



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

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FY 2018 Disproportionality Analysis

Pursuant to DFPS Rider 14 of the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act, 85th Legislature, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) provides information on the racial and ethnic breakdown of children within the seven largest counties in the state, who are reported to the Statewide Intake Division. This breakdown highlights any disproportionality that may occur within Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Hidalgo, Travis, and El Paso Countiesⁱ.

Analysis

The analysis uses the Origination Disparity Index (ODI) for African Americans, Hispanics, and others. Overall, disproportionality was most pronounced for African American children. Although there was some localized disproportionality for every race and ethnicity, the general nature, extent, and magnitude differed.

Based on statewide data collected in FY2018, African American children are 1.7 times more likely to be reported than Anglo American children. This had been rising steadily every year from 1.5 times more likely in 2013 to 1.7 times more likely in FY2017, before remaining unchanged at 1.7 times more likely in FY2018. The same pattern can be seen in the likelihood of African American children to be investigated compared to Anglo children, which had risen steadily every year from 1.6 times more likely in 2013 to 1.9 times more likely in FY2017, from where it has remained steady in FY2018. African American children were 1.9 times more likely to be removed in FY2018, an increase from the relatively steady rates of between 1.6 and 1.7 times more likely seen between FY2013 and FY2017. Hispanic children are slightly less likely than Anglo children to be reported, investigated, or removed, while Otherⁱⁱ children are 2.3 times more likely to be reported, equally likely to be investigated, and slightly less likely to be removed compared to Anglo children. Overall disproportionality for Hispanic and Other children has remained relatively steady since 2013.

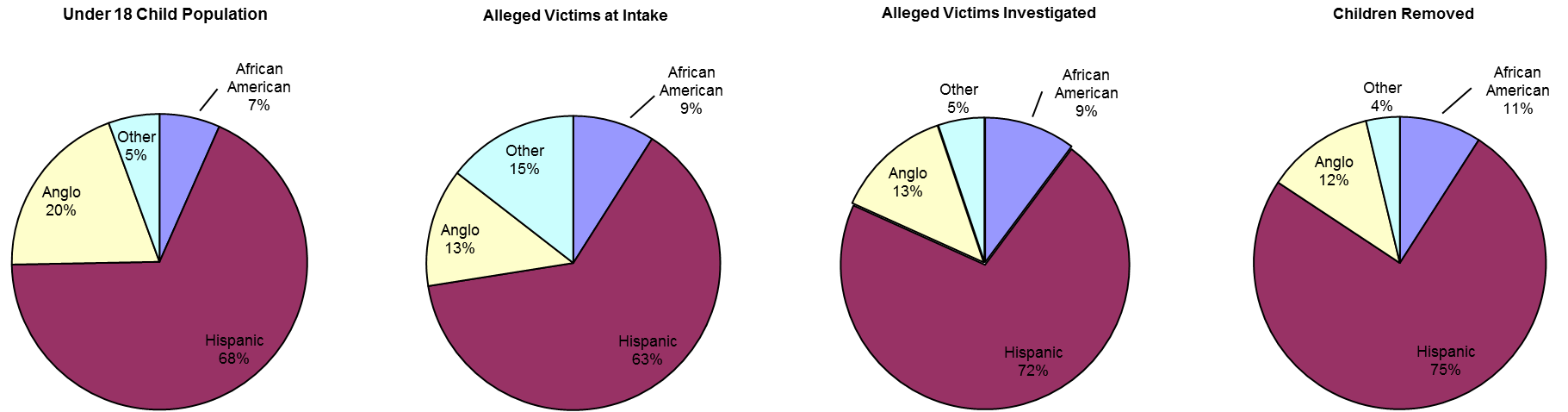
County Analysis

African American children are 4.6 times more likely than Anglo children to have an allegation, 5.1 times more likely to be investigated, and 7.8 times more likely to be removed in Travis County, which is far above the state figures. Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, and Bexar counties show slightly higher disproportionality than the state for African American children reported, and investigated, though African Americans are 3.3 times more likely to be removed than Anglo children in Harris County, and between 2.3 and 2.4 times more likely to be removed in Dallas, Tarrant, and Bexar Counties in FY2018. Because 96% of the population of Hidalgo County is Hispanic, the figures are erratic.

