

A SOCIO-ECONOMIC COMPARISON OF THE ONEIDA COMMUNITY
WITH BROWN AND OUTAGAMIE COUNTIES*

I. AVERAGE FAMILY SIZE

| <u>Oneida Community</u> | <u>Brown County</u> | <u>Outagamie County</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 5.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| (Based on 348 families) | (36,176 families) | (27,718 families) |

II. AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME

| <u>Oneida Community</u> | <u>Brown County</u> | <u>Outagamie County</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 3,000 - 3,999 | \$11,286 | \$11,553 |

(Oneida census did not ask for exact income. Respondents were asked to place income within certain categories.)

III. EDUCATIONAL STATUS

| <u>Oneida Community</u> | <u>Brown County</u> | <u>Outagamie County</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| male - 8.9 | male - 12.2 | male - 12.1 |
| female - 10.4 | female - 12.2 | female - 12.2 |

(This is the median school year completed, based on persons 25 years and older.)

*Statistics compiled by Barbara Boudry and Janice Birt

Sources: Oneida Census of 1972-73, East Central Planning Commission, Brown County Regional Planning Commission, Brown County Social Services, Outagamie County Social Services, and Outagamie County Sheriff Dept.

IV. EMPLOYMENT STATUS

| <u>Oneida Community</u> | <u>Brown County</u> | <u>Outagamie County</u> |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| 71.4% in labor force | male - 78.8% in l.f. female - 40.0% " | male - 79.6% in l.f. female - 40.7% " |
| 24.7% unemployed | male - 3.1% unemp. female - 5.4% " | male - 2.3% unemployed female - 4.0% " |

(The figures we obtained from the Oneida census are not exactly comparable to those from the two counties as each census used a different base. The Oneida figures are based on family heads and the county figures are based on persons 16 years and older.)

V. PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT (See attached sheet for definition of professional employment.)

| <u>Oneida Community</u> | <u>Brown County</u> | <u>Outagamie County</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.4% | 13.5% | 13.2% |

(Oneida figures based on family heads, county figures based on labor force of 16 years and older.)

VI. SUBSTANDARD HOUSING

| <u>Oneida Community</u> | <u>Brown County</u> | <u>Outagamie County</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 49.4% | - | - |

(Based on 275 homes)

(Substandard applies to all homes without (1) a well, or (2) running water indoors, or (3) electricity. The figures for the two counties are unavailable at this time as a new method was employed in the latest census and the results have not yet been calculated.)

V. FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE

Oneida Community

13%

Brown County

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Outagamie County

6.5%

(This assistnace includes O.A.A., A.D.C., D.A. B.A., and General Relief. We did not obtain a figure from Brown County as their caseload is quite similar to that of Outagamie County.)

83 families also receive Indian Relief from Brown County
73 " " " " " " " " Outagamie County

VIII. JUVENILE CONTACTS BY THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT. FOR 1972

Oneida Community

58

Outagamie County

1695

(This figure represents 32.5% of a 13-17 year old population of 178.)

(This figure represents 12.6% of a 13-17 year old population of 13,441.)

Note: Some of these complaints involve duplication (the same juvenile is involved in more than one complaint).

IX. JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS BY THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY COURT FOR 1972

Oneida Community

67

Outagamie County

719

(This figure represents 37.6% of total 13-17 year old population.)

(This figure represents 5.3% of total 13-17 year old population.)

Note: Some duplication here also as explained above.

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONNAIRES*

Questionnaires were distributed to Indian students in grades 9-12 at the four high schools. Questionnaires were also mailed to high school students attending Flandreau Indian School. Three qualifications should be noted here. (1) At Seymour High School the principal insisted that we alter slightly the first five questions. (See attached sheet) (2) The questionnaires sent to Flandreau indicated that the questions were directed at the school the student had attended while living in Oneida. (3) We discarded question no. 2 because we felt that the responses showed it to be ambiguous.

| High School | No. of Indian Students Enrolled for 1972-73 | No. of Questionnaires Completed | Percentage of Students Represented |
|-------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pulaski | 16 | 11 | 68% |
| Seymour | 57 | 28 | 49% |
| Freedom | 22 | 15 | 68% |
| West DePere | 61 | 46 | 75% |
| | <hr/> 156 | <hr/> 100 | <hr/> 64% |

Three of the questionnaires we sent to Flandreau were returned to us because two of the students were no longer enrolled there and the third had attended a B.I.A. boarding school. Of the remaining thirteen, we received five completions for a 38% representation.

