

(b) In addition the Bureau gave financial assistance to States and school districts in the education of nearly 55,000 Indian children attending public schools.

(c) The Bureau also gave scholarship aid to 1,718 Indian students at the post high school level.

3. History

(a) The Bureau of Indian Affairs was created in the War Department in 1824 and transferred to the Department of the Interior at the time of its establishment in 1849.

(b) For more than three centuries Indian education in the United States was largely under the direction of missionaries. However, many of the treaties between the United States and Indian tribes provided for the establishment of schools for Indian children. As early as 1842 there were 37 Indian schools in operation and by 1881 the number had increased to 106. As has been stated, in 1965 there were 258 Bureau schools and 19 additional dormitories.

(c) The Meriam survey of 1928 led to the reform of Indian schools with respect to higher standards of operation and a modernized curriculum designed to more nearly meet the needs of the children.

(d) Within the last 15 years the trend has been to transfer Indian children to public schools. However, with much greater emphasis on school attendance the number of Indian children in schools of all kinds grew, between 1952 and 1964, from 102,000 to 142,000.

4. Level of operations. (See table 1.)

Program: Indian education.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of the Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs.

TABLE 1.—*Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964-67*

Measure	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 estimates	Fiscal year 1967 estimates
(a) Magnitude of the program (participating individuals) ¹	104,615	108,630	115,381	122,884
(b) Applicants or participants:				
State government agencies (contracts).....	14	14	14	14
Local communities or governments (contracts).....	13	13	13	13
Individuals or families: ¹				
Individuals assisted by Johnson-O'Malley Act contracts.....	52,999	² 54,641	58,000	61,000
Higher education grants.....	1,327	1,718	1,400	2,045
BIA school enrollee.....	50,289	52,271	55,981	59,839
Other (specify).....				
(c) Federal finances:				
Appropriations available (thousands of dollars).....	66,082	70,159	76,074	83,309
Obligations incurred (thousands of dollars).....	66,044	69,092	76,074	83,309
Allotments or commitments made (thousands of dollars).....				
(d) Matching or additional expenditures for the program (specify nature of entries).....				
(e) Number of Federal Government employees administering, operating, or supervising the activity (indicate their roles) ^{1 3}	5,717	5,883	6,251	6,300

¹ In addition, the following numbers of persons were served on a part-time basis in the summer programs and in the adult education program: fiscal year 1964, 54,355; fiscal year 1965, 58,875; fiscal year 1966 estimates, 43,000; fiscal year 1967 estimates, 35,000.

² Estimated.

³ These employees fall into all three categories.