

The Juvenile Justice System: A Racial Perspective

Orphan Train

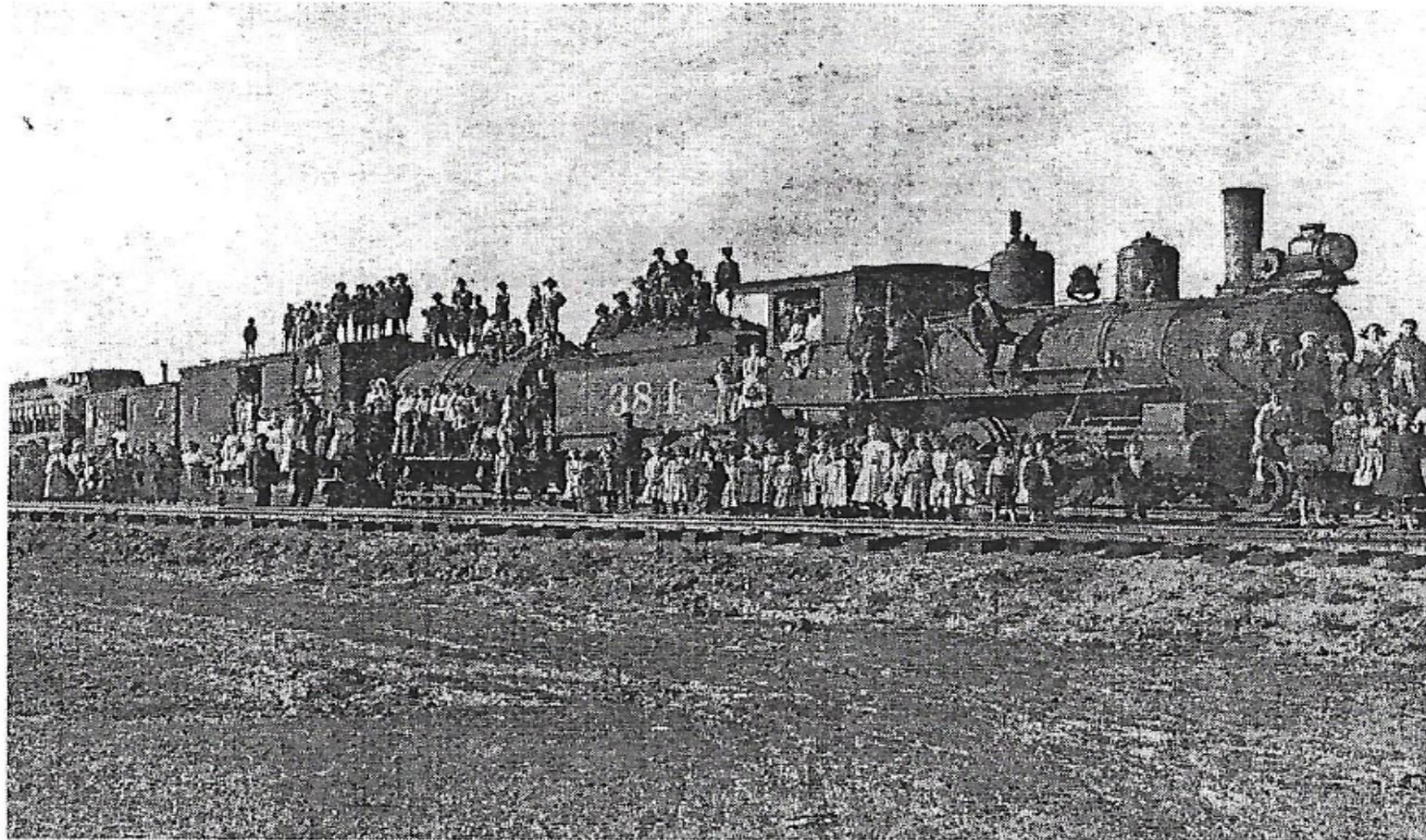


Fig. 1.2 "Orphan train" on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad line. Courtesy of The Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas.

Statewide Totals and RRI

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	All Minority Youth			White Youth
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2014
Refer to Juvenile Court (Intake)	26,913 1.74	24,970 1.87	24,256 1.93	17,157 1.00
Cases Diverted	3,781 0.80	3,493 0.87	3,068 0.79	2,741 1.00
Cases Involving Secure Detention	4,965 1.67	5,221 1.63	5,211 1.61	2,287 1.00
Cases Petitioned	18,142 1.06	17,148 1.04	17,221 1.06	11,476 1.00
Cases Resulting in Delinquent Finding	6,328 1.32	5,908 1.29	6,272 1.31	3,199 1.00
Cases Resulting in Probation Placement	2,973 0.79	2,847 0.79	2,736 0.72	1,927 1.00
Cases Resulting in DJJ Commitment	407 1.97	371 1.72	319 2.32	70 1.00

Statewide RRI for Black Juveniles

Statewide RRIs for Black Juveniles			
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Refer to Juvenile Court (Intake)	2.57	2.74	2.92
Cases Diverted	0.74	0.78	0.71
Cases Involving Secure Detention	1.80	1.81	1.75
Cases Petitioned	1.08	1.07	1.10
Cases Resulting in Delinquent Finding	1.34	1.31	1.32
Cases Resulting in Probation Placement	0.76	0.75	0.70
Cases Resulting in DJJ Commitment	2.26	1.98	2.53

Comparison of Statewide RRIs for Black Juveniles

Comparison of Statewide RRIs for Black Juveniles <i>(Utilizing intake as first point of contact)</i>					
	VA FY2014	NC FY2014	TN CY2012	NJ CY2012	CT CY2013
Arrest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Refer to Juvenile Court (Intake)	2.92	3.93	2.07	3.65	4.65
Cases Diverted	0.71	0.81	1.84	0.74	0.52
Cases Involving Secure Detention	1.75	1.49	1.95	Cannot calculate	1.79
Cases Petitioned	1.10	1.13	0.76	Cannot calculate	1.38
Cases Resulting in Delinquent Finding	1.32	0.82	1.42	1.25	1.07
Cases Resulting in Probation Placement	0.70	0.98	0.59	1.15	0.96
Cases Resulting in DJJ Commitment	2.53	1.98	Cannot calculate	4.60	3.39

RRI calculations are from the OJJDP DMC Data Entry System. Statewide data for comparison states is based on the most recent data available through the OJJDP DMC Data Entry System.

Comparison of Statewide RRIs for Black Juveniles

Comparison of Statewide RRIs for Black Juveniles <i>(Compared to states utilizing arrest as first point of contact)</i>				
	VA FY2014	MD FY2014	SC CY2012	PA CY2012
Arrest	N/A	2.36	2.54	3.78
Refer to Juvenile Court (Intake)	2.92	1.23	0.91	1.12
Cases Diverted	0.71	0.68	0.96	0.69
Cases Involving Secure Detention	1.75	2.44	1.30	2.98
Cases Petitioned	1.10	1.47	1.03	1.26
Cases Resulting in Delinquent Finding	1.32	0.90	0.97	0.93
Cases Resulting in Probation Placement	0.70	0.90	1.04	0.79
Cases Resulting in DJJ Commitment	2.53	3.81	1.20	1.32

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Racial Distribution of Delinquent Cases

Racial Distribution of Delinquent Cases			
FY2014	Case Distribution	Cases Diverted	Cases Petitioned
Race			
<i>Black</i>	47%	38.2%	51.1%
<i>White</i>	45.2%	50.4%	42.8%
<i>Other</i>	4.3%	4.9%	4.2%
<i>Unknown</i>	3.5%	6.5%	1.9%

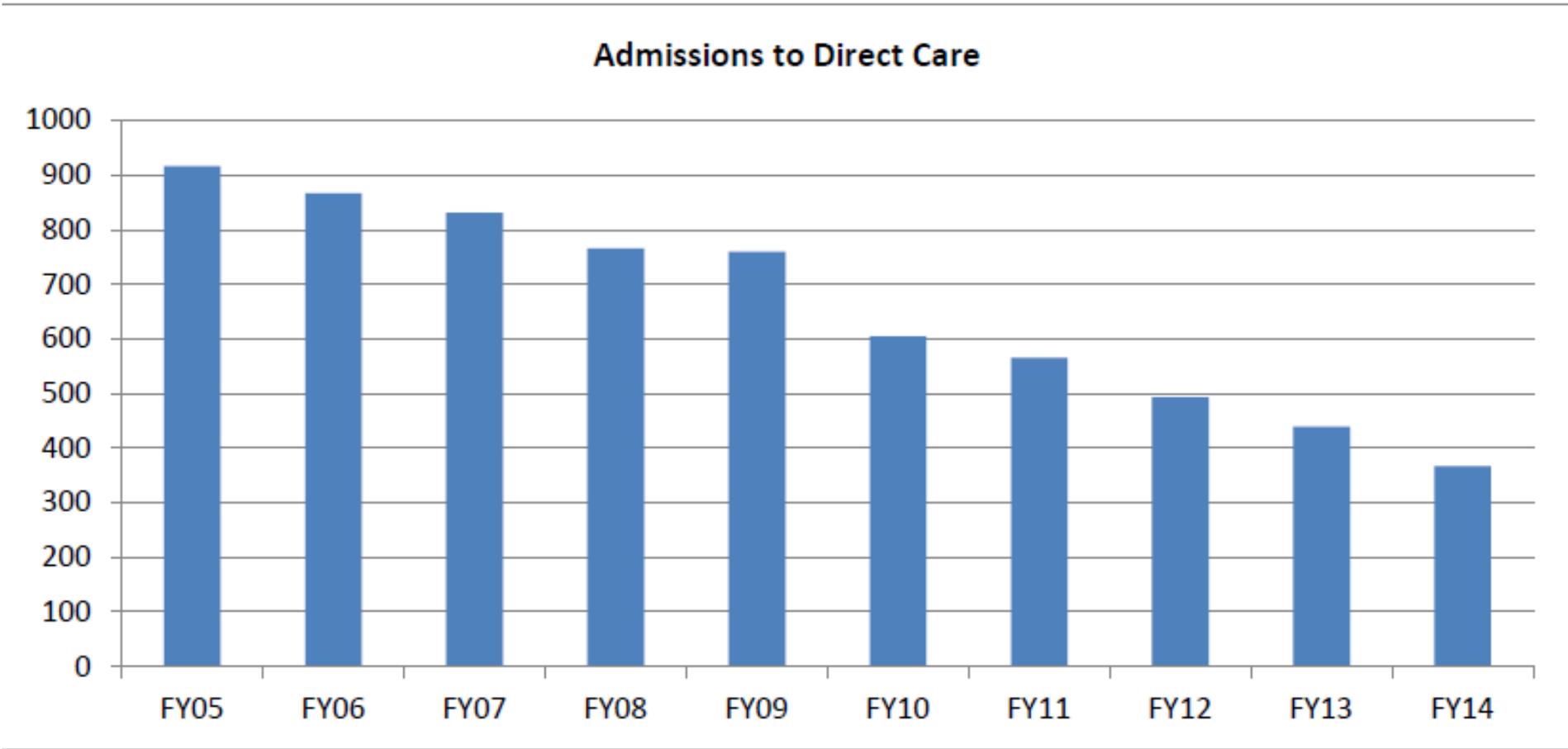
Racial Distribution of Status Cases

Racial Distribution of Status Cases			
FY2014	Case Distribution	Cases Diverted	Cases Petitioned
Race			
<i>Black</i>	36.5%	31.6%	32.5%
<i>White</i>	53.1%	55.8%	57.5%
<i>Other</i>	5.9%	5.2%	6.6%
<i>Unknown</i>	4.5%	7.4%	3.6%

