

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 30, 2011

SUBJECT: Five Years Change in BTPS Ethnic Diversity

Ethnic composition of students in Bernards Township Public Schools (BTPS) continues changing. Students classified ethnic *White* are decreasing in both numbers and percent of total student body. In the past five years the number of *White* students has reduced 156 or **-3.5%**. By far the largest growth has been among students of *Asian* descent. The numerical increase was **328** and the percentage increase was **40.7%**. In this five year period, the total of all *Other Ethnic* groups increased by **73** students (186 to 259) or **39.2%**.

The number of *White* public school students (PSS) peaked in 2008 (4,485) when they comprised **79.9%** of the student body. At that time, *Asian* ethnic students totaled **931** and composed **16.6%** of total students. *Other Ethnic* PSS groups combined totaled **199** or **3.5%**. *Asian* ethnic students now total **1,134**, which is **20%** of the current student body. Numbers of ethnic *White* PSS have reduced by **195** and are **75.5%** of the PSS body.

The following graphs display changes to ethnic diversity during these recent five years:

Graph 1. Percent change in student ethnicity during the past five years.

Graphs 2a & 2b. Ethnicity of PSS by numbers and percent of total 2007 through 2011.

Graph 3a. 2007 Student Ethnicity percentages for total of Grades K - 5, Wm Annin MS, Ridge High, and All Schools Total.

Graph 4a. 2007 Student Ethnicity percentages for Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner, Mt. Prospect, and Oak Street Schools.

Graphs 3b & 4b., Graphs 3c & 4c., Graphs 3d & 4d. & Graphs 3e & 4e. Repeat for Years 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

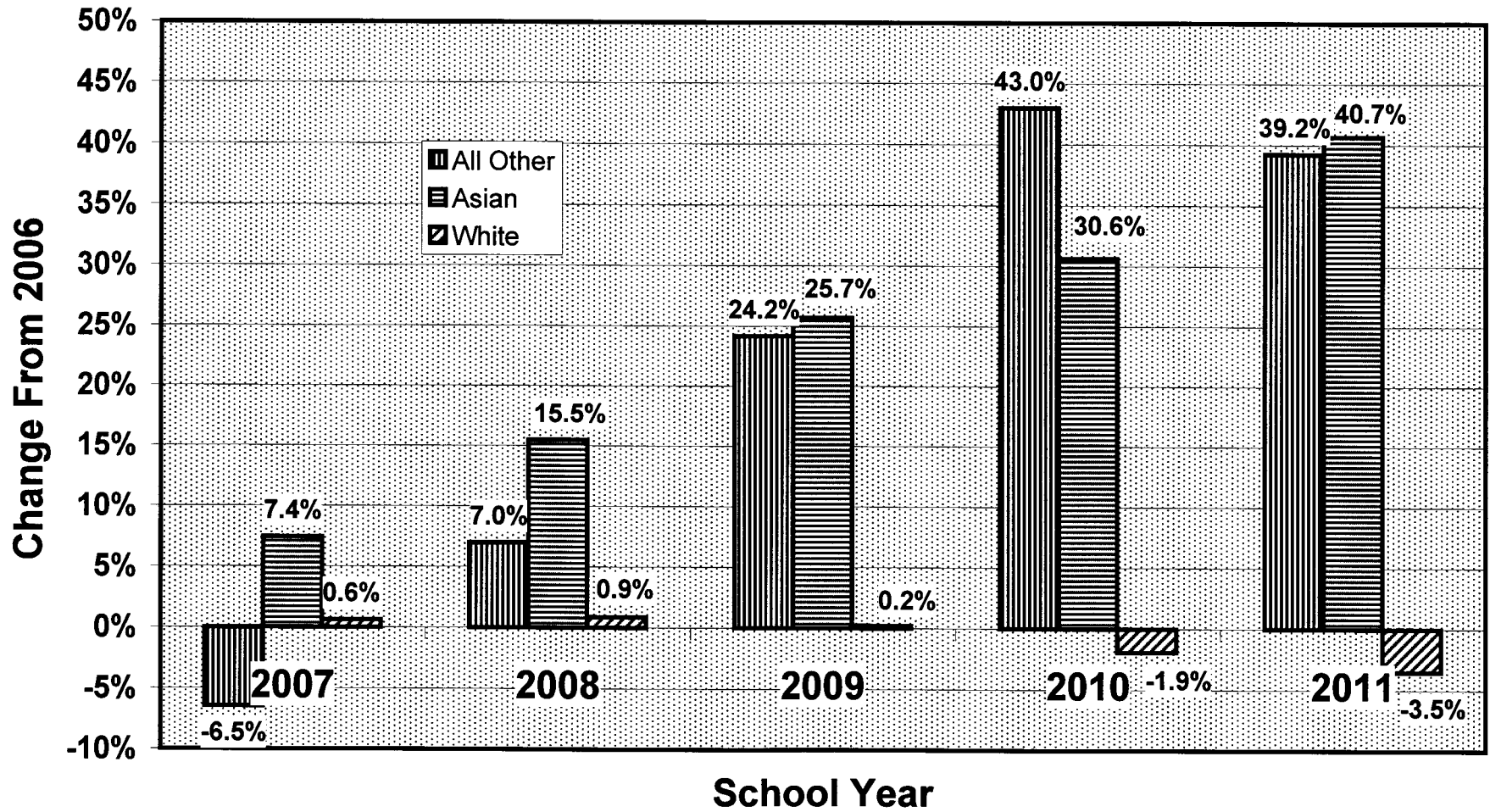
While English is the primary language spoken in **89.7%** of PSS homes, an additional **43** languages are principle in the remaining PSS homes. Three (**3**) Chinese languages are spoken as primary language in **2.9%** of PSS homes and eleven (**11**) Indian languages are spoken as principle language in **2.6%** of PSS homes. Korean, Spanish, and Portugese are the primary language in, respectively, **0.9%**, **1.2%**, and **0.4%** of PSS homes. The remaining **26** languages are principle in **2.2%** PSS homes.



