Living in Pittsburgh

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Welcome to Pittsburgh!

- Founded 1758
- Approx. 300,000 Residents
- Former Steel Capital of the World
- Now, Meds & Eds Based Economy
- Host of 2009 G-20 Summit
Pittsburgh Facts!

Many are surprised to learn that ¾ of PA sits within Appalachia.

And that Pittsburgh is the most populous (and the northernmost) city in the interstate region known as Appalachia.
Known as the *City of Bridges*

Pittsburgh has more bridges than any city in the world!
Pittsburgh is also the *City of Stairs!* Pittsburgh has more public staircases than any other hilly city in the U.S.!
Where do Grad Students Live?

Lawrenceville/Bloomfield

Oakland

South Side

Greenfield

Squirrel Hill

Shadyside
Let’s Talk Services...

• Cable/Internet
  – Comcast (www.comcast.com)
  – Verizon (www.verizon.com)

• Cell
  – AT&T
  – Sprint
  – T-Mobile
  – Verizon

• Trash
  – City of Pittsburgh (412-255-2773)

• Recycling
  – City of Pittsburgh (Google Pittsburgh Recycling)
Transportation

• Bus (Port Authority)
  – www.portauthority.org
  – Google Transit (Caution)
• Biking
  – www.bikepgh.com
• Car
  – Zipcar www.zipcar.com/carnegiemellon
  – Uber www.uber.com/cities/pittsburgh
  – Lyft https://www.lyft.com/rider/cities/pittsburgh-pa
• Plane
  – www.flypittsburgh.com
• Train/Bus
  – www.amtrak.com
  – www.greyhound.com
  – www.megabus.com
Types of Stores - Food

• Grocery Stores
  – Giant Eagle (Everywhere)
  – Aldi’s
  – Whole Foods
  – Trader Joes
  – Bombay Food Market (Centre Ave.)
  – Young’s Oriental Grocery (Forward Ave.)
  – Panda Supermarket (Forbes Ave.)
  – Salem Halal Meats & Groceries (S. Bouquet St.)
Types of Stores - Food

• Grocery Stores (continued)
  – Kohli’s Indian Imports (S. Craig St.)
  – R Market (Halal) (S. Highland Ave.)
  – Saltan Bey (Halal) Centre Ave.)
  – Murray Avenue Kosher (Murray Ave.)
  – East End Co-op

• Specialty Stores
  – Pennsylvania Macaroni (Strip District)
  – Wholey’s (Strict District)
Types of Stores - General

• General Needs/Clothing Stores
  – Kohl’s (Robinson)
  – Marshall’s (Waterfront)
  – TJ Maxx (Waterfront)
  – Ross Dress for Less (Waterfront & Robinson)
  – Target (Waterfront)
  – Wal-Mart (Robinson)

• Second Hand Stores
  – Thrift Stores
  – Goodwill (South Side)
Types of Stores - Furniture

- Furniture Stores
  - IKEA (Robinson)
- General Needs Stores
  - Target (Waterfront, East Liberty)
  - Wal-Mart (Robinson)
- Second Hand
  - Goodwill (South Side)
  - Habitat for Humanity RE-Store (Swissvale)
  - Construction Junction (Point Breeze)
  - For sale @ CMU facebook page
  - Craigslist
Types of Stores – Warehouse & Outlet

• Warehouse
  – Sam’s Club (Monroeville)
  – Costco (Waterfront and Robinson)
    • Membership can be “shared”
    • Make sure that you have room to store stuff!

• Outlet
  – Grove City
  – Tanger
Types of Stores – Everyday/Other

• Drug Stores/Pharmacy
  – CVS
  – Rite Aid
  – Walgreens

• Discount Stores
  – Family Dollar
  – Dollar Tree
  – Everything’s $1
Shopping Logistics

• Sales Tax
  – 7% in Allegheny County
  – 6% in most of Pennsylvania
  – In addition to sale price
  – No sales tax on Food and Clothes (PA)

• Tipping
Where to Shop in Pittsburgh?

• Shadyside (Walnut St.): Upscale shopping
• Squirrel Hill (Murray Ave): Small Stores Mixed with Chains
• Oakland (Forbes): University Shops
• Station Square: Historical & Tourist Stuff
• Strip District (Penn Ave): Wholesalers and Specialty Merchants
• South Side (Carson St.): Small Boutiques and South Side Works
• Bakery Square (East Liberty)
Driving in Pittsburgh?

- Pittsburgh Left
- Driving Directions/Navigation Instructions
- Parking Chair
What To Do?

• Culture
• Sports
• Entertainment
• GSA Events
• Eating
• Parks & Rec
• Day Trips
Culture

• Pittsburgh Cultural Trust (pgharts.org)
  – Theatre
  – Opera
  – Symphony
  – Gallery Crawl

• CMU and Pitt
  – Musical Concerts
  – Musicals
  – Dramas
  – Art Exhibitions
Sports

- Steelers
- Penguins
  - Pens Rush Tickets
- Pirates
  - Skyblast Concerts
- Pitt Basketball
- Pitt Football
- CMU Football
Entertainment

• Movies

• Concerts
  – CMU/Pitt/Duquesne
  – PPG Paints Arena

• Clubs
  – South Side
  – Station Square
  – Strip District
  – Lawrenceville
GSA Events

• Outdoor Events
  – Ski Trip
  – Sporting Events
  – Movie Premiers
  – CMU & Pittsburgh
    • Performances

• Cultural Events
  – Arts Pass
  – PSO CMU Evening

• Wine Tasting
• Beer Tasting
Eating

• Primanti’s
• The O
• Strip District Restaurants
  – Lidia’s Italy
  – Enrico’s Biscotti Company
• Penn Brewery
• Church Brew Works
• Hofbrauhaus
Parks & Rec

• Kayaking Downtown
• Hiking
  – Venture Outdoors
• Schenley Park
• Frick Park
  – Hiking
  – Mountain Biking
Day Trips

• Falling Water
• Laurel Caverns - Spelunking
• Ohio Pyle - Whitewater Rafting
• Appalachian Trail/Laural Highlands
• Punxsutawney (Groundhog Day)
• Lake Erie
Questions?

Enjoy Pittsburgh!
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