

Department of Statistics

1967-1973

Boston Public Schools: Desegregation-era Records Collection

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Collection Summary

Creator: Department of Statistics
Title: Department of Statistics
Physical Description: 2 cubic feet
Language: English
Repository: City of Boston, Office of the City Clerk, Archives and Records Management Division
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Abstract:

The Department of Statistics was the department of the Boston Public Schools responsible for the collection of data and production of reports pertaining to Pupils, Teachers, Departments, and Adult Education; maintaining a street directory and boundary lines of school districts; and maintaining a list of vacant seats at each school. It also produced statistics for the state and federal government required by the Massachusetts Racial Imbalance Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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Agency History

The Department of Statistics was the department of the Boston Public Schools responsible for the collection of data and statistics. They identify 5 areas of responsibility. The production of the Annual Statistical Document which contains pupil enrollment and attendance statistics, number and type of teachers and administrators, statistics on department providing services to students such as guidance and health services, and Adult Education Statistics. The department produced Statistical Studies identifying students by race by school and grade as well as submissions to the the federal and state governments as mandated by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Massachusetts Racial Imbalance Act. The Department of Statistics maintained a street directory and the school district boundary lines. Finally, they maintained monthly statistics on vacant seats or "Open Enrollment" titled "Available Pupil Stations". The Department provided statistical information to the school department, individuals, the media, and agencies inside and outside Boston.

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Scope and Content

The Department of Statistics Collection is 2 cubic feet contains files from 1967 to 1973 pertaining to Boston Public Schools students and teachers. The original arrangement of the collection has been maintained, they are arranged in reverse chronological order by school year. Each years files contain statistics gathered through questionnaires and surveys as well as the questionnaires and surveys themselves. A large portion of these statistics were used for the annual statistics report and include information on students race and gender by grade level and school. Also included are similar statistics submitted to the federal government under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Massachusetts Racial imbalance Law; statistics related to Special Education and Vocational Education; and Enrollment. Prior to 1968 no statistics were kept concerning race.

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Related Material

[Citywide Parents Council Records Collection](#)

[Desegregation-era Records Collection](#)

[Department of Implementation Records finding aid](#)

[Office of General Council Records finding aid](#)

[Citywide Parents Council Records Collection II](#)

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Acquisition Information

The Department of Statistics Records were accessioned Feb. 15, 2006

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Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on access.

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Appraisal Information

The collection was reduced from approximately 4 cubic feet. Duplicate materials, carbon copies, blank forms, personnel and personal papers were disposed of during processing.

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School Year 1968-1969

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School Year 1967-1968

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School Year 1966-1967

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School Year 1965-1966

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