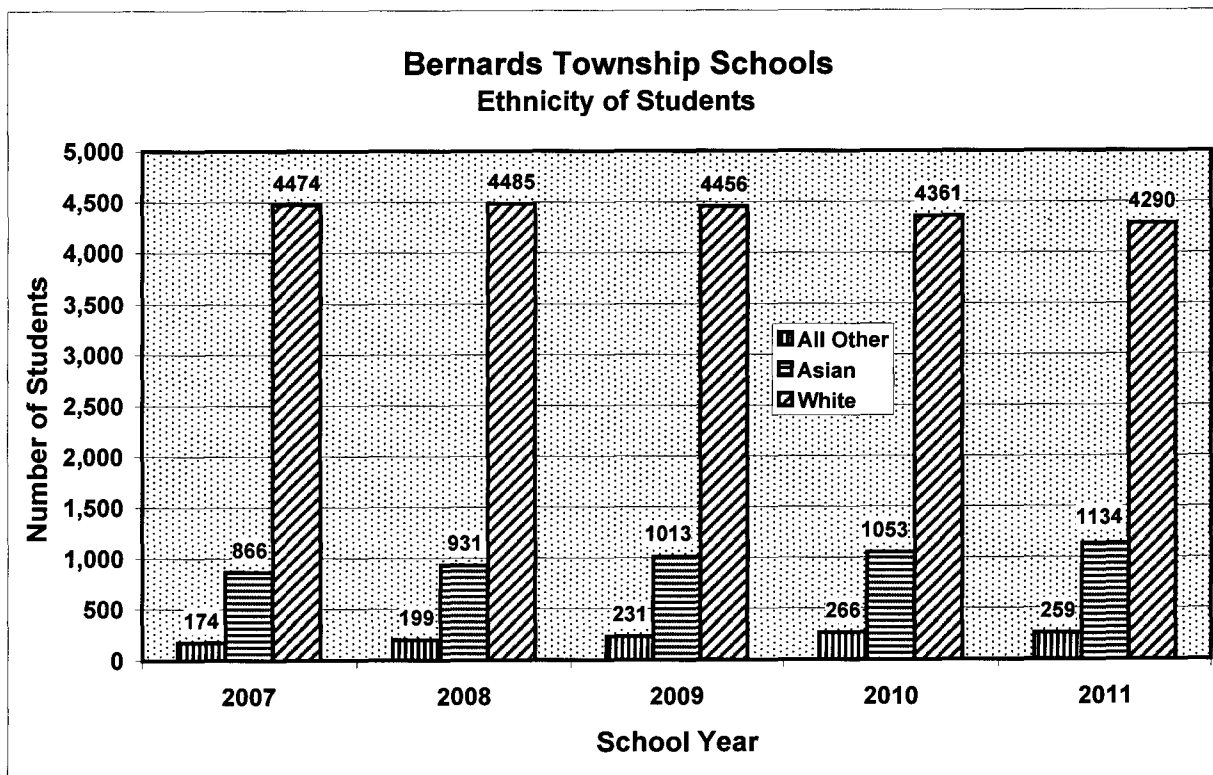
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Attachments: 13 (Graphs 1 through 4e)

