



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

COMMISSIONER
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October 31, 2014

The Honorable Rick Perry
Office of the Governor
P. O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

The Honorable Jim Pitts
Chair, House Committee on Appropriations
Texas House of Representatives
P. O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768

The Honorable Jane Nelson
Chair, Senate Committee on Finance
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Ms. Ursula Parks
Director
Legislative Budget Board
1501 North Congress Avenue, 5th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Perry, Chair Nelson, Chair Pitts, and Ms. Parks:

I am pleased to submit for your review the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Rider 17 Report on minority child removals. Pursuant to Rider 17 in Senate Bill 1, 83rd Legislature, DFPS annually reports data on the number and percentage each race and ethnicity represents in the following categories:

- the general child population for the state
- children reported to Statewide Intake for abuse or neglect
- children whom Child Protective Services (CPS) investigated and removed

The data is provided for the seven largest urban Texas counties—Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Hidalgo, Harris, Tarrant and Travis. DFPS has produced similar reports each year since 2009.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Jamie McCormick, Manager for External Relations, serves as the lead on this matter. She can be reached by email at Jamie.McCormick@dfps.state.tx.us or by phone at (512) 438-3979.

Sincerely,

John J. Specia, Jr.

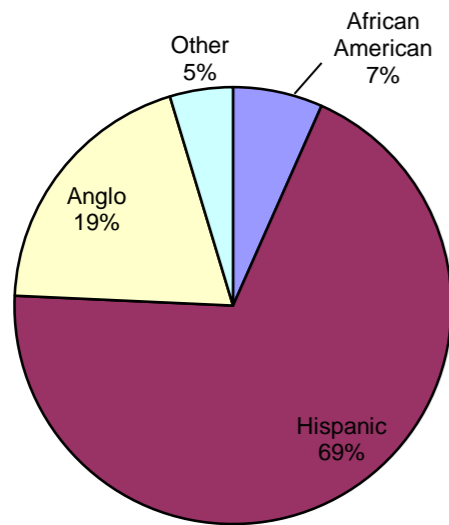
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**Rider 17 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2014 - Current Ethnicity
Bexar County - Region 08 - County Number 015**

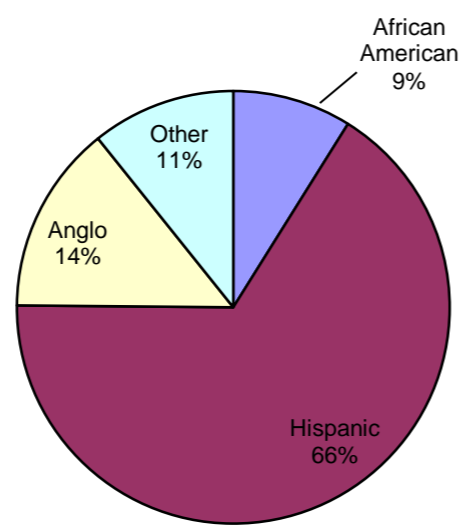
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	491,136	32,602	339,288	96,341	22,905
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	32,750	2,912	21,696	4,621	3,521
Alleged Victims Investigated	22,544	2,139	16,254	3,157	994
Children Removed**	1,871	152	1,427	227	65