Juvenile Detention Center Detainment Demographics

Juvenile Detention Center Detainment Demographics ¹⁹			
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Race			
<i>Black</i>	52.0%	53.3%	53.5%
<i>White</i>	41.7%	40.7%	40.0%
<i>Asian</i>	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%
<i>Other/Unknown</i>	5.4%	5.4%	6.0%
Ethnicity – Hispanic	8.8%	8.8%	9.6%

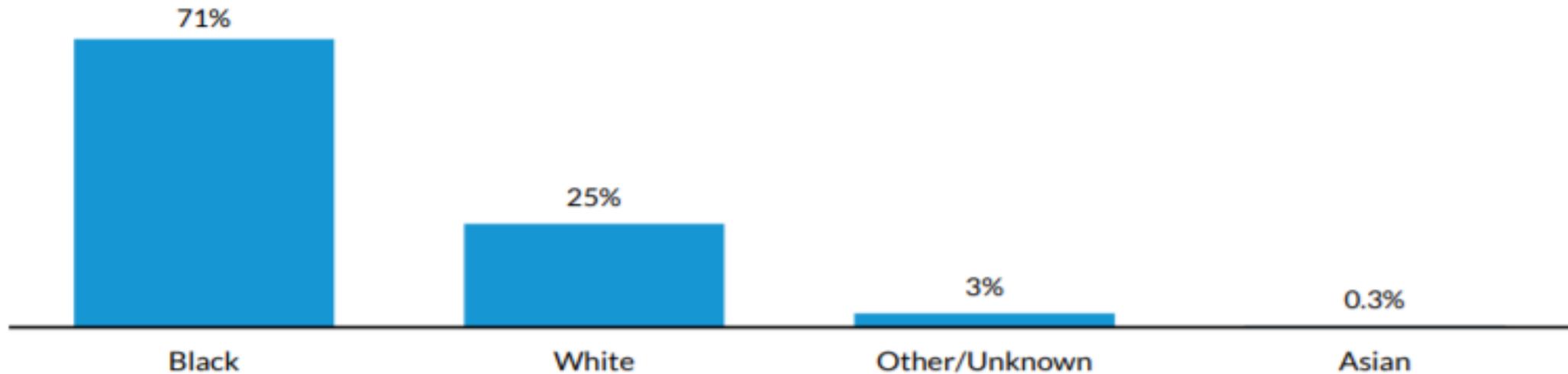
Admissions to Direct Care



Admissions to Direct Care by Race

Admissions to Direct Care by Race, 2016

Over two thirds of Virginia youth admitted to direct care were Black



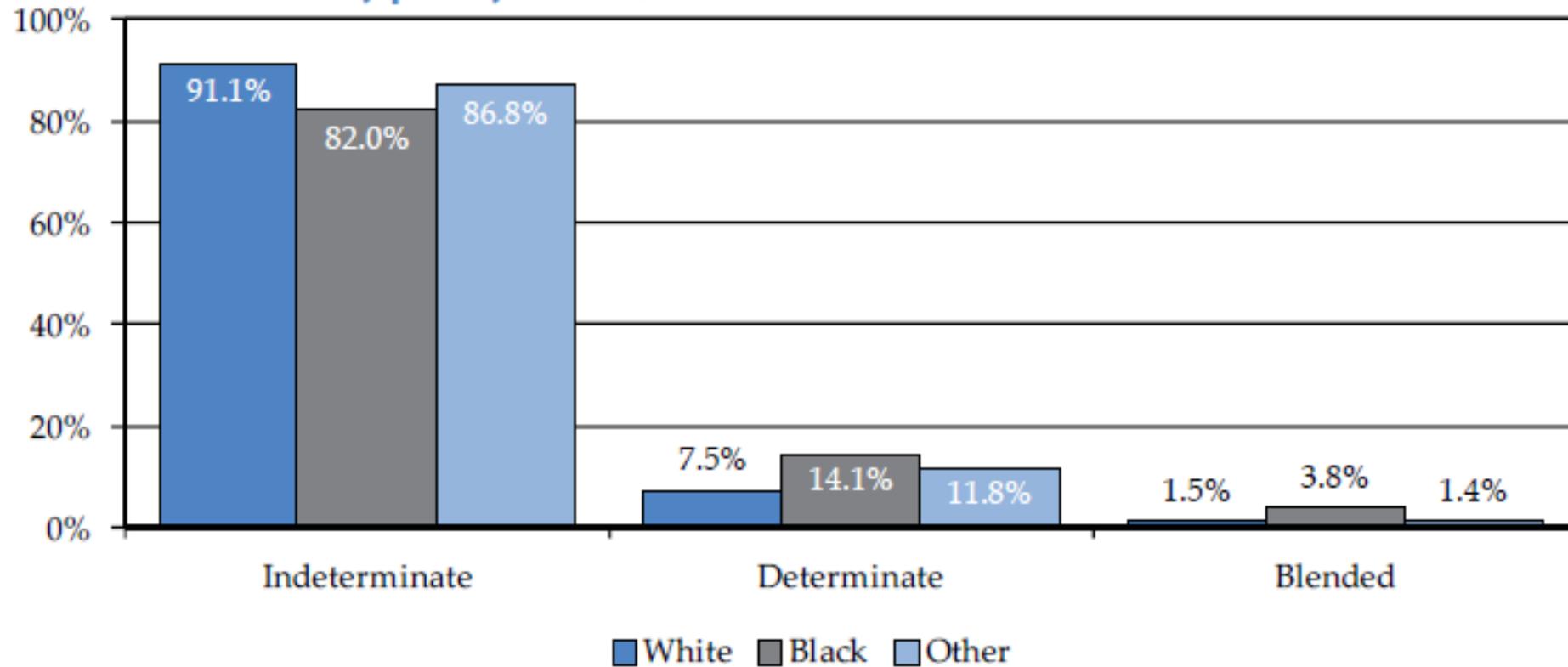
Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), *Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2016* (Richmond: Virginia DJJ, 2016).

State Direct Care Admission Demographics

State Direct Care Admission Demographics			
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Race			
<i>Black</i>	69.6%	65.1%	70.6%
<i>White</i>	26.4%	29.2%	24.8%
<i>Asian</i>	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%
<i>Other</i>	3.7%	5.2%	4.4%
Ethnicity – Hispanic	5.5%	5.2%	8.7%
Gender			
<i>Male</i>	91.7%	90.2%	91.8%
<i>Female</i>	8.3%	9.8%	8.2%
Age			
<i><14</i>	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
<i>14</i>	7.1%	6.4%	6.0%
<i>15</i>	17.0%	13.0%	13.4%
<i>16</i>	28.4%	23.0%	26.7%
<i>17</i>	36.5%	43.5%	38.1%
<i>18</i>	8.5%	11.4%	13.1%
<i>19–20</i>	0.6%	1.8%	1.4%

