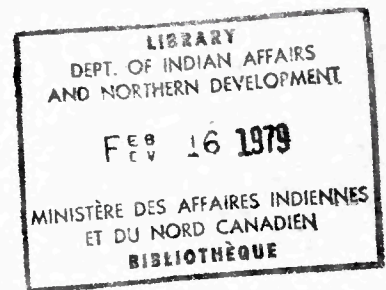


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I BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

In 1968 the boarding home program of Indian High School students was approaching the second decade. It seemed, appropriate, therefore, to review the program, reassessing and planning for the next fiscal quinquennium. In preparation, a tentative study proposal had been developed in 1967 by a Committee representing Education Branch, the Canadian Research Centre for Anthropology, and the Canadian Welfare Council, resulting in a comprehensive and definite research design. From the 1967 study proposal this research project evolved. Its major objective is to evaluate the effectiveness of a boarding home program for Indian high school students.

In its study proposal, the Committee established three primary instruments for the collection of data. Interview Schedule A for data on sample students, Schedule B on Indian parents, and Schedule C on boarding home parents. Preliminary analysis of current statistics determined the size of the samples, the study centres, and the number of interviewers.

Principal Objectives

The study has three principal objectives:

1. To delineate the general problems of students, Indian parents, boarding home parents, guidance counsellors, and any other persons involved in or associated with the program.
2. To develop appropriate forms for recording data on the boarding home program.
3. To make tentative suggestions for improvement of the program.

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1. Study Population

The study population or universe is defined as all the Indian high school students residing in boarding homes in the various urban centres across Canada. It also includes all their parents, or guardians, and their private boarding home parents.

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Of the 70,500 registered Indian pupils, approximately 12,000 are boarders of whom some 8,500 are accommodated in federal hostels or "school residences", some 700 in non-federal hostels or "dormitories", and the remaining 2,800 in private boarding homes. Thus roughly 23 per cent of the boarders are in private homes, 70 per cent in federal hostels, and 7 per cent in non-federal hostels. It is estimated that 80 to 90 per cent of the 2,800 elementary and secondary boarders are high school students. An indication of the Regional breakdown<sup>(2)</sup> of boarding home students, whose parents reside on a reserve or Crown lands, is as follows:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Boarders in Private Homes</u>
Maritimes	52
Quebec	215
Ontario	710
Manitoba	207
Saskatchewan	443
Alberta	376
British Columbia & Yukon	764
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<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2,767</u>

Sources:

- (1) Indian Affairs Facts and Figures, September 1967, and Statistics Section, Educational Services Division
- (2) Statistics Section, Education Services Division, "Enrolment Band Return for Elementary and Secondary Indian Pupils as of November 1, 1967"

### 2. - Selection of Study Centres

#### Study Sample

The initial design for the selection of the sample of High School students in boarding homes, and the study centres suggested by the Committee in 1967, was adopted. The "Regional Summary of Caseloads of Guidance Counsellors" (p. 195), January 1968 shows the following number of elementary and secondary school boarders in regions. Vocational and post secondary are excluded.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Student Boarders<sup>(1)</sup></u>
British Columbia & Yukon	471
Alberta	349
Saskatchewan	401
Manitoba	225
Ontario	868
Quebec	167
Maritimes	60
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<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2,541</u>



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In January 1968 11 Education Districts within the above regions had, with one exception, 100 and more elementary and secondary students in boarding homes. These are listed below. As none of the Education Districts in Quebec or the Maritimes had as many, these two areas were not included in the survey.

<u>Education District</u>	<u>Student Boarders</u> (1)
British Columbia south coast (Vancouver lower mainland)	284
Vancouver Island (Victoria & V.I.)	104
Edmonton-Hobbema	114
Blood-Peigan (Lethbridge)	118
Prince Albert	140
Battleford	110
Portage-Dauphin (Brandon)	103
Clandeboye (Winnipeg)	89
Sault Ste. Marie-James Bay (Sault Ste. Marie)	147
Fort Frances-Kenora	146
Sudbury	<u>249</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,604</u>

Source:

(1) Counsellor's Monthly Reports, January 1968

Three of the above Districts were selected as typical metropolitan areas: Vancouver, Edmonton, and Winnipeg, and three as typical small urban areas: the lower mainland of British Columbia, Prince Albert-Battleford, and Sault Ste. Marie. These six centres became the designated centres of this study. From these centres, samples of high school students in boarding homes were taken.

### 3. Study Sample - Selection of Student, Indian Parent and Boarding Home Parent Sample

The five principal criteria established for the selection of the student sample were:

- (1) Students are to be in junior or senior secondary high school. Only those in academic, academic-vocational, and/or academic-commercial streams are included. Those attending a technical institute, vocational training centre or other post-secondary school are not included.
- (2) Students are to be living in boarding homes and in receipt of educational assistance. An application for Education Assistance is to be on file for each student selected.

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- (3) Students are to be 15 to 19 years old. Those who have not reached their 15th birthday and those who have reached their 20th birthday are not to be included in the sample.
- (4) The students are to be drawn from the school population enrolled in the educational assistance program during the 1967-68 school term, commencing September 1, 1967 and ending February 29, 1968. The sample will include both those students who continue in the program until March 1, 1968 and those who drop out during that period.
- (5) Indian parents of the sample students are to comprise the Indian parent sample. Also, the boarding home parents of these same students are to make up the boarding home parent sample.

On the assumption that all three groups included in this composite sample are homogeneous, a 10 per cent sample was considered satisfactory. However, as the next paragraph relates, the actual sample of students selected represented 25 per cent of the high school students in the six designated centres.

The method employed in the selection of the student sample was a manual random sampling. As a first step, the educational staff in the designated centres prepared separate alphabetical lists of the total high school population in private boarding homes between the ages 15 to 19. These lists included the student's name and age, the name and address of his boarding home parents, and the name and address of his own parents or guardian. From each list 35 to 40 names were taken by selecting every second, third or fourth name on the list depending on the size of the list. Those students whose natural parents or guardian were inaccessible, were exchanged for a name immediately preceding or following the original student's name.

Two hundred and thirty-two students were drawn initially. Difficulties in reaching parents and/or obtaining complete information, reduced the sample to 216. When the selection was made in January 1968, the 216 sample students comprised 25 per cent of the total number of high school students in boarding homes in the six selected centres. Of the 1,640 high school students in boarding homes in all five provinces, the sample represented 13 per cent of this total. The 216 students were selected from the six study centres as follows:

<u>Metropolitan</u>		<u>Urban</u>	
Vancouver	38	British Columbia (lower mainland)	34
Edmonton	34	Prince Albert - Battleford	33
Winnipeg	39	Sault Ste. Marie	38

The sample of Indian parents was 428, (214 families).



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### 4. Instruments for the Collection of the Field Data

Interview Schedules A, B, and C, and Questionnaire D were the four primary instruments used for this study. Copies of these are in the Appendices.

#### Schedule A - Indian Students

The use of this schedule in the collection of data was through a personal interview with each sample student. The questions covered demographic data, entry into the boarding home program, school and boarding home experiences, health problems, employment experience, relationship with boarding home family, social activities, career aspirations and expectations, contacts with natural parents, and evaluation of the boarding home. An open-ended question solicited further comments.

#### Schedule B - Indian Parents

This schedule was administered by the same interviewers as in Schedule A. The purpose was to obtain first hand the reactions and comments of the natural parents. In many instances the counsellor-interviewers met the parents of their students for the first time. Interpreters were necessary in several of these interviews.

#### Schedule C - Boarding Home Parents

Similarly the same interviewers saw the sample students' boarding parents.

Both Schedules B and C contained hard socio-economic data: age, religion, occupation, marital status, size of family, education, housing, and residence. Both schedules had open-ended questions.

Schedule B asked the parents what their school aspirations were for their children, what type of school accommodations they preferred, contacts with their children and boarding home families, and their evaluation of boarding home parents.

Schedule C included socio-economic data and information on boarding home parents placement experiences with Indian and other children, their preferences, their motivations, their appraisal of the boarding home program, their expectations and evaluation of the boarding home students, and their suggestions for improvement of the program. All interview schedules were pretested - A and B by the writer, and C by the original Committee.

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### Questionnaire D - Counsellors

This Questionnaire was composed by the writer (see Appendices) to ascertain the counsellor's perception of their own role in the boarding home program, their conception of the role of the boarding home parents, and the type or problems or crisis-situations referred by the various constituents of their communities. It was designed, also, to learn about the prevailing patterns of recording and reporting data on counsellors' caseloads and patterns of their overtime activities. Questionnaire D was mailed to 112 guidance and vocational counsellors, located in all the district offices of the five regions involved in this study. No identification, other than Region, was requested.

### Interviewers

Twelve guidance counsellors, two from each study centre, were selected by the Director, Education Branch, for the administration of Interview Schedules A, B, and C. The interviewers were selected for their experience, academic and personal qualifications, ability to communicate and to maintain objectivity in the conduct of the interviews. It was recognized some counsellors would be interviewing some of their own students and the natural and boarding home parents of these students if they were part of the sample. Some also, as noted previously, would be meeting and interviewing Indian parents of their students for the first time. This was initially thought to be an advantage.

The Director asked that district offices free these counsellor-interviewers from regular duties, so that the study could have priority during the months of March and April.

A workshop, under the direction of the Head of Guidance Services, Ottawa and the writer, took place February 26 and 27 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The study objectives and the interview schedules were reviewed and the latter modified. Interviewing techniques, definitions, and general instructions for completion and mailing of the completed schedules and Data Sheets A were discussed. The workshop provided an opportunity for the orientation of the research consultant, and sharing of the heavy research this project imposed because of deadlines and other restricting limitations.

The training and experience of the interviewing team of 12 counsellors is briefly summarized here. The writer understands that similar academic qualifications and experience would pertain to most of the counsellors presently employed by the Division. Nine of the counsellor-interviewers were university graduates (B.A. and/or B.A. and B. Ed.), ten had professional or first class teachers' certificates, and two a Guidance Certificate and Secondary Teachers' certificate. Their collective teaching experience totalled 144 years. Experience ranged from none to 31 years and averaged 12 years. Of the 12 counsellors, six had taught in Indian schools (student ages 2 to 16 years). Their average length of



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experience teaching Indians was eight years (this would seem an important "research indicator") and their total counselling experience of Indian students in the boarding home program was  $29\frac{1}{2}$  years, ranging from one-half year to six years. All their counselling experience, representing an average of 2.4 years, was in the current guidance program of Education Services, Indian Affairs Branch. None had had formal experience in social work placement of children and/or group work. Later in this report reference is made to the value of some professional experience in child care and the implications of such for the boarding home program.

### 5. Processing and Analysis of Data from Schedules and Questionnaire

After completing Interview Schedules A, B, and C, the interviewer-counsellors mailed them to Headquarters in Ottawa for data processing.

All Questionnaire D's, when completed by the counsellors, were mailed to the research consultant in Victoria. A precursory review of the questionnaires (prior to the writer's field trip across the country) enabled the consultant to explore with the counsellors and their respective administrators, certain policies and practices that seemed relevant and significant in any revision and/or modification of the program. The analysis of all Questionnaire D's are found in Chapter IV.

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### 1. Indian Students

Seventy per cent of Indian high school students in boarding homes in the six study centres are 17 years and younger. Girls tend to be placed more often in Metropolitan centres and boys in urban areas. Well over half are in junior high school grades and show some grade retardation. (one-third are one year, and one quarter are two years retarded). The seniors show less grade retardation. (About half are at the normal or better age-grade level.) Slightly more girls than boys (1 per cent) are in Grades 11 to 13.

Most of the sample students are not experiencing school integration for the first time, as two-thirds have been in provincial or parochial integrated schools at least during the previous year. However, at one time or another, three-quarters of the sample attended Indian Day schools, one-half residential schools and 10 per cent attended parochial schools, 3 per cent of the sample had always attended provincial schools.

