



Why Do You Plan to Leave Penn Hills?

If you don't plan on staying in the area for the foreseeable future, why not	Reason Category
Commuting to work	Accessible
Convient	Accessible
Interested in living closer to church in Wilkinsburg	Accessible
Want to move somewhere with better connection to the city, more transit options. Also somewhere with a smaller yard to maintain. We will be staying for another 2-3 years but do eventually plan to move. Somewhere with a more walkable environment.	Accessible
Affordability	Affordable housing
Can't afford our home anymore	Affordable housing
Financially not able to	Affordable housing
House eating up my money	Affordable housing
may not be able to afford a	Affordable housing
struggling to pay mortgage	Affordable housing
We had to buy a home last year, and to be honest, we should have kept renting. While our neighborhood is nice, itâ€™s not walkable due to distance and lack of sidewalks. We donâ€™t seek anything here, we always go outside of PH for anything we need.	Affordable housing
Change of canvas. Overall change of location	Change
Income and want to see the world	Change
Need a change, climate, taxes, sewage costs	Change
Time for a change	Change
Want a change of scenery	Change
Want to live in a liberal small town near river and bike trail	Change
Larger home to start a family	Children
Prefer city living	City living preferred
Downsize	Downsizing
Downsizing. Want to reside in a vibrant, area that has less crime, litter and has a strong school district.	Downsizing
Home is too big for me	Downsizing

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I have too much space	Downsizing
I would like to move to a townhouse for less maintenance	Downsizing
If I'm alone while I'm in my 90s. I will move back in with my daughter in West Newton	Downsizing
If we leave it will be for a smaller more accessible home.	Downsizing
Like the proximity to stores, routes, etc. but not always comfortable in the neighborhood. Plus want a one level living situation.	Downsizing
Looking to downsize for retirement.	Downsizing
Lost wife and needed a smaller place	Downsizing
Love to a smaller house with more land.	Downsizing
May switch to one-level home	Downsizing
Need home with less upkeep and probably need to rent.	Downsizing
need smaller house as get older, want lower taxes	Downsizing
Too much yard and need one level living. Although I feel I can live here less expensive because I do not have debt.	Downsizing
We are looking at an apartment in Oakmont	Downsizing
would eventually like to find a one story home with less yard work	Downsizing
Depends on economic issues in the area	Economy
Not a clean area. Litter problem. Going up Rodi Road not very attractive	Environment
Pollution, low educational levels	Environment
Too much roadside trash	Environment
Be closer to grandkids	Family
Children are out of state	Family
Family and friends have moved South or don't live near to visit	Family
Family in another state	Family
Family is somewhere else	Family
I want to live near one of my sisters. I am retired and childless.	Family
I want to move closer to my family	Family
If children move out of area	Family
Kids may move	Family
Live closer to family	Family
Move closer to remaining family	Family
Moving to be closer to my children.	Family

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Moving to Ohio to be closer to children	Family
My hope is to stay here; my impending divorce may prohibit that	Family
No family or friends	Family
our children live in other states	Family
Want to be closer to kids; One kid on East Coast; one on West Coast.	Family
I have a trouble with Penn Hills Penn Hills putting these special home in neighborhoods. Those people don't care about Penn hills or obeying the laws. Shame on Penn hills for allowing this.	Group homes
Neighbor has deteriorated and I don't like living next to group home	Group homes
Too much gun violence	Gun violence
	Health
Depends on health	Health
health reasons	Health
Recent accident-fell down a pair of stairs	Health
The fact that Penn Hills properties are becoming so run down is very concerning. And there is no code enforcement apparently.	Housing quality
I plan to get a job in another state.	Job
Job relocation	Job
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Might move for work	Job
Work commute	Job
Would consider moving to somewhere closer to work	Job
I want a ranch with land	Larger property
If we left, it would be to acquire a larger plot of land and/or maybe the school district?	Larger property
Looking for more space and lower taxes	Larger property
Want a bigger yard	Larger property
want more land	Larger property
Want more land and a larger house.	Larger property
cant afford the taxes and the rising costs of all the things associated with the local govt, the school district and the sewage fines that will we pay and will never go away.	Local government
our municipality needs a revamp. Politicians suck. Misuse of taxes, etc	Local government