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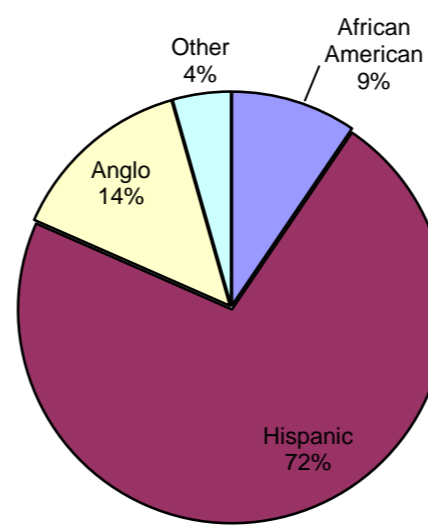
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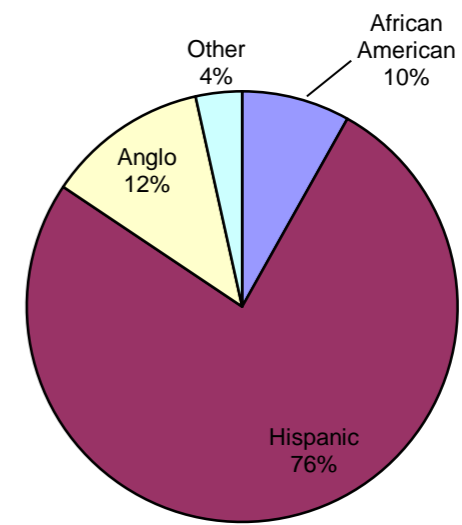
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Alleged Victims Investigated



Children Removed



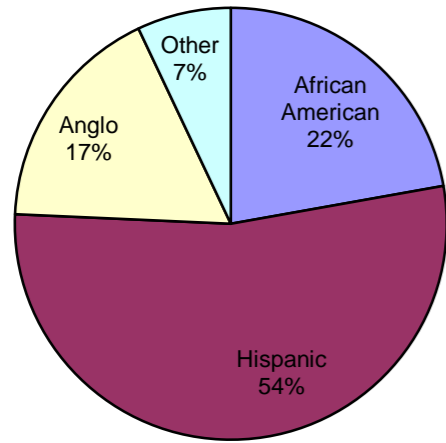
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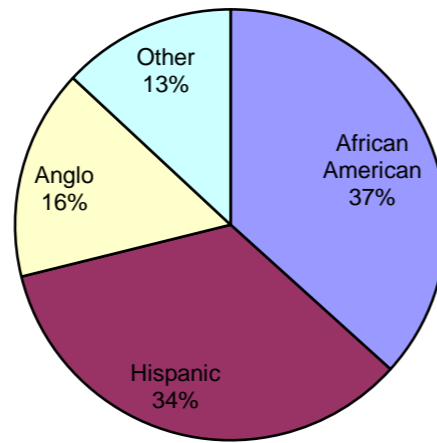
**Rider 17 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2014 - Current Ethnicity
Dallas County - Region 03 - County Number 057**

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	684,069	151,810	366,075	118,075	48,109
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	32,451	11,908	11,175	5,129	4,239
Alleged Victims Investigated	23,611	9,278	8,896	3,757	1,680
Children Removed**	1,788	649	650	373	116
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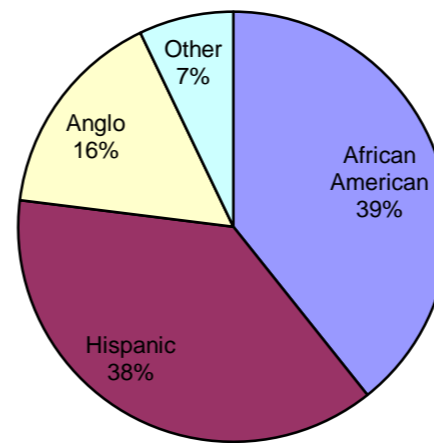
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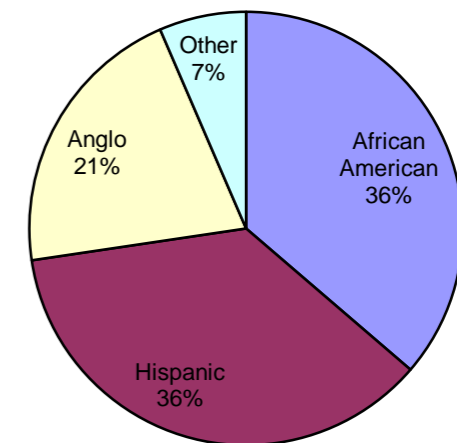
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Alleged Victims Investigated