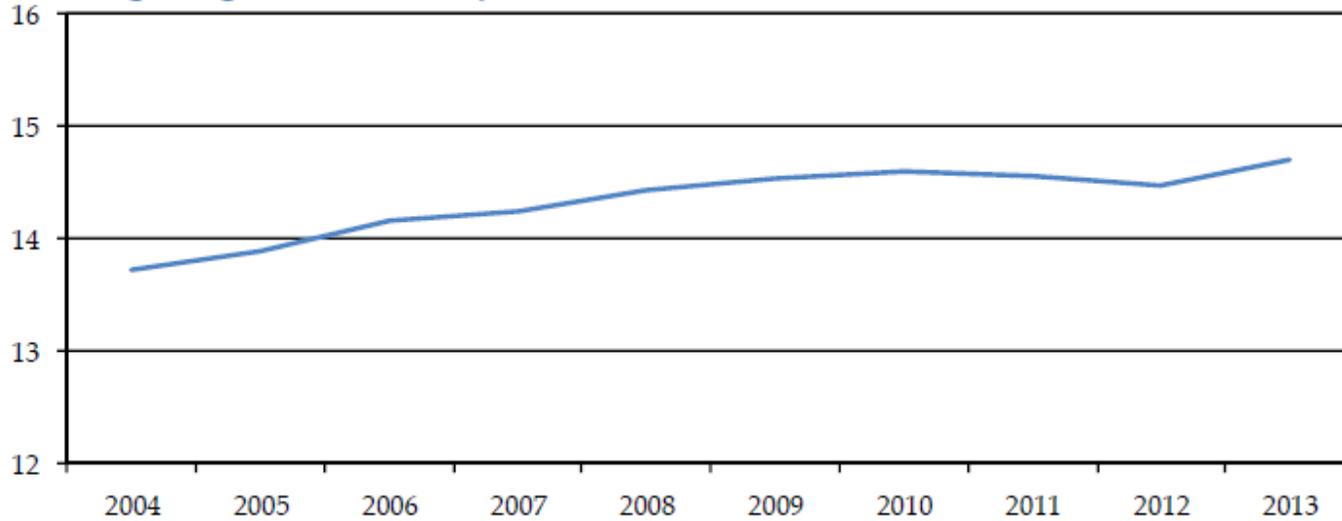
Commitment Type by Race

Commitment Type by Race, FY 2004-2013

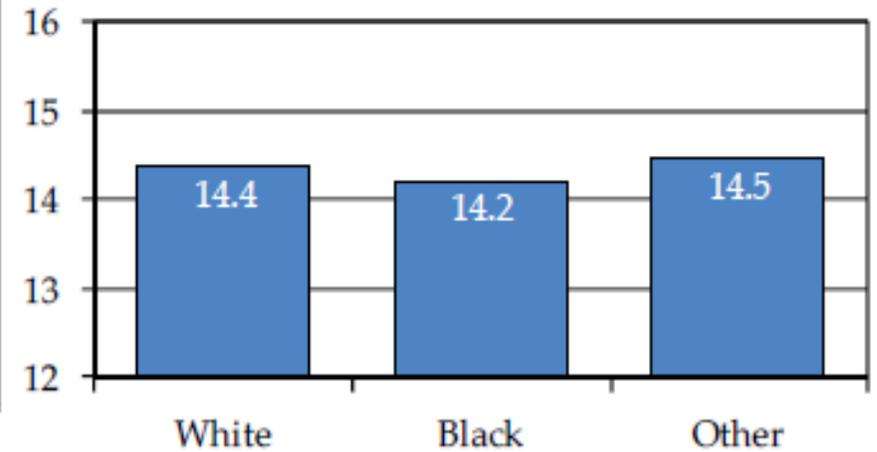


Average at First Adjudication

Average Age at First Adjudication, FY 2004-2013

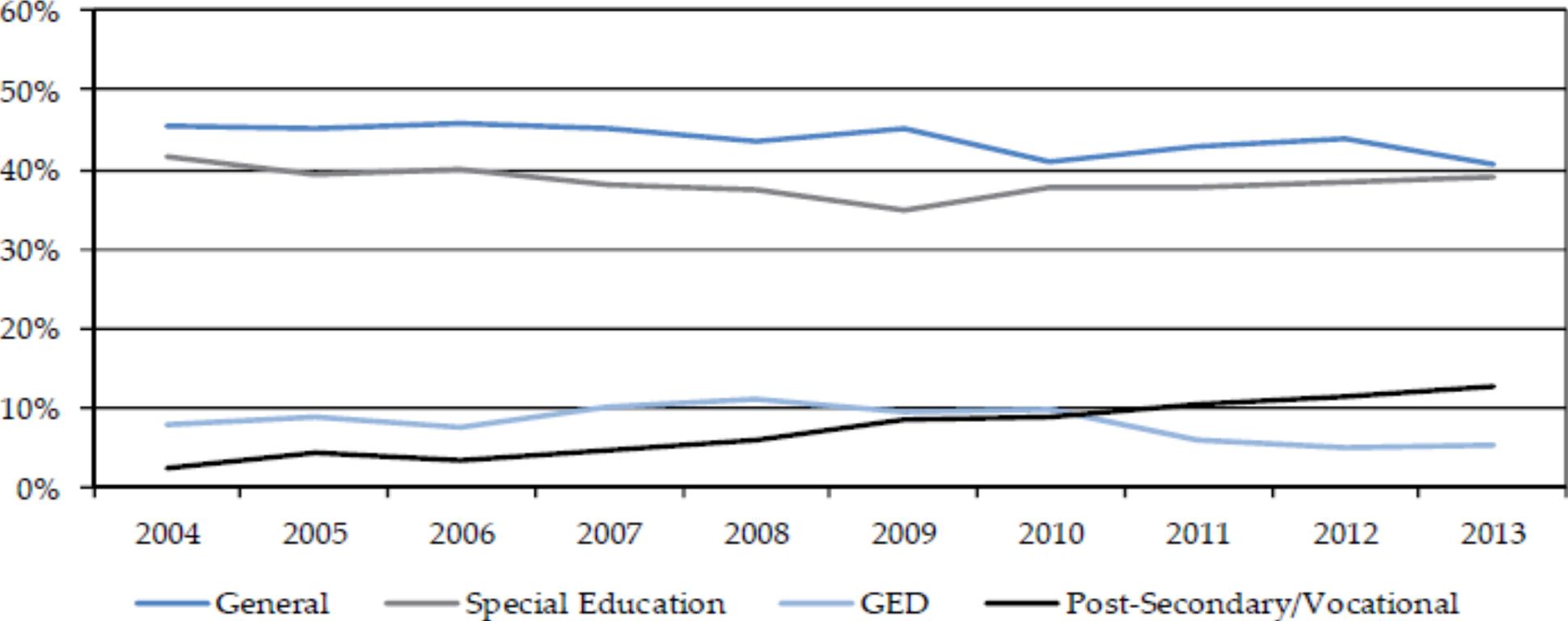


Average Age at First Adjudication by Race, FY 2004-2013



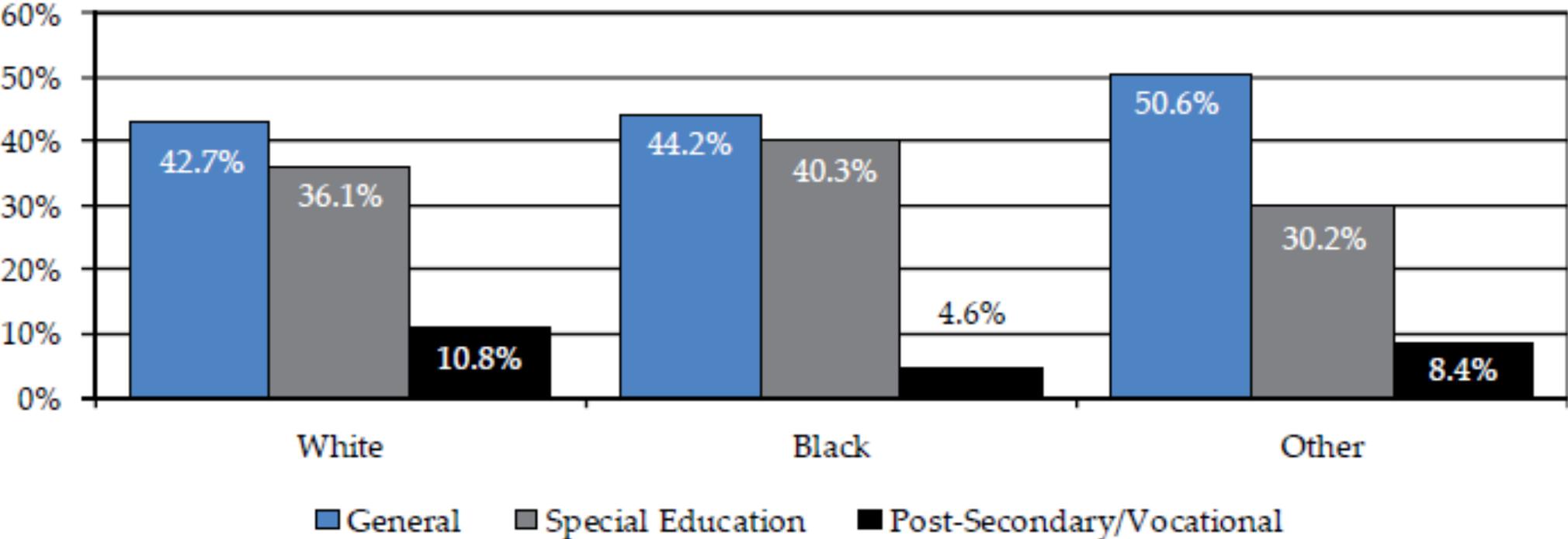
Educational Placement

Educational Placement, FY 2004-2013



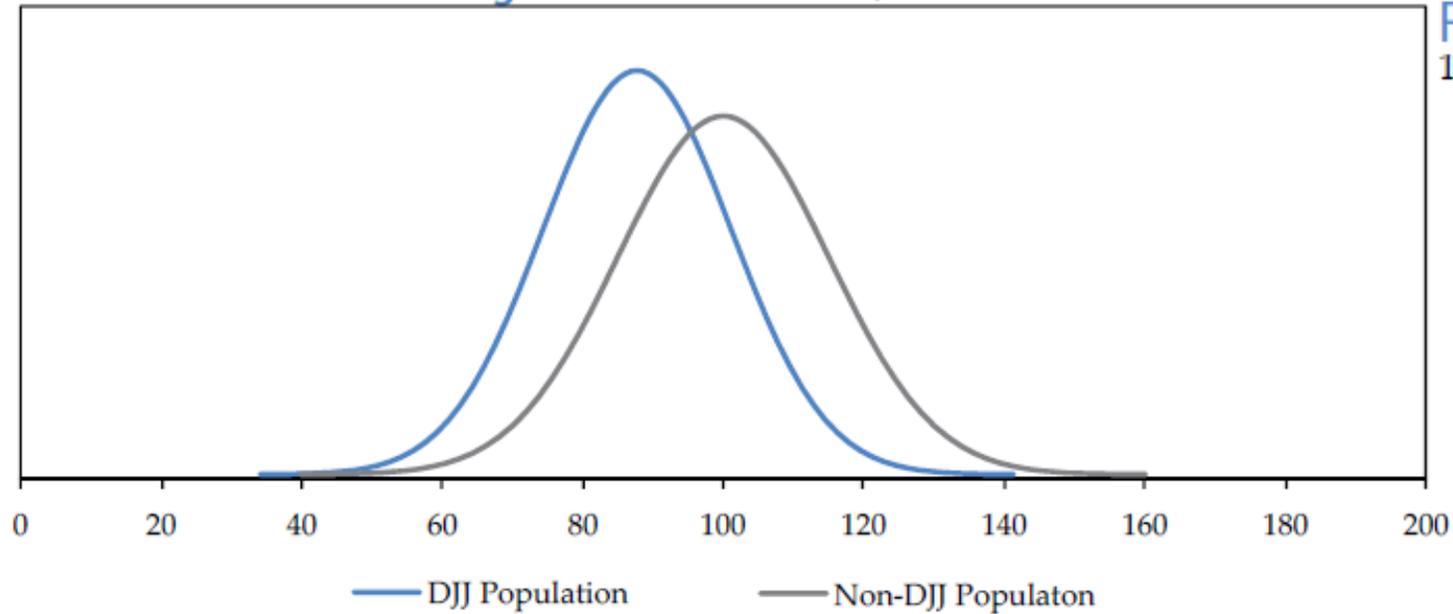
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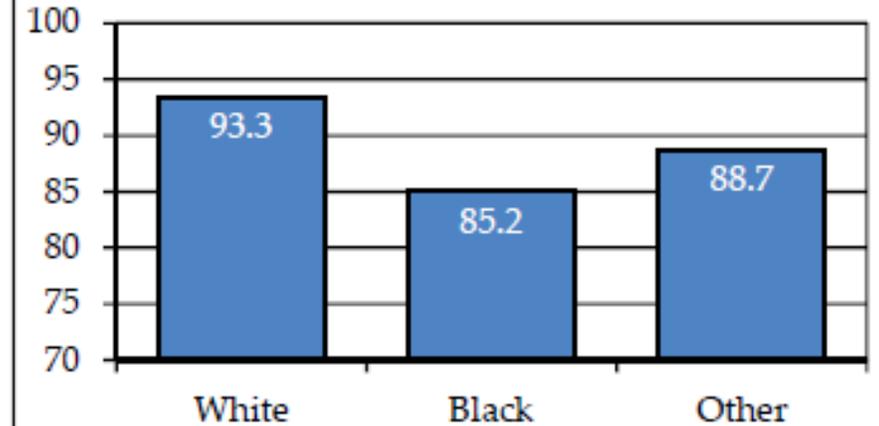