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The community has slowly gone down hill right in front of my eyes. We have no real support from our officials. We go through the right channels to have our voices heard and still nothing. We have the highest taxes in Pennsylvania. Honestly I can go live s	Local government
There is so much corruption in the Penn Hills government and school district. Our water and sewer bills are outrageous. We are being punished for sewage dumping from years ago that has long been paid off. Penn Hills just seems old and dirty.	Local government
Anticipate moving to another state	Moving out of state
Climate/weather	Moving out of state
Cold weather	Moving out of state
Eventually will move farther south and to a community with a better economy	Moving out of state
Hope to live in a different State	Moving out of state
I'd like to move out of the country eventually.	Moving out of state
If we can move to Europe, we will, though this is largely for national reasons -- not local	Moving out of state
Move out of state	Moving out of state
Need more space and warmer temps	Moving out of state
Retiring moving to Florida	Moving out of state
Want to move south	Moving out of state
Warmer climate	Moving out of state
We want a warmer flatter area	Moving out of state
Would love to be near the ocean.	Moving out of state
	Need home repairs
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Can not continue to maintain an older home and pay taxes especially school taxes at this age.	Need home repairs
Cause of bamboo growing in from hillside	Need home repairs
Cost of maintaining my home becomes beyond my reach	Need home repairs
Deer and rodents and apartment hasn't been updated during period of living there.	Need home repairs
Home is not handicap accessible. Bathrooms and bedrooms upstairs.	Need home repairs
House needs a lot of work, & even if I do all that, there's still the issue of steep stairs, a trashy neighborhood, and lack of walkable areas & good parks for me and my dog (why do all Penn Hills parks close for the winter???)	Need home repairs
I can't maintain this house	Need home repairs
If I made more money I would move out of penn hills to the city of Pittsburgh	Need home repairs

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Stress from neighbor playing loud music; house/property expenses & upkeep becoming too much for me; may need to move to senior/subsidized housing	Need home repairs
They need to fix things in my building	Need home repairs
two story house with no bathroom on the first floor, cost may not be worth adding one	Need home repairs
want to move but cannot afford it	Need home repairs
Work is far for husband, house is a heavy fixer upper and some neighbors are not respectful. (2 shootings on the street at beginning of the year)	Need home repairs
Would look for one story home	Need home repairs
I plan on moving to Independent living facility	Need independent living facility
A good bit of the houses in my area are rentals now. They do not keep up the properties.	Neighborhood quality of life
again, deterioration of my neighborhood	Neighborhood quality of life
An abandon vehicle, for over a year across the road even the Police tagged the vehicle. People moved out, but vehicle has been left behind! People moving into her area NOT taking care of their property. Noticing people are getting careless taking an int	Neighborhood quality of life
Area is changing and not for the best	Neighborhood quality of life
community is deteriorating & no new businesses (shopping center vacant)	Neighborhood quality of life
Debate moving somewhere that has more of a community feel.	Neighborhood quality of life
Decline of community, schools	Neighborhood quality of life
Declining neighborhood	Neighborhood quality of life
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Derelict properties, absent landlords, many, many rental homes without responsible landlords. No pride in property.	Neighborhood quality of life
Going down hill in apparence	Neighborhood quality of life
Houses in community getting run down. High school taxes.	Neighborhood quality of life
I feel that Penn Hills is going downhill. People are not taking care of their houses, more and more rental properties and less homeowners, low income housing moving in. Some streets have overgrown plants and shrubbery. Trash on the sides of the road.	Neighborhood quality of life
I live in Shannon Heights with my husband. We work very hard to keep our home and property looking beautiful. I would say without a doubt we have one of the nicest homes in Shannon Heights. Unfortunately as previously stated our streets in Shannon Height	Neighborhood quality of life
I might stay until my parents leave or pass away. I take care of them and they live in Penn Hills. I might leave before that, however, because I really don't like it here.	Neighborhood quality of life