The size of the home class is normal in range (20 to 30 pupils). In Metro schools especially, there is frequently either only one Indian student or two. Less than 10 per cent of the Indian students have five or more Indian classmates. Over half are in academic-vocational-

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technical courses, 40 per cent in the academic stream, and less than 10 per cent in occupational classes.

Indian students generally say they miss less than one day a month from illness. The illness, they say, is minor (e.g., headache and toothache). Only interviewers in Vancouver - lower mainland and Sault Ste. Marie reported fully on attendance, accounting for about half the sample students. These reports indicated high attendance, averaging 90 per cent or better.

However, absenteeism ranked either first or second among the crisis-situations reported most frequently by teachers, natural parents, and boarding home parents, with physical illness and physical disability of a more serious nature ranking third or fourth. Boarding home parents complained about the inconvenience of and lack of authority for securing emergency medical, dental, and hospital services. Counsellors complained about the difficulties of securing medical examinations of students immediately prior to placement.

Asked directly, 90 per cent of the boys and 86 per cent of the girls said they were satisfied with their boarding homes. Both boys and girls said the thing they liked best was the "family atmosphere," and the quarter who were able to identify what they least liked said most often "the restrictive rules and the distance from school and from their own home." Almost a reversal of this positive acclaim for their boarding home arrangements was revealed by the frequency of boarding home changes in the past six months. Fifty-four per cent had not changed, but forty-six per cent had changed. Over half of those changing had changed once, 10 per cent twice, and 6 per cent three times. More than half gave unhappiness as reason for the change or were unable to state specific reasons. Other reasons related to school transfers, change of residence and plans of boarding home parents, and discipline problems. Further evidence of student dissatisfaction with boarding home placement is incompatibility. This is by far the most frequent type of crisis-situation referred to by students. Among the first suggestions offered by students for improvement of boarding home placements, are requests for more information about their new home and community at the time of application, and a trial period or orientation prior to permanent placement. Ten per cent of the students who move (or occasionally their parents) go out and find their own new boarding home, and then ask the counsellor to approve of the ad hoc arrangement. Usually the student asks to move to a home recommended by one of his student friends or relatives who are happily placed.

To what degree students are really a part of their boarding home family is questionable. Most students help with family chores, watch television and sports, go motoring, picnicking, or shopping, etc. But three-quarters indicate they are not really part of the inner family circle.



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They do not share in anything and/or do not specify or state any shared activity. Only a meagre fraction (4 per cent) enter into family discussions. About one-third of the girls and one-fifth of the boys attend church with the family.

Indian students, especially boys, dislike homework and do a minimal amount. About four-fifths of the sample do  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours and less a day. As the majority need to catch up with their studies, and as two-fifths are in senior grades, this seems inadequate. An awareness of poor homework habits by a few students is evident in their request for training in good study habits prior to attending city schools.

Obviously the students have considerable spare time, yet a little over 10 per cent have after school or weekend jobs. Only six of the total group earn some of their spending money. The principal reasons they give are: unavailability of part-time work, and the lack of know-how transportation, and motivation. In summertime they do better, especially the boys, when well over half get jobs; the greatest proportion of these earn from \$250 to \$500 in that period. If the counsellors could have more time to work with students on job placements, and on advantages of earning and saving for their own clothes and spending money, Indian youngsters might be more able to compete with other students for scarce jobs. Patterns of dependency (psychological, cultural, and economic) are already acquired by these youngsters, as for example: lack of motivation, lack of individual goals, (1) lack of aggression and competition, and insistence on higher allowances. And yet, according to their boarding home parents, their requests for more clothes and a greater monthly allowance are invariably reasonable. Also their reluctance to ask more of their parents (traditionally indulgent) is commendable, for they are well aware what sacrifice their families undertake when they send them \$5 to \$10 a month, and any fare home. Thus counsellors need to know more fully than they do now, the financial and other socio-economic and cultural patterns of these students' families.

Finally, what are their aspirations and expectations? About 90 per cent say they expect to finish high school, but are much less certain of achieving their career goals. Less than two-thirds cannot state their goals. Of the third who do, boys most often say they will be in one of the building trades, and girls in clerical jobs. Their second choices, boys - mechanics, and girls - nursing. When reacting to questions about their attitudes to their potential fellow employees and fellow students, they are noncommittal. They speak quite openly of the white stereotypes of Indians, but are apparently unaware of the Indian stereotypes of whites. They say, "We do not stereotype." In answer to the question, "With whom would you rather work when choosing a job," three-quarters reply, "It doesn't matter." The writer's interpretation of this, based on personal interviews, is that the reply is noncommittal, a cover-up for their anxiety about entering into the white man's world and competing in his labour market. On the other

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hand, these same students were more able to face up to the realities of their future place of employment. Two thirds state they would rather live and work off the reserve. The others wished to return to the reserve, primarily, it would seem, because of deeply rooted loyalties to their land and people.

Source:

- (1) Gue, Leslie R., Resume of A Comparative Study of Value Orientations in an Alberta Indian Community, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, p. 21

#### 2. Indian Parents

Indian Parents are in the middle-aged groups (60 per cent are 35 to 55 years of age). There are three times as many Indian widows, as Indian widowers. Three-quarters of the Indian parents are married, about 10 per cent are unmarried or separated, and just under 15 per cent are widowed. Thus one-quarter of the students came from homes where there is only one parent, usually a mother.

Sixty per cent are Protestant and twenty four per cent Roman Catholic. Religion is not stated and/or not specified for 16 per cent. Most Indian parents live on reserves. However, as 15 per cent indicated "other", or did not state, the exact place of residence is not known for some 30 families.

In the main, Indian mothers have acquired slightly more schooling than Indian fathers. The educational level for both parents is low: thirty per cent replied no education or; "do not know"; 50 per cent elementary only; and 20 per cent high school. As one-third of the students did not state the type of school where they received the most education, it can only be surmised that approximately half went to a residential school, a quarter to an Indian Day school, and less than a half of 1 per cent to integrated schools.

Of those fathers employed (about one out of five was unemployed) the most were fishermen, labourers, trappers, guides, farmers, loggers, and carpenters. About 3 per cent were government employees, and about a third of the mothers were working out of the home. A few, who were widowed, were supporting their families. The cannery was their chief place of employment. About 2 per cent worked in hospitals and about 1 per cent were clerks or waitresses.

Although approximately 71 per cent of the family homes of the sample students have three to six rooms, 17 per cent have one or two rooms, 8 per cent seven and eight rooms, and 4 per cent not stated, the large number of children living in these homes indicates overcrowding and



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related inadequacies. The average family size is 7.3 children, including the boarding home student. The average number of children at school per family, including those in boarding homes, is five. There are also a number of pre-schoolers and unemployed brothers and sisters at home; the number is not determined. Housekeeping standards, considering the overcrowded conditions, are described mainly as fair to good.

The school aspiration of an Indian parent is not as high as the children's. Two-thirds of the parents, compared to 85 per cent of the sample students, wanted their children to complete high school. Their primary reason for wanting their sons and daughters to have a secondary education is that they will secure a "good job". High pay is of no concern. They were evenly divided on the best location of their children's high schools. The remainder were equally divided, half wished for high schools on the reserve, and half preferred commuting to nearby integrated high schools. Assuming there is no other alternative than distant city high schools, Indian parents definitely prefer the private boarding home plan. Three-quarters stated this preference, about one-fifth stated residential schools, and the remainder hostel accommodation.

Indian parents have difficulty expressing why they prefer boarding homes. Their principal answers were in this order: "better home supervision", "best place", "happy", "parents' choice". These comments may be interpreted many ways. The writer believes they mean: "We think boarding home parents are treating our children as we parents would. They are giving them protection, care, discipline, and affection. That is why we prefer them in private homes." However, since one-third and one-fifth of the parents did not respond to the above questions respectively (the reason for children continuing education and preference for type of boarding home accommodation), there is no certainty that the above deductions represent a majority opinion of Indian parents in the sample.

Indian parents say they are rarely in touch with the boarding home parents of their children. About one out of five have some contact, usually by letter. Less than 1 per cent have ever met them face to face or been in their homes. It may be assumed that over half the Indian parents are unable to state how they contact the boarding home parents as they apparently did not understand the question.

Indian parents and Indian students place great stress on the family reunion at Christmas and Easter, especially at Christmas. However, only 50 per cent of the Metropolitan students and 60 per cent of the urban students get home for these festive holidays. However, over two-thirds of the students interviewed receive spending money from home. Usually between \$5 and \$10 a month.

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Ninety per cent of the Indian parents, were able to say "Yes" or "No" to the question: "Are you satisfied with the boarding home arrangements which have been made for your child or children?" Ninety-five per cent of these stated "Yes". Of those answering in the affirmative, 10 per cent were unable to say "Why". Those who said "Yes", did so because their children expressed a liking for their boarding home parents, and said how happy they were in their boarding home.

The ten parents who said "No", were able to delineate more precisely their dissatisfactions. "Boarding home parents look down on student", "not enough food", "not enough allowance", "no consideration by boarding home parents", "bad experiences in boarding home", "different economic backgrounds", and "walking distance to school is far" were some.

#### 3. Boarding Home Parents

Boarding home parents, especially in Metro centres, are comparatively young parents, considerably younger than the Indian parents of their students. For example, one-third of all Metro and urban boarding home parents are 35 years and under; slightly under one-third of the Indian parents are 45 to 54 years. Another significant age differential is between the Metro and urban boarding home parents. One-half of Metro compared to one-third of urban parents are under 40 years. Generally, boarding home families have two or three children. They are usually younger than the students. The students' reactions to the youthfulness of their boarding home parents are not revealed in this study. Their reactions to younger boarding home siblings are favourable, judging from personal comments made to the author.

In the main, boarding home consist of two-parent families. Only 5 per cent are widows. In contrast, one-quarter of the Indian students are from one-parent families. How active a part the boarding home fathers play in the care and supervision of Indian students is now known. Quite frequently they were absent during the "study-interview". At the Nanaimo meeting, boarding home fathers attended and participated equally with boarding home mothers. It is not known if both parents are interviewed separately and/or together prior to approval of their application as boarding home parents.

The practice of religious observance on placement is not obligatory. Consequently half of the students are in homes of a different religious denomination. Fifty-six per cent of the boarding home parents are Protestant, 31 per cent are Roman Catholic and the remaining 13 per cent are "other" or not stated.

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Over three-quarters are Canadian born, and about half have resided at least ten years in their present locale. Thus, they seem a fairly stable residential group, of citizens regardless of city size. Educational levels, and corresponding occupational and income levels, place them in the lower or upper middle class strata. One-half of the boarding home fathers in Metro are white-collared workers; conversely slightly under one-half of the urban fathers are blue-collared workers. It would seem that less than a quarter of the boarding home mothers are working outside the home. The majority of these are in clerical or professional occupations. Metro levels are higher than urban for all three. About 10 per cent of the boarding home fathers have been in university and 9 per cent hold professional jobs.

Of the 120 boarding homes described, 41 per cent consist of eight rooms or more. Interviewers' comments suggest typical suburban homes and high housekeeping standards. A subsequent check revealed 10 to 12 per cent of the boarding home families were of Indian status or origin.

Considerable variation in length of boarding home experience is evident between Metro and urban centres. Individual centres vary considerably. Generally, urban boarding home parents have longer experience and have cared for a correspondingly greater number of students. Forty-one per cent of the total boarding home parents have three years experience and over; 53 per cent of the urban group indicate the same length of experience, and only 29 per cent of Metro parents, have had the same length of experience.

Thirty per cent of all boarding home parents have had six and more students during their boarding home experience. Respective percentages for urban and Metro are 38.9 per cent and 22.1 per cent.

