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CHANGES IN ECONOMIC LEVEL IN NINE NEIGHBORHOODS IN CLEVELAND: 1960 TO 1965

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Although the median income of Negro families in the city of Cleveland increased substantially between 1959 and 1964, the proportion of Negro families with incomes below the poverty level remained constant during that period. The median income (adjusted for price changes) of Negro families was \$5,500 in 1964, a gain of \$430, or 9 percent, from 1959.

The incidence of poverty among Negro families in Cleveland in 1964 was 25 percent, not significantly different from the 1959 level (26 percent). In the predominantly Negro neighborhoods of Hough and Kinsman, the incidence of poverty for Negro families was higher in 1964 than in 1959, whereas in the East and West Central areas it remained essentially unchanged. Especially striking was the increase in the incidence of poverty for the Hough area, from 31 percent in 1959 to 39 percent in 1964 (table A). Only among Negro families residing outside the nine designated neighborhoods described below was there a substantial decline in the incidence of poverty--from 18 percent in 1959 to 10 percent in 1964.

This report presents summary statistics for nine neighborhoods in Cleveland, Ohio, and for the balance of the city, based on sample data from the Special Census of Cleveland conducted by the Bureau of the Census in April 1965. With the exception of the Mt. Pleasant area, these neighborhoods represent essentially

subdivisions of the Cleveland "Poverty Area" which was delineated by the Census Bureau as part of its work for the Office of Economic Opportunity.¹

Although the Mt. Pleasant area does not fall into the Cleveland "Poverty Area" it was included as a separate neighborhood on the recommendation of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. The census tracts included in the individual neighborhoods were selected to approximate the Cleveland Welfare Federation planning areas, for which other local data, such as juvenile delinquency and public assistance rates, are available. In six of these neighborhoods the population was predominantly Negro and in the remaining three, predominantly white.

Among Negroes living outside these nine neighborhoods there was evidence of genuine economic progress. Median family income increased by about \$1,000. Unemployment rates dropped for both men and women. The percent of families below the poverty level decreased, as did the percent of families with female heads. However, only about 15 percent of the Negro population lived outside these neighborhoods in 1965.

¹ For a detailed description of the methodology used in developing "Poverty Areas" within SMSA's of 250,000 or more, see "Characteristics of Families Residing in 'Poverty Areas': March 1966," Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 19.

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Table A.—CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEGRO POPULATION, FOR CLEVELAND, BY NEIGHBORHOOD: 1965 AND 1960

(Minus sign (-) denotes decrease)

Characteristic	Cleveland, total	Outside designated neighbor- hoods	In designated neighborhoods						
			Total ¹	Glen- ville	Mt. Pleasant	Hough	Kinsman	East Central	West Central
TOTAL NEGRO POPULATION									
1965.....	276,376	41,451	234,925	79,913	33,113	51,861	12,267	38,053	17,317
1960.....	250,818	22,496	228,322	61,935	25,723	52,710	13,358	47,573	25,367
Percent change, 1960 to 1965.....	10.2	84.3	2.9	29.0	28.7	-1.6	-8.2	-20.0	-31.9
PERCENT BELOW POVERTY LEVEL									
All Families									
1964.....	25.4	9.8	28.5	20.9	15.7	38.9	39.9	32.0	47.3
1959.....	26.1	17.9	26.9	18.1	13.4	30.7	34.4	31.5	46.5
Families With Male Head									
1964.....	15.1	8.3	16.7	11.4	9.1	21.8	28.2	21.7	34.4
1959.....	18.3	12.2	19.0	12.3	9.4	20.5	26.9	23.8	36.1
Families With Female Head									
1964.....	61.0	25.0	63.5	57.0	50.6	75.3	69.6	57.3	71.0
1959.....	57.8	53.5	58.1	47.4	41.8	65.9	67.7	56.8	67.8
FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HEAD AS PERCENT OF ALL FAMILIES									
1965.....	22.5	9.1	25.1	20.9	15.8	32.1	28.2	28.9	35.1
1960.....	19.8	13.9	20.4	16.4	12.3	22.5	18.3	23.3	32.6
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME IN CONSTANT (1964) DOLLARS									
1964.....	\$5,489	\$7,285	\$5,085	\$6,117	\$6,513	\$3,966	\$3,729	\$3,887	\$2,984
1959.....	\$5,055	\$6,178	\$4,953	\$5,814	\$6,213	\$4,732	\$4,346	\$4,216	\$3,210
MALE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE									
1965.....	10.7	8.1	11.2	7.2	6.8	14.3	12.4	15.7	20.4
1960.....	12.8	10.2	13.0	11.2	7.7	15.7	12.8	13.6	18.3
MALE LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE									
1965.....	74.6	82.2	73.1	77.9	77.7	75.3	67.3	66.9	58.7
1960.....	78.5	77.6	78.6	84.9	83.1	81.5	78.7	73.1	65.0