While Hispanic children were less likely to be reported, investigated, or removed across the State, Hispanic children were 1.9 times more likely than Anglo children to receive an allegation, 2.2 times more likely to be investigated, and 2.3 times more likely to be removed in Travis County. Hispanic children were also more likely than Anglo children to be reported, investigated, or removed in Bexar and Hidalgo Counties in FY2018.

Rider 14 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2018 - Current Ethnicity
 Bexar County - Region 08 - County Number 015

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	515,667	34,144	351,092	101,600	28,831
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	38,249	3,444	24,285	4,969	5,551
Alleged Victims Investigated	24,216	2,474	17,319	3,165	1,258
Children Removed**	2,037	185	1,532	244	76



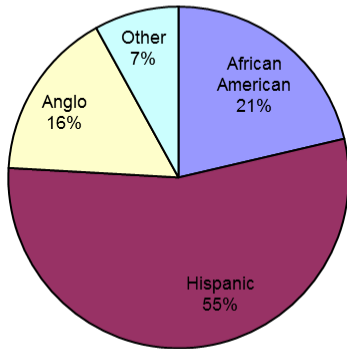
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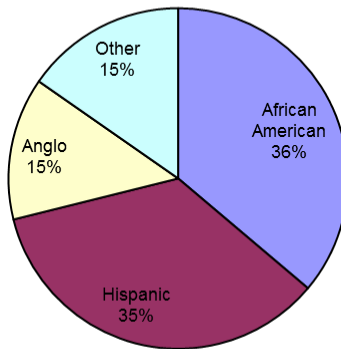
Rider 14 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2018 - Current Ethnicity
 Dallas County - Region 03 - County Number 057

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	700,759	149,670	382,115	112,680	56,294
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	37,877	13,691	13,251	5,126	5,809
Alleged Victims Investigated	24,423	10,059	9,467	3,232	1,665
Children Removed**	2,034	931	679	289	135

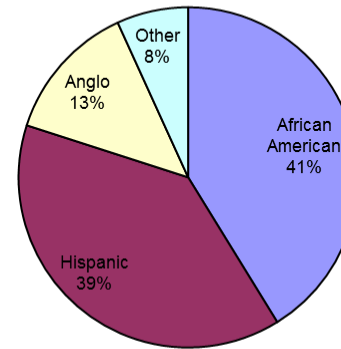
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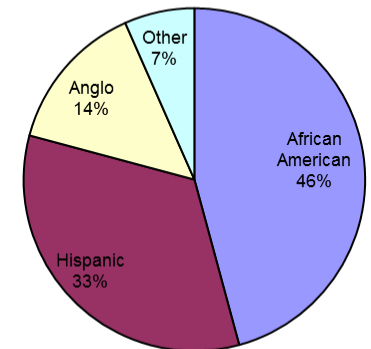
Alleged Victims at Intake



Alleged Victims Investigated



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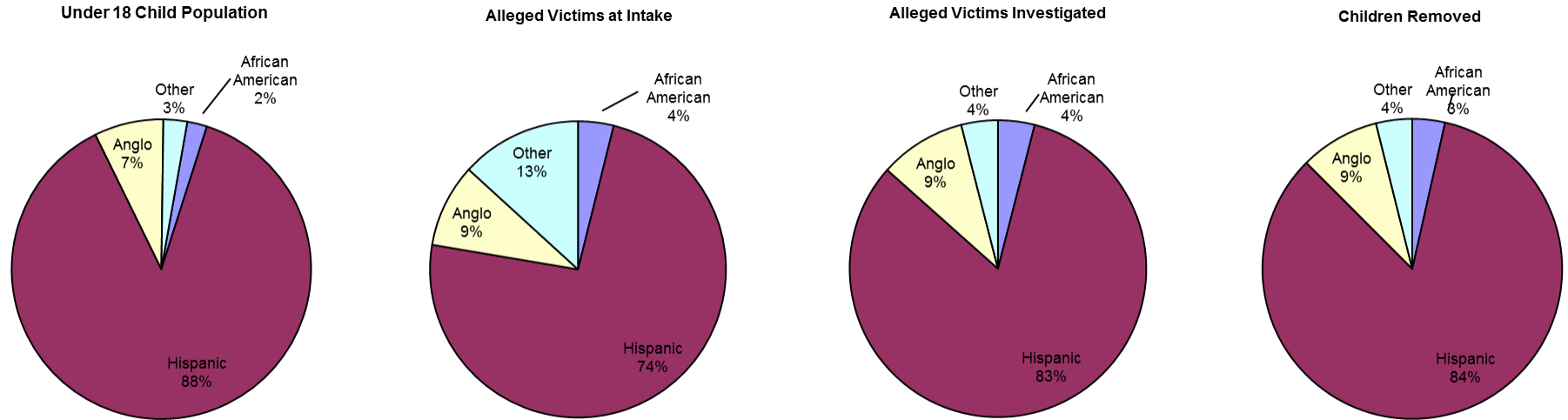