Although 13 per cent of the boarding home families have six years experience and over, 33.8 per cent have one year or less experience, and slightly under 60 per cent have two years experience. From these figures it appears that boarding home parents for the most part are relatively inexperienced in caring for provincial agency children, except the 20 per cent who have either foster or adopted children from child welfare agencies. This latter group could possibly be more familiar with child placement responsibilities (they are evenly divided between Metro and urban centres).

Boarding home parents seem to have definite preferences regarding the sex and age of a student.

However, preferences for a boy or girl seem to be individualized. Although boarding home parents are equally divided as to boys or girls the percentage differentials for reasons are considerable. For example, twice as many take boys because they "like boys" as take girls for this reason. Fifteen per cent take girls for "companionship", compared to 2



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per cent who take boys for this reason. Twenty-three per cent take girls as they are "same sex as own child" compared to 13 per cent who take boys for the same reason. Fourteen per cent take boys because they are "more self-sufficient", compared to 8 per cent who take girls for this reason. The reason "easier to discipline" has comparatively little variation: 18 per cent boys and 15 per cent girls.

Of the two-thirds who state age preference, 48 per cent prefer the 16 year olds and under, and only 18 per cent prefer the 17 year olds and over. Recalling that approximately 60 per cent of the students are 17 years and older, the problem of placing these older teenagers may be increasingly difficult. First, second, and third preferences, excluding "better communication", for the younger student rank in this order: "easier to look after" 47.5 per cent, same age as own child 14.6, and more self-sufficient 3.6 per cent. Preferences for the older student rank in this order: more self-sufficient 25.4 per cent, "easier to care for" 21.8 per cent, and companionship 12.7 per cent. "Better communication", as a reason for preference is close for both age groups: 4.8 per cent for the younger group and 5.4 per cent for the older group. This similarity suggests that boarding home parents find they communicate equally poorly (if this relatively low percentage reflects the ranking order of reasons for preference) with either age group.

Reasons for taking Indian students seem in the main to relate to an increasing awareness of the plight of Indian people and a conscious desire to remedy the Indian youth situation. Two-thirds are so motivated. To illustrate, boarding home parents say: "Soft spot for Indian people"; "Supporting two children in Korea and Vietnam, and are taking Indian students in order to support them"; "Test self on prejudice - help someone through school as I couldn't go myself"; "If we don't help to educate the Indian, we don't have any right to criticize them". Companionship, including an expressed love of children: "Used to take kids in when they had no place to go;" "To give the students a home atmosphere"; "To have more around the home". "House too empty" ranks second. Previous association with Indian people is third, and includes such stated reasons as: "Both boarding home parents have partial Indian background"; "Grew up on an Indian reserve"; "Wife worked in Indian health and like them as patients"; "My son became friends with an Indian boy who was boarding in our community".

"Other" ranking fourth in frequency include such as the following: "To help a neighbour who wanted to go on holidays"; "They came with the house"; "Have someone around to help with the family"; "Own personal reasons"; "Originally took girl for baby-sitting help"; "Night-work and occasionally I need a babysitter". "Wanted something to occupy my time" and "Can't really remember".

### III CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS, PARENTS AND BOARDING HOME PARENTS

The initial orientation or involvement in the boarding home program of the majority of the boarding home parents appears similar to that experienced by foster parents. Omitting the 13 per cent, for whom specific information is unknown, 43 per cent learn through friends, who usually are boarding home parents and 7 per cent from relatives. Roughly a quarter are acquainted with the numbers of Indian students in need of homes from their church calendars or pulpit announcements. Counsellors advise that character references of clergy are helpful in their preliminary screening and assessment of boarding home applicants. For the whole sample, about 10 per cent learn from newspapers, radio, and other advertising media.

Vancouver counsellors obtain their highest percentage of boarding home parents (33.3 per cent) from church announcements, as does Lower Mainland (37.5 per cent).

For most part, the counsellors, including Indian school principals (41.3 per cent), and other Indian Affairs Branch officials (30.5 per cent), take the initiative in locating and arranging for boarding home placement of the student. For the remaining 30 per cent it would appear that church officials, friends of boarding home parents, social agencies (inclusive of training schools), students' relatives, and other press for boarding home accommodation for the student.

Although roughly 80 per cent of boarding home parents say they are not provided as a general rule with any information on the Indian parents and home community of the students, they are equally divided with respect to information provided on the students themselves. Approximately half state both parents receive some information on their students, but of this number less than half believe it adequate. They all request additional information, but vary in the type of information that would be most useful. By far the largest proportion wish more data on the student's family. The following frequencies and percentages in rank order apply:

<u>Useful Information Desired</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Family history	80	37.5
Behaviour pattern of student	40	18.7
Community background	32	15.0
Not stated	23	10.7
Medical information	17	7.9
Other	12	5.6
Previous school record	9	4.2

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Boarding home parents say clearly in this study that they require and appreciate the help of the counsellors in carrying out their responsible roles as parents to Indian students. Eighty-five per cent affirm that visits of counsellors are necessary and useful; 10 per cent say they are either unnecessary or unimportant, and 5 per cent do not comment. However, it appears that counsellors are unable to provide in any substantial way these vital counselling and supportive services to boarding home parents, as 44 per cent of the counsellors either seldom or never visit them, according to the boarding home parents. However, 16 per cent of the boarding home parents report regular visits and 40 per cent "sometimes". Further evidence of the importance boarding home parents place on a counsellor's visit, is their response to the question respecting reasons for their general satisfaction with the program - the highest frequency given is "assistance by counsellor."

The value of sharing their mutual concerns and problems in group meetings is espoused by the majority of boarding home parents. Sixty-six per cent say "Yes"; 21 per cent "No"; 11 per cent "Unimportant", and 2 per cent do not state. Ranking order of the centres who report in the affirmative is:

Sault Ste. Marie	76.3
Prince Albert-Battleford	71.4
Winnipeg	71.0
Edmonton	64.5
Lower Mainland	46.8
Vancouver	38.4

Boarding home parents apparently feel very confident in evaluating the behaviour of their students as there are less than 5 per cent who either do not state or are not specific. Seventy-five per cent expect the students to behave as their own teenagers. Eighty per cent rate their behaviour good, 15 per cent average, 1 per cent fair, 4 per cent bad. Of the 25 per cent who expect "peculiar behaviour", about 12 per cent seem to imply "greater discipline problems"; 7 per cent "cultural differences", and 6 per cent "uncertain" (including other and unspecified).

These parents are fairly free in their suggestions for changes in the boarding home program. Sixty per cent see the importance of orientation of the students prior to coming to the city and/or to the boarding home. Values they delineate as important for inclusion in orientation sessions are: General features of urban living; Use and budgeting of money; Self-discipline; Manners; Personal hygiene. About 10 per cent of boarding home parents felt the need for an orientation period themselves.



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A counsellor's perception of his role in the administration of the boarding home program seems essentially pertinent in this study. For this reason, the writer devised Questionnaire D. Ninety-five completed questionnaires were received from guidance and vocational counsellors as follows:

British Columbia - Yukon	18
Alberta	19
Saskatchewan	18
Manitoba	12
Ontario	28

What do counsellors perceive as their role and the role of the boarding home parents in the boarding home program? Question (1) in Questionnaire D: "Boarding home parents sometimes provide services to students in addition to board and lodging: List five such services", is not as innocuous as it may seem. It was deviously designed to test the counsellor's perception of the nature of the relationship responsibilities inherent in the boarding home program. Question (2) in Questionnaire D related to the counsellor's practices in the collection and use of data on students, and their natural and boarding home parents; Question (3) in Questionnaire D their delineation and selection of crisis-situations referred by students, natural parents, boarding home parents, school authorities, social agencies, and Headquarters, Ottawa; and (4) an estimate of overtime and outline of activities which usually occupied their overtime.

In the main, completed questionnaires indicated that counsellors, whether guidance or vocational, were carrying heavy caseloads, necessitating extensive periodical overtime, and that they were often coping with grievous crisis-situations which were both time-consuming and/or beyond their competency and jurisdiction.

The following tables provide data as reported by the 95 counsellors from each of the five regions involved in the study.

##### 1. Perceptions of the Counsellors of their Role

From the replies to Question 1, in Questionnaire D:

Boarding home parents sometimes provide services to students in addition to board and lodging. List five such services.

the writer listed all types of services reported and then separated them arbitrarily, into three classes: (a) Landlady-tenant services, (b) House-parent-student services, and (c) Foster or Substitute Parent-Student Services. The following services, included under

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these three relationship types, will illustrate the varying parental roles the counsellors expected of the boarding home parents. These illustrate, also, if indirectly, the counsellor's perception of the boarding home parent-counsellor relationship. In short, their own counselling roles were largely contingent upon their conception of parental relationships.

These services, as classified, became the criteria for each type of boarding home relationship.

(a) Landlady-student services

- laundry and dry cleaning
- transportation
- recreational facilities of home
- babysitting or other similar jobs
- co-operation with counsellor

(b) House-parent-student services

- assist with homework
- visit school counsellors with students
- general encouragement re: studies, marks, reports
- assist in purchasing clothes and supplies
- arrange for social, religious, and other meetings and appointments
- register them in school
- make and supervise medical and dental appointments
- tutoring and instruction
- Christmas and birthday parties and presents
- counsel re: personal matters
- excursions and sight-seeing
- help with money if students run short of allowance
- provision of loans and bail
- personal concern about student's welfare
- arranging for visits of natural parents overnight and on weekends.

(c) Foster or substitute parent-student services

- assistance with studies
- assistance with personal and social programs
- guidance in the handling of money
- guidance in shopping and budgeting
- provision of a supportive family atmosphere
- "Any five services they would render their own children. This is what the program is all about"
- friendship and companionship
- mature counsel
- morale boosting
- money lending
- "Some house parents establish an excellent relationship with students' family on reserve".
- parental surrogate
- accept student into the family unit

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It will be noted that each of the three classifications, or types of services, is not always mutually exclusive. For example, laundry is generally part of the initial boarding home agreement. Co-operation with the counsellor, in the general supervision of the student's department and activities, is expected of the boarding home parents. These specific terms or conditions are set out in the I.A.B. "Indian Student's Handbook." Similarly, they are included in some of the Regional Handbooks, (e.g. "Guide for Boarding Home Parents"), Vancouver, British Columbia.

#### 2. Classification of Boarding Home Parents

The classification of boarding home parents into these three types of boarding home relationships was not difficult. The services listed by the counsellors suggested the nature of the relationship between the student and the boarding home family as one of three: a casual, business-like board and room arrangement; a friendly and home-like atmosphere (a boarding home plus); and a substitute parental relationship (acceptance of student into the family unit). Two or more of the five services listed had to indicate explicitly that such was the specific nature of the relationship before being classified.

(d) A further miscellaneous class was used where no services were recorded and where the counsellor stated he was not in the direct counselling role. In the table this appears as "Not Stated."

Table 1 gives the summary of these services listed by the counsellors and classified by the writer into three "relationship-types" of boarding home parents.