¹ Includes the small number of Negroes living in predominantly white neighborhoods.

In the four predominantly Negro neighborhoods completely within the Poverty Area--Hough, West Central, East Central, and Kinsman--average income (median) of families declined since 1959. By far the largest decline was observed in the Hough area where the median dropped sharply from \$4,700 to \$4,000, a decrease of 16 percent. The percent of Negro families with incomes below the poverty level ranged from 32 percent in East Central to 47 percent in West Central. In these neighborhoods the male labor force participation rates were relatively low and about one-third of the families were headed by a female.

In the two remaining Negro neighborhoods--Glenville, in part outside the Poverty Area, and Mt. Pleasant, completely outside the Poverty Area--Negro families experienced a modest increase in

average income, and in 1965 the unemployment rates for men were well below those for the total Negro population. In spite of these favorable developments, there was, for the two areas combined, a slight increase in the incidence of poverty. This increase, in the main, was the result of an increase in the percentage of families with female heads and sharp increases in the incidence of poverty among such families. For families with male heads there was little change in the percentage with income below the poverty level.

The economic level of the population of an area reflects in part the composition of its population. In an area with a relatively high proportion of female family heads, median family income will be relatively low and the incidence of poverty high. This situation is characteristic of the

four Negro neighborhoods in the Poverty Area of Cleveland. Since these areas lost population between 1960 and 1965, even though the Negro population of the city had increased, and there were large gains in the Negro population outside the Poverty Area, it seems likely that the changes in economic level among the areas reflect, to some degree, movement from the Poverty Area to other sections of the city on the part of those Negroes who had been successful in finding and keeping better jobs.

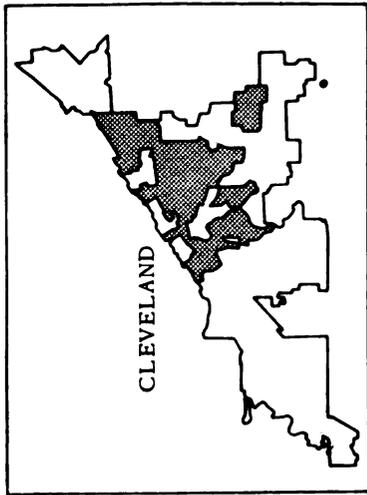
In the three predominantly white neighborhoods within the Cleveland Poverty Area, median family income increased by 9 percent between 1959 and 1964 (from \$5,700 to \$6,200) for the Broadway-Industrial area and remained substantially the same in Goodrich and West Side. In comparison, average family income for the city of Cleveland as a whole was \$6,900 in 1964, a gain of \$570, or 9 percent from 1959.

For all of Cleveland as well as for the three predominantly white neighborhoods the incidence of poverty among all families remained about the same between 1959 and 1964. The percent of families below the poverty level in 1964 ranged from 15 percent in Goodrich to 21 percent in West Side, as compared to 13 percent for the city as a whole.

Generally the subjects covered are defined in the reports of the 1960 Census, with one exception--the poverty level. Here, families were classified as being above or below the poverty level using the poverty income standard developed by the Social Security Administration. This index takes into account such factors as family size and number of children, as well as the amount of money income. For a more detailed description of Social Security Administration's poverty standard, see Mollie Orshansky: "Counting the Poor - Another Look at the Poverty Profile," Social Security Bulletin, January 1965.

Since the figures presented in this report are based on sample data, they are subject to sampling variability and may differ from the results that would have been obtained from a complete census using the same schedules, instructions, and enumerators. The sampling variability may be relatively large where the size of the percentage is large or the size of the total on which the percentage is based is small. The results are also subject to errors of response and nonreporting. A more complete statement on variability due to sampling, as well as detailed information about the subjects for which data are presented here, will be contained in the final report for this survey.

