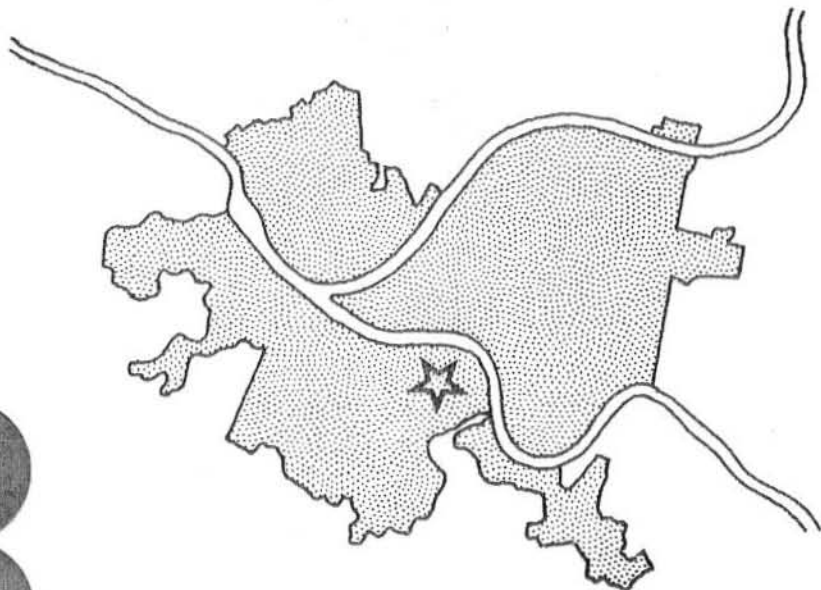


# a community profile of *southside* *slopes*



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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.

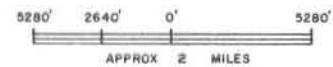
The material has been divided into four sections, Population, Housing, Socio-Economic characteristics and Community Facilities. Although most of the information comes from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the statistics on building permits (new, and alterations) come from the city's Bureau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

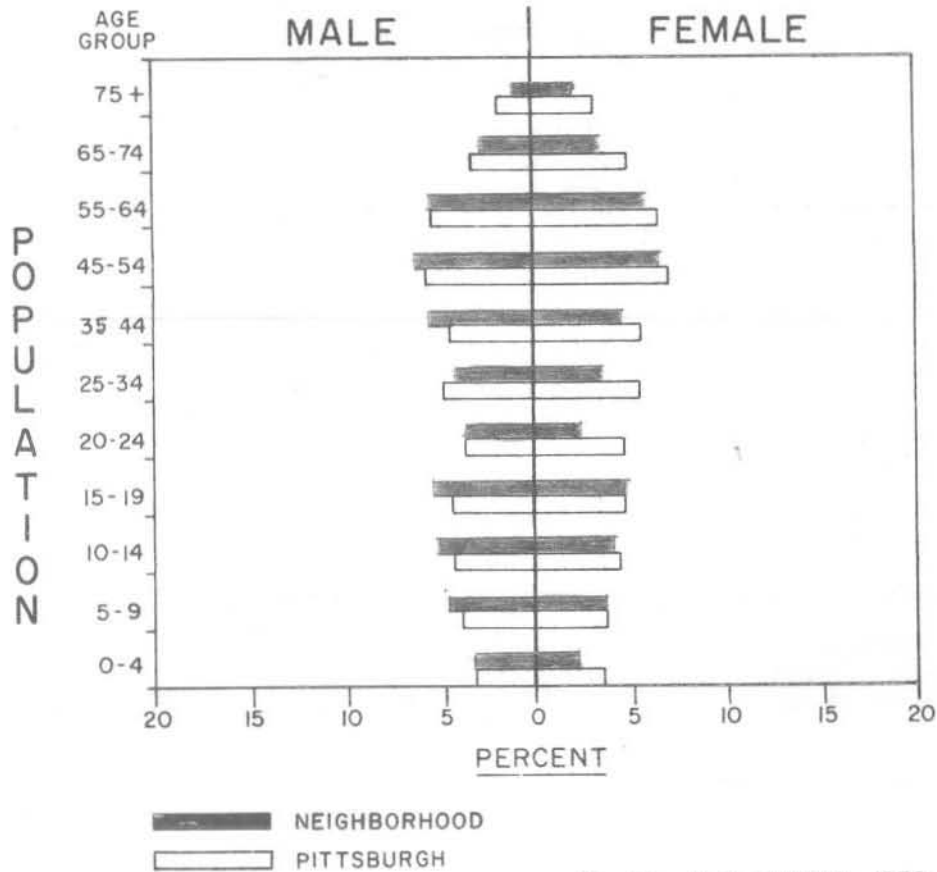
South Side Slopes is a predominately ethnic working class neighborhood located on the steep hillsides overlooking the South Side Flats. Because of the topography this is an almost exclusively residential community. This area includes census tracts 1602 and 1703.