Table 1 Classification of Boarding Home Parents by Type of Boarding Home Relationship by Region

Type of Boarding Home Relationship	British Columbia		Alberta		Saskatchewan		Manitoba		Ontario		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Landlady-Student	2	11.1	1	5.2	3	16.6	1	8.3	0	0.0	7	7.3
Boarding Home Parent-Student	10	55.5	10	52.6	8	44.4	4	33.3	20	71.4	52	54.7
Foster Parent-Student	4	22.2	6	31.5	6	33.3	5	41.6	6	21.4	27	28.4
Not Stated	2	11.1	2	10.5	1	5.5	2	16.6	2	7.1	9	9.4
Total	18	100.0	19	100.0	18	100.0	12	100.0	28	100.0	95	100.0



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### 3. System of Recording and Reporting Data

Counsellors' practices and procedures in the collection and use of data on students, their natural and boarding home parents were ascertained also. These are largely administrative in nature. What emphasis is placed upon this important aspect of their counselling role? Question 2, Questionnaire D, briefly asked the counsellors to describe what and how they recorded data: on natural parents or guardian in addition to completion of Part "B", Application for Educational Assistance (1A-352); on boarding home parents; and on the school performance of the student. Copy of this Application and related forms are in the Appendices. In addition to the 1A-352 application, the official Preliminary Application for Educational Assistance (1A-647) is completed in some district offices but not all. Part I of 1A-647, and Part "A" of 1A-352, identifies the student who is applying for educational assistance by: name, address, age, sex, Band, Band Number, agency, birthdate, religion, hospitalization and medicare number, schools attended, grades and number of years, name and address of new school, course, and graduation date expected. Part II of 1A-647 contains the authorization and signature of the parent or legal guardian. It states also the amount of contribution the parent is prepared to make toward the educational assistance of his child or ward.

Part "B" of 1A-352, entitled PARENT or GUARDIAN, contains these seven items: name, place of residence (A Reserve or Crown Lands (B) Other, if "Other", number of years, address, age, relationship, marital status, and other children under 16 and over). No other information on the socio-economic background of the student and his parents is requested.

Other parts of these two application forms pertain mainly to approval and recommendations of the Education Officer and data relating to the applicant's interest, aptitudes, and academic record. Preference is made to these two applications in the Report section on Appropriate Forms.

The writer assumed that some such formal application would be retained on the student's file. She assumed also that in addition to this identifying data on student and parents, social information on the student's family and home community would be recorded systematically and continuously. She expected that, either, a separate file would contain the initial and subsequent applications for Indian students of boarding parents, the identifying information, and also some socio-economic data on boarding home parents; or that a separate section of the student-parent file would have this boarding home information. She anticipated also some accumulative data on the student's adjustment in his new community, and some periodic evaluation of his progress etc. She was prepared for a variety of practices and procedures. For this reason, she so framed the question in simple terms and asked especially for SAMPLES of any forms then in use.

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From her own experience in this highly important administrative responsibility of recording and reporting on children and adults placed by agencies for whatever reason certain basic and on-going data are necessary for successful placements and periodic evaluations. Further, the practitioners in the field, are the best authorities on the content and format of such forms and the procedures.

Tables 2, 3, and 4, are the quantitative data compiled from Question 2 on "records". Following each table is a set of "functional" definitions. These and the data described fairly well the varied practice and methods currently prevailing in district offices. They suggest, too, the degree and/or nature of the attention this administrative matter is receiving.

Table 2 Comparative Data on Natural Parents as Recorded by All Counsellors in British Columbia-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, September to December 1967

Type of Data	Number of Counsellors Using Data					
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
None	3	7	7	2	8	27
Undefined and/or unspecified	4	1	2	1	1	9
Correspondence to and fro			1	3	2	6
Occupation of father					4	4
Age, name, location of students	1		1		3	5
Language used at home					1	1
Remarks on Permanent Student	4		2		2	8
Record Card						
Record of interview with parents	1	3			2	6
Income of family		1	1		2	4
Employment status			1		1	2
Education of parents		1	1			2
Family personal file		1	2	3		6
Accumulative recorded data	5	2		3		10
Description of home			1			1
Report from counsellor in home area	1		1			2
Case history			1			1
Background data on parents and/or on reserve			2			2
Use of I.A.B. Agency Records	1	3			2	6
Total <sup>2</sup>	20	19	23	12	28	102

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Source: Questionnaire D. Counsellors, Question 2(a)

1. Figures in brackets indicate the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire D.
2. Totals do not agree with number of counsellors in brackets as some counsellors kept more than one additional record or item.

Table 2 Definitions of Type of Data Recorded on Natural Parents

1. Undefined and/or includes: Index cards (not "what"); Record cards (not "what"); "On sheet with names of student, boarding home information, etc." "By card system - relative notations."
2. Record of interview with parents includes: anecdotal record - separate file; information is recorded on separate memos and filed in student's personal file; have and keep current, all information on parents and home, including separate record for every child within my jurisdiction; special data that might have a bearing on the success or failure of the students such as death, desertion or remarriage of parent.
3. Family personal file includes: "Home conditions and general attitude prevalent in the home. Attitude towards higher education is useful and the social habits of parents or guardian - drinking, carefree etc. Recorded in a confidential binder kept in a locked desk." Extra form made up by ourselves, personal interview with parents if possible. Home conditions, reasons for wanting children in 'certain' towns, etc. "A family record is kept and updated as often as possible. Insofar as possible a chronological record is kept. The families of our students live up to 900 miles away and regular contact with them is difficult".
4. Report from counsellors in home area includes: "Ask counsellor in home area to send any helpful information about parents and family which would help us analyze how best to work with student. This goes on personal file of student".
5. Miscellaneous items include: "Correspondence to and from; another form where information is recorded"; special form is used when filling out Educational Assistance Application. "Little data is recorded on natural parents, although real effort is made to become acquainted with them and to learn their aspirations for their children."

These observations on Table 2 seem relevant. Twenty-seven counsellors (28.4 per cent) do not record additional information on natural parents or guardian. Twenty-five counsellors (26.3 per cent) keep fairly complete family records such as one of the following: record of interviews with parents, family personal file, accumulative recorded data case history, and background data on parents and/or on reserve. Thirty-three (34.6 per cent) do record several separate items as one or two of the following: occupation and employment status of father, language used at home, family income, education of parents, and description of home. Nine (9.5 per cent) indicated they had individual cards or sheets on the families, but they did not state "what" was recorded on them. Six (6.3 per cent) make use of the local Indian Affairs Branch Agency records.



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Table 3 Comparative Data on Boarding Home Parents as Recorded by All Counsellors in British Columbia-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario during School Term, September to December, 1967

Type of Data	Number of Counsellors Using Data					
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
None	1	6	2	4	6	19
Undefined and/or unspecified	3		2		2	7
List or cardex with name, address, and name of students	1	2	3	1	7	14
Notations re: progress of students		1			1	2
Payments to board and room					1	1
Number of natural children					1	1
Periodic evaluation of home	1				3	4
Boarding home application			9	6	4	19
Accumulative data of interviews in file or book	1	2	2		3	8
Boarding home parents' card or list	7	5		1	4	17
Boarding home parents' personal file	2	2	2		3	9
Availability of study privileges					1	1
Reason for taking Indian child		1				1
Explanatory letter to landlady				2		2
Recommendations or references	1					1
Verbal communication among counsellors	1					1
Scrap book					1	1
Total <sup>2</sup>	18	19	20	14	37	108

Source: Questionnaire D. Counsellors, Question 2(b)

1. Figures in brackets indicate the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire D.
2. Totals do not agree with number of counsellors in brackets as some counsellors kept more than one additional record or item.

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Table 3 Definition of Type of Data Recorded on Boarding Home Parents

1. None includes: "Small town! Records not necessary".
2. Undefined and/or unspecified includes: "Placed on a separate sheet in the personal file of each student"; on lists is vital information; no comments and omitted to enclose form; "By visiting the Boarding Parents; occasionally check with clergy, teachers, and others in the community if doubtful of home life or if I feel I need additional information". Card with information on family, etc. "Special Student Face Sheet". "All known information as requested on form".
3. List of cardex includes: name, address and telephone number of boarding home parents and names of students placed in home.
4. Notations re: progress of student includes: "Brief notes in areas when student requires teaching or commendation".
5. Boarding Home Record Card includes: "Separate list of Boarding Home parents with pertinent notes (attitudes, size of family, proximity to school, services offered)." "Each is assembled by a counsellor and brief note made on back of file card, but counsellor's own knowledge of house is rarely recorded in any detail."
6. Boarding Home record and/or book includes: "name, address, telephone, nearest school, data on family - number; remarks - cleanliness, organization, family attitudes, and space available." Name, address, preference for students and whether or not students have been placed there successfully in past." "Keep record of type of people - habits (play and work) accommodation - social class." "Card system - noting address, church affiliation, preferences as to age and sex, who referred them."
7. "Anecdotal records: The information is obtained from personal contact and from information given by other counsellors who have worked with the boarding parents previously."
8. Scrap book - clippings from newspapers of boarding home parents' involvement in community.

It would appear from Table 3 that less information, other than bare identifying information, usually maintained in "index" or "list" form is maintained on boarding home parents, as compared to data on natural parents. Nineteen counsellors (20 per cent) indicated none and one relied on verbal communication among counsellors. The seven, who did not clearly define or specify type and manner of records, however, do gather some information. Nineteen have boarding home parents complete a written application. Nine maintain separate personal on each boarding home

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family in addition to some form of cardex, and eight per cent keep a running record of interviews in a file or book. Thirty-one (33 per cent) rely mainly on some form of index or register. In addition, some counsellors, but they do not say how, do have cross-references to students' cards, recommendations of references, and/or periodic evaluations of home.

##### Data Recorded on School Performance of Student

A comparison of Table 2 and 3 with Table 4 indicates that considerable more data is recorded on the students. More counsellors are systematically collecting and recording data on students than on either parental set. As less kinds of types of data were reported on this part of the question this may be evidence that more uniformity of practice prevails on student records. None of the counsellors reported that records on the student and his school performance are not kept. Thirty-four counsellors (35.7 per cent) reported there are either individual student files and/or cards. Seventy-eight kept some form of accumulative and/or progress reports. Thirteen did not specify clearly the type of data recorded. Eleven noted that photocopies or original copies of report cards are kept on the students' files.

From some district superintendents the writer learned copies of special annual reports on the student's progress throughout the school term are sent to their parents at the end of June. One school principal of a junior secondary school informed her that he enlisted the aid of the band council and/or educational committee in personal interpretation of the report cards to the parents. He felt at this juncture many Indian parents required some interpretation.



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Table 1 Comparative Data on School Performance as Recorded by All Counsellors in British Columbia-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario during School Term, September to December, 1967.

Type of Data	Number of Counsellors using Data					
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12)	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
None						
Undefined and/or unspecified	2	5	2	1	3	13
Report cards photocopies and/or filed	1	3	2	1	4	11
Accumulative reports from schools	6	5	1	3	6	21
Periodic special progress reports	5	2	2	2	7	18
Individual student files	3	1	6	2	15	27
Individual student cards	2	2	0		3	7
Verbal communication with school	2	1	3		3	9
Anecdotal record	1	3	4	1	2	11
Monthly school progress report	1	4	6	5	2	18
Statistical analysis				1		1
Scrap book					1	1
Total <sup>2</sup>	23	26	26	16	46	137

Source: Questionnaire D, Counsellors, Question 2(c)

1. Figures in brackets indicate the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire D.
2. Totals are in excess of number of counsellors in brackets as several counsellors kept more than one additional record or item.

Table 4 Definitions of Type of Data Recorded on School Performance of the Student

1. Undefined and/or unspecified includes: "Regular report form of your own make." "Special form for this purpose." "Potential, Effort, Results."
2. Accumulative reports from school includes: "Progress Sheet - Personal."
3. Periodic special progress report includes: reports received every 2 to 5 months; "As these reports are made public; they are kept on file. Entries are made in November, February, Easter and June and coincide with school reports. Copies are mailed to village parents." Note some of these "Special progress reports" are designed for reports on Treaty Indians (e.g. Saskatchewan).

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4. Individual student files includes: Record of the school report is kept on file. Comments received at teacher-counsellor conferences are recorded. "The students' own comments' on their progress are also noted."
5. Anecdotal record includes: "Recording of interviews with students, school personnel and others." "Narrative report in counselling session."

