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Reports/ Resources Specific to Education in Pittsburgh		
Report Title and Link	Summary	Author
A+ Schools Report	Reports on general statistics of students enrolled in Pittsburgh Public and Charter schools. This includes information on enrollment, student to teacher ratio, funding equity, teaching equity, discipline equity and student outcomes. It includes individual reports on all Pittsburgh Public and Charter Schools, including demographics, key outcomes, and achievement levels for each school.	Pittsburgh's Community Alliance for Public Education
Profile of Change in the City of Pittsburgh	Provides data broken down by each neighborhood in Allegheny County and compares data from 2006-2010 with data from 2011-2015, calculating the change between the two. Data analyzed includes total population by race and age, highest educational attainment, commuting, housing tenure, poverty, and veterans by last period of service.	University Center for Social and Urban Research (USCUR)
Pittsburgh Black Elected Officials Coalition- Peace and Justice Initiative	The Pittsburgh Black Elected Officials Coalition hosted community meetings that helped formulate this report. Meetings were held in the North Side, Sheraden, Hill District, South Side and Homewood. This report hoped to formulate community-based policy agenda regarding public safety, affordable housing, family outcomes, businesses and organizations, education, and employment. Within Education, they reported on demographics, community vision, challenges and recommendations for curriculum, schools, resources, and measures for success.	Homewood Children's Village
Strength for the Journeys: Lessons from African American Families on Educational Experiences in Greater Pittsburgh	Provides results from interviews and focus groups conducted by Pittsburgh College Access Alliance families. Information provided includes what are key components of quality education for Black children, incorporating desired outcomes, ideal educational environments and what parental involvement looks like for Black Families in Pittsburgh.	Race and Youth Development Research Group, Center on Race and Social Problems
Just Discipline and the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Greater Pittsburgh	Reports on the school-to-prison pipeline and exclusionary school discipline practices both in Allegheny County and nationally, including extent and impact of these practices on youth contact with the criminal justice system.	James P. Huguely, Ed.D., Ming-Te Wang, Ed.D., Kathryn Monahan, Ph.D., Gina Keane, MSW, Abel J. Koury, Ph.D.

The Just Discipline Project, 2-Year Review	<p>Review of school discipline data, student achievement data, student surveys, teacher surveys and teach interviews in schools where The Just Discipline Project works.</p>	<p>University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Center on Race and Social Problems, School of Education, Motivation Center</p>
Pittsburgh Racial Demographics: Differences and Disparities (2007)	<p>Reports data for four groups (Whites, African Americans, Asians and Hispanics) and four geographic areas (City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical area and the U.S). It evaluates education, economic disparities, families, youth and the elderly, intergroup relations, mental health, and criminal justice.</p>	<p>Center on Race and Social Problems</p>
Pittsburgh Racial Demographics 2015: Differences and Disparities	<p>Provides indicators of quality of life by race and ethnicity for Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area and the U.S. It looks at seven different areas for comparison: population diversity; families, youth, and elderly; education disparities; economic disparities; interracial group relations; health and mental health; and criminal justice.</p>	<p>Center on Race and Social Problems, Pitt School of Social Work</p>
My Brother's Keeper	<p>A comprehensive plan for Pittsburgh and the surrounding area to "support the success of young men of color and effective and efficient means to implement the strategies".</p>	<p>MBK Pittsburgh-Allegheny County</p>
My Brother's Keeper Community & Stakeholder Planning Process: Initial Recommendations	<p>This report covers the public planning sessions across Allegheny County's process and participation, identifying the recurring themes and making recommendations in regard to programs seeking to close the opportunity gap for Pittsburgh youth. They met with young men in order to find what they saw as the needs and gaps in out of school programming, as well as the best practices and ideal programs. These thoughts are then used to recognize what these youths look for in a successful program in order to provide them with greater opportunities.</p>	<p>UrbanKind Institute</p>

Reports from Pittsburgh Public School

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On Track to Equity, Integrating Equity Throughout PPS	An implementation plan to increase equity throughout all Pittsburgh Public Schools by addressing equity in discipline practices, special education, and special program access and reducing the achievement gap.	Pittsburgh Public Schools
Changes in academic achievement in Pittsburgh Public Schools during remote instruction in the COVID-19 pandemic	A report on student achievement during the COVID-19 pandemics, including average test score growth, failure rates, chronic absenteeism. Compares rates nationally and pre-COVID-19 pandemic rates	Institute of Education Sciences
Pittsburgh Public Schools: Community Schools Final Report	Evaluation, impact studies results and next steps for the Pittsburgh Public Schools Community School initiative, which supports students, families, and community through partnerships among schools and community-based organizations.	American Institutes for Research
Pittsburgh Public Schools Student Enrollment	Data review of student enrollment from 2008-2009 through 2018-2019, including demographic trends, percent of English learners, economically disadvantaged indicators and students receiving special education.	Pittsburgh Public Schools
Pittsburgh Public Schools K-2 Non-Violent Suspension Ban Evaluation	Evaluation of the impact of the K-2 non-violence suspension ban on out of school suspensions throughout Pittsburgh Public Schools	Tatia Prieto, Ed.D, MBA, PMP
Review of Incident Report Data	A review of calls for service received by School Police. Data comes from the police report logging system and provides student demographics for those who had an officer respond to incident, been given a citation or arrested.	Pittsburgh Public Schools