Reading Scores

Distribution of Reading Standard Scores, FY 2004-2013

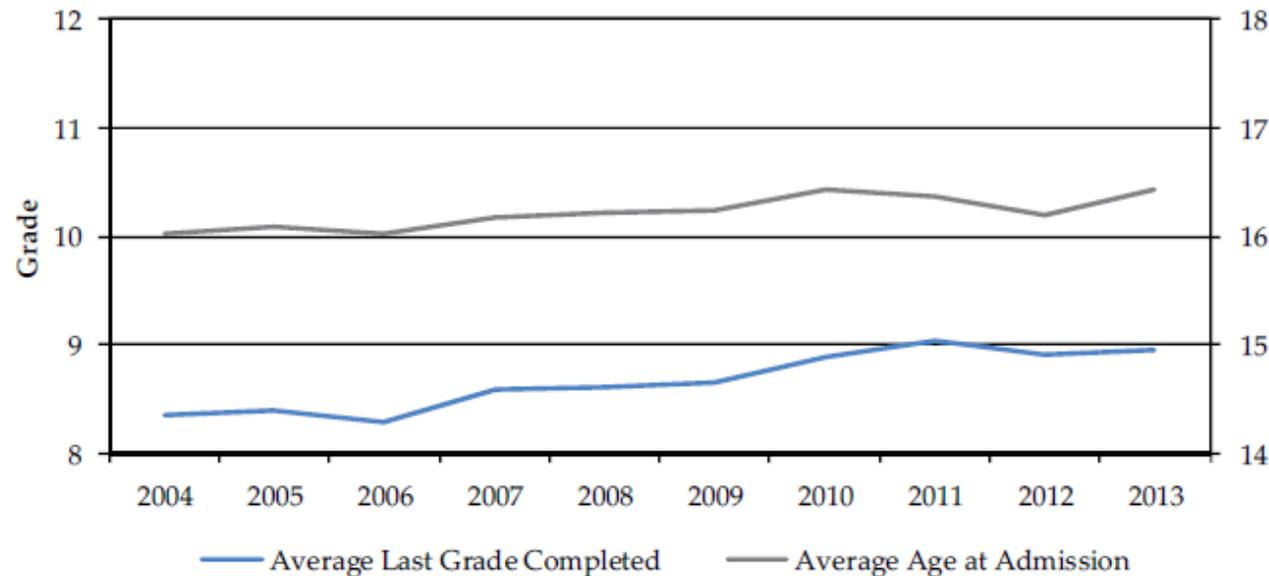


Average Reading Standard Scores by Race, FY 2004-2013

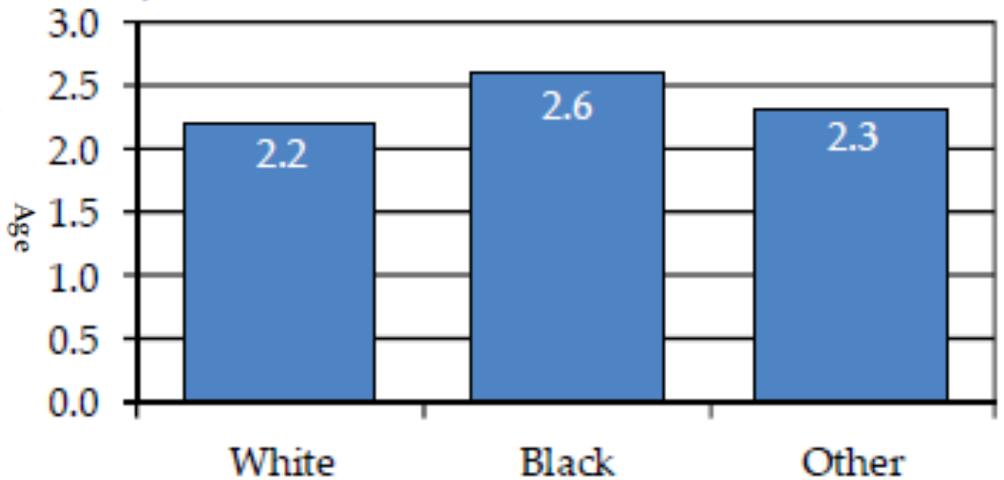


Average Number of Grade Levels Behind by Race

Average Last Grade Completed and Average Age at Admission, FY 2004-2013

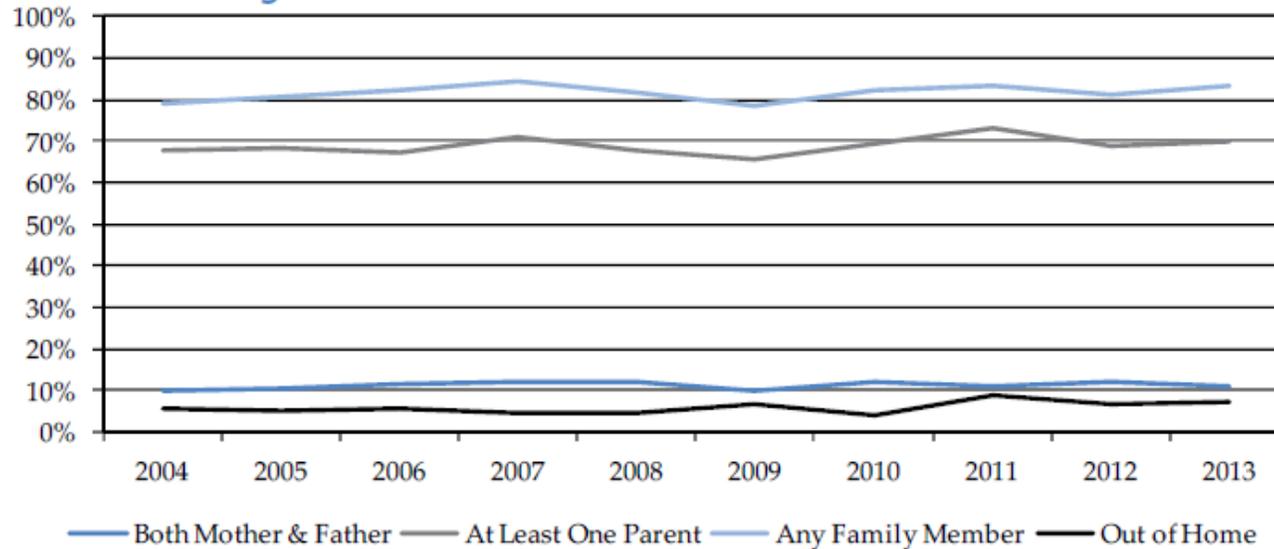


Average Number of Grade Levels Behind by Race, FY 2004-2013



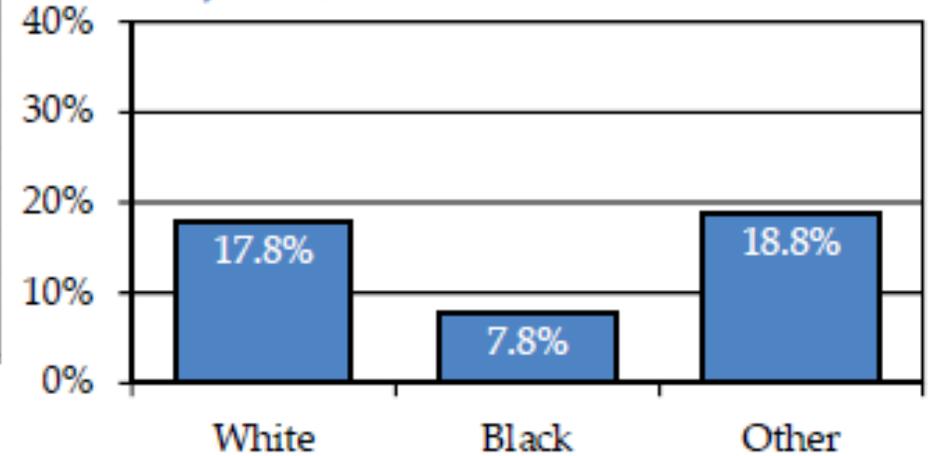
Current Living Situation with Both Biological Parents by Race

Current Living Situation*, FY 2004-2013



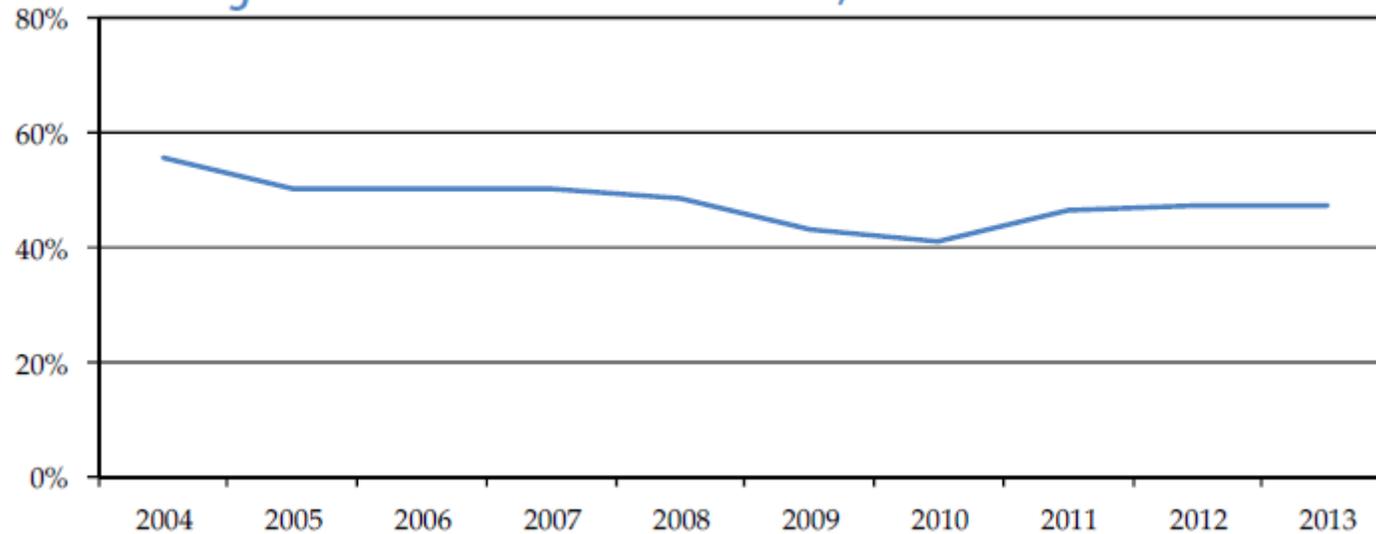
* "Both Mother & Father" includes both biological parents. "At Least One Parent" includes at least one biological parent. "Any Family Member" includes any biological family member, step-parent, and adoptive parents.

