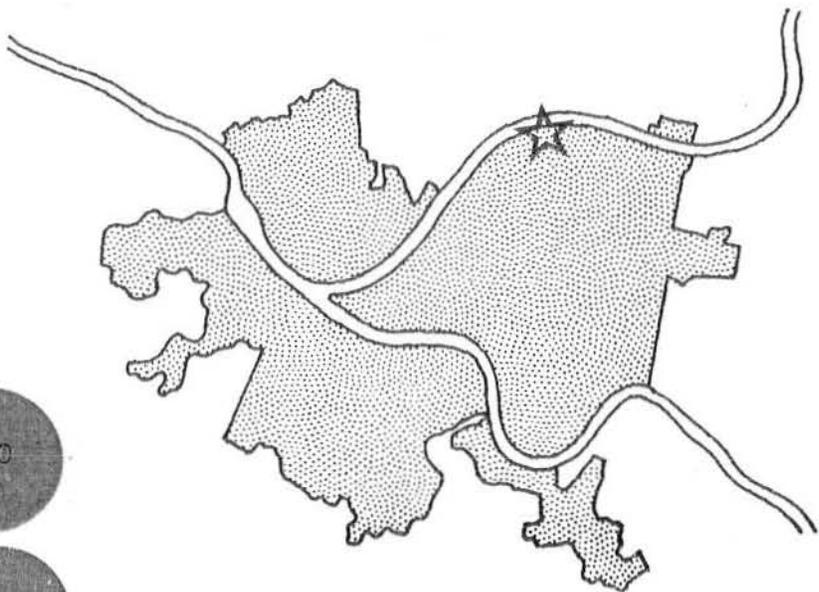


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One thing that citizens need if they are to take part in planning for their neighborhoods is up-to-date information about their neighborhoods. This booklet is an attempt by the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning to present information, primarily 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.

### UPPER LAWRENCEVILLE

Upper Lawrenceville is generally considered to lie between Stanton Avenue and 62nd Street and between the Allegheny River and the crest of the Hill. For statistical purposes, it is comprised of Census Tract 1001.

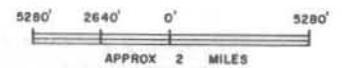
Upper Lawrenceville, a section of historic Lawrenceville, is characterized by mixed uses. Industry lines the river in the community much as it has since the earliest settlement. Successive generations of different ethnic groups have settled here near to employment. Today the predominant ethnic group is of Polish descent.

Most existing housing was built in the latter decades of the 1800's. The majority of the housing is frame, detached units built on small lots, climbing up the hillside to Stanton Avenue.

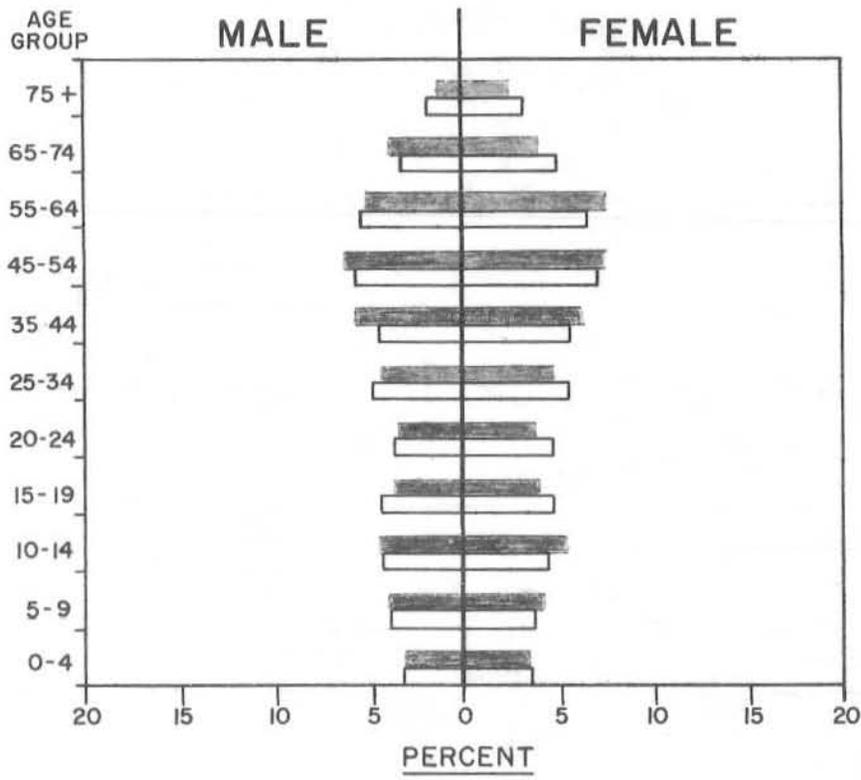
A commercial strip along Butler Street provides much of the convenience and service needs to the community.