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In my opinion, especially Anthon Drive seems to be type. Of area serving section 8 families who have no vested interest in their properties or "homes". Therefore, the expectations are low and risks high.	Neighborhood quality of life
It's not the same Penn Hills (It got hoodie real fast)	Neighborhood quality of life
Litter, noise, high sewer bills	Neighborhood quality of life
My husband and I grew up in Penn Hills. We live in the house next door to my mom (my dad passed on 4/22/23). They community has really changed. There are so many houses falling apart, there is trash everywhere. People use my street as a cut through, t	Neighborhood quality of life
My neighborhood sucks, Penn hills is filled with landlords who do not check their tenants and leave their properties a mess. Taxes are terrible. People do not ua their driveways, park right in front of no parking signs nothing is enforced around here to t	Neighborhood quality of life
neighborhood decline	Neighborhood quality of life
Neighbors smoking weed, passing traffic trashing our street and police not doing anything about it.	Neighborhood quality of life
Not happy with how this community has deteriorated and continues to deteriorate	Neighborhood quality of life
Outdoor noise, outdoor fires, air pollution	Neighborhood quality of life
Overall decline in the area, including growing crime and drugs.	Neighborhood quality of life
pennhills is getting worse by the day	Neighborhood quality of life
Quality of my neighborhood. Properties not being maintained. And also St.Vincent DePaul installed a HUGE Trash Compactor in the back of Ritzland Shopping Center. I live in the cul de sac right below the Ritzland Shopping Center and right below that HUGE T	Neighborhood quality of life
Street is in a downward spiral.	Neighborhood quality of life
Suburban atmoshere	Neighborhood quality of life
Terrible neighbors and busy street with cars driving way too fast	Neighborhood quality of life
The area is starting to look run down.	Neighborhood quality of life
The change in the neighborhood.	Neighborhood quality of life
Will consider moving if neighborhood deteriorates, too much blight.	Neighborhood quality of life
Would love to live in a more vibrant thriving community that cares about its citizens' needs.	Neighborhood quality of life
Kids on my street are very disrespectful	Neighbors
My neighborhood smells like dope every day and every dog in the neighborhood barks for hours at a time.	Neighbors
Noisey neighbors	Neighbors
The neighbors are changing and don't care about their homes	Neighbors

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Too many underables	Neighbors
would like a smaller community, with smaller group activities among neighbors	Neighbors
Have bad memories, don't like political situation, would like to see other parts of the country,	Politics
Politicians do not provide solutions. Just promises they never keep. Outrageous taxes especially water and sewage, residents who do not maintain their property, litter on the roads, undesirable residents moving in who provide too much crime and building a	Politics
The politics	Politics
Thinking about moving out of state	Relocating
Bored of seeing it and same people. Not enough good businesses	Retail lacking
Easier access to shopping, entertainment, walkable neighborhood, too noisy and too much traffic, including living near a dangerous intersection	Retail lacking
I don't see the municipality space being used wisely. Not enough businesses coming to the area and I almost always have to leave the area to ship and get entertainment. Not walk friendly due to sidewalk conditions. Bad school district. Increasing violence	Retail lacking
lack of business opportunities in the cannabis space	Retail lacking
move back into the city where there are more business for fun/food	Retail lacking
No coffee shops, few good restaurants, few sidewalks, riverfront is inaccessible, riding a bike is dangerous (no bike infrastructure at all!), no trails. Lots of beautiful nature, but it's mostly unusable or unused. I have to leave Penn Hills to do anythi	Retail lacking
Penn Hills is not what it use to be. There is not much to do in penn hills anymore. We only have 2 restaurants but numerous dollar stores and auto parts. No more farmers markets or community events. Sewage bills are way too high.	Retail lacking
We are here for now. However lack of attracting new businesses to PH while Wilkins, Plum & Monroeville don't seem to have a problem doing that. The local roads are a disgrace, people not keeping their property up. A house at the corner of Universal and Gr	Retail lacking
After retiring moving south closer to family	Retiring
Age	Retiring
Age. Expect to move to a reirement home.	Retiring
Aging	Retiring
Not sure about it after retirement	Retiring
Retired, caring for mom.	Retiring
Retirement, travel, see where I land.	Retiring
	Safety