Reports/Resources Relevant Education in the City of Pittsburgh		
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Strategies for Change: The Full Document	The goal of this report is to create an anti-violence plan for Pittsburgh. They offer over 30 different sections of action points people could take in order to build a more peaceful community. They cite the role of educational institutions and importance of holding the educational system, from pre-school to university accountable.	Coalition Against Violence; Black Political Empowerment Project
Barriers & Bridges: An Action Plan for Overcoming Obstacles and Unlocking Opportunities for African American Men in Pittsburgh	This plan focuses on racial disparities in the Pittsburgh region and the structural barriers that perpetuate them. This report documents disparities in access to employment, financial services, and business development using public data sources and aggregate local data, as well as “examining policies, practices and norms that contribute to disproportionate outcomes by race”. They held two focus groups and interviewed 20 stakeholders. Their focus is placed on employment and entrepreneurship, and they make recommendations in those two areas. While their focus is not on education, they cite disparities in local education systems in barriers to economic advancement.	Urban Institute supported by the Heinz Endowments
African American Neighborhoods of Choice	This report takes a comprehensive look at the demographics of Pittsburgh and how African American perceive their neighborhoods and what individuals look for in a neighborhood. They look at what factors influence where residents live, work, and recreate. Demographic census data is examined, including population size, educational attainment, and location.	POISE Foundation
Homewood: A Community Profile	This report takes an in depth look at the Homewood Community, beginning with the history, as well as the community assets and the DHS involvement in the neighborhood. The report also presents data regarding income and poverty, education and employment, health indicators, housing and home ownership, and child and community safety.	Allegheny Department of Human Services; Homewood Children’s Village

<p>The Pittsburgh Regional Quality of Life Survey</p>	<p>A follow-up to at 2011 survey with intent to understand the attitudes and circumstances of the region’s citizens and determine how these views have changed over time. The findings are divided in seven data sets, allowing comparison across age, gender, income, race, education, and geography. The findings include overall quality of life, neighborhood, environment, government, arts & culture, transportation, education, public safety, housing, economy, health, religion, and happiness.</p>	<p>University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR)</p>
<p>Platform for an Equitable & Just Greater Pittsburgh</p>	<p>The Platform for an Equitable and Just Greater Pittsburgh (EJGP) is a platform designed to encourage Southwestern Pennsylvania to incorporate the principles of equity and justice into all of the policies and investments in the region. The region and its people share a common history of industry and innovation that continues to influence and inspire. This platform is used to guide work, connect, educate, advocate, and hold people, organizations, institutions, business, public offices, and others accountable. They focus on climate and environment, education, food, health, housing, livelihoods, and transportation.</p>	<p>UrbanKind Institute</p>
<p>Pittsburgh Inequality Across Gender and Race</p>	<p>The Gender Equity Commission evaluated Pittsburgh’s livability across gender and race. They report on health, income, employment, and education across six sub-populations: White women, White Men, Black women, Black men, AMLON (Asian, Multiracial, Latinx, Other and Native American) women and AMLON Men.</p>	<p>City of Pittsburgh’s Gender Equity Commission</p>
<p>Inequities Affecting Black Girls in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County</p>	<p>A report looking at the barriers impeding the well-being and academic success of girls. It focuses on the intersections of poverty, education, juvenile justice, violence/ abuse and child welfare.</p>	<p>Sara Goodkind, Ph.D., MSW</p>

Pennsylvania Education Reports and Documents

Report Title and Link	Summary	Author
School Safety Task Force Report 2018	The School Safety in PA Task Force shares its findings, observations, and recommendations. The report addresses ways the state, schools and communities can create secure environments where learning is prioritized. The task force identified 31 targeted and actionable recommendations to improve school safety and student well-being.	Pennsylvania Office of the Governor
Postsecondary Access in Pennsylvania: Factors Associated with Students' Access and Travel Distance to 4- Year Universities	Comprehensive report on postsecondary access in Pennsylvania. It breaks down access by race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, geographic status, non-English learners and performance.	Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of Administration
Special Education Data Report	Special Education Data report for the 2021-2022 school year. This includes total enrollment, percent of disability and demographics of students	Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education

Tools that make Pittsburgh Education Data Available

Source Title and Link	Summary
Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center (WPRDC)	Data center makes public information easier to find and use by providing a technological and legal infrastructure for data sharing. It maintains Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh's open data portal and provides a number of services to data publishers and users. The Data Center hosts datasets from these and other public sector agencies, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations.
Allegheny County Quick Counts	Department of Human Service Data provides the number of students enrolled in Pittsburgh Public Schools and corresponding demographic information. They provide information for students involved with child welfare, criminal and juvenile justice, and who are housing insecure.
Future Ready PA Index	The Future Ready PA Index provides demographics of students by county, district, school and includes statewide data. Data points include incidents of drugs and alcohol, violence, weapons, property, suspension, and expulsion rates.

PA Department of Education, Safe School Office Discipline Data Repository	<p>A historical, annual data set collected by the Safe Schools Office. Data can be divided by school, county and includes state and national wide comparisons. Markers include student conduct, academic conduct and serious infractions that occurred.</p>
Miseducation: Pittsburgh School District	<p>Dashboard providing information on the demographics, the racial divides in opportunity, discipline, achievement gap, resources and suspension and expulsion rates, both at the district level and individual schools.</p>
PA Department of Education, Data and Reporting	<p>A comprehensive cite with reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment and accountability - Enrollment - High School Graduation Rates - Postsecondary and Higher Ed - School Climate - School Staff
Published District Dashboards	<p>Pittsburgh Public Schools provides data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accountability performance - Algebra 1-9th grade pass rates - AP courses and exam pass rates - Attendance rates - Cohort graduation rates - Current Promise eligible students - Student growth via Keystone exam results - Enrollment summary - Suspension rates - Teaching and learning conditions
Pittsburgh Public School Enrollment Summary	<p>Dashboard providing enrollment by school year, with demographic filters such as grade, race, gender, IEP status, economic status, English language learner status for the whole district and by school.</p>