



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
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FY 2020 Disproportionality and Disparity Analysis

Pursuant to DFPS Rider 40, General Appropriations Act, 86th Legislature, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall provide the number of children removed from their homes by CPS & the number of children investigated, by ethnic group, in the seven largest urban regions of the state during the preceding fiscal year. This report analyzes disproportionality and disparities within Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Hidalgo, Travis and El Paso Counties¹.

This report presents the prevalence of racial and ethnic disproportionately and disparity at DFPS. Disproportionality means a particular race or cultural group makes up a proportion of those experiencing some event that is greater or smaller than that group's proportion of the population. Disparity refers to a comparison of an event occurring for one group to another group. A disparity index² was calculated to compare the level of representation of African American children, Hispanic children, and children of other race/ethnicities³ to Anglo children. A disparity index of 1 means a race/ethnic group is represented the same as Anglo children at that decision point.

Statewide Analysis

At the state level, there was a higher proportion of African American children at all the different stages of DFPS than the proportion of African American children in the statewide population. A higher proportion of children in the "other" race/ethnicity category were reported as alleged victims at intake than the population, but the proportion was similar to the general population when children were investigated or removed. Hispanic children made up a slightly smaller proportion than in the general population across the three DFPS service stages.

Statewide, the largest disparity was for African American children, who are 1.7 times more likely to be reported, 1.9 times more likely to be investigated, and 1.6 times more likely to be removed than Anglo children. Children of other race/ethnicities were 2.2 times more likely to be reported to Statewide Intake by

¹ As the data was retrieved from the IMPACT database before the end-of-the-year refresh, this data may differ slightly from a finalized version.

² Shaw, Terry & Putnam-Hornstein, Emily & Magruder, Joseph & Needell, Barbara. (2008). Measuring Racial Disparity in Child Welfare. Child welfare. 87. 23-36.

³ Other includes children who are not African American, Anglo, or Hispanic, as well as children who do not have a race or ethnicity recorded (missing).

the community, but slightly less likely to be investigated or removed than Anglo children. Hispanic children had similar outcomes to Anglo children for each decision point.

Compared to last fiscal year, the disparity is slightly less between African American children and Anglo children. Compared to Anglo children, African American children are 0.1 times less likely than last fiscal year to be reported, investigated, or removed.

County Analysis

Each of the seven largest urban counties in the state have very different racial and ethnic makeups. For instance, in Dallas County, African American children compose 22% of the child population and 43% of the children removed in the county. In comparison, African American children represent less than 1% of children in Hidalgo County and less than 1% of the removal population in fiscal year 2019. All seven counties had some disproportionality across the different categories of DFPS involvement.

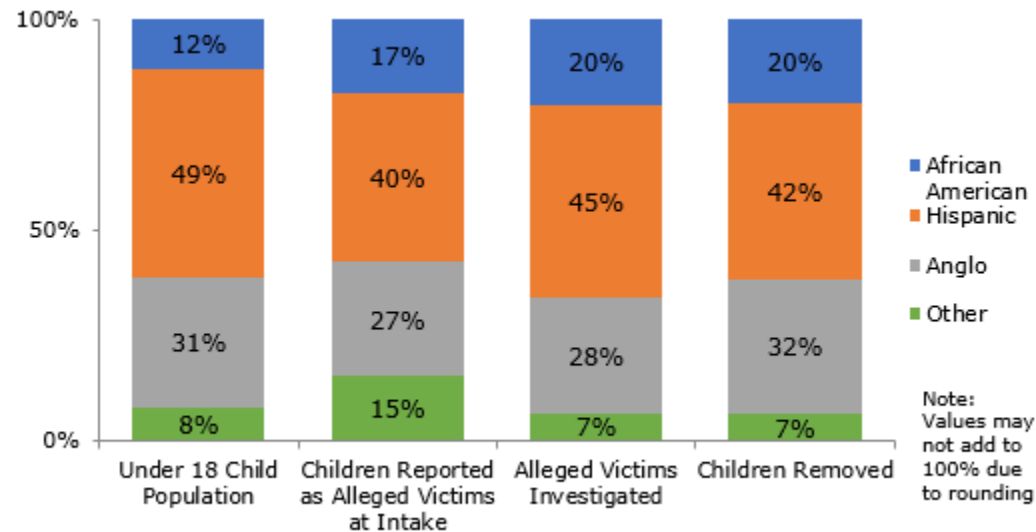
The disparity index provides a way to standardize the disproportionality observed across the counties with different racial and ethnic compositions. With the exception of reports and removals in Hidalgo County, African American children were more likely than Anglo children to be reported, investigated, and removed in each county. The magnitude differed by county, with Travis County showing the largest disparities with African American children 4.2 times more likely to be reported, 5.2 times more likely to be investigated, and 4.2 times more likely to be removed than Anglo children.

Hispanic children had similar or better outcomes compared to Anglo children across many counties, as reflected in the statewide disparity indices. Yet, Bexar, El Paso, Hidalgo, Austin, and to a lesser extent, Dallas, had negative disparities for Hispanic children compared to Anglo children. It should be noted these disparities were less pronounced than the disparities observed for African American children, with the exception of Hidalgo County.

Across all the counties, children in the "other" race/ethnicity category group were more likely to be reported than Anglo children. For the other outcomes of investigation and removal, children of other race/ethnicities were sometimes less likely and sometimes more likely than Anglo children, dependent on county and outcome.