NEIGHBORHOODS IN CLEVELAND, OHIO



KEY MAP

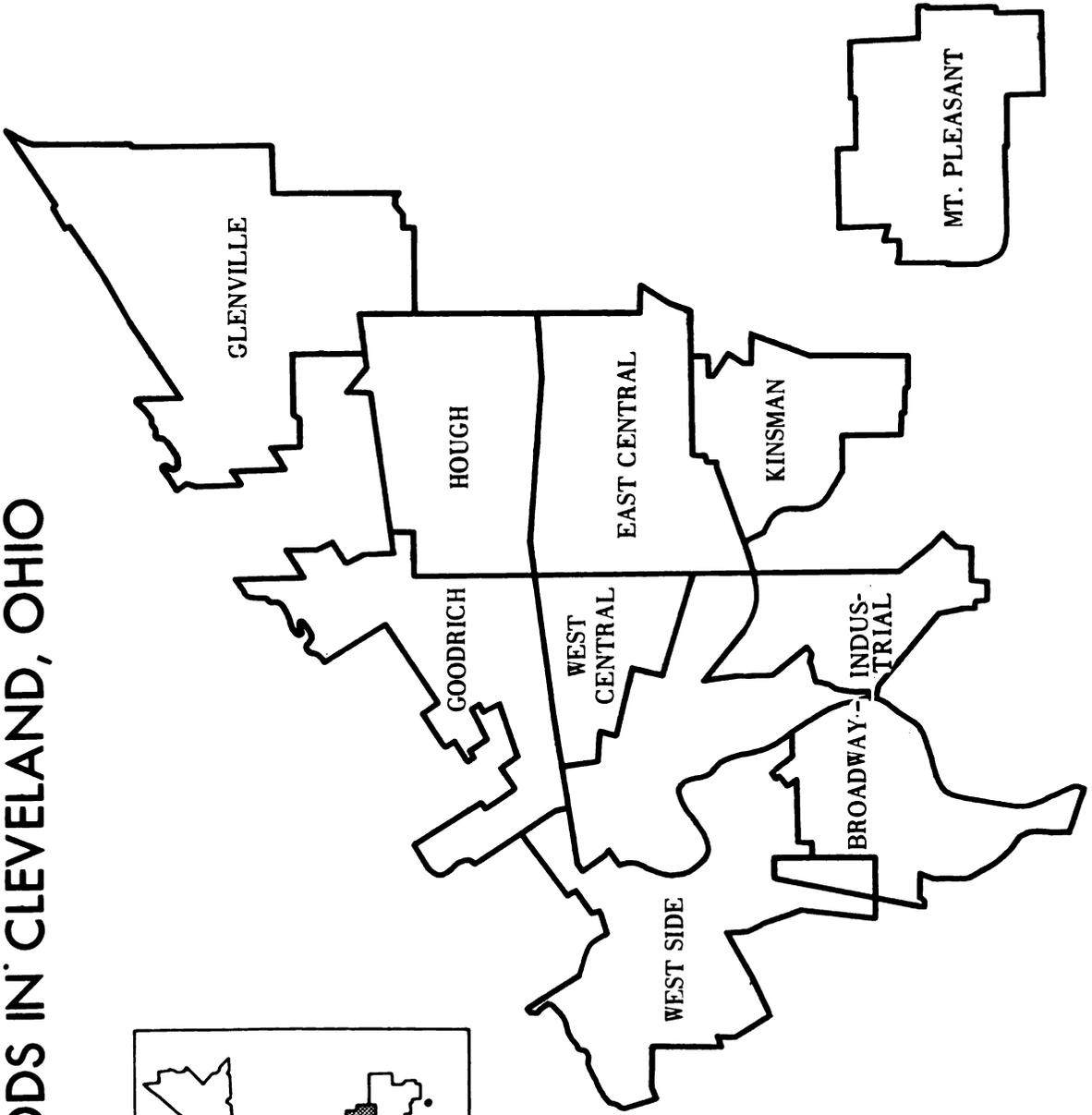


Table 1.--TOTAL AND NEGRO POPULATION OF CLEVELAND, BY NEIGHBORHOOD: 1965 AND 1960

Neighborhood	1965			1960		
	Total	Negro		Total	Negro	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Cleveland, total.....	810,858	276,376	34.1	876,050	250,818	28.6
Neighborhoods, total.....	314,244	234,925	74.8	362,651	228,322	63.0
Glenville.....	85,441	79,913	93.5	86,008	61,935	72.0
Hough.....	58,979	51,861	87.9	71,575	52,710	73.6
West Central.....	21,442	17,317	80.8	30,311	25,067	82.7
East Central.....	39,564	38,053	96.2	50,956	47,573	93.4
Kinsman.....	14,841	12,267	82.7	17,660	13,358	75.6
Goodrich.....	15,578	1,494	9.6	19,249	1,464	7.6
West Side.....	27,059	598	2.2	31,148	126	0.4
Broadway-Industrial.....	14,255	309	2.2	19,334	366	1.9
Mt. Pleasant.....	37,085	33,113	89.3	36,410	25,723	70.6
Remainder of Cleveland.....	496,614	41,451	8.3	513,399	22,496	4.4

Table 2.--TOTAL AND NEGRO LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE BY SEX, FOR CLEVELAND, BY NEIGHBORHOOD: 1965 AND 1960

Neighborhood	Male labor force participation rate				Female labor force participation rate			
	Total		Negro		Total		Negro	
	1965	1960	1965	1960	1965	1960	1965	1960
Cleveland, total.....	75.0	78.6	74.6	78.5	38.0	38.6	40.4	42.3
Neighborhoods, total.....	71.8	77.4	73.1	78.6	38.1	40.1	39.8	42.0
Glenville.....	77.1	82.5	77.9	84.9	43.6	44.5	44.3	47.8
Hough.....	72.9	80.3	75.3	81.5	37.7	40.8	39.5	41.2
West Central.....	59.6	64.6	58.7	65.0	27.6	30.5	27.8	29.4
