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 22% 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	4402	3935	- 10.6
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	4155	3586	- 13.7
OWNER OCCUPIED	1739	1671	- 3.9
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	39.5	42.4	
RENTER OCCUPIED	2416	1915	- 20.7
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	54.8	48.6	
VACANT UNITS	247	349	+ 41.3
PERCENT VACANT	5.6	8.8	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 5895	\$ 7582	+ 28.6
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 50	\$ 67	+ 34.0
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	14.5	9.0	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 94 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$309,605 . 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 22.1 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		
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES	3	\$ 171,400
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	4	4,550
ALTERATIONS	87	133,655
TOTAL	94	\$ 309,605

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

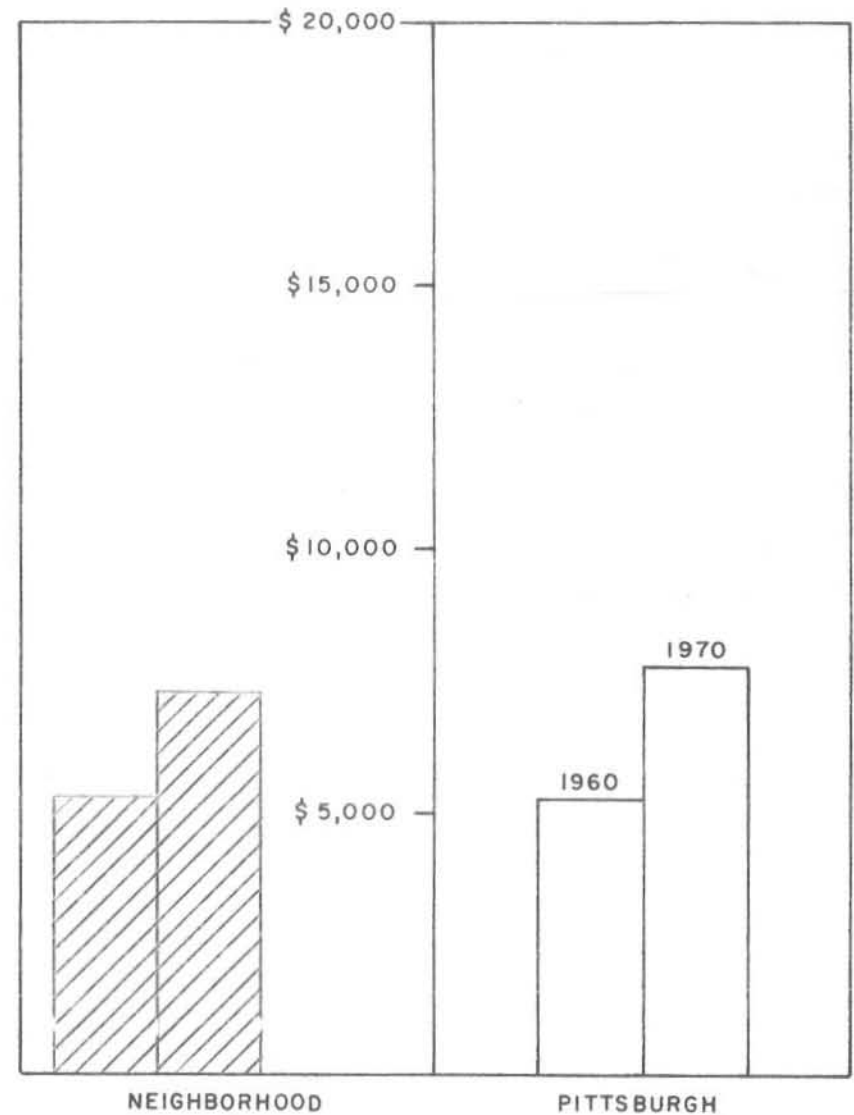
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	640	7.8	261	4.1
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	4138	50.5	2707	42.8
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1846	22.5	1715	27.1
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	1143	13.9	1296	20.5
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	197	2.4	151	2.4
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	236	2.9	192	3.0
TOTAL	8200	100.0	6322	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

