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## Executive Summary

Effective January 1, 2022, Illinois House Bill 2914 (HB2914) requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS, the Department) to submit an annual report regarding racial disproportionalities for children and families involved in the Illinois child welfare system. This report uses child welfare data from DCFS to examine racial disproportionalities in child welfare outcomes for Black, White, Latinx, and other racial/ethnic groups during FY2025 (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025) at both the state and subregional levels. Racial disproportionality refers to the over- or under-representation of a racial or ethnic group in the child welfare system compared to that group’s representation in a relevant base population. In this report, it is measured as a Racial Disproportionality Index (RDI), and there are two different base populations used to calculate the RDI. For the indicators related to children involved in investigations, indicated investigations, investigations screened by the court, protective custodies, safety plans, and substitute care entries, the RDIs were calculated by dividing the percentage of children in a racial or ethnic group involved in those parts of an investigation by the percentage of children in that racial or ethnic group in the Illinois child population. For indicators related to children in substitute care, including children in different placement types, length of stay in care, and children who achieved family permanence through reunification, adoption, or guardianship, the RDIs were calculated by dividing the percentage of children in a racial or ethnic group involved in those parts of the child welfare system by the percentage of children in that racial or ethnic group in substitute care during the fiscal year. For both sets of RDI, values greater than 1.0 indicate over-representation, values equal or close to 1.0 indicate no disproportionality, and values less than 1.0 indicate under-representation.

**Chapter 1** of this report describes the data and methods used to produce the findings, including definitions of race, ethnicity, and racial disproportionality. **Chapter 2** focuses on state-level findings, offering a comprehensive analysis of racial disproportionality across the investigation and substitute care outcomes. **Chapter 3** delves into subregion-level results, examining how these disproportionalities vary across different administrative regions within Illinois. Finally, **Chapter 4** summarizes the key findings and provides practical recommendations to address the identified areas of concern. The report centers on four child welfare outcomes: investigations, placement types, length of stay in substitute care, and family permanence. The following tables summarize the results for each of these outcomes.

### Investigations

The investigation indicators assess racial disproportionality in investigations (screened-in reports), indicated investigations, investigations screened by the court, protective custodies, safety plans, and substitute care entries. At the state level, Black children were consistently over-represented across all stages of investigations, with an RDI of 2.17 for investigations, 2.32 for protective custodies, and 2.39 for substitute care entries. White children were proportionately represented and Latinx children were under-represented for all investigation indicators at the state level. When the investigation indicators were examined by the type of

maltreatment allegations, the amount of over-representation for Black children varied considerably, with the largest RDI for investigations involving lack of supervision/lock out (RDI = 2.68) and the smallest involving emotional abuse (RDI = 1.51) and sexual abuse (RDI = 1.65). Conversely, White and Latinx children were proportionately or under-represented in most categories. At the subregion level, the Aurora subregion showed the highest disproportionality for Black children in each of the investigation indicators. Other subregions, such as East St. Louis, displayed lower but still significant levels of disproportionality.

Investigation Indicators—State (FY2025)			
	Black	White	Latinx
Investigations	2.17	0.84	0.79
Indicated investigations	2.17	0.84	0.80
Investigations screened by court	2.06	1.03	0.50
Protective custodies	2.32	0.95	0.47
Safety plans	2.18	0.95	0.55
Substitute care entries	2.39	0.94	0.45

Maltreatment Type Indicators—State (FY2025)								
	Risk of harm	Neglect	Env. neglect	Lack of supervision	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse	Emotional abuse	Substance exposure
<b>Black</b>								
Investigations	2.19	2.21	2.12	2.68	2.15	1.65	1.51	1.95
Indicated investigations	2.20	2.53	1.74	2.80	2.37	1.36	1.39	1.73
Investigations screened by court	2.10	2.30	1.62	2.68	2.30	1.02	2.19	1.47
<b>White</b>								
Investigations	0.83	0.88	1.03	0.73	0.81	0.91	1.06	1.02
Indicated investigations	0.82	0.80	1.20	0.69	0.77	0.92	1.21	1.14
Investigations screened by court	1.02	0.98	1.22	0.84	0.95	1.22	1.07	1.31
<b>Latinx</b>								
Investigations	0.79	0.71	0.51	0.69	0.86	0.96	0.71	0.64
Indicated investigations	0.81	0.69	0.40	0.67	0.83	1.16	0.55	0.54
Investigations screened by court	0.48	0.46	0.42	0.50	0.53	0.71	-	0.35

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

## Investigation Indicators—Subregion and Cook Region (FY2025)

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook
<b>Black</b>								
Investigations	3.09	2.35	2.45	2.21	2.41	2.13	2.27	2.08
Indicated investigations	3.18	2.49	2.81	2.44	2.71	2.25	2.54	2.09
Investigations screened by court	3.88	2.52	3.02	2.34	2.06	1.84	2.09	2.41
Protective custodies	3.88	2.47	3.07	2.68	2.54	2.14	3.02	2.54
Safety plans	3.82	2.10	2.80	2.45	2.51	2.01	2.80	2.34
Substitute care entries	3.93	2.66	3.17	2.68	2.78	1.87	2.80	2.63
<b>White</b>								
Investigations	0.71	0.84	0.81	0.87	0.85	0.73	0.93	0.46
Indicated investigations	0.63	0.79	0.74	0.80	0.81	0.71	0.91	0.40
Investigations screened by court	0.62	0.82	0.74	0.84	0.89	0.83	0.94	0.41
Protective custodies	0.65	0.79	0.73	0.78	0.85	0.75	0.88	0.39
Safety plans	0.66	0.90	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.76	0.90	0.39
Substitute care entries	0.63	0.80	0.71	0.79	0.83	0.80	0.90	0.36
<b>Latinx</b>								
Investigations	1.13	0.74	0.79	0.71	0.73	0.63	0.63	0.92
Indicated investigations	1.29	0.78	0.75	0.86	0.71	0.51	0.59	1.00
Investigations screened by court	1.11	0.63	0.51	0.68	-	0.55	0.52	0.80
Protective custodies	1.05	0.65	0.41	0.56	-	-	-	0.72
Safety plans	1.08	0.64	0.40	0.67	0.69	-	-	0.84
Substitute care entries	1.09	0.54	0.48	0.54	-	-	-	0.67

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

## Placement Types

The next set of indicators examined the types of foster care settings where children are placed. State-level findings revealed that Black children were proportionately represented in kinship foster care (RDI = 0.96) and traditional foster care (RDI = 1.04), but over-represented in specialized foster care (RDI = 1.28) and congregate care (RDI = 1.21). White and Latinx children were proportionately represented in most placement types, except congregate care, where both were under-represented (White children were also under-represented in specialized foster care). Subregion-level results showed great variability for children in each group.

Substitute Care Placement Type Indicators—State (FY2025)			
	Black	White	Latinx
Kinship foster care	0.96	1.03	1.02
Traditional foster care	1.04	0.95	0.99
Specialized foster care	1.28	0.77	1.04
Congregate care	1.21	0.87	0.78

Substitute Care Placement Type Indicators—Subregion and Cook Region (FY2025)								
	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook
<b>Black</b>								
Kinship foster care	0.98	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.04	0.98	0.95	0.96
Traditional foster care	1.03	0.93	1.06	1.12	1.18	0.98	1.15	1.00
Specialized foster care	1.35	1.05	0.98	0.97	0.93	1.27	0.93	1.07
Congregate care	1.00	1.15	1.03	1.40	1.15	1.15	1.07	1.12
<b>White</b>								
Kinship foster care	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.01	1.00	1.03	1.01	0.95
Traditional foster care	0.96	1.06	0.97	0.89	0.91	0.98	0.96	1.26
Specialized foster care	0.91	0.87	1.01	1.02	1.06	0.79	1.02	0.92
Congregate care	1.15	1.06	1.02	0.91	0.98	0.80	1.00	0.76
<b>Latinx</b>								
Kinship foster care	1.06	1.02	1.00	0.98	0.92	0.89	0.83	1.15
Traditional foster care	0.99	0.93	0.88	1.21	-	-	-	0.87
Specialized foster care	0.70	1.28	-	-	-	-	-	0.83
Congregate care	0.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.67

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

## Length of Stay in Substitute Care

The length-of-stay indicators measure the amount of time children spend in substitute care before achieving permanence. At the state level, Black children were under-represented among children who remained in care for less than five years and over-represented among children who remained in care for 60 months or more (RDI = 1.31). Conversely, White children were over-represented among those exiting care within shorter timeframes, such as less than 12 months (RDI = 1.14) and under-represented among those who remained in care 60 months or more (RDI = 0.75). Subregion-level results varied substantially, and the numbers of children in care for 60 or more months were too small to compute RDIs in many subregions.

Length of Time in Substitute Care Indicators—State (FY2025)			
	Black	White	Latinx
< 12 months	0.80	1.14	1.12
12–23 months	0.79	1.15	0.89
24–35 months	0.73	1.22	1.01
36–47 months	0.72	1.26	0.90
48–59 months	0.84	1.11	1.05
60 or more months	1.31	0.75	1.02

Length of Time in Substitute Care Indicators—Subregion and Cook Region (FY2025)								
	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook
<b>Black</b>								
< 12 months	0.86	-	1.27	0.61	-	1.31	1.57	0.91
12–23 months	0.83	1.14	1.06	1.09	0.69	0.99	1.00	0.76
24–35 months	0.74	-	0.90	0.79	0.82	0.79	1.02	0.84
36–47 months	0.87	-	0.75	0.88	-	0.73	-	0.82
48–59 months	-	-	0.94	0.65	-	-	-	0.89
60 or more months	1.42	-	0.78	1.41	-	0.82	-	1.06
<b>White</b>								
< 12 months	1.18	1.19	0.81	1.13	1.06	0.82	0.86	-
12–23 months	1.24	1.05	0.96	0.84	0.98	1.03	0.97	-
24–35 months	1.16	0.99	1.03	1.08	1.13	1.20	1.03	-
36–47 months	1.10	1.14	1.25	1.10	1.17	1.14	1.08	2.02
48–59 months	0.99	-	1.04	1.10	1.15	1.16	1.08	1.42
60 or more months	-	-	1.06	0.79	1.01	1.05	0.99	0.83

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook
<b>Latinx</b>								
< 12 months	1.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12–23 months	0.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.43
24–35 months	1.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.35
36–47 months	0.97	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.13
48–59 months	1.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.11
60 or more months	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.90

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

## Family Permanence

The permanency indicators assessed the likelihood of children exiting substitute care through reunification, adoption, or guardianship. State-level results showed that Black children were under-represented in achieving permanence through reunification (RDI = 0.87), adoption (RDI = 0.82), and all three types of permanence combined (RDI = 0.86), and proportionally represented in guardianships (RDI = .98). Black children were under-represented in reunifications and adoptions in some subregions and proportionately represented in others. In contrast, White children were over-represented in adoptions across all subregions except Marion.

<b>Family Permanence Indicators—State (FY2025)</b>			
	<b>Black</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Latinx</b>
Achieved permanence	0.86	1.11	0.99
Achieved permanence through reunification	0.87	1.06	1.09
Achieved permanence through adoption	0.82	1.20	0.79
Achieved permanence through guardianship	0.98	0.97	1.35

## Family Permanence Indicators—Subregion and Cook Region (FY2025)

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook
<b>Black</b>								
Achieved permanence	0.87	0.87	0.97	0.91	0.76	0.90	0.98	0.93
Permanence through reunification	0.91	0.87	1.15	1.03	0.70	1.23	1.21	0.82
Permanence through adoption	0.84	0.81	0.67	0.85	0.81	0.69	0.78	0.97
Permanence through guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.98
<b>White</b>								
Achieved permanence	1.12	1.08	1.01	1.01	1.08	1.07	1.00	1.24
Permanence through reunification	1.04	1.03	0.90	0.90	1.04	0.88	0.96	1.22
Permanence through adoption	1.28	1.20	1.20	1.08	1.12	1.18	1.03	1.33
Permanence through guardianship	1.12	-	-	1.18	-	1.41	1.08	1.07
<b>Latinx</b>								
Achieved permanence	1.02	1.03	1.18	1.14	-	-	-	1.10
Permanence through reunification	1.03	1.32	1.16	1.49	-	-	-	1.38
Permanence through adoption	0.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.96
Permanence through guardianship	1.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.02

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

### Summary and Recommendations

The results of the FY2025 Racial Disproportionality Report in Response to HB2914 highlight several key areas of concern with regard to the over-representation of Black children in the Illinois child welfare system. Black children were over-represented at every investigation decision point including screened-in investigations, indicated investigations, protective

custodies, court screenings, safety plans, and entries into substitute care. The RDIs for Black children for each of these investigation indicators were 2.0 or greater, with the largest RDI at substitute care entries (RDI = 2.39). It is also worrisome that the RDIs for Black children in substitute care entries have increased in each of the past four years. When the RDIs for Black children in specific types of investigations were examined, the largest RDI was for investigations related to lack of supervision/lock out (RDI = 2.68) and the smallest RDI were for investigations of emotional abuse (RDI = 1.51) and sexual abuse/human trafficking (RDI = 1.65).

Examination of the RDIs for the substitute care indicators identified other areas of concern. The first area is the use of restrictive placement types (e.g., congregate care). Black children were proportionately represented in kinship and traditional foster care placements (RDI = 0.96 and 1.04, respectively) and over-represented in specialized foster care and congregate care placements (RDI = 1.28 and 1.21, respectively). Another concern is that Black children continued to be disproportionately represented among those with lengthy stays in substitute care before exiting the system. In FY2025, Black children were under-represented among children who remain in care less than 12 months and 12–59 months before exiting and were over-represented among children who remained in care 60 months or more (RDI = 1.31). Finally, Black children were under-represented among those who exited substitute care through reunification (RDI = 0.87), adoption (RDI = 0.82), and all types of permanencies combined (RDI = 0.86). It should be noted that White children were over-represented or proportionately represented in each of these permanency indicators in FY2025.

The final chapter of this report highlights recommendations to address inequities in the Illinois child welfare system, including continued support and evaluation of the Bias-Free Child Removal Pilot Program to reduce over-representation of Black children in protective custodies and substitute care entries. Further study is recommended to understand the high rates of investigations for lack of supervision among Black children and to identify preventive strategies. Black children's disproportionate placement in congregate care and their prolonged stays in substitute care (five years or more) should be addressed using existing predictive risk models and comprehensive studies that prioritize Black families' perspectives. Efforts to improve family reunification rates should be guided by Illinois-specific data and national best practices. Finally, the Department should prioritize the collection and analysis of additional data on child well-being, including educational, health, and housing metrics to fully address the scope of disproportionality across the system. Through deliberate and strategic actions, Illinois can lead the nation in creating a more just and equitable child welfare system. For detailed findings and methodology, please refer to the full chapters and appendices.

## Chapter 1: Introduction and Methods

Illinois House Bill 2914 (HB2914) from the 102<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, which was enacted as Public Act 102-0451 and became effective on January 1, 2022, requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS, the Department) to submit an annual report regarding racial disparities for children and families involved in the Illinois child welfare system (see Appendix A for the full text of the Act). The report, which is due on December 31 of each year, should include data that are de-aggregated by race and compared to population-level data and should examine the following indicators:

1. investigations of each type of abuse and neglect allegation and the findings of such investigations, protective custodies, children and families involved in a safety plan, court filings for each allegation type, entries into the foster care system, placement settings, lengths of stay in foster care, and permanency outcomes;
2. educational success, health and behavioral health, housing, jobs or economic justice, criminal justice, and other key metrics of child and family well-being.

Researchers at the Children and Family Research Center (CFRC) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign were asked to produce this report based on their experience in reporting on racial disproportionalities in the Illinois child welfare system as part of the annual *B.H.* monitoring report.<sup>1</sup>

Although the two terms are similar, it is important to clarify the difference between racial disproportionality and racial disparity. *Racial disproportionality* refers to the over- or under-representation of a racial group compared to their percentage in a base population. The base population that is most often used when measuring disproportionality is the percentage of children in a racial group in the total child population. *Racial disparity* is examined by comparing the representation of one racial group with another racial group. Since HB2914 asks for data on racial groups involved in the child welfare system compared to population-level data, the current report therefore examines racial disproportionalities rather than racial disparities, and that is the term that will be used throughout the report. This year's annual report includes data on racial disproportionalities in the Illinois child welfare system during FY2025 (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025). In addition to reporting disproportionality data at the state level (Chapter 2 and Appendix E), at the request of DCFS the report also includes data at the subregional level (Chapter 3 and Appendix F).

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.cfr Illinois.edu/outcomes-monitoring.php> for all CFRC outcome monitoring reports.

## Methods and Definitions

The data used in the analyses come from two sources. Illinois child population data were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau. Illinois child welfare data were sourced from the DCFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW).<sup>2</sup>

**Defining race and ethnicity.** The race variable was created from three data fields in EDW: primary race, ethnicity, and secondary race flag. The ethnicity variable includes several codes designating Latinx origin, including South American, Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Spanish Descent, Dominican, Central American, and Other. If the child’s ethnicity was coded as any of these, their race/ethnicity in this report was defined as Latinx regardless of the primary race code and the secondary race flag variable.

The secondary race flag variable was coded as yes or no to indicate whether the child had a secondary race. If the child’s ethnicity was not Latinx and the secondary race was coded as yes, then their race/ethnicity was defined as multiracial.

If the child’s ethnicity was not Latinx and the secondary race was coded as no, then their race was defined using the primary race variable in EDW. Values of the primary race variable include White, Black/African American, Native American/Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. If the value of primary race was “could not be verified,” “unknown,” “declined to identify,” or missing, it was coded as “Other.”

In total, seven racial/ethnic groups were defined: Latinx (any race), Black/African American, White, Asian, Native American/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, and multiracial.<sup>3</sup>

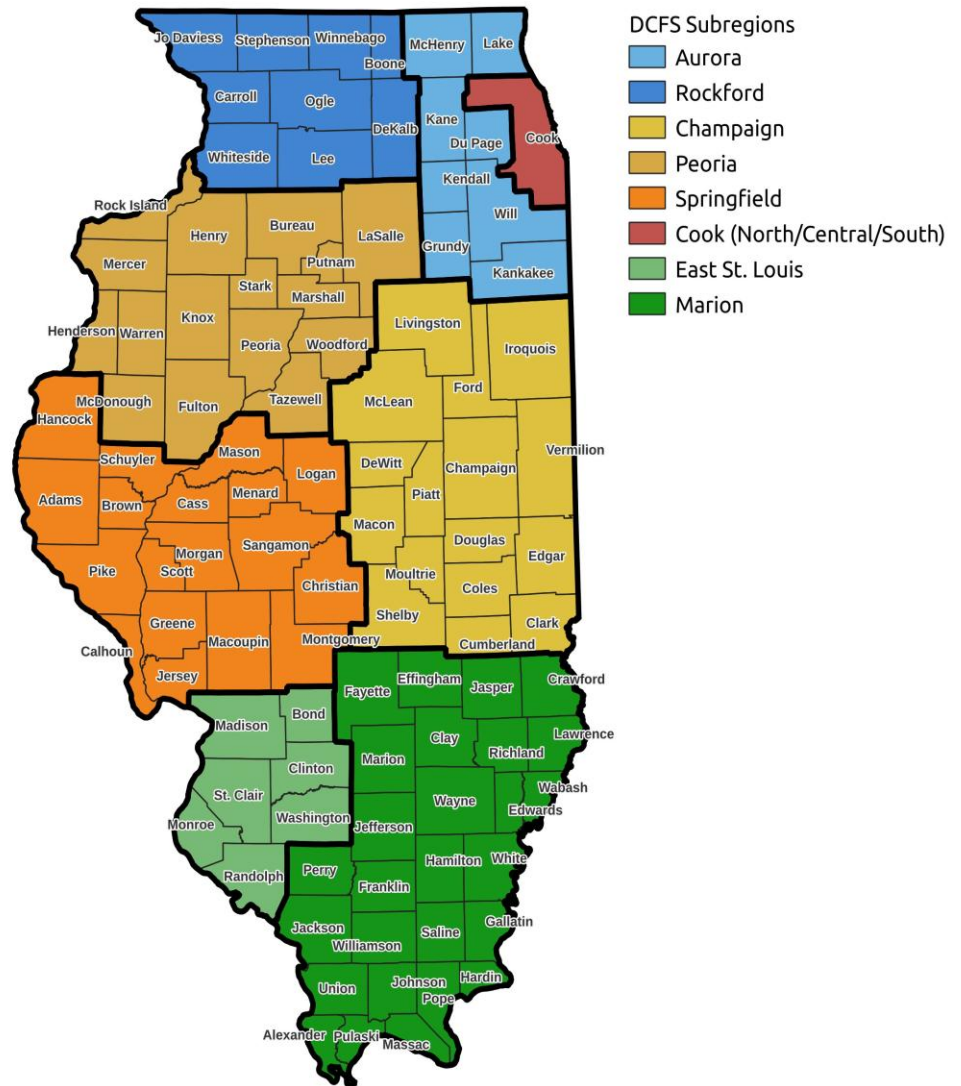
**Defining subregion.** The Department has divided the state into ten administrative subregions (see Figure 1.1): Rockford (1A); Peoria (1B); Aurora (2A); Springfield (3A); Champaign (3B); East St. Louis (4A); Marion (5A); Cook North (6B); Cook Central (2B, 6A, 6C, 6J); and Cook South (6D). Because the Illinois child population data used for this report cannot identify which Cook subregion children resided in, Racial Disproportionality Indices (RDI) could not be calculated for the Cook subregions. Instead, RDI are provided for the Cook region, which combines the three subregions.

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<sup>2</sup> The EDW data were extracted on October 7, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> In all tables and figures, Black = Black/African American, Native American = Native American/Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander = Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

Figure 1.1 Illinois subregion map



**Defining and calculating racial disproportionality.** Racial and ethnic disproportionality refers to the over- or under-representation of a racial or ethnic group in the child welfare system compared to that group’s representation in a relevant base population. In this report, it is represented by a Racial Disproportionality Index (RDI), and there are two different base populations that are used to compute the RDI: the Illinois child population and Illinois children substitute care.

**Investigation indicators.** For indicators related to children involved in investigations, indicated investigations, investigations screened by the court, protective custodies, safety plans, and entries into substitute care, the RDIs were calculated by dividing (1) the percentage of children in a racial or ethnic group involved in those parts of the child welfare system by (2) the percentage of children in that racial or ethnic group in the Illinois child population. For the denominator, data on race and ethnicity for the Illinois child population were obtained from the

U.S. Census Bureau. The 2024 Illinois child population data were used to calculate the RDI for FY2025. Table 1.1 shows the percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in Illinois for the past five years. In FY2024 and FY2025, 49.0% of Illinois children were White, 25.8% were Latinx, 15.1% were Black, 6.1% were Asian, 3.8% were multiracial, 0.1% were Native American, and 0.03% were Pacific Islander.

Table 1.1 Illinois child population (age 0-19): 2021–2025

	<b>2021</b> N=3,140,580	<b>2022</b> N=3,084,748	<b>2023</b> N=3,050,862	<b>2024</b> N=3,025,694	<b>2025</b> N=3,025,694
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
Black	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
Latinx (Any Race)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
Asian	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
Multiracial	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
Native American	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Pacific Islander	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03

Note: The 2024 Illinois child population data were used to calculate the RDI for FY2024 and FY2025.

Table 1.2 shows the percentages of children in each racial/ethnic group<sup>4</sup> in each subregion and the Cook region for the past five years. Once again, the 2024 Illinois child population data were used to calculate the RDI for FY2025. In FY2025, the percentage of White children in each subregion ranged from 30.9% in the Cook region to 84.5% in the Marion subregion. The Cook region and East St. Louis subregion had the largest percentages of Black children (22.9% and 19.6%, respectively) and the Marion subregion had the smallest (5.9%). The largest percentages of Latinx children lived in the Cook region (35.4%), Aurora subregion (29.9%), and Rockford subregion (22.8%). The remaining subregions had smaller percentages of Latinx children, ranging from 4.6% in the Marion subregion to 11.6% in the Peoria subregion.

Table 1.2 Illinois child population by subregion and Cook region (age 0-19): 2021–2025

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Aurora Subregion</b>	N=907,819	N=896,212	N=888,237	N=880,823	N=880,823
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	52.47	51.70	51.00	50.42	50.42
Black	7.50	7.60	7.66	7.68	7.68
Latinx (Any Race)	28.93	29.30	29.64	29.88	29.88
Asian	7.58	7.85	8.12	8.44	8.44
Multiracial	3.37	3.39	3.43	3.43	3.43

<sup>4</sup> Percentages for Native American and Pacific Islander children are not shown because they are very small.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Rockford Subregion</b>	N=165,595	N=163,904	N=162,452	N=161,548	N=161,548
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	60.44	59.55	58.74	57.88	57.88
Black	11.60	11.82	11.88	12.12	12.12
Latinx (Any Race)	21.20	21.75	22.28	22.75	22.75
Asian	1.80	1.85	1.95	2.03	2.03
Multiracial	4.78	4.86	4.97	5.03	5.03
<b>Champaign Subregion</b>	N=203,884	N=201,803	N=200,552	N=200,030	N=200,030
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	69.64	69.05	68.43	67.62	67.62
Black	12.38	12.61	12.77	13.04	13.04
Latinx (Any Race)	8.54	8.70	8.87	9.14	9.14
Asian	4.09	4.21	4.43	4.64	4.64
Multiracial	5.10	5.19	5.27	5.32	5.32
<b>Peoria Subregion</b>	N=210,041	N=207,447	N=206,494	N=205,471	N=205,471
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	71.88	71.11	70.30	69.36	69.36
Black	10.24	10.59	11.01	11.47	11.47
Latinx (Any Race)	10.91	11.17	11.41	11.64	11.64
Asian	2.31	2.33	2.39	2.57	2.57
Multiracial	4.41	4.54	4.62	4.68	4.68
<b>Springfield Subregion</b>	N=130,269	N=128,547	N=127,104	N=125,517	N=125,517
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	81.12	80.63	80.03	79.47	79.47
Black	8.80	8.94	9.14	9.35	9.35
Latinx (Any Race)	4.24	4.37	4.60	4.83	4.83
Asian	1.28	1.34	1.36	1.42	1.42
Multiracial	4.32	4.48	4.63	4.70	4.70
<b>East St. Louis Subregion</b>	N=161,339	N=159,391	N=156,984	N=154,198	N=154,198
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	68.09	67.69	67.32	66.92	66.92
Black	19.51	19.55	19.56	19.55	19.55
Latinx (Any Race)	6.49	6.65	6.81	6.96	6.96
Asian	1.06	1.09	1.17	1.30	1.30
Multiracial	4.61	4.77	4.90	5.04	5.04

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Marion Subregion</b>	N=124,497	N=122,855	N=121,580	N=120,009	N=120,009
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	85.54	85.25	84.87	84.53	84.53
Black	5.86	5.87	5.95	5.94	5.94
Latinx (Any Race)	4.00	4.16	4.35	4.55	4.55
Asian	0.89	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.89
Multiracial	3.49	3.61	3.72	3.84	3.84
<b>Cook Region</b>	N=1,237,136	N=1,204,589	N=1,187,459	N=1,178,098	N=1,178,098
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	30.83	30.84	30.84	30.88	30.88
Black	23.69	23.47	23.19	22.91	22.91
Latinx (Any Race)	35.42	35.45	35.49	35.43	35.43
Asian	6.89	7.00	7.18	7.39	7.39
Multiracial	3.04	3.11	3.17	3.26	3.26

Notes: The 2024 Illinois child population data were used to calculate the RDI for FY2024 and FY2025. The Cook region includes the Cook North, Cook Central, and Cook South subregions.

**Substitute care indicators.** For indicators related to children in substitute care, including children in different placement types, length of stay in substitute care, and children who exited substitute care and achieved family permanence through reunification, adoption, and guardianship, the RDIs were calculated by dividing (1) the percentage of children in a racial or ethnic group involved in those parts of the child welfare system by (2) the percentage of children in that racial or ethnic group in substitute care during the fiscal year. Table 1.3 shows the percentages of children in each racial/ethnic group in substitute care for the past five years. In FY2025, 45.7% of the children in substitute care were White, 37.3% were Black, 11.4% were Latinx, 0.2% were Asian, 4.0% were multiracial, 0.1% were Native American, and 0.04% were Pacific Islander.

Table 1.3 Illinois children in substitute care (age 0-17): 2021–2025

	2021 N=25,434	2022 N=25,119	2023 N=24,362	2024 N=23,777	2025 N=22,127
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
Black	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
Latinx (Any Race)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
Asian	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.24	0.24
Multiracial	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
Native American	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.10
Pacific Islander	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.04

Table 1.4 shows the percentage of children of each racial/ethnic group in substitute care in each subregion and the Cook region for the past five years. In FY2025, the percentage of White children in each subregion/region varied considerably: the Marion subregion had the largest percentage (78.3%), followed by the Springfield (66.9%), Peoria (58.6%), East St. Louis (55.7%), Champaign (54.7%), Rockford (46.4%), and Aurora (33.3%) subregions, and the Cook region (10.0%). The Cook region had the largest percentage of Black children in substitute care (66.4%) and the Marion subregion had the smallest (13.5%). The Aurora subregion and the Cook region had relatively larger percentages of Latinx children (28.9% and 20.6%, respectively), and the other subregions ranged from 2.2% in the Marion subregion to 12.1% in the Rockford subregion. Less than 1% of children in each subregion/region were Asian. The percentage of multiracial children in substitute care ranged from 1.5% in the Cook subregion to 6.1% in the Rockford subregion.

Table 1.4 Illinois children in substitute care by subregion/Cook region (age 0–17): 2021–2025

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Aurora Subregion</b>	N=2,843	N=2,922	N=2,834	N=2,956	N=2,685
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	36.02	35.39	35.00	34.17	33.26
Black	32.99	32.65	32.29	31.94	33.18
Latinx (Any Race)	25.43	26.83	27.13	28.62	28.86
Asian	0.56	0.51	0.46	0.27	0.11
Multiracial	4.29	3.87	3.88	4.03	3.50
<b>Rockford Subregion</b>	N=1,818	N=1,669	N=1,536	N=1,405	N=1,378
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	46.81	46.49	45.83	46.33	46.37
Black	36.41	34.27	34.11	35.66	33.38
Latinx (Any Race)	8.42	10.90	11.65	10.39	12.05
Asian	0.44	0.60	0.39	0.28	0.29
Multiracial	6.33	6.23	6.51	5.84	6.10
<b>Champaign Subregion</b>	N=2,898	N=2,886	N=2,895	N=2,856	N=2,688
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	56.18	57.62	58.48	57.14	54.69
Black	33.57	32.09	30.92	31.48	34.04
Latinx (Any Race)	4.21	4.12	4.66	5.25	5.02
Asian	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Multiracial	4.90	4.95	4.91	4.90	5.06

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Peoria Subregion</b>	N=3,386	N=3,426	N=3,264	N=3,231	N=3,121
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	58.21	60.95	60.69	60.54	58.60
Black	29.33	26.44	26.16	25.91	27.68
Latinx (Any Race)	5.52	6.30	6.37	6.38	6.15
Asian	0.27	0.44	0.37	0.34	0.13
Multiracial	5.40	4.82	5.33	5.51	5.93
<b>Springfield Subregion</b>	N=2,548	N=2,443	N=2,490	N=2,500	N=2,290
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	69.39	71.18	68.92	67.32	66.90
Black	21.62	20.06	21.65	22.44	23.01
Latinx (Any Race)	2.71	2.91	2.89	3.20	2.71
Asian	0.24	0.12	0.04	0.00	0.00
Multiracial	5.06	4.75	5.10	5.56	5.76
<b>East St. Louis Subregion</b>	N=2,288	N=2,370	N=2,490	N=2,473	N=2,298
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	61.93	61.05	59.68	57.26	55.70
Black	30.24	30.76	32.29	34.61	36.38
Latinx (Any Race)	2.84	3.21	3.09	2.87	2.83
Asian	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
Multiracial	3.80	3.97	3.90	3.92	3.79
<b>Marion Subregion</b>	N=2,995	N=2,909	N=2,715	N=2,664	N=2,499
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	81.27	80.68	81.07	79.24	78.31
Black	10.88	12.34	11.97	12.65	13.49
Latinx (Any Race)	3.31	2.58	2.21	2.29	2.16
Asian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12
Multiracial	3.21	2.99	2.95	3.60	3.92
<b>Cook Region</b>	N=6,658	N=6,494	N=6,138	N=5,692	N=5,168
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
White	10.39	10.55	10.12	10.22	9.95
Black	66.91	66.66	66.91	66.64	66.39
Latinx (Any Race)	19.95	20.14	20.1	20.34	20.55
Asian	0.68	0.68	0.8	0.58	0.72
Multiracial	1.37	1.34	1.3	1.35	1.45

Note: The Cook region includes the Cook North, Cook Central, and Cook South subregions.