The author on the occasion of her visit to several counsellors' and District Superintendents' offices had the opportunity to look at the records maintained on Indian parents, boarding home families, and students. Her first hand observations, support the analyses of these data. Generally there are records on the students with some pertinent information on their academic status and progress. There are relatively very few separate records or information on their Indian and boarding home parents. Whenever and wherever this lack of recorded data pertains in a district office, one has cause to wonder about continuity and thus quality of service to the student, his family, and/or to his boarding home parents.

#### 4. Activities and Responsibilities

Counsellors' delineation and selection of crisis-situations would indicate the general nature of their work and the heavy responsibilities inherent in it. Question 3 was devised to ascertain the various kinds of crisis-situations with which the counsellors have to deal day by day and the steps they take to attempt to resolve these. It was devised also to obtain the counsellors' conceptions of crisis-situations. The objective in asking for separate referrals by student, Indian parents, boarding home parents, school authorities, social agencies, and Headquarters, Ottawa, was to provide some concrete "research indicators" for further study. The non-identification of the respondents by name, position (guidance or vocational), and by district was done to determine whether boarding home placement problems apply generally regardless of the academic or vocational course.

The data from Question 3, as tabulated in sequential Tables 5 to 10, do not give the actual frequencies of the various crisis-situations referred to counsellors but are simply illustrative of the specific types referred by the several constituents of boarding home centres. The constituents are those individuals most directly involved in the boarding home program.

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1. Crisis-situations Referred by Students

Table 5 might be considered a regional profile of social and other ills that oftentimes befall students in boarding homes. Incompatibility tops the list and suggests that the placement not infrequently breaks down or is in the process of breaking down by reason of ill-matched and/or poor initial placement. In most cases the incompatibility was so severe and/or so far advanced that the counsellor was unable to resolve the situation except by removal of the student and replacement, or by returning him to his home. All regions experience this type of crisis-situation in similar ratios. The following first 12 types of crises suggest situations of such frequency and intensity that the counsellor is unable generally to cope without recourse to other community resources, viz., psychiatric and medical treatment, law enforcement, and other professional personnel and community agencies. In not a few cases counsellors observed that no community resources were available or accessible to them. By implication, counsellors say they are accepting Indian youngsters into the boarding home program by reason of default on the part of other public welfare child-care programs.

Table 5 Comparative Data on Crisis-situations Referred by Students As Reported by All Counsellors in B.C.-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, during School Terms, September to December, 1967.

Type of Crisis-Situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Incompatibility of B.H. parents and/or other students	3	4	4	3	7	21
Behaviour (of student)	3	1	3			7
Pregnancy of student	2		1		3	6
Anxiety over failure	2	0	0	1	2	5
Inadequacy of funds		1		1	2	4
Attempted suicide	2				1	3
Sibling rivalry			1		2	3
Incarceration	1		2			3
Unsatisfactory school program		1			2	3
Inappropriate discipline		2	1			3
Homesickness	1			1	1	3
Drinking of B.H. parents	1		1			2
Discrimination			1		1	2
Sickness					1	1
Physical disability and illness	1					1
Court charges pending	1					1
Preference of B.H. to hostel	1					1
Absent without leave					1	1
Anxiety about home situation					1	1



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Table 5 (Continued)

Type of Crisis-Situation	Regions					Total
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Suspension from school					1	1
Job difficulty		1				1
Dissatisfaction with food		1				1
Refusing to return after weekend at home		1				1
B.H. parent contributing to juvenile delinquency			1			1
Poor home environment			1			1
Undefined <sup>2</sup>		2	1	2	3	8
None		5	1	4		10

Source: Questionnaire D. Counsellors, Question 3(a)

1. Number in brackets indicates the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire D.
2. Undefined includes: Five counsellors not carrying boarding home; one counsellor reporting student quitting that day but stating no reason; one counsellor omitting to enclose student's explanatory letter; and one counsellor considered information confidential.

Any counsellor, who in any one month or term, has to deal with many of the situations contained in Table 5 requires some special professional training and/or special personal qualifications. The frequency of the situation compounds the problem. However, it is the nature and depth of the problem, rather than the actual frequency, that is vitally important.

2. Crisis-situation Referred by Indian Parents

Table 6 illustrates the vast array of crisis-situations that Indian parents or guardians of boarding home students refer to counsellors. Twenty-four types are identified as compared to 25 types referred by students. However, three times as many counsellors reported no referrals by Indian parents as no referrals by students, that is, 30 "nones" from parents compared to 10 "nones" from students. This is a common phenomenon in this research. Indian parents are "out of touch and out of mind." More frequently than not, Indian parents have not met their childrens' counsellors or teachers. Counsellors and/or

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teachers have been unable to visit home reserves and families of their students. But somehow, several parents do contact the counsellors. Further, they are able to voice their complaints in a manner sufficiently explicit and direct to elicit some immediate action on the part of the counsellor and/or other Branch personnel.

Indian parents set high priorities on crisis that relate to their children's absenteeism from school, their own poor home environment (usually due to long-term indigency and/or overcrowding), inadequate incomes, and their children's serious personal behaviour problems, including pregnancy. There are also vexatious complaints against the boarding home parents' treatment of their sons and daughters, against the school, and against the "alien" and "distant" community. It is suggested that the very nature of these referrals is indicative of the varying depth and breadth of the native parents' awareness and concern regarding the general welfare and education of their children at home and away.

Table 6 Comparative Data on Crisis-situations Referred by Indian Parents as Reported by All Counsellors in B.C.-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, during School Terms, September to December, 1967.

Type of Crisis-situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.-Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Child absent without leave		1	3		3	7
Poor home environment	1		1	1	3	6
Inadequacy of funds	1	2			2	5
Pregnancy, abortion, illegitimacy	2		1		2	5
Behaviour (incorrigible, emotional, promiscuous, etc.)	1	1	1		1	4
Preference for alternative placement	1			1	2	4
Physical disability, illness, accident	3					3
Dissatisfaction with school and community				1	2	3
Incompatibility with other H.S. boarders				1	1	2
Complaint of B.H.P.'s negligence		1	1			2
Unhappiness of child		1			1	2
Child seen or heard drinking in town			1		1	2
Suspension of child			1		1	2
Other boarder contributing to juvenile delinquency			1		1	2

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Table 6 (Continued)

Type of Crisis-situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Court charges pending	2					2
Homesickness	1					1
B.H.P. discipline inappropriate		1				1
B.H.P. contributing to juvenile delinquency		1				1
Anxiety about premature marriage of child		1				1
Lack of understanding of program		1				1
Incarceration of child			1			1
Request for placement of late applicant			1			1
Grandparents' rejection of B.H.			1			1
Lack of communication with child				1		1
Undefined <sup>2</sup>		2	1	2		5
None	6	7	4	5	8	30

Source: Questionnaire D. Counsellors, Question 3(b)

1. Number in brackets indicates the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire D.
2. Undefined includes four counsellors who stated they had no B.H. students; one counsellor not reporting as information considered confidential.
3. Crisis-Situations Referred by Boarding Home Parents

Boarding home parents are as near to their counsellors as their telephone. Generally they understand they should contact them prior to a crisis. This they purport to do. Nevertheless, situations between students and their new parents build up and then invariably explode. Crises are both varied in nature and frequent in occurrence and often they recur. Table 7 illustrates these as delineated by the counsellors throughout the five provinces.

Ten counsellors, only, report none. A similar number reported so for the students. Drinking heads the list. It will be recalled that the median age of the sample students was 17 years. Teenaged drinking appears as a major problem for boarding home parents. Absenteeism presents the next major reason for their referrals. Behavioural problems of the student and their involvement with the law are also high on the list.



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Incompatability is not reported as often by the boarding home parent as the student, but it does often result in an empasse or crisis-situation. As one goes down the list, some of the situations are of a nature that suggest they may have been prevented or circumvented if more interpretation and explanation were given the boarding home parents at the beginning, or prior to placement of the student, and if regular and/or periodic visiting by the counsellors was the rule rather than, as the data from Interview Schedule C indicated, the exception.

4. Crisis-situation Referred by School Authorities

Behaviour problems and absenteeism of the student plagued school authorities most often and resulted in crisis-referrals. As the definitions indicate, the nature of these problems is severe. Treatment or resolution was often long-term and required professional help of several disciplines and/or agencies. Sixteen counsellors reported no crisis- situations from school authorities.

Table 7 Comparative Data on crisis-situations referred by boarding home parents as reported by all counsellors in B.C.-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

Type of Crisis-Situation	<u>Regions</u>					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Drinking	4	1	5	1	3	14
Absent without leave	1	3	3		5	12
Behaviour	4	1	1	1	4	11
Criminal offence		2	1		5	8
Incompatability	1	3	1	1	1	7
Contributing to juvenile delinquency			2		3	5
Physical disability, illness, accident	1				2	3
Pregnancy			1	2		3
Incarceration	1	1				2
Excessive long distance calls		1		1		2
Unacceptance of discipline and supervision	1				1	2
Anxiety over failure	1					1
Inadequacy of funds	1					1
Anxiety over home situation		1				1
Threatening to leave school		1				1
Refusing to pay board for holidays		1				1
Discrimination			1			1
Parents requiring child's help at home				1		1

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Table 7 (Continued)

Type of Crisis Situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Lack of understanding of culture				1		1
Relatives asking education assistance for B.H. student				1		1
Incapable of handling more than one student					1	1
Attempted suicide	1					1
Undefined <sup>2</sup>		2	1	2		5
None	2	2	2	1	3	10

Source: Questionnaire D - Counsellors, Question 3(c)

1. Number in brackets indicates the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire D.
2. Undefined includes four counsellors who stated they had no boarding home students and one counsellor not reporting as information is considered confidential.

Table 8 Comparative Data on Crisis Situations referred by School Authorities as Reported by all Counsellors in B.C.-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario during School Terms, September to December 1967.

Type of Crisis Situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Behaviour	4	1	3		6	14
Absent without leave	1	5	2		3	11
Absenteeism	1	3	3	2		9
Suspension and/or expulsion		2			4	6
Criminal offence	2		1		2	5
Inappropriate program	1			1	3	5
Physical disability	1	1	2			4
Drinking	1		1		1	3
Anxiety about failure				3		3
Pregnancy	2				1	3

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Table 8 (Continued)

Type of Crisis Situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Refusal to participate in oral exercises	2					2
Juvenile delinquency	1	1				2
Poor home environment					2	2
Incomplete assignments					1	1
Lack of understanding of culture	1					1
Non-achievement of potential		1				1
Mishandling of school bus driver			1			1
Language problem				1		1
Undefined		2	1	2		5
None	1	3	4	3	5	16

Source: Questionnaire A. Counsellors, Question 3(d)

1. Number in brackets indicate the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire A.

Detailed examination of the definitions of Table 8 indicates in some instances, e.g. suspension and/or expulsion, refusal to participate in oral exercises, incomplete assignments, non-achievement of potential, and lack of understanding of culture, the inadequate knowledge of the socio-cultures of minorities on the part of educators. "By working with knowledge of the cultures represented by their pupils, teachers could control destructive effects of the cultural variety instead of just being frustrated by them; they could advance motivation and comprehension. Educators have to realize that communication, which includes teaching and learning, travels by more than verbal means and involves more people than the teacher and pupil at school."(1)

5. Crisis-situation Referred by Social Agency

Table 9 indicates social agencies do not refer proportionately the same number of crisis-situations as do students, Indian parents, boarding home parents, and school authorities. Thirty-six counsellors reported "none", that is, no referrals from social agencies. Comparative numbers of counsellors reporting none: 30 no referrals from parents; 16 no referrals from schools; and 10 each no referrals from boarding home parents and boarding home students. Agencies most frequently referring Indian student crises are the police, Childrens' Aid Societies, and public health.



