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THE SIX TABLES IN THIS PRELIMINARY REPORT WERE DERIVED
FROM DATA IN A RACIAL AND ETHNIC CENSUS CONDUCTED BY THE NEW
YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. TABLES 1 AND 2 CONTAIN DATA
ON THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WHITE, NEGRO, PUERTO RICAN,
AND "OTHER" PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN
THE STATE. TABLES 3 THROUGH 6 PRESENT DETAILED DATA ON RACIAL
IMBALANCE IN INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN ALL DISTRICTS
EXCEPT NEW YORK CITY. THE DATA IN THE TABLES ARE ANALYZED IN
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**PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE 1966-1967
RACIAL AND ETHNIC CENSUS**

The tables included in this preliminary analysis were derived from data contained in the New York State Education Department's 1966-67 Racial and Ethnic Census. Summary information for all public school districts in the State is contained in tables 1 and 2. Tables 3 through 6 present details concerning the degree of segregation within individual public schools for all districts except New York City. School by school breakdowns for New York will be available in the near future. In addition, data for nonpublic schools are still being received and will be processed as soon as all returns are in.

Table 1 presents the distribution of public school students by ethnic origin and location. Examination of this table shows, in part, that: (1) excluding New York City, 93.5 percent of the students enrolled in New York State's public elementary and secondary schools are white; (2) within New York City, approximately one half (49.8 percent) of the students are white; (3) in large city school districts, excluding New York City, 75.5 percent of the students are white.

Table 2 details the distribution of Negro and Puerto Rican students by location in the State. It can be seen that of all public school Negro students in the State, 72.4 percent attend schools in New York City, while an additional 11.3 percent attend schools in the other "Big Five" districts of the State (Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Yonkers).

Table 3 presents a comparison of 1961-62 and 1966-67 data for those school districts identified as containing racially imbalanced elementary schools in 1961-62; at that time, a school was considered racially imbalanced if 31 percent or more of its students were Negro. In 1961-62, 41 districts contained 103 elementary schools which met that criterion; for these same districts in 1966-67, there were 129 elementary schools which had 31 percent or more of their students Negro. It should be noted that 1961-62 data did not include children in kindergarten.

Tables 4 through 6 present a different approach to the definition of racial imbalance in the schools by defining imbalance, for a school, in terms of variance from the ethnic distribution of students in the entire school district. Variance is defined as the amount by which the percent of Negro pupils in a school differs, positively or negatively, from the percent of Negro pupils in the school district in which the school is located. A positive variance indicates that the percent of Negro pupils in a given school exceeds the percent of Negro pupils in the school district by the number of percentage points shown; similarly, a negative variance indicates that the percent of Negro pupils in a given school is less than the percent of Negro pupils in the school district by the number of percentage points shown. A school with a positive variance has a greater proportion of Negro students than the total school district student population, while a school with a negative variance has a lesser proportion of Negro students than the total school district student population.

Table 4 shows cumulative numbers of schools and school districts affected by racial imbalance at descending intervals of variance. Also shown are the names of school districts added to the cumulative totals when they first appear in the distribution. It can be seen, therefore, that the percent of Negro pupils in three schools in the State (excluding New York City) varies plus or minus 80.0 to 84.9 percentage points from the percent of Negro pupils in their school districts and that these three schools are in the city school districts of Niagara Falls and Utica. In all, there are 555 schools located in 85 school districts where the percent of Negro pupils varies, plus or minus, five percentage points or more from the percent of Negro pupils in their school districts.

Table 5 presents more detail concerning the distribution of schools at various intervals of variance from school district totals. For each interval, data are provided showing the number of schools and school districts in each interval as well as the names of the districts and the number of affected schools in each district. In the interval 80.0 to 84.9, it is again seen that three schools in two districts are affected; two of the schools are in Niagara Falls and one school is in Utica. In the variance interval 70.0 to 74.9, six schools are affected located in three school districts: 3 in Rochester, 1 in Syracuse and 2 in Newburgh.

Table 6 shows the numbers of pupils affected by racial imbalance, and the percent that number is of the State's total public school population, in two categories--all students and Negro students only. It can

be seen, therefore, that the schools falling in the variance interval 80.0 to 84.9 contain a total of 1,070 students accounting for .05 percent of the total State public school population (excluding New York City); of these 1,070 students 1,042 are Negro accounting for .86 percent of the State's total Negro public school population (excluding New York City). In all, the schools in upstate New York where the percent of Negro pupils varies five percentage points or more from the percent of Negro pupils in the school district contain 347,164 pupils (16.06 percent of the upstate total) and 80,568 Negro pupils (66.62 percent of the upstate Negro total).