Rider 40 - Minority Child Removals Report for FY2020¹ - Current Ethnicity State of Texas

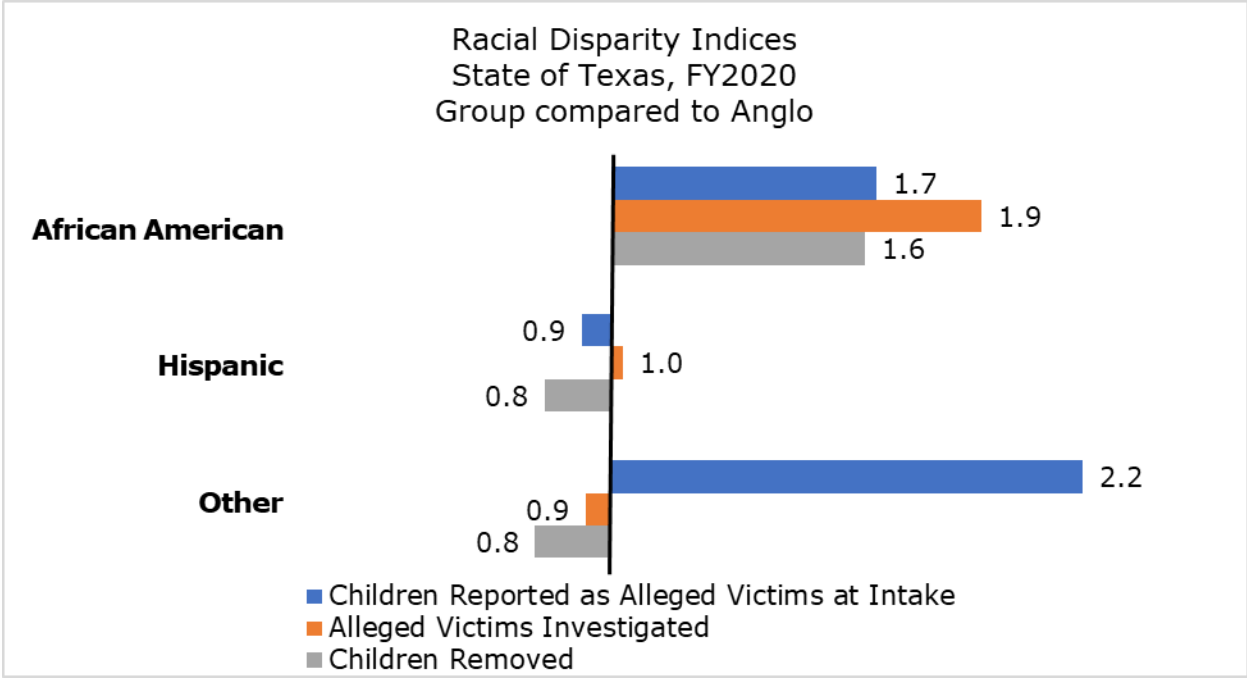
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Under 18 Child Population ²	7,515,129	890,159	3,712,081	2,317,592	595,297
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	392,718	68,480	157,665	106,516	60,057
Alleged Victims Investigated	253,022	51,853	114,855	69,610	16,704
Children Removed ³	16,462	3,282	6,905	5,199	1,076



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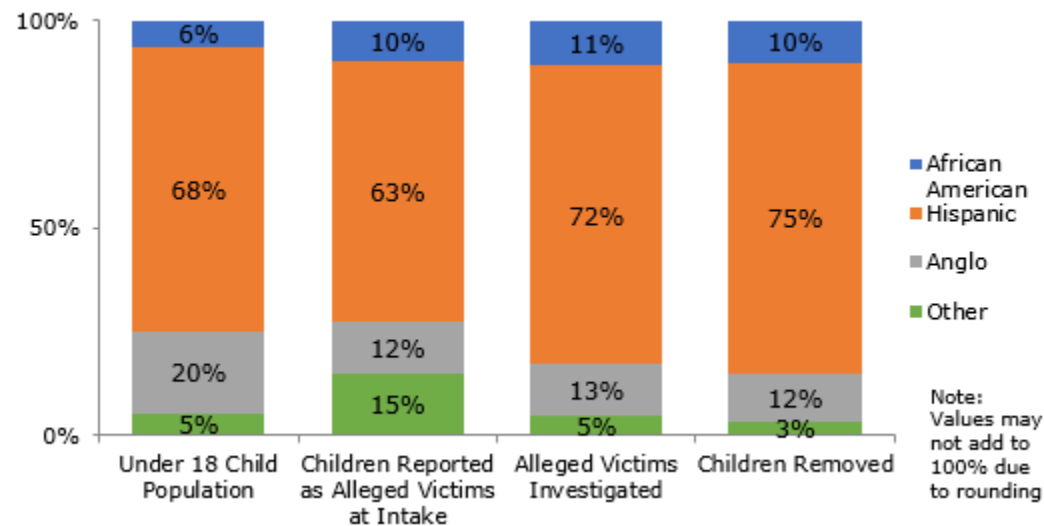
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 Bexar County - Region 08 - County Number 015