Current Living Situation with Both Biological Parents by Race, FY 2004-2013

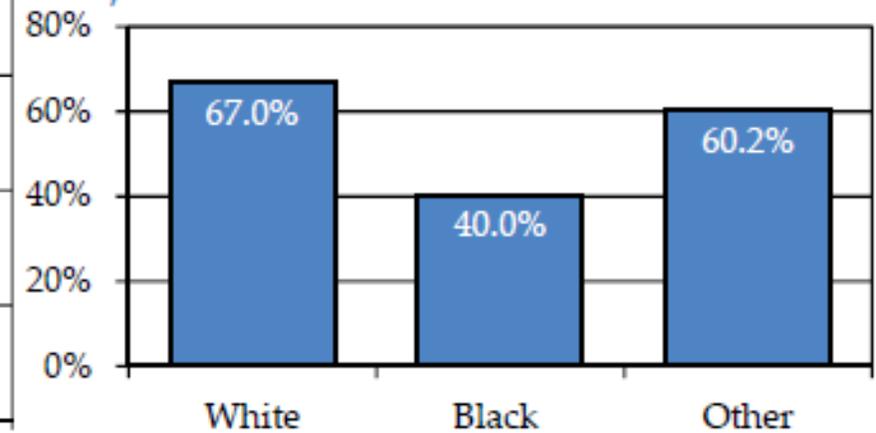


Prior Living Situation

Prior Living Situation with Both Parents, FY 2004-2013

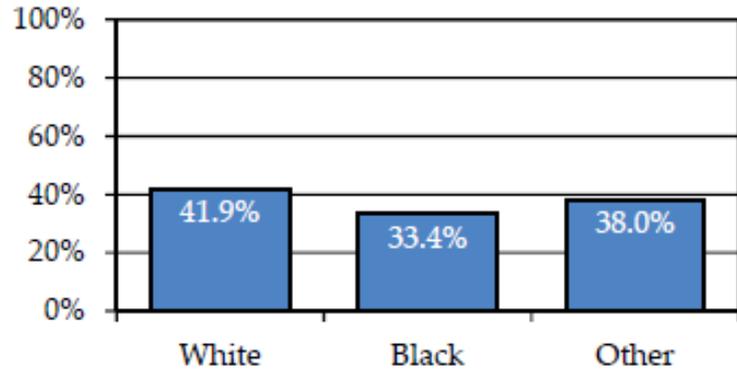


Prior Living Situation with Both Parents by Race, FY 2004-2013

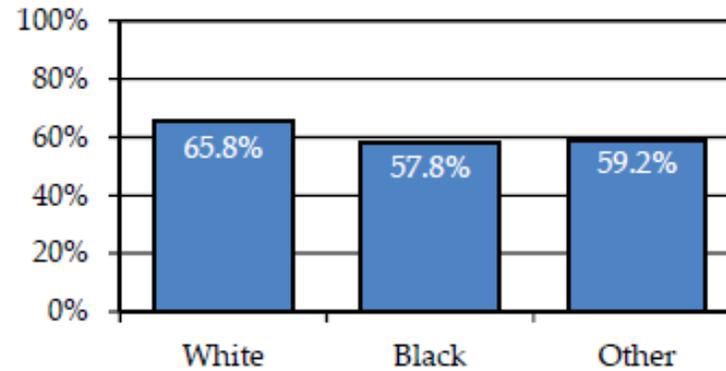


Family/Parenting Issues

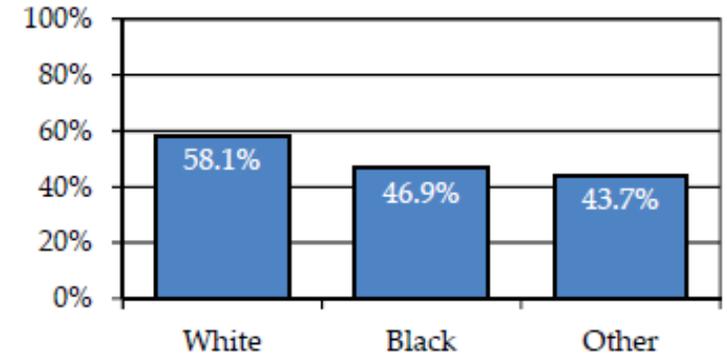
Attachment Issues by Race,
FY 2011-2013



Inconsistent Parenting by Race,
FY 2011-2013

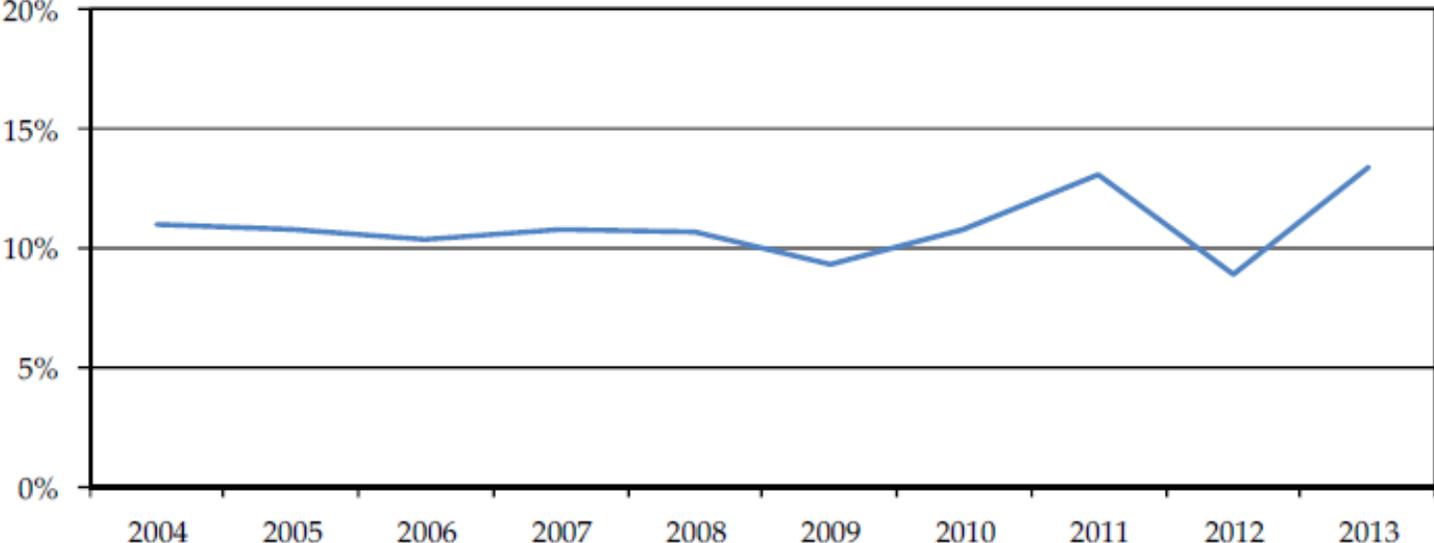


Poor Relationship with Mother by Race,
FY 2011-2013

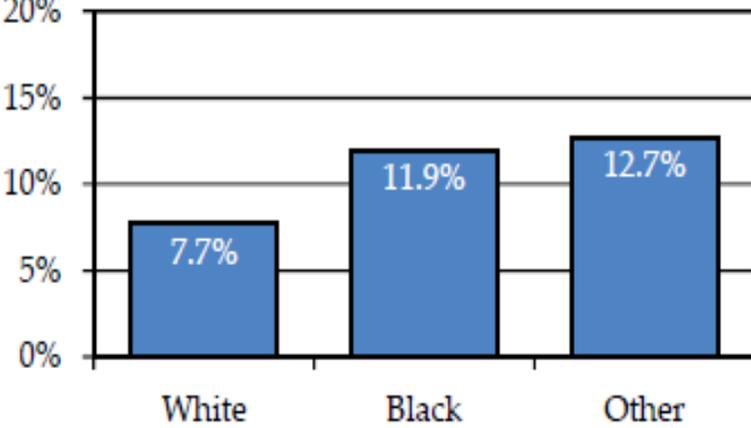


Juveniles with Children

Juveniles with Children, FY 2004-2013



Juveniles with Children by Race, FY 2004-2013



Annual Per Youth Costs

Current System is Expensive

Annual per youth cost of accountability and treatment programs, FY2015



Source: TCI analysis based on data from the Oct 19, 2015 presentation to HAC by the Dir of Juvenile Justice and estimates of the cost of non-residential programming.

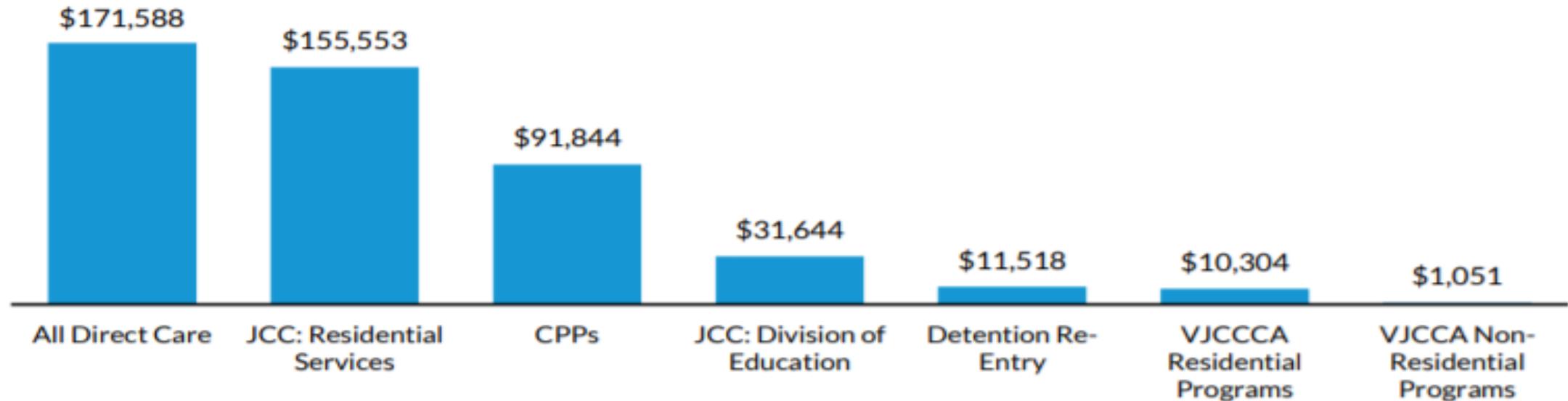
Costs of Confinement

Kentucky	\$276.00	\$24,840	\$49,680	\$100,740
Minnesota ³⁴	\$287.23	\$25,851	\$51,701	\$104,839
Colorado ³⁵	\$287.63	\$25,887	\$51,773	\$104,985
Arizona ³⁶	\$290.68	\$26,161	\$52,322	\$106,098
Wisconsin ³⁷	\$291.00	\$26,190	\$52,380	\$106,215
Tennessee ³⁸	\$301.29	\$27,116	\$54,232	\$109,971
Illinois ³⁹	\$304.11	\$27,370	\$54,740	\$111,000
Arkansas ⁴⁰	\$317.08	\$28,537	\$57,074	\$115,734
North Dakota ⁴¹	\$342.58	\$30,832	\$61,664	\$125,042
Nebraska ⁴²	\$347.55	\$31,280	\$62,559	\$126,856
Texas ⁴³	\$366.88	\$33,019	\$66,038	\$133,911
West Virginia ⁴⁴	\$387.58	\$34,882	\$69,764	\$141,467
Mississippi ⁴⁵	\$420.00	\$37,800	\$75,600	\$153,300
South Carolina ⁴⁶	\$426.00	\$38,340	\$76,680	\$155,490
North Carolina ⁴⁷	\$437.67	\$39,390	\$78,781	\$159,750
Massachusetts ⁴⁸	\$473.49	\$42,614	\$85,228	\$172,824
Michigan ⁴⁹	\$475.22	\$42,770	\$85,540	\$173,455
Montana ⁵⁰	\$481.67	\$43,350	\$86,701	\$175,810
New Mexico ⁵¹	\$487.87	\$43,908	\$87,817	\$178,073
Rhode Island ⁵²	\$510.63	\$45,957	\$91,913	\$186,380
Nevada ⁵³	\$535.36	\$48,182	\$96,365	\$195,406
New Jersey ⁵⁴	\$537.35	\$48,362	\$96,723	\$196,133
Hawaii ⁵⁵	\$546.08	\$49,147	\$98,294	\$199,319
Ohio ⁵⁶	\$554.80	\$49,932	\$99,864	\$202,502
California ⁵⁷	\$570.79	\$51,371	\$102,742	\$208,338
New Hampshire ⁵⁸	\$588.00	\$52,920	\$105,840	\$214,620
Connecticut ⁵⁹	\$607.41	\$54,667	\$109,334	\$221,705
Vermont ⁶⁰	\$615.00	\$55,350	\$110,700	\$224,475
Maine ⁶¹	\$616.33	\$55,470	\$110,939	\$224,960
Virginia ⁶²	\$712.38	\$64,114	\$128,228	\$260,019
District of Columbia ⁶³	\$761.00	\$68,490	\$136,980	\$277,765
Maryland ⁶⁴	\$809.00	\$72,810	\$145,620	\$295,285
New York ⁶⁵	\$966.20	\$86,958	\$173,916	\$352,663
Average	\$407.58	\$36,682	\$73,364	\$148,767

Note: States reported per-day or annual costs. Three-month and six-month calculations are estimated by multiplying per-day costs by 90 and 180 days or dividing the annual costs by these units. The costs reflect the highest cost confinement option provided to the researchers by states in the summer and fall of 2014, and each endnote in the full report lists other cost options that were provided to researchers as part of the request. This chart will be updated to reflect new information and posted at www.justicepolicy.org.