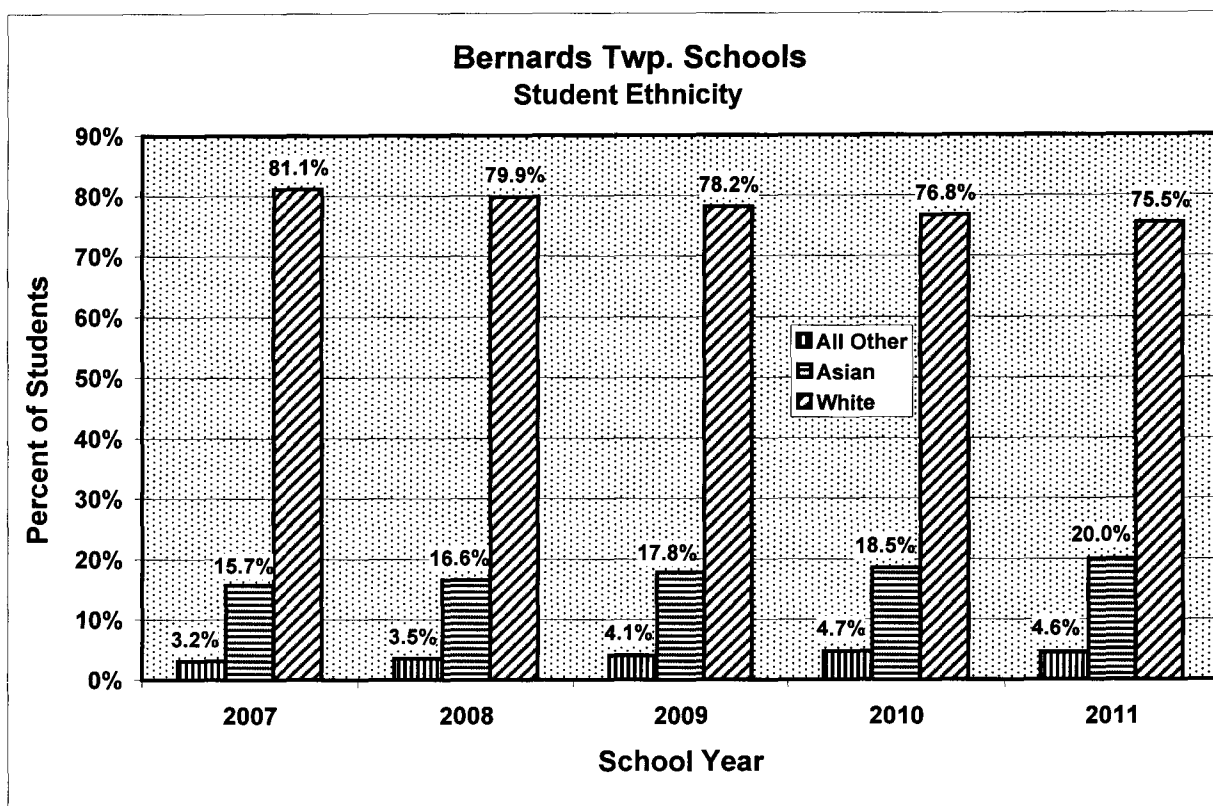
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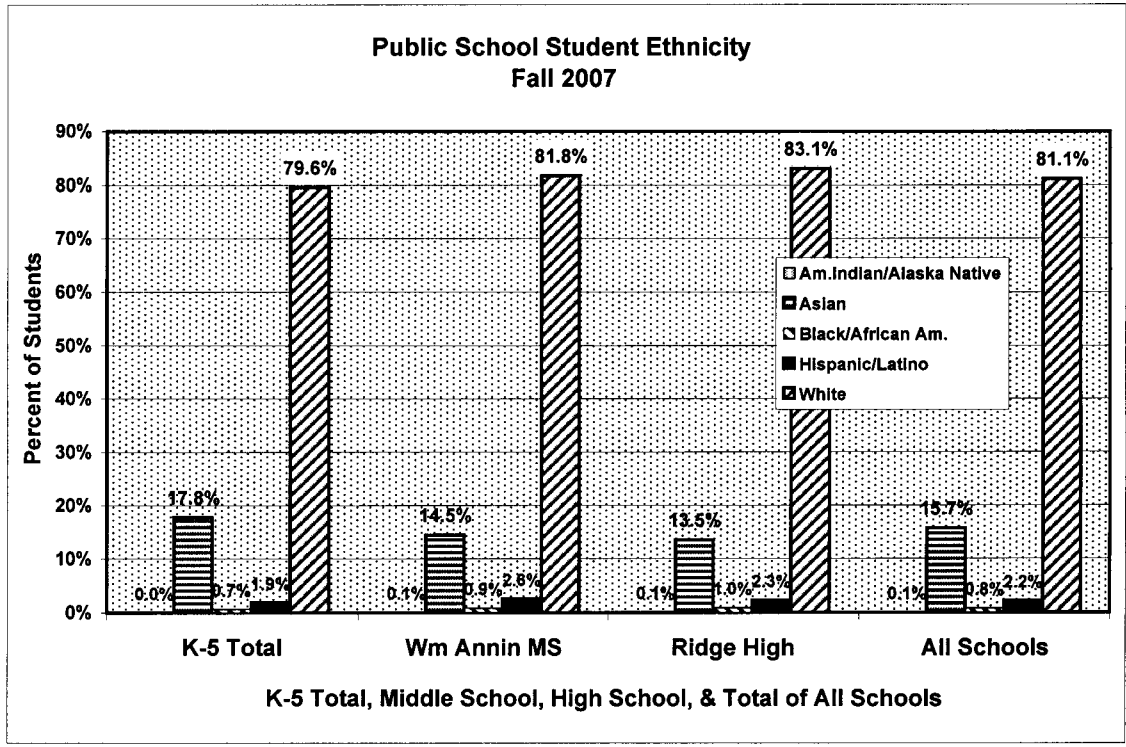
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