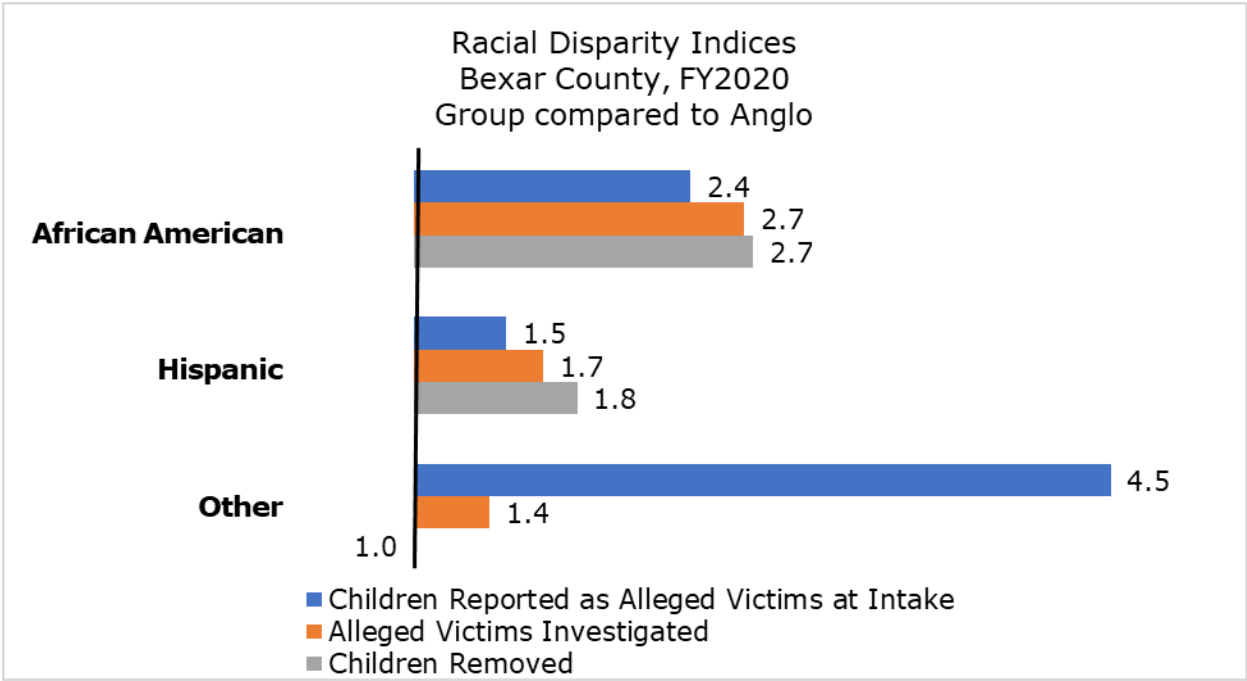
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Under 18 Child Population ²	533,642	34,344	364,984	105,825	28,489
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	34,460	3,332	21,635	4,273	5,220
Alleged Victims Investigated	19,852	2,169	14,257	2,497	929
Children Removed ³	1,733	181	1,292	205	55



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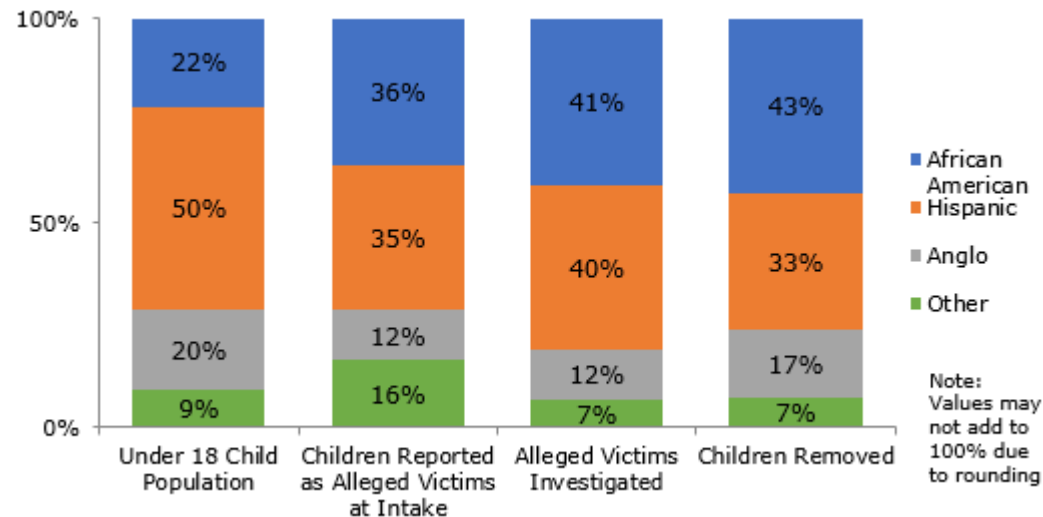
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 Dallas County - Region 03 - County Number 057