*This information was gathered and compiled by Janice Birr and Barbara Boudry with the assistance of Alberta Baird, Pat Cornelius, Joy Ninham, and Evelyn Smith.

... asked these questions on a scale of 1-4 to indicate whether the student had a positive or negative feeling about his school situation.

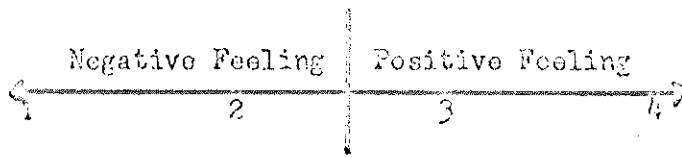
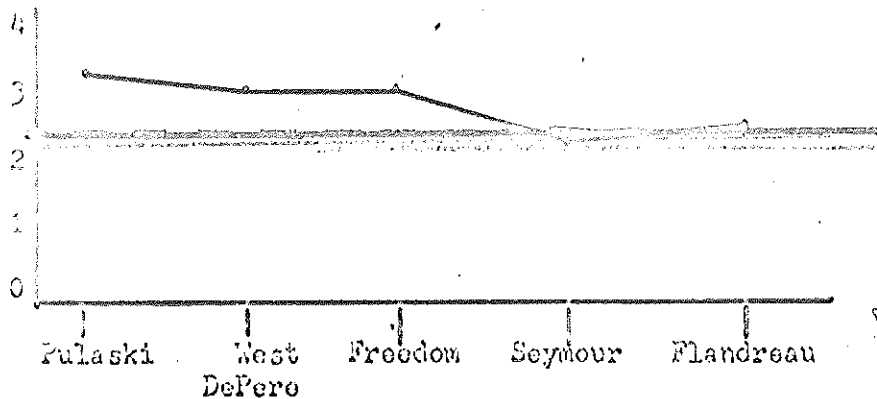


Table 1 Average Score by School for Each Question

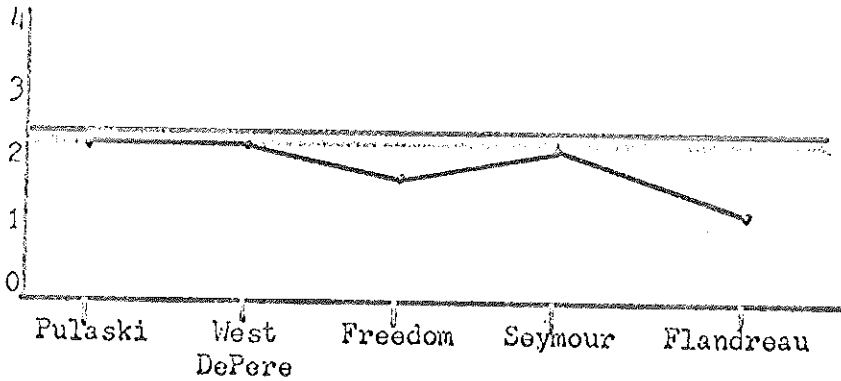
| Question No. | Fulaski | West DePere | Freedom | Seymour | Flandreau | Totals |
|--------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | 3.36 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 2.35 | 2.60 | 2.84 |
| 3 | 2.27 | 2.26 | 1.60 | 2.07 | 1.20 | 2.05 |
| 4 | 2.54 | 2.71 | 2.60 | 2.39 | 2.20 | 2.58 |
| 5 | 2.90 | 2.34 | 2.30 | 2.53 | 3.00 | 2.48 |
| 6 | 3.00 | 2.31 | 2.40 | 2.15 | 2.20 | 2.35 |
| 7 | 2.81 | 2.61 | 2.60 | 2.57 | 2.60 | 2.62 |
| Totals | 2.81 | 2.54 | 2.42 | 2.35 | 2.30 | |

These scores were placed on the following graphs. Scores above the red line show positive feeling while those below show negative feeling.