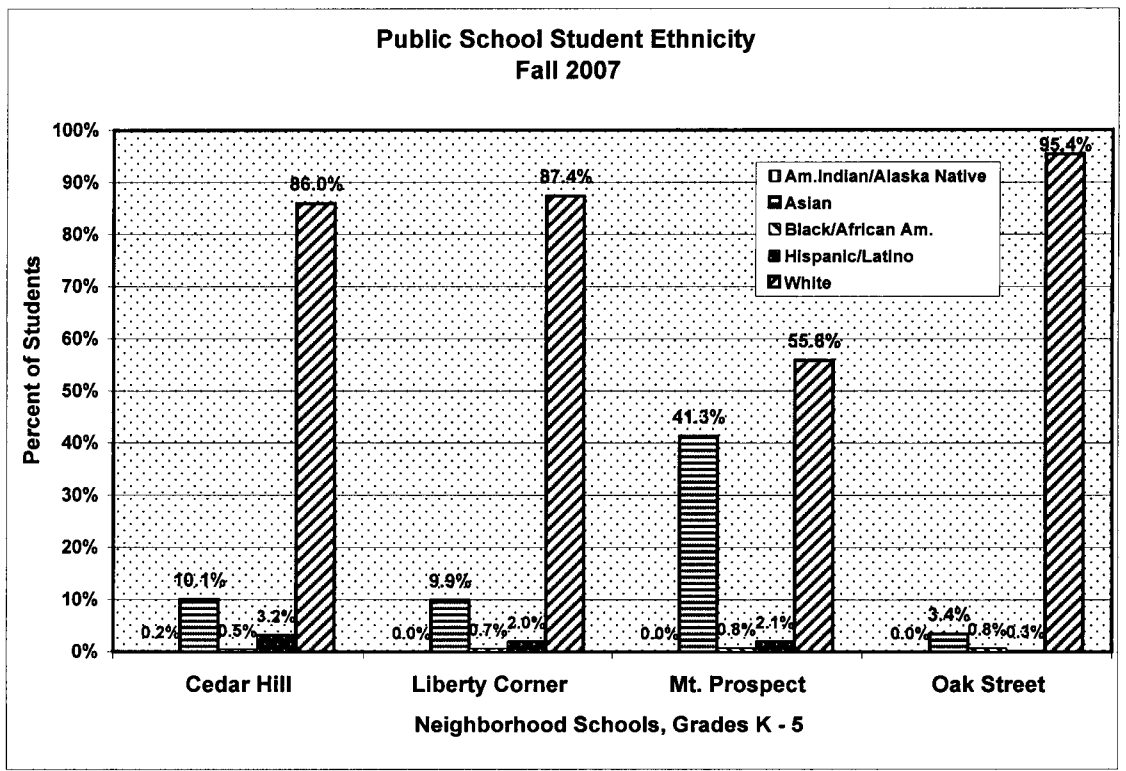
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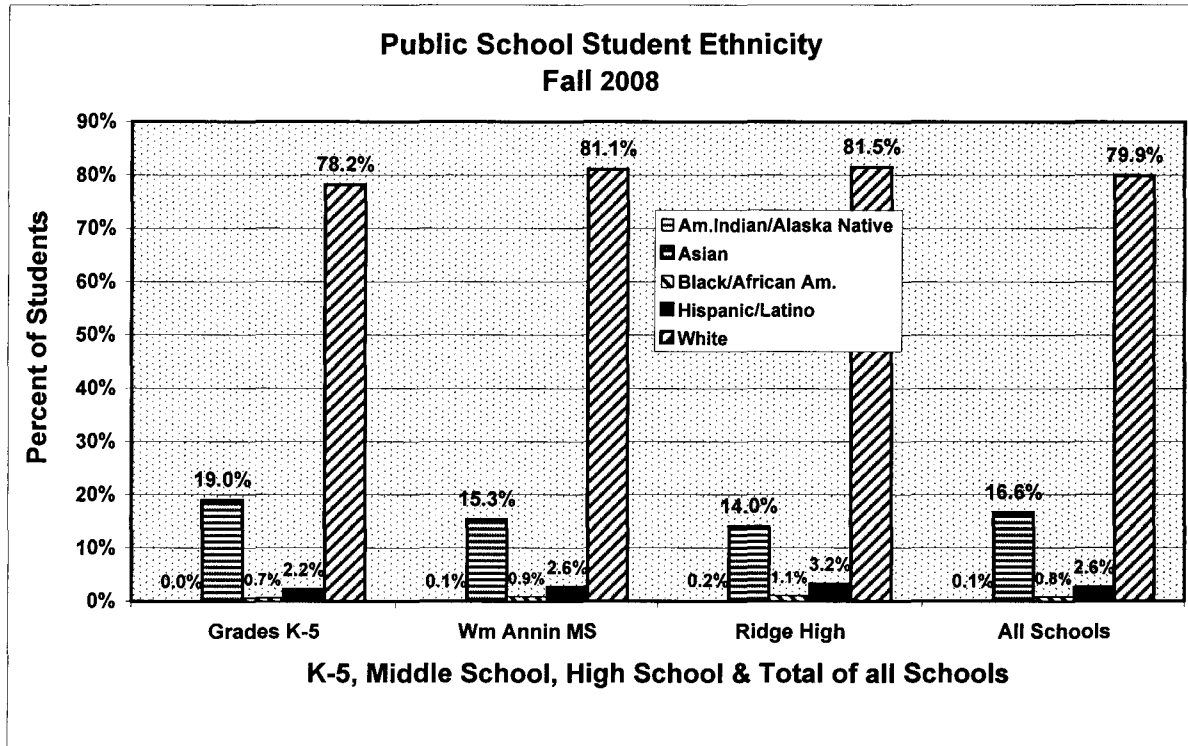
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