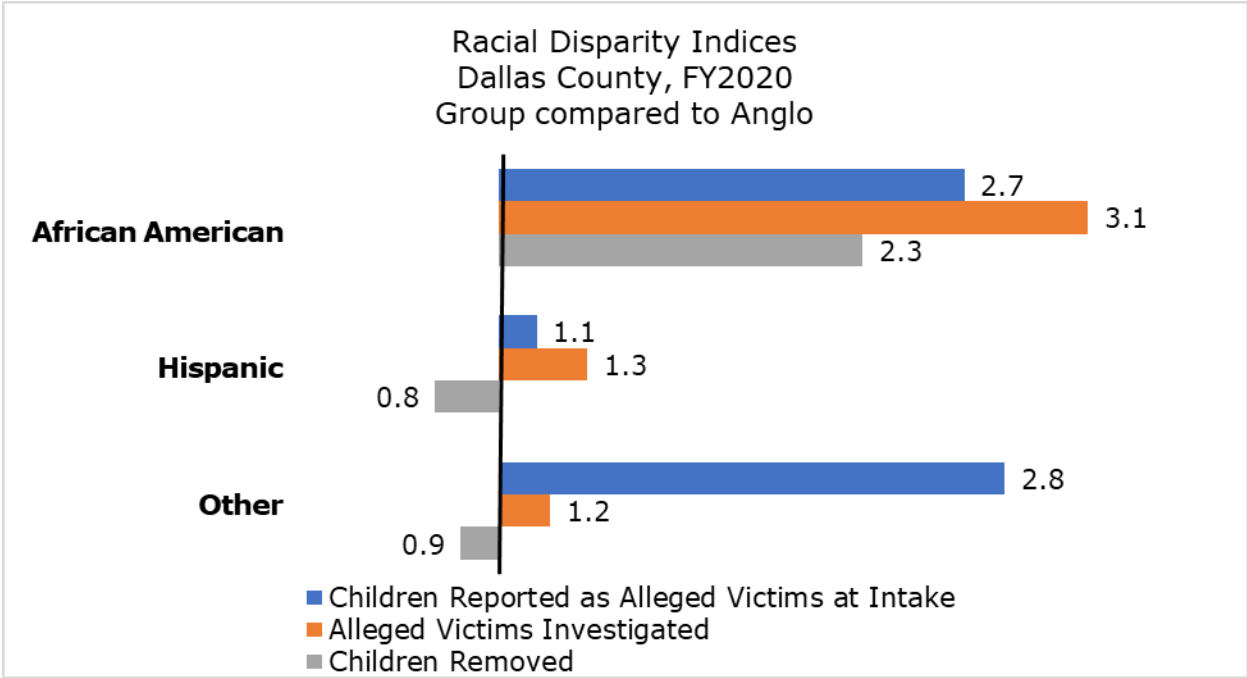
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Under 18 Child Population ²	728,017	156,986	361,810	141,972	67,249
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	32,155	11,576	11,407	3,944	5,228
Alleged Victims Investigated	21,432	8,799	8,619	2,574	1,440
Children Removed ³	1,070	459	356	181	74



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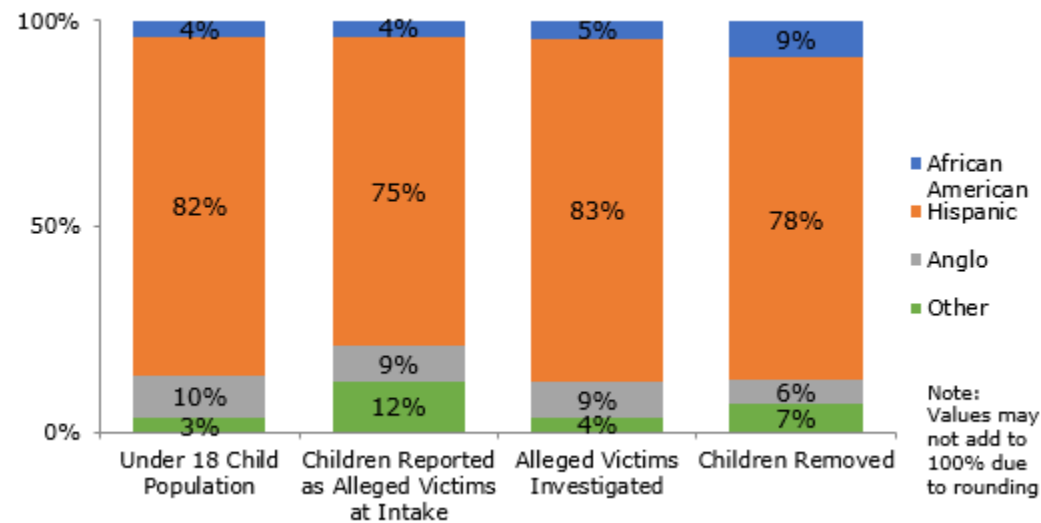
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 El Paso County - Region 10 - County Number 071