Tables 4, 5, and 6 may be used for determining the magnitude of the tasks confronting the State Education Department for any defined level of racial imbalance based on the concept of variance from school district totals.

TABLE 1

NUMBERS AND PERCENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
BY ETHNIC ORIGIN AND LOCATION
NEW YORK STATE
1966-67

School District	Number of Schools	Total Number	%	White Number	%	Negro Number	%	Puerto Rican Number	%	Other Number	%
Albany	25	12,991	100	9,300	71.6	3,691	28.4	0	0	471	.6
Buffalo	101	72,762	100	45,922	63.1	25,314	34.8	1,055	1.4	121	.3
Rochester	52	45,365	100	32,350	71.3	11,956	26.4	938	2.1	24	* .8
Syracuse	43	30,650	100	25,223	82.3	5,399	17.6	4	1.3	241	.8
Yonkers	40	29,475	100	25,192	85.5	3,297	11.2	745	2.5	241	.8
Total "Big Five"	261	191,243	100	137,987	72.2	49,657	26.0	2,742	1.4	857	.4
Binghamton	22	12,374	100	12,010	97.1	346	2.8	8	* 1.0	10	* .7
Niagara Falls	30	19,043	100	16,027	84.2	2,855	15.0	28	* 1.1	133	.7
Utica	25	15,120	100	13,467	89.1	1,491	9.9	152	1.0	10	* .7
Subtotal (Binghamton, Niagara Falls, Utica)	77	46,537	100	41,504	89.2	4,692	10.1	188	.4	153	.3
Total Large City School Districts (excluding New York City)	338	237,780	100	179,491	75.5	54,349	22.9	2,930	1.2	1,010	.4
Total Upstate	3,284	2,161,591	100	2,021,886	93.5	120,938	5.6	11,302	.5	7,465	.4
New York City	888	1,084,818	100	540,591 ^{**}	49.8	317,613	29.3	226,614	20.9		
Total Large City School Districts (including New York City)	1,226	1,322,598	100	720,082 ^{**}	54.4	371,962	28.1	229,544	17.4	1,010	.1
Total State	4,172	3,246,409	100	2,562,477 ^{**}	78.9	438,551	13.5	237,916	7.3	7,465	.3

* Less than .1%.

** Includes all New York City public school pupils who are neither Negro nor Puerto Rican.

TABLE 2
 NUMBERS AND PERCENTS OF NEGRO AND PUERTO RICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
 BY ETHNIC ORIGIN AND LOCATION
 NEW YORK STATE
 1966-67

City or Area	Total Number of Pupils	Negro			Puerto Rican			Negro and Puerto Rican		
		Number	Percent of City or Area Pupils	Percent of State Negro Pupils	Number	Percent of City or Area Puerto Rican Pupils	Percent of State Puerto Rican Pupils	Number	Percent of City or Area Pupils	Percent of State Negro and Puerto Rican Pupils
New York City	1,084,818	317,613	29.3	72.4	226,614	20.9	95.2	544,227	50.2	80.5
Albany	12,991	3,691	28.4	.8	0			3,691	28.4	.5
Buffalo	72,762	25,314	34.8	5.8	1,055	1.4	.5	26,369	36.2	3.9
Rochester	45,365	11,956	26.4	2.7	938	2.1	.4	12,894	28.4	1.9
Syracuse	30,650	5,399	17.6	1.2	4	*	*	5,403	17.6	.8
Yonkers	29,475	3,297	11.2	.8	745	2.5	.3	4,042	13.7	.6
Total "Big Five"	191,243	49,657	26.0	11.3	2,742	1.4	1.2	52,399	27.4	7.7
Total "Big Six"	1,276,061	367,270	28.8	83.7	229,356	18.0	96.4	596,626	46.8	88.2
Total Upstate	2,161,591	120,938	5.6	27.6	11,302	.5	4.8	132,240	6.1	19.5
Total State	3,246,409	438,551	13.5	100.0	237,916	7.3	100.0	676,467	20.8	100.0

* Less than .1%.