Children Removed



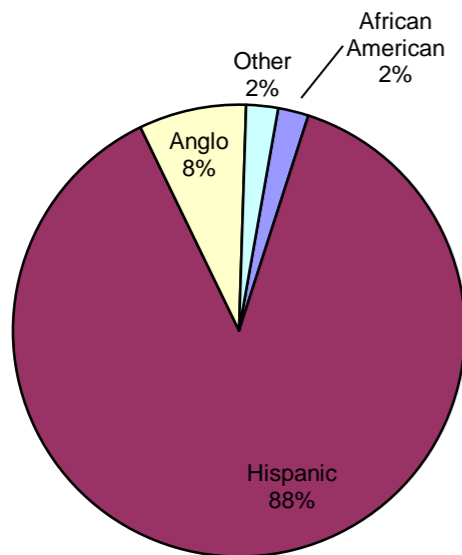
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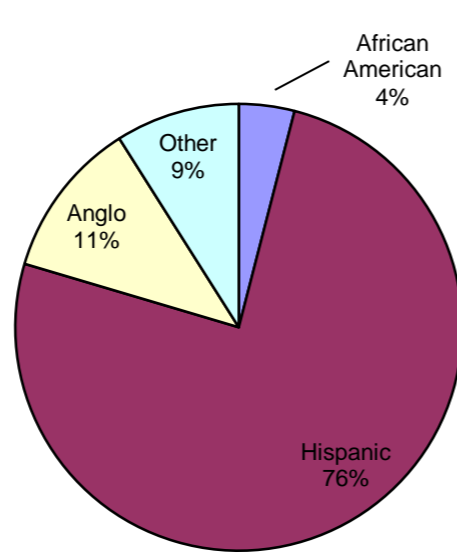
**Rider 17 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2014 - Current Ethnicity
El Paso County - Region 10 - County Number 071**

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	248,080	5,423	217,942	19,068	5,647
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	10,704	430	8,089	1,224	961
Alleged Victims Investigated	8,029	374	6,374	922	359
Children Removed**	290	21	219	42	8
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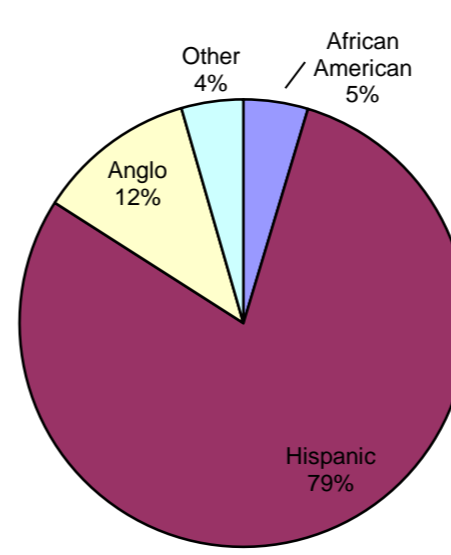
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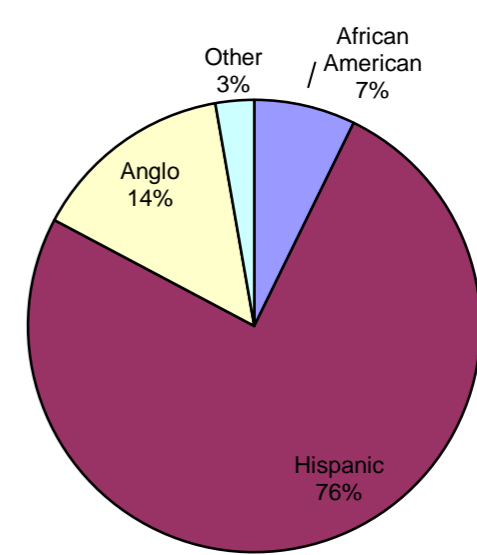
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Children Removed