DJJ Annual Costs

DJJ per Capita Annual Costs, 2016

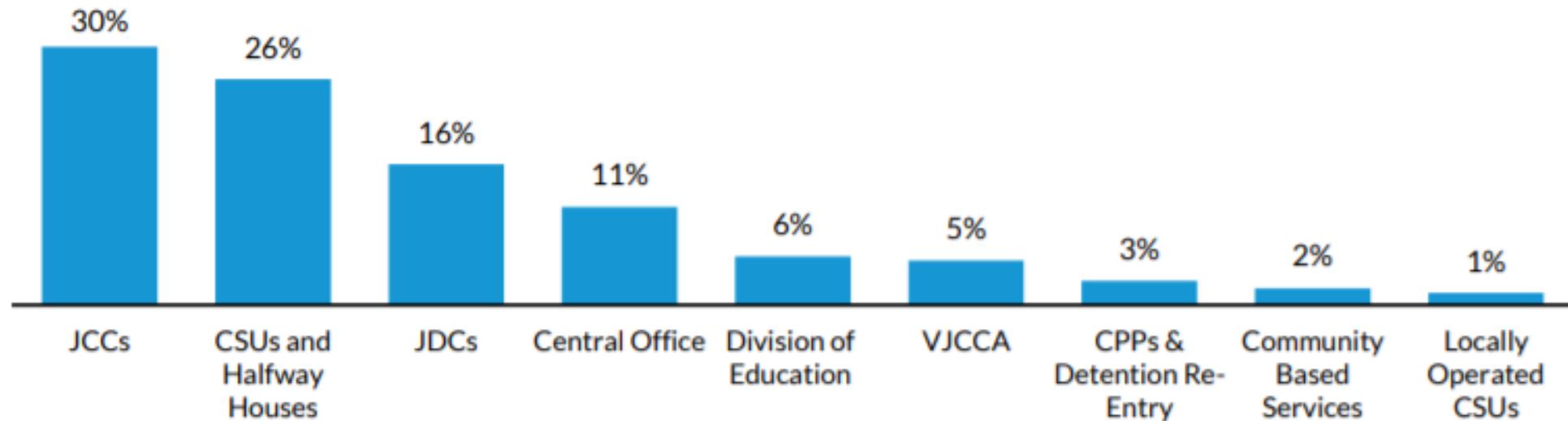


Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), *Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2016* (Richmond: Virginia DJJ, 2016).

DJJ Operating Expenditures

DJJ Operating Expenditures, 2016

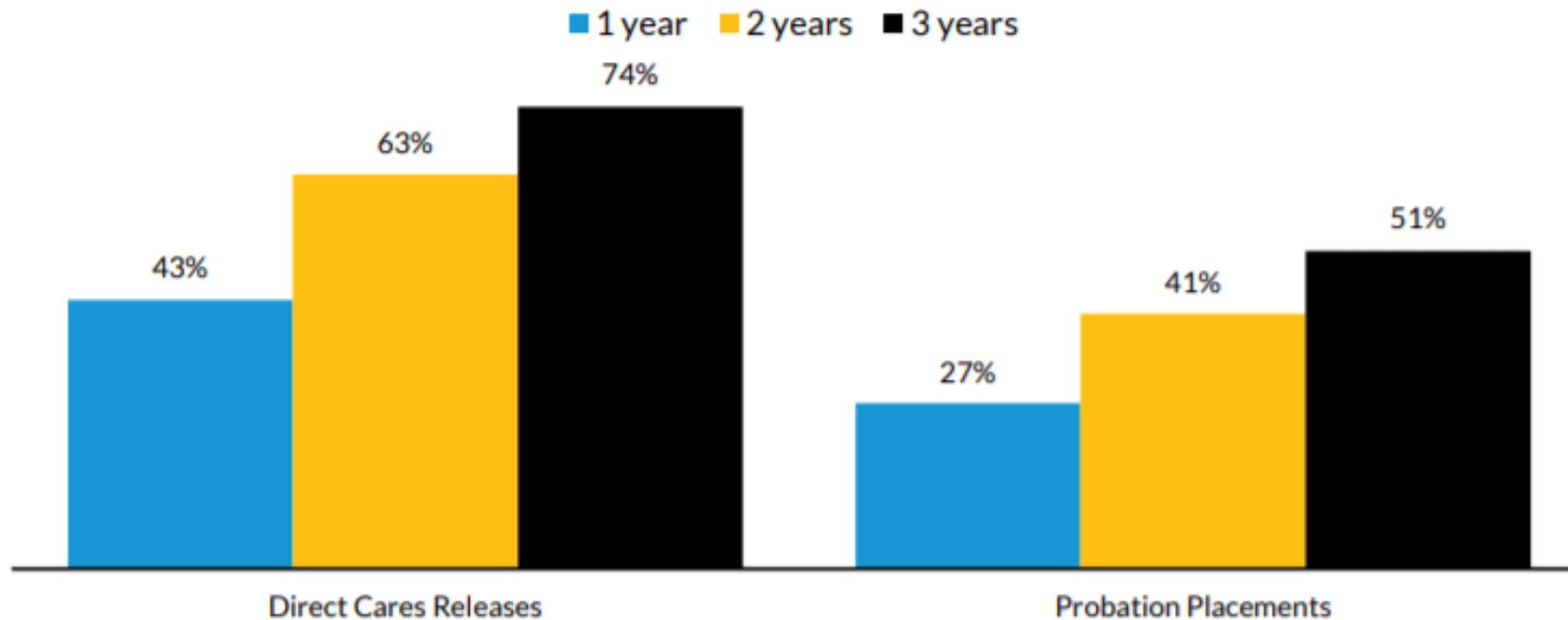
Nearly a third of DJJ operating expenses went directly to youth imprisonment



Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), *Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2016* (Richmond: Virginia DJJ, 2016).

Reconviction Rates for Youth in DJJ Care

Reconviction Rates for Youth in DJJ Care in 2012



Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), *Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2016* (Richmond: Virginia DJJ 2017).

Note: This graph compares releases from direct care to placements to probation in order to capture data from the full time youth are in the community at-risk for recidivating

Recidivism Rates for Youth in DJJ Care

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Direct Care Releases

	Rearrest Rates					Reconviction Rates			
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011	2012	2013	2014
1 year	48.6%	50.0%	51.7%	49.5%	51.5%	42.8%	43.3%	44.2%	41.6%
2 years	69.9%	68.9%	69.5%	65.8%		63.8%	63.4%	65.0%	
3 years	76.9%	78.1%	75.8%			73.8%	74.2%		

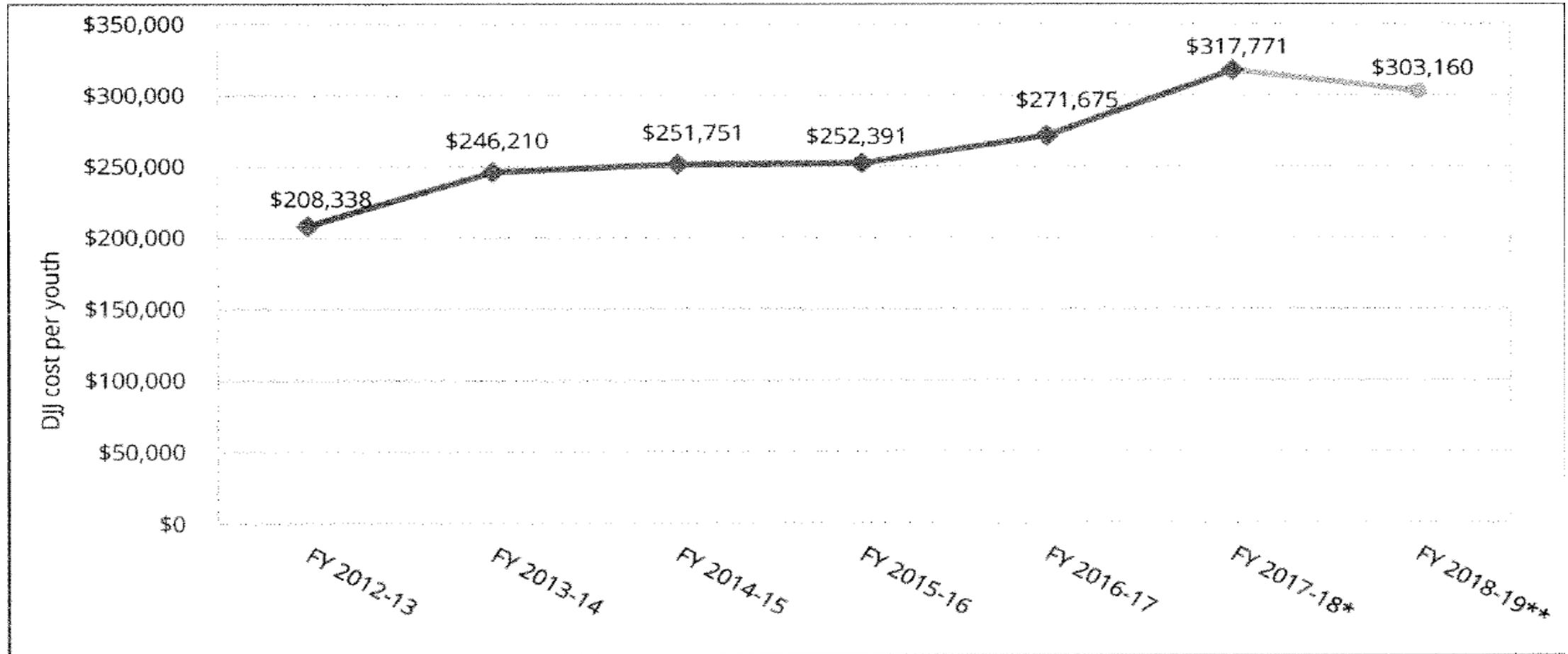
Probation Placements

	Rearrest Rates					Reconviction Rates			
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011	2012	2013	2014
1 year	35.7%	37.2%	34.2%	34.1%	33.9%	26.1%	26.5%	23.8%	24.0%
2 year	52.4%	52.6%	50.2%	50.0%		41.4%	41.1%	38.1%	
3 year	61.4%	61.8%	59.8%			51.1%	51.1%		

Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, *Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2016* (Richmond: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, 2017).

