

PITTSBURGH

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Pittsburgh's renewal and rebirth can be traced directly to its storied past. Since our humble beginnings as a trading post and later as the "STEEL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD," a diverse mix of people came here to live, work, learn and thrive.



This year, Pittsburgh celebrates its 200th anniversary of being incorporated as a city on March 18, 1816.

There are plenty of opportunities to dig into the city's amazing past, while exploring the cultural heritage that remains a legacy to the region.

In case you may be visiting over a long weekend, thank George Westinghouse, the Pittsburgh inventor who, in 1886, introduced the onset of the modern-day weekend. During a time when workers only had Sundays off, Westinghouse was the first captain of industry to give his employees a paid half-day off on Saturday.

While the weekend fortunately grew longer still, some things never changed.

The following excerpt rings true today as it did 150+ years ago when published in the 1859 *Stranger's Guide* to the city: "No stranger should visit Pittsburgh without taking a view of the City from Mt. Washington, both in daytime and at night. The night scene is especially inspiring and is one to be long remembered." The view from atop

Mt. Washington continues to this day to be named among the most beautiful views in America.

That view from Mt. Washington looks directly down upon what another George—George Washington—dubbed the "Forks of the Ohio." Washington wrote in his 1753 journal: "I spent some time in viewing the rivers and the land on the fork, which I think it extremely well situated for a Fort, as it has the absolute command of both rivers."

It's not surprising that this ideally situated piece of land went on to become two military outposts. First, as the site for the French Fort Duquesne; and, following its defeat, as the site of Fort Pitt, under British Colonial control. The city subsequently is named "Pittsburgh" in honor of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, the British Prime Minister (who sadly never even visited)! Pittsburgh's city seal is derived from the Pitt family's coat of arms.

And the site where Fort Pitt once stood was followed by heavy industrial use as Pittsburgh went on to become the iron

and steel center of the world. Today on that key site is one of Pittsburgh's most recognizable landmarks, The Fountain at Point State Park.

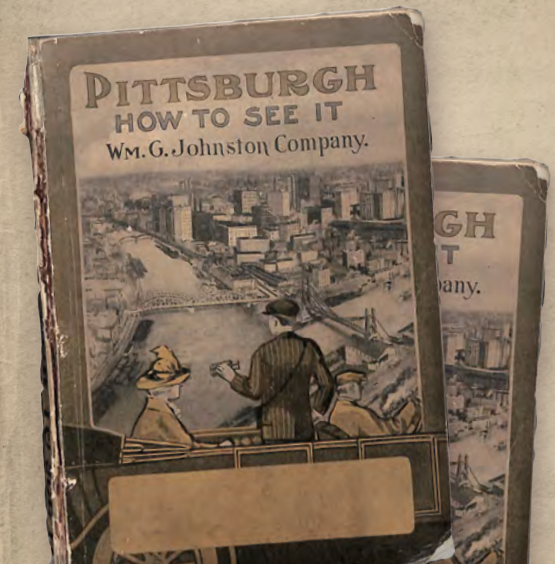
Opened in 1974 and refurbished in 2013, the three rivers fountain draws from an aquifer that passes beneath the park. The column of water—which can raise to 150 feet—is a symbol of Pittsburgh's pride.

As you explore the city, you'll undoubtedly be traversing several of Pittsburgh's 446 bridges. Yes, this is the City of Bridges! Among the most famous are the three "sister bridges," straddling Downtown Pittsburgh and the North Shore, now named for iconic Pittsburghers (native and adopted): Rachel Carson, Andy Warhol and Roberto Clemente.

It's fitting that Pittsburgh, birthplace of renowned environmentalist Rachel Carson, is now a national leader in the environmental movement and a green model for cities all over the globe.

A GUIDE THROUGH HISTORY

For as long as tourism's been around, there have been visitors guides to help people get from here to there. Just like the 100-year-old *How to See It* guide pointing out the highlights of Pittsburgh. Note the cover illustration of sightseeing from the old Model T high atop the city skyline.



BY THE NUMBERS: PITTSBURGH TODAY

1,224,255
ALLEGHENY COUNTY RESIDENTS



500 BICYCLE RENTALS
AVAILABLE THROUGH
PITTSBURGH BIKE SHARE

305,704

CITY OF
PITTSBURGH
RESIDENTS



300+
DOWNTOWN
RESTAURANTS

2,781 ACRES
OF CITY PARKS

712 OF OUTDOOR PEDESTRIAN STAIRS
SETS (THAT'S 44,645 TREADS!)



THIRTY-ONE
SKYSCRAPERS

THREE
INCREDIBLE RIVERS



7 PROFESSIONAL
SPORTS TEAMS
(MLB, NFL, NHL, USL, IWFL, WFA, AFL)



90 NEIGHBORHOODS

12,000 RESIDENTS LIVING DOWNTOWN

TWENTY-THOUSAND
GALLONS OF WATER A MINUTE
GUSHING THROUGH THE FOUNTAIN
AT POINT STATE PARK

24 MI.
OF RIVERFRONT
TRAILS



446 BRIDGES
(MORE THAN ANY CITY, ANYWHERE)

= 1 AMAZING CITY!

