New York State's Extreme School Segregation:
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## Long Island (Suffolk and Nassau Counties), NY Metro Summary

## Enrollment

- The share of white students enrolled in public schools almost declined by $18 \%$ points, from $80.6 \%$ in 1989-1990 to $63.4 \%$ in 2010-2011.
- The overall share of black student enrollment remained stable over the last 20 years.
- The Asian share of enrollment increased by $140 \%$ and Latino share of enrollment increased by $300 \%$ since 1989.

Figure 1 Public School Enrollment by Race


Note: American Indian is included in "other". Total island enrollment in 1989 was 387,540. In 2010, total enrollment was 463,031 .
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

## Concentration

- The percentage of multiracial schools across the island-schools in which at least one-tenth of the students represent at least three racial groups-has increased over the last two decades but so has the percentage of segregated schools.
- In 1989 , less than $4 \%$ of schools were intensely-segregated schools, where less than $10 \%$ are white students. In $2010,11 \%$ were such schools.
- Over the last 20 years, the percentage of schools majority-minority schools those that are $50-100 \%$ minority students, has overly doubled.

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Table 1 Number and Percentage of Multi-Racial and Minority Schools

|  |  | \% of <br> Total <br> Multi- <br> Racial <br> Schools | \% 50- <br> 100\% <br> Minority <br> Schools | \% of 90- <br> 100\% <br> Minority <br> Schools | \% of 99- <br> 100\% <br> Minority <br> Schools |
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| Long Island, NY |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1989-1990$ | 633 | $12.2 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ |
| $1999-2000$ | 647 | $19.6 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ |
| $2010-2011$ | 668 | $25.9 \%$ | $26.6 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ |

Note Blank cells represent no schools. Minority school represents black, Latino,
American Indian, and Asian students. Multi-racial schools are those with any three races representing $10 \%$ or more of the total student enrollment respectively.
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

- As the minority concentration increases, so do poverty concentration. Nearly triple the proportion of low-income students for the entire island in 1999 and in 2010 was in intensely-segregated schools.

Table 2 Percentage of Students who are Low-Income in Multi-Racial and Minority Schools

|  | Overall \% LowIncome Island | \% LowIncome in Multi -Racial Schools | \% Low- <br> Income in <br> 50-100\% <br> Minority <br> Schools | \% Low- <br> Income in <br> 90-100\% <br> Minority <br> Schools | \% Low- <br> Income in 99-100\% Minority Schools |
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| Long Island, NY |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1999-2000 | 16.7\% | 34.0\% | 50.3\% | 54.0\% | 73.8\% |
| 2010-2011 | 21.8\% | 30.7\% | 45.6\% | 58.7\% | 64.4\% |

Note: Blank cells represent no schools. Minority school represents black, Latino, American Indian, and Asian students. Multiracial schools are those with any three races representing $10 \%$ or more of the total student enrollment respectively.
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

- Over the last two decades, the share of black students who were enrolled in majority-minority and intensely-segregated schools has steadily increased.
- Over two out of five black students across the island attended a school with less than $10 \%$ of white students in 2010, even though there are $63 \%$ of white students across the entire island.
- Around $70 \%$ of black students attended a school with less than $50 \%$ white students in 2010.

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Figure 2 Black Students in Minority Segregated Schools


Note: Minority school represents black, Latino, American Indian, and Asian students. Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

- Similarly, over the last two decades, the share of Latino students who were enrolled in majority-minority and intensely-segregated schools has steadily increased.
- Over one out of three Latino students across the island attended a school with less than $10 \%$ of white students in 2010 , even though there are $63 \%$ of white students across the entire island.
- Nearly two out of three Latino students attended a school with less than $50 \%$ white students in 2010.