Note: This graph compares releases from direct care to placements to probation in order to capture data from the full time youth are in the community at-risk for recidivating; Data not yet available on rearrest rates for the 2014, 2015 cohorts and reconviction rates for the 2013, 2014 cohorts

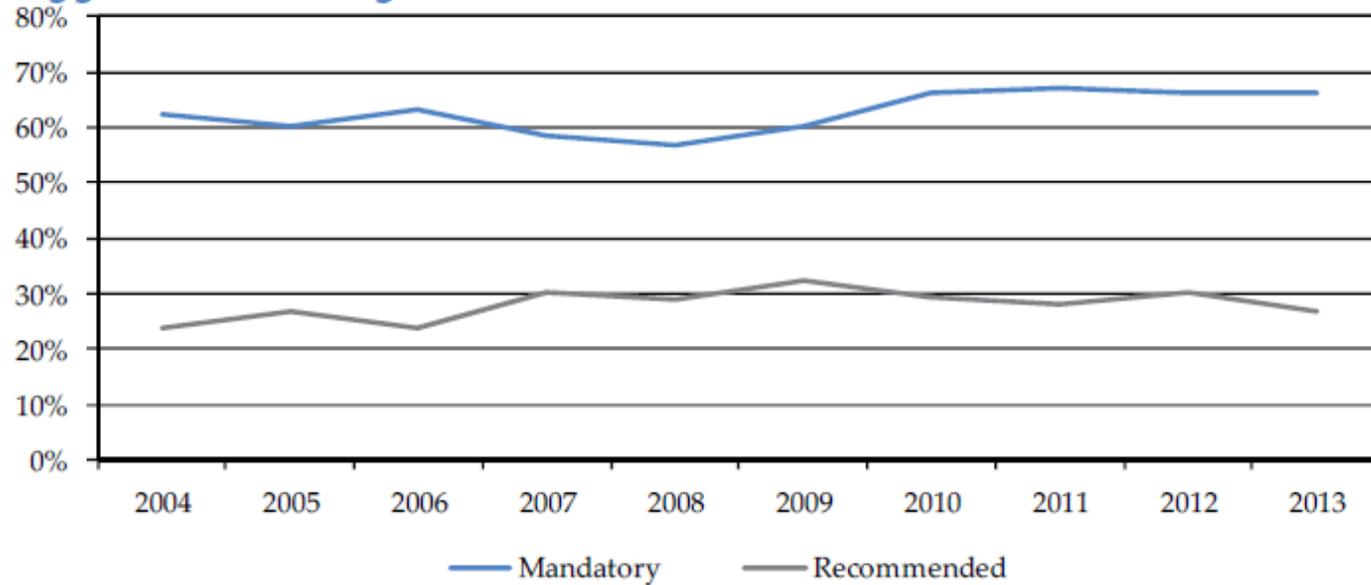
California DJJ Cost Per Youth



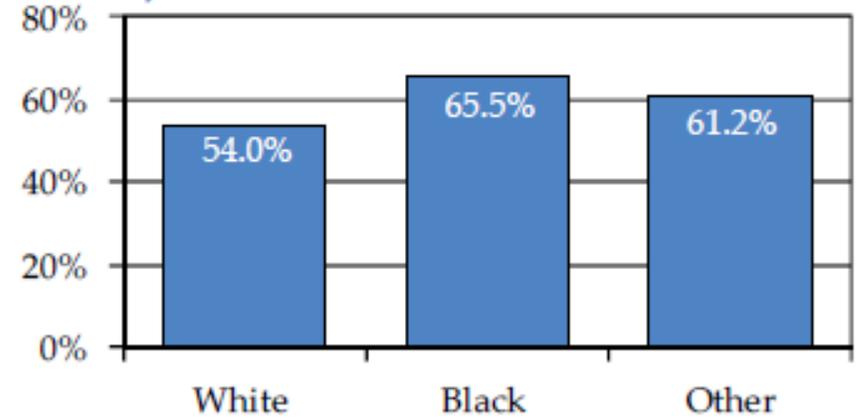
Sources: DOF, 2014-2018. * The California Department of Finance estimates FY 2017-18 costs using population and cost information from the first half of the fiscal year. ** Costs for FY 2018-19 are based on proposed budget totals and population increases.