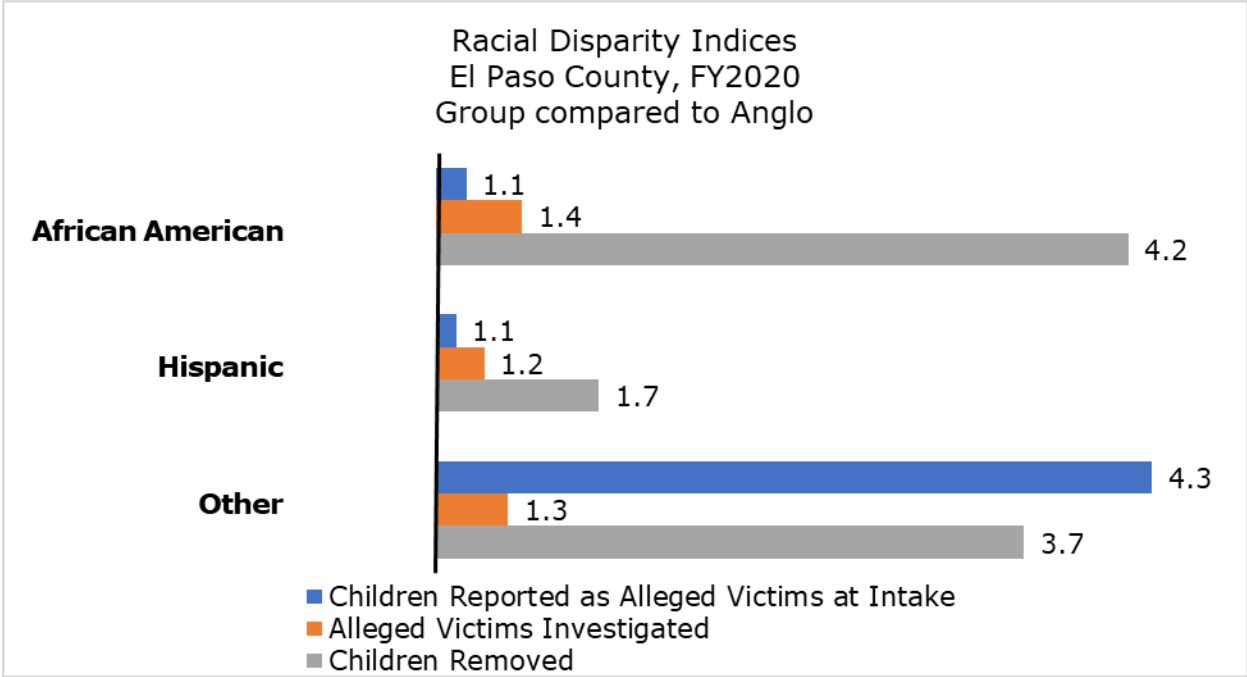
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Under 18 Child Population ²	242,335	9,722	199,201	25,044	8,368
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	11,069	424	8,316	960	1,369
Alleged Victims Investigated	6,762	313	5,613	579	257
Children Removed ³	230	21	180	13	16



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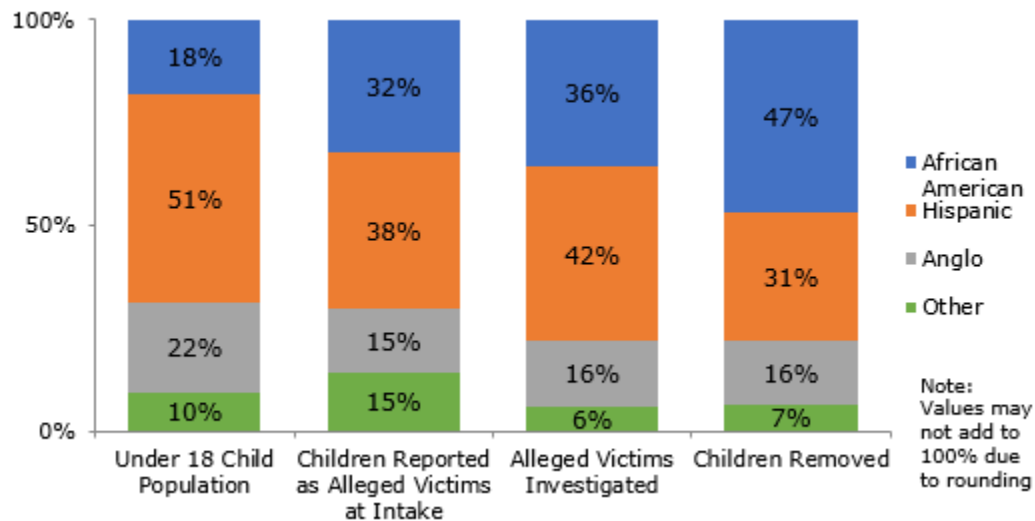
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 Harris County - Region 06 - County Number 101

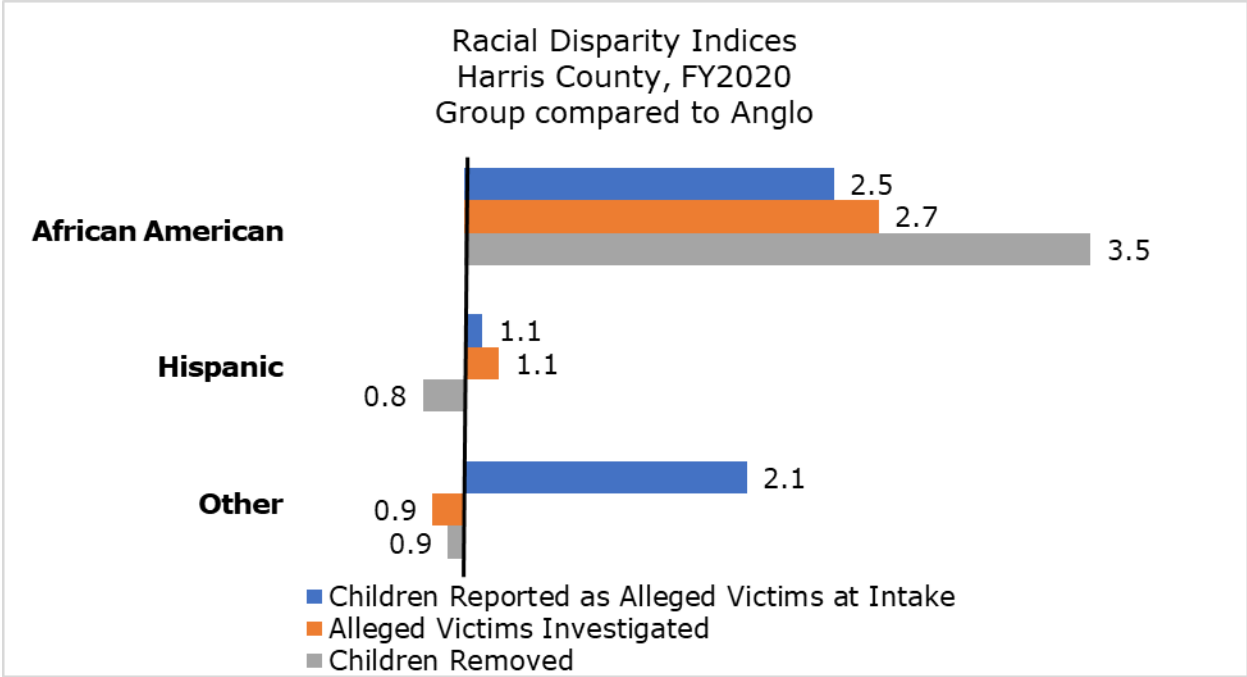
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Under 18 Child Population ²	1,330,726	242,715	672,955	287,349	127,707
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	50,827	16,308	19,433	7,716	7,370
Alleged Victims Investigated	38,365	13,735	16,218	6,059	2,353
Children Removed ³	935	440	287	147	61