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During the writer's interviews with community agencies she learned that social agencies are often unfamiliar with the boarding home program, and that Indian counsellors are infrequently in contact with social agencies. Also, regular school counsellors and teachers do not refer incipient problems. Usually the situation has reached a crucial stage before the social agency is called, as for example: apprehension, court charge, incarceration, and psycho-social breakdown. In one of the centres which the writer visited, a case conference of counsellors and social agency representatives was taking place, but the complexity of the situation was such that no solution was possible to state. There was a reluctance on the part of any one agency to take over and work through the problem.

Source:

- (1) Landes, Ruth, "Culture in American Education," John Wiley & Sons, Inc., N.Y. London, Sydney, 1965, p. 93

In another community, under the joint auspices of the special school counsellor of the local school board and the local social welfare supervisor, regular meetings of representatives of the local public schools, welfare, health, and law enforcement agencies had begun to review the critical crises-situations of the Indian people and Indian students residing in the city. These meetings took place in the Indian School Residence and included Indian Affairs Branch personnel. In two other cities, the writer learned similar agency meetings are held periodically under the auspices of Indian-Metis Friendship Centres.

Table 9 Comparative Data on Crisis-situations Referred by Social Agencies as Reported by All Counsellors in British Columbia-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario during School Term, September to December, 1967.

Type of Crisis-situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Apprehension and/or committal	2	1	1	1	4	9
Criminal offence	1	3			2	6
Poor home environment	2		2		1	5
Juvenile delinquency	1	1		2	1	5
Behaviour problem	1	1	1	1		4
Parole problem	2	1				3
Transiency	2				1	3
Drinking			1		2	3
Training school requesting placement	1				1	2

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Table 9 (Continued)

Type of Crisis-situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Absent without leave		2				2
Physical disability, illness		1		1		2
Attempted suicide			1			1
Duplicate payments of assistance	1					1
Interagency relationship	1					1
Placing R.C. students in non-Catholic house	1					1
Job placement					1	1
Absenteeism					1	1
Replacement of C.A.S. wards					1	1
Undefined	1	2	1	3	1	8
None	2	7	11	4	12	36

Source: Questionnaire A. Counsellors, Question 3(e)

1. Figures in brackets indicate the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire A.

6. Crisis-situations Referred by Headquarters, Ottawa

The writer is not unfamiliar with the immediate response expected of field staff when emergency situations are referred down the line to local offices. She felt, therefore, the types of situations referred by the Education Branch should be classified with the other crisis-situations. Sixty-six counsellors reported none.

Table 10 Comparative Data on Crisis-situations Referred by Headquarters, Ottawa, as Reported by All Counsellors in British Columbia-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario during School Term, September to December, 1967.

Type of Crisis-situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Parents to pay for education assistance	1					1

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Table 10 (Continued)

Type of Crisis-situation	Regions					Total (95) <sup>1</sup>
	B.C.- Yukon (18) <sup>1</sup>	Alta. (19) <sup>1</sup>	Sask. (18) <sup>1</sup>	Man. (12) <sup>1</sup>	Ont. (28) <sup>1</sup>	
Parliamentary question	2					2
On and off-Reserve Indians requesting education assistance	1		1			2
Relatively young student asking to be on boarding home program	2					2
Non-acceptance of boarding house applicants	1					1
Authority to pay student in emergency	1					1
Research data requested for unrealistic date		4	2	2		8
Other data requested immediately			1			1
Inmate in penitentiary requesting aid re: parole			1			1
Report on special meeting of critics					1	1
Ministerial query why no payment to boarding house					1	1
Seminars and workshops' attendance					1	1
Undefined	1	2	2	2		7
None	9	13	11	8	25	66

Source: Questionnaire A. Counsellors, Question 3(f)

1. Figures in brackets indicate the number of counsellors completing Questionnaire A.

Some counsellors reported that much of their correspondence, reports, and other clerical work is done after hours or during the weekend. Emergency calls to hospital, public institutions, and other places often occur after hours and during holidays.

In group meetings between the author and counsellors across the country, the matter of heavy case loads rather than amounts of overtime seemed to give most concern. From these meetings, the writer discovered that, in spite of long overtime hours by hard-pressed counsellors, they were still unable to service effectively their case loads. That there were many unsatisfied was a constant and re-occurring matter of concern to them. Even though they were aware of them, they were unable to resolve them. The lack of time and/or shortage of personnel was considered the culprit.

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1. Reasons for Educational Assistance

As interviewers identified 16 reasons for the acceptance of the application for educational assistance, an attempt at classification (Table 13) has been made. (Reasons for 33 applicants are not accounted for). The 16 reasons were classified in seven types: inaccessibility of high school, request of administrator, economic, behavioural problems, unavailability of specialized training, poor home environment, and parent preference. Definitions, which describe the reasons expressed by the interviewers, appear as footnotes to the Table.

Students stating inaccessibility of high school, unavailability of specialized training, and economic reasons totalled 125. Thus, approximately two-thirds of the applicants for educational assistance were in the boarding home program according to Branch policy, and one-third for other reasons. Of the remaining one-third, approximately half (excluding administrators' reasons) were specifically for social reasons, representing 15 per cent of the total 192 (225-33 not stated) applicants.

Information gathered during personal interviews with students, counsellors, Indian parents, and others, suggested that youngsters are getting into the high school boarding home program for many non-educational and social reasons.

Table 13 Reasons for Acceptance of Application for Educational Assistance by Type of Reason and Study Centre in Rank Order of All Applicants

Type of Reason	Vanc.	L.M.	Edm.	P.A.-B.	Winnipeg	S.S.M.	Total
Inaccessibility of High School (1)	7	22	8	29	12	1	79
Request of Administrator (2)	24	10	-	-	-	1	35
Economic (3)	-	-	-	1	-	33	34
Behavioural Problem of Student (4)	5	-	8	2	-	1	16



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Table 13 (Continued)

Type of Reason	Vanc.	L.M.	Edm.	P.A.-B.	Winnipeg	S.S.M.	Total
Unavailability of Specialized Training (5)	-	-	13	1	-	-	14
Poor Home Environment (6)	-	3	3	5	-	1	12
Parents' Preference (7)	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Not Stated (8)	4	1	-	2	26	-	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>225</b>

- (1) Inaccessibility includes: Necessary to complete education in Sault Ste. Marie after completing VIII at Shingwauk Residence; In order to complete High School.
- (2) Request of administrator includes: Requested or recommended by Indian Agency Superintendent, District School Superintendent, School Teachers and Counsellors.
- (3) Economic includes: Father traps and unable to support; parents are unable to support; may be possible to contribute something.
- (4) Behavioural problem includes: Accepted as a Boarding student as preferable to a reformatory; behavioural problem in home, school and community; has shown social progress.
- (5) Unavailability of specialized training includes: Wishes to complete vocational training; in order to qualify for a particular type of training.
- (6) Poor home environment includes: Crowded conditions at home not conducive to good school work; not home (as an orphan); mother has illness.
- (7) Parents' Preference includes: Parents' choice; requested a Roman Catholic religion.
- (8) Not stated: Is self-explanatory.

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### 2. Number of Boarding Home Students in Counsellors' Case Loads

Tables 14<sup>1</sup>, 14<sup>2</sup>, 14<sup>3</sup>, 15<sup>1</sup>, 15<sup>2</sup> on subsequent pages provide information on the number of students in boarding homes, the number of students in each educational program, percentages of total students in boarding homes, numbers of staff, and average case loads.

The total number of elementary and secondary students in boarding homes in January, 1968 was 2,314; post-secondary and/or vocational was 837, a total of 3,151 students in boarding homes.

A greater percentage of the post-secondary students, 24 per cent as compared to 9 per cent of the elementary and secondary students are in boarding homes.

The writer suggests that the high percentages in column (h) of Table 14 and (k) of Table 15 are crude indicators of the districts that have relatively high concentrations of boarding home students. They denote, also, that those counsellors who have large case loads of other students (non-boarders) in addition to boarders and boarding homes, are assuming the heaviest responsibilities. The last two columns of Tables 14 and 15 provide comparative data on the number of counsellors and average case loads per counsellor by region and district. The average case load of students carried by guidance counsellors is 324; the average case load of boarding home students is 30. Vocational counsellors have average case loads of 92 students and 22 boarding home students. From these figures it is obvious that guidance counsellors carry numerically heavier loads.

Table 14<sup>1</sup> Regional Summary of Data on Case Loads of Guidance Counsellors by Education Districts, January 1968, in British Columbia-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

District	Students in Boarding Homes					f) Other Students	g) Total Students (e/f)	h) % of Students in Boarding Homes (e/g x 100)	Staff	
	(a) I-VIII	(b) IX-XIII	(c) Occup.	(d) Other	(e) Total				No.	Average Caseloa
<u>B.C.-Yukon</u>										
B.C. South Coast	65	200	19	-	284	0	284	100.0	5	56
Vanc. Island	30	62	12	-	104	893	997	10.0	4	249
Southern Interior	-	24	2	-	26	469	495	5.0	2	247
Northern Interior	11	14	7	-	32	85	117	27.0	1	117
North Coast	11	4	1	-	16	210	226	7.0	1	226
Yukon	6	3	-	-	9	969	978	.9	1	978
Sub-Total	123	307	41	-	471	2,626	3,097	15.2	14	221
<u>Alberta</u>										
Saddle-Lake Athabaska	3	18	-	-	21	1,287	1,308	1.6	1	1,308
Edmonton-Hobbema	33	62	6	13	114	499	613	19.0	2	306
Fort Vermilion	7	4	-	-	11	520	531	2.0	1	531
Blood-Peigan	56	54	5	3	118	1,154	1,272	9.0	5	254
South Central Alberta	27	47	-	11	85	959	1,044	8.0	5	208
Sub-Total	126	185	11	27	349	4,419	4,768	7.6	14	340

<sup>1</sup> Source: Counsellors' Monthly Reports (1A-398), January 1968, received in Headquarters, Ottawa.

Table 14<sup>2</sup>

District	Students in Boarding Homes					f) Other Students	g) Total Students (e/f)	h) % of Students in Boarding Homes (e/g x 100)	Staff	
	(a) I-VIII	(b) IX-XIII	(c) Occu.	(d) Other	(e) Total				No.	Average Caseload
<u>Saskatchewan</u>										
Prince Albert	61	79	-	-	140	2,161	2,301	4.0	5	624
Battleford	6	89	-	15	110	1,452	1,562	7.0	3	520
Fort Qu'Appelle	16	47	-	-	63	3,263	3,326	2.0	5	665
Regina	18	70	-	-	88	-	88	100.0	1	88
Sub-Total	101	285	-	15	401	6,876	7,277	5.0	14	578
<u>Manitoba</u>										
Portage-Dauphin	33	54	14	2	103	1,516	1,619	6.3	9	179
Clandeboye-Fisher River	5	79	-	5	89	312	401	22.0	5	80
The Pas Nelson River	-	33	-	-	33	270	303	11.0	2	153
Sub-Total	38	166	14	7	225	2,098	2,323	10.0	16	145
<u>Ontario</u>										
London	7	24	16	-	47	1,246	1,293	3.0	2	646
St. Regis	8	8	1	2	19	698	717	3.0	1	717
Sault Ste. Marie	-	112	14	21	147	336	483	30.0	3	161
Manitoulin	-	-	-	10	10	1,105	1,115	1.0	1	1,115
Sioux Lookout	19	7	-	-	26	114	140	18.5	1	140
Fort Frances-Kenora	33	94	19	-	146	574	720	20.0	3	240