TABLE 3

COMPARISON OF 1961-62 AND 1966-67 RACIAL AND ETHNIC CENSUS DATA
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS*
NEW YORK STATE

School District	Total affected elementary buildings in district						Total elementary buildings					
	31% - 40%	41% - 50%	51% - 60%	61% - 70%	71% - 80%	81% - 90%	91% - 100%	Negro	Negro	Negro	Negro	Negro
	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966
Albany			2	1	1		1	1	7	5	27	21
Elmira			1	1	1			1	1	2	17	17
Beacon			1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	4	
Poughkeepsie					2	1	1	1	3	3	7	7
Buffalo			1	1	2	1	2	14	17	3	24	80
Lackawanna			2	2	1	1	1	1	5	9	11	43
Rochester			2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	5
Glen Cove					1	3	1	1	3	4	4	6
Hempstead 1, Hempstead						1		1	1	1	5	6
Hempstead 8, Roosevelt							4		1	1	2	6
Hempstead 9, Freeport								2		1	3	3
Hempstead 12, Malverne									1	1	0	6
Hempstead 15, Lawrence										1	1	6
Hempstead 21, Rockville Centre										1	1	5
North Hempstead 1, Westbury										2	2	6
North Hempstead 6, Manhasset											1	3

TABLE 3
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 PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS***
NEW YORK STATE
(Continued)

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 PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS*
 NEW YORK STATE
 (Concluded)

School District	31% - 40%		41% - 50%		51% - 60%		61% - 70%		71% - 80%		81% - 90%		91% - 100%		Total affected elementary buildings in district	Total elementary buildings in district	
	Negro	Negro	Negro	Negro	Negro												
	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	1961	1966	
Wawarsing 2, Ellenville	1															1	0
Greenburgh 8, Greenburgh	2	2	1	1	1											3	4
Greenburgh 11, Echo Hills	1															1	1
Mount Vernon					2	1	1		1	2	1	1	5	6	11	12	12
New Rochelle	2	4													5	12	11
Ossining 1, Ossining	1	1													1	1	5
Peekskill	1	2	1	2											2	4	6
White Plains	1	3	1	1	1										0	11	10
Yonkers															2	6	29
TOTAL	29	34	14	23	8	15	11	9	6	7	10	8	25	33	103	129	470
																	461

* 1961 data exclude kindergarten pupils

NOTE: Total number of districts involved - 41

TABLE 4
CUMULATIVE NUMBERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS
AFFECTED BY RACIAL IMBALANCE AT DESCENDING INTERVALS OF VARIANCE*

NEW YORK STATE

1966-67

Variance interval* (positive or negative)	Schools		Districts		Names of districts added to cumulative total
	Number of schools affected in this interval	Cumulative number of schools affected in this interval and above	Number of districts affected in this interval	Cumulative number of districts affected in this interval and above	
80.0% to 84.9%	3	3	2	2	Niagara Falls, Utica
75.0% to 79.9%	0	3	0	2	no districts added
70.0% to 74.9%	6	9	3	5	Rochester, Syracuse, Newburgh
65.0% to 69.9%	4	13	3	7	Albany, Buffalo
60.0% to 64.9%	16	29	2	7	no districts added
55.0% to 59.9%	7	36	4	8	Lackawanna
50.0% to 54.9%	6	42	6	11	Glen Cove, Mount Vernon, Yonkers
45.0% to 49.9%	5	47	4	12	Roosevelt
40.0% to 44.9%	11	58	9	16	Elmira, Poughkeepsie, Hempstead, Geneva
35.0% to 39.9%	7	65	5	19	Troy, Bellport, Port Chester
30.0% to 34.9%	53	118	10	22	Suffern, Schenectady, Central Islip
25.0% to 29.9%	35	153	14	27	Rockville Centre, Nyack, Spring Valley, Huntington, Kingston
20.0% to 24.9%	51	204	15	33	Binghamton, Uniondale, Westbury, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill
15.0% to 19.9%	70	274	26	44	Auburn, Beacon, Freeport, Malverne, Long Beach, Great Neck, North Babylon, Ithaca, Greenburgh, Mamaroneck, Valhalla

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NEW YORK STATE

1966-67

(Concluded)

Variance Interval* (positive or negative)	Schools		Districts		Names of districts added to cumulative total in this interval and above
	Number of schools affected in this interval	Cumulative number of schools affected in this interval and above	Number of districts affected in this interval	Cumulative number of districts affected in this interval and above	
10.0% to 14.9%	98	372	40	59	Jamesstown, Hudson, Lawrence, Port Washington, Lockport, Rensselaer, South Orangetown, West Babylon, Amityville, Deer Park, Bay Shore, Brentwood, Riverhead, Southampton, Monticello
5.0% to 9.9%	183	555	69	85	Dunkirk, Peru, Lake Shore, Gloversville, Catskill, Irondequoit, Amsterdam, Elmont, Roslyn, Mineola, Oyster Bay, Farmingdale, Rose, Onondaga, Highland Falls, Middletown, North Rockland, Corning, Middle Country, Middle Island, Patchogue, Fallsburgh, Marborough, Pelham, White Plains, Lakeland

* Variance is defined as the number of percentage points by which the percent of Negro pupils in a school differs, positively or negatively, from the percent of Negro pupils in the school district in which the school is located.