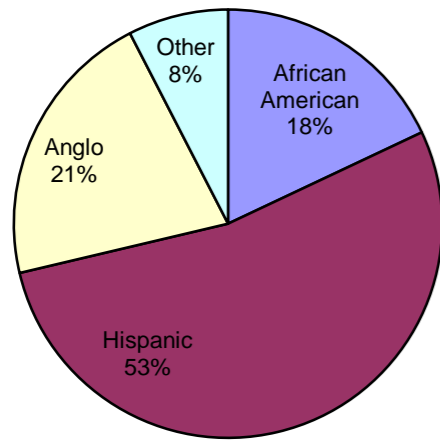
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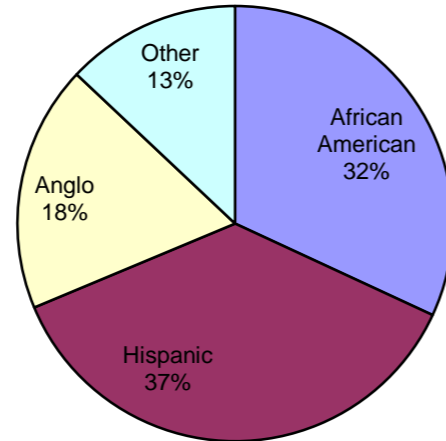
**Rider 17 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2014 - Current Ethnicity
Harris County - Region 06 - County Number 101**

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	1,201,493	216,114	640,581	253,842	90,956
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	47,892	15,280	17,622	8,776	6,214
Alleged Victims Investigated	32,429	11,436	12,899	5,991	2,103
Children Removed**	1,862	827	548	365	122
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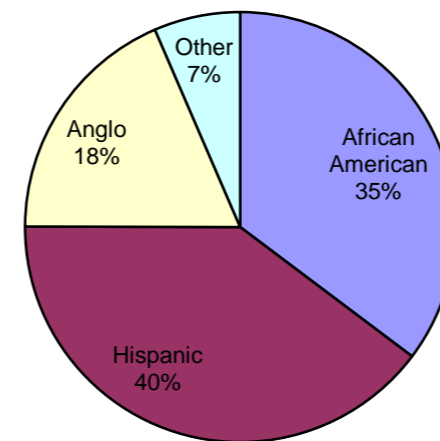
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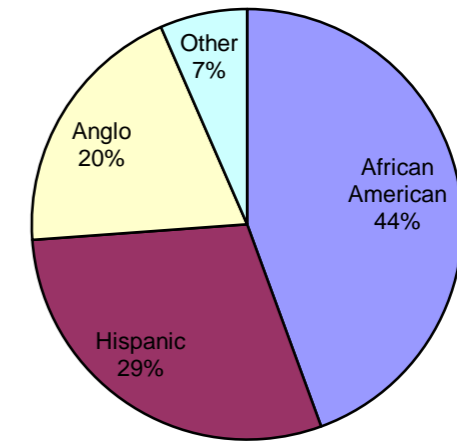
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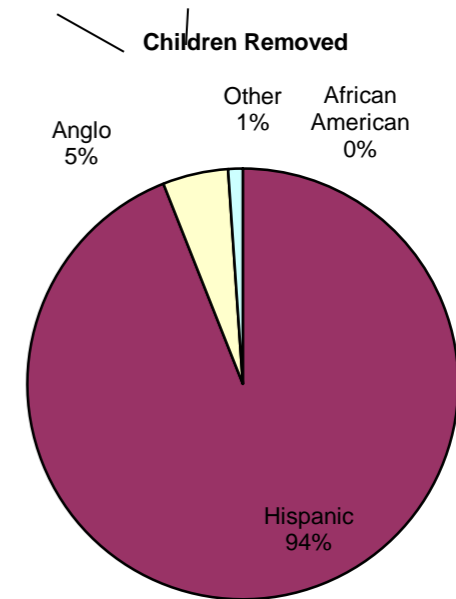
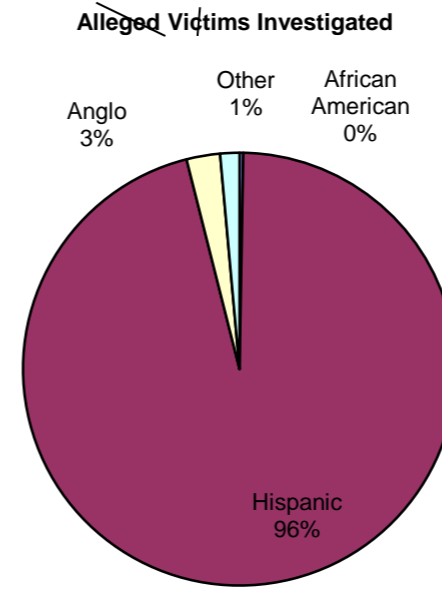
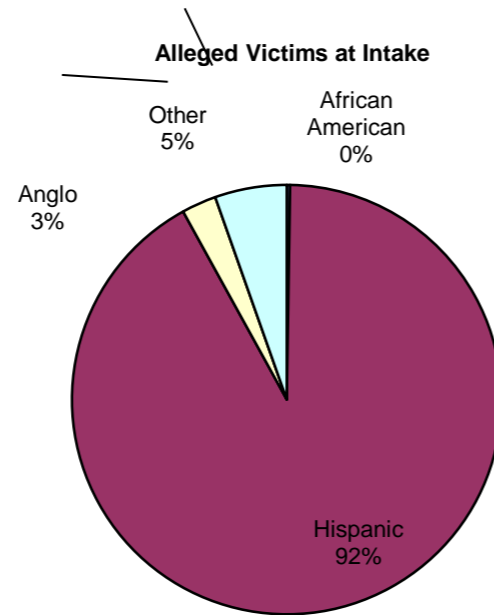
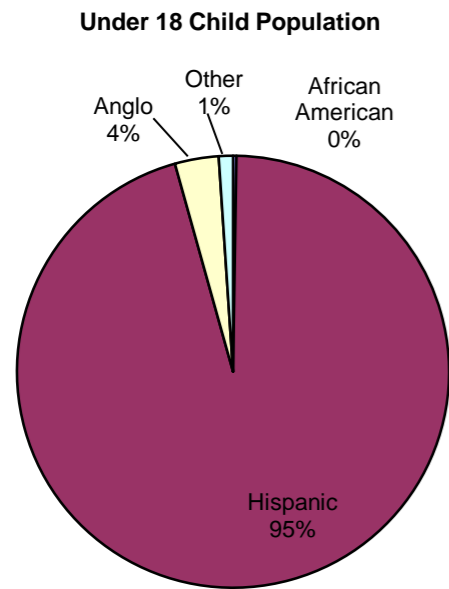
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Hidalgo County - Region 11 - County Number 108**