Table 14<sup>3</sup>

District	Students in Boarding Homes					f) Other Students	g) Total Students (e+f)	h) % of Students in Boarding Homes (e/g x 100)	Staff	
	(a) I-VIII	(b) IX-XIII	(c) Occup.	(d) Other	(e) Total				No.	Average Caseload
<u>Ontario (cont'd)</u>										
Georgian Bay	44	67	21	2	134	480	614	22.0	2	307
Lakehead	12	23	38	2	75	40	115	65.0	2	57
Six Nations	-	3	1	11	15	1,745	1,760	1.0	2	880
Sudbury	20	149	30	50	249	457	706	35.0	5	141
Sub-Total	143	487	140	98	868	6,795	7,663	11.0	22	348
TOTAL	531	1,430	206	147	2,314	22,814	25,128	9.0	80	324

Table 15<sup>1</sup> Regional Summary of Data on Case Loads of Vocational Counsellors by Education Districts, January 1968 1  
 in British Columbia-Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

District	Students in B.H. (a)	Programs									% of students in B.H. (k)	Staff	
		Up- Grading (b)	Voc. Sch. (c)	Univ. (d)	Teacher Trng. (e)	Nursing (f)	Special Trng. (g)	Total (h)	Other Students (i)	Total Students (j)		No.	Ave Cas
<u>B.C.-Yukon</u>													
B.C. South Coast	152	7	41	16	-	1	22	87	65	152	100.0	3	5
Vanc. Is.	-	3	11	1	-	-	2	17	-	17	-	1	1
Southern Inter.	18	2	16	-	-	-	35	53	-	53	34.0	1	5
Northern Inter.	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	22	-	22	-	1	5
North Coast	58	10	22	-	-	-	26	58	-	58	100.0	1	5
Yukon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-Total	228	33	101	17	-	1	85	237	65	302	75.0	7	4
<u>Alberta</u>													
Saddle-Lake Athabaska	-	4	15	-	-	-	-	19	4	23	-	1	23
Edmonton-Hobbema	26	5	32	4	2	2	51	96	-	96	27.0	3	32
Blood-Peigan	21	6	27	2	1	1	-	37	3	40	53.0	1	40
South-Central	51	15	26	1	-	-	-	42	29	71	72.0	1	71
Northern Alberta	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	3	-	3	-	1	3
Sub-Total	98	30	102	7	3	3	52	197	36	233	42.0	7	33

Source: Counsellor's Monthly Reports (1A-398), January 1968, received in Headquarters, Ottawa.

Table 15  
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	Programs							Total	Other Students	Total Students	% of students in B.H.		
	Students in B.H. (a)	Up-Grading (b)	Voc. Sch. (c)	Univ. (d)	Teacher Trng. (e)	Nursing (f)	Special Trng. (g)				in B.H. (k)	Staff No. Average Case (l)	
<u>Saskatchewan</u>													
Prince Albert	65	273	51	-	-	-	-	324	764	1,088	6.0	3	36
Battleford	64	179	25	6	-	-	25	235	25	260	25.0	3	86
Ft. Qu'Appelle	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	34	-	1	34
Regina	68	132	38	10	20	1	-	201	7	208	15.0	4	51
Sub-Total	197	618	114	16	20	1	25	794	796	1,590	12.0	11	146
<u>Manitoba</u>													
Clandeboye-Fisher River	91	-	51	5	2	2	7	67	53	120	76.0	2	38
The Pas Nelson River	35	-	12	-	-	-	-	12	164	176	20.0	1	176
Sub-Total	126	-	63	5	2	2	7	79	217	296	43.0	3	98
<u>Ontario</u>													
London	35	5	32	6	7	1	-	51	15	66	53.0	1	66
Sioux Lookout	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	42	-	1	42
Lakehead	22	-	185	4	1	5	-	195	4	199	11.0	2	99
Sudbury	33	-	25	-	-	1	-	26	75	101	33.0	2	50
Ft. Frances-Kenora	10	-	190	-	-	1	-	191	-	191	5.0	2	95
Regional	88	-	72	6	-	1	-	79	399	478	18.0	2	239
Sub-Total	188	5	504	16	8	9	-	542	535	1,077	17.0	10	107
TOTAL	837	686	884	61	33	16	169	1,849	1,649	3,498	24.0	38	92

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### 1. Revision of System of Recording and Reporting Statistics

In the overall Branch review of the statistical systems, special attention should be given to the COUNSELLOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (IA-398). This report provides the basic raw data on the case loads and related responsibilities of the counsellors in the field.

Recommendation: It is suggested that form IA-398 include these additional items:

- a) Boarding homes - Indian and non-Indian. Boarding homes may be considered a program. The definition of a case should include not only "student" but also "boarding home family". Counsellors are carrying a case load of students and also, of boarding home families.
- b) Differentiation of "admissions" and "withdrawals" (drop-outs) by programs, and number of cases at beginning and end of month. Consideration of "readmissions" ("drop-ins") should be considered.
- c) Monthly consolidations of counsellor's report.

Recommendation: It is suggested that rather than merely filing copies of IA-398 that district, regional and national consolidations on a similar format be done. This would eliminate the necessity of forwarding the individual IA-398 forms; only the appropriate copies of the consolidations would need go forward to the next administrative level, (i.e. Headquarters would receive only Regional Consolidations).

- d) Monthly or Quarterly Reports to the Field.

Recommendation: That copies of the national consolidations of IA-398 be distributed to the field. These would give regional and district breakdowns and enable each administrative office to compare and evaluate its progress against the national average or norm.

A uniform system of recording and reporting on cases would assure some controls and would facilitate periodic evaluations and thus more effective over all programming and budgeting. One of the first (and most difficult) tasks in the development of such a system would be the definition of a case.

### 2. Reduction of Case Loads of Guidance Counsellors

Additional guidance counsellors and/or realignment and reorganization of the case loads seems essential. Counsellors cannot continue to carry effectively the heavy counselling loads of students in the classroom and simultaneously the case loads of boarding home parents.



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Recommendation: It is suggested that one or more of the counsellors, depending on number of boarding home families, be especially selected and assigned the special role of boarding home finder.

The maximal case load of boarding home students should be 50 exclusive of students in the school setting.

### 3. Development of Supportive Child Care Services

Indian boarding home students are in a less advantaged position than foster children in temporary care of child welfare agencies. In addition to "separation trauma" the Indian boarder suffers from cultural shock - loss of identity, and loss of family, kinship and community support. Leslie Gue emphasized the school's stress in individualism is in opposition to the lineality value orientation of Indian culture. This may result in alienation from school, deep sub-conscious conflicts, and the need for a substitute support. (1) The major counselling techniques of school counsellors, as the writer understands it, is giving advice or information to the students on how to handle specific problems. Direct advice is used as a technique by social workers, "after ascertaining that the client can apply direct information to try a new method of handling his problem(s)". This is only one of the many differences in techniques deployed by counsellors and social workers. In the opinion of the writer, the counsellor with some social work orientation and/or training is more aware of the students' underlying and overt feelings. He will also be better equipped to handle the feelings of the Indian parent and the boarding home parent. What the writer wishes to emphasize is simply that how individuals feel about their situations seems a secondary concern to counsellors, whereas it is the primary concern of social workers.

Such common symptoms as homesickness and loneliness, etc., would be treated differently. "School guidance services are a pale shadow to the Indian pupil compared to the warmth and love of the family." (2)

Just as professional techniques vary, the administrative and/or procedural practices vary considerably. Some of these are: securing a social history or background information on student and his family; securing similar social information in the boarding home family and community; pre-orientation of students and family; periodic supervision of boarding home and student, etc.

Extended use of the written application of prospective boarding home applicants which presently is in use in a few district offices of Education Services would be helpful in obtaining preliminary information. It would not eliminate the necessity for the two or three visits to the boarding home applicants pending the approval of the home. There would be some uniformity in the office systems of indexing, recording, filing, etc., in district education offices.

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- (1) Gue, Dr. Leslie Robb, *A Comparative Study of Value Orientations in an Albertan Indian Community, 1967*, Department of Vocational Administration, Edmonton, Alberta. p. 276.
- (2) Gue, Dr. Leslie Robb, "Resume" of a Comparative Study of Value Orientations in an Albertan Indian Community, University of Alberta, p. 21.

Recommendation: It is suggested that provision be made for training of selected counsellors in approved child placement techniques. As practices do vary somewhat among the provinces, the writer suggests regional arrangements would seem preferable to a national scheme.

It is suggested that counsellors in the interim reach out to social workers who are primarily responsible for foster homes and children-in-care, and that they talk together about their respective experience and responsibilities. Possibly district school superintendents and their counterparts in public and private child welfare agencies may be able to arrange local meetings in addition to the "case conferences" that usually occur only at the time of a crisis.

#### 4. Development of Group Homes in Programming

There seems to be a growing consensus of opinion among child welfare authorities that teenagers more often make a better adjustment in "a group-living home" than in the traditional foster-home type of situation. The writer is aware the Directorate is now exploring the use of group homes in lieu of the large hostel, and is experimenting also in group homes for boarding home students (e.g. two group homes of 15 high school students each in Edmonton).

The Vancouver Catholic Children's Aid Society has a successful group home run by Indian house-parents. This home accommodates principally Indian teenaged girls.

Recommendations: It is suggested that these homes be limited to 6 to 8 students. It is essential that screening prior to placement be done as not all teenagers can accommodate themselves to the group situation and some may require a foster home. Consultative services of a child psychiatrist are sometimes required in the screening process.

It is suggested that small co-operative houses, too, are another possibility. Among those who suggested experimentation in co-operatives was the young Metis Secretary of the National Indian Youth Advisory Council, Indian-Metis Friendship Society, Winnipeg.

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### 5. Involvement of the Clientele in Programming

There is a growing recognition on the part of agencies and departments engaged, as in the Education Directorate, in the provision of direct services to people to involve those who are the recipients of said services. Indian Affairs Branch has been in the forefront in this. The involvement of clientele demands specialized group dynamics and expertise.

### 6. Use of Non-Professionals

Counsellor aides, preferably Indians, are suggested. Alberta Region has two employed.

Adult Leadership, March 1968, reported on an experiment in New Jersey, U. S. A.

The project took 24 poor people - most of them unemployed or on welfare - and gave them an opportunity for a job and perhaps a chance for a career. It did bring some fresh ideas to adult education programming and reached more than 700 low income people with its courses. And it did demonstrate that non-professionals can be trained to perform many of the tasks of the professional adult educator.

Nurse aides, teacher aides and social work aides, when well trained and when jobs have been specifically defined, are proving effective and economical.

Recommendation: It is suggested that consideration be given for extension of the training and deployment of Indian counsellor aides.

### 7. Provision of an Indian Family-Student Kit, Boarding Home Parent Kit, and Counsellor Kit

These several kits, as the title suggests, would be developed for the main constituents of the Program. The kits would consist of a number of resource and reference materials. They would include also many of the suggestions now in the various handbooks and manuals but would present them in a more palatable, and attractive manner. Indian students, their parents, and boarding home parents could be involved in the planning and preparation of these. Both counsellors, students, and boarding home parents voiced dissatisfaction with the present handbooks.

Recommendation: It is suggested that volunteers from any one of the clientele group and/or counsellors enlisted, as a pilot project, to work on the assembling of a kit in whole or in part. For example, an organized group of high school boarders might like the idea of developing their own handbook.

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8. Metro Versus Urban Centres

Using eleven selected research indicators to compare the advantages and/or disadvantages between urban and metro placements, the following percentages apply:

	<u>Metro</u>	<u>Urban</u>
Boarding home family resident in local area less than 1 year	5.0	3.0
Boarding home family always resident in local area	14.0	22.0
Number of boarding home mothers under 30 years of age	27.0	7.0
Boarding home experience 5 years and over	5.0	21.0
Favourable to Family Home Associations	56.0	16.0
Counsellor's visit unnecessary	12.0	0.0
Counsellor never visits boarding home parents	43.5	13.3
Counsellor never visits student in boarding home	56.4	16.9
Reason for boarding home parent's dissatisfaction with program - an unfortunate experience	18.5	4.7
Student is a part of family discussions	2.7	4.7
Student two years and over in same boarding home	4.5	9.5

The foregoing list suggests that urban placements for the samples of students and boarding home parents are preferable. To summarize, urban families seem more permanently settled and have considerably larger experience in taking students into their home. Too many boarding home mothers in the metropolitan centres are under 30 years of age - about one-third are in this age group.