The second percentage needed to calculate an RDI (the numerator) is the percentage of children in a racial or ethnic group that is involved in each part of the Illinois child welfare system. To calculate these percentages, it was necessary for the CFRC to define each of the

child welfare indicators specified in HB2914 using the data available in EDW. Definitions of the child abuse and neglect maltreatment types, substitute care placement types, and child welfare indicators are provided in Appendices B, C, and D, respectively. Data on children involved in the Illinois child welfare system are provided in Appendix G.

Every attempt was made to calculate RDIs for each indicator mentioned in HB2914. However, in order to calculate an RDI, data on the indicator must be available for all children in the Illinois child welfare system. Systematic data are not currently collected on the child and family well-being indicators that are listed in HB2914, including educational success, health and behavioral health, housing, jobs and economic justice, and criminal justice. Therefore, RDI for these indicators could not be included in the current report.

**Interpreting racial disproportionality indices.** RDI values greater than 1.0 indicate over-representation. For example, an RDI of 2.0 means that children in that racial group are represented at twice the rate as they are in the comparison child population (the general child population or the substitute care population). RDI values less than 1.0 indicate under-representation. For example, an RDI of 0.5 means that children are represented half as much as they are in the comparison child population. RDI values equal or close to 1.0 indicate no disproportionality; children in that group are represented at rates that are proportionate to their representation in the population.

Interpretation of an RDI value depends on the comparison population that is used to compute the RDI. The comparison population for the investigation indicators is the percentage of children in the racial or ethnic group in the Illinois child population. Thus, an RDI of 2.00 for these indicators means that the percentage of children in that racial or ethnic group is twice as large as their percentage in the Illinois child population. For these indicators, we define over-representation as an RDI of 1.2 or larger, under-representation as an RDI of 0.80 or smaller, and proportionate representation as an RDI of 0.81 to 1.19.

The comparison population used to compute the substitute care indicators (placement types, length of time in substitute care, and exits to permanence) is the percentage of children in the racial or ethnic group who are in substitute care during the fiscal year. Previous research on disproportionality in the Illinois child welfare system has shown that Black children are over-represented among children living in substitute care. Thus, an RDI greater than 1.00 for Black children on the substitute care indicators means that they are over-represented compared to a population in which they are already over-represented. These indicators must therefore be interpreted differently than indicators that use the general child population as the comparison. For the substitute care indicators, we define over-representation as an RDI of 1.05 or larger, under-representation as an RDI of 0.95 or smaller, and proportionate representation as an RDI of 0.96 to 1.04. The RDI of the racial/ethnic groups are displayed in figures throughout the report. Since an RDI of 1.0 indicates no disproportionality, 1.0 is set as the baseline on the figures. For both over- and under-representation, the length of the bar in the chart corresponds to the amount of disproportionality.

## Chapter 2: State Level Results

RDIs were calculated for each racial/ethnic group for each child welfare indicator over the past five years (FY2021–FY2025).<sup>5</sup> The results for FY2025 are displayed in figures throughout this chapter and results for FY2021–FY2025 are available in tables in Appendix E. If the number of children in a racial/ethnic group for an indicator was 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI were not included in the figure and corresponding appendix table, because percentages based on small numbers are unreliable. In addition, if the base population for calculating an RDI was less than 0.1%, the RDI for that group is not included in the figure or corresponding appendix table.

### Investigation Indicators

**Investigations.** The first set of indicators examine children in investigated reports. At this stage, DCFS staff known as Call Floor Workers (CFW) at the State Central Register (SCR) screen each call that is received from a maltreatment reporter to determine if the circumstances meet the criteria for an investigation. If so, the call is screened in and becomes an investigated report; if not, the call is screened out and no further actions are taken by the Department. Appendix Table G.1 shows the number of children in investigations over the last five fiscal years; the number increased from 114,749 in FY2021 to 122,077 in FY2024 and then decreased to 100,376 in FY2025.

When a call is screened in, the CFW must assign one or more specific child abuse or neglect allegations to the report when it is transmitted to the local DCFS field office. In addition, investigators can assign additional allegations during an investigation. Several of the indicators listed in HB2914 ask for information by each type of abuse and neglect allegation. However, there are over 50 different allegations that are defined in DCFS Procedures 300, Appendix B,<sup>6</sup> many of which are infrequently used. Thus, in the current report the individual allegations were grouped into eight different maltreatment types: risk of harm, neglect, environmental neglect, lack of supervision/lock out, physical abuse, sexual abuse/human trafficking, emotional abuse, and substance exposure (see Appendix B for a list of the specific allegations that are included in each maltreatment type). The most frequently investigated type of maltreatment in FY2025 was risk of harm; 46.4% of investigations involved risk of harm allegations. Lack of supervision/lock out was the next most frequently investigated maltreatment type (15.5%), followed by environmental neglect (11.4%), sexual abuse/human trafficking (9.2%), physical abuse (8.8%), neglect (4.6%), substance exposure (2.8%), and emotional abuse (1.3%).<sup>7</sup>

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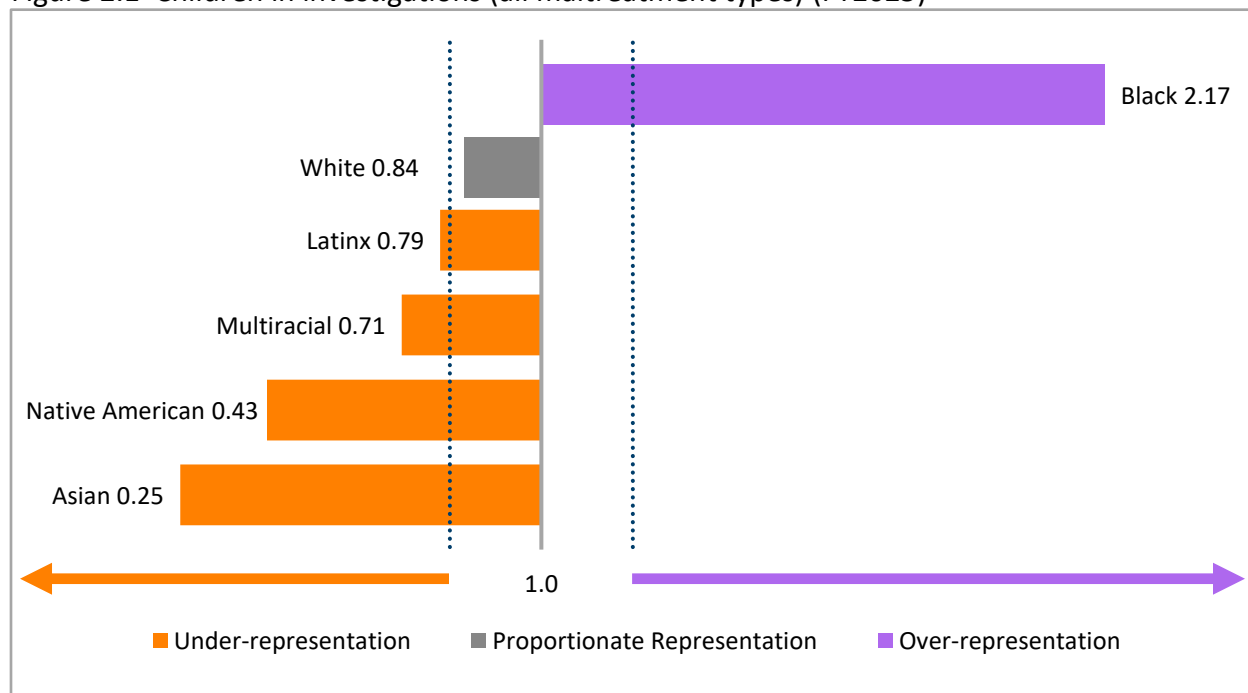
<sup>5</sup> The exceptions are the indicators related to investigations screened by the court (see Appendix Tables E.19 through E.27). For these indicators, only FY2022, FY2023, FY2024, and FY2025 data were available.

<sup>6</sup> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2024, August). *Procedures 300: Reports of child abuse and neglect*. <https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/policy-rules-and-forms/documents/procedures/procedures-300-appendix-b.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> See Appendix Table G.2 for the frequencies of each maltreatment type in investigations for the past five fiscal years.

Figure 2.1 shows the RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group who were included in an investigated report (all maltreatment types) in FY2025, and Appendix Table E.1 shows the RDIs for this indicator for each racial/ethnic group over the past five fiscal years. The RDI for Black children in investigations in FY2025 was 2.17, meaning that Black children were represented among investigated reports at over twice their percentage in the Illinois child population. White children were proportionally represented among investigated reports in FY2025 (RDI = 0.84) and all other racial and ethnic groups were under-represented. In Figures 2.1 through 2.30, the two dotted vertical lines indicate the upper and lower thresholds for proportionate representation (RDI = 1.19 and 0.81, respectively).

Figure 2.1 Children in investigations (all maltreatment types) (FY2025)



The next set of figures (Figures 2.2–2.9) show the RDIs for children in FY2025 investigations that included risk of harm, neglect, environmental neglect, lack of supervision/lock out, physical abuse, sexual abuse/human trafficking, emotional abuse, and substance exposure (see also Appendix Tables E.2–E.9). The numbers and percentages of children in each racial/ethnic group that were investigated by maltreatment type in the past five fiscal years are shown in Appendix Table G.2. Please note that a child could have more than one maltreatment type in an investigated report (see Appendix D for technical definitions of all indicators). A similar pattern is seen across investigations involving all maltreatment types: Black children were over-represented compared to their representation in the Illinois child population, with RDIs ranging from 1.51 for emotional abuse investigations to 2.68 for lack of supervision/lock out investigations. White children were proportionately represented for investigations of most maltreatment types, with the exception of lack of supervision/lock out investigations, where they were under-represented (RDI = 0.73). Latinx children were proportionately represented for investigations involving sexual abuse/human trafficking and physical abuse, and under-

represented for investigations of all other maltreatment types. When the numbers were large enough to calculate RDIs, multiracial and Asian children were under-represented among investigations of all maltreatment types.

Figure 2.2 Children in risk of harm investigations (FY2025)

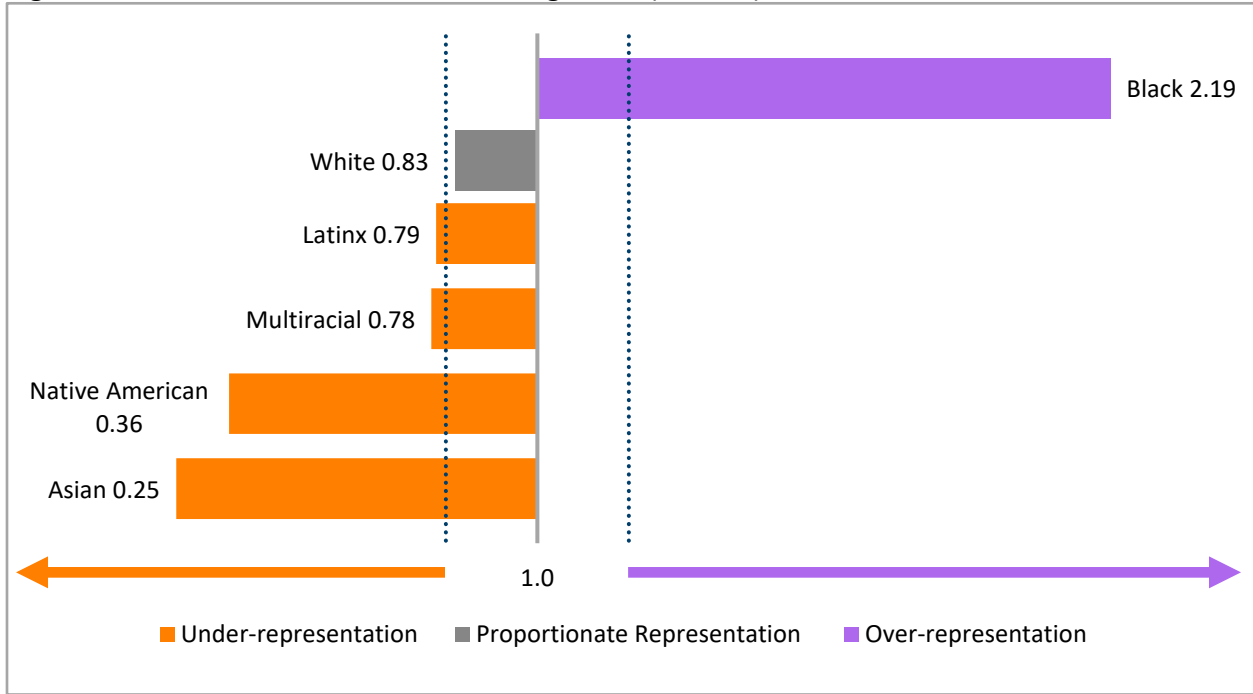


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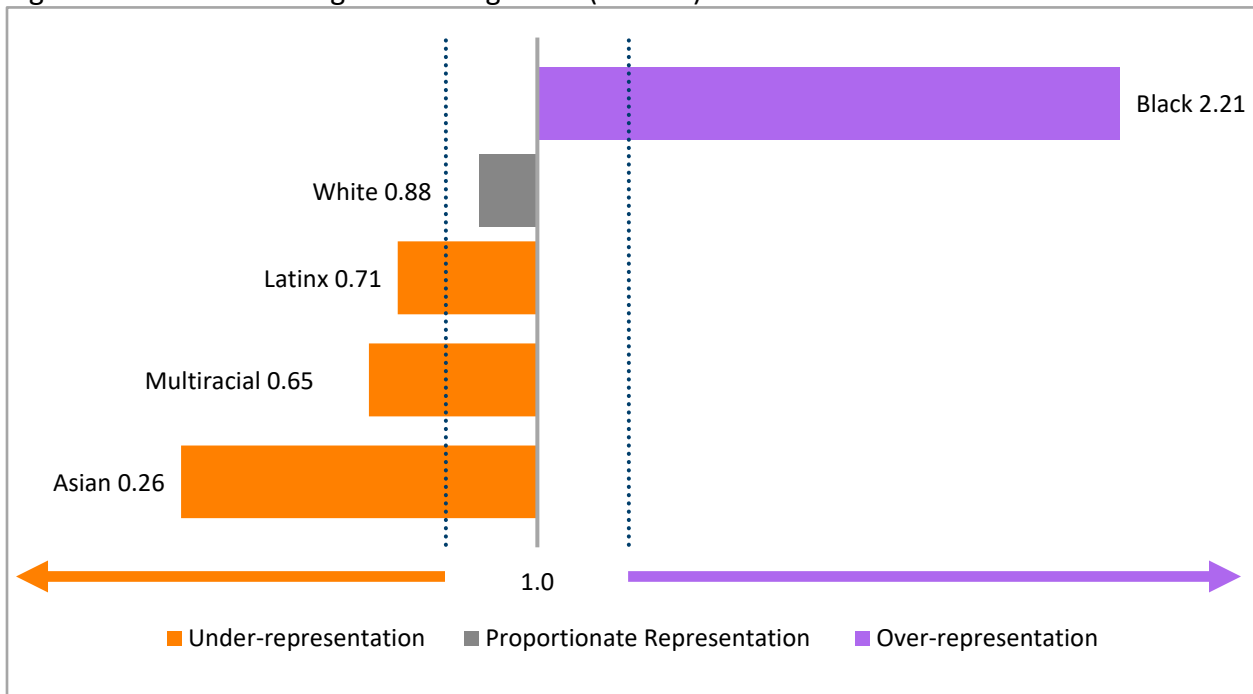


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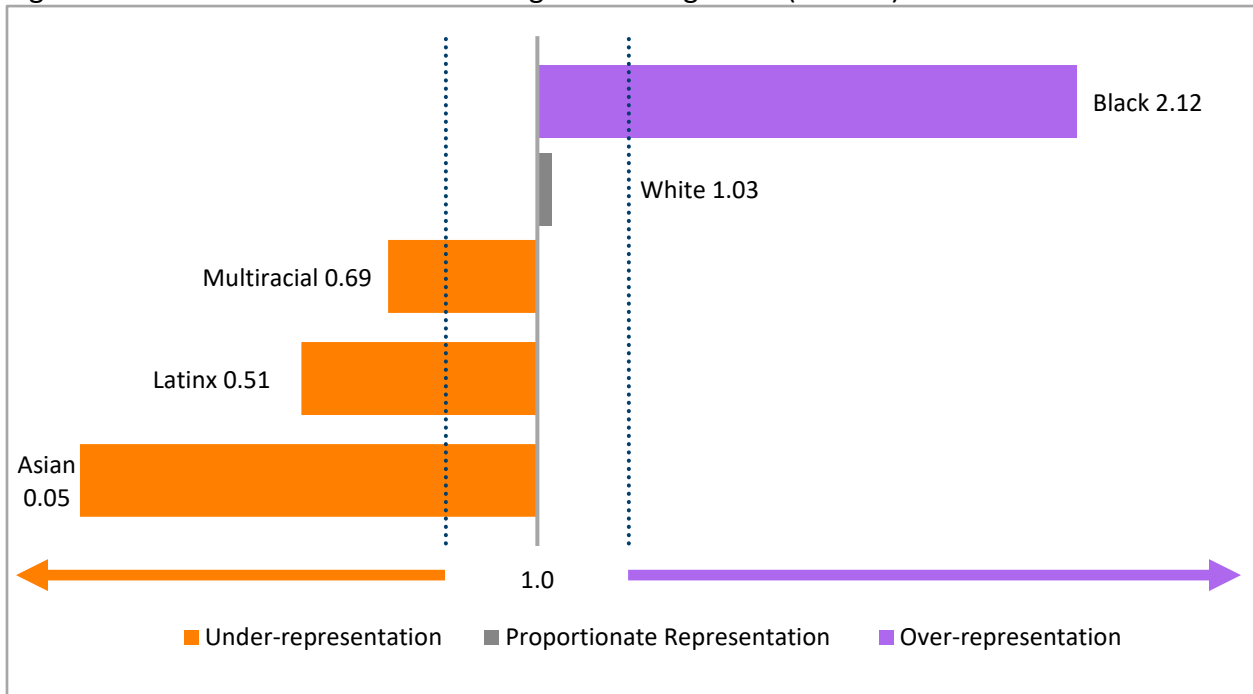


Figure 2.5 Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations (FY2025)

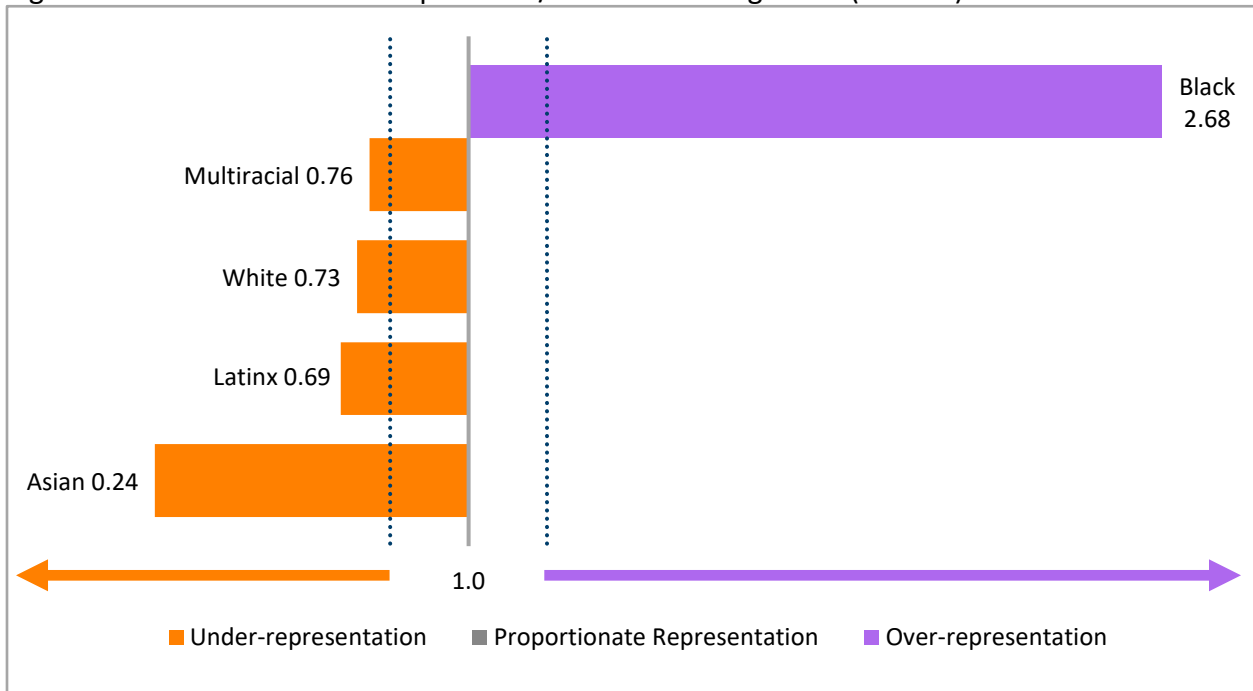


Figure 2.6 Children in physical abuse investigations (FY2025)

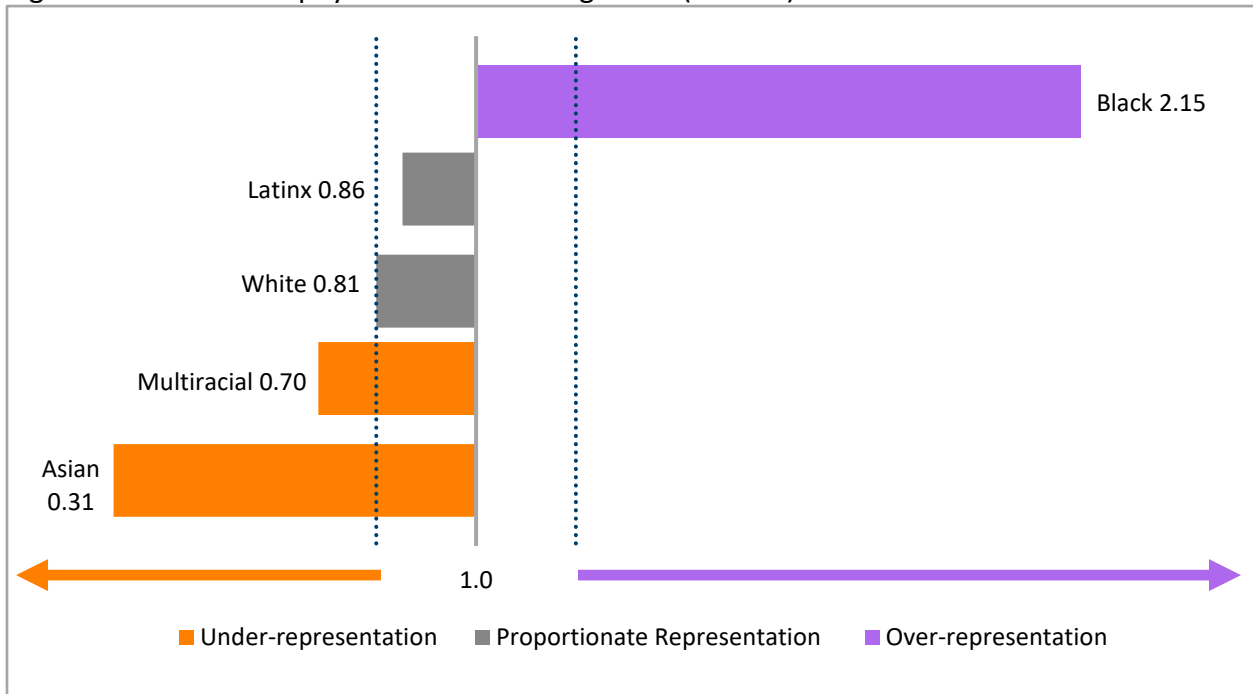


Figure 2.7 Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (FY2025)

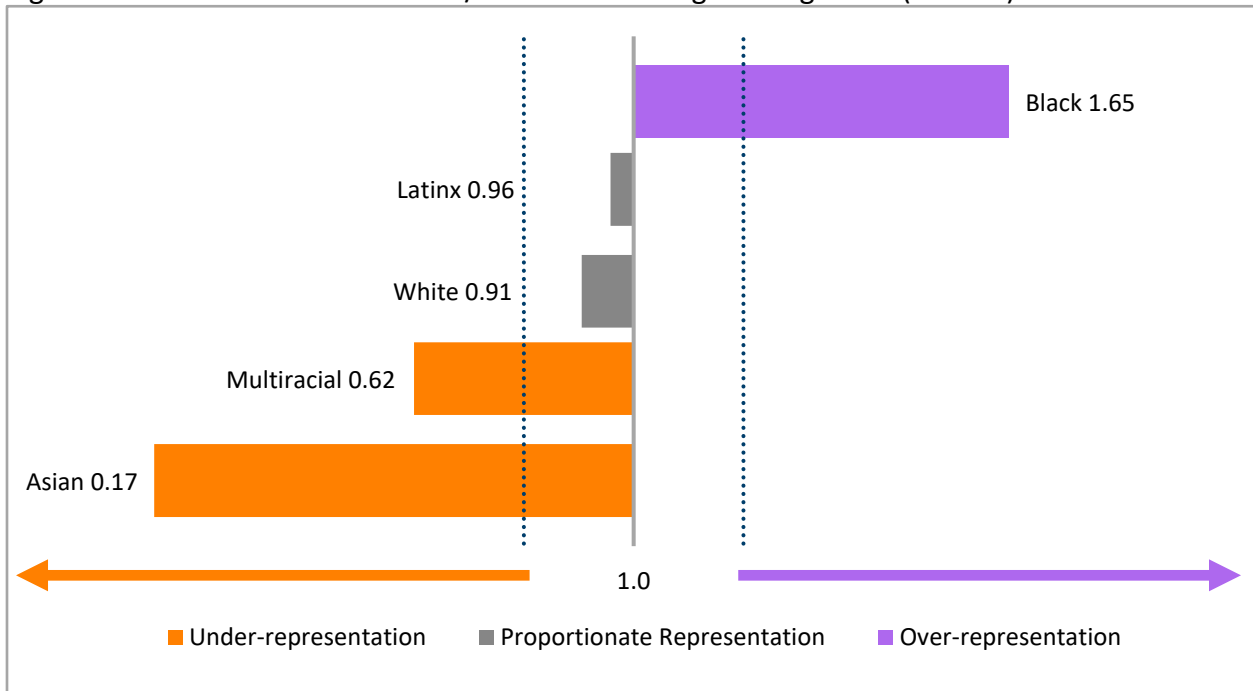


Figure 2.8 Children in emotional abuse investigations (FY2025)

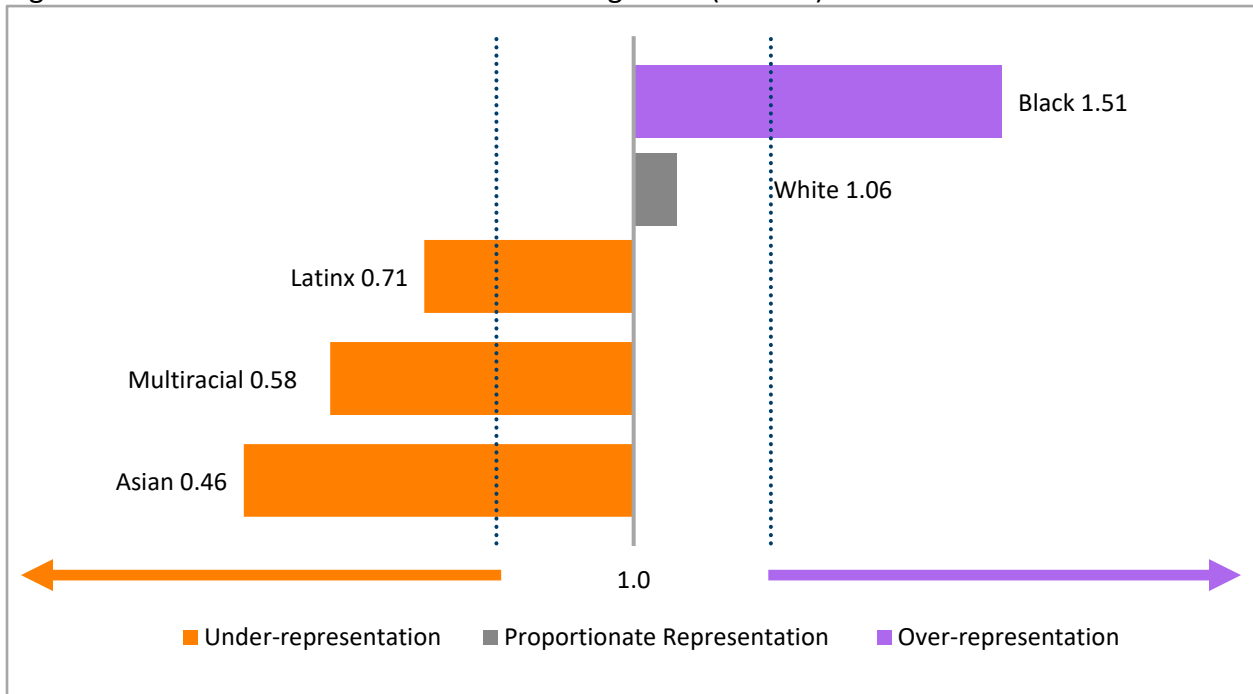
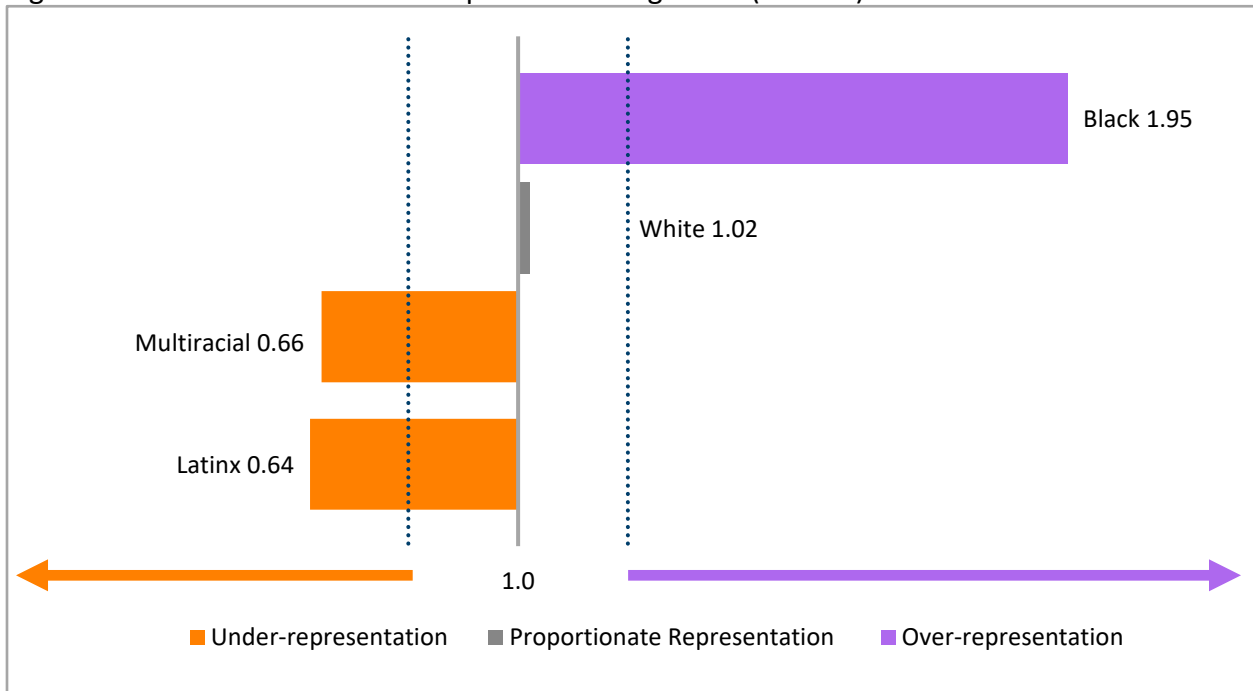