NOTE: While some districts are effected by having schools in several different variance intervals, other districts may have only one school in only one variance interval. Each time a district has a school varying from the district percent of Negro students and falling within a certain range of variance, the district is counted in that interval.

In all, there are 3,284 upstate schools and 779 upstate school districts. There were 555 affected schools located in a total of 85 districts.

TABLE 5

**NUMBERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS AFFECTED BY RACIAL IMBALANCE
AT DESCENDING INTERVALS OF VARIANCE***

NEW YORK STATE
1966-67

Variance Interval* (positive or negative)	Number of districts affected in this interval	Number of schools affected in this interval	Names of districts affected in each interval with numbers of schools affected in each district given in parentheses
80.0% to 84.9%	2	3	Niagara Falls (2), Utica (1)
75.0% to 79.9%	0	0	no districts in this category
70.0% to 74.9%	3	6	Rochester (3), Syracuse (1), Newburgh (2)
65.0% to 69.9%	3	4	Albany (1), Buffalo (1), Rochester (2)
60.0% to 64.9%	2	16	Buffalo (15), Rochester (1)
55.0% to 59.9%	4	7	Albany (1), Buffalo (4), Lackawanna (1), Niagara Falls (1)
50.0% to 54.9%	6	6	Albany (1), Rochester (1), Glen Cove (1), Utica (1), Mount Vernon (1), Yonkers (1)
45.0% to 49.9%	4	5	Albany (1), Buffalo (2), Lackawanna (1), Roosevelt (1)
40.0% to 44.9%	9	11	Elmira (1), Poughkeepsie (1), Buffalo (1), Rochester (1), Hempstead (2), Syracuse (1), Geneva (1), Mount Vernon (2), Yonkers (1)
35.0% to 39.9%	5	7	Syracuse (1), Troy (1), Bellport (1), Mount Vernon (3), Port Chester (1)
30.0% to 34.9%	10	53	Elmira (1), Poughkeepsie (2), Buffalo (37), Lackawanna (1), Rochester (1), Syracuse (1), Suffern (1), Schenectady (2), Central Islip (1), Mount Vernon (6)

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AT DESCENDING INTERVALS OF VARIANCE***
NEW YORK STATE
1966-67
(Continued)

Variance Interval*	Number of districts affected in this interval (positive or negative)	Number of schools affected in this interval	Names of districts affected in each interval with numbers of schools affected in each district given in parentheses
25.0% to 29.9%	14	35	Albany (7), Poughkeepsie (1), Buffalo (11), Rochester (2), Hempstead (3), Rockville Centre (1), Utica (1), Newburgh (2), Nyack (1), Spring Valley (1), Huntington (1), Kingston (1), Mount Vernon (2), Yonkers (1)
20.0% to 24.9%	15	51	Albany (4), Binghamton (1), Buffalo (11), Rochester (11), Uniondale (1), Westbury (1), Syracuse (1), Newburgh (5), Nyack (4), Schenectady (1), New Rochelle (3), Ossining (1), Peekskill (1), Port Chester (3), Yonkers (3)
15.0% to 19.9%	26	70	Albany (2), Auburn (1), Beacon (2), Buffalo (8), Lackawanna (4), Rochester (15), Hempstead (1), Freeport (2), Malverne (1), Long Beach (1), Great Neck (1), Niagara Falls (6), Utica (1), Syracuse (9), Newburgh (2), Troy (1), North Babylon (1), Ithaca (2), Greenburgh (1), Mamaroneck (1), Valhalla (1), Mount Vernon (1), New Rochelle (1), Ossining (1), Peekskill (2), Port Chester (2)
10.0% to 14.9%	40	98	Albany (3), Binghamton (1), Jamestown (1), Hudson (2), Poughkeepsie (3), Buffalo (6), Rochester (8), Uniondale (2), Roosevelt (1), Malverne (1), Lawrence (1), Westbury (2), Port Washington (1), Lockport (1), Niagara Falls (11), Utica (2), Syracuse (10), Newburgh (1), Rensselaer (1), Troy (1), South Orangetown (1), Spring Valley (2), Schenectady (1), West Babylon (1), Amityville (1), Deer Park (1), Bellport (2), Huntington (1), Bay Shore (1), Brentwood (2),