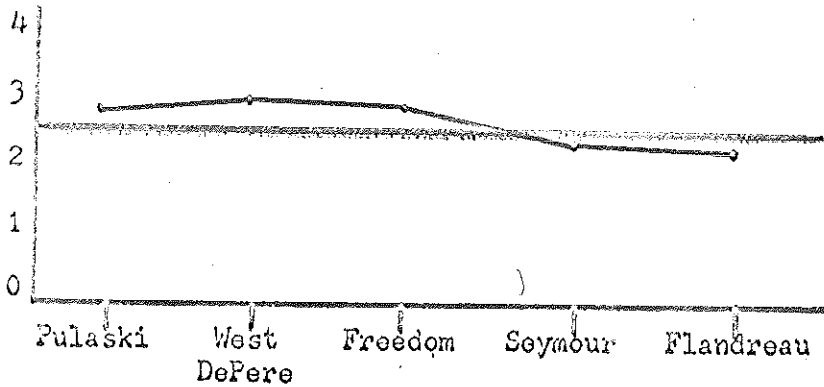
Graph #1 Question: Do your teachers show as much concern for you as they do for the non-Indian student?



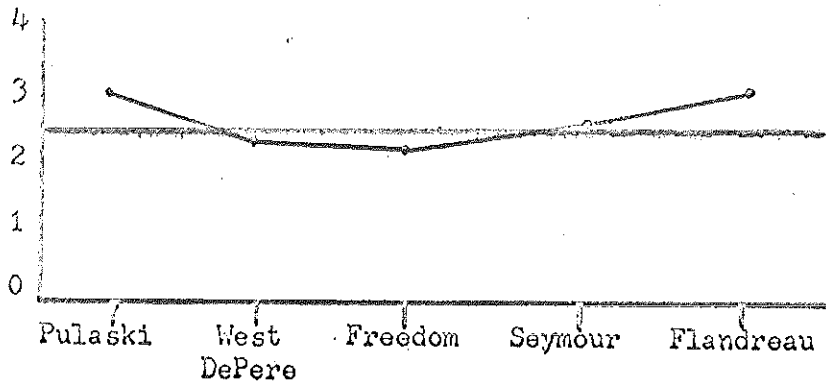
Graph #2 Question: Most of my teachers do not understand Indians or Indian culture.
No. 3



Graph #3 Question: Do you ever feel that you have been unjustly accused at school?
No. 4