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 El Paso County - Region 10 - County Number 071

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	255,573	5,489	224,400	19,148	6,536
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	12,761	496	9,415	1,162	1,688
Alleged Victims Investigated	7,262	290	5,997	685	290
Children Removed**	256	9	215	22	10



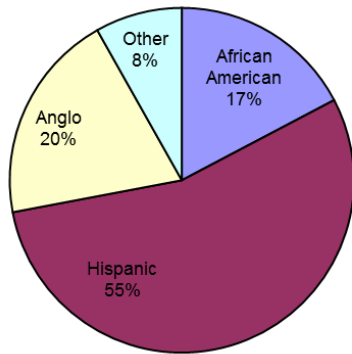
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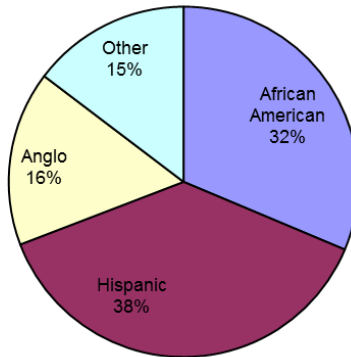
Rider 14 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2018 - Current Ethnicity
 Harris County - Region 06 - County Number 101

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	1,233,168	213,287	674,961	244,110	100,810
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	54,883	17,191	20,778	8,857	8,057
Alleged Victims Investigated	39,299	13,729	16,264	6,649	2,657
Children Removed**	1,581	733	492	252	104

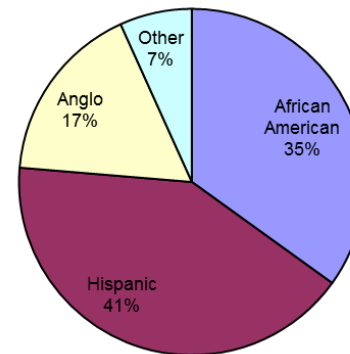
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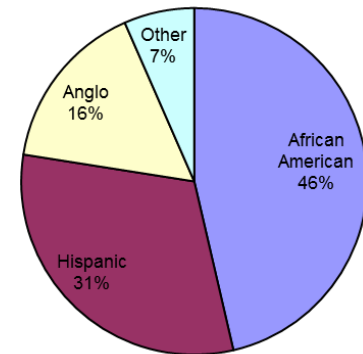
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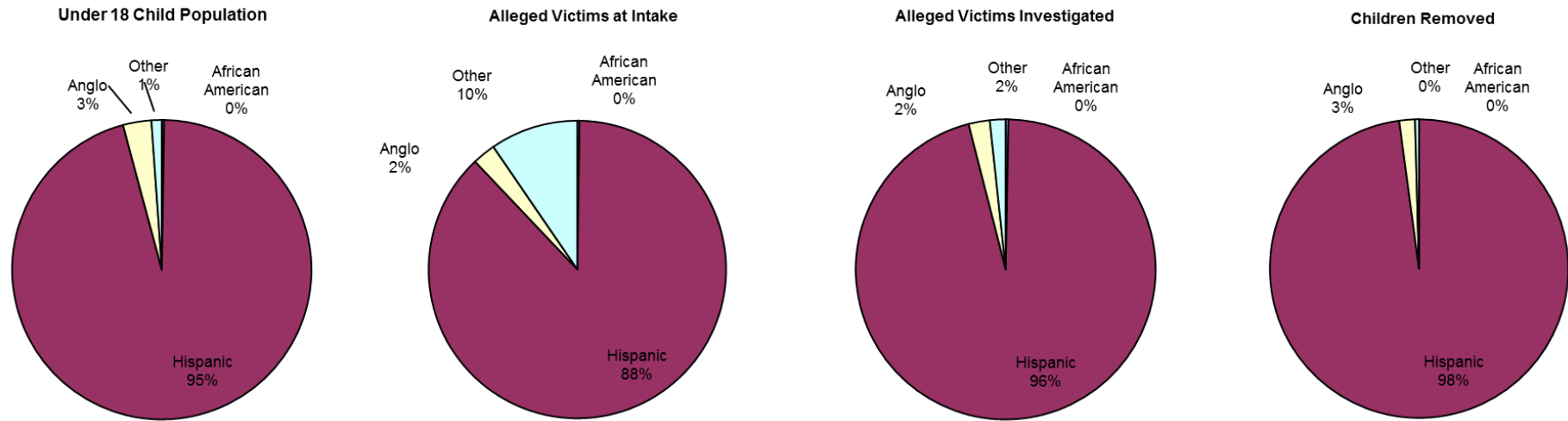