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Over three times as many Metro boarding home mothers are in this age group compared to urban mothers. Students apparently remain longer in urban homes - approximately twice as many are in the same urban home 2 years and longer compared to those in Metro homes. About twice as many urban students as Metro take part in family discussions.

Further, counsellors apparently are more able to maintain frequent contacts with their urban home families and in turn none of the urban boarding home parents indicated such visits are unnecessary, whereas 12 per cent of the Metro families so indicated. Finally, in the citing of an "unfortunate experience" as reason for dissatisfaction with the boarding home program, four times as many Metro as urban parents stated this reason. The fact that over three times the number of Metro boarding home parents are favourable to the idea of boarding home associations is significant, and, in the opinion of the writer, is the only negative factor in the 11 criteria registered by the urban group. In the group meetings with counsellors, some were in favour of the smaller urban centres. No general consensus was asked for.

It is suggested that further use of urban homes would be advisable.

### Research Implications

#### (a) Value of an Adequate Research Design

This study reveals several sins of omission and commission in social research. Instruments, namely Interview Schedules A, B, and C, required considerable more revision, refinement and more pre-testing and subsequent revision. The Interviewers, who administered the Interview Schedules, were guidance counsellors involved in the boarding home program. The workshop of two days was much too short an interval to identify and work through even the apparent defence mechanisms that would preclude their objectivity in the interviews. However, this is not to imply that professionals cannot function as researchers in their own disciplines.

The sampling method, too, leaves some doubts about the representativeness of the students in boarding homes.

The post-coding of the completed Interview Schedules posed other problems, some of which are easily apparent in the tables. Thus the analysis of the computerized raw data was extremely difficult.

#### (b) Case Studies

The completed Interview Schedules A, B and C, however, do contain some hard demographic and ecological data, especially on 200 students, that may serve as a beginning in building up some case studies. It is

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suggested that a follow-up on these be done to sort out the June 1968 "successes" and "failures", using some predefined criteria. Then the selection of a small sample (e.g. five to ten cases of each classification) should be done using a scientific sampling technique. Following that, complete case studies, inclusive of full social histories of native family, student, and his boarding home family(ies) be evolved. This would also include relevant personal and professional qualifications of the counsellor(s) involved in the counselling of sample students. Much pioneer research of this case study nature may have been done under several auspices and should be explored.<sup>(1)</sup> Such a research project should be longitudinal, that is, a follow-up on these students (e.g., in one, three and five years' time).

A few of the Interview Schedules A, B and C (all three were fully and well completed) may well serve immediately in an over-all review of prevailing characteristics of students and boarding home parents. Programming is an on-going process and cannot always wait for pending research. In fact, some policy decisions should not be contingent upon research.

### (c) Research Indicators

Listed here is a number of isolated questions that arise throughout the study and which, in the opinion of the writer, bear direct scrutiny. Many do not need to await any sophisticated research.

#### (a) One Parent Syndrome

Twenty-five per cent of the Indian students come from one-parent homes. Five per cent of the boarding home families fall into this category. What is the policy of the Directorate with respect to use of homes where the boarding home mother is widowed, separated, divorced, etc.?

#### (b) Working Mother Syndrome

Several boarding home mothers are working. Approximately one-quarter is the estimate from the research data. The number in part-time work is not factored out.

What is the policy with respect to the working boarding home mother?

#### (c) Indian Boarding Homes

In one small community, approximately 80 per cent of the boarding homes are Indian. Well over 10 per cent of the boarding homes have one and/or both parents of Indian

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status or Indian origin. Does the Indian student make a better adjustment in these homes?

(d) Incidence of Children Fourteen Years and Younger

The study does not include these younger children. However, as one of the counsellors pointed out, an increasing number of 14 year old and younger children attend high school. The Directorate may wish to determine what number of boarding home students are presently in this age group.

(e) Use of Indian-Metis Friendship Centres

The writer, in the course of her discussions with executives of these Centres and personnel of Education Services, sensed some differences of opinion about the use of these Centres by Indian high school students. The reasons for this conflict seem to bear further scrutiny.



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- A35. Distribution of Students by Best Thing Liked About Boarding Home in Metro and Urban Centres.
- A36. Distribution of Students by Type of Work envisaged in Five Years' Time in Metro and Urban Centres.





Table A4 Percentage Distribution of Students by Number of Years in Indian Day Schools in Metro and Urban Centres

Number of Years	<u>Metro</u>								<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>			
	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
None	6	14.2	15	21.7	24	35.2	11	29.7	56	25.9
1	4	9.5	0	0.0	4	5.8	6	16.2	14	6.4
2	1	2.3	2	2.8	5	7.3	1	2.7	19	8.7
3	5	11.9	5	7.2	5	7.3	6	16.2	21	9.7
4	2	4.7	2	2.8	3	4.4	1	2.7	8	3.7
5	2	4.7	6	8.6	4	5.8	1	2.7	13	6.0
6	3	7.1	5	7.2	7	10.2	2	5.4	17	7.8
7	5	11.9	11	15.9	5	7.3	2	5.4	23	10.6
8 & over	9	20.2	14	20.7	8	11.7	5	13.5	36	16.6
Not Stated	5	11.9	9	13.0	3	4.4	2	5.4	19	8.7
Total	42	100.0	69	100.0	68	100.0	37	100.0	216	100.0





























Table A34 Distribution of Students by Reasons for Dissatisfaction with Boarding Home in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres

Type of Reason	a) male								Total
	Metro				Urban				
	Vanc.	Edm.	Wpg.	Sub-T.	Lt1	PA&R	CSM	Sub-T.	
Yes *	15	8	15	38	18	18	22	58	96
Too Strict	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	3
Loneliness	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2
Isolation	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Distractions	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2
Other Children	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	3
Not Stated	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Miscoded	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
Total	17	9	16	42	22	21	25	68	110
	b) female								
Yes *	19	21	17	57	11	10	13	34	91
Too Strict	1	0	2	3	1	1	0	2	5
Loneliness	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Isolation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distractions	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other Children	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Not Stated	0	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	4
Miscoded	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	21	25	23	69	12	12	23	37	106

\* Yes indicates the number of students satisfied. Other items in this column indicate type of reason for dissatisfaction.



APPENDIX F Table B Series

- \* B37. Distribution of Indian Parents by Residence in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- B38. Distribution of Indian Parents by Age Group in Metro and Urban Centres.
- B39. Distribution of Indian Parents by Religion in Metro and Urban Centres.
- B40. Study Centre Distribution of Indian Parents by Grade Completed according to Sex in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* B41. Distribution of Indian Parents by School Grade Completed in Metro and Urban Centres.
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- B43. Distribution of Indian Parents by Marital Status in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- B44. Distribution of Indian Parents by Number of Rooms in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* B45. Distribution of Indian Parents by School Aspirations for Boarding Home Children in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* B46. Percentage Distribution of Indian Parents by Reason for Children Continuing Their Education in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* B47. Distribution of Indian Parents by Preference of Secondary School Location in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* B48. Percentage Distribution of Indian Parents Who Have Contact with Boarding Home Parents in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* B49. Percentage Distribution of Indian Parents by Manner of Contact with Boarding Home Parents in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- B50. Distribution of Indian Parents' Contribution to Transportation at Christmas and Easter and to Spending Money in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.















Table B48 Percentage Distribution of Indian Parents Who Have Contact With Boarding Home Parents in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres

Contact	Metro				Urban				Total
	Vanc.	Edm.	Wnpg.	Sub-T.	L.M.	PA&B.	SSM	Sub-T.	
Yes	14.2	33.3	10.5	18.8	21.0	25.0	31.5	25.9	22.4
No	82.8	57.5	63.1	68.0	73.6	75.0	42.1	63.0	65.4
Not Stated	2.3	9.0	26.3	13.2	5.2	0.0	26.3	11.1	12.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table B49 Percentage Distribution of Indian Parents By Manner of Contact With Boarding Home Parents in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres

Manner of Contact	Metro				Urban				Total
	Vanc.	Edm.	Wnpg.	Sub-T.	L.M.	PA&B.	SSM	Sub-T.	
Meet B.H.P.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	2.5	1.8	.9
Visit B.H.P.	8.5	3.3	5.2	5.6	1.8	15.6	10.5	9.2	7.4
Telephone & Telegraph	8.5	18.1	2.6	9.4	18.4	6.2	5.2	10.1	10.2
Letters	42.8	15.1	15.7	24.5	42.1	12.5	15.7	24.0	24.3
Not Stated	40.0	63.6	76.3	60.3	36.8	62.5	65.7	54.6	57.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table B50 Distribution of Indian Parents' Contribution to Transportation At Christmas and Easter and to Spending Money In Three Metro and Three Urban Centres

Contribution	Metro				Urban				Total
	Vanc.	Edm.	Wnpg.	Sub-T.	L.M.	PA&B.	SSM	Sub-T.	
Yes	20	18	16	54	23	23	19	65	119
No	15	15	20	50	14	8	15	37	87
Miscoded	0	0	2	2	1	1	4	6	8
Total	35	33	38	106	38	32	38	108	214

APPENDIX G Table C Series

- C51. Percentage Distribution of Male Boarding Home Parents by Age Group in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C52. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Church Affiliation in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C53. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Students Whose Church Affiliation is Similar to Boarding Home Parents in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C54. Percentage Distribution of Male Boarding Home Parents (or of Female Parent, if a widow) by Level of Schooling in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C55. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Number of Rooms In Home in Three Metro Centres and Three Urban Centres.
- C56. Percentage Distribution of Number of Children Other Than Boarding Home Children in Three Metro Centres and Three Urban Centres.
- C57. Percentage Distribution of Male Boarding Home Parent by Type of Occupation in Three Metro Centres and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C58. Percentage Distribution of Number of Years' Experience of Boarding Home Parents in Three Metro Centres and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C59. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Number of Students Taken altogether over the Years in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C60. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Reason for Sex Preference for Students in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C61. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Age Preference for Students in Three Metro Centres and Three Urban Centres.
- C62. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Reason of Preference for Students Sixteen Years and Younger in Three Metro Centres and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C63. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Reason of Preference for Students Seventeen Years and Over in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C64. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Reason for Taking Indian Students in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C65. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Manner of First Hearing of Boarding Home Program in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.



- C66. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Their Opinion of Degree of Adequacy of Background Information on Indian Students in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C67. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Their Opinion of Useful Information on Background of Students in Three Metro Centres and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C68. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Type of Contact with I.A.B. Counsellors in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C69. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Frequency of Contact of Counsellor with Student in Their Home in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C70. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Frequency of Visit of Counsellor to Boarding Home Parents in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C71. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Type of Opinion Concerning Visits of Counsellor in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C72. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents Concerning Their Opinion on Group Meetings in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C73. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Reason for Continuing to Take Indian Students in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C74. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Reason for Not Continuing to Take Indian Students in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C75. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Type of Behaviour of Indian Students in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- \* C76. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Type of Expectation of Behaviour of Students in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C77. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents' Evaluation of Students' Use of Leisure Time in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.
- C78. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents by Opinion in Regard to Indian Students' Amount of Homework in Three Metro Centres and Three Urban Centres.
- C79. Percentage Distribution of Boarding Home Parents Recommending Changes by Type of Change in Three Metro and Three Urban Centres.

