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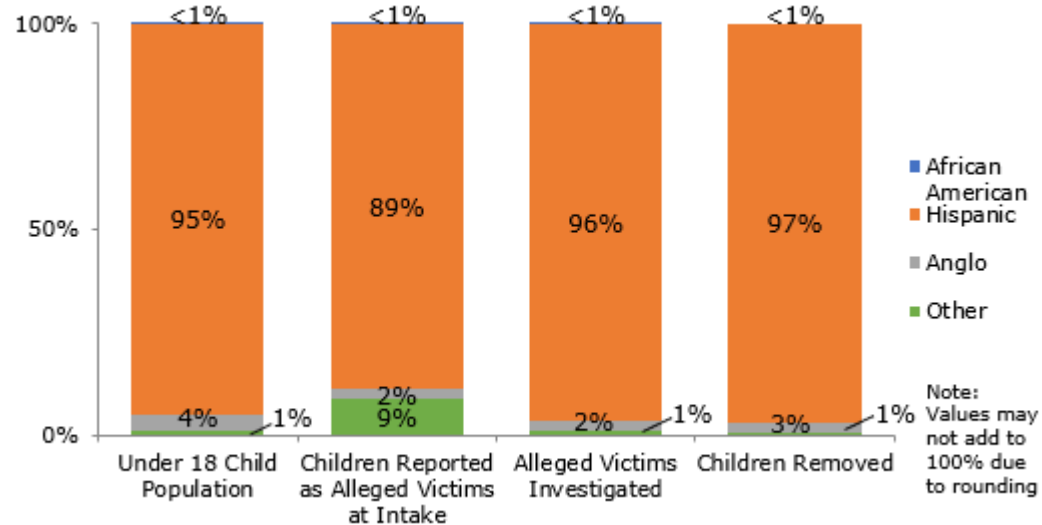
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Hidalgo County - Region 11 - County Number 108

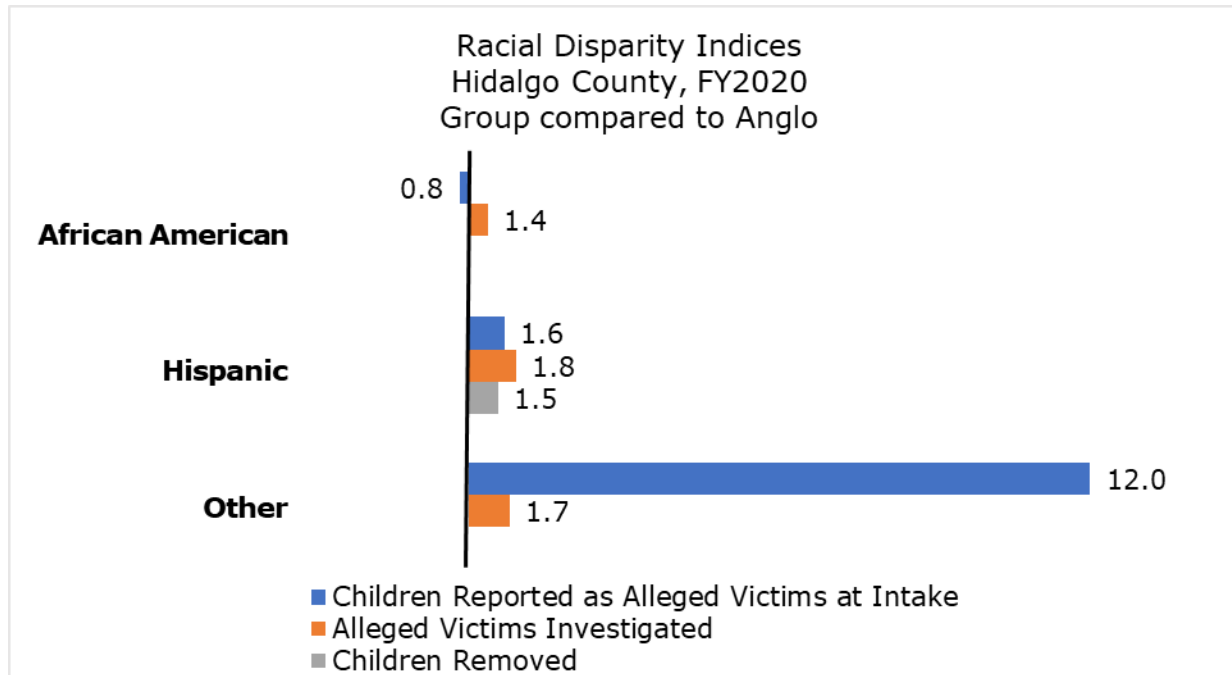
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Under 18 Child Population ²	258,163	613	243,992	10,208	3,350
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	12,215	14	10,841	276	1,084
Alleged Victims Investigated	8,378	15	8,074	184	105
Children Removed ³	303	<5	293	8	<5