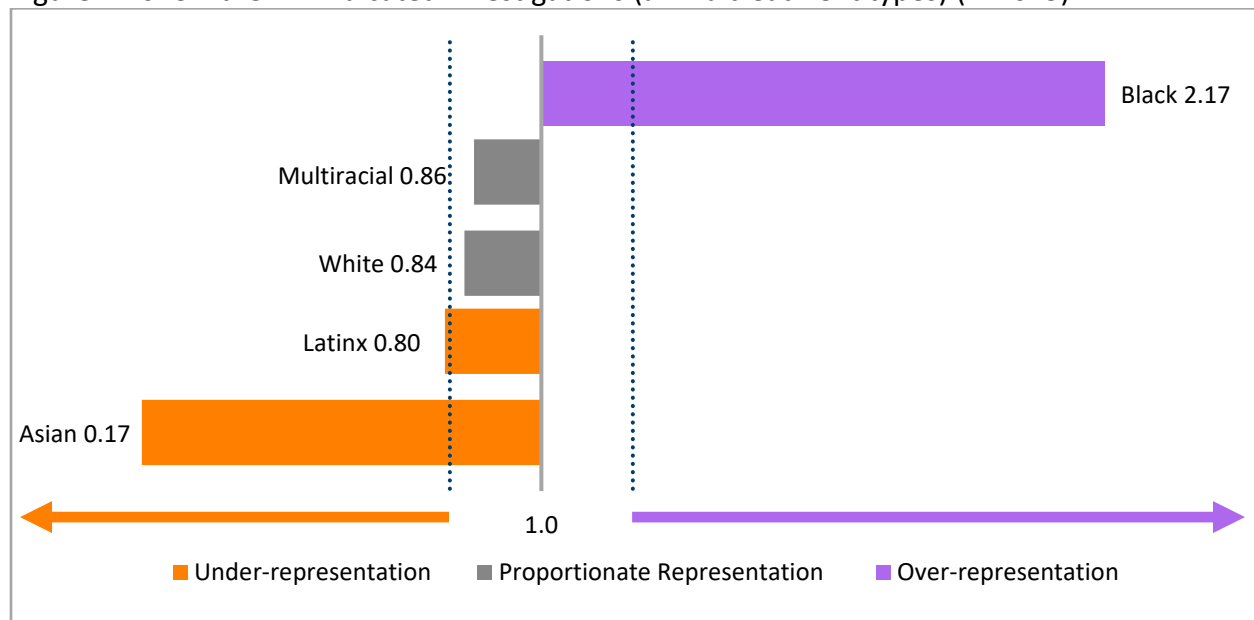
Figure 2.9 Children in substance exposure investigations (FY2025)



**Indicated investigations.** Once an investigation is screened in, the child protection specialist must perform a variety of actions to collect information to make a determination whether the alleged abuse or neglect occurred. The required actions are outlined in DCFS Procedures 300<sup>8</sup> and include performing background checks on all adults in the household; interviewing the alleged victims, perpetrator, and all adults in the household; observing the home environment; and performing a structured safety assessment. At the conclusion of the investigation, the child protection specialist determines whether each abuse and neglect allegation is indicated or unfounded. Allegations are indicated when there is credible evidence that they occurred. In FY2025, 24.9% of family investigations were indicated.<sup>9</sup> Appendix Table G.4 shows the numbers and percentages of children in each racial/ethnic group that were involved in indicated investigations in the past five fiscal years.

Figure 2.10 shows the RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group who were included in an indicated investigation (all maltreatment types) in FY2025, and Appendix Table E.10 shows the RDIs for this indicator for each racial/ethnic group over the past five fiscal years. The RDI for Black children in FY2025 was 2.17, which means that Black children were represented among indicated investigations at over twice their percentage in the Illinois child population. White and multiracial children were proportionately represented, while Latinx and Asian children were under-represented among indicated investigations in FY2025.

Figure 2.10 Children in indicated investigations (all maltreatment types) (FY2025)



<sup>8</sup> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2024, August). *Procedures 300: Reports of child abuse and neglect*. <https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/policy-rules-and-forms/documents/procedures/procedures-300-appendix-b.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2025). *Six-year statistics on child protective services (Data as of October 31, 2025)*. <https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/reports-and-statistics/documents/ess-protective-services.pdf>

The next set of figures (Figures 2.11–2.18) show the RDIs for children in indicated investigations in FY2025 involving risk of harm, neglect, environmental neglect, lack of supervision/lock out, physical abuse, sexual abuse/human trafficking, emotional abuse, and substance exposure (see Appendix Tables E.11 – E.18). Please note that a child could have multiple indicated maltreatment types in one investigation. Black children were over-represented among indicated investigations of all maltreatment types compared to their percentage in the Illinois child population, with RDI ranging from 1.36 for indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations to 2.80 for indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations. White children were slightly over-represented among indicated environmental neglect (RDI = 1.20) and emotional abuse (RDI = 1.21) investigations; proportionately represented for indicated risk of harm (RDI = 0.82), sexual abuse/human trafficking (RDI = 0.92), and substance exposure (RDI = 1.14) investigations; and under-represented for indicated neglect (RDI = 0.80), lack of supervision/lock out (RDI = 0.69) and physical abuse (RDI = 0.77) investigations. Latinx children were under-represented for indicated investigations of all maltreatment types except for indicated risk of harm (RDI = 0.81), physical abuse (RDI = 0.83), and sexual abuse/human trafficking (RDI = 1.16), where they were proportionately represented. Multiracial children were under-represented for each indicated maltreatment type, as were Asian children, when included in the calculations.

Figure 2.11 Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (FY2025)

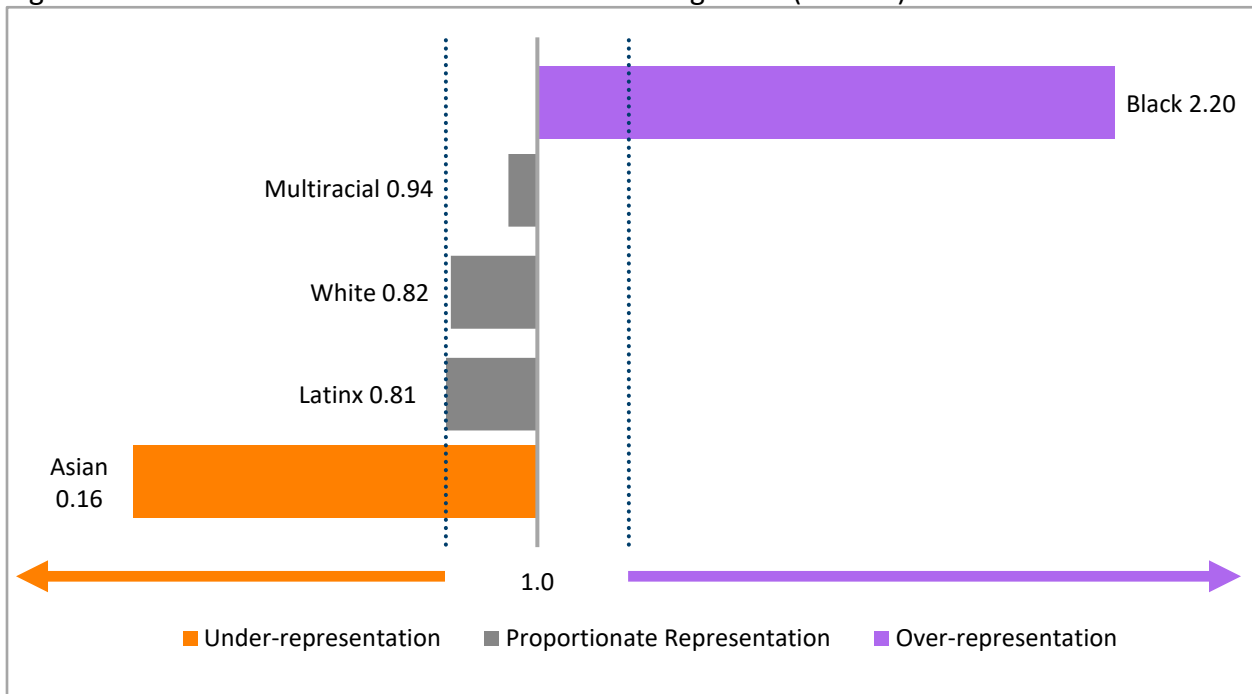


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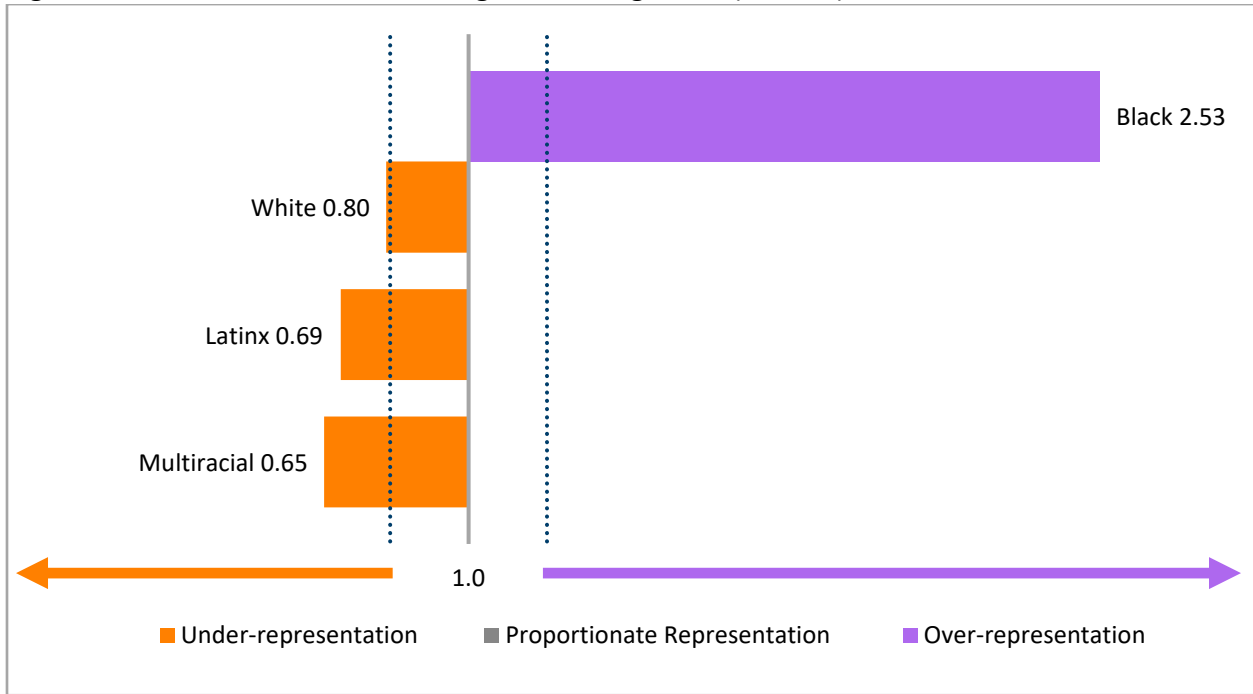


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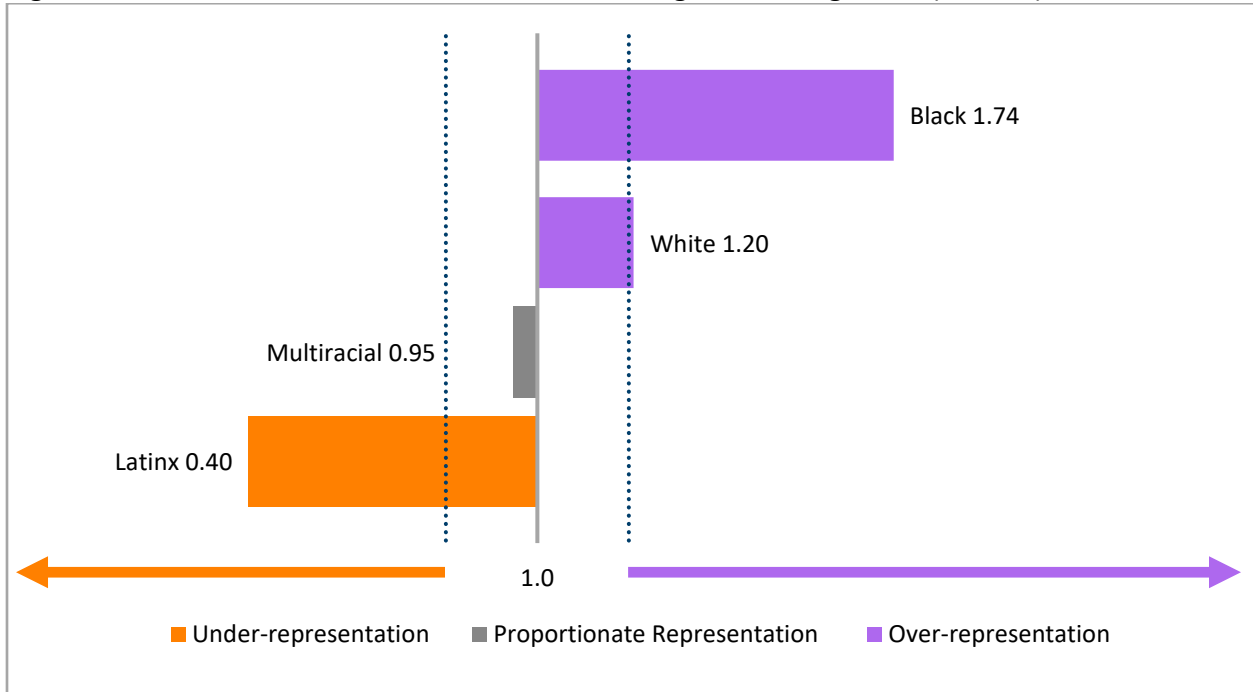


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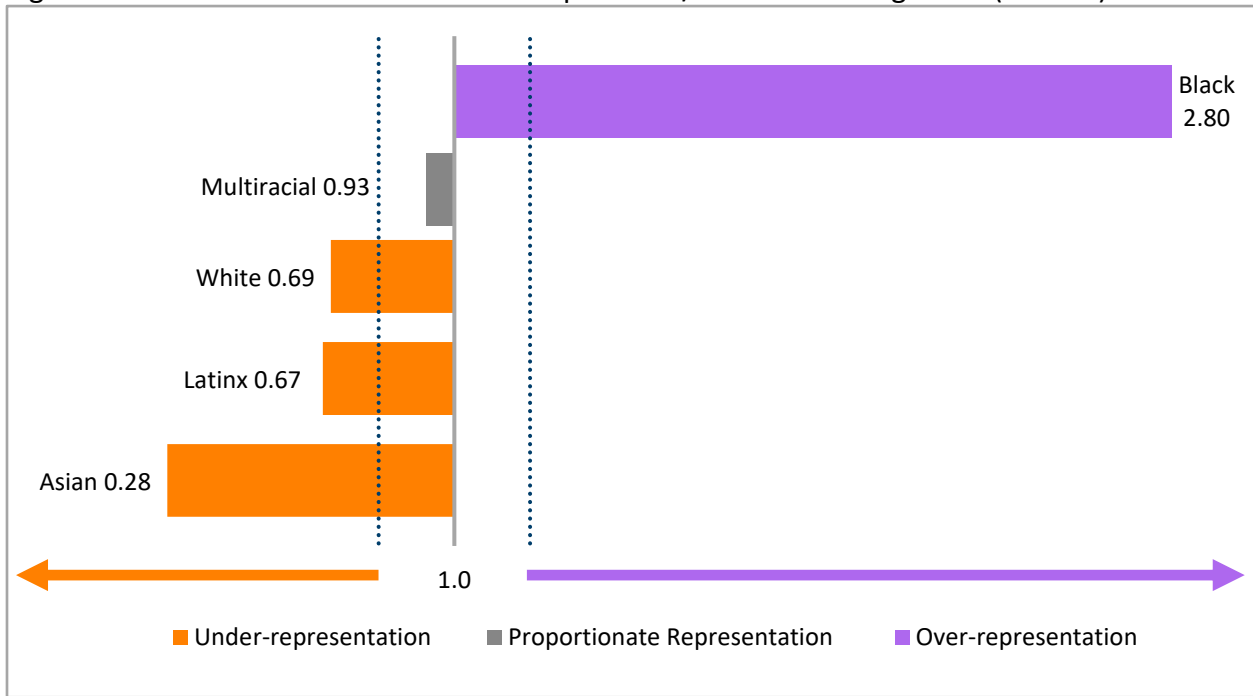


Figure 2.15 Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (FY2025)

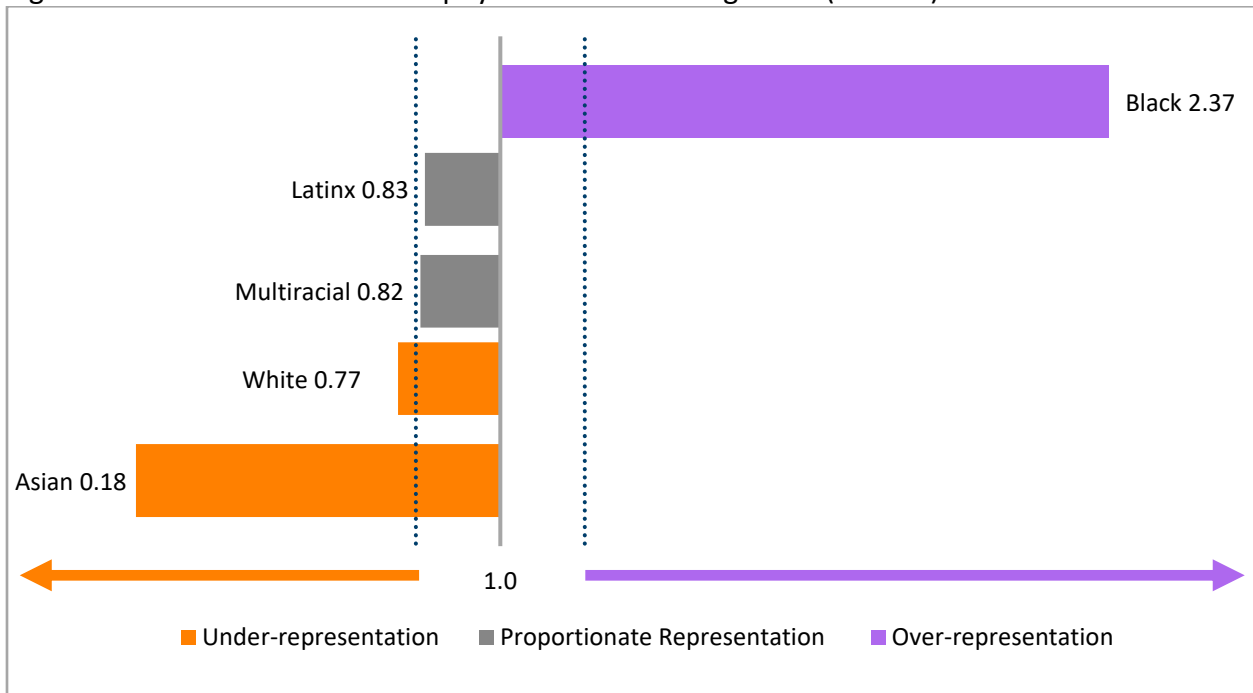


Figure 2.16 Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (FY2025)

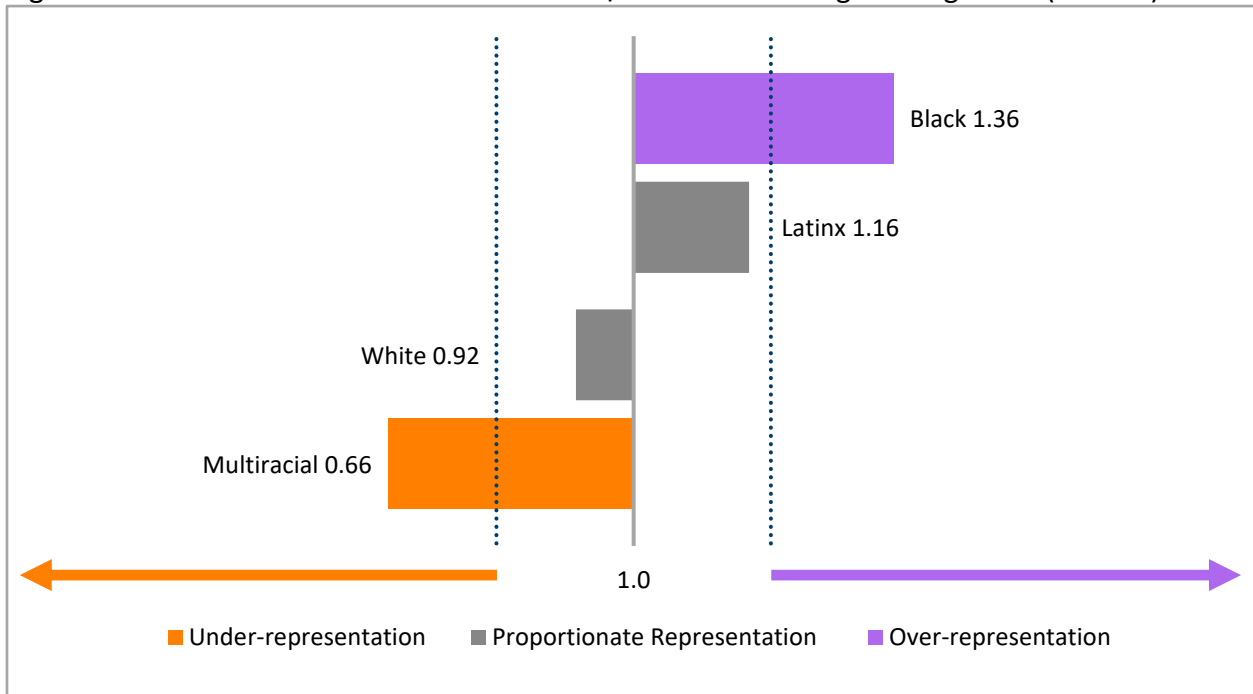


Figure 2.17 Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (FY2025)

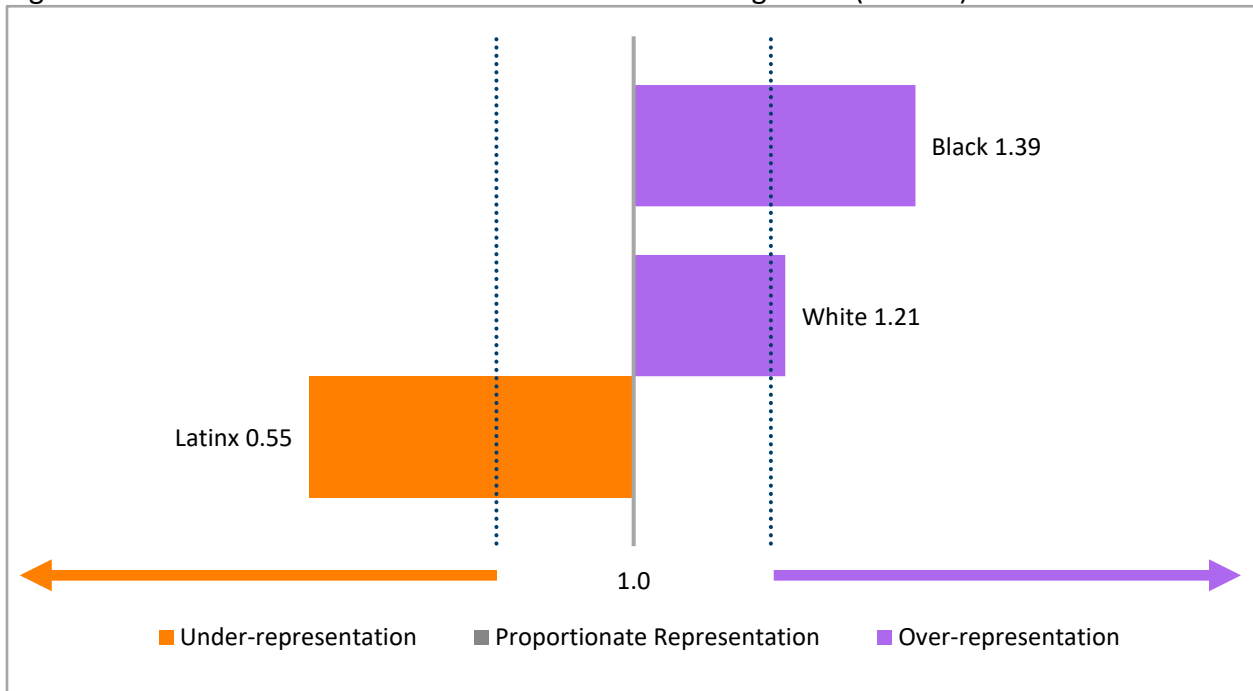
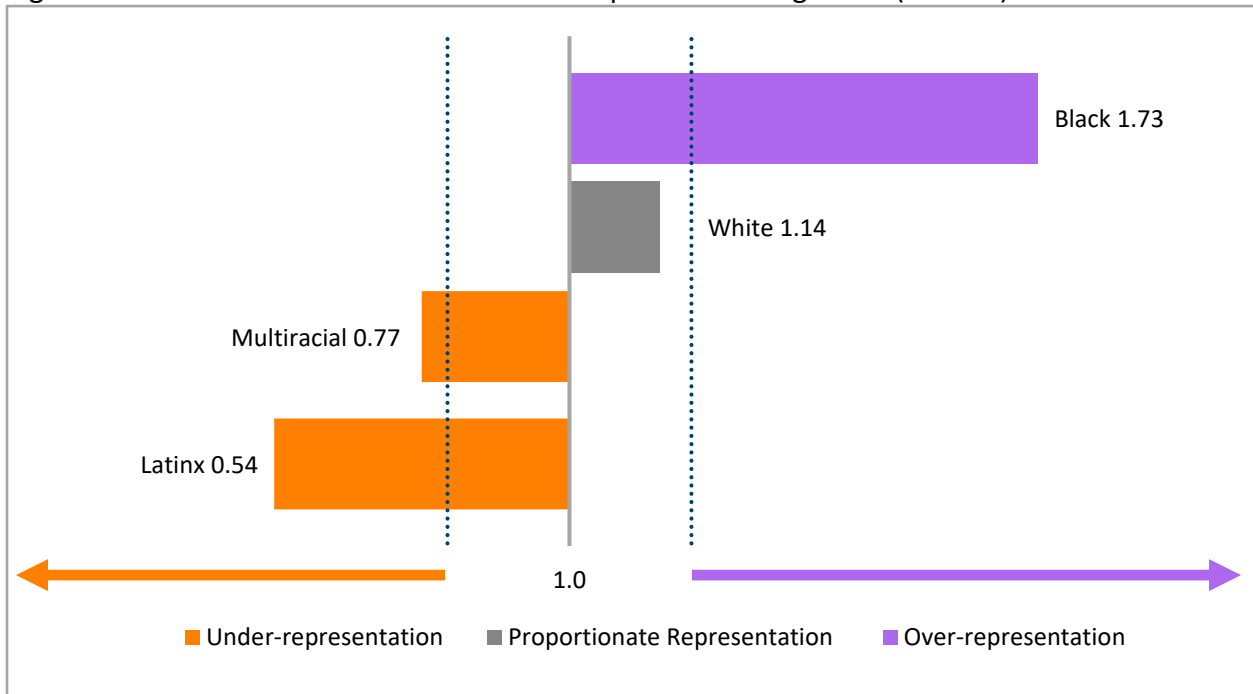


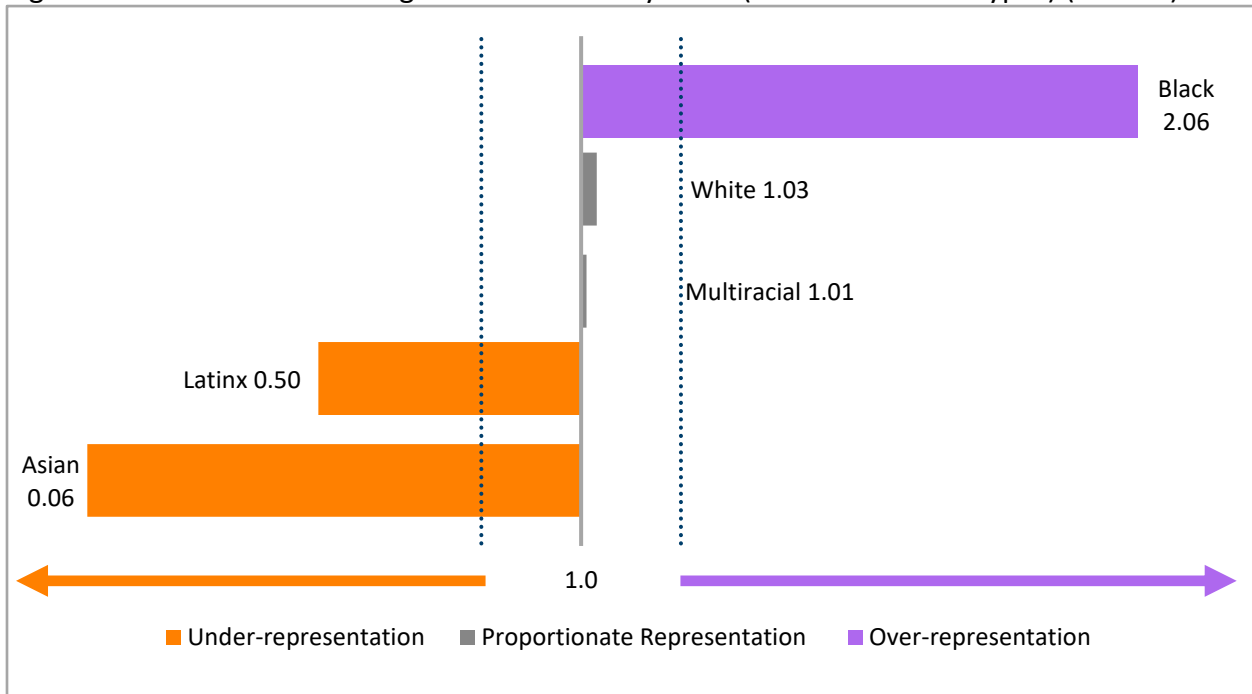
Figure 2.18 Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (FY2025)



**Investigations screened by the court.** There are several points at which an investigation may be screened with the State's Attorney Office for filing in juvenile court. When protective custody is taken, the investigator may meet in person with the Assistant State's Attorney (ASA) or may provide written documentation to the ASA that provides information about the case, such as interviews with witnesses, photographs, or other documentation on which the ASA can base a determination to file a juvenile court petition or not. The ASA may have additional questions about the information contained in the investigation or request additional investigation occur prior to deciding to file the petition.

