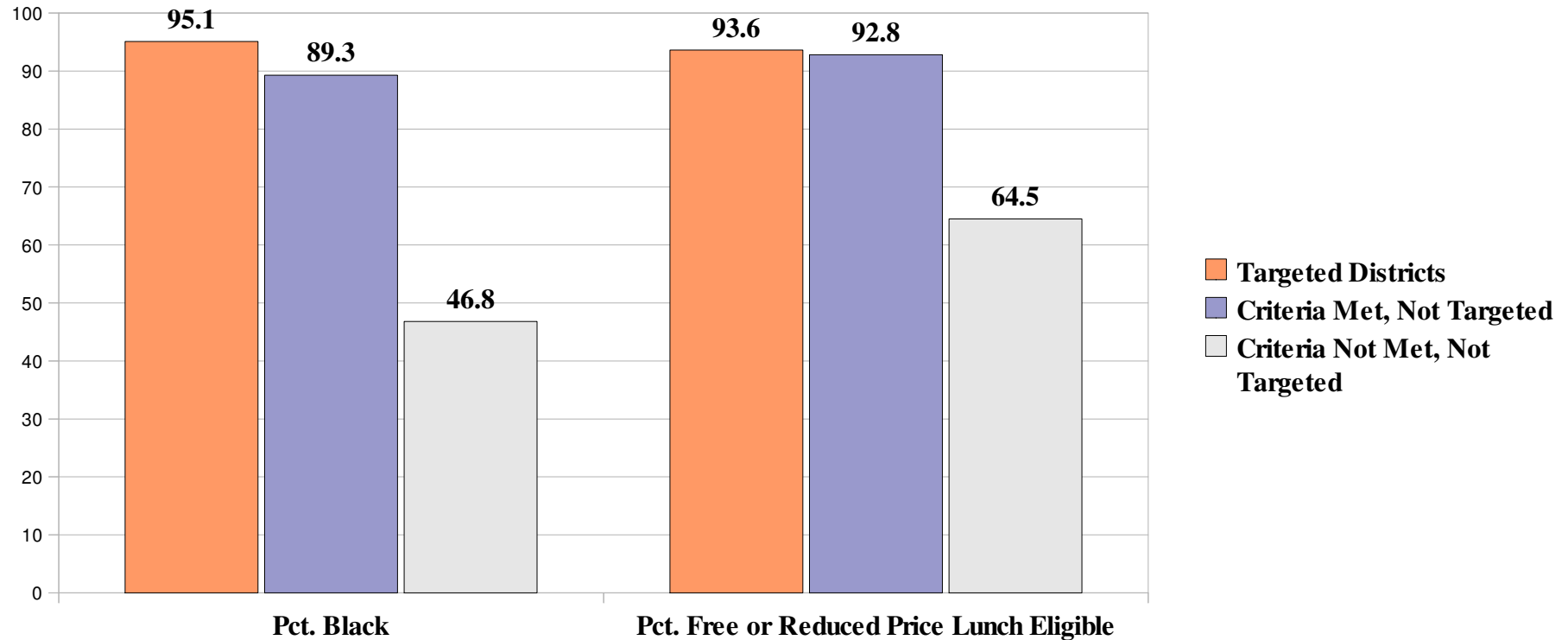


Student Population Characteristics of School Districts Targeted and not Targeted for Consolidation Based on Augenblick's Consolidation Criteria



In 2010 consultant John Augenblick, in his Report to the Governor's Commission on Educational Structure (school consolidation), targeted 18 school districts for consolidation based on 3 criteria: QDI scores of 127 or below; student enrollment of 2,000 or less; and a cost per student for central office administration of \$430 dollars or above. In addition to the 18 targeted districts, an additional 13 school districts met these Augenblick criteria, but were NOT targeted for consolidation by Augenblick. The remainder of the 152 school districts (121) did not meet the Augenblick criteria and were not targeted.

These charts show the percentage of the student bodies by race and poverty (eligibility for free or reduced lunch under federal US Dept. of Agriculture guidelines) for each of the 3 groups of school districts: district that met the Augenblick criteria and were targeted; districts that met the Augenblick criteria and were NOT targeted; and the remainder of the districts that did NOT meet the criteria and were NOT targeted by Augenblick.

Data Source: 2008 – 2009 MS Department of Education QDI, Expenditure and Student Population Data

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