East Central.....	66.4	73.3	66.9	73.1	36.5	40.1	35.8	39.1
Kinsman.....	67.7	76.3	67.3	78.7	30.8	32.9	31.6	34.1
Goodrich.....	68.4	71.7	45.7	48.4	38.5	40.5	29.9	36.4
West Side.....	69.9	77.7	(B)	(B)	30.9	35.1	(B)	(B)
Broadway-Industrial.....	72.7	77.5	(B)	(B)	34.2	35.0	(B)	(B)
Mt. Pleasant.....	76.1	79.9	77.7	83.1	43.3	44.9	43.8	50.6
Remainder of Cleveland.....	76.8	79.4	82.2	77.6	37.9	37.6	43.7	44.5

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Table 3.--TOTAL AND NEGRO UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY SEX, FOR CLEVELAND, BY NEIGHBORHOOD: 1965 AND 1960

Neighborhood	Male unemployment rate				Female unemployment rate			
	Total		Negro		Total		Negro	
	1965	1960	1965	1960	1965	1960	1965	1960
Cleveland, total.....	6.4	7.6	10.7	12.8	8.3	7.3	12.8	12.0
Neighborhoods, total.....	10.5	11.2	11.2	13.0	13.3	10.6	14.5	12.3
Glenville.....	6.9	10.0	7.2	11.2	12.4	9.3	12.5	10.4
Hough.....	13.4	14.8	14.3	15.7	17.5	13.2	19.1	16.0
West Central.....	19.0	17.2	20.4	18.3	24.3	13.4	26.4	15.9
East Central.....	15.5	13.3	15.7	13.6	13.9	11.0	14.2	11.2
Kinsman.....	11.2	11.4	12.4	12.8	16.4	12.9	17.8	15.6
Goodrich.....	13.8	8.5	41.9	26.3	8.1	10.1	(B)	(B)
West Side.....	9.4	7.8	(B)	(B)	11.3	9.6	(B)	(B)
Broadway-Industrial.....	5.5	8.3	(B)	(B)	8.3	7.8	(B)	(B)
Mt. Pleasant.....	6.4	7.7	6.8	7.7	8.7	8.9	8.4	9.3
Remainder of Cleveland.....	4.2	5.3	8.1	10.2	5.3	5.1	3.8	9.0

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Table 4.--TOTAL AND NEGRO FAMILIES BY SEX OF HEAD, FOR CLEVELAND, BY NEIGHBORHOOD: 1965 AND 1960