— CENSUS TRACT OUTLINE  
 — NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLINE



## AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



### AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Southside Slopes' population falls in the 45-54 years 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 Southside Slopes has changed from 9,690 in 1960 to 8,354 in 1970, representing a -13.8% 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 (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 34.3 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

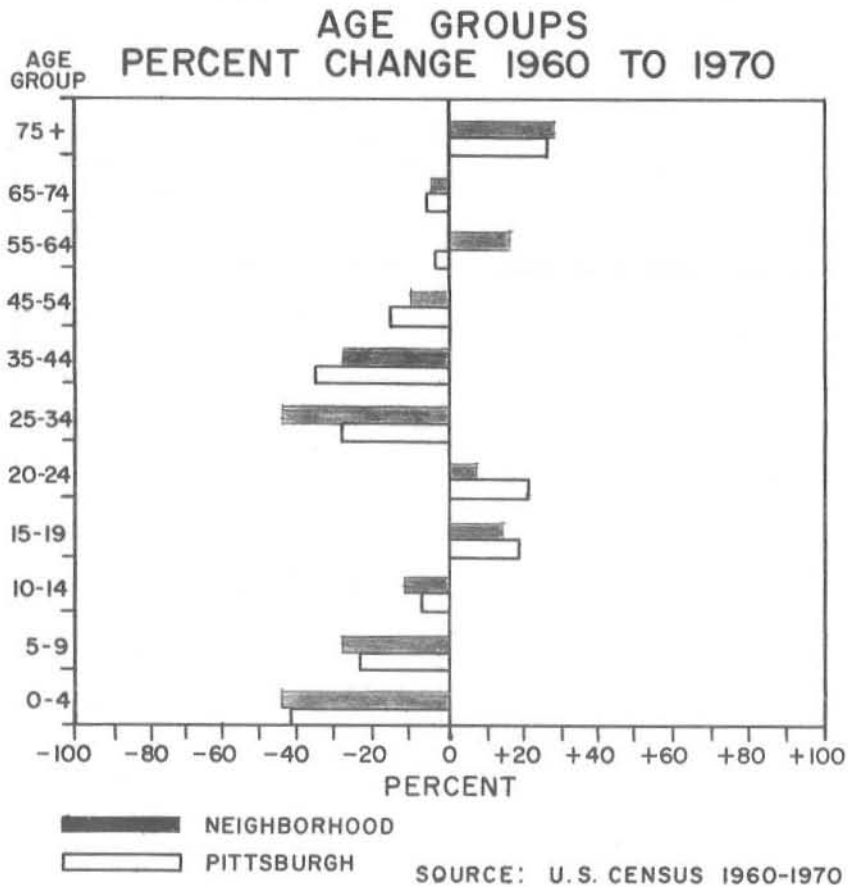
### AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

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.