— 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 Upper 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 Upper Lawrenceville has changed from 6,694 in 1960 to 5,747 in 1970, representing a -14.1% 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 34.7 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

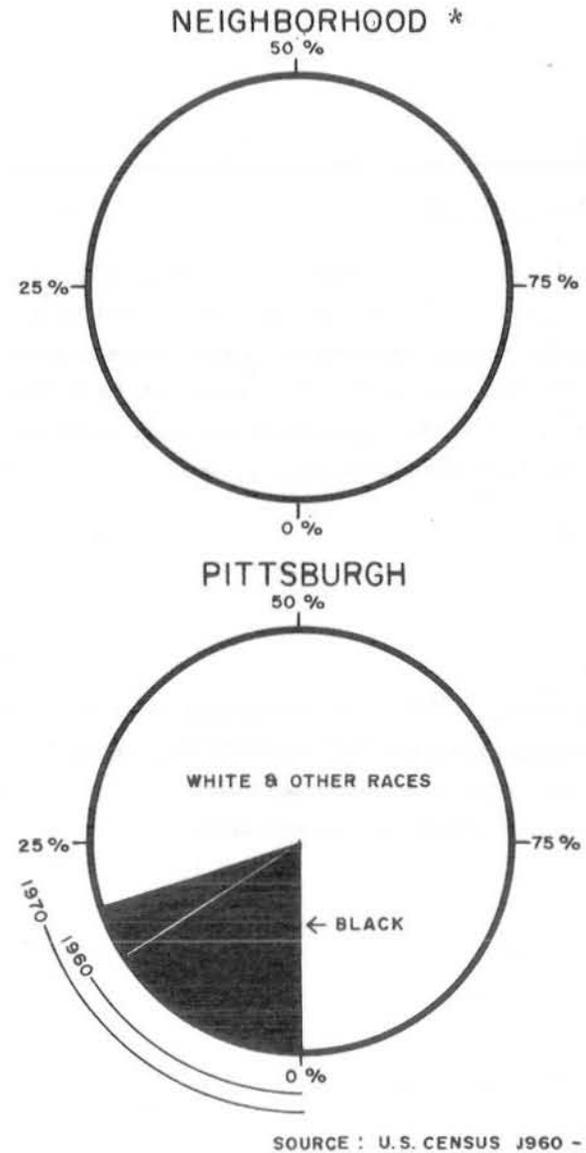
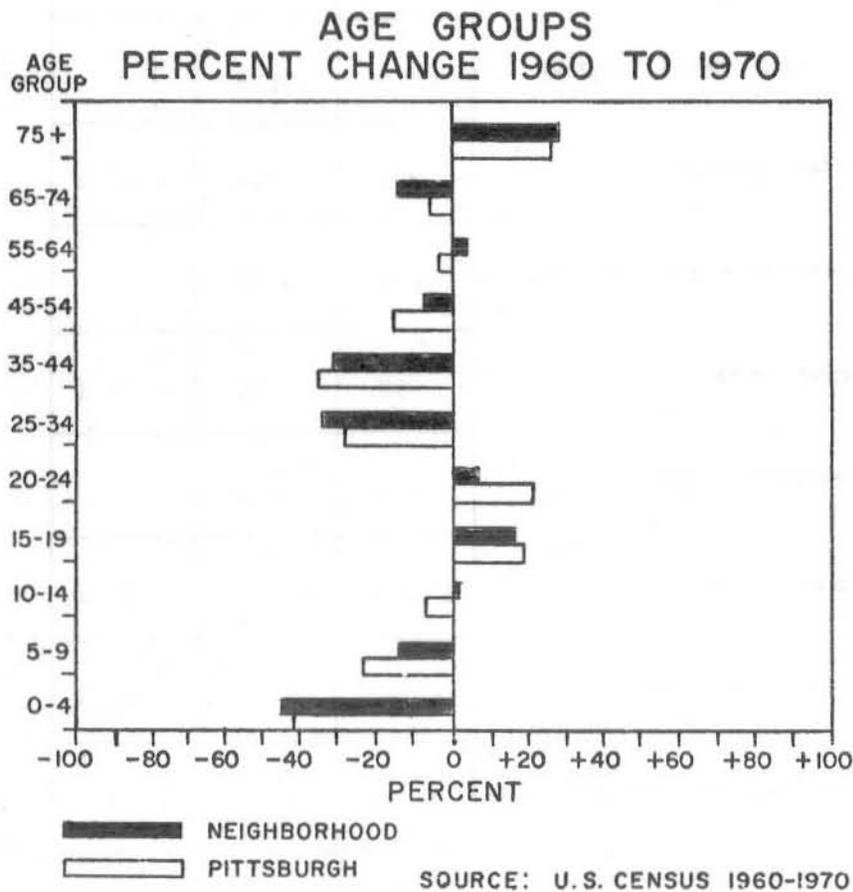
### AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