Neighborhood	Total						Negro					
	1965			1960			1965			1960		
	All families	With male head	With female head	All families	With male head	With female head	All families	With male head	With female head	All families	With male head	With female head
Cleveland, total.....	197,869	169,832	28,037	220,538	192,130	28,408	62,129	48,172	13,957	56,439	45,256	11,123
Neighborhoods, total.....	69,620	53,770	15,850	84,030	69,179	14,851	51,996	38,960	13,036	51,367	40,887	10,480
Glenville.....	19,543	15,495	4,048	20,911	17,804	3,107	18,109	14,323	3,786	14,383	12,024	2,359
Hough.....	12,012	8,360	3,652	15,589	12,568	3,021	10,511	7,136	3,375	11,321	8,769	2,552
West Central.....	4,281	2,802	1,479	6,249	4,310	1,939	3,728	2,421	1,307	5,308	3,577	1,731
East Central.....	8,503	6,084	2,419	11,222	8,641	2,581	8,235	5,853	2,382	10,582	8,119	2,463
Kinsman.....	3,350	2,471	879	4,015	3,328	687	2,705	1,942	763	2,902	2,370	532
Goodrich.....	3,344	2,883	461	4,196	3,676	520	230	149	81	206	181	25
West Side.....	5,737	4,916	821	7,486	6,386	1,100	122	103	19	20	20	-
Broadway-Industrial....	3,362	2,802	560	4,695	3,928	767	68	53	15	64	57	7
Mt. Pleasant.....	9,488	7,957	1,531	9,667	8,538	1,129	8,288	6,980	1,308	6,581	5,770	811
Remainder of Cleveland...	128,249	116,062	12,187	136,508	122,951	13,557	10,133	9,212	921	5,072	4,369	703
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION												
Cleveland, total.....	100.0	85.8	14.2	100.0	87.1	12.9	100.0	77.5	22.5	100.0	80.2	19.8
Neighborhoods, total.....	100.0	77.2	22.8	100.0	82.3	17.7	100.0	74.9	25.1	100.0	79.6	20.4
Glenville.....	100.0	79.3	20.7	100.0	85.1	14.9	100.0	79.1	20.9	100.0	83.6	16.4
Hough.....	100.0	69.6	30.4	100.0	80.6	19.4	100.0	67.9	32.1	100.0	77.5	22.5
West Central.....	100.0	65.5	34.5	100.0	69.0	31.0	100.0	64.9	35.1	100.0	67.4	32.6
East Central.....	100.0	71.6	28.4	100.0	77.0	23.0	100.0	71.1	28.9	100.0	76.7	23.3
Kinsman.....	100.0	73.8	26.2	100.0	82.9	17.1	100.0	71.8	28.2	100.0	81.7	18.3
Goodrich.....	100.0	86.2	13.8	100.0	87.6	12.4	100.0	64.8	35.2	100.0	87.9	12.1
West Side.....	100.0	85.7	14.3	100.0	85.3	14.7	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Broadway-Industrial....	100.0	83.3	16.7	100.0	83.7	16.3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Mt. Pleasant.....	100.0	83.9	16.1	100.0	88.3	11.7	100.0	84.2	15.8	100.0	87.7	12.3
Remainder of Cleveland...	100.0	90.5	9.5	100.0	90.1	9.9	100.0	90.9	9.1	100.0	86.1	13.9

- Represents zero.

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Table 5.--TOTAL AND NEGRO FAMILIES BY POVERTY STATUS IN 1964 AND 1959, FOR CLEVELAND, BY NEIGHBORHOOD: 1965 AND 1960