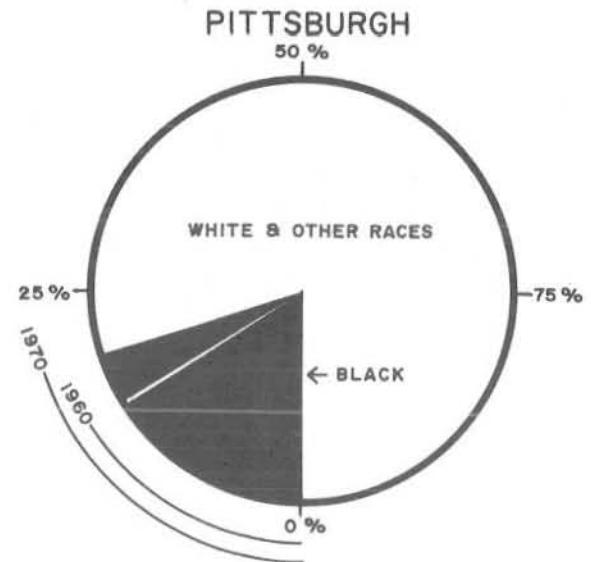
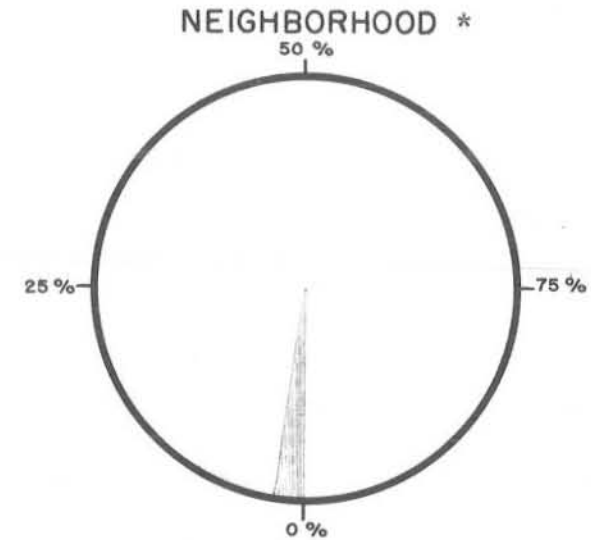


**RACE**

Black population in Southside Slopes constituted .7% of its 1960 population, and 2.1% 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

\* Black population less than 2% in 1960

**EDUCATION: YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS**

**25 YEARS AND OVER, 1960-1970**

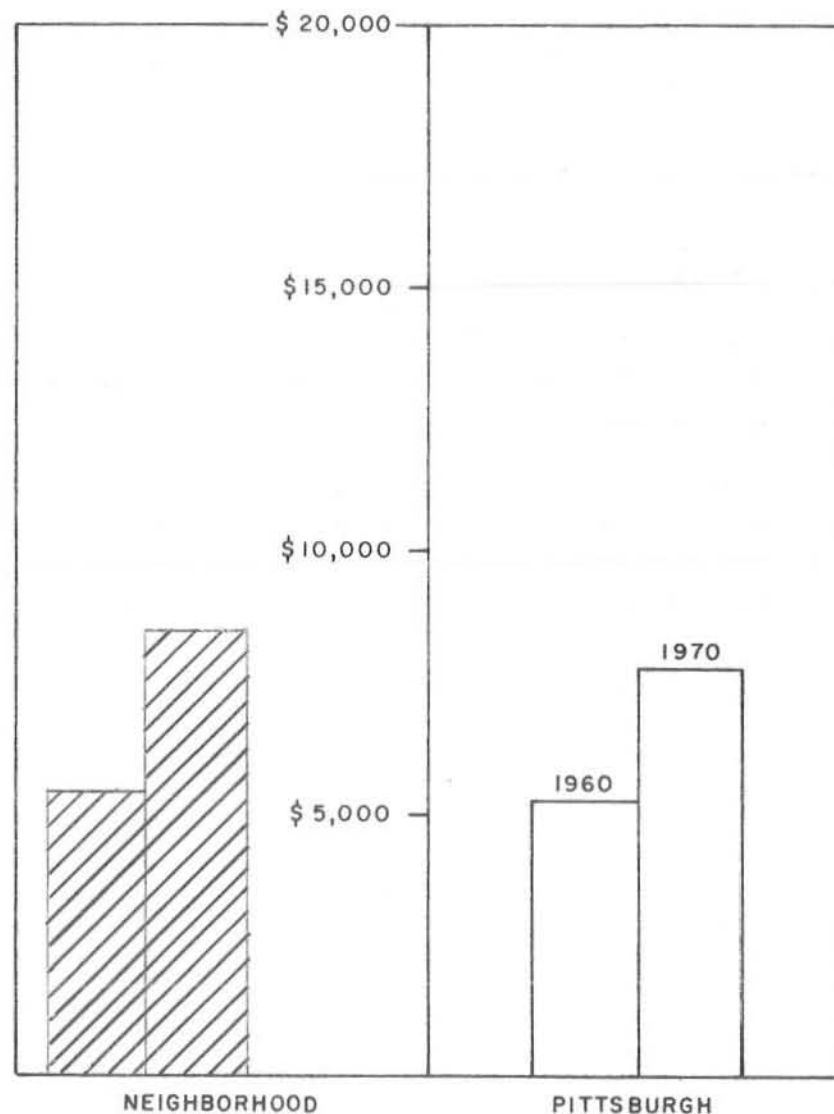
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a Elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a Elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	237	4.3	104	2.2
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	2888	52.2	1806	38.0
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1204	21.7	1500	31.5
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	1032	18.6	1123	23.6
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	96	1.7	118	2.5
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	80	1.4	104	2.2
TOTAL	5537	100.0	4755	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

**MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970**

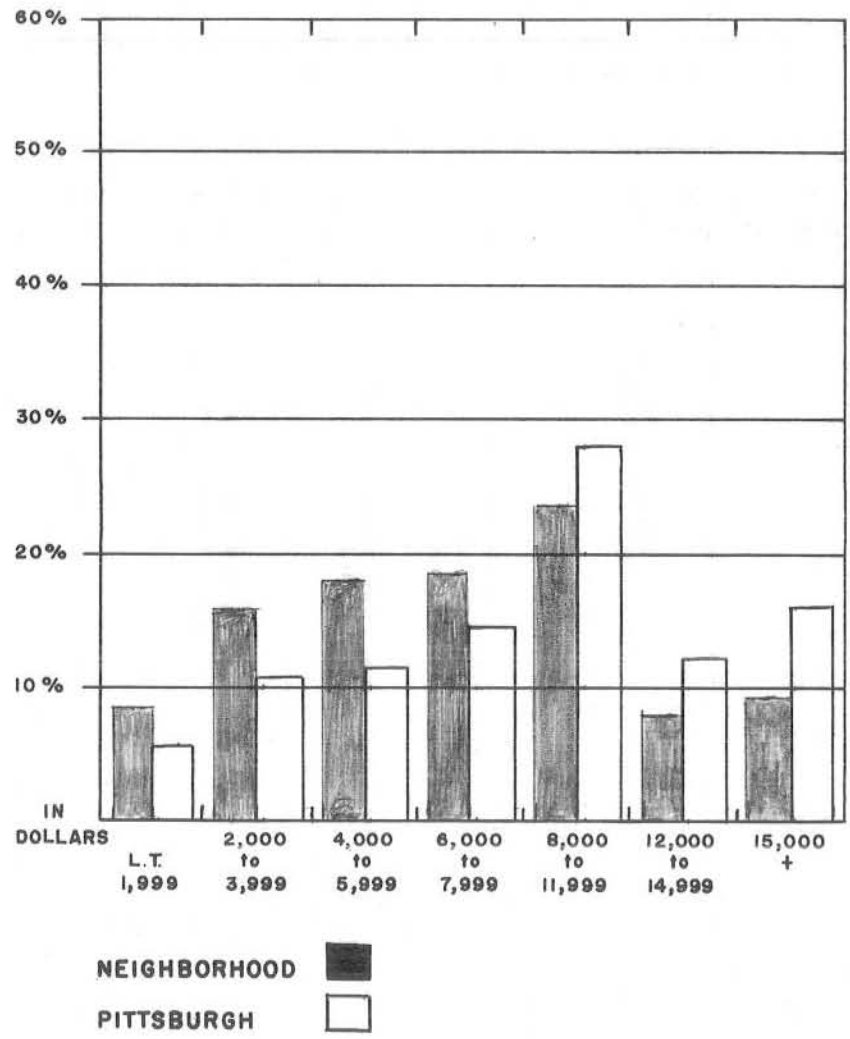


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

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

The median income for Southside Slopes families was \$ 5,237 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$8,228 , representing a ten year change of 57.1% 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 Craftsman, Foreman positions. This group constitutes 35.97% of the employed population. The largest percentage of people in the city work in Sales and 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	155	298	971	513	1937
FEMALE	87	607	155	343	1192
TOTAL	242	905	1126	856	3129
PERCENT OF TOTAL	7.73	28.91	35.97	27.34	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	22	.26
BLIND	7	.08
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	589	7.05
GENERAL	120	1.43
AID TO DISABLED	25	.29
TOTAL	763	9.11

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	.02
ROBBERY	16	.19
ASSAULT	42	.50
BURGLARY	48	.57
LARCENY	45	.54
TOTAL	153	1.82

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 9% 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 1.82 ; 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 Southside Slopes are not limited to those located within the confines of Southside Slopes. 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 Slopes

#### Public Facilities

Police Station No. 7  
Fire Station No. 22

#### Schools

Morse Elementary  
South Jr. and Sr. High School

#### Recreation

South Side Park (Quarry Field)  
Winters Playground  
Monongahela Playground  
Sterling St. Tot Lot

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