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CRIME, Taxes, Sewage Bills, Litter, Neighbors who trash the neighborhood and no care from anyone.	Safety
AREA NOT AS SAFE AS WAS GROWING UP & TOWNSHIP NOT REALLY DOING ANYTHING TO RESOLVE	Safety
Concerned about crime.	Safety
Crazy drivers everywhere	Safety
Crime	Safety
Crime & politicians who are corrupted	Safety
Crime here	Safety
Crime rate and the care of other peoples property	Safety
Crime rate is increasing, no longer feel safe in my own home	Safety
Crime shootings	Safety
Crime, bad neighbors	Safety
Crime, safety issues	Safety
Getting worried that Penn Hills is because more & more unsafe.	Safety
If crime increases, and the town shopping center does not improve, we will consider relocating.	Safety
If the neighborhood becomes unsafe, I will move.	Safety
Increase crime	Safety
Lack of public safety services, WPJWA lead in our lines, high water and sewer bills, no infrastructure and public safety issues	Safety
Lack of resources for my small children, family safety, POOR SCHOOL SYSTEM, HIGH TAXES, HIGH WATER/SEWAGE BILL	Safety
Safety	Safety
Safety, taxes, high water bill	Safety
See previous answer about safety, taxes, water and sewage and not trusting our governmental authorities	Safety
The area is getting bad for crime. ! month ago we had an attempted robbery to my next door neighbor.	Safety
The crime	Safety
The crime and lack of police/government action is allowing our neighborhoods to become unlivable. I've been run off of the road, pushed aside in stores, and the speeding on my street makes it unsafe. New residents are not taking care of their property. M	Safety
The township has experienced higher rate of crime, few restaurants or social outlets (lots of auto part stores, medical centers, etc) for families	Safety

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Tired of listening to gunshots on a warm summer evening	Safety
Violence, guns, people not taken care of their yards	Safety
worry about the municipality and its safety, and aging with a two-story house	Safety
Worsening clientele, increased violent crime	Safety
Bad school rating and safety, crime rate, rising taxes, dying area/things leaving. Very long list of things.	School system
Better school district	School system
I want to move to a better school district and a community with lower taxes	School system
I'd like to, but the schools leave a bit to be desired and there is no community/recreation center.	School system
If I left it would be because of the school district and property taxes.	School system
If there is any problems within the school system for my kids then I may just leave... but I think we are going to be good.	School system
Once again, education. Failing school district. I believe making the elementary school into 1 big building was absolutely a terrible decision. It made the school worse off. We were better off with small individual schools throughout the neighborhood. Henc	School system
Poor schools	School system
School administration is abysmal, cannot get involved in community no matter how hard we try, excluded, lack of infrastructure (sidewalks etc)	School system
School district	School system
School district is wanting. The neighborhoods are not walkable. Any meeting spaces (cafes, libraries, gyms, etc) are only practically accessible by car.	School system
School district underperforming and taxes	School system
School district, taxes, water and energy costs	School system
School system and Need a larger home	School system
Schools are not good. Taxes are high.	School system
Schools are not great, lack of walkable areas, lack of restaurants/coffee shops, having to go to Pittsburgh or Monroeville for everything	School system
Searching for a better school dostrict, looking to move to Riverview School district	School system
We want to be in a community with less crime and better education. Our schools are FAILING and money is not spent in the best way possible.	School system
1) High, OUTRAGEOUS property taxes 2) Community violence	Taxes
Cost taxes, safety,	Taxes
Expensive taxes	Taxes

