
The Community Assets portion of this profile was compiled from numerous planning documents and reports.
Community Assets

- Location
  - Strategically located adjacent to economic centers in downtown Pittsburgh and Oakland; excellent views of the rivers.

- Parks and Recreation
  - 11 parklets or playgrounds.
  - Renovated Cliffside Park, now August Wilson Park.
  - 5 Ballfields.
  - 1 Outdoor Pool.
  - 1 City-owned recreation center (Ammon’s).
  - Thelma Lovette YMCA.
  - Jeron X Grayson Center.

- Historic Properties
  - August Wilson House.
  - Centre Avenue YMCA.
  - Fifth Avenue High School, converted to market-rate apartments.
  - John Wesley AME Zion Church.
  - Kaufmann Auditorium.
  - Madison Elementary School.
  - New Granada Theater.
  - Original Crawford Grill.
  - Paramount Pictures Film Exchange, converted to co-working space.

- Education
  - Pittsburgh Miller and Pittsburgh Weil (Pre K- 5).
  - Pittsburgh Milliones/University Prep (6-12).
  - St. Benedict the Moor (Pre K-8) School.
  - Carlow Campus School (Pre-K – 8).
  - Out-of-school time programs.
  - Keystone Star 4 early childhood programs at Hug Me Tight Child Care Centers and the John Heinz Child Development Center.
  - 24-hour early childhood program at the ABK Learning and Development Center.
• Faith-based community with social service, health, and community development missions.
  ⇒ Ebenezer Baptist Church.
  ⇒ Friendship Community Church (The Corner).
  ⇒ Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church (Schenley Heights Community Development Program).
  ⇒ Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment.
  ⇒ Neighborhood Resilience Project.
  ⇒ Wesley Center AME Church (Center that CARES and Jeron Grayson Center).

• Community Resources
  • Carnegie Library, Hill District Branch.
  • The Energy Innovation Center (EIC), a 6.6 acre complex, promoting energy-sector research and innovation, entrepreneurship, and workforce development. The complex includes a commercial food kitchen.

• Adjacent Institutions and Major Employers
  ⇒ Carlow University.
  ⇒ Duquesne University.
  ⇒ PPG Paints Arena.
  ⇒ University of Pittsburgh (Community Engagement Center).
  ⇒ UPMC (Oakland, Uptown, and Shadyside).
  ⇒ VA Pittsburgh Health System.

• Emerging Development
  ⇒ Bus Rapid Transit which will link Oakland, Uptown, and Downtown.
  ⇒ EcoInnovation District designation for Uptown.
  ⇒ Lower Hill Development of additional housing, office, and retail space. The community-negotiated agreement includes funding for additional development in the middle Hill District and Uptown, workforce development, business development, and MWBE contracting.
  ⇒ New Granada Square Development with additional affordable housing and commercial space.
Community Profile

Population

- A total of 18,302 people live in the 1.94 square mile report area according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey 2014-2018, five-year estimate.

  ➞  54% of the population identifies as Black or African American (9,832 persons).
  ➞  3% of the population is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (550 persons).
  ➞  5% of the population is foreign-born (904 persons); 69% of that group are without U.S. citizenship (627).
  ➞  An estimated 18% (3,298 persons) relocated to the area from outside of the county, state, or country.
  ➞  There are 778 children under the age of 5; 1,453 youth ages 5-17.
  ➞  2,230 adults are age 65 and older, representing 12% of the population.
  ➞  17% of the population for whom disability status has been determined (2,681 persons) report a disability.
  ➞  4% of the population age 18+ (705) are veterans.
Income and Poverty

- Average family income is $48,019 compared to an average family income of $105,961 in Allegheny County.
- 66% of individuals and 75% of children are living in households with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- 88% of children were eligible for free/reduced price lunch.
- 41% of households receive SNAP benefits.
- 13% of the population experienced food insecurity at some point in 2017, consistent with the overall food insecurity rate in Allegheny County.

Housing

- 74% of the housing units are renter-occupied, more than twice the percentage in Allegheny County; homeownership is often an indicator of the economic health of a community.
- 26% of housing units are owner-occupied compared to 65% of housing units in Allegheny County.
- 47% of households spend more than 30% of their household income on housing costs. The 30% benchmark is a measure of housing affordability.
- 47% of owner and renter-occupied housing units have at least one or more substandard conditions defined as lacking complete plumbing facilities; lacking complete kitchen facilities; with one or more occupants per room; owner or rental costs are greater than 30% of household income. The comparable rate is 26% in Allegheny County.
Health and Healthcare

- 32% of the insured population were enrolled in Medicaid, compared to 17% in Allegheny County and 22% in the United States.

- 6% of adults age 18-64 reported a lack of medical insurance. This percentage is the same rate as Allegheny County and better than the United States overall (12%). 6% of the total civilian non-institutionalized population are without insurance coverage. This percentage is higher than Allegheny County (4%), but better than the United States (9%).

- 3% of residents under the age of 19 are without medical insurance. This percentage is the same rate as Allegheny County, and better than the United States overall (5%).

- Life expectancy at birth is 70 years, compared to 78 years for Allegheny County.

- Soda expenditures were 4% of total food at-home expenditures in 2014, consistent with 4% for the United States.

- Tobacco expenditures were 2% of total household expenditures, similar to that reported in Pennsylvania and the United States.

- 11% of total food-at-home expenditures are used for fruits and vegetables. This percentage is slightly lower than Pennsylvania and the United States (13%).

Education

- 15% of persons aged 25 and older are without a high school diploma or equivalency, compared to 6% in Allegheny County and 12% in the United States.

- 20% of the population aged 25 and older have obtained a Bachelor’s level degree or higher, compared to 41% in Allegheny County and 32% in the United States.

- There were five Head Start programs in the report area in 2019, exceeding the program rate for Allegheny County and the United States.

- 36% of children, age 3-4, were enrolled in pre-school, compared to 55% in Allegheny County and 48% in the United States.

- 45% of children in grade 4 tested “proficient or better” for the English Language Arts portion of the state standardized test in 2017-18; 55% tested “below the proficient level”.

- 62% of children were chronically absent, defined as missing 15 or more school days during the 2015-16 school year.
Other Neighborhood Indicators

- 100% of the neighborhoods have high-speed internet available.
- 24% of the population use public transportation as their primary means of commuting to work. Comparatively, 9% of the population in Allegheny County and 5% of the population in the United States use public transportation for commuting to work.
- 48% of households report no motor vehicle, compared to 13% in Allegheny County and 9% in the United States.