Figure 2.19 shows the RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group who were involved in an investigation that was screened by the court (all maltreatment types) in FY2025, and Appendix Table E.19 shows the RDIs for this indicator for each racial/ethnic group over the past five fiscal years. The RDI for Black children was 2.06, which means that Black children were represented among investigations screened by the court at over twice their percentage in the Illinois child population. White children (RDI = 1.03) and multiracial children (RDI = 1.01) were proportionately represented. Latinx children were under-represented compared to their percentage in the Illinois child population (RDI = 0.50), as were Asian children (RDI = 0.06).

Figure 2.19 Children in investigations screened by court (all maltreatment types) (FY2025)



The next set of figures (Figures 2.20–2.27) show the RDIs for children in risk of harm, neglect, environmental neglect, lack of supervision/lock out, physical abuse, sexual abuse/human trafficking, emotional abuse, and substance exposure investigations screened by the courts in FY2025 (see Appendix Tables E.20–E.27). Please note that a child could have multiple maltreatment types in one investigation and could therefore be included in more than one of these indicators. For each maltreatment type except for sexual abuse/human trafficking (where they were proportionately represented), Black children were over-represented among investigations screened by the court compared to their representation in the Illinois child population, with RDI ranging from 1.62 for environmental neglect to 2.68 for lack of supervision/lock out. White children were proportionately represented in the investigations screened by the court for risk of harm, neglect, lack of supervision/lock out, physical abuse, and emotional abuse, and were over-represented for environmental neglect (RDI = 1.22), sexual abuse/human trafficking (RDI = 1.22), and substance exposure (RDI = 1.31) investigations screened by the courts. Latinx children were under-represented for all maltreatment types screened by the court in FY2025.

Figure 2.20 Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (FY2025)

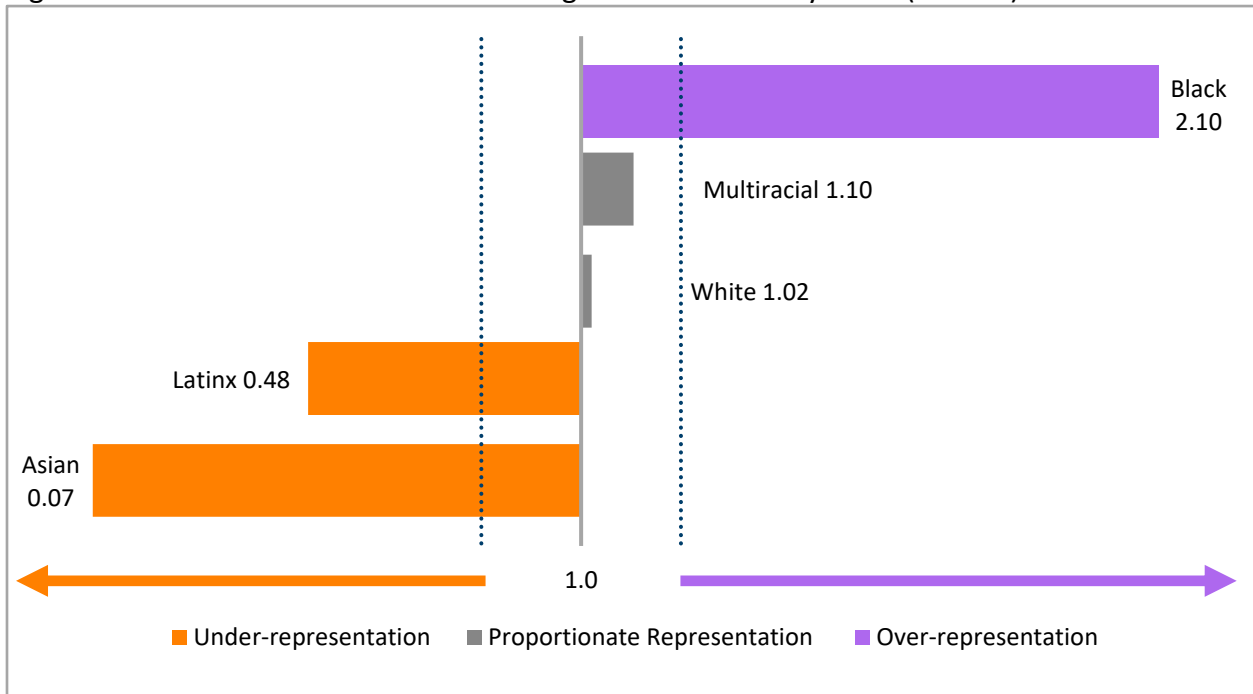


Figure 2.21 Children in neglect investigations screened by court (FY2025)

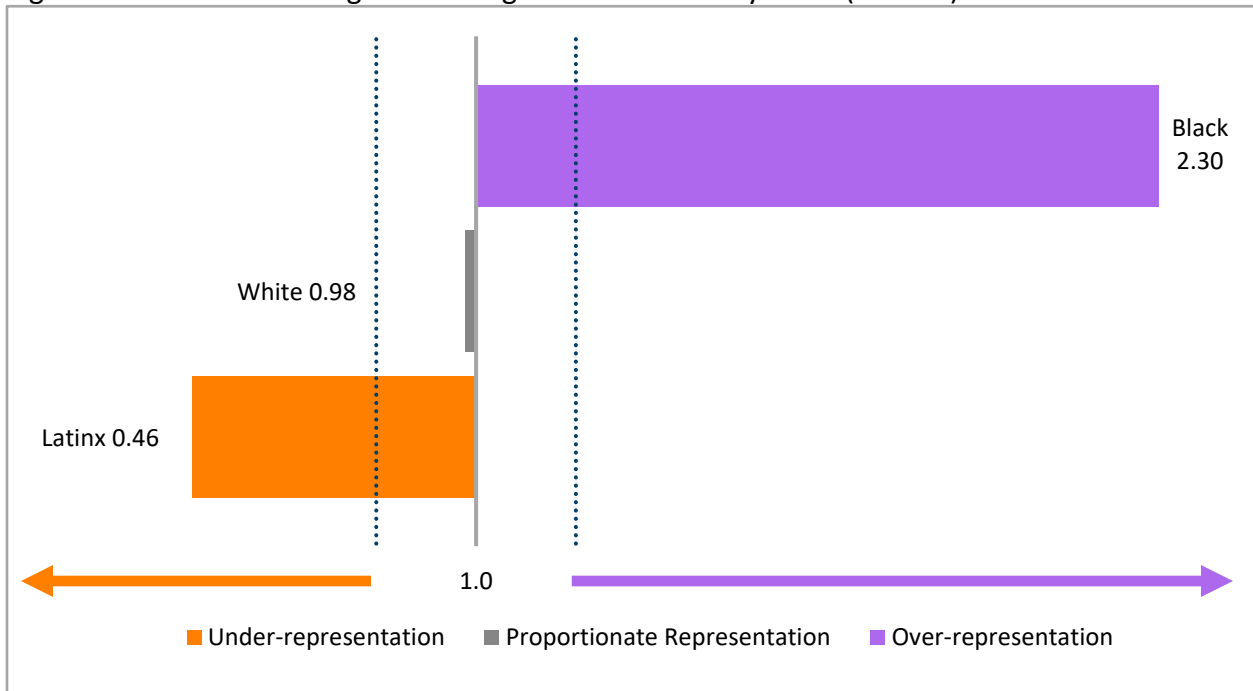


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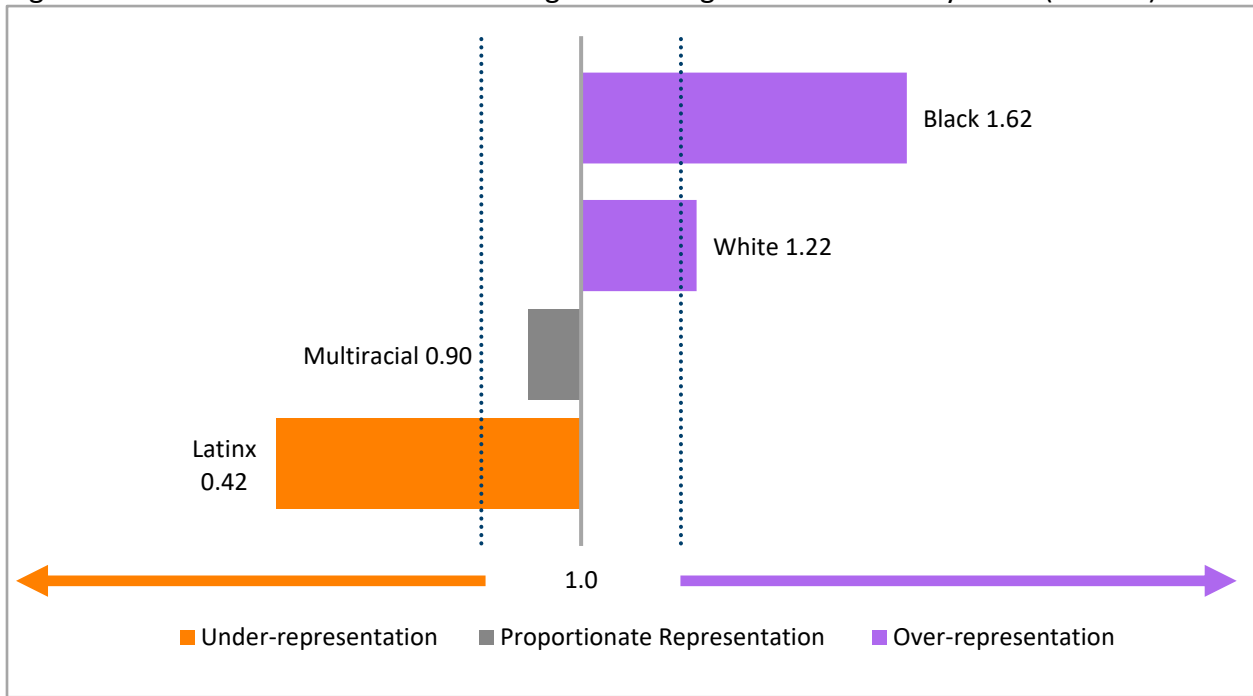


Figure 2.23 Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court (FY2025)

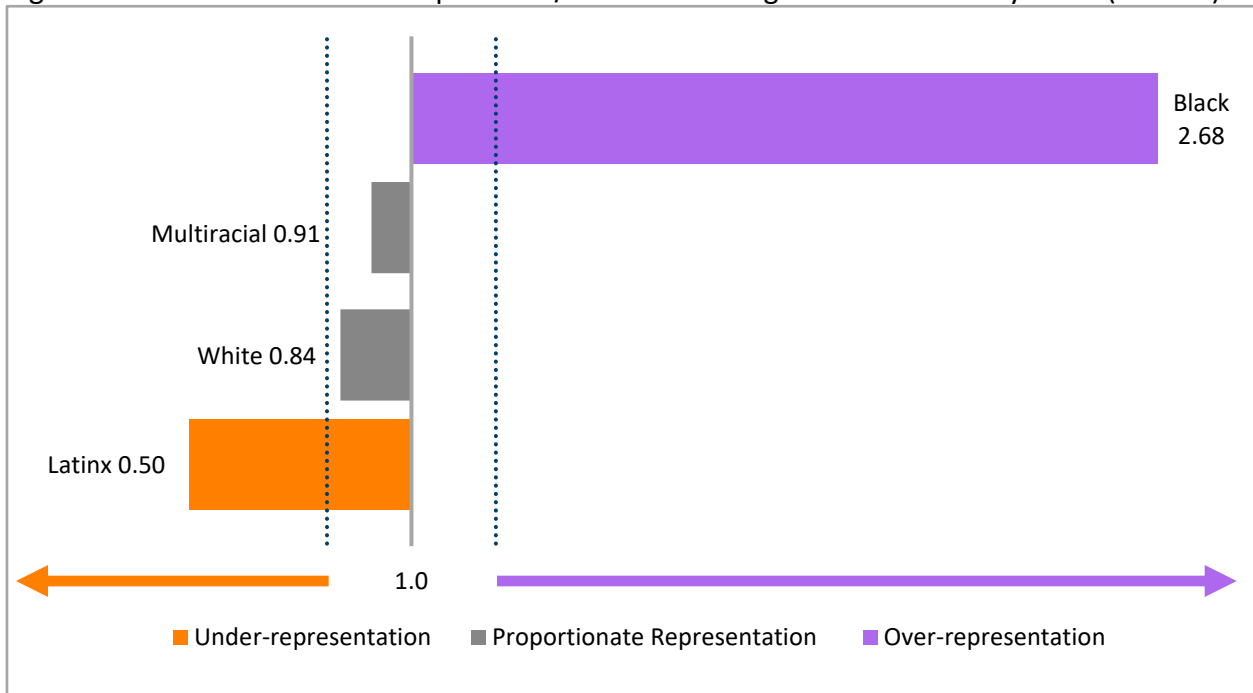


Figure 2.24 Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (FY2025)

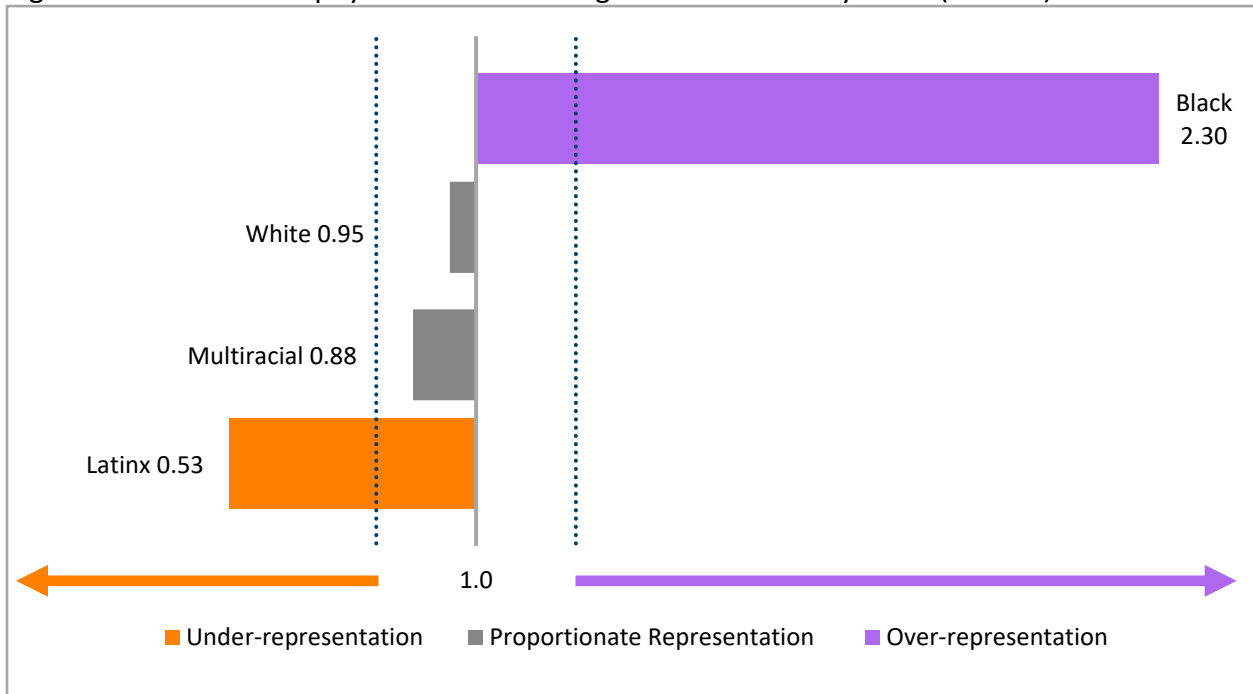


Figure 2.25 Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court (FY2025)

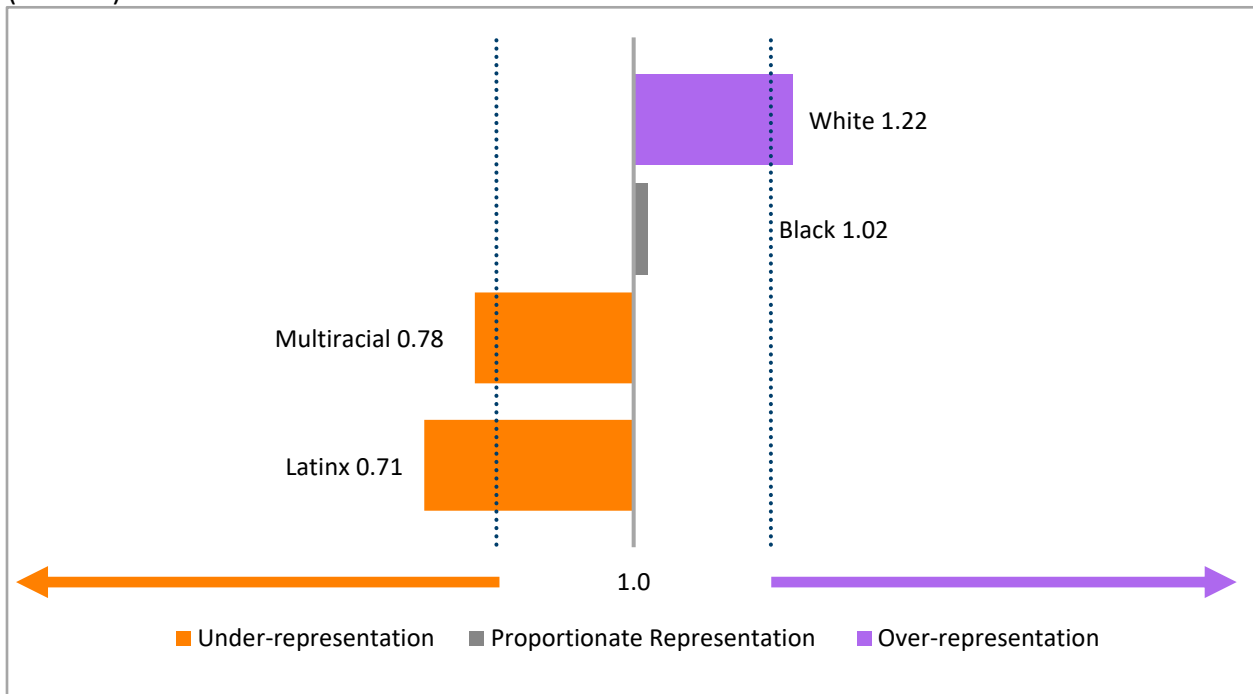


Figure 2.26 Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (FY2025)

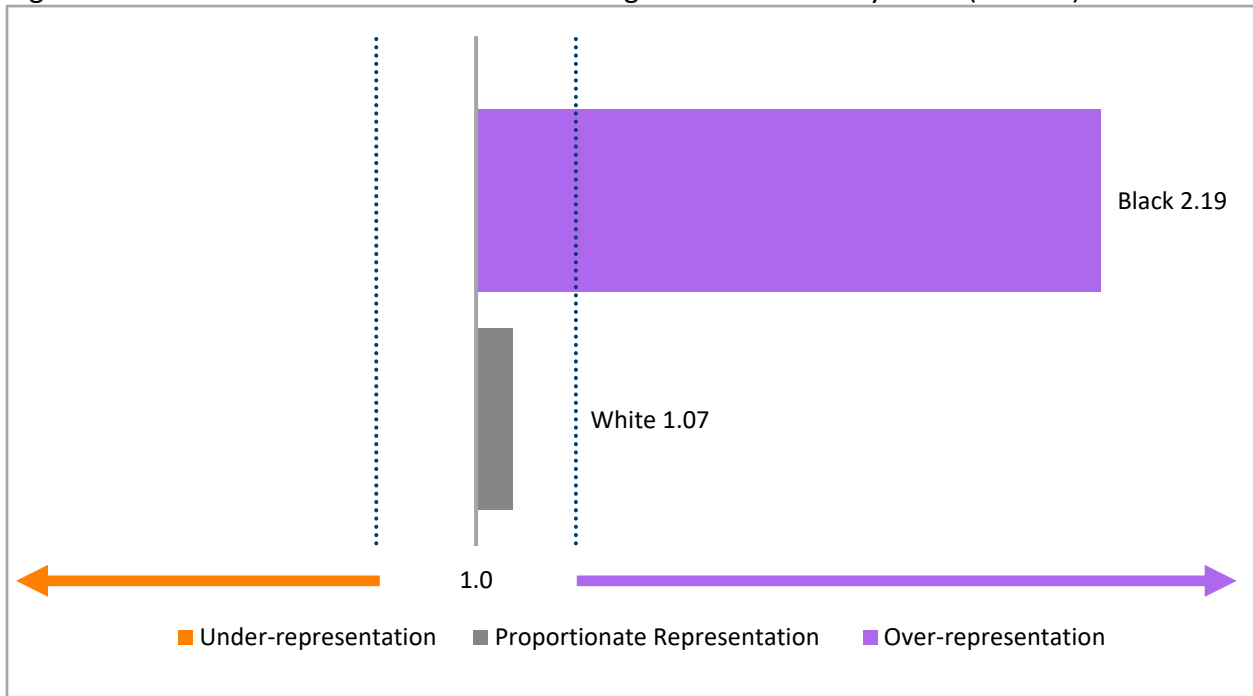
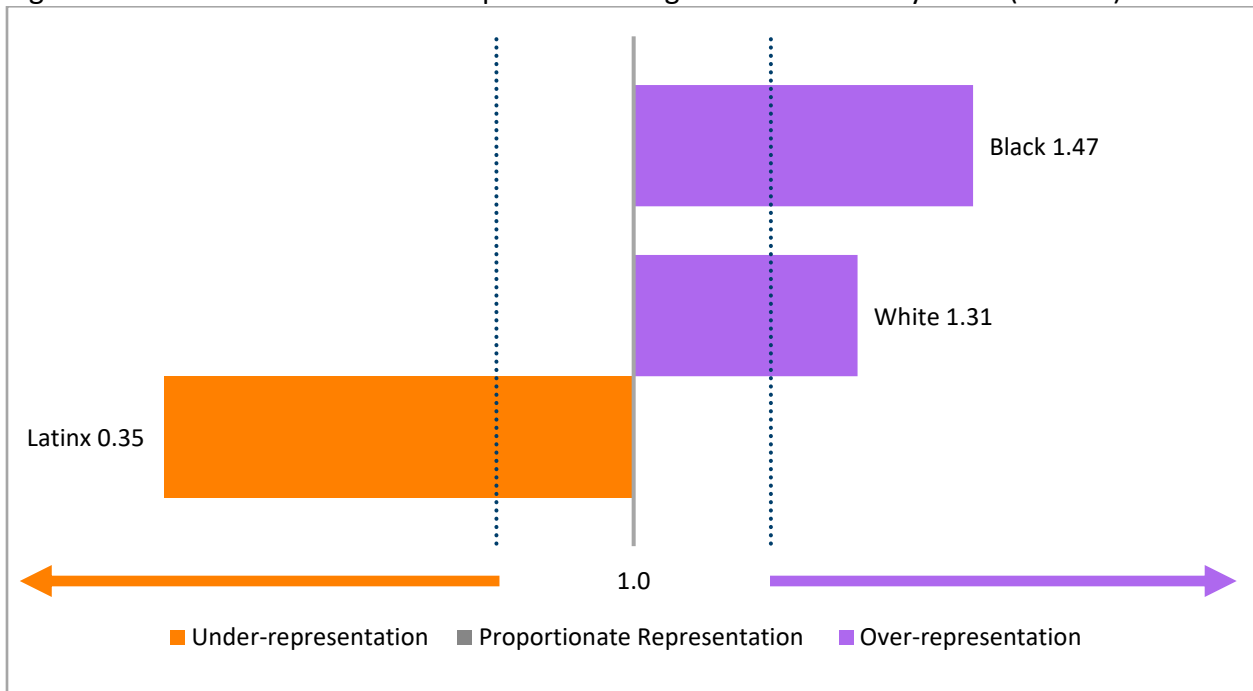


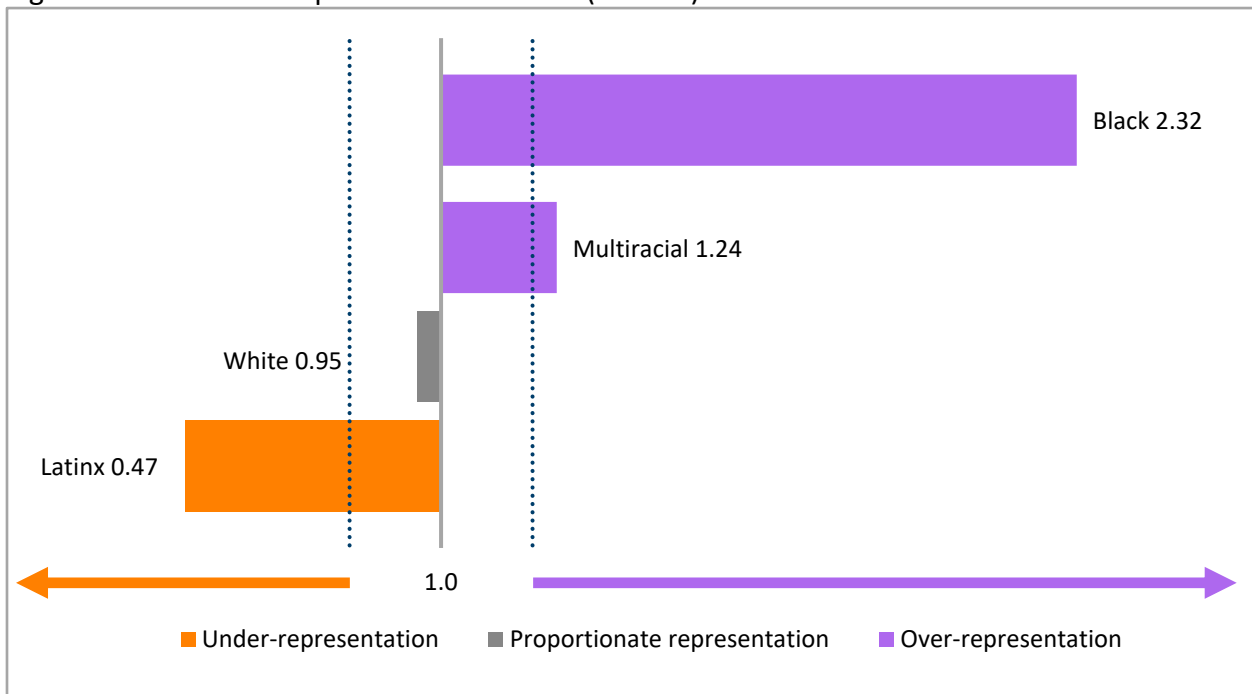
Figure 2.27 Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (FY2025)



**Protective custodies.** During an investigation, a child protective services (CPS) worker can take protective custody of a child if he or she believes that the child is unsafe in the home or with the caregiver; the child is taken into care for up to 48 hours (excluding weekends) until a shelter care hearing is convened. Appendix Table G.7 shows the numbers and percentages of children in each racial/ethnic group that were taken into protective custody over the last five fiscal years.

Figure 2.28 shows the RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group taken into protective custodies in FY2025, and Appendix Table E.28 shows the RDIs for this indicator for each racial/ethnic group over the past five fiscal years. The RDI for Black children taken into protective custody was 2.32, which means that Black children were represented among protective custodies at over twice their percentage in the Illinois child population. Multiracial children were also over-represented (RDI = 1.24). White children were proportionately represented in protective custodies compared to their representation in the Illinois population (RDI = 0.95) and Latinx children were under-represented (RDI = 0.47).

Figure 2.28 Children in protective custodies (FY2025)



**Safety plans.** During an investigation, the child protection specialist must assess the safety of all children in the household using a structured safety assessment protocol known as the Child Endangerment Risk Assessment Protocol (CERAP). Current practice for use of the CERAP is described in DCFS Procedures 300 Appendix G.<sup>10</sup> The first step in completing a CERAP is the

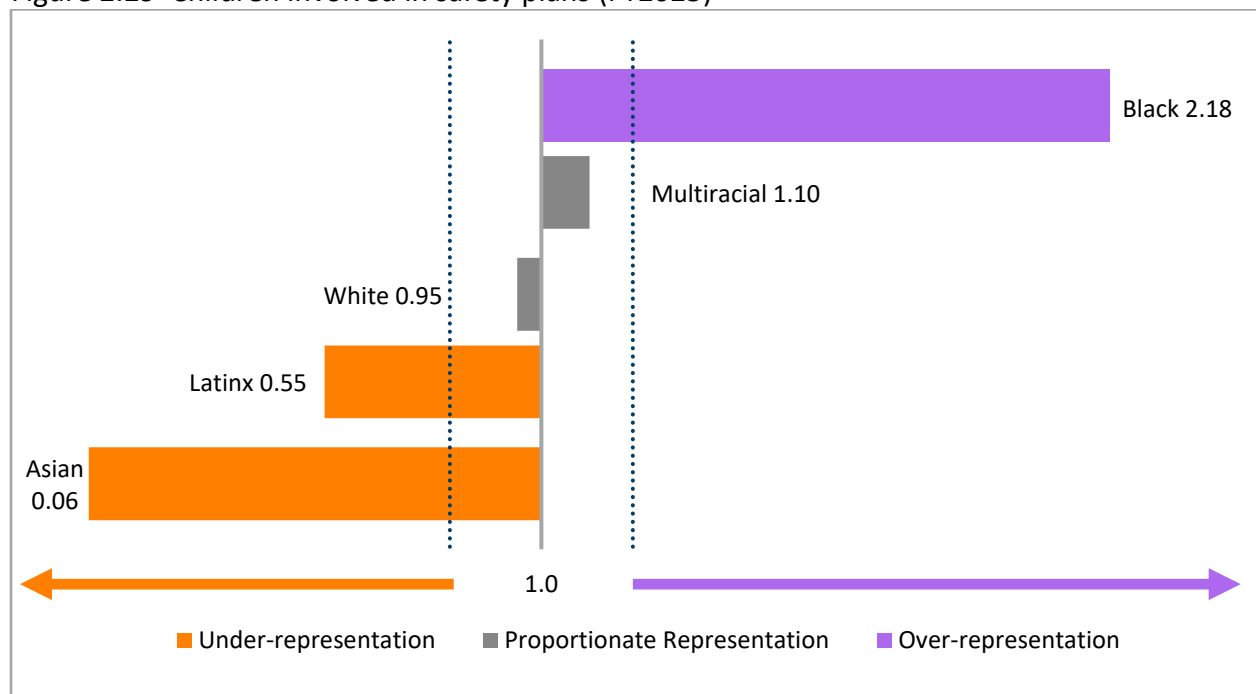
<sup>10</sup> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2015, October 9). *Procedures 300: Reports of child abuse and neglect, Appendix C to L*. Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

safety threat assessment. Safety threats are behaviors or conditions that may be associated with a child or children being in danger of moderate to severe harm immediately or in the near future. When one or more safety threats have been identified, the worker describes any family strengths or actions that may mitigate the threat to child safety.