Neighborhood	Total						Negro					
	1965			1960			1965			1960		
	All families	Above poverty level	Below poverty level	All families	Above poverty level	Below poverty level	All families	Above poverty level	Below poverty level	All families	Above poverty level	Below poverty level
Cleveland, total.....	197,869	171,416	26,453	220,538	190,079	30,459	62,129	46,337	15,792	56,439	41,692	14,747
Neighborhoods, total.....	69,620	51,803	17,817	84,030	64,472	19,558	51,996	37,202	14,794	51,367	37,529	13,838
Glenville.....	19,543	15,641	3,902	20,911	17,609	3,302	18,109	14,323	3,786	14,383	11,784	2,599
Hough.....	12,012	7,597	4,415	15,589	11,357	4,232	10,511	6,417	4,094	11,321	7,846	3,475
West Central.....	4,281	2,331	1,950	6,249	3,320	2,929	3,728	1,966	1,762	5,308	2,842	2,466
East Central.....	8,503	5,806	2,697	11,222	7,782	3,440	8,235	5,599	2,636	10,582	7,249	3,333
Kinsman.....	3,350	2,159	1,191	4,015	2,827	1,188	2,705	1,626	1,079	2,902	1,904	998
Goodrich.....	3,344	2,854	490	4,196	3,500	696	230	162	68	206	148	58
West Side.....	5,737	4,546	1,191	7,486	5,917	1,569	122	75	47	20	18	2
Broadway-Industrial....	3,362	2,797	565	4,695	3,807	888	68	45	23	64	39	25
Mt. Pleasant.....	9,488	8,072	1,416	9,667	8,353	1,314	8,288	6,989	1,299	6,581	5,699	882
Remainder of Cleveland...	128,249	119,613	8,636	136,508	125,607	10,901	10,133	9,135	998	5,072	4,163	909
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION												
Cleveland, total.....	100.0	86.6	13.4	100.0	86.2	13.8	100.0	74.6	25.4	100.0	73.9	26.1
Neighborhoods, total.....	100.0	74.4	25.6	100.0	76.7	23.3	100.0	71.5	28.5	100.0	73.1	26.9
Glenville.....	100.0	80.0	20.0	100.0	84.2	15.8	100.0	79.1	20.9	100.0	81.9	18.1
Hough.....	100.0	63.2	36.8	100.0	72.9	27.1	100.0	61.1	38.9	100.0	69.3	30.7
West Central.....	100.0	54.4	45.6	100.0	53.1	46.9	100.0	52.7	47.3	100.0	53.5	46.5
East Central.....	100.0	68.3	31.7	100.0	69.3	30.7	100.0	68.0	32.0	100.0	68.5	31.5
Kinsman.....	100.0	64.4	35.6	100.0	70.4	29.6	100.0	60.1	39.9	100.0	65.6	34.4
Goodrich.....	100.0	85.3	14.7	100.0	83.4	16.6	100.0	70.4	29.6	100.0	71.8	28.2
West Side.....	100.0	79.2	20.8	100.0	79.0	21.0	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Broadway-Industrial....	100.0	83.2	16.8	100.0	81.1	18.9	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Mt. Pleasant.....	100.0	85.1	14.9	100.0	86.4	13.6	100.0	84.3	15.7	100.0	86.6	13.4
Remainder of Cleveland...	100.0	93.3	6.7	100.0	92.0	8.0	100.0	90.2	9.8	100.0	82.1	17.9

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Table 6.--MEDIAN INCOME IN 1964 AND 1959 IN CURRENT AND CONSTANT (1964) DOLLARS, OF ALL FAMILIES AND OF NEGRO FAMILIES, FOR CLEVELAND, BY NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood	Median family income (current dollars)				Median family income (constant 1964 dollars)			
	Total		Negro		Total		Negro	
	1964	1959	1964	1959	1964	1959	1964	1959
Cleveland, total.....	\$6,895	\$5,935	\$5,489	\$4,743	\$6,895	\$6,325	\$5,489	\$5,055
Neighborhoods, total.....	5,259	4,937	5,085	4,648	5,259	5,261	5,085	4,953
Glenville.....	6,156	5,593	6,117	5,456	6,156	5,960	6,117	5,814
Hough.....	4,050	4,598	3,966	4,440	4,050	4,900	3,966	4,732
West Central.....	3,000	2,977	2,984	3,012	3,000	3,173	2,984	3,210
East Central.....	3,857	4,015	3,887	3,956	3,857	4,279	3,887	4,216
Kinsman.....	4,164	4,365	3,729	4,078	4,164	4,652	3,729	4,346
Goodrich.....	5,883	5,402	4,327	4,450	5,883	5,757	4,327	4,742
West Side.....	5,458	5,110	(B)	(B)	5,458	5,446	(B)	(B)
Broadway-Industrial.....	6,185	5,346	(B)	(B)	6,185	5,697	(B)	(B)
Mt. Pleasant.....	6,504	5,850	6,513	5,830	6,504	6,234	6,513	6,213
Remainder of Cleveland.....	7,642	6,558	7,285	5,797	7,642	6,989	7,285	6,178

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