Aggression Management Treatment

Aggression Management Treatment Need, FY 2004-2013

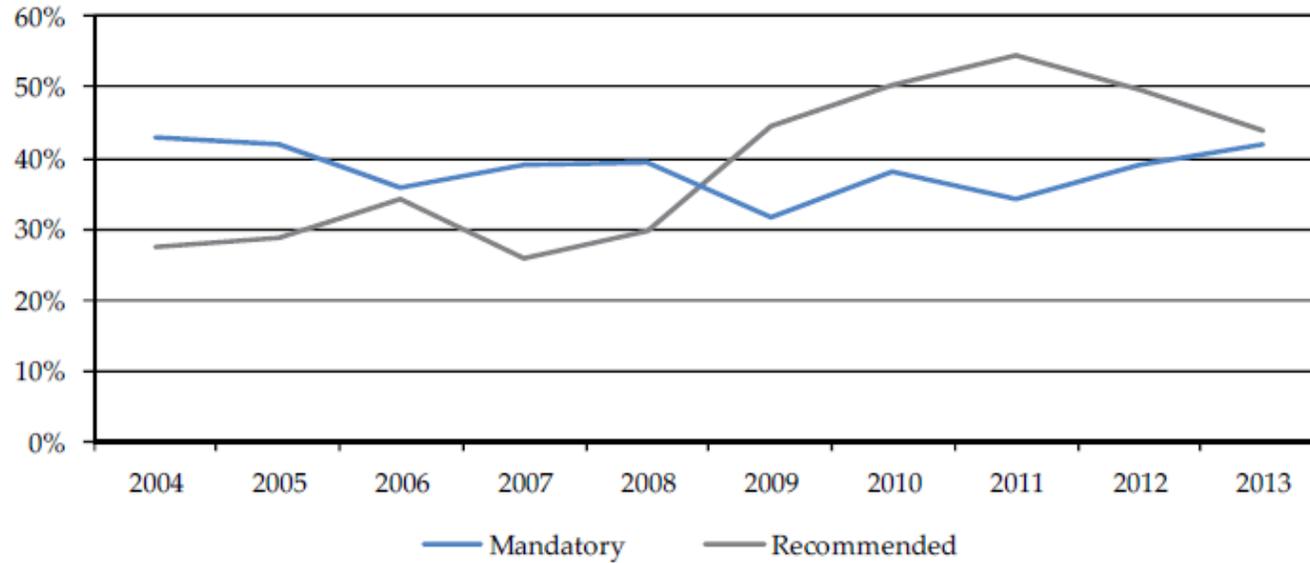


Mandatory Aggression Management Treatment Need by Race, FY 2004-2013

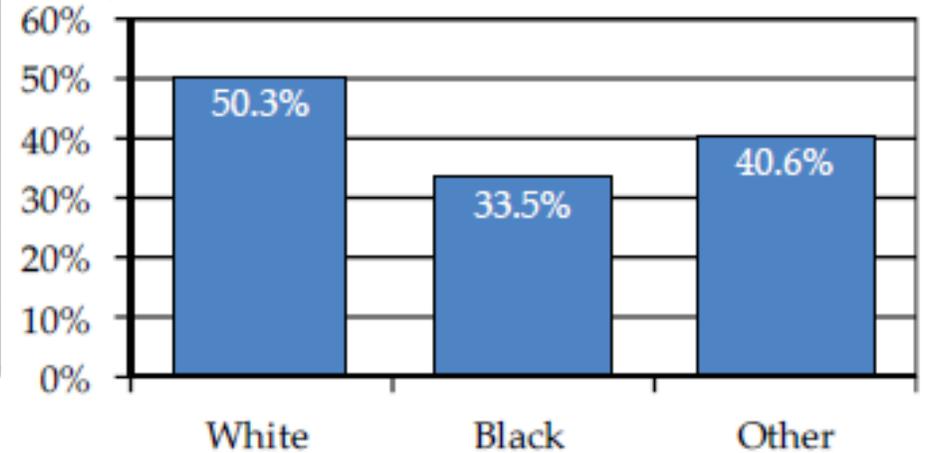


Substance Abuse Treatment

Substance Abuse Treatment Need, FY 2004-2013

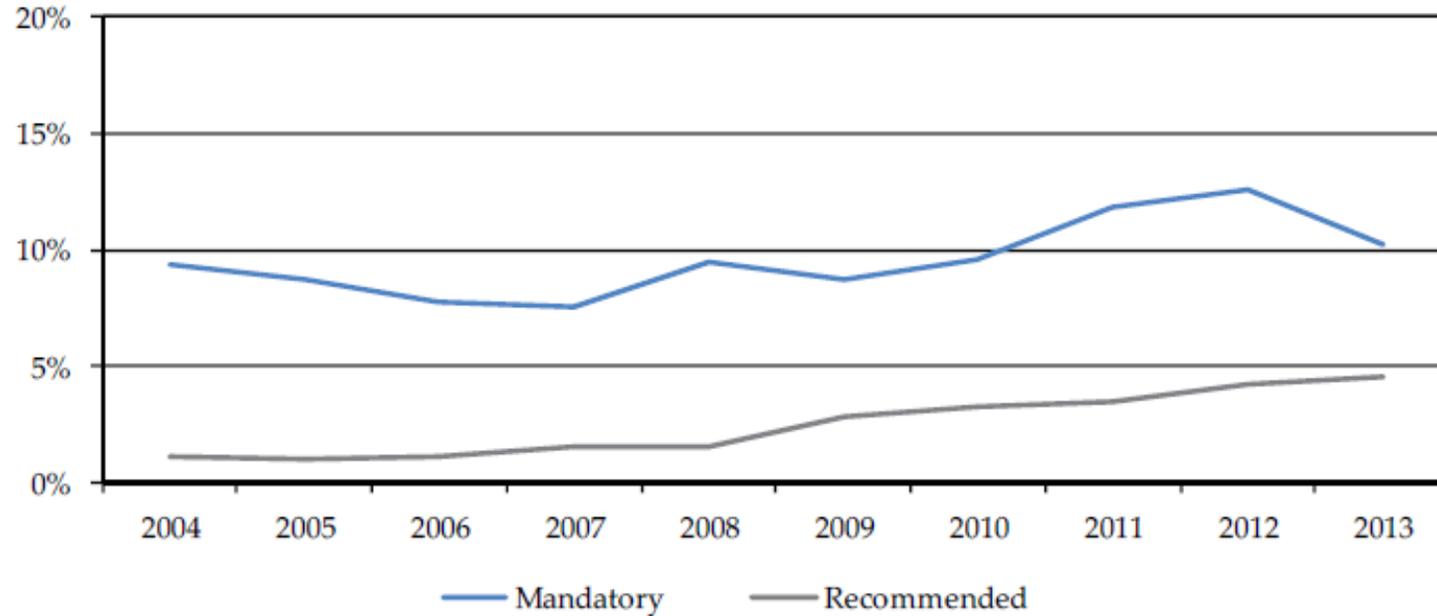


Mandatory Substance Abuse Treatment Need by Race, FY 2004-2013

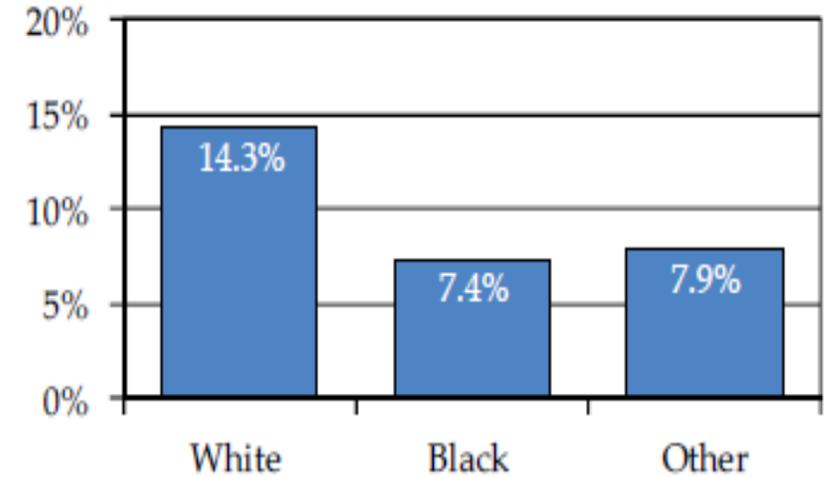


Sex Offender Treatment

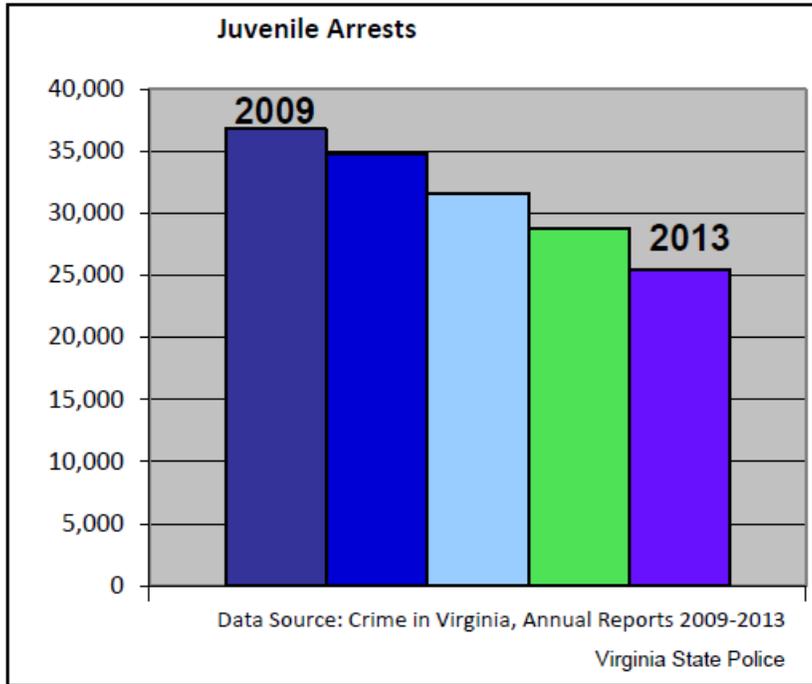
Sex Offender Treatment Need, FY 2004-2013



Mandatory Sex Offender Treatment Need by Race, FY 2004-2013



Juvenile Arrests



Juvenile Arrests by Age								
	<10	10-12	13-14	Subtotal 14/under	15	16	17	Subtotal 15-17
2009	0.4%	4.9%	18.7%	24%	19.3%	25.3%	31.4%	76%
2010	0.5%	5.2%	19.2%	24.9%	18.7%	25.9%	30.6%	75.1%
2011	0.6%	5.3%	19.4%	25.4%	19.2%	25%	30.4%	74.7%
2012	0.6%	5.3%	20.1%	26%	18.5%	25.4%	30%	74%
2013	0.7%	5%	20.8%	26.5%	18.9%	24.7%	29.9%	73.5%

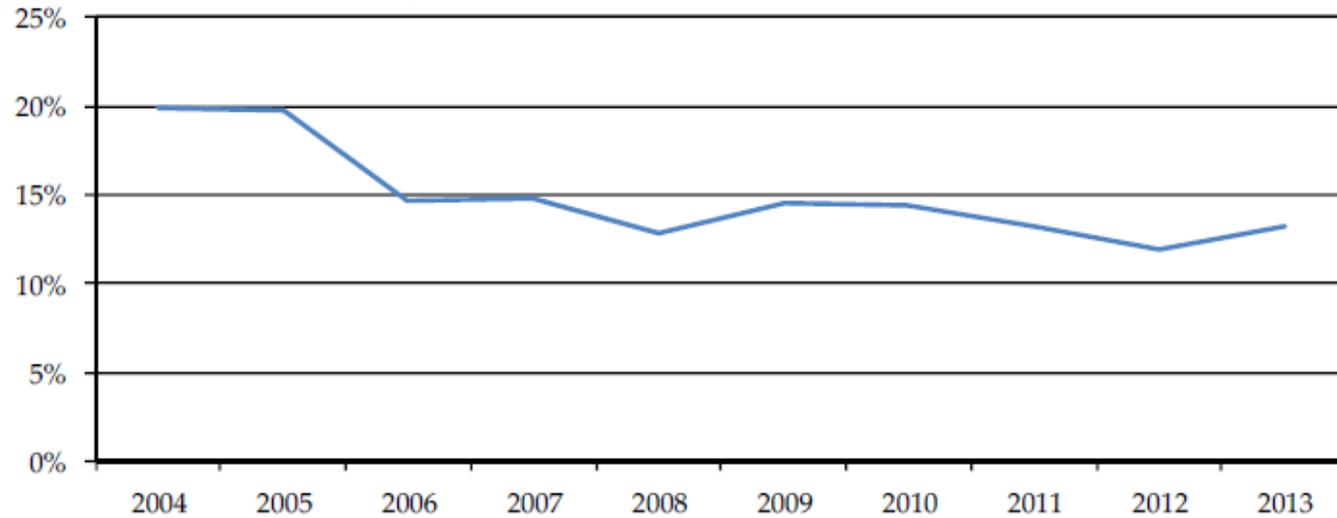
Admission Demographics

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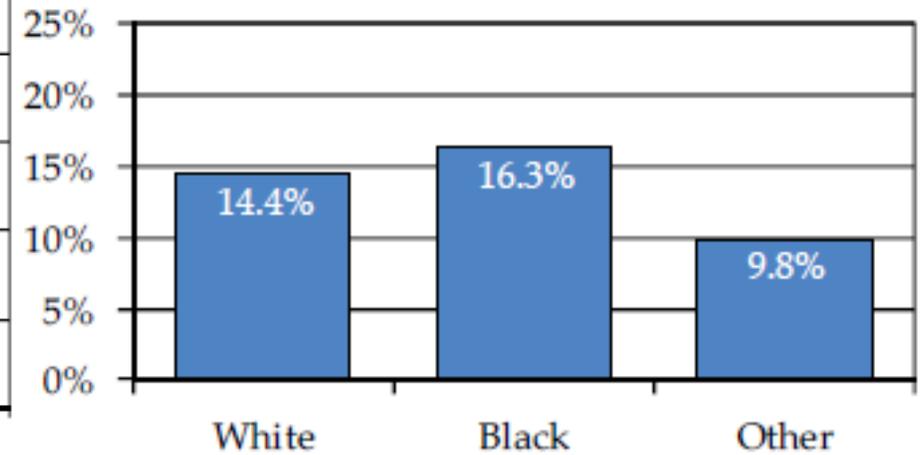
	FY										
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Age											
15 & Younger	284	267	252	215	185	177	116	108	128	89	1,821
16	284	249	275	238	212	241	148	172	140	101	2,060
17 & Older	383	399	340	378	369	341	340	285	225	249	3,309
Race											
White	299	248	221	224	197	194	168	169	130	128	1,978
Black	616	610	590	549	507	507	393	369	344	286	4,771
Other	36	57	56	58	62	58	43	27	19	25	441
Sex											
Female	90	90	79	76	59	56	31	40	41	43	605
Male	861	825	788	755	707	703	573	525	452	396	6,585
Total Admissions	951	915	867	831	766	759	604	565	493	439	7,190

Prior Commitments

Prior Commitments, FY 2004-2013

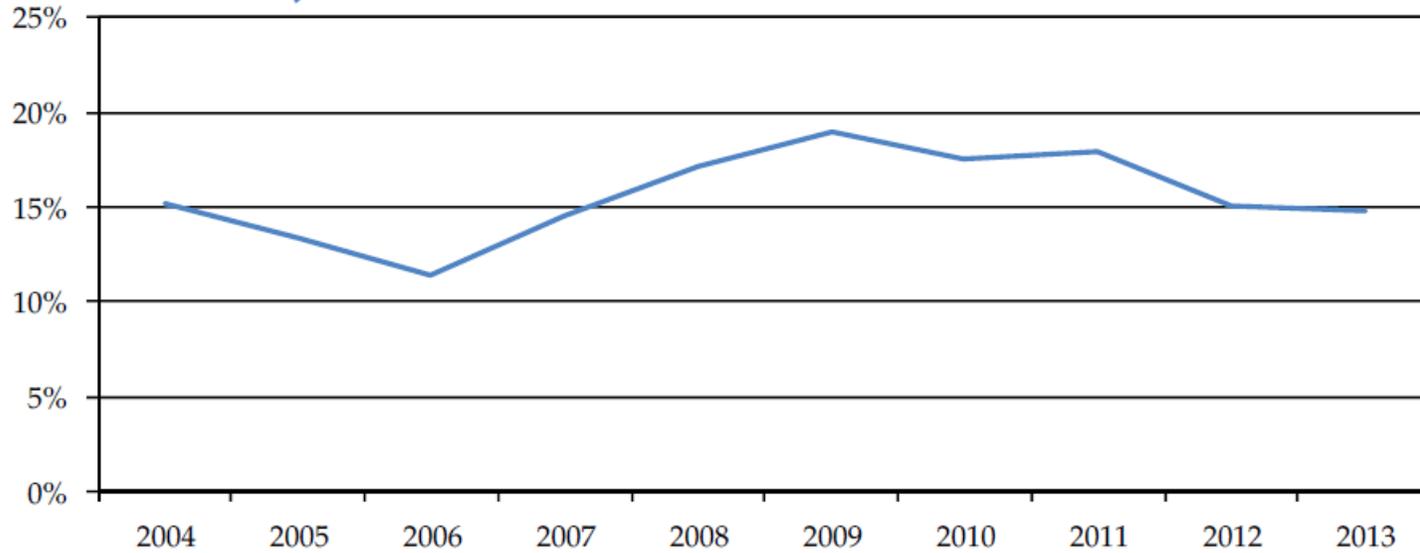


Prior Commitments by Race, FY 2004-2013



Commitment by Circuit Court

Committed by a Circuit Court, FY 2004-2013



Committed by a Circuit Court by Race, FY 2004-2013