Based on an analysis of the safety threats, family strengths, and mitigating circumstances, the worker makes a safety decision of either safe or unsafe. If no safety threats are identified or if one or more safety threats are identified and all are adequately controlled by family strengths or actions, all involved children are assessed as safe. If one or more safety threats have been identified and are not controlled by family strengths or actions, the children are assessed as unsafe. If one or more children are assessed as unsafe, a safety plan must be developed and implemented or protective custody must be taken to avoid immediate danger to a child.

Figure 2.29 shows the RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group involved in safety plans in FY2025, and Appendix Table E.29 shows the RDIs for this indicator for each racial/ethnic group over the past five fiscal years. The RDI for Black children involved in safety plans in FY2025 was 2.18, which means that Black children were included in safety plans at over twice their percentage in the Illinois child population. White and multiracial children were proportionately represented in safety plans in FY2025 compared to their representation in the Illinois population while Latinx and Asian children were under-represented.

Figure 2.29 Children involved in safety plans (FY2025)

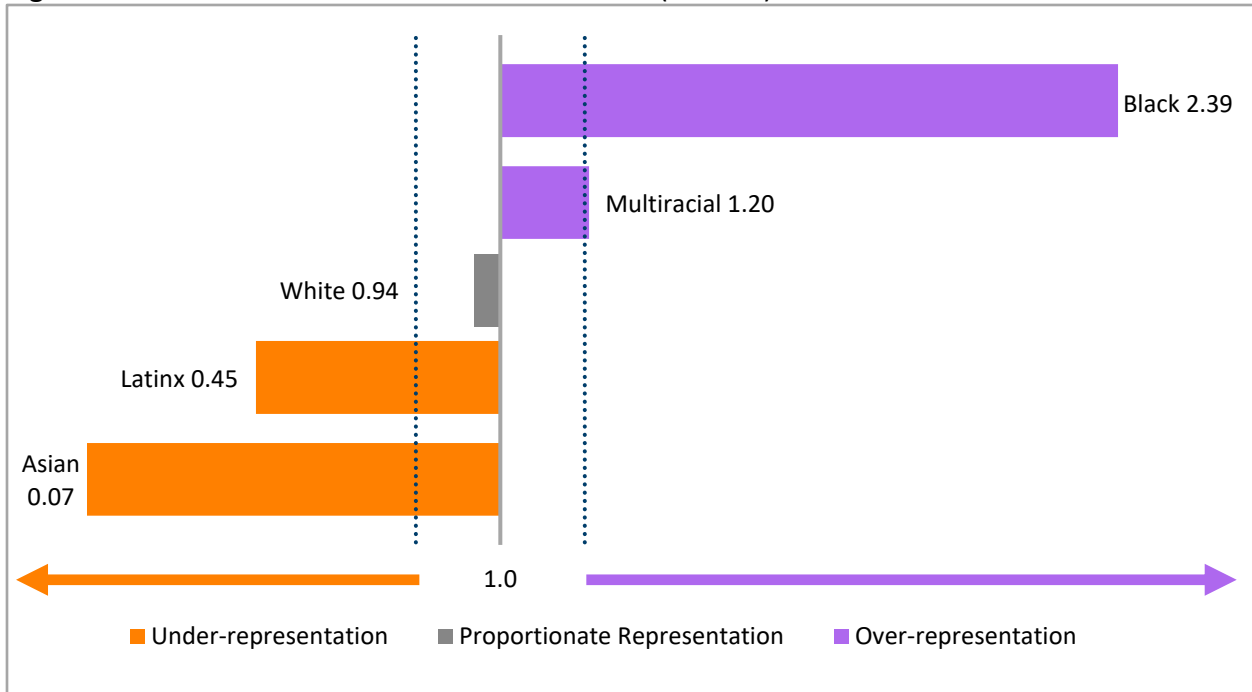


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**Substitute care entries.** At the conclusion of the investigation, if the child welfare worker concludes that "there are safety threats that cannot be controlled or mitigated through the service provision,"<sup>11</sup> the child may be removed from their home and placed into substitute care. Appendix Table G.9 shows the numbers and percentages of children in each racial/ethnic group that were placed in substitute care over the last five fiscal years.

Figure 2.30 shows the RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group that entered substitute care in FY2025, and Appendix Table E.30 shows the RDI for this indicator for each racial/ethnic group over the past five fiscal years. The RDI for Black children entering care in FY2025 was 2.39, which means that Black children entered substitute care at over twice their in the Illinois child population. Multiracial children were also over-represented (RDI = 1.20). White children were proportionately represented among children entering care in FY2025 compared to their representation in the Illinois population while Latinx and Asian children were under-represented.

Figure 2.30 Children who entered substitute care (FY2025)



<sup>11</sup> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2015). *Procedures 300 section 130: Reports of child abuse and neglect*. [https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/notices/Documents/procedures\\_300.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/notices/Documents/procedures_300.pdf)

## Substitute Care Indicators

**Substitute care placement types.** The Department defines placement services to include “foster family or relative home care, care provided in a group home or child care institution or other institution. Placement is intended to be a temporary situation for the children during the time that the parents' ability to care for the child is being evaluated or the parents are receiving services to alleviate the problems in the home so the family can be reunited.”<sup>12</sup> When it is in the best interest of a child to be placed in substitute care, it is both federal and state policy “to place a child in the least restrictive and most family-like setting that will meet the needs of the child.”<sup>13</sup> In 1996, Congress required states to include in their Title IV-E state plans a provision that indicated the state shall consider giving preference to an adult relative over a non-related caregiver when determining a placement for a child, provided that the relative caregiver meets all relevant child protection standards. In Illinois, Department policy states that “placement in a family home is the least restrictive and thus the preferable placement choice for a child when a family will be able to meet the needs of the child. However, if a child needs treatment which can best be provided in a group home or child care institution, the child need not be placed in a foster family home prior to placement in a treatment setting” (p. 39).<sup>14</sup>

The next section examines the placement types of children during the fiscal year. There are four placement types included in the analyses: kinship foster care, traditional foster care, specialized foster care, and congregate care (please see Appendix C for the data definitions of these four placement types). *Kinship foster care* involves placement of children with relatives in the relatives' homes. Relatives are the preferred placement for children who must be removed from their parents, as this kind of placement maintains the children's connections with their families. In Illinois, kinship care providers may be licensed or unlicensed. *Traditional foster care* involves placement of children with non-relative foster parents in the non-relative's home. Traditional foster parents have been trained, assessed, and licensed to provide shelter and care. *Specialized foster care* involves placement of children with foster parents who have been specially trained to care for children with certain medical or behavioral needs. *Congregate care* refers to placement in a group homes or institution.

The next set of figures show the RDIs for children placed in kinship foster care (Figure 2.31), traditional foster care (Figure 2.32), specialized foster care (Figure 2.33) and congregate care (Figure 2.34) placements in FY2025 (see Appendix Tables E.31–E.34). Please note that children could have more than one placement type during the fiscal year and were included in the counts for each placement type they experienced. Also note that the comparison population for these RDI was children in substitute care during the fiscal year rather than children in Illinois

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<sup>12</sup> Illinois Administrative Code, Title 89, § 301.30 (1999) *Introduction. Part 301 Placement and Visitation Services.* <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/089/089003010A00300R.html>

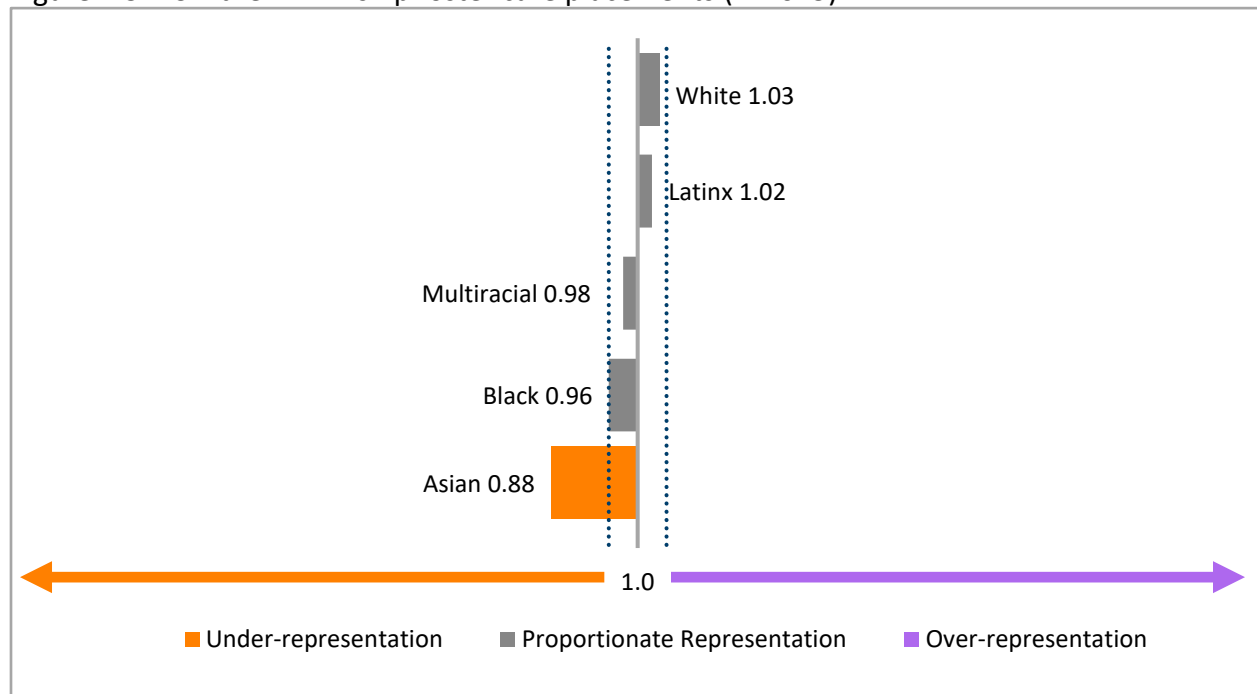
<sup>13</sup> United States Congress. (1980). *Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980*, Pub. L. No. 96-272, 94 Stat. 500. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/96th-congress/house-bill/3434>

<sup>14</sup> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2023). *Procedures 301: Placement and visitation services.* <https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/policy-rules-and-forms/documents/procedures/procedures-301.pdf>

child population.<sup>15</sup> In Figures 2.31 through 2.44, the two dotted vertical lines indicate the upper and lower thresholds for proportionate representation (RDI = 1.04 and 0.96, respectively).

The results show that in FY2025, Black children were proportionately represented in kinship care placements (RDI = 0.96) and traditional foster care placements (RDI = 1.04) compared to their percentage in the substitute care population and over-represented in specialized foster care (RDI = 1.28) and congregate care (RDI = 1.21) placements. White children were proportionately represented in kinship care placements compared to their percentage in the substitute care population and under-represented in traditional foster care placements (RDI = 0.95), specialized foster care (RDI = 0.77), and congregate care (RDI = 0.87) placements. Latinx children were proportionately represented in kinship, traditional, and specialized foster care placements compared to their percentage in the substitute care population but were under-represented in congregate care (RDI = 0.78) placements in FY2025. Multiracial children were proportionately represented in kinship foster care placements (RDI = 0.98), specialized foster care (RDI = 0.98), and congregate care (RDI = 1.02), and over-represented in traditional foster care placements (RDI = 1.13).

Figure 2.31 Children in kinship foster care placements (FY2025)



<sup>15</sup> For the substitute care indicators, over-representation is defined as an RDI of 1.05 or larger, proportionate representation is defined as an RDI between 0.96 and 1.04, and under-representation is defined as an RDI of 0.95 or smaller.

Figure 2.32 Children in traditional foster care placements (FY2025)

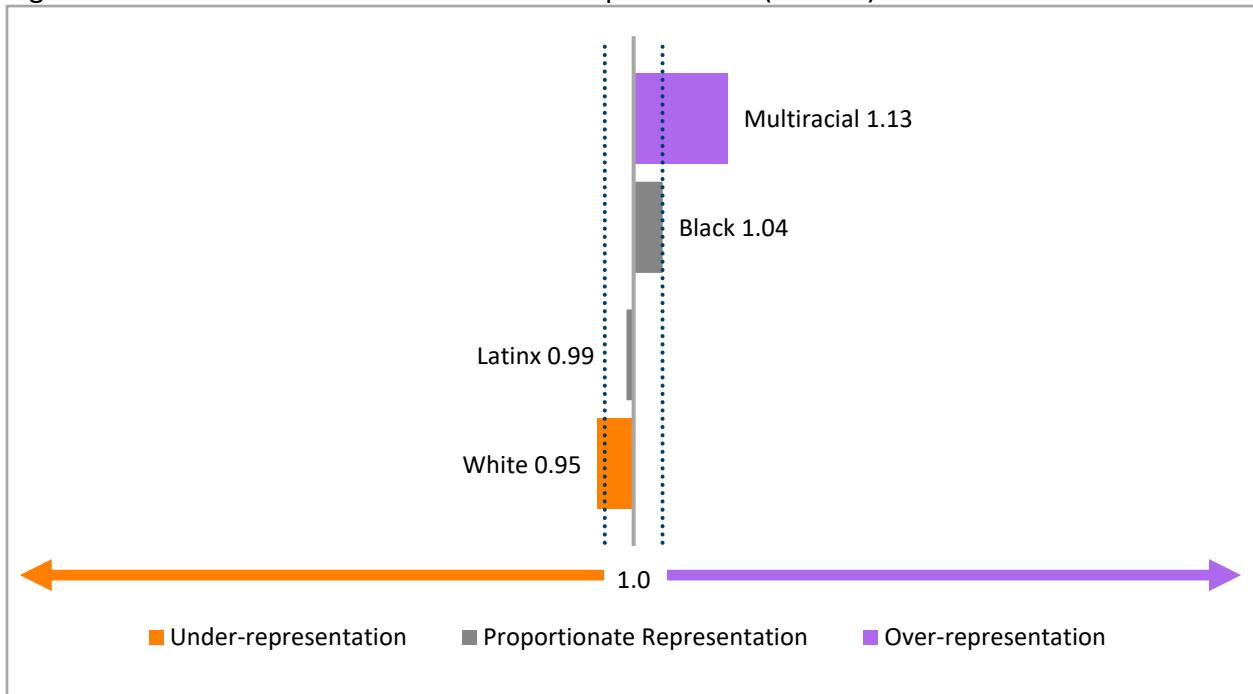


Figure 2.33 Children in specialized foster care placements (FY2025)

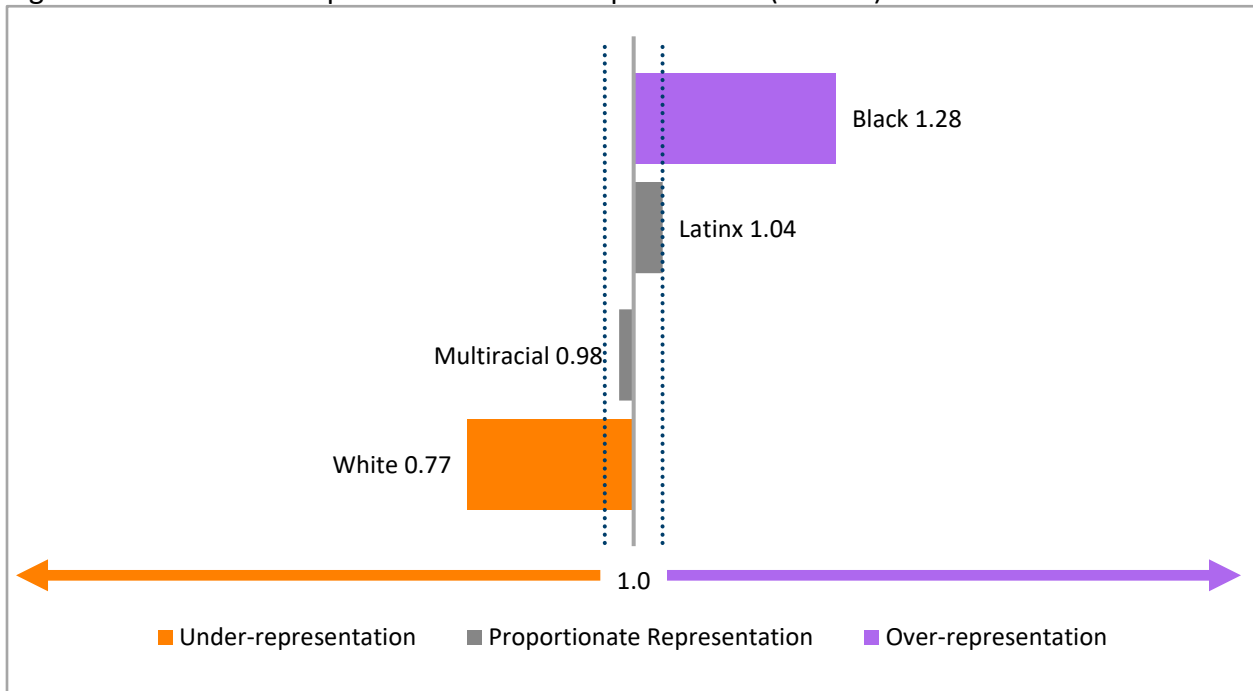
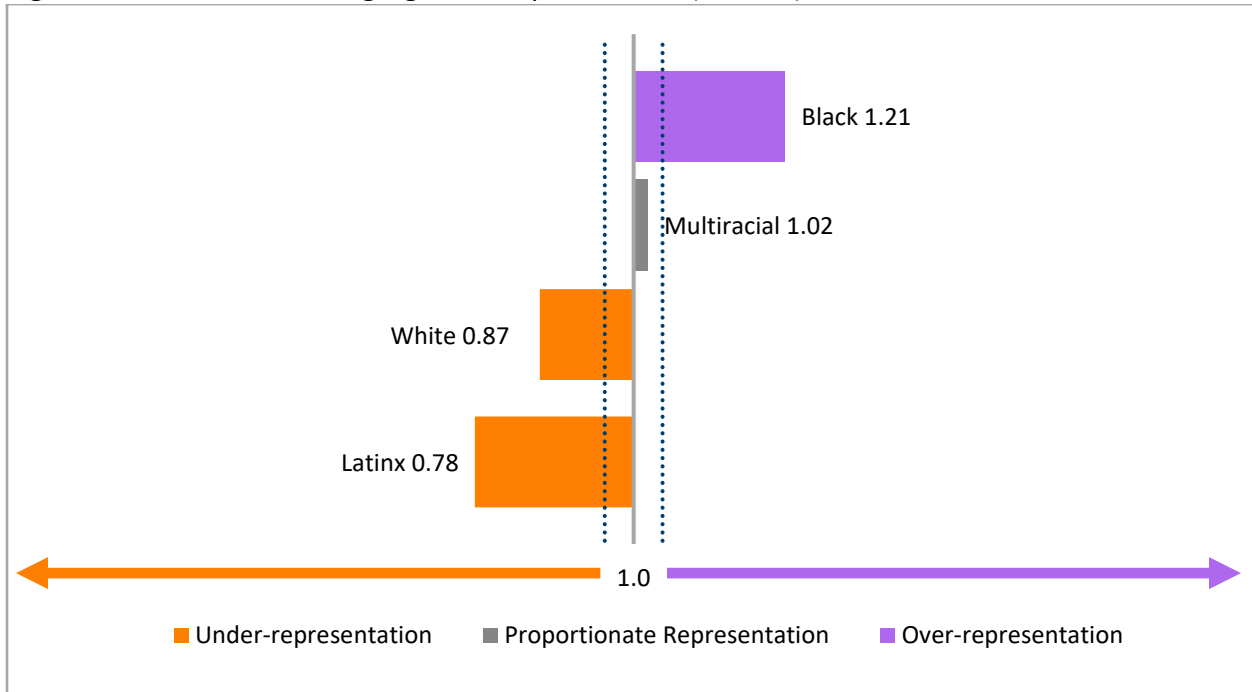


Figure 2.34 Children in congregate care placements (FY2025)



**Length of time in substitute care.** Children should not languish in foster care. The state may need to take custody of children to keep them safe, but they should not be raised in a substitute care setting for long periods of time. Once a child is placed in substitute care, the goal is to move them out of care as quickly as it is safe and reasonable to do so. To examine the length of time that children spend in substitute care, the current report examines the percentage of children who remain in care for less than 12 months (Figure 2.35), 12–23 months (Figure 2.36), 24–35 months (Figure 2.37), 36–47 months (Figure 2.38), 48–59 months (Figure 2.39), and 60 or more months (Figure 2.40) before achieving legal permanence through reunification with their family, adoption, or guardianship/living with relatives. See Appendix Tables E.35–E.40 for the RDIs over the past five fiscal years and Appendix Table G.11 for the numbers and percentages of children in each racial/ethnic group by length of stay in care over the past five fiscal years.

The results in these figures show that Black children were under-represented among those who remained in care less than 12 months, 12–23 months, 24–35 months, 36–47 months, and 48–59 months, and over-represented among children who remained in care 60 or more months before exiting (RDI = 1.31). Conversely, White children were over-represented among those who remained in care for less than 12 months, 12–23 months, 24–35 months, 36–47 months, and 48–59 months, and under-represented among children who remained in care 60 or more months before exiting (RDI = 0.75). In other words, Black children are over-represented among the children who remain in care longer than five years before achieving permanent families and White children are over-represented among children who exit substitute care in less than five years.

Figure 2.35 Children in substitute care less than 12 months before exiting (FY2025)

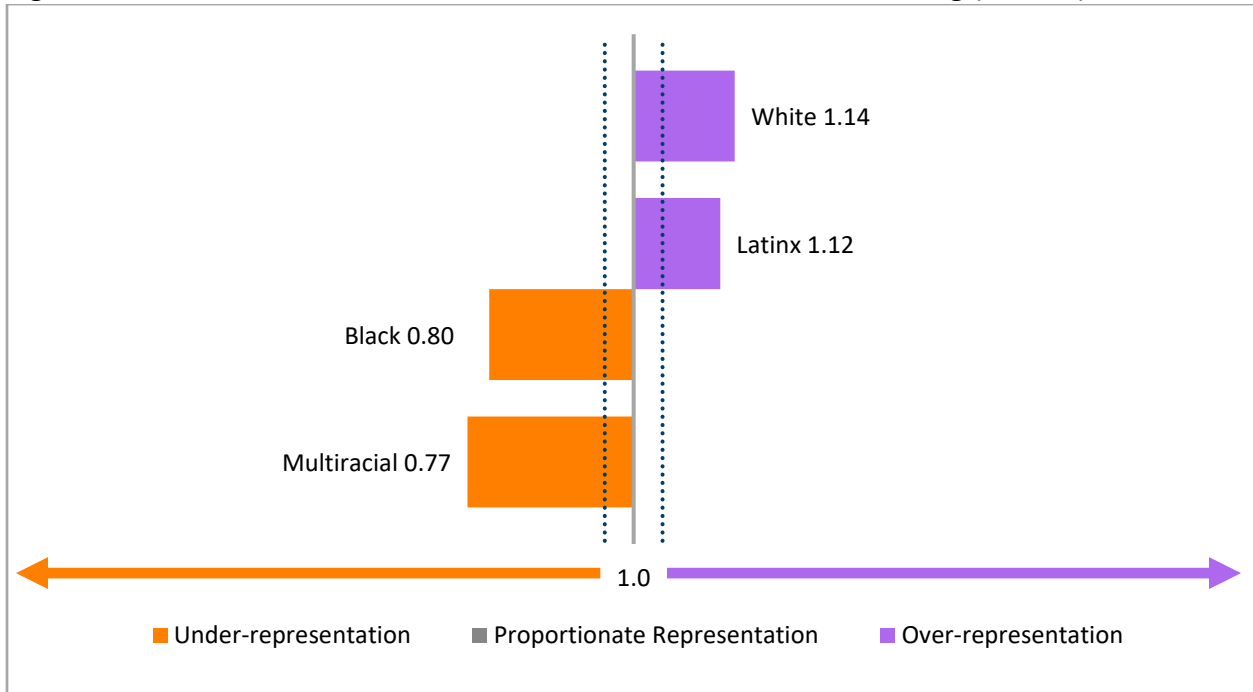


Figure 2.36 Children in substitute care 12–23 months before exiting (FY2025)

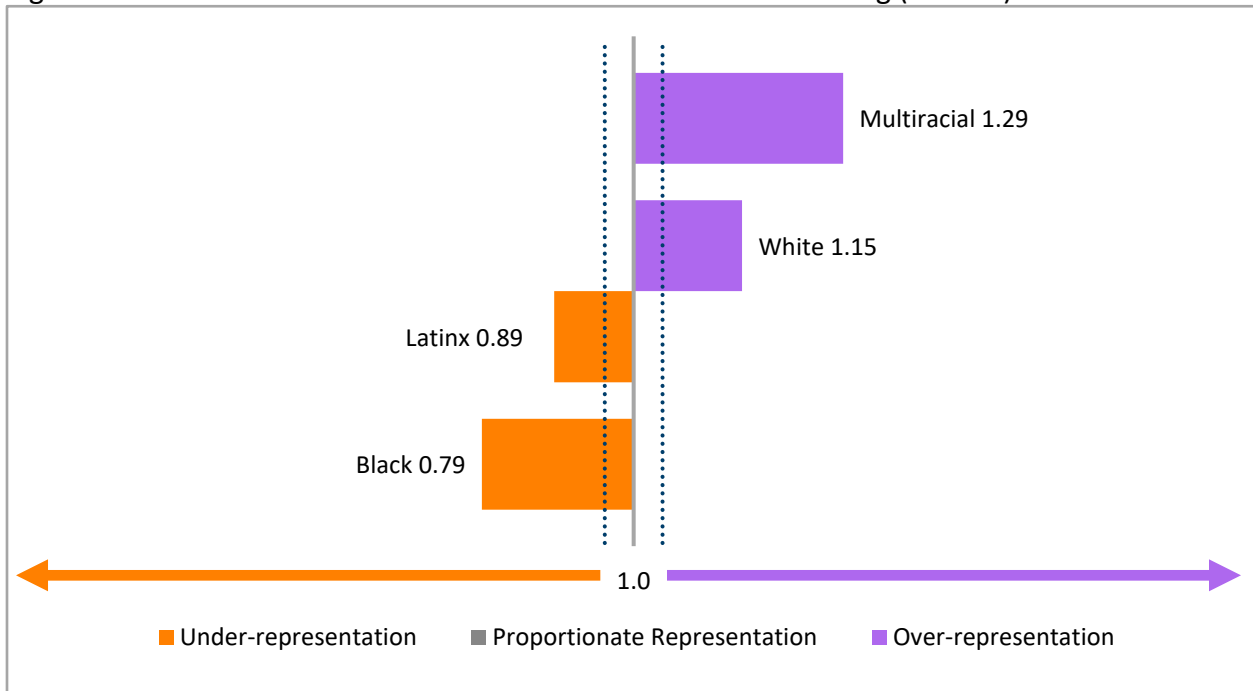


Figure 2.37 Children in substitute care 24–35 months before exiting (FY2025)

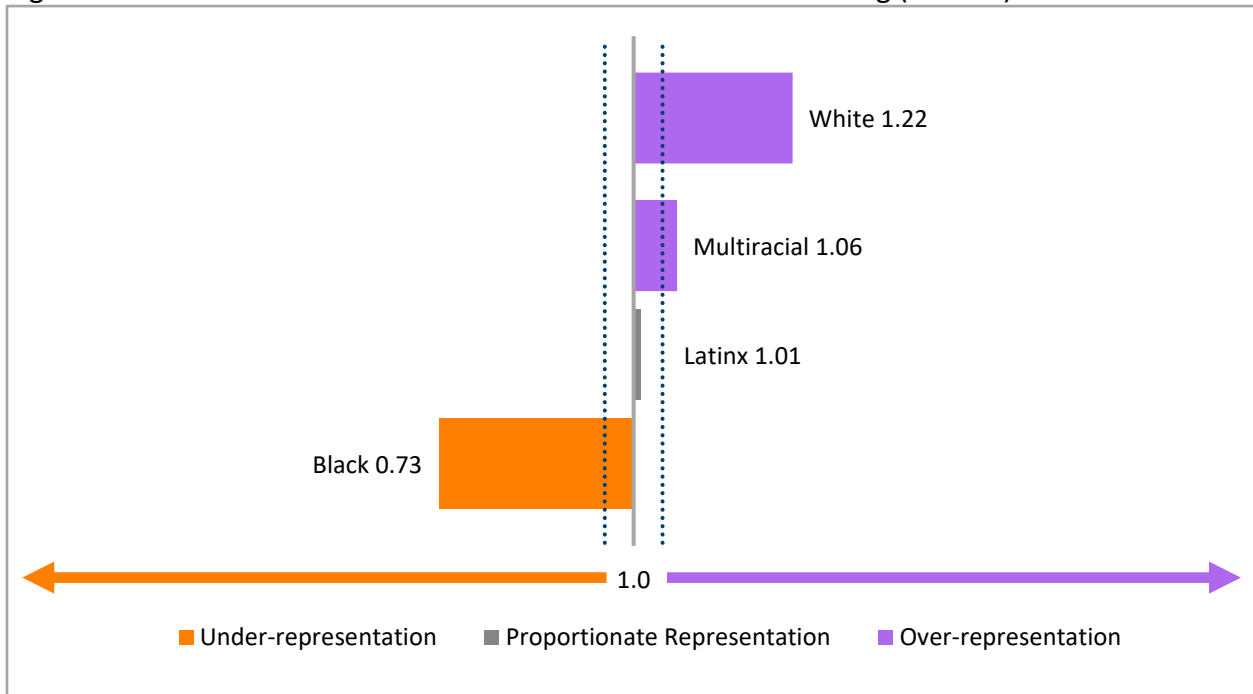


Figure 2.38 Children in substitute care 36–47 months before exiting (FY2025)

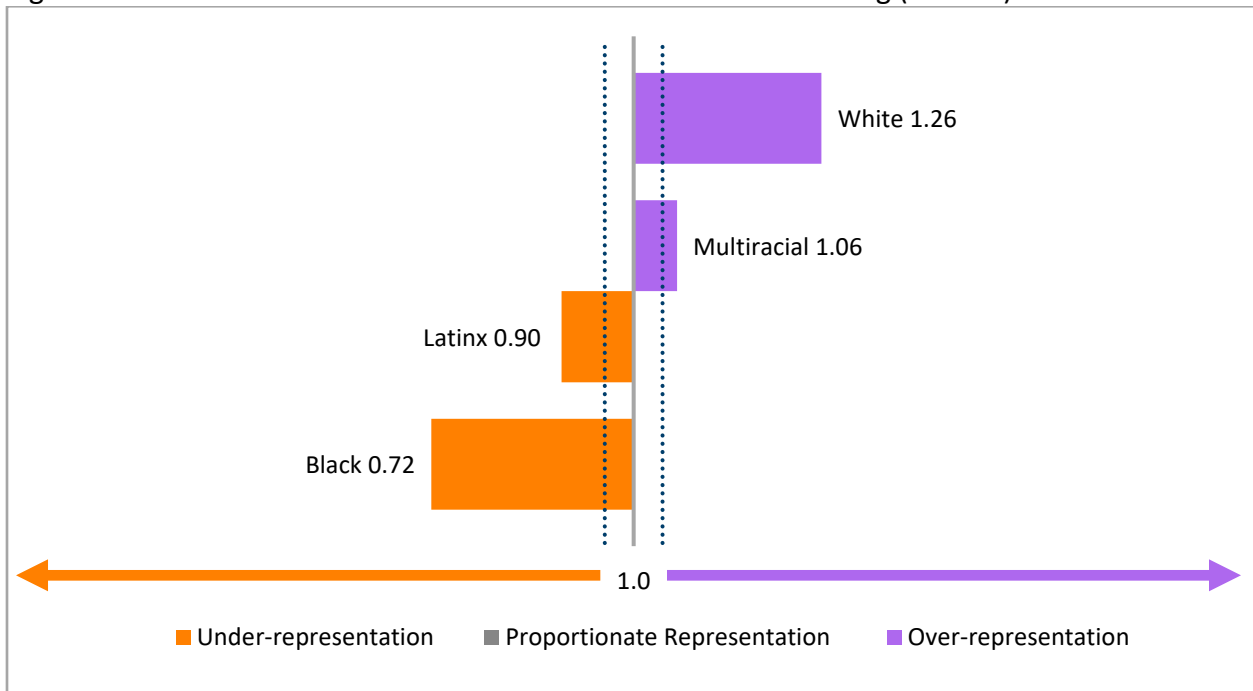


Figure 2.39 Children in substitute care 48–59 months before exiting (FY2025)

