

Survey: Blacks will soon outpace Whites in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Blacks will outnumber Whites in Brazil this year for the first time since slavery was abolished, but the income gap between the two groups may take another 50 years to bridge, according to a government study released Tuesday.

The government's Applied Institute of Economic Research said Brazil, which has the world's second-largest Black population after Nigeria, is decades away from racial equality despite public policies aimed at decreasing the gap.

Blacks generally earn 50 percent to 70 percent less than Whites, and hold only 3.5 percent of management positions at Brazil's 500 largest companies, according to the labor-union statistics institute Diesse.

A 2004 study by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro found the income gap between Whites and Blacks in Brazil was wider than in apartheid-era South Africa.

"Black people end up not having the access to an education that will allow them to climb to meet opportunities. And when there is an opening, they aren't always capable of competing for it," said Diesse director Clemente Ganz Lucio.

In recent years, Brazil has created a system of quotas at public universities that has bridged the gap somewhat. But quotas are complicated in Brazil because of the high degree of mixing between races, and some critics say light-skinned people are taking spots reserved for Blacks.

The fight against slavery "was one of Brazil's most beautiful struggles ever, but it didn't include measures to ensure the civil rights of the



The Black population in Brazil is outpacing that of Whites.

Black population," said Edson Santos, Brazil's minister of racial equality. "Blacks left the slave quarters to live in the slums."

The government study was released Tuesday to coincide with the 120th anniversary of abolition in Brazil. In 1888, Brazil became the last country in the Western hemisphere to end slavery.

In 1890, Blacks were estimated to make up 56 percent of Brazil's population, but that number dropped to 36 percent in 1940, according to the study. In 1976, when the Brazilian Statistics Institute began keeping reliable data on race, 57 percent of Brazil's 185 million people were White, and 40 percent were Black or mixed-race.

The Institute of Economic Research said the percentage of Blacks would top 50 percent again later this year.

Marine

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hide it."

"The reason why this is so significant is because Mr. Baul was one of the first Black United States Marines recruited into the Marine Corps," Robert Middleton said. "Mr. Baul's a living legend. If it were not for these first Black United States Marines there would be no other Black Marines. They broke the 160 year color barrier."

Middleton credits Baul and his platoon for opening doors for all minorities in the Marines today.

From 1942 to 1945, Baul led the all-Black 51st Defense Battalion (Special Weapons), breaking every anti-aircraft gunnery record established in the United States Marine Corps.

"I've had so many friends to pass on. Most of the first are gone," Baul said. "It was an experience you couldn't forget."

Cornelius Fortune writes for the Michigan Chronicle.

Carolina Times publisher, media pioneer dead at 80

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D U R H A M , N.C.(NNPA) — She was the first African-American inducted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame alongside such journalistic greats like legendary anchorman David Brinkley, and Thomas C. Jervay Sr., founder/publisher of NNPA member *The Wilmington Journal*.

This pioneering Black woman held literally every position at *The Carolina Times*, the Durham Black newspaper her father, Louis Austin, founded in 1922, ultimately becoming its publisher in 1971.

And when she finally turned the state's oldest Black newspaper officially over to her son, Kenneth, in 2002, Vivian Austin



Vivian Austin Edmonds

Edmonds blazed an historic trail for other African-American journalists to follow.

Six years after her retirement, Ms. Edmonds died May 11 at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

She was 80 years old.

"My mother was dedicated to the Black Press, and the service that this newspaper provided for our community," Kenneth Edmonds, Ms. Edmonds son and successor, told *The Carolinian* of Raleigh.

A Durham native, Ms. Edmonds was revered in the Bull City community for always reflecting the pulse of the people, and the tenor of the times in both *The Carolina Times'* coverage of major events like the 1960's Civil Rights Movement, and its piercing editorials in the battle for equal rights for African-Americans.

A memorial service in honor of Vivian Austin Edmonds was held last Friday.

Cash Michaels writes for the *Carolinian*.

Your Horoscope Says... May 22-28

ARIES

Use your natural magnetism to get to someone who might be hard to reach. If you have a problem that you need to get off your chest tell a relative or friend, don't hold it inside. Where's the party? Find it. You need a social setting to make the magnetism work best.

Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for the chance to give.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 32, 33

TAURUS

Even if you can't be with someone you care for, call that person or send a Soul Vibration to let them know you care. You'll feel better and so will the person. Take time to meditate on the good things life has in stored for you.

Soul Affirmation: The success of others is the investment I make in myself.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 27, 38

GEMINI

A person is only as good as their word. If you have made any promises recently, remember to follow through. People will be counting on you. Any dissatisfaction you feel might come from not doing what you told someone that you would do.

Soul Affirmation: Superficiality is often the best route to clarity.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 50, 51

CANCER

If you're not sure about a business deal, ask someone who knows. Asking questions now can help avoid mistakes in the future. The love that you have been looking for is right in front of you. Your ability to see it improves this week.

Soul Affirmation: When I am clear about who I am, the world becomes clearer.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 19, 20

LEO

Your ability to display enormous grace under enormous pressure will be tested this week. Use your gifts this week to transcend petty criticism. Consider the source and know that you are doing just fine.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the love that others have for me.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 30, 39

VIRGO

You can expect a message from a distance to arrive this week and you'll be happy to hear it. The spirit is easily lifted if you remember that you only have to imagine your world the way you want it to be. Create a happy reality this week!

Soul Affirmation: I let worry fly away.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 27, 40

LIBRA

You're likely to be efficient and productive this week. Even if you work hard, you'll get satisfaction from a job well done! Use your talents to create some free time for yourself. Take a vacation or hang out at home with someone special.

Soul Affirmation: With spirit I co-create my world.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 16, 54

SCORPIO

Matters relating to health need attention. Prevention is more valuable than cure. Rest and eat well this week. Your stress will be lower by knowing that you do not have to fix a relationship that has gone sour. Feel your independence and ability to travel alone.

Soul Affirmation: People love me, yes they do.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 27, 29

SAGITTARIUS

Use better judgment with regard to

financial matters. Stop rationalizing. Money is important. Do something about the fact that you might find yourself broke more often than you wish. Continuing to deny it will delay doing something about it.

Soul Affirmation: I find comfort in the familiar.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 18, 24

CAPRICORN

Move slowly concerning relationships this week. People are a little edgy and they don't know exactly where you are coming from. Make full explanations. Don't assume that they know what's on your mind. Most of all, stay positive no matter what.

Soul Affirmation: Clinging to the old will inhibit my growth this week.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 24, 51

AQUARIUS

You can't be right all of time. Instead of always trying to be right, try to find the logic in other's viewpoint whether you happen to agree or not. Endear yourself to a loved one real soon, by really listening to what they have to say. Don't be so stubborn, that you deny yourself what you really want.

Soul Affirmation: I celebrate with those around me.

Lucky Numbers: 29, 48, 55

PISCES

This week is a good week to dump any extra baggage that has been pulling you down. You have too much potential to throw away and waste your time on issues that will amount to nothing. Stay focused on your goals. Meet and spend time with people who will be able to help you reach them.

Soul Affirmation: The word is in me. I bring it forth.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 35, 48