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**IMMIGRANT - ALIEN  
STUDENT STUDY**

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State Board of Education  
Texas Education Agency  
201 East Eleventh Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is a report of the immigrant/alien student study you requested in July of 1975. A detailed district-campus-grade analysis has been forwarded to the Texas Education Agency and to the sixty-one border school districts participating in the study.

I plan to compile a more detailed report by the end of next August. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Jim B. Hensley

JBH/vkf

cc: Charles W. Benson  
M. L. Brockett  
ESC I Board of Directors



TABLE I - NUMBER AND PERCENT OF IMMIGRANTS ENROLLED

County District	Enrollment 1st Quarter	Immigrants Enrolled	% of Immigrants
<u>Brewster</u>			
Alpine ISD	1,288	4	.3
Marathon ISD	175	11	6.3
San Vicente CSD	13	0	0
Terlingua CSD	15	0	0
<u>Cameron</u>			
Brownsville ISD	22,618	3,125	13.8
Harlingen ISD	11,785	590	5.0
La Feria ISD	1,756	101	5.8
Los Fresnos ISD	2,296	111	4.8
Point Isabel ISD	1,655	77	4.7
Rio Grande MHMR ISD	116	0	0
Rio Hondo ISD	1,280	43	3.4
San Benito ISD	6,464	378	5.8
Santa Maria ISD	290	56	19.3
Santa Rosa ISD	875	64	7.3
South Texas ISD	439	35	8.0
<u>El Paso</u>			
Anthony ISD	390	34	8.7
Canutillo ISD	1,825	280	15.3
Clint ISD	807	87	10.8
El Paso ISD	62,884	5,988	9.5
Fabens ISD	1,632	187	11.5
San Elizario ISD	400	36	9.0
Socorro ISD	2,864	564	19.7
Tornillo ISD	312	69	22.1
Ysleta ISD	40,851	3,184	7.8
<u>Hidalgo</u>			
Donna ISD	4,622	467	10.1
Edcouch- Elsa ISD	3,298	193	5.9
Edinburg ISD	9,915	513	5.2
Hidalgo ISD	1,005	273	27.2
La Joya ISD	2,719	389	14.3
La Villa ISD	500	11	2.2

McAllen ISD	14,346	1,759	12.3
Mercedes ISD	3,945	283	7.2
Mission ISD	6,553	565	8.6
Monte Alto ISD	305	56	18.4
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD	11,593	956	8.2
Progreso ISD	472	112	23.7
Sharyland ISD	1,317	117	8.9
Valley View CSD	185	5	2.7
Weslaco ISD	7,200	469	6.5

#### Hudspeth

Allamore CSD	5	0	0
Dell City ISD	372	58	15.6
Ft. Hancock ISD	252	66	26.2
Sierra Blanca ISD	165	0	0

#### Kinney

Brackett ISD	604	63	10.4
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#### Maverick

Eagle Pass ISD	7,078	1,477	20.9
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#### Presidio

Candelaria CSD	12	0	0
Marfa ISD	694	7	1.0
Presidio ISD	545	112	20.6
Ruidosa CSD	13	0	0

#### Starr

Rio Grande City ISD	4,210	455	10.8
Roma ISD	2,847	606	21.3
San Isidro ISD	398	16	4.0

#### Terrell

Terrell County ISD	381	2	.5
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Val Verde

Comstock ISD	114	12	10.5
Juno CSD	5	0	0
San Felipe-Del Rio ISD	8,724	938	10.8

Webb

Laredo ISD	20,160	1,723	8.5
Mirando City ISD	135	12	8.9
United ISD	2,512	96	3.8
Webb Consolidated CSD	211	0	0

Zapata

Zapata ISD	1,403	105	7.5
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Grand Total	281,845	26,940	9.6

Earlier, it was reported that there were 26,875 immigrant/alien students enrolled. This figure was obtained by a manual count. However, 65 additional students were tabulated.

The percentage of enrollment is the important item on this table. It appears that districts within 10 miles of the border have a high percentage of immigrant/alien students. Exceptions are Brackett (10.4), Dell City (15.6), and Ft. Hancock (26.2).

TABLE II - YEARS ENROLLED IN DISTRICT

Year	Number of Immigrants	Percentage
1	6104	22.7
2	5308	19.7
3	4293	15.9
4	2797	10.4
5	2241	8.3
6	1691	6.3
7	1264	4.7
8	1062	3.9
9	749	2.8
10	588	2.2
11	377	1.4
12	326	1.2
13	100	.4
14	22	.1
15	17	.1
16	<u>1</u>	<u>.0</u>
Totals	26,940	100.0

Please note that 22.7% of the immigrant/alien students are enrolled for the first year, 19.7% for the second year, 15.9% for the third year, and 10.4% for the fourth year. This confirms the concerns of superintendents that the numbers have escalated dramatically in the past four years. Of all the immigrant/alien students enrolled, 68.7% have been enrolled four years or less.