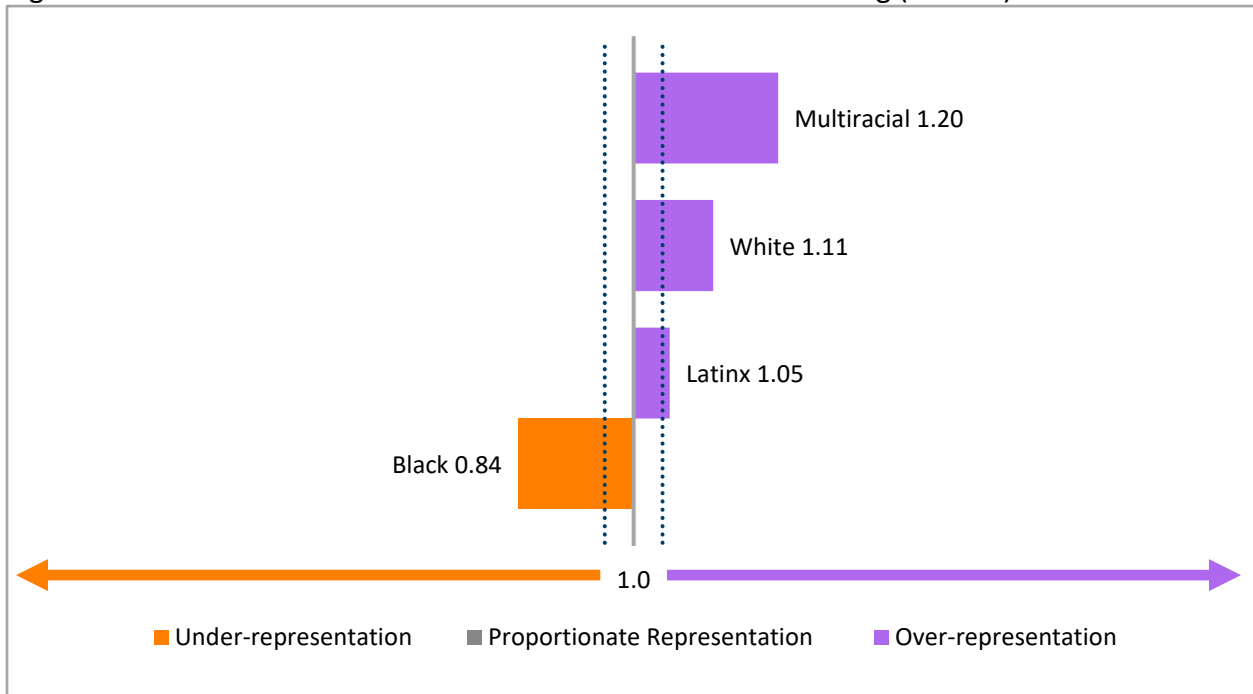
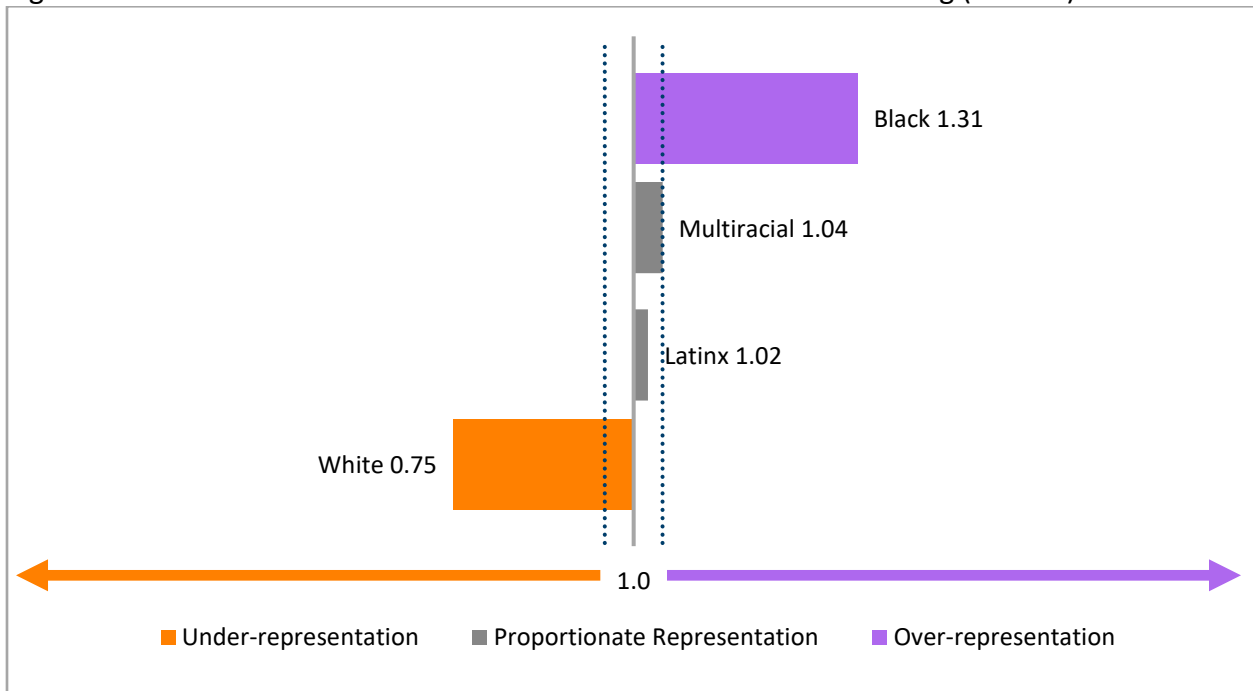


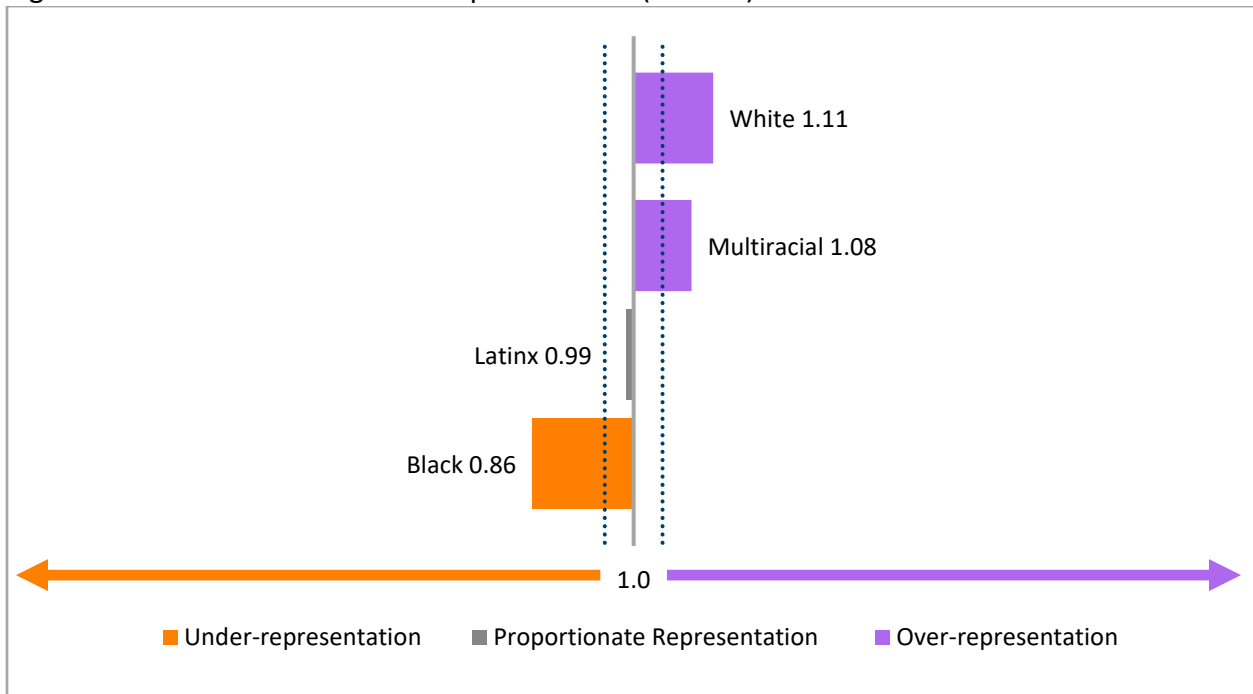
Figure 2.40 Children in substitute care 60 or more months before exiting (FY2025)



**Family permanence.** All children deserve permanent homes. Although abuse and neglect sometimes make it necessary to place children temporarily in substitute care, federal and state child welfare policies mandate that permanency planning should begin at the time of placement and that children should be placed in safe, nurturing, permanent homes within a reasonable timeframe. In Illinois, there are three processes through which children can exit substitute care and attain a permanent home: reunification with parents, adoption, and guardianship. *Reunification* with parents is the preferred method for achieving permanence for children in substitute care, and it is the most common way that children exit care. Reunification is possible if parents are able to rectify the issues that endangered their children, often with the help of child welfare and other services. In some cases, parents are not able to provide a safe, nurturing home for their children, even with the aid of services. In these instances, child welfare professionals must find alternative placements for children as quickly as possible. A second permanency option is *adoption*, in which kin or non-kin adoptive parents legally commit to care for children. Adoptive parents have identical rights and responsibilities as biological parents; they may also receive financial support from the state. *Guardianship* is a third permanency option in which caregivers, almost always kin, assume legal custody and permanent care of children and receive financial assistance from the state. This form of permanence allows caregivers to provide a permanent home for children while not requiring them to terminate the parental rights of the biological parent, who is typically a close relative of the guardian. Guardianship is less common than reunification and adoption. Appendix Table G.12 shows the numbers and percentages of children in each racial/ethnic group that achieved family permanence during the last five fiscal years.

Figure 2.41 shows the RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group who exited substitute care and achieved a legally permanent family through reunification, adoption, guardianship or living with relatives in FY2025. Appendix Table E.41 shows the RDIs for this indicator for each racial/ethnic group over the past five fiscal years. The RDI for Black children achieving permanence in FY2025 was 0.86, which means that they were under-represented among children who achieved permanence when compared to their percentage in substitute care. White children and multiracial children were over-represented among children exiting to permanence in FY2025 (RDI = 1.11 and 1.08, respectively), while Latinx children were proportionately represented (RDI = 0.99).

Figure 2.41 Children who achieved permanence (FY2025)



The next set of figures examines the RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group who exited substitute care in FY2025 through reunification (Figure 2.42), adoption (Figure 2.43), and guardianship (Figure 2.44) (see Appendix Tables E.42–E.44 for RDIs over the past five fiscal years). Black children were under-represented among the children who achieved permanence through reunification (RDI = 0.87) and adoption (RDI = 0.82) in FY2025 and proportionately represented among those who achieved permanence through guardianship (RDI = 0.98). White children were over-represented among the children who achieved permanence through reunification (RDI = 1.06) and adoption (RDI = 1.20) in FY2025 and proportionately represented among those who achieved guardianship (RDI = 0.97). Latinx children were over-represented among those who achieved permanence through reunification (RDI = 1.09) and guardianship (RDI = 1.35) and under-represented among children who achieved permanence through adoption (RDI = 0.79).

Figure 2.42 Children who achieved permanence through reunification (FY2025)

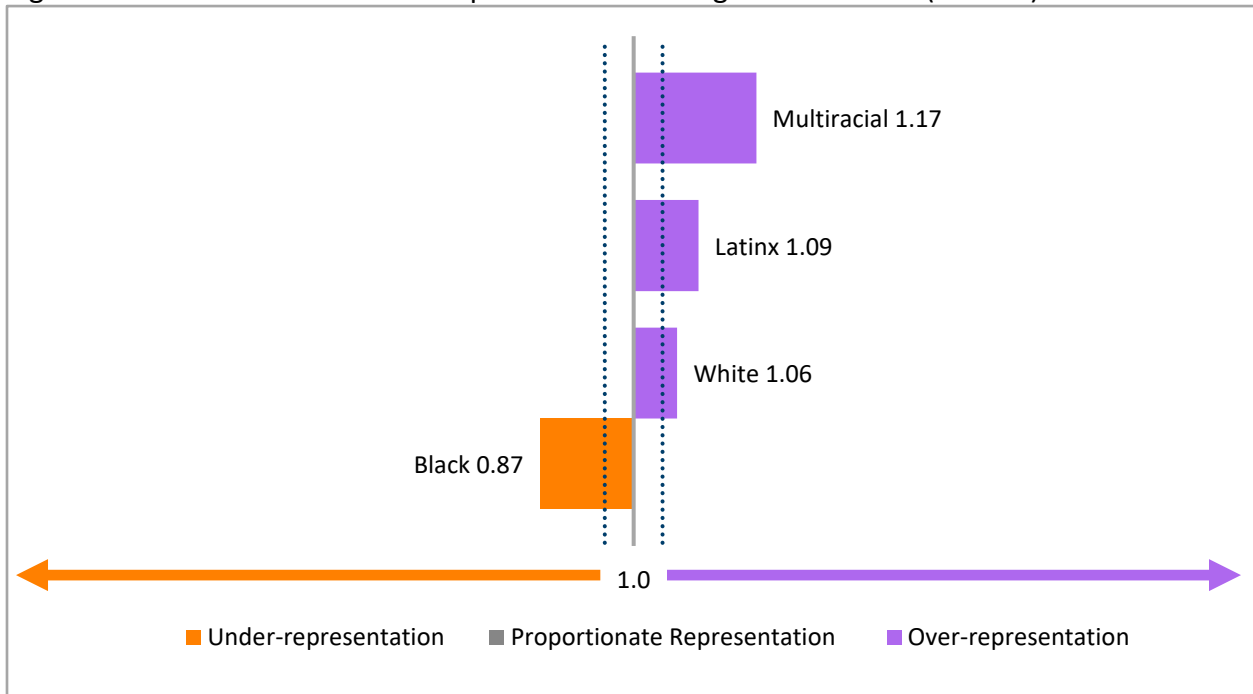


Figure 2.43 Children who achieved permanence through adoption (FY2025)

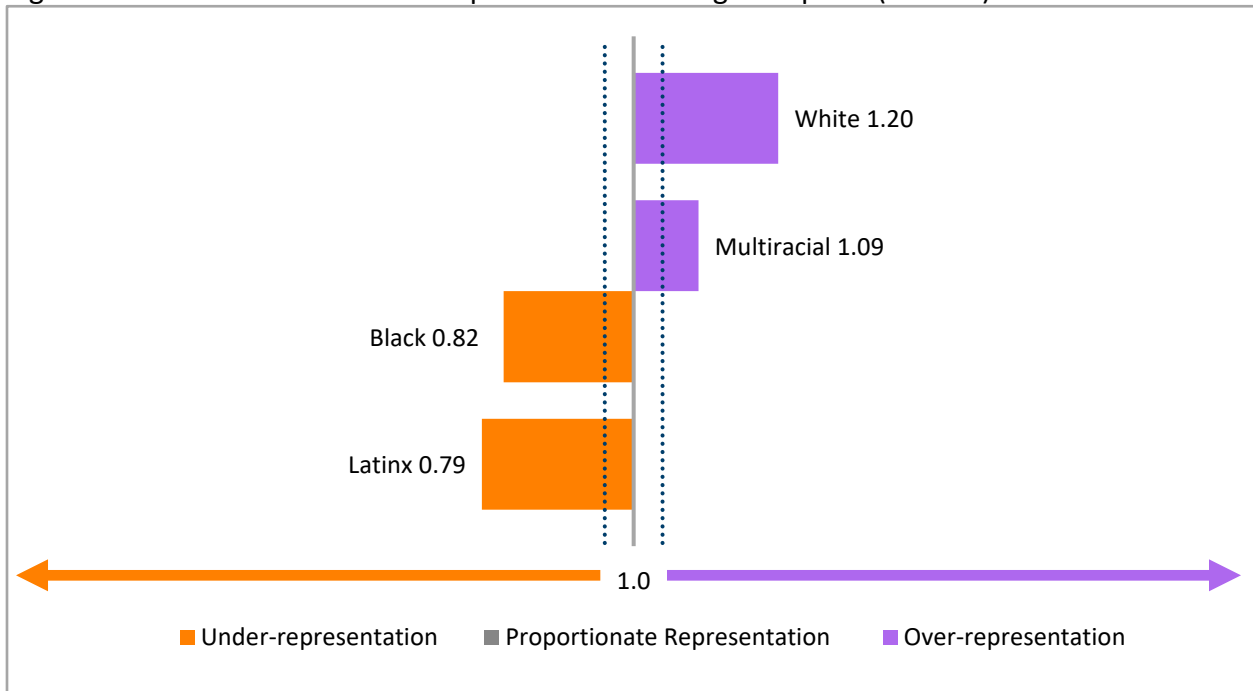
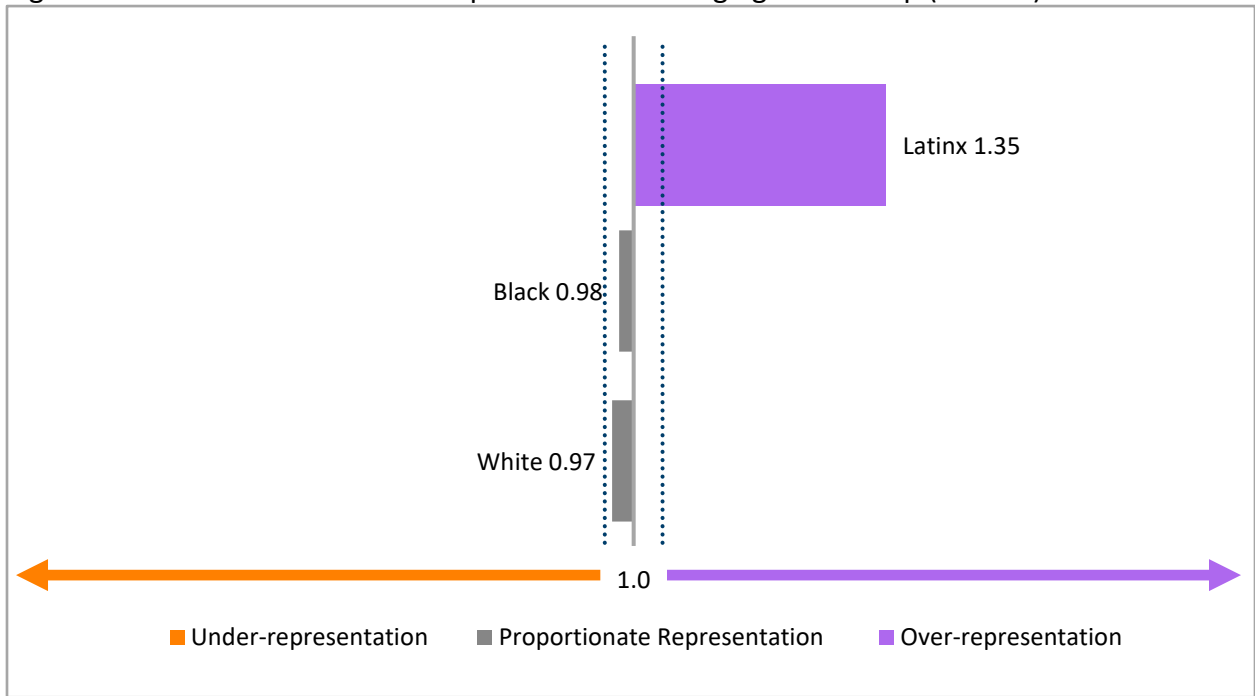


Figure 2.44 Children who achieved permanence through guardianship (FY2025)



## Chapter 3: Subregion Level Results

This chapter provides the RDIs for Black, White, and Latinx children in the Aurora, Rockford, Champaign, Peoria, Springfield, East St. Louis, and Marion subregions and the Cook region for FY2025. The RDIs for these three racial/ethnic groups plus Asian and multiracial children are also provided in Appendix F. As with the analyses at the state level, if the number of children in a racial/ethnic group for an indicator was 20 or fewer, the RDIs and the percentages used to compute the RDIs were not included in the figure and corresponding appendix table because percentages based on small numbers are unreliable. In addition, if the base population for calculating an RDI was less than 0.1%, the RDI for that group is not included in the figure and corresponding appendix table. Therefore, the RDI for Native American and Pacific Islander children are excluded from the subregional analyses because the numbers of children were too small. The subregion results for FY2021–FY2024 are not included in this report but they are available on the CFRC website.<sup>16</sup>

The subregional analyses in this chapter are presented in four sections. The first section includes the investigation indicators: investigations, indicated investigations, investigations screened by the courts, protective custodies, children with safety plans, and substitute care entries. Due to small numbers, the RDIs for the investigation indicators by maltreatment type are not included in the figures but are included in Appendix F when possible.<sup>17</sup> The second section presents the RDIs for children in substitute care placed in kinship foster homes, traditional foster homes, specialized foster homes, and congregate care. The third section presents the RDIs for children’s length of stay in substitute care: less than 12 months, 12–23 months, 24–35 months, 36–47 months, 48–59 months, and 60 or more months. The fourth section examines the RDIs for children who achieve permanence through reunification, adoption, and guardianship (combined), as well as the RDIs for children who achieve permanence through reunification, adoption, and guardianship separately (please refer to Appendix D for definitions of the indicators used in this report).

### Investigation Indicators

Figures 3.1–3.8 show the RDIs for each subregion and the Cook region for the investigation indicators (see Appendix Tables F.1, F.10, F.19, F.28, F.29, and F.30). Black children were over-represented for all investigation indicators in all seven subregions and the Cook region, although the amount of over-representation varied.<sup>18</sup> In general, the RDI for Black children for the investigation indicators were largest in the Aurora subregion and smallest in the East St. Louis subregion. For example, the RDI for protective custodies for Black children in FY2025 was 3.88 in the Aurora subregion and 2.14 in the East St. Louis subregion. White children were proportionately represented or under-represented on the investigation indicators across all

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<sup>16</sup> [https://go.cfrc.illinois.edu/subregion\\_details](https://go.cfrc.illinois.edu/subregion_details)

<sup>17</sup> See Appendix Tables F.2-F.9, F.11-F.18, and F.20-F.27.

<sup>18</sup> For the investigation indicators, over-representation is defined as an RDI of 1.20 or larger, under-representation is defined as an RDI of 0.80 or smaller, and proportionate representation as an RDI between 0.81 and 1.19.

subregions and the Cook region. Latinx children were also proportionately represented or under-represented on most investigation indicators in each subregion and the Cook region. The only exception was the RDI for indicated investigations in the Aurora subregion, where they were over-represented (RDI = 1.29).

Figure 3.1 Investigation indicators: Aurora subregion (FY2025)

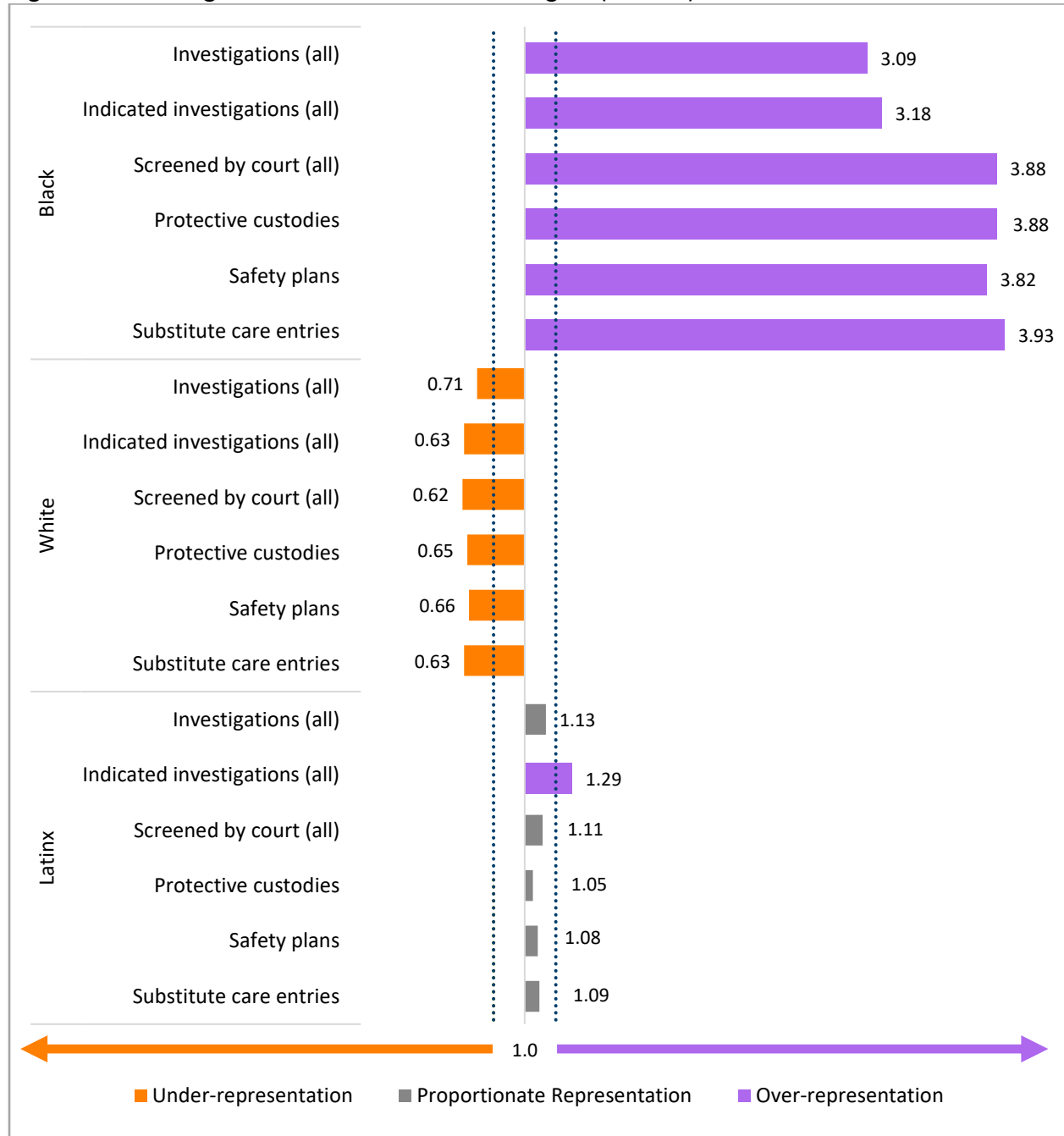


Figure 3.2 Investigation indicators: Rockford subregion (FY2025)



Figure 3.3 Investigation indicators: Champaign subregion (FY2025)



Figure 3.4 Investigation indicators: Peoria subregion (FY2025)



Figure 3.5 Investigation indicators: Springfield subregion (FY2025)



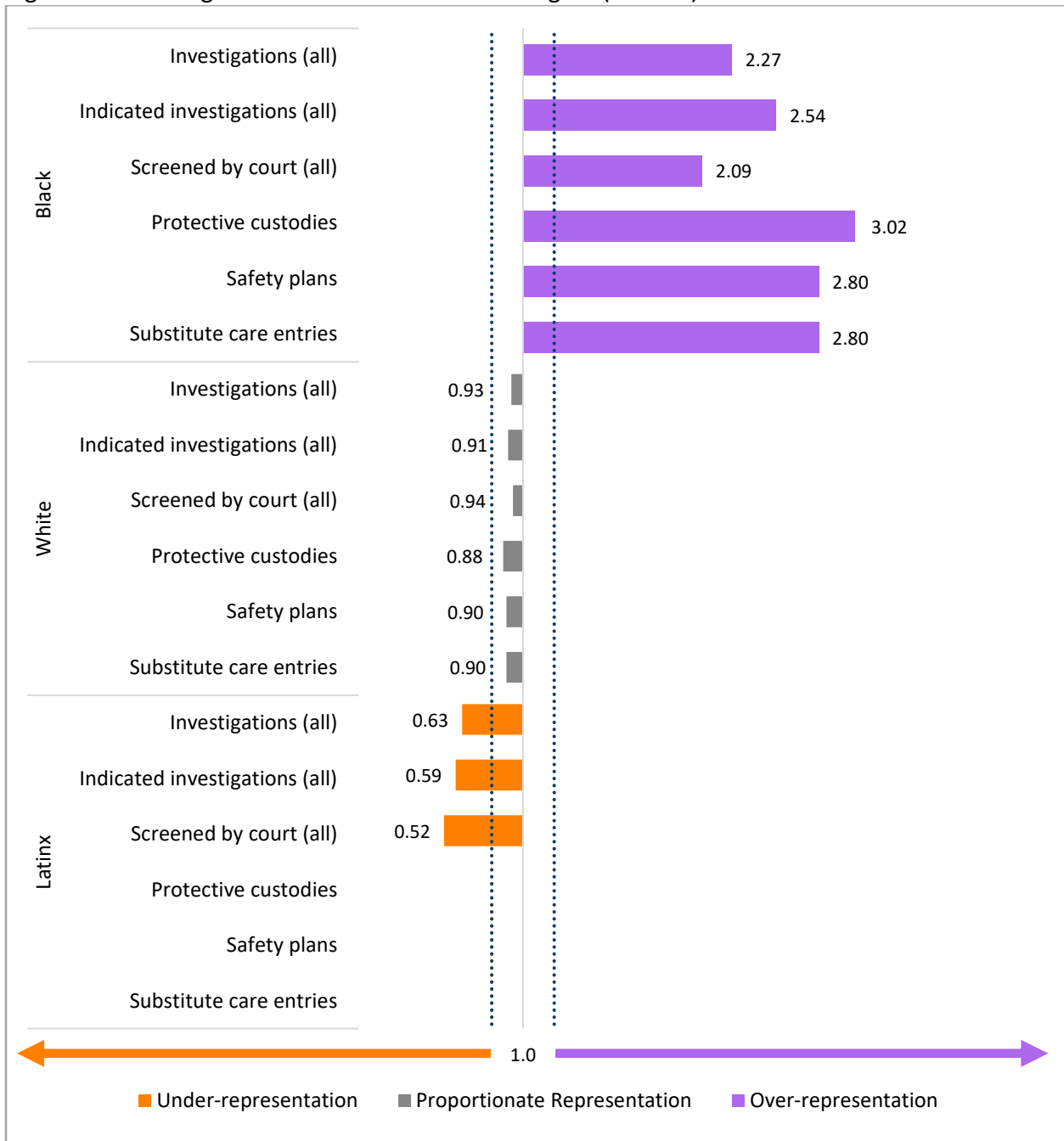
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.6 Investigation indicators: East St. Louis subregion (FY2025)