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	284,166	713	271,131	9,304	3,018
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	12,875	32	11,811	336	696
Alleged Victims Investigated	10,380	29	9,942	260	149
Children Removed**	366	0	344	18	4

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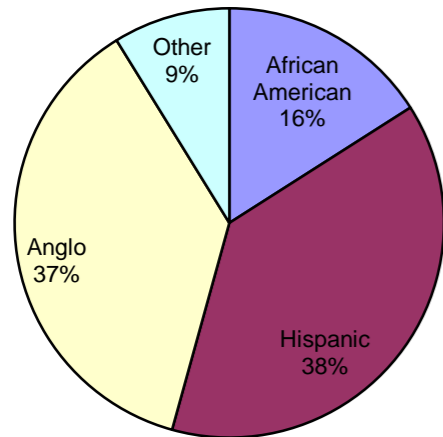
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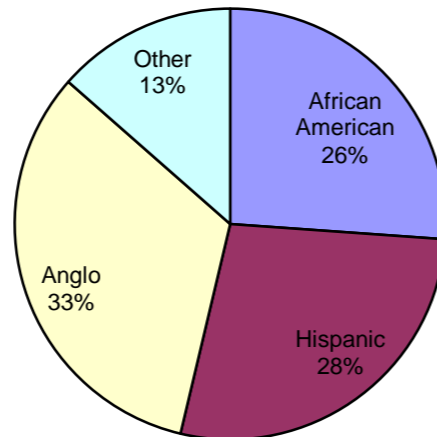
**Rider 17 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2014 - Current Ethnicity
Tarrant County - Region 03 - County Number 220**