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AT DESCENDING INTERVALS OF VARIANCE***

NEW YORK STATE
1966-67
(Concluded)

Variance Interval*	Number of districts affected in this interval (positive or negative)	Number of schools affected in this interval	Names of districts affected in each interval with numbers of schools affected in each district given in parentheses (positive or negative)
5.0% to 9.9%	69	183	Riverhead (2), Southampton (1), Monticello (2), Kingston (1), Valhalla (1), Mount Vernon (1), New Rochelle (2), Ossining (2), Peekskill (2), Yonkers (12)
			Albany (3), Binghamton (1), Auburn (1), Dunkirk (1), Jamestown (1), Elmira (13), Peru (4), Hudson (3), Poughkeepsie (1), Buffalo (2), Lake Shore (1), Lackawanna (1), Gloversville (1), Catskill (2), Irondequoit (1), Rochester (5), Amsterdam (1), Glen Cove (2), Hempstead (1), Uniondale (1), Roosevelt (2), Freeport (3), Lawrence (4), Elmont (1), Long Beach (3), Westbury (1), Roslyn (1), Mineola (1), Oyster Bay (1), Farmingdale (1), Niagara Falls (3), Rome (3), Utica (13), Onondaga (1), Syracuse (10), Geneva (2), Highland Falls (1), Middletown (1), Newburgh (3), Troy (5), North Rockland (1), Spring Valley (7), Schenectady (10), Corning (1), North Babylon (5), Amityville (2), Bellport (1), Middle Country (1), Middle Island (3), Patchogue (1), Huntington (1), Bay Shore (3), Brentwood (1), Central Islip (3), Riverhead (2), Southampton (1), Fallsburgh (1), Monticello (1), Ithaca (1), Kingston (2), Marlborough (1), Greenburgh (2), New Rochelle (4), Peekskill (2), Pelham (1), Port Chester (1), White Plains (2), Yonkers (15), Lakeland (1)

* Variance is defined as the number of percentage points by which the percent of Negro pupils in a school differs, positively or negatively, from the percent of Negro pupils in the school district in which the school is located.

TABLE 6

NUMBERS AND PERCENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS AFFECTED BY RACIAL IMBALANCE
AT DESCENDING INTERVALS OF VARIANCE*

NEW YORK STATE
1966-67

Variance Interval* (Positive or Negative)	All Pupils			Negro Pupils		
	Number of Pupils and Percent of State Total Pupils Affected In This Interval**		Cumulative Number of Pupils and Percent of State Total Pupils Affected In This Interval and Above**		Cumulative Number of Pupils and Percent of State Total Negro Pupils Affected In This Interval and Above**	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
80.0% to 84.9%	1,070	.05	1,070	.05	1,042	.86
75.0% to 79.9%	0		1,070	.05	1,042	.86
70.0% to 74.9%	4,594	.21	5,664	.26	5,434	4.49
65.0% to 69.9%	3,056	.14	8,720	.40	2,938	6.92
60.0% to 64.9%	14,137	.65	22,857	1.06	13,838	18.36
55.0% to 59.9%	4,949	.23	27,806	1.29	4,432	3.66
50.0% to 54.9%	2,695	.12	30,501	1.41	2,068	1.71
45.0% to 49.9%	1,692	.08	32,193	1.49	1,202	.99
40.0% to 44.9%	7,277	.34	39,470	1.83	4,608	3.81
35.0% to 39.9%	4,182	.19	43,652	2.02	1,944	1.61
30.0% to 34.9%	31,325	1.45	74,977	3.47	4,251	3.52
25.0% to 29.9%	21,623	1.00	96,600	4.47	5,337	4.41
20.0% to 24.9%	27,292	1.26	123,892	5.73	4,990	4.13
15.0% to 19.9%	42,398	1.96	166,290	7.69	5,717	4.73
10.0% to 14.9%	65,453	3.03	231,743	10.72	10,529	8.71
5.0% to 9.9%	115,421	5.34	347,164	16.06	13,280	10.98
STATE TOTALS**	2,161,591	--	2,161,591	--	120,938	--
					120,938	--

* Variance is defined as the number of percentage points by which the percent of Negro pupils in a school differs, positively or negatively, from the percent of Negro pupils in the school district in which the school is located.

** Excluding New York City