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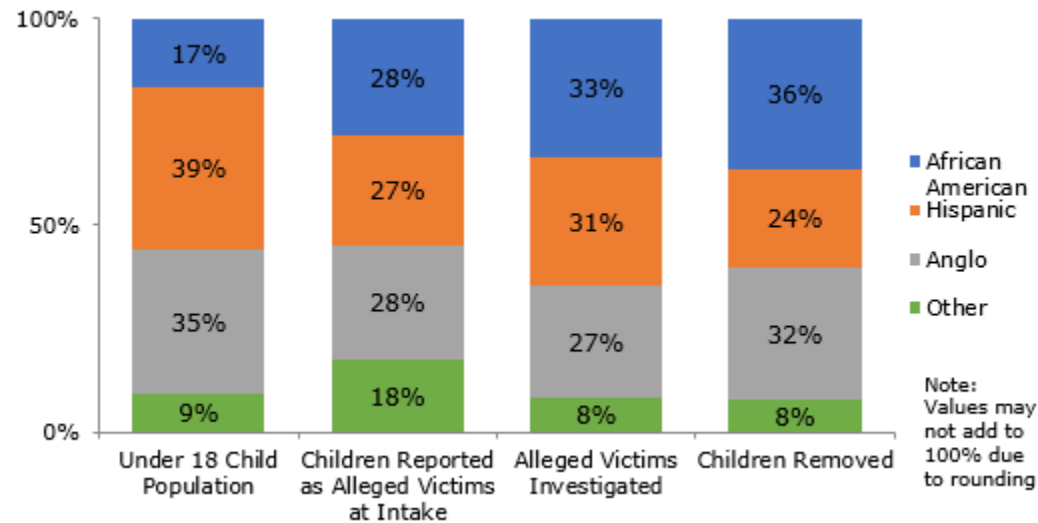


Note: African American and "other" race/ethnicity are excluded from children removed analysis due to small N size.

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Tarrant County - Region 03 - County Number 220

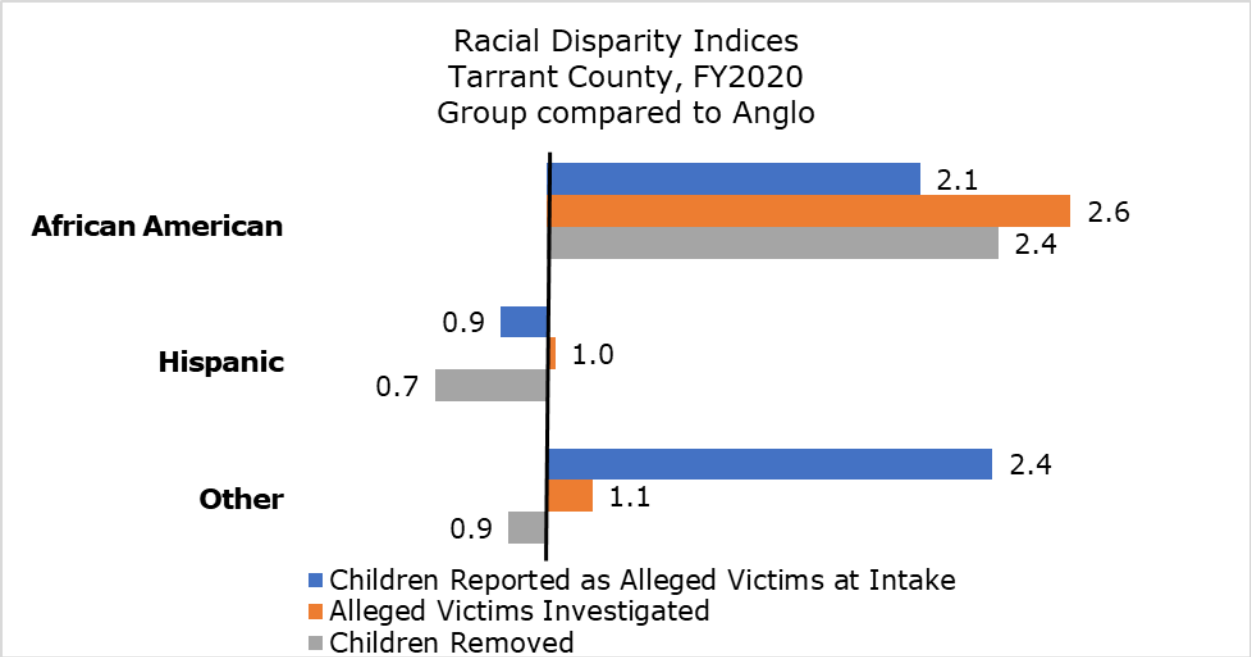
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Under 18 Child Population ²	541,243	89,852	211,481	188,899	51,011
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	28,855	8,103	7,702	7,980	5,070
Alleged Victims Investigated	19,231	6,420	5,996	5,211	1,604
Children Removed ³	637	231	152	205	49



