

Youth and Schools

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Introduction

These issues focus on conflicts with the youth and schools within certain census tracts. We found quantitative research from the 2010 US Census that provided us with numbers and percentages. Using a qualitative method of research, we went to these tracts, observed and interviewed people living in these places to further study these issues.

Background

Tract 240

- Census tract 240, within Borough Park, is highly populated with white, middleclass, Hasidic Jews.
- Opposing views of their religion, community, and of each other, create tension between the older generation and the youth living in this neighborhood.
- There has clearly been an increased gap of the relationship between the old and young.
- Parents are worried about their children's rebellious waywardness and fearful of future detachment from their Orthodox religion.
- Adolescents reassure their means to remain traditional Hasidic Jews as they grow up.
- The young and the old also show contrasting opinions of mainstream culture.

Tract 462.01

- Census tract 462.01, a block that consist of cooperative buildings and three schools- one elementary school, one middle school, and one high.
- I attended a high school with the campus of the census tract therefore, I have personal testimony of my qualitative research Most people are minority in the area.

Census Tract 240, Conflict Between Age Groups Amongst Jews in Boro Park

Quantitative

Total Population: **4,693**
 Median Age: **25**
 Male Population: **49.7%**
 Female Population: **50.3%**
 White: **95.5%**
 African American: **1%**
 Asian: **1%**
 Hispanic or Latino: **4.1%**
 Population in Households: **96.8%**
 Family Households: **72.6%**
 Husband-Wife Families: **65.7%**

Qualitative

There is tension between the older and younger generations of Hasidic Jews in Borough Park. Both age groups have differing perspectives of their community and of each other.

"They see modernism in a negative light and feel they have to compromise by participating in mainstream society."

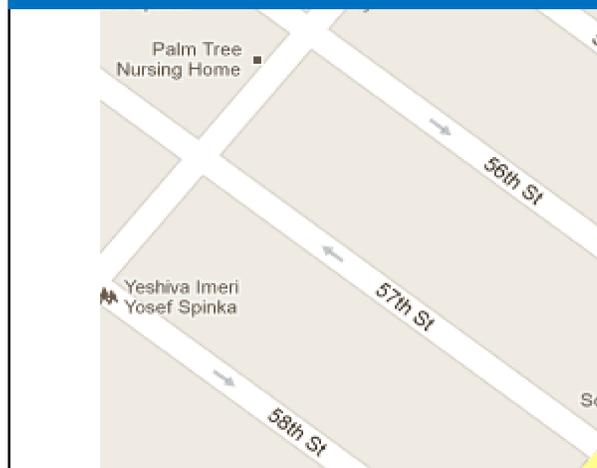
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"They run a completely different life-style as their parents did. I guess the values of the young now are changing. Hopefully they all continue to practice what we've taught 'em as they leave us."

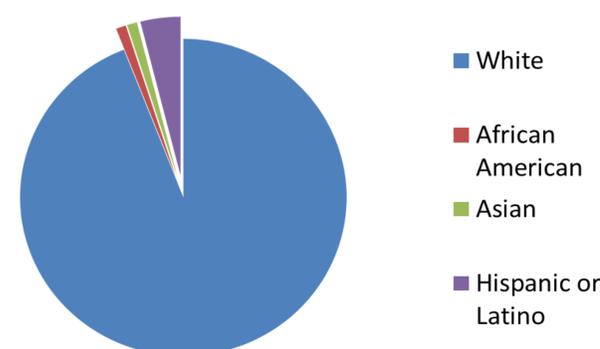
Census Tract 462.01, Quality of Education

- Total Population: **26,588**
- Husband-Wife Households: **27.7%**
- Non-Family Households: **45.4%**
- Median Age: **47**
- Youth(10-15): **18%**
- African American: **63%**
- White: **22%**
- Hispanic/Latino: **27%**
- Minority youth outside the census tract attend the census tract's high school in hopes for a better education
- Minorities have difficulty graduating
- The quality of education can act as a negative catalyst towards minority in urban neighborhoods unless it is improved

Maps



Race in Boro Park



Maps

Legend:

Boundaries

- State
- '10 County

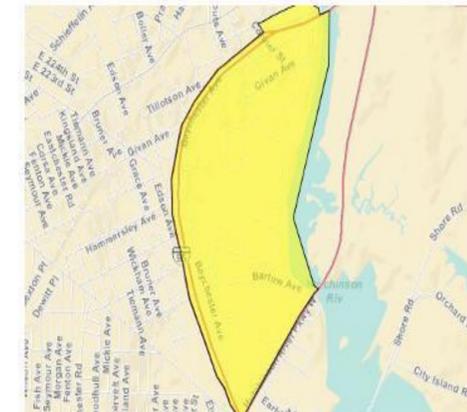
Features

- Major Road
- Street
- Stream/Waterbody

Your Selections

- Your Selections

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Conclusions

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Census Tract: 462.01

Due to the quality of education being lesser in public high schools than those of private schools, minorities are continuing to fall into a cycle of mediocrity and social downfall. If the experience of an academic lifestyle is not improved, then minorities will continue to be stagnant in the same social class and social issues that they are known for today.