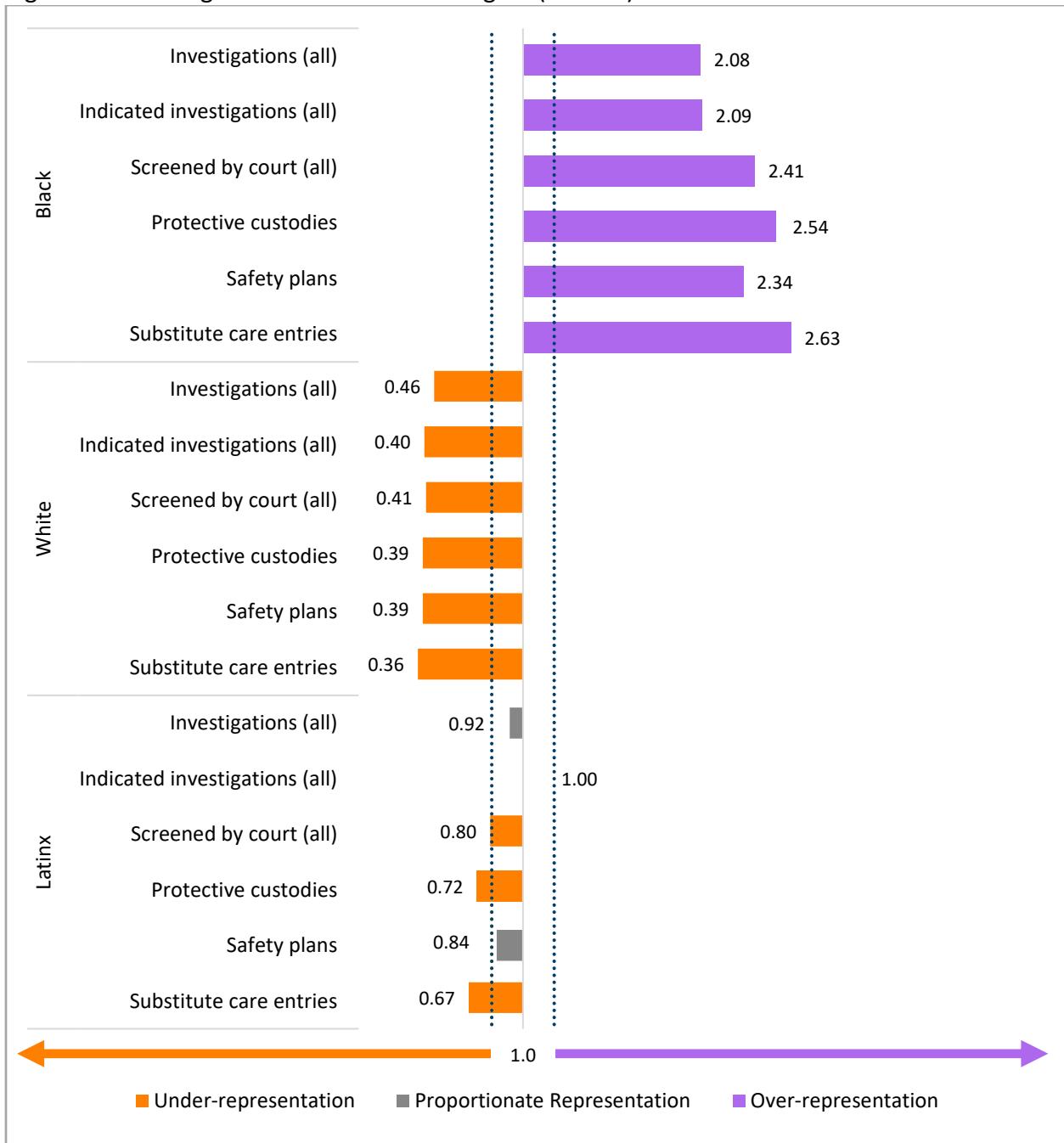
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.7 Investigation indicators: Marion subregion (FY2025)



Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.8 Investigation indicators: Cook region (FY2025)



## Substitute Care Placement Types

Figures 3.9–3.16 show the RDIs for child placements in kinship foster care, traditional foster care, specialized foster care, and congregate care<sup>19</sup> for each subregion and the Cook region (see Appendix Tables F.31 through F.34). Please note that children could have more than one placement type during the fiscal year and were included in the counts for each placement type they experienced. Also note that the comparison population for these RDI was children in substitute care in the subregion (or Cook region) during the fiscal year rather than children in Illinois child population.<sup>20</sup>

The results show that Black children were proportionately represented in kinship care placements in the subregions and Cook region, with the exception of the Marion subregion where they were slightly under-represented (RDI = 0.95). Their placements in traditional foster homes varied across the subregions: they were under-represented in the Rockford subregions (RDI = 0.93), proportionately represented in the Aurora (RDI = 1.03) and East St. Louis (RDI = 0.98) subregions, and the Cook region (RDI = 1.00), and over-represented in the Champaign (RDI = 1.06), Peoria (RDI = 1.12), Springfield (RDI = 1.18), and Marion subregions (RDI = 1.15). Black children were over-represented in specialized foster care placements in four of the eight subregions/regions; substantially so in the Aurora (RDI = 1.35) and East St. Louis (RDI = 1.27) subregions. Black children were over-represented in congregate care placements in all subregions/region with the exceptions of the Aurora and Champaign subregions, where they were proportionately represented.

White children were proportionately or close to proportionately represented in all four placement types in most subregions. The exceptions were being under-represented in specialized foster homes in the Aurora (RDI = 0.91), Rockford (RDI = 0.87) and East St. Louis (RDI = 0.79) subregions and the Cook region (RDI = 0.92) and under-represented in congregate care placements in the Peoria (RDI = 0.91) and East St. Louis (RDI = 0.80) subregions and Cook region (RDI = 0.76). However, they were over-represented in congregate care placements in the Aurora (RDI = 1.15) and Rockford (RDI = 1.06) subregions. They were under-represented in traditional foster care placements in the Peoria (RDI = 0.89) and Springfield subregions (RDI = 0.91 in both) but over-represented in traditional foster care placements in the Rockford (RDI = 1.06) subregion and Cook region (RDI = 1.26).

Placements of Latinx children in kinship care varied considerably in the subregions: they were proportionately represented in the Rockford, Champaign, and Peoria subregions; over-represented in the Aurora subregion and Cook region; and under-represented in the Springfield, East St. Louis, and Marion subregions. Placements in traditional foster care also varied quite a bit. RDIs for Latinx children in specialized foster care and congregate care

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<sup>19</sup> Refer to Appendix C for technical definitions of these placement types.

<sup>20</sup> For the placement type indicators, over-representation is defined as an RDI of 1.05 or larger, under-representation is defined as an RDI of 0.95 or smaller, and proportionate representation is defined as an RDI of 0.96 to 1.04.

placements could not be computed for most subregions due to the small number of Latinx children in care.

Figure 3.9 Substitute care placements: Aurora subregion (FY2025)

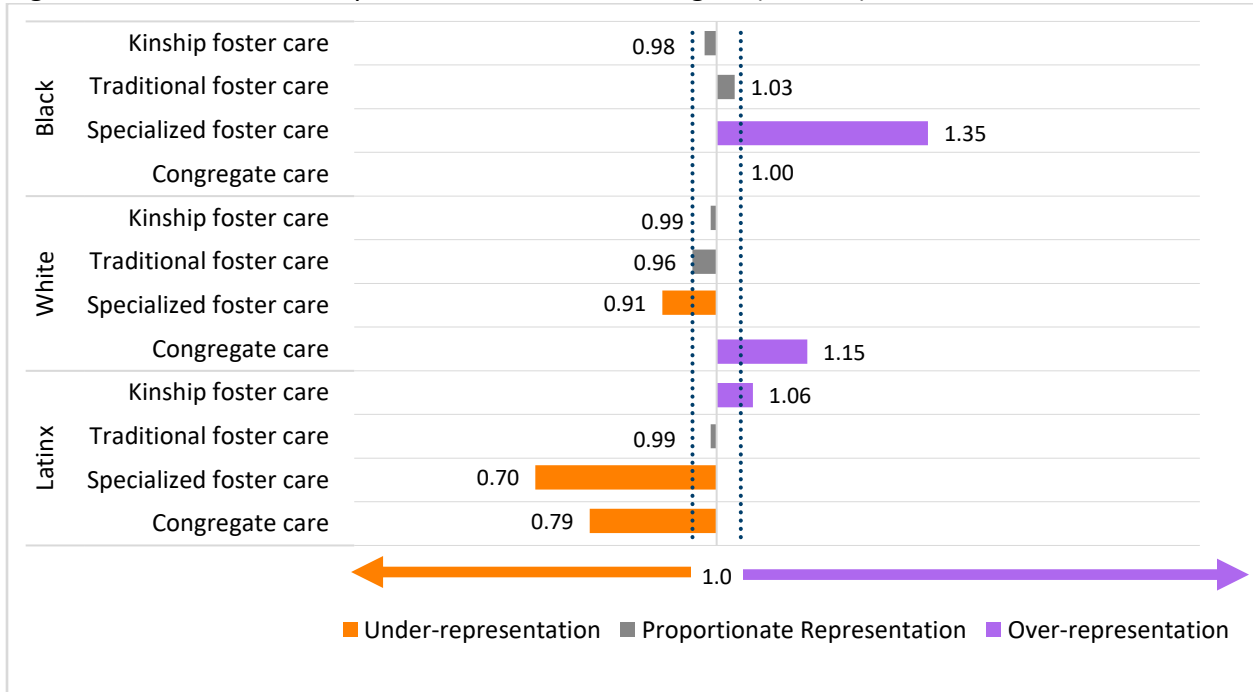
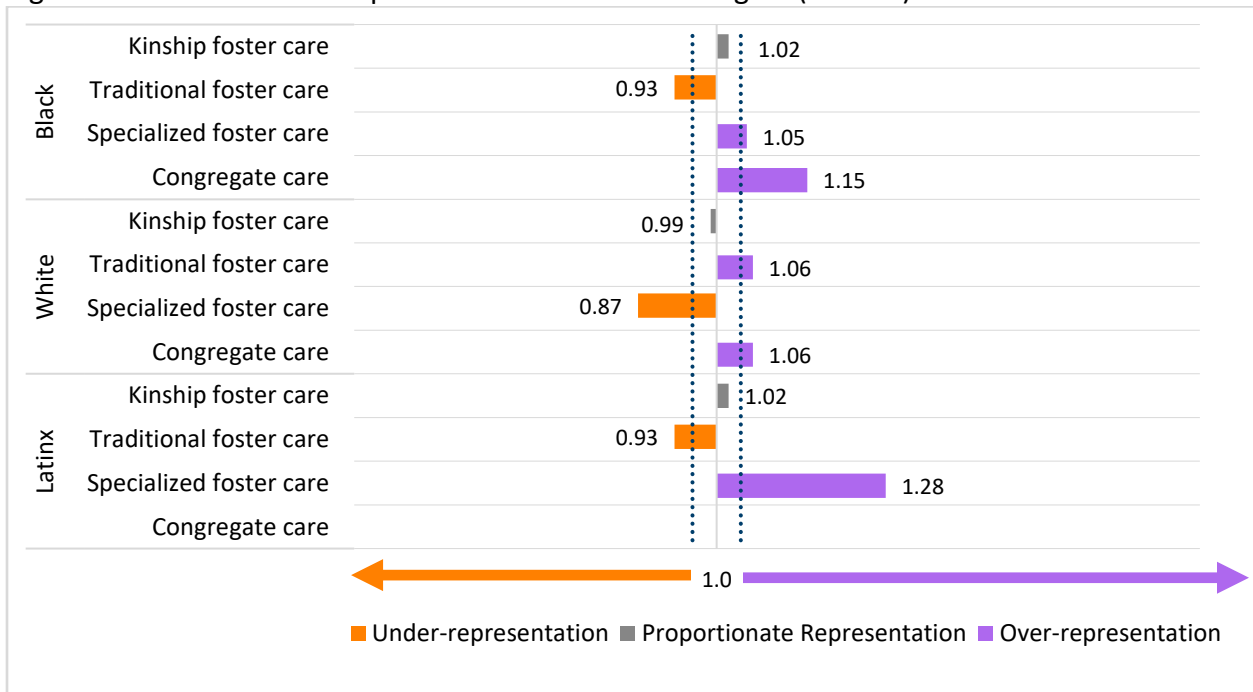
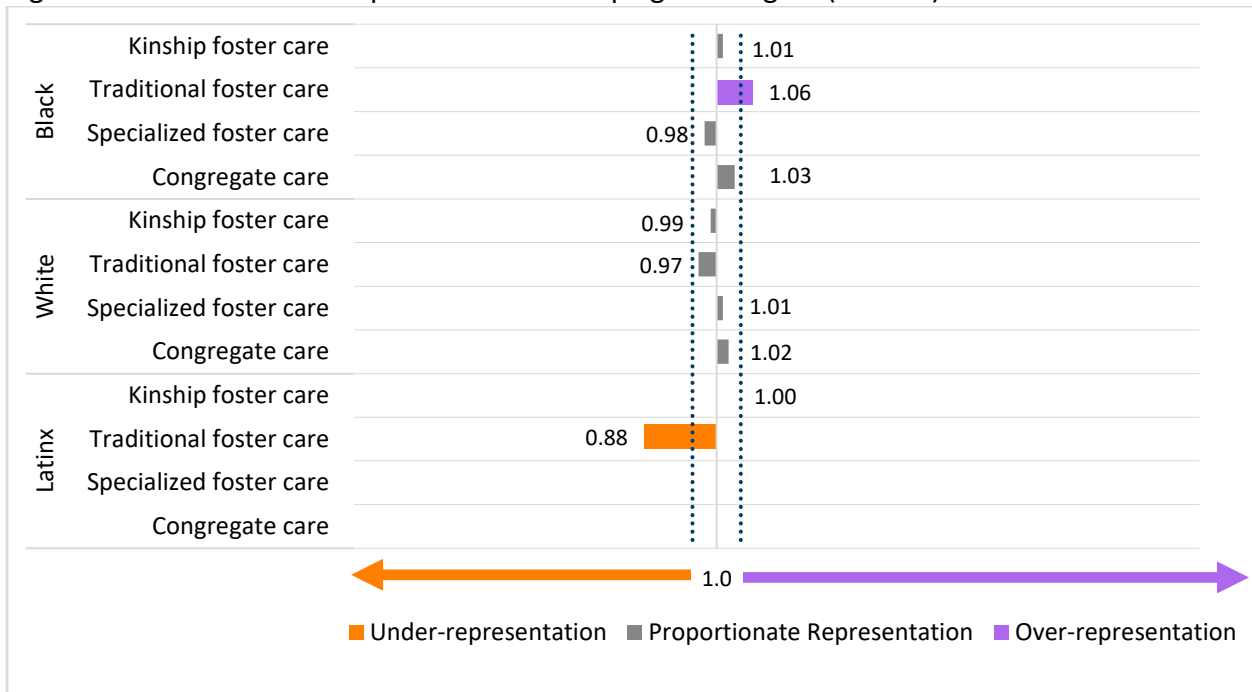


Figure 3.10 Substitute care placements: Rockford subregion (FY2025)



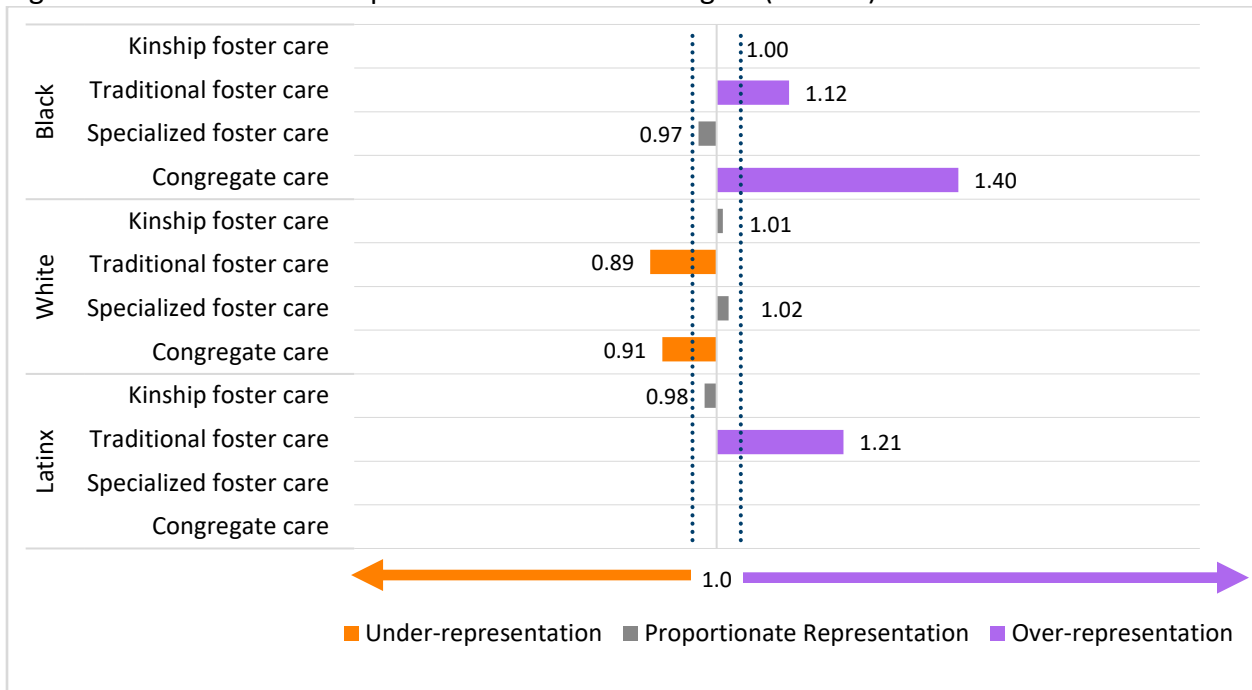
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.11 Substitute care placements: Champaign subregion (FY2025)



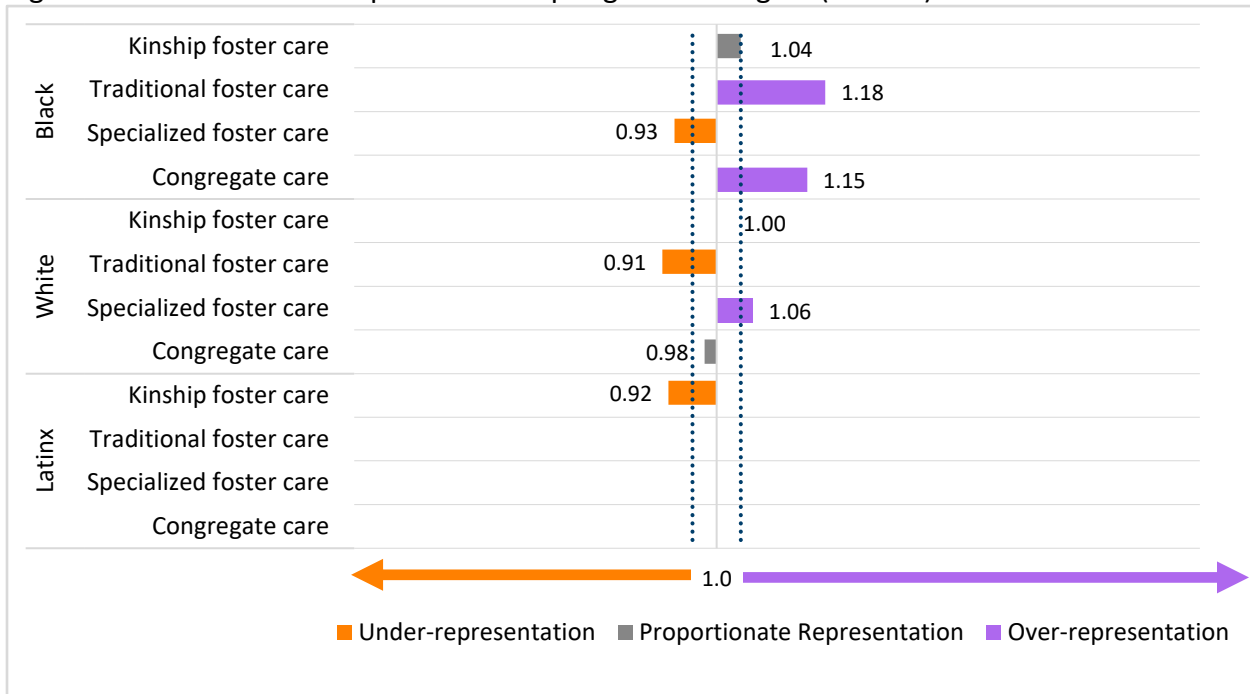
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.12 Substitute care placements: Peoria subregion (FY2025)



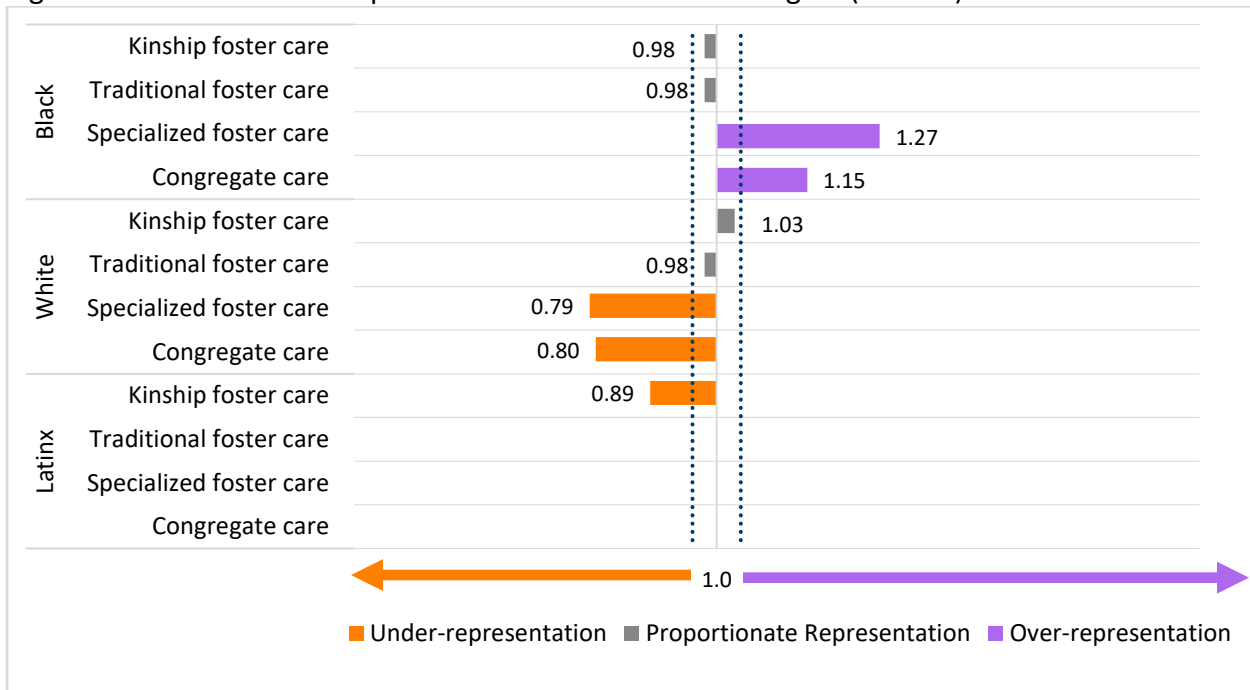
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.13 Substitute care placements: Springfield subregion (FY2025)



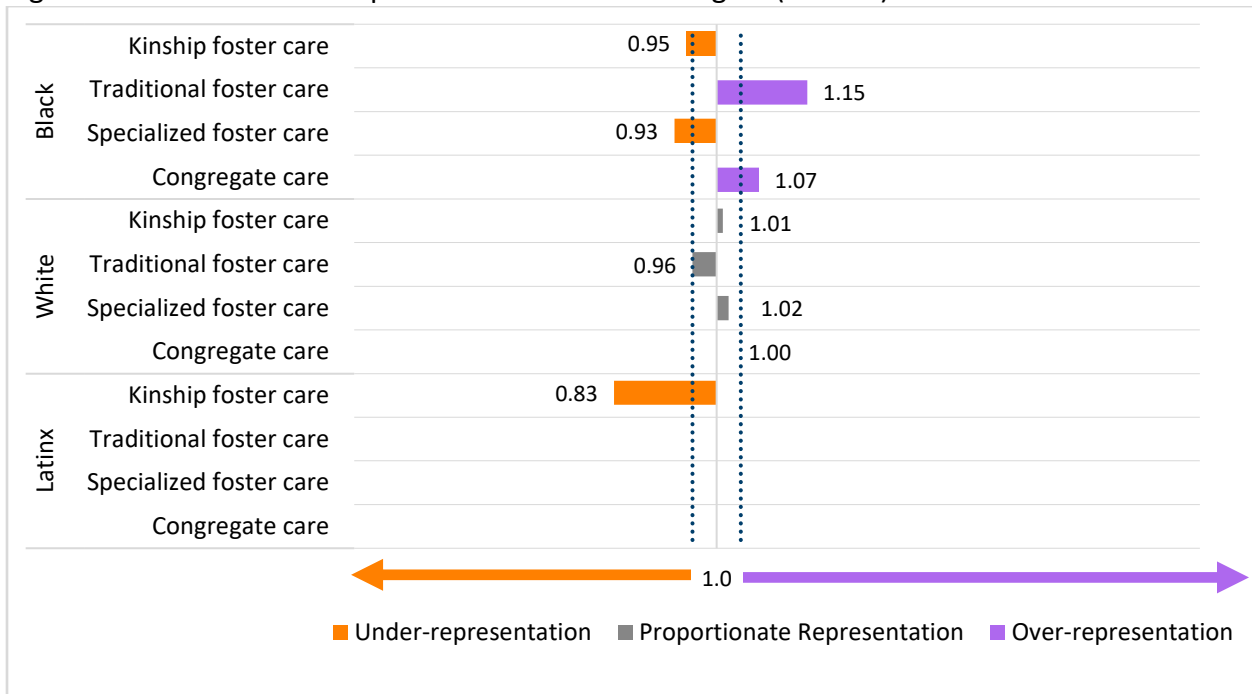
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.14 Substitute care placements: East St. Louis subregion (FY2025)



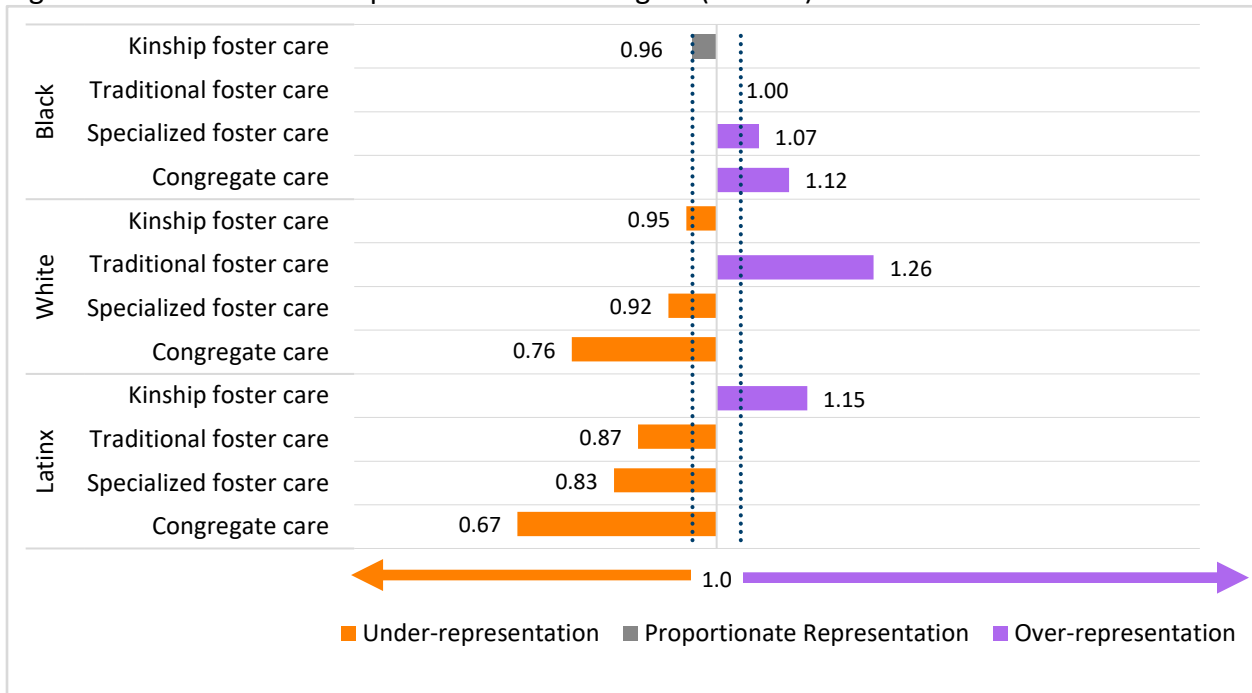
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.15 Substitute care placements: Marion subregion (FY2025)



Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.16 Substitute care placements: Cook region (FY2025)

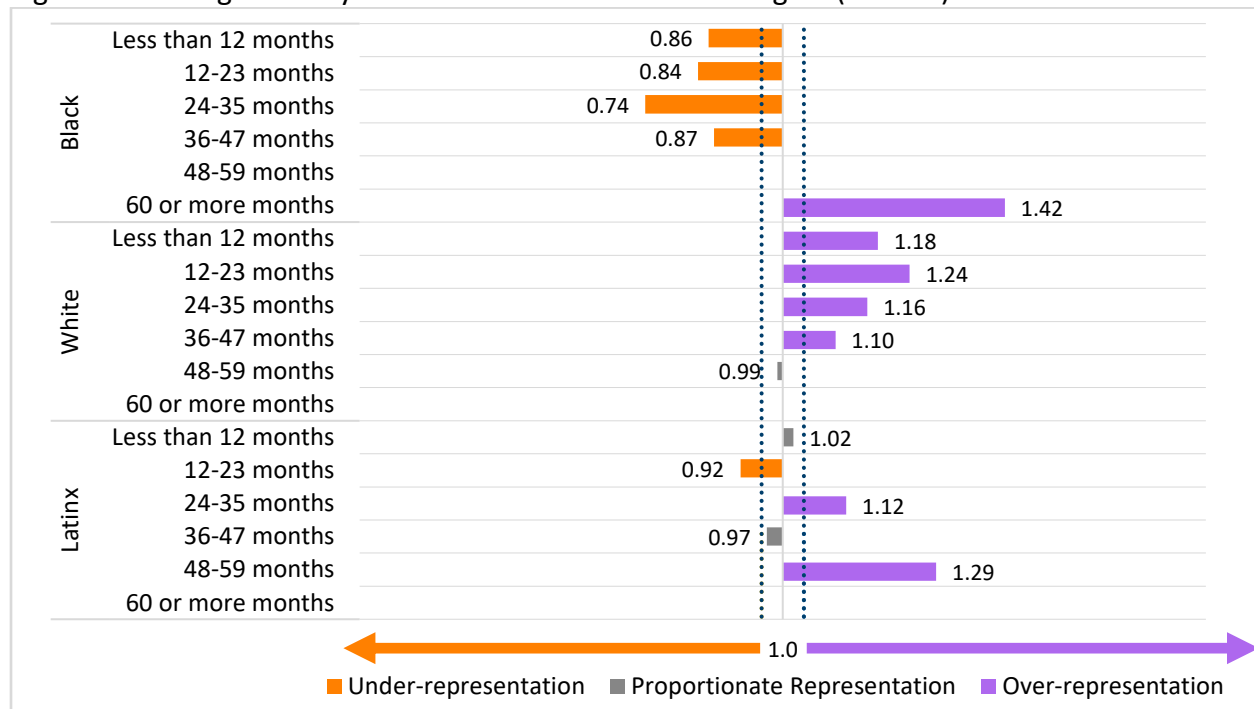


## Length of Time in Substitute Care

Figures 3.17–3.24 show the RDIs at the subregion level for length of time that children spent in substitute care before exiting to legal permanence (see Appendix Tables F.35–F.40 for the results of the five racial/ethnic groups for each subregion). Results for Black children vary substantially between subregions, but in general, Black children in most subregions were proportionally or under-represented among children who stayed in care between 12 and 23 months, and between 24 and 35 months. Black children were under-represented among children who stayed in care between 36 and 47 months in all subregions. The same was also true for Black children who stayed in care between 48 and 59. Finally, Black children were over-represented among children who stayed in care for 60 or more months in the Aurora (RDI = 1.42) and Peoria (RDI = 1.41) subregions, and the Cook region (RDI = 1.06), and under-represented in the Champaign (RDI = 0.78) and East St. Louis (RDI = 0.82) subregions. The other subregions did not have RDIs computed due to small numbers of children.