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 Upper Lawrenceville constituted .5% of its 1960 population, and .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**



POPULATION

\* Black population less than 2% in 1960 and 1970

**OCCUPANCY STATUS**

In 1960, total housing units numbered 2,010; in 1970, 1,909, representing a -5.0% change. A total of 61.8% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 68 units were vacant, as compared to 81 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 4.2% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 14.9% of the 1960, and 6.6% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

**MOBILITY**

For the neighborhood, 764 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 14% 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	2010	1909	- 5.0
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	1942	1828	- 5.9
OWNER OCCUPIED	1160	1180	+ 1.7
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	57.7	61.8	
RENTER OCCUPIED	782	648	- 17.1
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	38.9	33.9	
VACANT UNITS	68	81	+ 19.1
PERCENT VACANT	3.3	4.2	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 7140	\$ 9072	+ 27.1
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 59	\$ 73	+ 23.7
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	14.9	6.6	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

**BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972**

In 1972, there were 34 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$559,306 . 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 14.14 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	\$ 525,000
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	4	18,500
ALTERATIONS	27	15,806
TOTAL	34	\$ 559,306

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

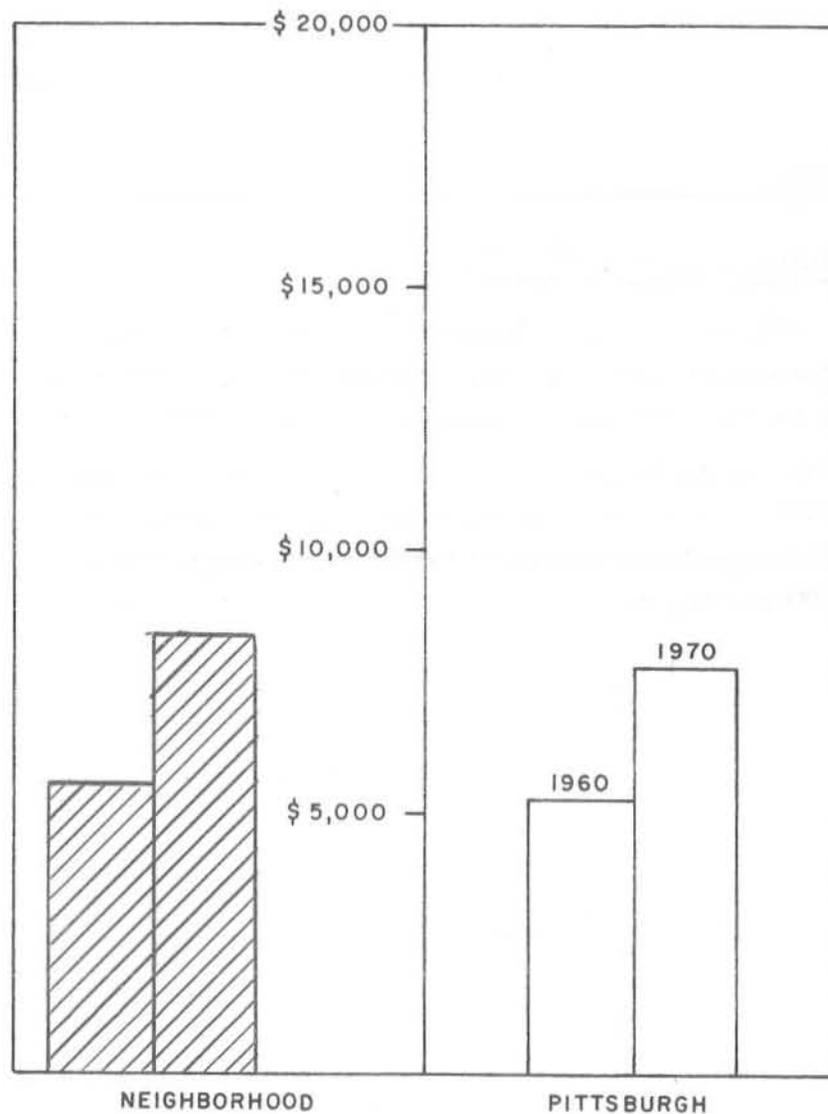
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a elementary education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