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	529,400	84,549	202,907	195,355	46,589
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	26,591	6,948	7,333	8,714	3,596
Alleged Victims Investigated	21,242	6,007	6,379	7,027	1,829
Children Removed**	667	160	227	231	49
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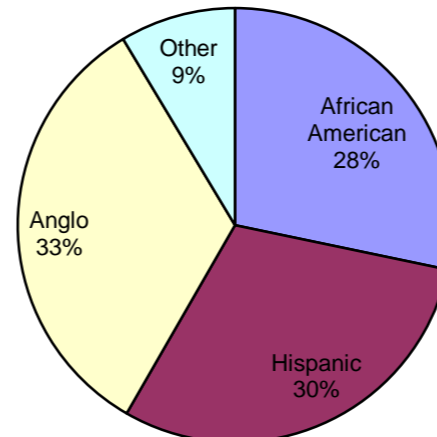
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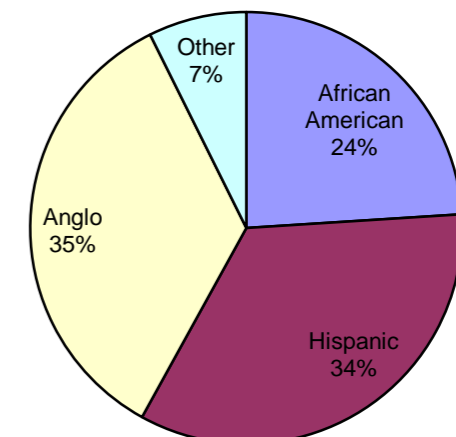
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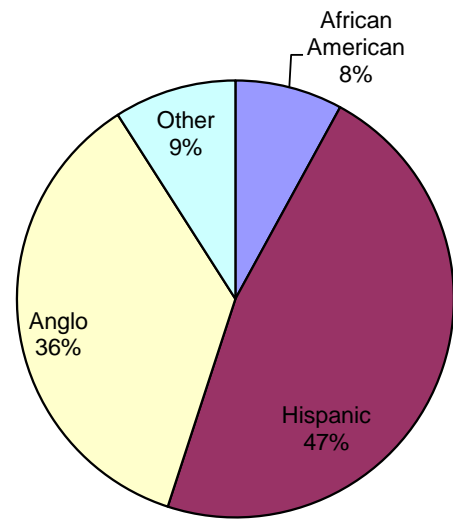
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Travis County - Region 07 - County Number 227

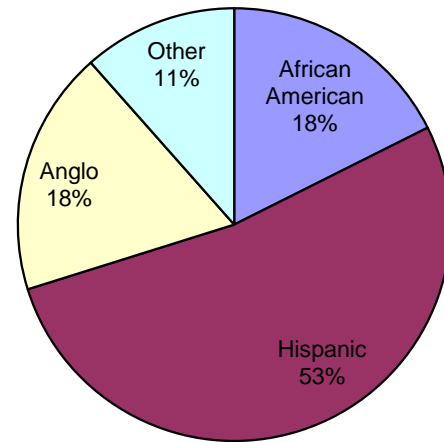
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	274,241	21,830	129,034	98,564	24,813
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	16,803	2,959	8,831	3,075	1,938
Alleged Victims Investigated	11,225	2,109	6,447	2,060	609
Children Removed**	629	128	341	125	35