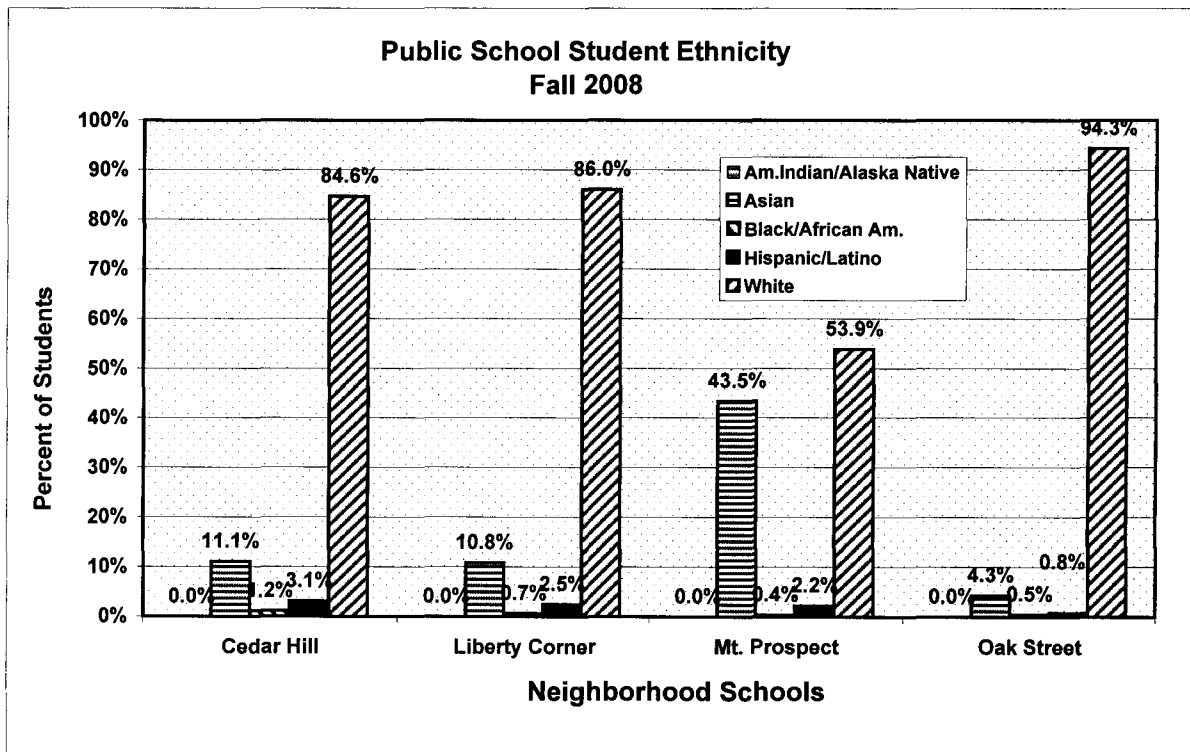
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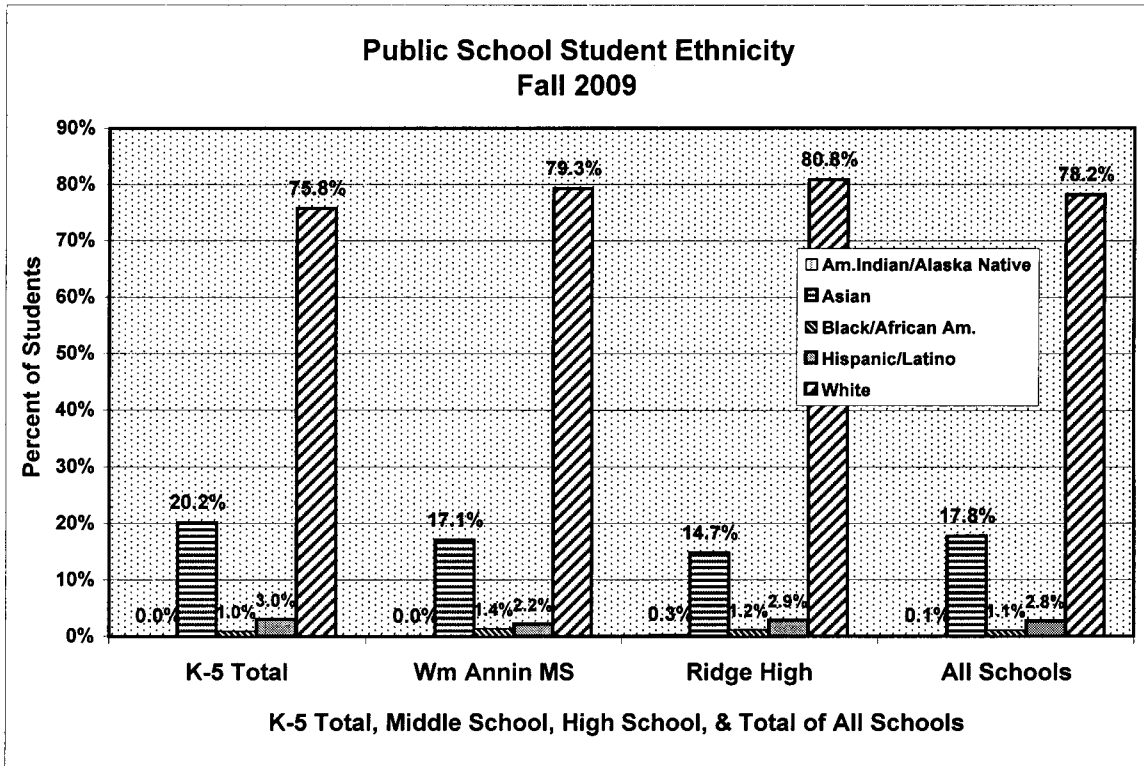
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