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 Hidalgo County - Region 11 - County Number 108

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	296,943	728	283,813	9,091	3,311
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	13,451	33	11,793	339	1,286
Alleged Victims Investigated	9,297	28	8,899	212	158
Children Removed**	468	0	458	8	2



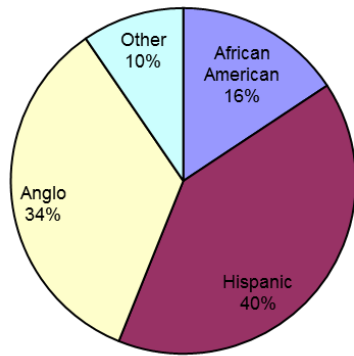
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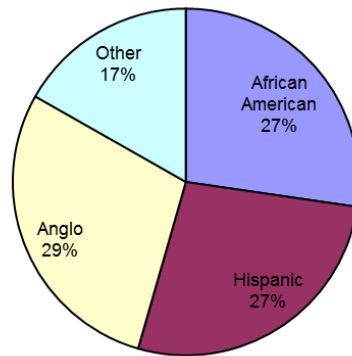
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 Tarrant County - Region 03 - County Number 220

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	542,049	85,080	219,022	186,024	51,923
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	33,001	9,008	8,962	9,489	5,542
Alleged Victims Investigated	21,727	6,811	6,743	6,186	1,987
Children Removed**	679	220	164	214	81

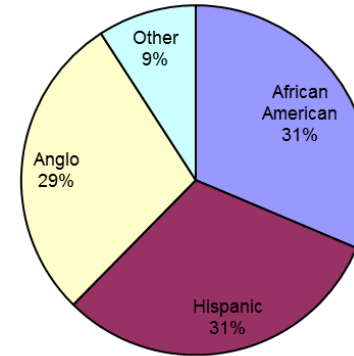
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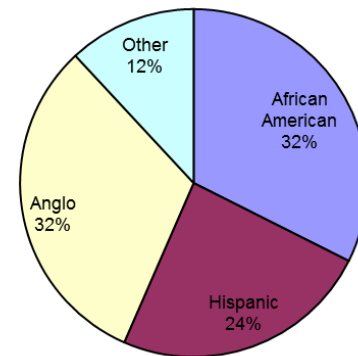
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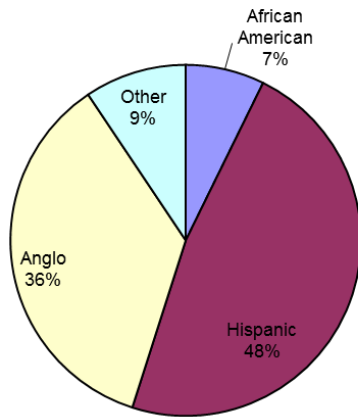
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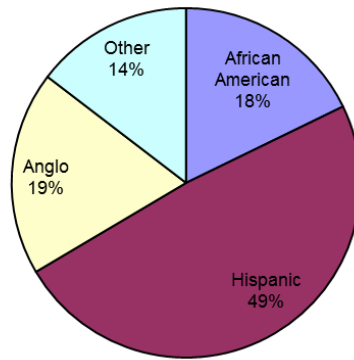
Rider 14 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2018 - Current Ethnicity
 Travis County - Region 07 - County Number 227