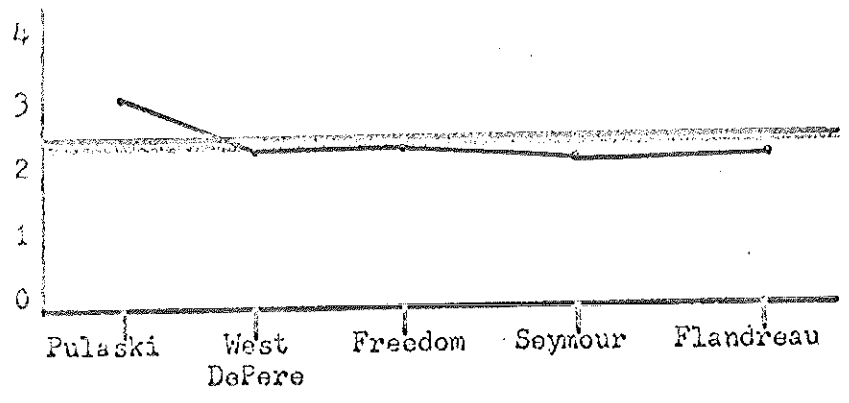


Graph #4 Question: Most non-Indians are prejudiced against Indians.
No. 5



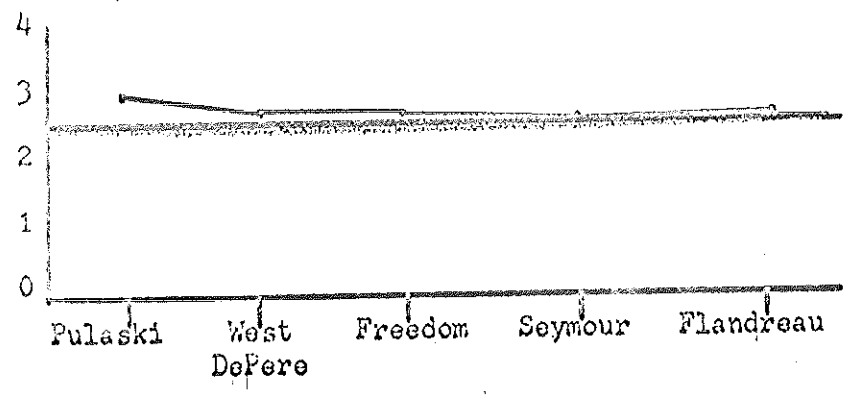
Graph #5

Question: Most of my friends are (a)only Indian, (b)only non-Indian,
No. 6 (c)mostly Indian, but some non-Indian, (d)mostly non-Indian, but some Indian.



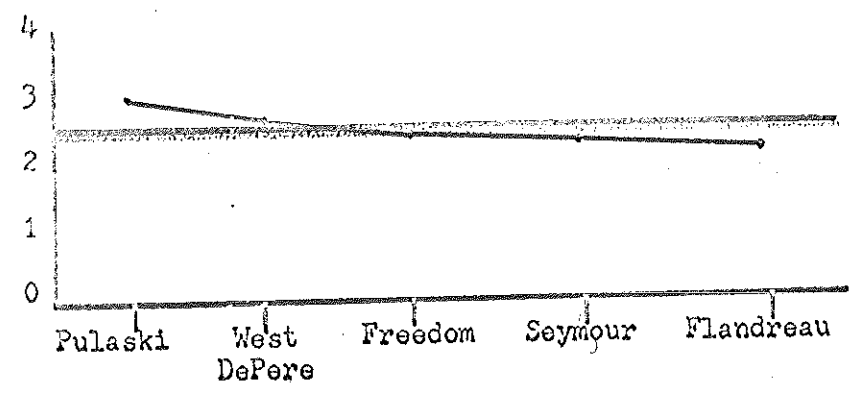
Graph #6

Question: Do you participate in school activities?
No. 7

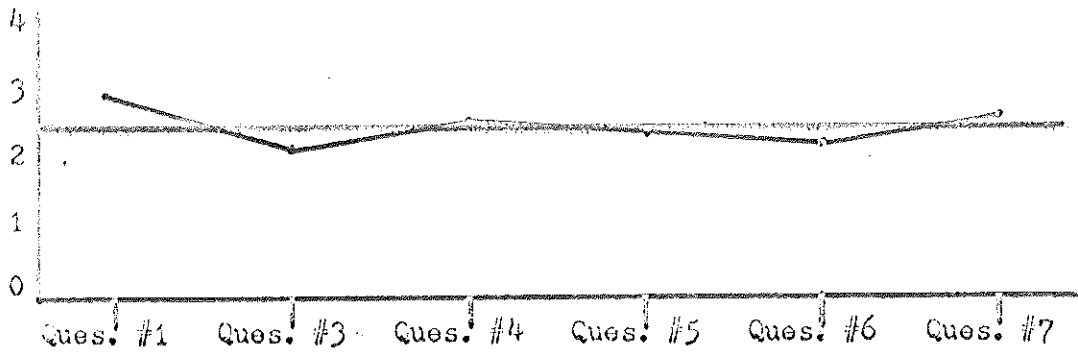


Graph #7

Overall average of questions 1-7 by school



Graph #8 Overall average of schools by question



Question #8 If you do participate, what are the activities?