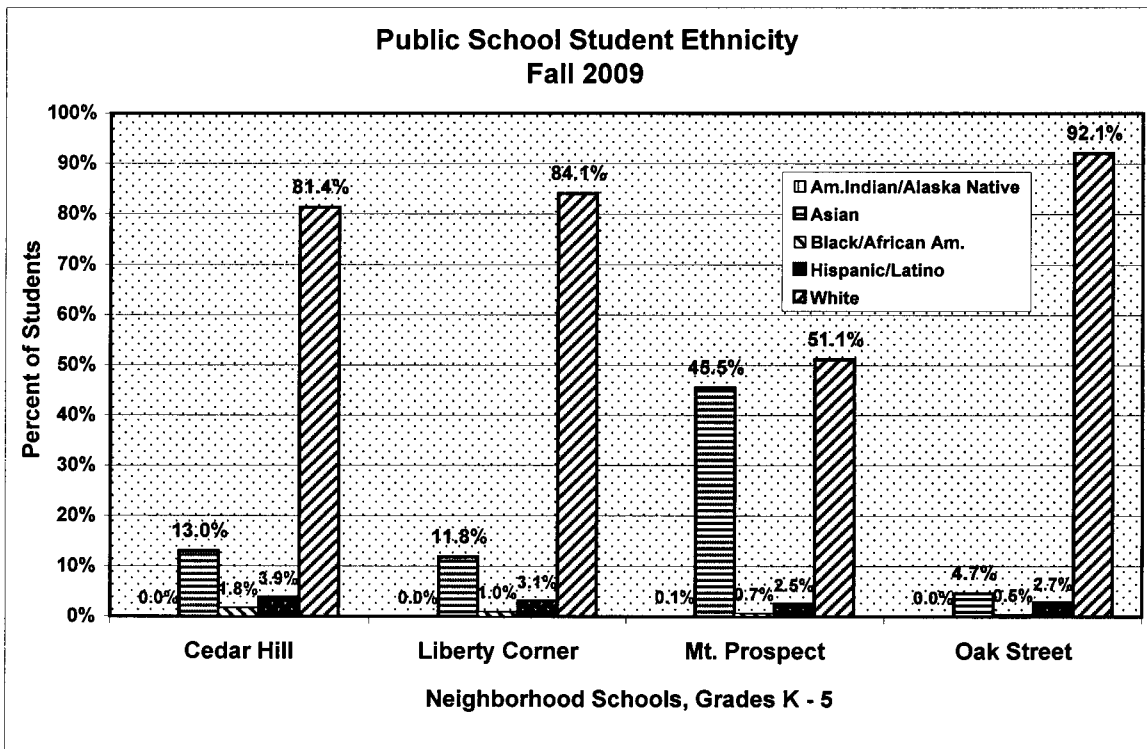
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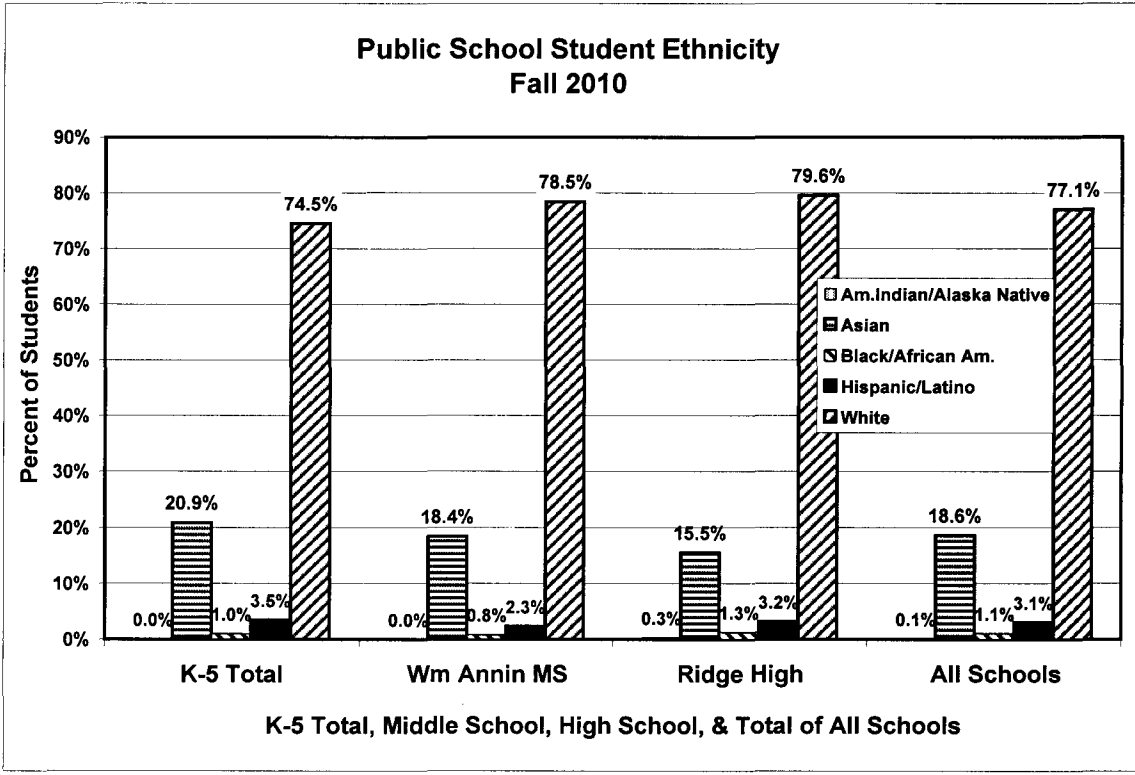
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