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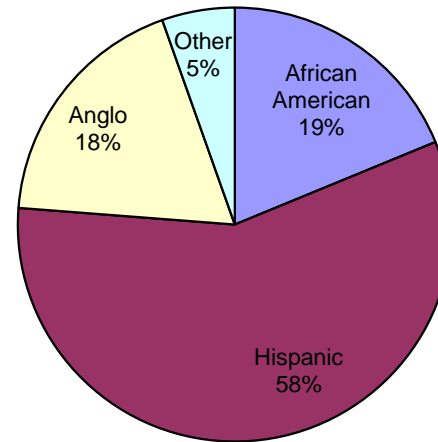
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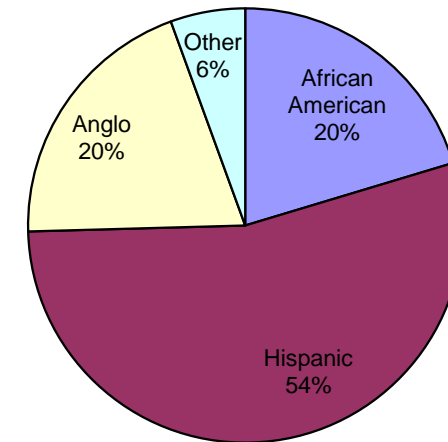
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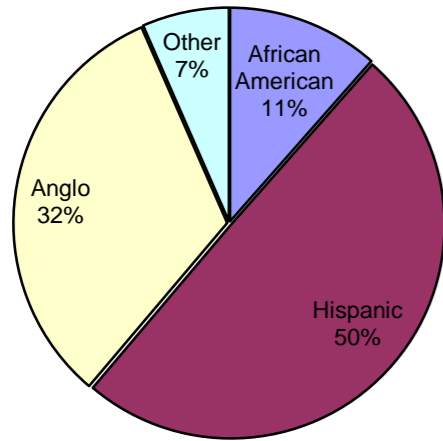
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State of Texas**

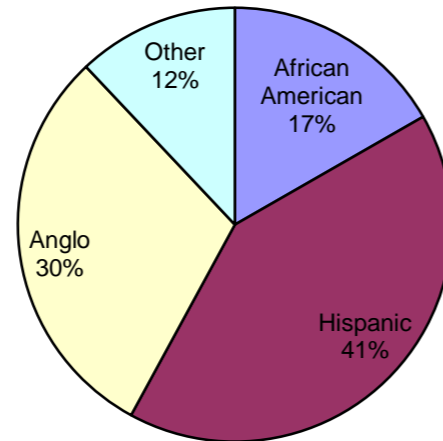
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	7,266,760	835,497	3,610,544	2,343,432	477,287
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	369,724	61,797	152,404	111,061	44,462
Alleged Victims Investigated	273,145	48,810	121,292	85,231	17,812
Children Removed**	17,283	2,995	7,315	5,868	1,105

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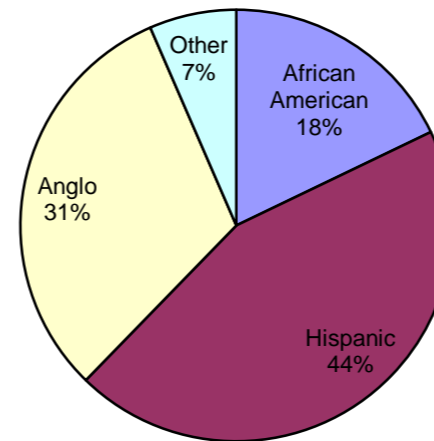
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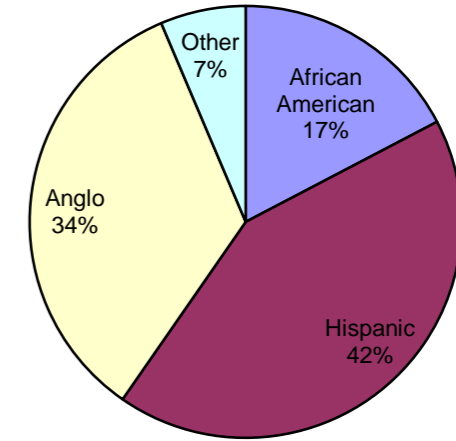
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