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Figure 3 Latino Students in Minority Segregated Schools


Note: Minority school represents black, Latino, American Indian, and Asian students. Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

- Since 1989, the proportion Latino attending multiracial schools-those that have any three races representing at least one-tenth of the total school enrollmenthave decreased, as the proportion black, Asian, and white students attending such schools have increased.
- In 2010-2011, only $21 \%$ of white students attended multiracial schools, but nearly a half of black students, and over a third of Latinos, Asians and American Indians attended such schools.

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Figure 4 Students in Multi-Racial Schools by Race


Note: Multi-racial schools are those with any three races representing $10 \%$ or more of the total student enrollment respectively.
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

## Exposure

- White students are overexposed to other white students, and this disproportion has widened instead of narrowed over the last 20 years, as proportion white has declined faster than white isolation rates.
- Over the last two decades, the typical black student, followed by the typical Latino, remains underexposed to white students, and this limited contact has decreased as the proportionate white decreased.

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Figure 5 White Students in School Attended by Typical Student of Each Race


Note: Less than 5\% Latino enrollment across time periods.
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

- The racial composition of the school that a typical black student attends has shifted over the last two decades, changing to less white and black, but more Latino.
- Despite the fact that the overall island share of enrollment is $63 \%$ white and $11 \%$ black, the typical black student attended a school in 2010 with less than $30 \%$ white and $34 \%$ black classmates.

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Figure 6 Racial Composition of School Attended by Typical Black Student


Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

- The racial composition of the school that a typical Latino student attends has shifted over the last two decades as well, changing to less white and black, but more Latino.
- Despite the fact that the overall island share of enrollment is $63 \%$ white and $18 \%$ Latino, the typical Latino student attended a school in 2010 with $38 \%$ white and $37 \%$ Latino classmates.

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Figure 7 Racial Composition of School Attended by Typical Latino Student


Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

- In 2010, the typical white student attended a school that is predominantly white with small proportions of black, Asian, and Latino students.
- The typical black student is enrolled in a school with less than a third of white students, even though the proportion of white students on the island was $63 \%$.
- The typical Asian student attended school with a plurality of white students ( $60 \%$ ) and almost one-fifth of other Asian students.
- Similar to the typical black student, the typical Latino student attended school with majority minority students.

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Figure 8 Racial Composition of School Attended by Typical Student by Race


2010-2011
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey

- In 2010, the typical black and Latino student attended school with nearly double the percentage of low-income students in the island and close to triple the percentage than the typical white and Asian student.
- The typical white student attended a school with only $14 \%$ low-income students, $8 \%$ lower than the average proportion of low-income students in the island. This finding is similar to the typical Asian student.
- This data show the disproportionate distribution of low-income students to schools where
black and Latino students attend.

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Figure 9 Exposure to Low-Income Students by Race


Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

## Evenness

- Over the last two decades, the average school remains $30 \%$ less diverse than the entire islandpolitan area, indicating a high degree of persisting segregation.
- This uneven distribution of racial groups throughout the area's public schools occurred mostly between schools districts ( $90 \%$ average) rather than within school districts, suggesting the need for interdistrict policies for racial integration.

Table 4 Multi-Group Entropy Index Values, Overall and Within/Between School Districts

|  | H | HW | HB |
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| Long Island, NY |  |  |  |
| $1989-1990$ | 0.31 | 0.02 | 0.29 |
| $1999-2000$ | 0.29 | 0.02 | 0.27 |
| $2010-2011$ | 0.29 | 0.03 | 0.26 |

Note: H=Multi-Group Entropy Index or Theil's H. HW= the degree of un/evenness (H) that is within $(\mathrm{W})$ districts. $\mathrm{HB}=$ the degree of un/evenness $(\mathrm{H})$ that is between (B) districts.
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

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- The uneven distribution of white and black students across schools on the island has been persistently high over the last two decades.
- Segregation between white-Latino students, however, has increased significantly since 1999.
- Black-Latino evenness is relatively low in comparison and slightly decreasing, indicating a growing concentration of black and Latino students in schools over the last 20 years..

Figure 10 Differential Distribution (Dissimilarity) of Racial Students across Public Schools


Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data