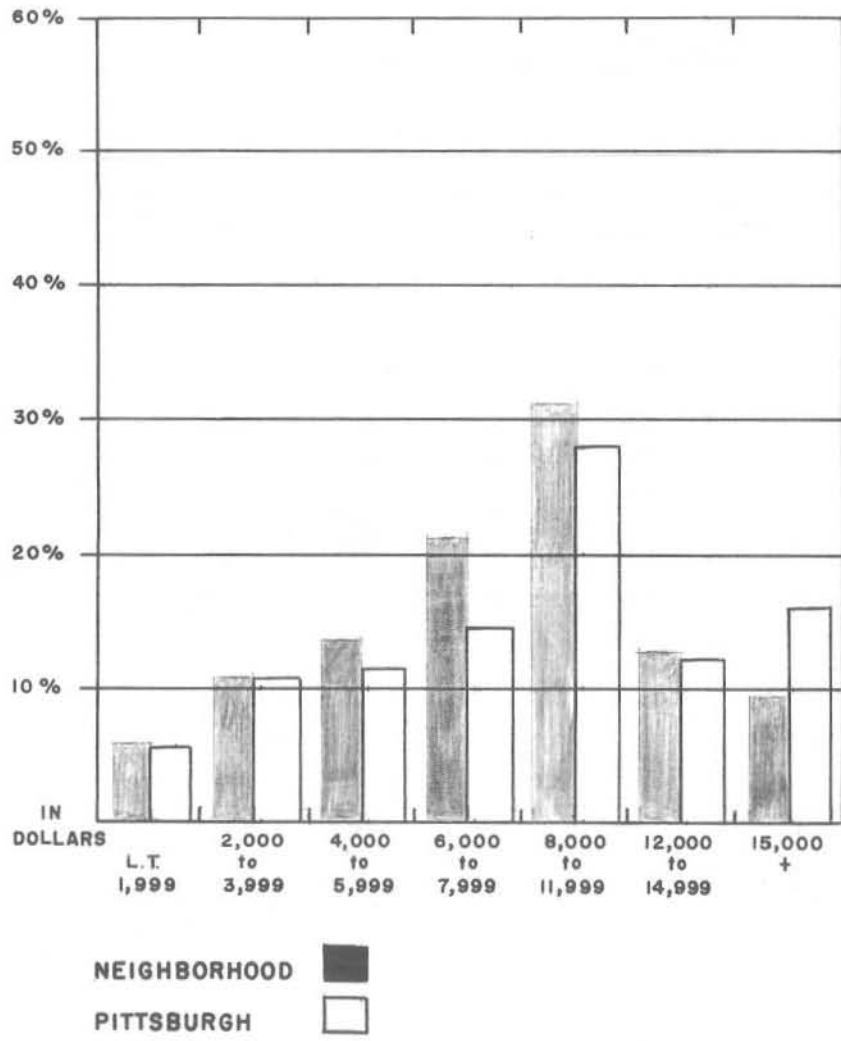


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for South Side Flats families was \$5,278 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$7,009, representing a ten year change of 32.7%. 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 craftsmen-foremen positions. This group constitutes 34% 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	164	308	1067	648	2187
FEMALE	167	553	158	550	1428
TOTAL	331	861	1225	1198	3615
PERCENT OF TOTAL	9.14	23.80	33.87	33.11	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	69	.72
BLIND	8	.08
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	811	8.48
GENERAL	269	2.81
AID TO DISABLED	120	1.25
TOTAL	1277	13.34

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	.01
RAPE	4	.04
ROBBERY	59	.62
ASSAULT	155	1.62
BURGLARY	139	1.45
LARCENY	160	1.67
TOTAL	518	5.41

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 13% 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 5.41 ; 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 South Side Flats are not limited to those located within the confines of South Side Flats. 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:

South Side Flats

Public Facilities

- No. 7 Police Station
- No. 12 Fire Station
- Carnegie Library

Recreation

- Ormsby Recreation Center
- Armstrong Center
- Market House
- 28th Street Tot Lot
- Senior Citizens Lounge

Health

- St. Joseph Hospital
- South Side Hospital

Public Schools

- Morse Elem.
- Phillips Elem.
- South High

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