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

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	102	2.5	75	2.2
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	1910	47.5	1186	35.2
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	1017	25.3	925	27.5
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	851	21.2	1005	29.9
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	96	2.4	86	2.6
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	44	1.1	88	2.6
TOTAL	4020	100.0	3365	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

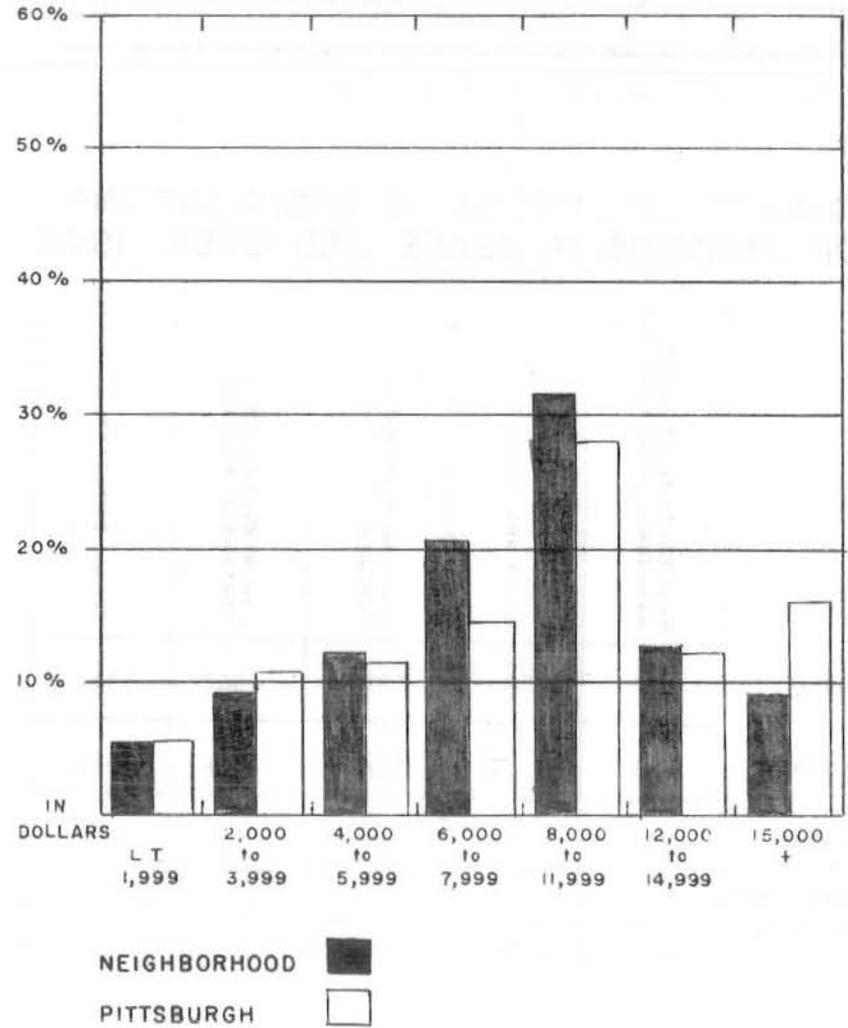


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

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

The median income for Upper Lawrenceville families was \$5,595 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$8,348, representing a ten year change of 49.2%. Citywide, the median family income rose from \$5,605 in 1960, to \$8,800 in 1970, a 57% change.

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



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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 and 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	136	208	601	369	1314
FEMALE	95	284	106	258	743
TOTAL	231	492	707	627	2057
PERCENT OF TOTAL	11.22	23.91	34.36	30.47	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	16	.27
BLIND	5	.08
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	318	5.53
GENERAL	46	.80
AID TO DISABLED	34	.59
TOTAL	419	7.27

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

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972**

Of the neighborhood's total population, 7% 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 1.80 ; for Pittsburgh, the rate was 4.71.

**ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES  
IN 1972**

CRIME	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	CRIME RATE
MURDER	0	.00
RAPE	1	.02
ROBBERY	3	.05
ASSAULT	26	.45
BURGLARY	45	.78
LARCENY	29	.50
TOTAL	104	1.80

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

Upper Lawrenceville

Public Facilities

No. 3 Police Station  
Engine Company No. 9

Recreation

Leslie Recreation Center & Pool  
Duncan Parklet  
Butler & McCandless Court  
Butler & 57th Playground  
Carnegie & McCandless Tot Lot

Public Schools

McCleary Elementary  
Arsenal Middle  
Schenley High  
Peabody High

Health

St. Francis Hospital  
St. Margaret's Hospital

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