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High school taxes, Trash rules not enforced! No Raccoon services .	Taxes
High taxes, crime, no credible leadership	Taxes
High taxes, horrible school district, want to live on more land	Taxes
High taxes, sewage and water I ridiculously high	Taxes
High taxes, water/sewer	Taxes
If the municipality continues to not prioritize lowering taxes and not using our tax dollars wisely, it makes no sense for anyone to live in Penn Hills	Taxes
Increasing taxes	Taxes
Penn Hills School Tax	Taxes
School tax, sewage/water bill making up for the issues of years ago	Taxes
School taxes, rental property, water sewage no business in Penn hills feels like ghetto	Taxes
Sewage bill/ not getting a good bang for taxes paid	Taxes
Sewage cost and school ranking	Taxes
Tax cost	Taxes
Taxes	Taxes
taxes	Taxes
Taxes & safety	Taxes
Taxes /crime	Taxes
Taxes and sewage too high, school is horrible, neighbors don't care for homes, abandon home on street, rude/filthy neighbors	Taxes
Taxes and utilities are higher in Allegheny County vs Westmoreland	Taxes
Taxes and utility expenses	Taxes
Taxes and water bill is too high, can't get any help to fix up my home.	Taxes
Taxes are to high	Taxes
Taxes are too high, poor community unity, water bill is too high	Taxes
Taxes are very high. Also, it's become an environment that I don't want my kids to grow up in.	Taxes
Taxes too high especially School with no children; sewage fees ridiculous, crime getting worse, no benefits keeping us here . . . 20+ years only half the time we have been in this home (married) . . . 58 years for my wife . .	Taxes
Taxes, crime, utilities, corrupt local government!	Taxes
Taxes, not pedestrian friendly outside of town (no sidewalks), bullying within schools	Taxes
Taxes, water	Taxes

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Taxes, water bill, school district	Taxes
The cost of taxes and sewage/water is too high compared to surrounding areas; area is becoming very bad as well.	Taxes
THE PROPERTY TAXES WILL EAT INTO OUR RETIREMENT FUNDS AND LIMIT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE --- WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TRAVEL OR LIVE COMFORTABLY WITHOUT ADDITIONAL INCOME	Taxes
Too expensive and getting too much hud that do t take care of property. Safety issues	Taxes
Weather and taxes are too high.	Taxes
Will stay as long as I'm able to take care of it and if taxes don't continue to rise.	Taxes
Speeding cars, litter, high taxes, No walkability	Traffic
Tired of the trucks on my street. Tired of trash on the street.	Traffic
Just a little too far from the city. Bus routes are few and far between. Not much around for things to do in Penn hills.	Transit
Lack of business opportunity, and lack of transit and improper zoning	Transit
Again , cost of sewage / water and taxes , nothing to offer no restaurant, we need new politicians location	Utilities
High water bill and taxes	Utilities
Outrageous utility bills. Oakmont water/sewage, Duquesne light, & People's gas bills have all skyrocketed. I really want more sustainability with perhaps tax credits for back yard poultry, solar panels, rain water/grey water capture and reuse, victory gard	Utilities
Water bill	Utilities
WATER BILLS SCHOOL TAXES	Utilities
I'd like to live in a more walkable town environment, like Oakmont or Highland Park.	Walkability
looking for a more walkable, pedestrian friendly community with easier commutes for our jobs	Walkability
No sidewalks	Walkability
No sidewalks, no treat-or-treating, crazy neighbor who burned her house down a second time and tried to tackle my partner to the ground, other neighbors are either screaming/arguing outside or ignoring us.	Walkability
Sidewalks and community	Walkability
Terrible for pedestrians	Walkability
Want to live somewhere with better transit and more things to do in walking distance. Hate driving everywhere. Nothing to do here, have to leave the area to go out to dinner.	Walkability

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Would like a nicer home in a neighborhood with sidewalks and a better school district for future children.

Walkability

Would like to move to a more central and walkable/bikable/transit-friendly area

Walkability

Weather

Weather

Deer population killing all the landscape, school taxes too high

Wildlife