A VISITOR'S VIEW OF PITTSBURGH HISTORY



Pittsburgh is incorporated as a city and Ebenezer Denny is chosen by City Council as the first mayor.

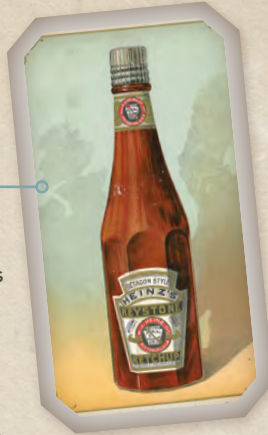
1816

The Monongahela House becomes Pittsburgh's first major hotel

1840

H.J. Heinz Company is founded

1869



Within five years Pittsburgh Plate Glass (PPG) becomes the first commercially successful plate glass manufacturer in the United States, Westinghouse Electric is established, and the first company dedicated to aluminum production is organized, later named ALCOA

1883-88



The Carnegie Museum of Art is founded

1895



The Nickelodeon becomes the first theater devoted exclusively to motion pictures in U.S.

1905

1816

1826

Popular music composer Stephen Foster is born on the Fourth of July in Lawrenceville



Impressionist artist Mary Cassatt is born in Allegheny City (North Side)

1844

At 19, George Westinghouse receives his first patent, a rotary steam engine

1865

The Monongahela Incline begins operation

1870



Author Gertrude Stein is born in Allegheny City (North Side)

1874



The inaugural ride on the Duquesne Incline takes place

1877

Pittsburgher George Ferris builds the first Ferris Wheel

1893

Phipps Conservatory begins to bloom

1893

Kennywood Amusement Park is set in motion

1898

Pittsburgh's Highland Park Zoo opens

1898

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's first concert is held at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland

1896

The first Carnegie Free Library commissioned in the United States signs out its first books in Allegheny

1890



Photographer and chronicler of African American life in Pittsburgh, Charles "Teenie" Harris is born

1908



Photographs from the Teenie Harris Collection

POPULATION:

COUNTY 34,927
CITY 7,248

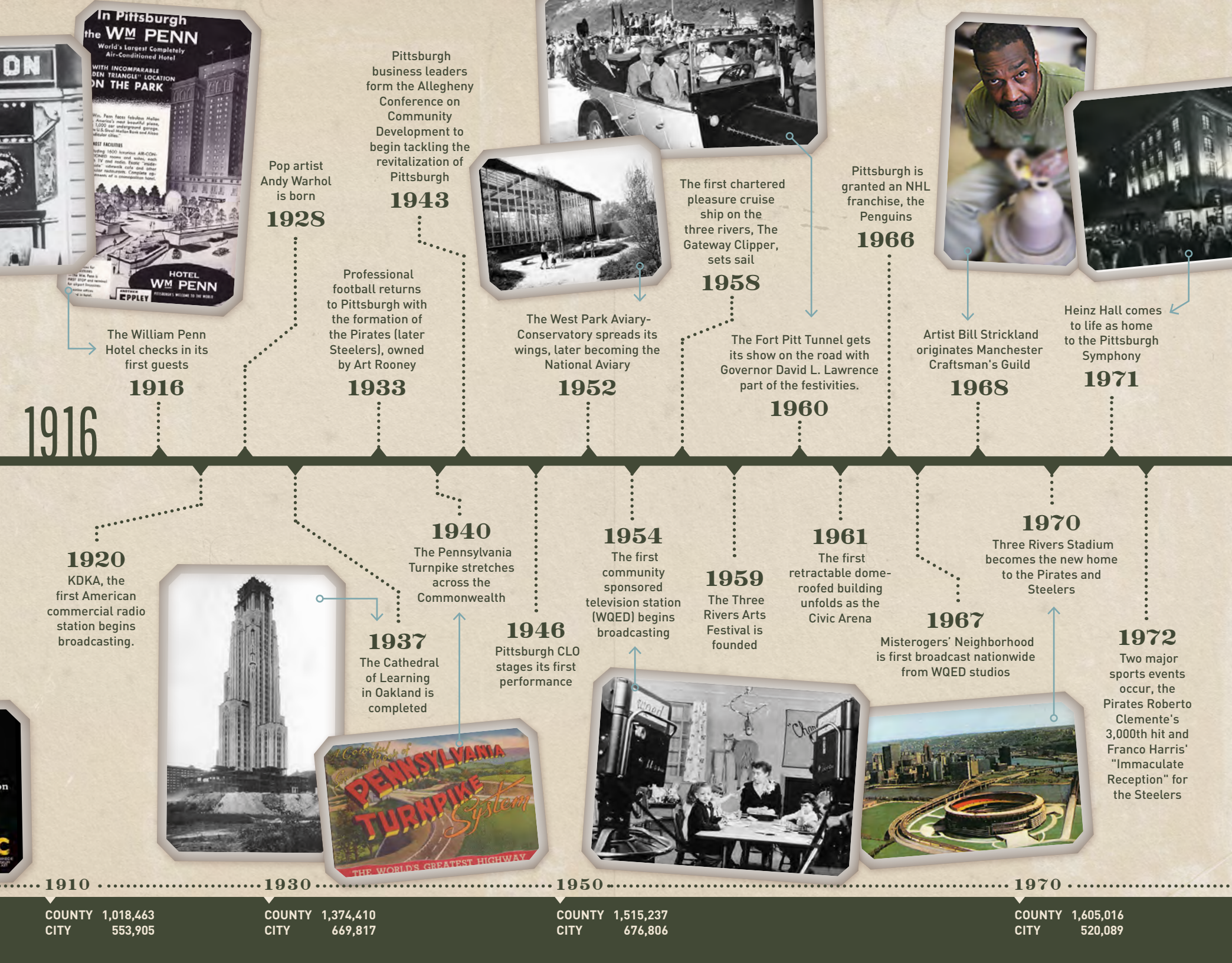
COUNTY 262,204
CITY 86,076

COUNTY 551,959
CITY 238,617

1820

1870

1890



1916



The William Penn Hotel checks in its first guests
1916

Pop artist Andy Warhol is born
1928

Professional football returns to Pittsburgh with the formation of the Pirates (later Steelers), owned by Art Rooney
1933

Pittsburgh business leaders form the Allegheny Conference on Community Development to begin tackling the revitalization of Pittsburgh
1943



The West Park Aviary-Conservatory spreads its wings, later becoming the National Aviary
1952

The first chartered pleasure cruise ship on the three rivers, The Gateway Clipper, sets sail
1958

The Fort Pitt Tunnel gets its show on the road with Governor David L. Lawrence part of the festivities.
1960

Pittsburgh is granted an NHL franchise, the Penguins
1966

Artist Bill Strickland originates Manchester Craftsman's Guild
1968

Heinz Hall comes to life as home to the Pittsburgh Symphony
1971

1920
KDKA, the first American commercial radio station begins broadcasting.



1937
The Cathedral of Learning in Oakland is completed

1940
The Pennsylvania Turnpike stretches across the Commonwealth



1946
Pittsburgh CLO stages its first performance

1954
The first community sponsored television station (WQED) begins broadcasting



1959
The Three Rivers Arts Festival is founded

1961
The first retractable dome-roofed building unfolds as the Civic Arena



1967
Misterogers' Neighborhood is first broadcast nationwide from WQED studios

1970
Three Rivers Stadium becomes the new home to the Pirates and Steelers

1972
Two major sports events occur, the Pirates Roberto Clemente's 3,000th hit and Franco Harris' "Immaculate Reception" for the Steelers

COUNTY 1,018,463
CITY 553,905

COUNTY 1,374,410
CITY 669,817

COUNTY 1,515,237
CITY 676,806

COUNTY 1,605,016
CITY 520,089



Roberto Clemente is killed in a plane accident, delivering humanitarian aid to Nicaragua
DEC. 31, 1972



1974
The iconic Fountain at the Point is turned on for the first time

City Theatre on the South Side and Pittsburgh Public Theater on the North Side both begin staging theater productions

1975

1977
Both the Mattress Factory Museum of Contemporary Art and the Three Rivers Regatta begin operations



Rand McNally names Pittsburgh America's Most Livable City

1985

The original David L. Lawrence Convention Center holds its first tradeshow

1981

1983
The Pittsburgh Children's Museum becomes a reality



Within six years, the Frick Art & Historical Center (1990), Carnegie Science Center (1991), The Andy Warhol Museum (1994) and Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center (1996) begin welcoming visitors

1990-96

1987
A renovated Stanley Theater becomes the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts

1999
The Pittsburgh Public Theater company moves into its new home, the O'Reilly Theater and opens with a world premier by Pittsburgh playwright August Wilson

Three Rivers Stadium is torn down and replaced with Heinz Field for football and PNC Park for baseball.

2001

2003
The David L. Lawrence Convention Center is demolished and rebuilt as a "green" building achieving Gold LEED status



CONSOL Energy Center opens, replacing the Civic Arena as the multi-use facility in uptown

2010

2009
Pittsburgh hosts world leaders at the G-20 Pittsburgh Summit



Pittsburgh celebrates the 200th anniversary of its incorporation as a city

2016

2016

2013
The Fountain at the Point is relaunched; a few months later an estimated one million people show up to see a gigantic rubber duck next to its shoreline

1990
COUNTY 1,336,449
CITY 369,870

2010
COUNTY 1,224,000
CITY 305,704