

KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Table 1 shows demographic data for Knox County Public Schools (the entire district) and for several individual schools within the district.

- In each case the data are given as though the school/district is a **village of 100 people**.
- To keep the data more manageable, I focus on the three largest groups in the district:
 - White
 - Black, non-Hispanic
 - Hispanic
- Other includes: Asian, Native American, and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other
Knox County Public Schools (entire district)	72	17	8	3
Brickey-McCloud Elementary	91	5	2	2
Cedar Bluff Elementary	62	15	17	6
East Knox Elementary	91	6	2	1
Farragut Primary	79	4	8	9
Inskip Elementary	43	40	16	1
Sarah Moore Green Magnet Academy	11	79	9	1

Table 1. Selected racial/ethnic demographic data for Knox County Public Schools¹

DIRECTIONS

Work as a group on all of the following:

1. Create one or more representations that help you compare and contrast the entire district with the school your group was assigned. (You might try to use one of the types of graphs for PreK-2 children mentioned in the assigned reading).
2. Discuss and record your responses to: What are your reactions to these data? What do they show? How do they make you feel?
3. In the Frontline reading it discussed how researchers measure the “dissimilarity index” for districts. Come up with a method for how you would measure the level of integration/segregation for a school district.
4. Be prepared to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of your representation(s) – what does it show/highlight well? What might be missing or hard to see in it?
5. If you finish come up with another way(s) of representing the data.

¹ Data from 2015-16 retrieved from <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/data-downloads>