TABLE III - TOTAL/AVERAGE YEARS IN DISTRICT

County District	Total Years In District	Average Years In District
<u>Brewster</u>		
Alpine ISD	8	2
Marathon ISD	54	4.91
San Vicente CSD		
Terlingua CSD		
<u>Cameron</u>		
Brownsville ISD	11745	3.76
Harlingen ISD	2682	4.55
La Feria ISD	449	4.45
Los Fresnos ISD	495	4.46
Point Isabel ISD	364	4.73
Rio Grande MHMR ISD		
Rio Hondo ISD	154	3.58
San Benito ISD	1500	3.97
Santa Maria ISD	230	4.11
Santa Rosa ISD	287	4.48
South Texas ISD	63	1.80
<u>El Paso</u>		
Anthony ISD	98	2.88
Canutillo ISD	1335	4.77
Clint ISD	283	3.25
El Paso ISD	25557	4.27
Fabens ISD	794	4.25
San Elizario ISD	141	3.92
Socorro ISD	1638	2.90
Tornillo ISD	269	3.90
Ysleta ISD	13514	4.24
<u>Hidalgo</u>		
Donna ISD	1727	3.70
Edcouch- Elsa ISD	724	3.75
Edinburg ISD	1462	2.85
Hidalgo ISD	734	2.69
La Joya ISD	1417	3.64
La Villa ISD	13	1.18

McAllen ISD	7028	4
Mercedes ISD	1143	4.04
Mission ISD	1935	3.42
Monte Alto ISD	179	3.20
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD	3269	3.42
Progreso ISD	341	3.04
Sharyland ISD	336	2.87
Valley View CSD	5	1.00
Weslaco ISD	1590	3.39

#### Hudspeth

Allamore CSD		
Dell City ISD	175	3.02
Ft. Hancock ISD	151	2.29
Sierra Blanca ISD		

#### Kinney

Brackett ISD	250	3.97
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#### Maverick

Eagle Pass ISD	4837	3.27
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#### Presidio

Candelaria CSD		
Marfa ISD	29	4.14
Presidio ISD	448	4.00
Ruidosa CSD		

#### Starr

Rio Grande City ISD	1556	3.42
Roma ISD	2135	3.52
San Isidro ISD	39	2.44

#### Terrell

Terrell County ISD	7	3.50
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Val Verde

Comstock ISD	30	2.50
Juno CSD		
San Felipe-Del Rio ISD	3007	3.21

Webb

Laredo ISD	5046	2.93
Mirando City ISD	36	3
United ISD	256	2.67
Webb Consolidated CSD		

Zapata

Zapata ISD	<u>476</u>	<u>4.53</u>
Grand Total	102,041	3.79

The 26,940 immigrant/alien students have been enrolled a total of 102,041 student-years or an average of 3.79 years per student. These figures support the information reported in Table II indicating the recent nature of the problem.

TABLE IV - AGE OF IMMIGRANTS ENROLLED

Age	Number of Immigrants	Percentage
5	72	.3
6	747	2.8
7	1335	5.0
8	1642	6.1
9	1826	6.8
10	1941	7.2
11	2195	8.1
12	2356	8.7
13	2403	8.9
14	2368	8.8
15	2440	9.1
16	2385	8.9
17	2042	7.6
18	1553	5.8
19	1042	3.9
20	444	1.6
21	120	.4
22	<u>29</u>	<u>.1</u>
Total	26,940	100.0

This table indicates that only 21% of the students are less than 10 years old. Superintendents have indicated that it is more difficult (costly) to carry out effective programs for older limited English speakers. 79% of the immigrant/alien students are 10 years old or older. Additional costs for programs and additional training for personnel are required for this group. ✓

TABLE V - GRADES OF IMMIGRANTS ENROLLED

Grade	Number of Immigrants	Percentage
Special Education	245	.9
Ungraded	417	1.5
Kindergarten	1220	4.5
First	2292	8.5
Second	2365	8.8
Third	2348	8.7
Fourth	2409	8.9
Fifth	2403	8.9
Sixth	2387	8.9
Seventh	2299	8.5
Eighth	2321	8.6
Nineth	2477	9.2
Tenth	1570	5.8
Eleventh	1171	4.3
Twelfth	<u>1016</u>	<u>3.8</u>
Total	26,940	100.0

State funds are available at \$25.00 per student for bilingual programs of students in grades K-5. This means that only 48.3% of the 26,940 immigrant/alien students are eligible for the state bilingual program funds. 13,928 students are not eligible.



TABLE VI - FREE LUNCH PARTICIPATION

Number of Immigrants	No Percent	Yes Percent	No Program Percent
26,940	4301	22,192	447
	16.0%	82.4%	1.7%

This table simply means that 82.4% of the students are classified as "poor". Parents make this declaration when signing up for the program.

Generally, poor families move into poor housing and do not increase the property value in a district. Of course, this affects how well a district is able to finance bond issues to house the increased number of students.