Sports were listed 105 times

School Clubs 10 "

Music Activities
(band, chorus, etc) 5 "

Plays and Forensics 5 "

Yearbook 1 "

Student Council 1 "

80% of the boys participate
in school activities while
only 49% of the girls do.

Question #9 If you did not participate, why not?

No interest was listed 11 times

Prejudice, fear 9 "

No time 5 "

No transportation 4 "

No good in sports 1 "

None of my friends do 1 "

Question #10 Do you plan to drop out of school or transfer to another school?

Yes - 15 times

No - 83 times

No Answer - 2 times

Question #11 Why do you plan to drop out or transfer?

Dislike school was listed 5 times
Want to go to all-Indian school 3 "
Because of teachers 3 "
Prejudice at school 2 "
Enlist 1 "
Family problems 1 "

Question #12 Why are you staying in school?

Get education and improve self was listed 20 times
Want to graduate 17 "
Enjoy school (friends, people at school, like the area, etc.) 17 "
Want to go on to school 12 "
Get a good job 12 "
Because I have to 8 "

Question #13 If you could, would you like to transfer to an all-Indian school?

Yes - 39 No - 54 No Answer - 7

Question #14 What do you like most about your school?

Friends, nice people was listed 24 times
Sports 22 "
Classes 14 "
Teachers 14 "
Open study halls 8 "
Activities 7 "
Nothing 6 "
Miscellaneous 12 "

Question #15 What do you like least about your school?

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Teachers was listed | 32 times |
| Classes | 14 " |
| Prejudice | 10 " |
| Principal | 9 " |
| Students | 7 " |
| School procedures | 6 " |
| Nothing | 6 " |
| Unfairness | 4 " |
| Whites | 3 " |
| Miscellaneous | 9 " |

Question #16 What changes would you make in your school?

General school procedures was listed 30 times
(noon hours, classes, etc.)

| | |
|--|------|
| Have Indian culture courses and Indian teachers | 26 " |
| Teachers | 15 " |
| Nothing | 10 " |
| Prejudice | 5 " |
| More sports and recreation | 5 " |
| New principal | 5 " |
| Miscellaneous | 13 " |

Question #17 How does your family feel about your staying in school?

Only 6 students indicated that their family had negative feelings about their staying in school. Comments included: it's better to be with your own kind, the white man is no good, and my family doesn't care either way.

Question #18 Do you think that your parents should become more involved with your school activities?

Yes - 35 No - 66 No Answer - 4

Question #19 Are any of your friends thinking about dropping out of school?

Yes - 41 No - 55 No Answer - 4

We asked three additional questions of the students attending Flandreau.

(1) What do you like most about the school you now attend?

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Indian culture and art classes | was listed 1 time |
| Everything | 1 " |
| All-Indian | 1 " |
| Teachers, students, and being away from home | 1 " |
| Fun, informal, but we still learn | 1 " |

(2) What do you like least about the school you now attend?

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| The point system | was listed 1 time |
| Boring | 1 " |
| Prejudice between tribes | 1 " |
| No answer | 2 " |

(3) Did any of your friends drop out or transfer to another school?

Yes - 5 No - 0

REPORT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR 1971-72 SCHOOL YEAR

| High School | No. of Indian Students Enrolled for 1971-72 | Total Days Absent | Average No. of Days per Indian Student | Average No. of Days per Student for Total Student Body* |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Pulaski | 16 | 262 | 16.3 | 7.9 |
| Seymour | 44 | 594 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13.5 | |
| Freedom | 15 | 265 | 17.6 | |
| West DePere | 64 | 940 | 14.6 | |
| | <u>139</u> | <u>2061$\frac{1}{2}$</u> | <u>14.8</u> | |

*We obtained figures for the total student body from Pulaski only. According to this figure, the Indian student misses over twice as many days as the average student. Also, figures from Pulaski indicate that on any average day, 9% of the Indian students will be absent as opposed to 4.5% of the student body as a whole.