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	297,900	21,696	141,960	106,232	28,012
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	19,573	3,485	9,531	3,697	2,860
Alleged Victims Investigated	9,427	1,856	5,226	1,776	569
Children Removed**	752	201	383	126	42

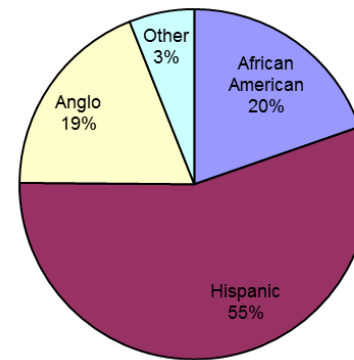
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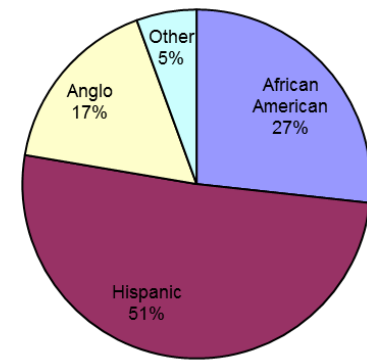
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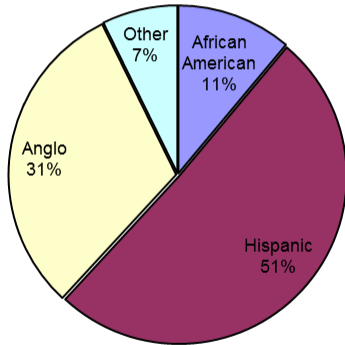
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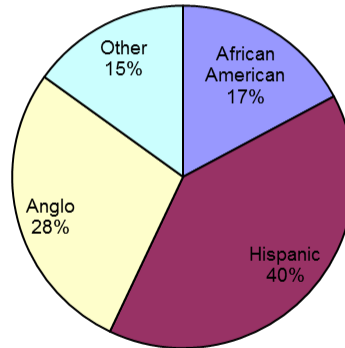
Rider 14 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2018 - Current Ethnicity
State of Texas

Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Population*	7,583,816	841,943	3,851,190	2,338,026	552,657
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	434,143	74,723	172,939	121,025	65,456
Alleged Victims Investigated	280,951	55,151	125,209	81,039	19,552
Children Removed**	20,540	4,373	8,280	6,463	1,424

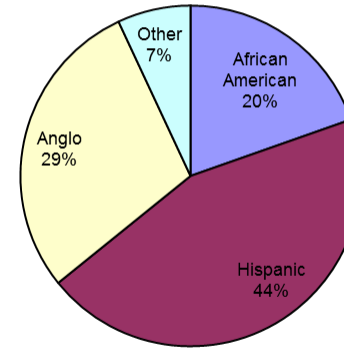
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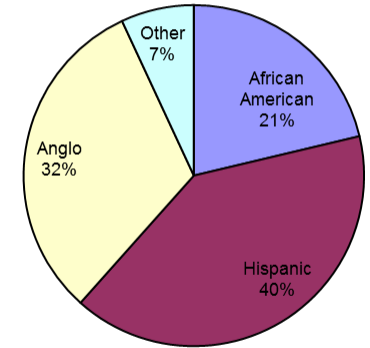
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ⁱ As the data was retrieved from the IMPACT database before the annual refresh, this data may differ slightly from a finalized version.

ⁱⁱ Children who are not African American, Anglo, or Hispanic