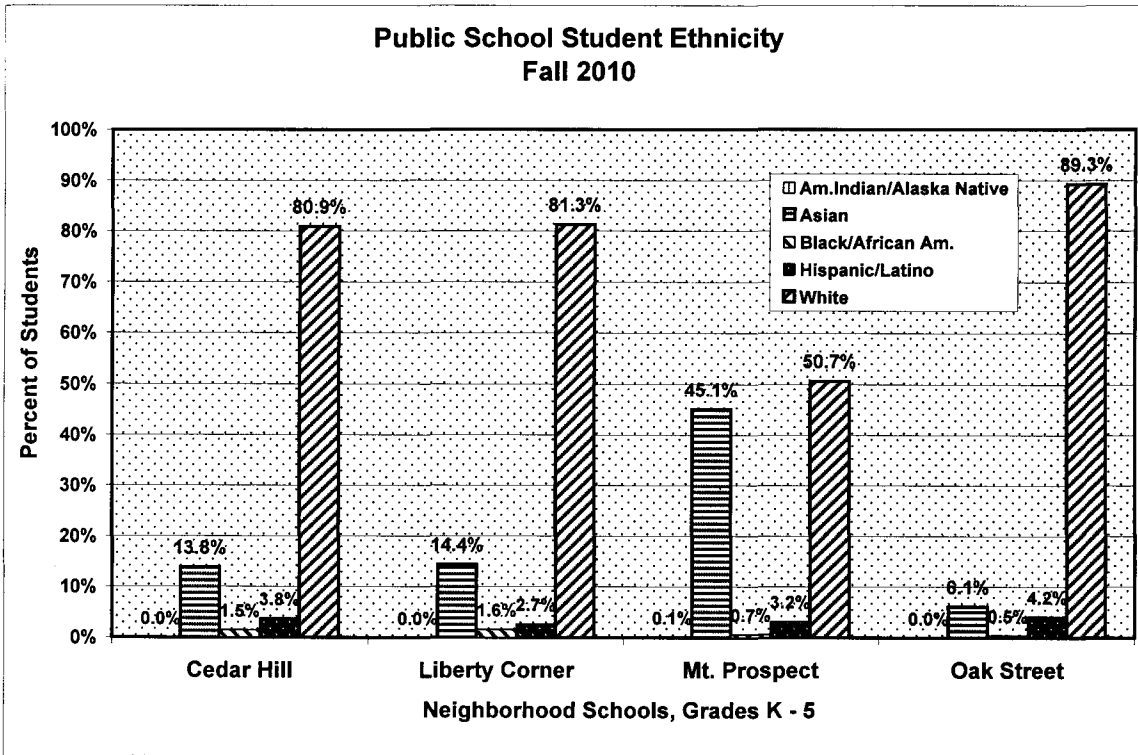
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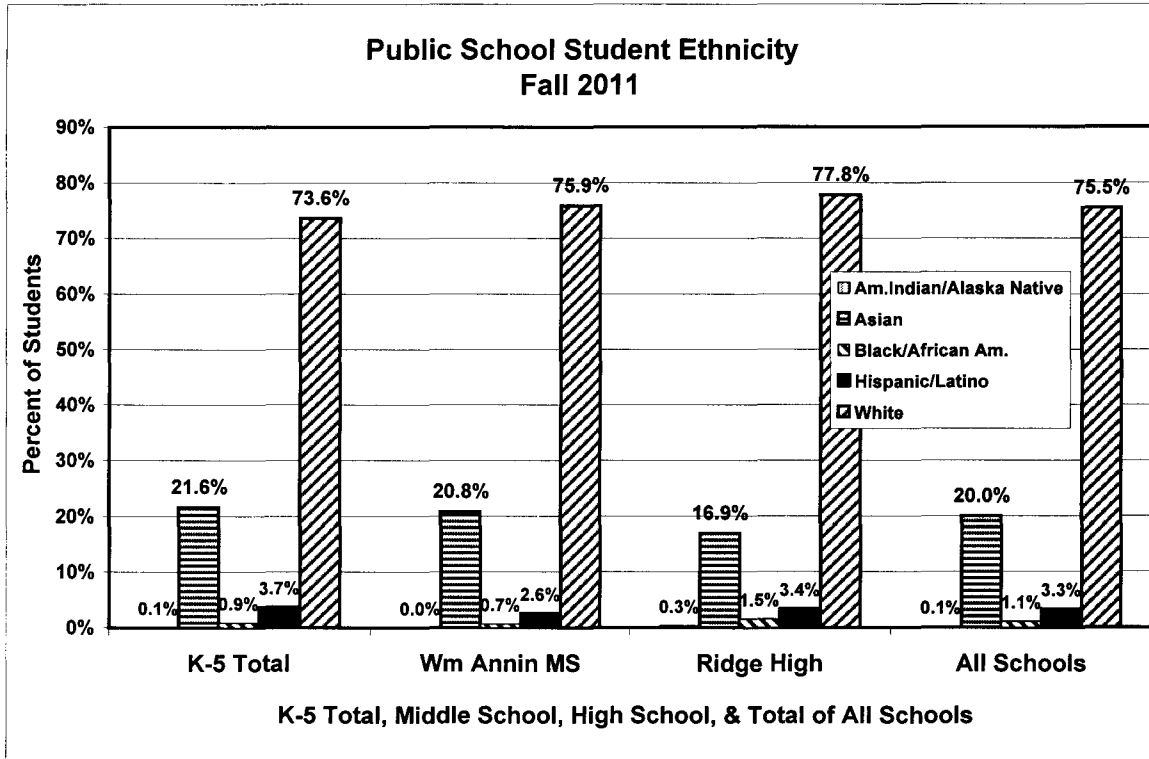
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