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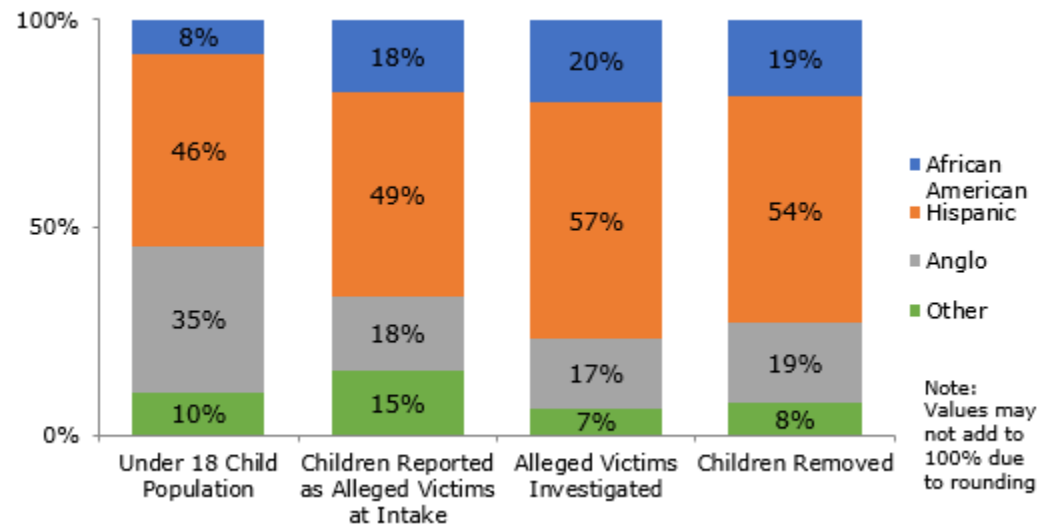
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Travis County - Region 07 - County Number 227

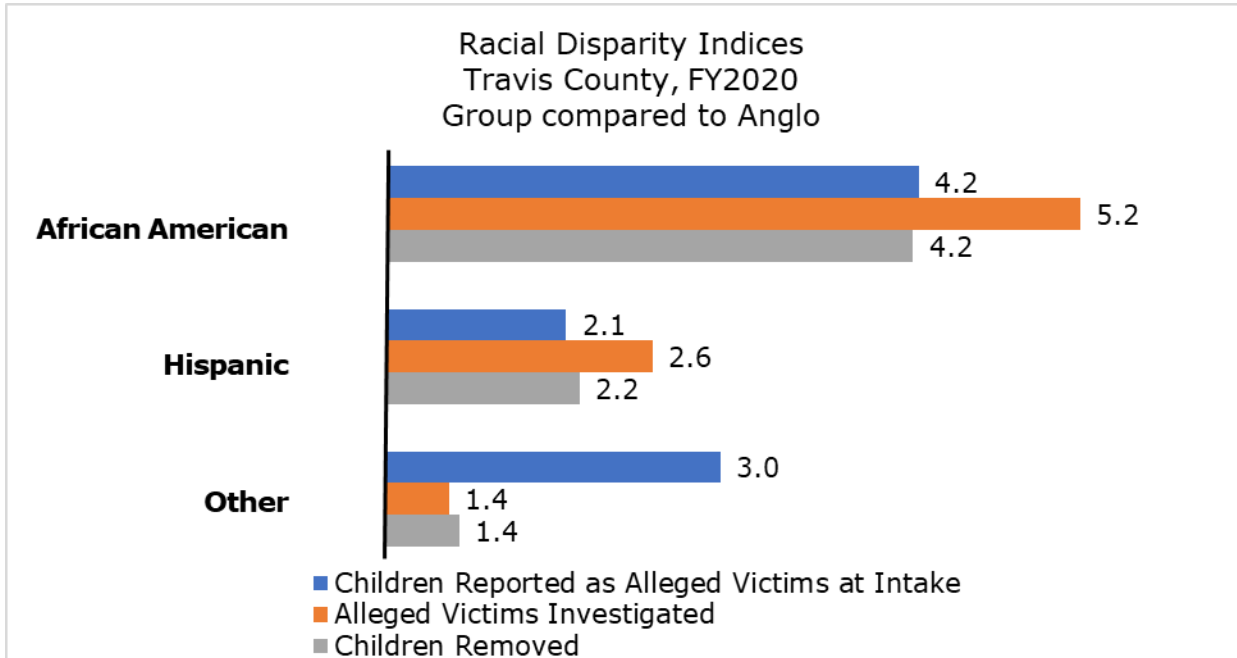
Category	Total	African American	Hispanic	Anglo	Other
Under 18 Child Population ²	287,355	23,520	132,998	101,824	29,013
Children Reported as Alleged Victims at Intake	16,204	2,843	7,940	2,911	2,510
Alleged Victims Investigated	8,221	1,646	4,671	1,368	536
Children Removed ³	662	123	360	127	52



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