

**TABLE 4**  
**PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS<sup>a/</sup> BY RACIAL/ETHNIC ORIGIN**  
**NEW YORK STATE**  
**2007-08 THROUGH 2009-10**

Location	2007-08				2008-09				2009-10			
	Black	Hispanic <sup>b/</sup>	Other Minorities <sup>c/</sup>	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>b/</sup>	Other Minorities <sup>c/</sup>	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>b/</sup>	Other Minorities <sup>c/</sup>	White
"Big Five" Cities												
Buffalo	56.9%	15.0%	3.3%	24.7%	56.8%	14.9%	4.4%	24.0%	56.4%	15.2%	5.6%	22.8%
New York	31.8	39.6	14.5	14.1	31.0	39.8	14.9	14.3	30.2	39.9	15.4	14.4
Rochester	65.4	21.1	2.3	11.2	64.7	21.7	2.9	10.7	64.0	22.1	3.6	10.4
Syracuse	54.4	10.7	4.3	30.7	54.3	11.0	5.2	29.5	53.2	11.2	6.6	29.0
Yonkers	26.7	49.5	6.3	17.6	25.8	50.5	6.2	17.5	24.8	51.5	6.1	17.6
Total "Big Five"	33.9	38.0	13.4	14.7	33.1	38.2	13.8	14.8	32.3	38.4	14.4	14.9
Rest of State	8.8	9.3	4.5	77.3	8.9	9.8	4.9	76.5	8.9	10.2	5.3	75.7
TOTAL STATE	18.9%	20.8%	8.1%	52.2%	18.6%	21.2%	8.5%	51.7%	18.4%	21.7%	9.0%	51.0%

<sup>a/</sup> Number of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 plus ungraded classes for students with disabilities.

<sup>b/</sup> "Hispanic" includes Mexican, Central American, South American, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Latin American and other Spanish-speaking origin.

<sup>c/</sup> "Other Minorities" includes American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian and Pacific Islander, Multi-Racial.

NOTE: Because of rounding, row totals may differ slightly from 100%.

Since 2007-08 the percentage of minority group public school students has increased throughout the State. In 2007-08, 47.8 percent of students enrolled were black, Hispanic or other minorities; that percentage increased to 49.1 percent in 2009-10. For the "Big Five" cities, the percentage of black, Hispanic or other minority students decreased from 85.3 percent in 2007-08 to 85.1 percent in 2009-10.