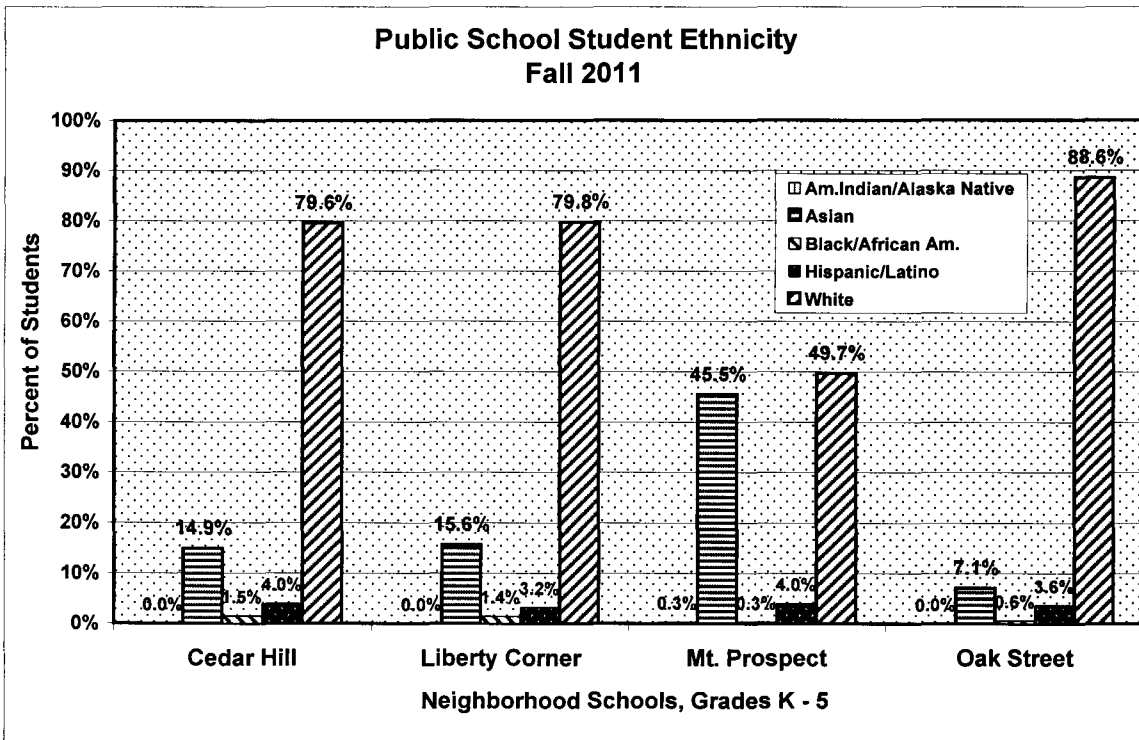
Graph 3d



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Graph 3e



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