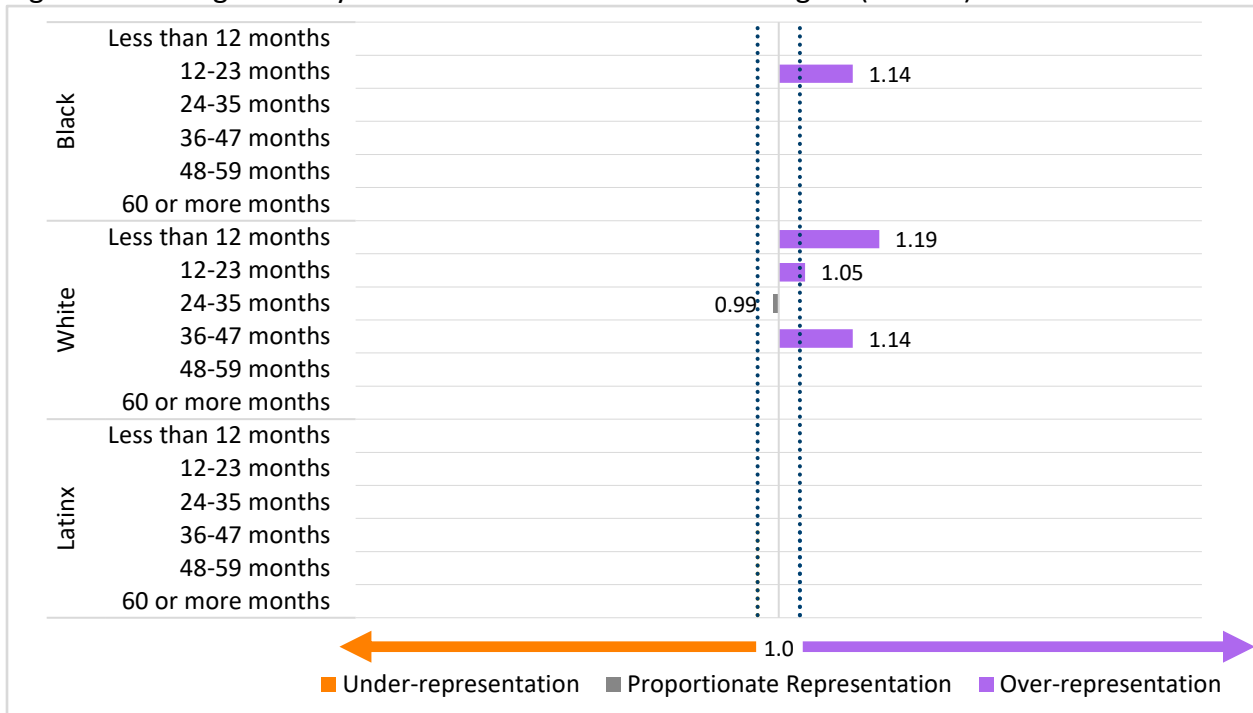
White children were generally over-represented among children in care less than 48 months, and proportionately or under-represented among children in care for 60 or more months. RDIs for Latinx children could not be computed for most of the length of stay indicators because the numbers of children in care in the subregions were too small.

Figure 3.17 Length of stay in substitute care: Aurora subregion (FY2025)



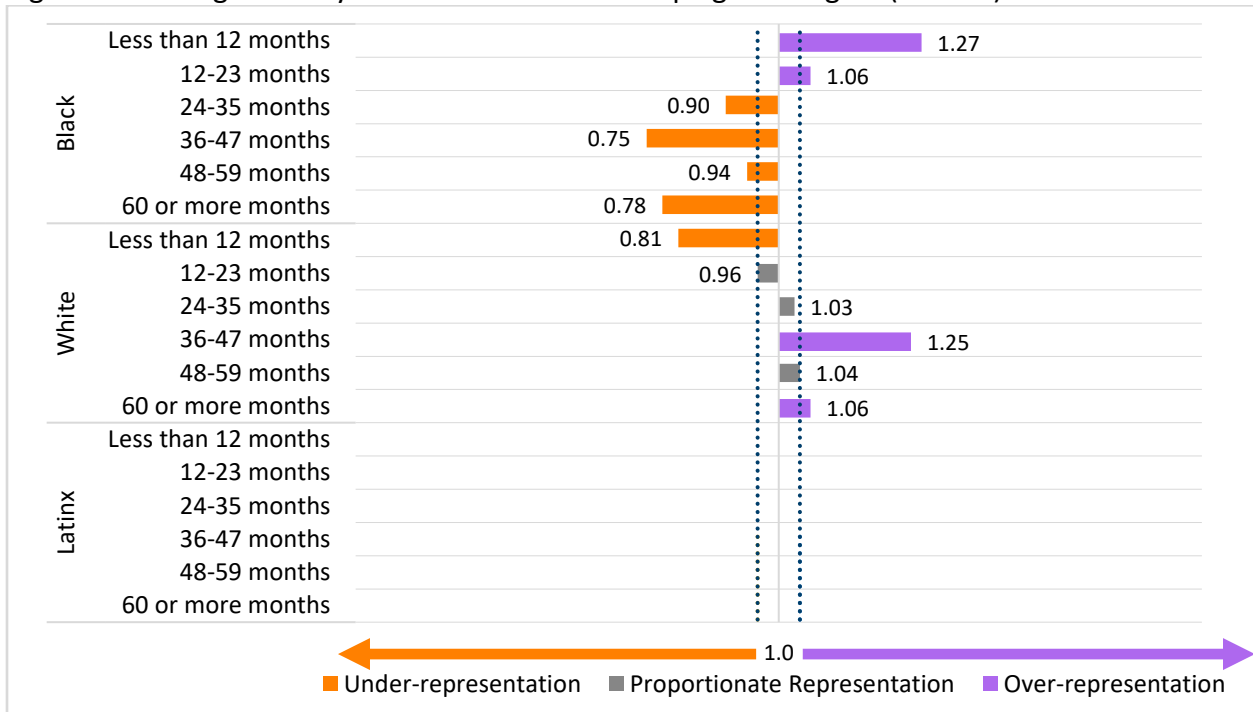
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.18 Length of stay in substitute care: Rockford subregion (FY2025)



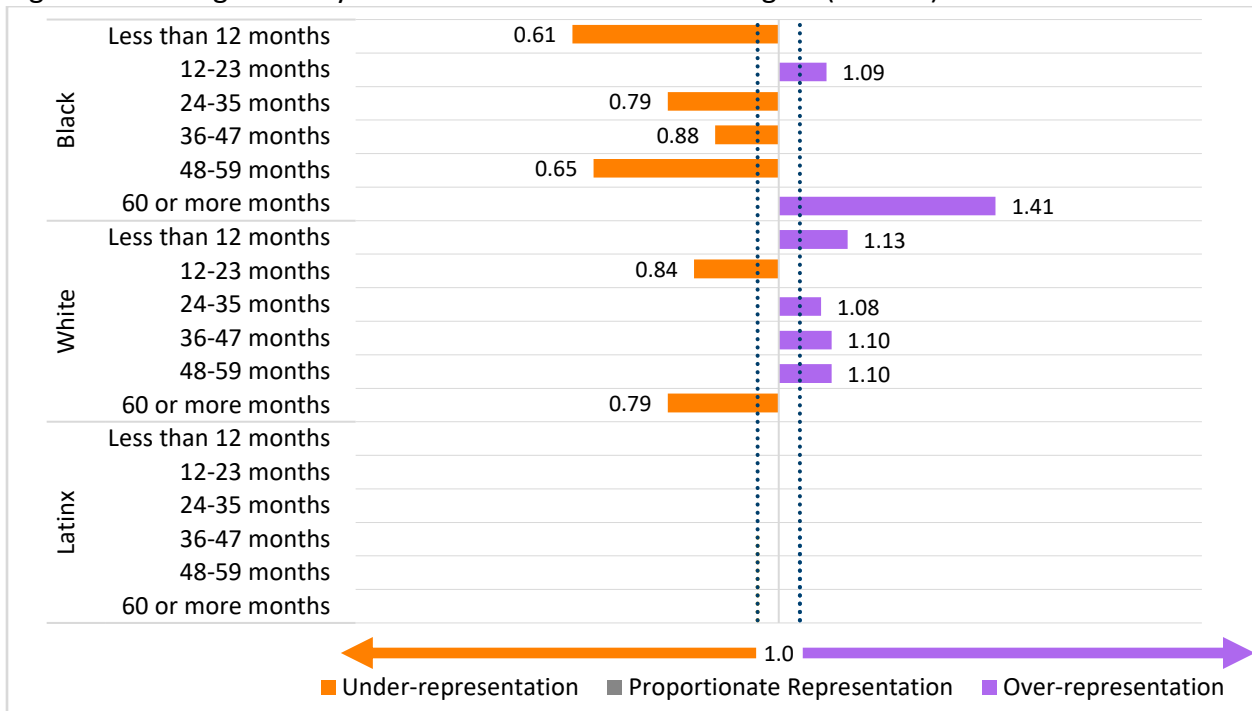
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.19 Length of stay in substitute care: Champaign subregion (FY2025)



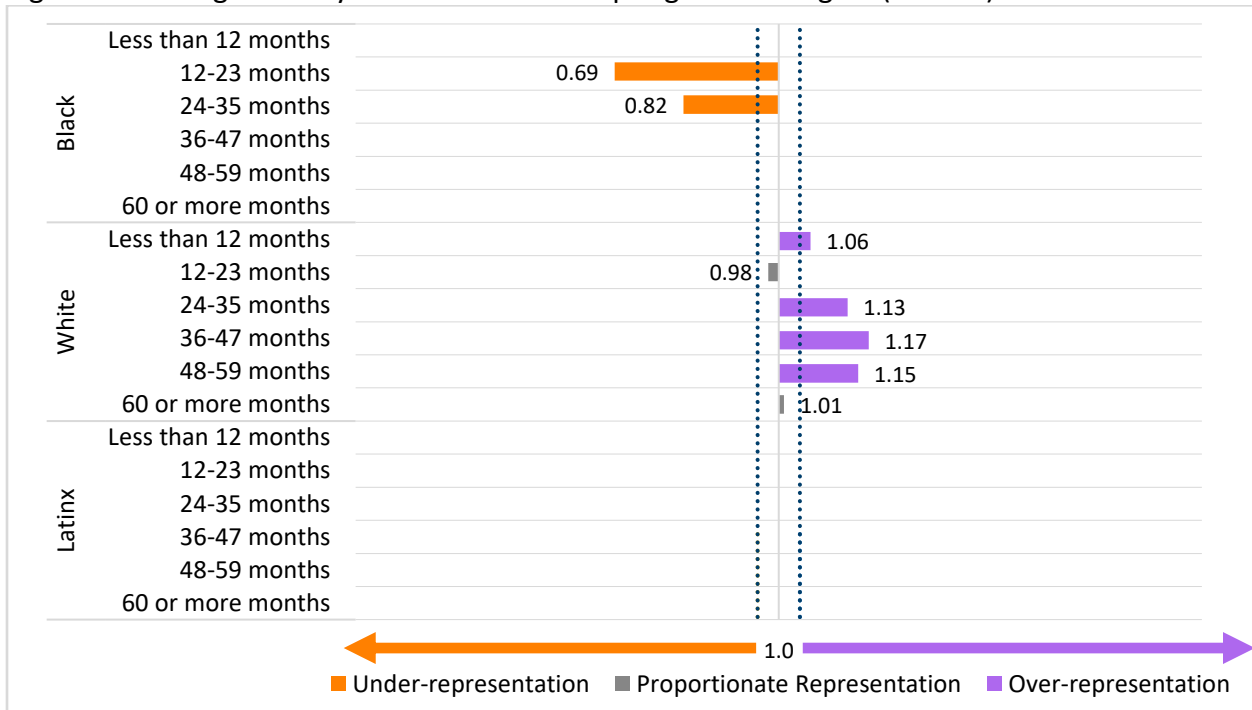
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.20 Length of stay in substitute care: Peoria subregion (FY2025)



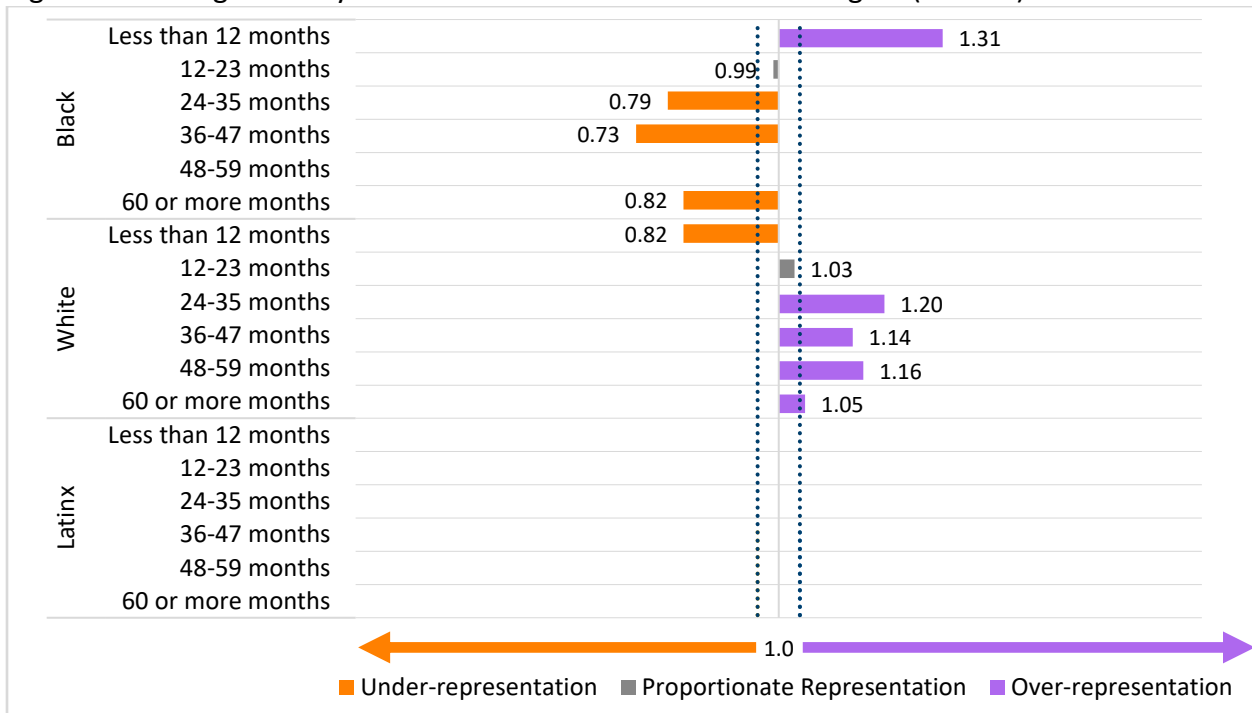
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.21 Length of stay in substitute care: Springfield subregion (FY2025)



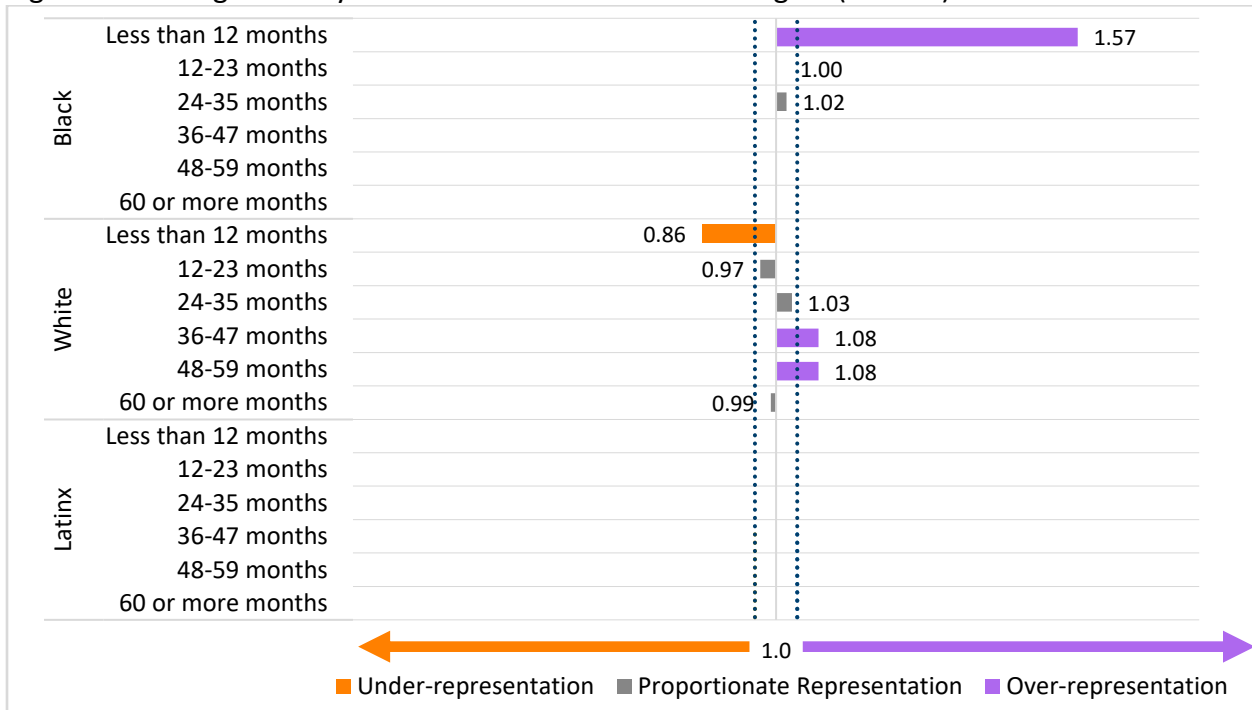
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.22 Length of stay in substitute care: East St. Louis subregion (FY2025)



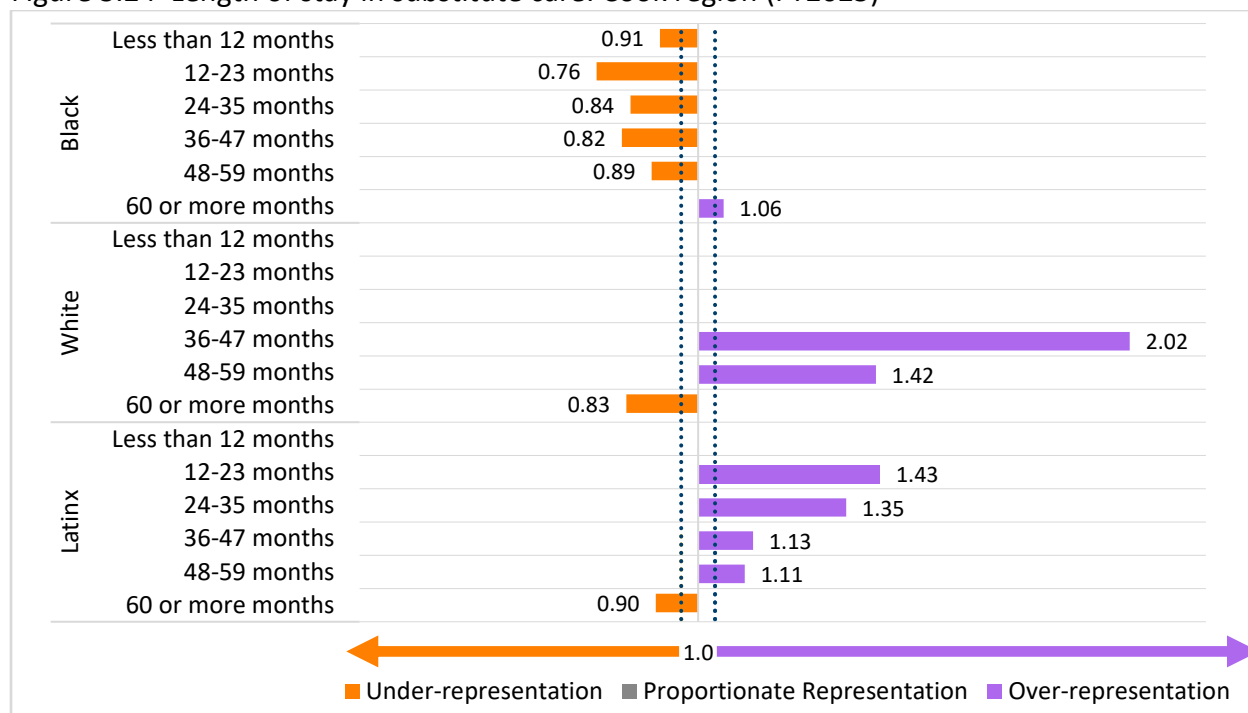
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.23 Length of stay in substitute care: Marion subregion (FY2025)



Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.24 Length of stay in substitute care: Cook region (FY2025)



Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

### Family Permanence

Figures 3.25–3.32 show the subregion and Cook region RDIs for children in each racial/ethnic group who exited substitute care during FY2025 and achieved a legally permanent family through reunification, adoption, and guardianship (combined) and for each type of permanence separately (see Appendix Tables F.41–F.44).

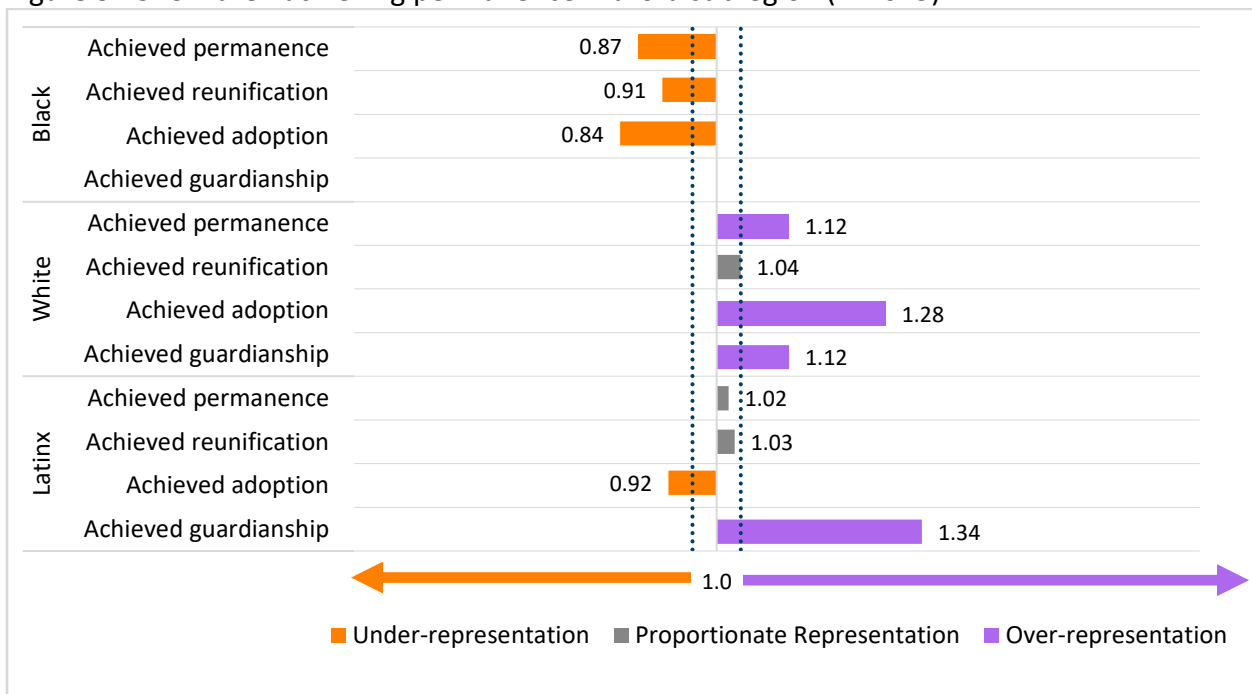
Black children were under-represented among children who achieved permanence in most subregions, except the Champaign and Marion subregions, where they were proportionally represented. Black children were under-represented among children who achieved reunification in the Aurora (RDI = 0.91), Rockford (RDI = 0.87), Springfield (RDI = 0.70) subregions, and the Cook region (RDI = 0.82), and over-represented in the Champaign (RDI = 1.15), East St. Louis (RDI = 1.23), and Marion (RDI = 1.21) subregions. Black children were under-represented among children who were adopted in seven of the eight subregions and were proportionate among children who were adopted in the Cook region. RDI for Black children who exited to guardianships in FY2025 could not be calculated in most of the subregions because the numbers of Black children who exited from each subregion were too small. The only RDI that could be calculated was in the Cook region, where they were proportionately represented (RDI = 0.98)

White children were over-represented among children who achieved permanency in FY2025 in five of the eight subregions/region. They were proportionally represented among children who

achieved permanency through reunification in half of the subregions/region and were over-represented among children who achieved permanency through adoption in all subregions/region, except the Marion subregion, where they were proportionately represented. For permanency through guardianship, White children were over-represented in all subregions where an RDI could be calculated.

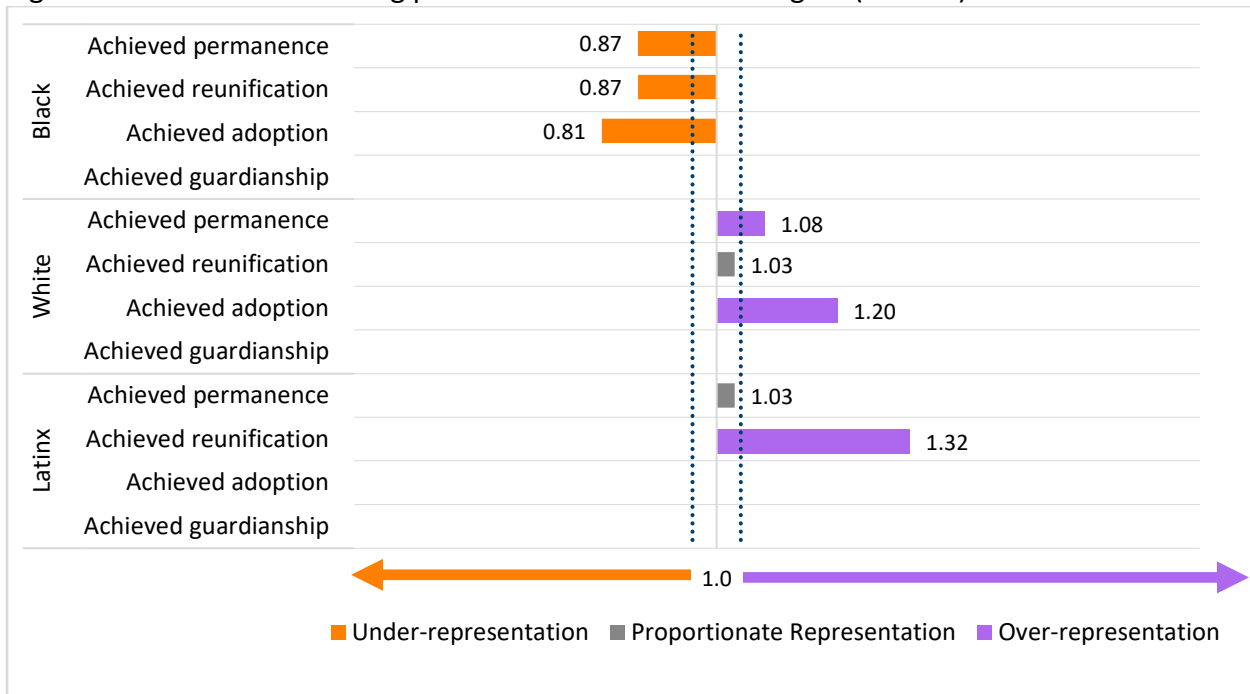
For all permanency types combined and for permanency through reunification, Latinx children were proportionately or over-represented in all subregions/region where the numbers of children were sufficiently large for calculations. The RDIs for permanency through adoption and guardianship could not be calculated in most subregions because the number of Latinx children was too small.

Figure 3.25 Children achieving permanence: Aurora subregion (FY2025)



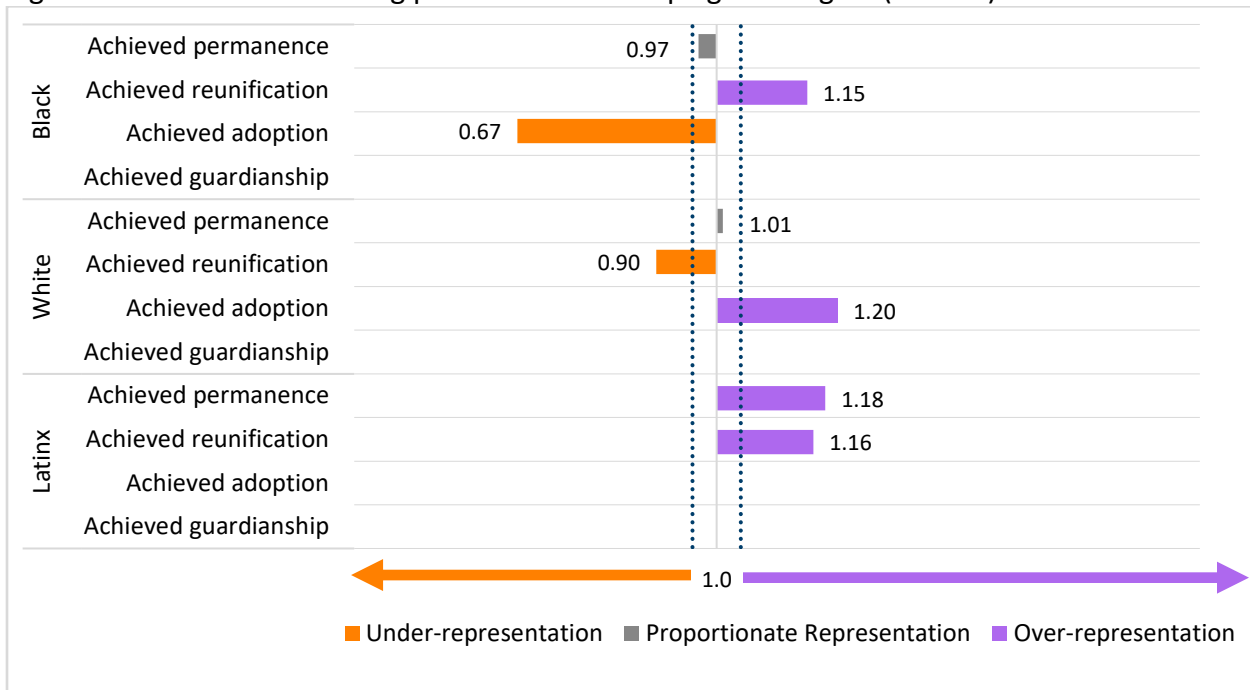
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.26 Children achieving permanence: Rockford subregion (FY2025)



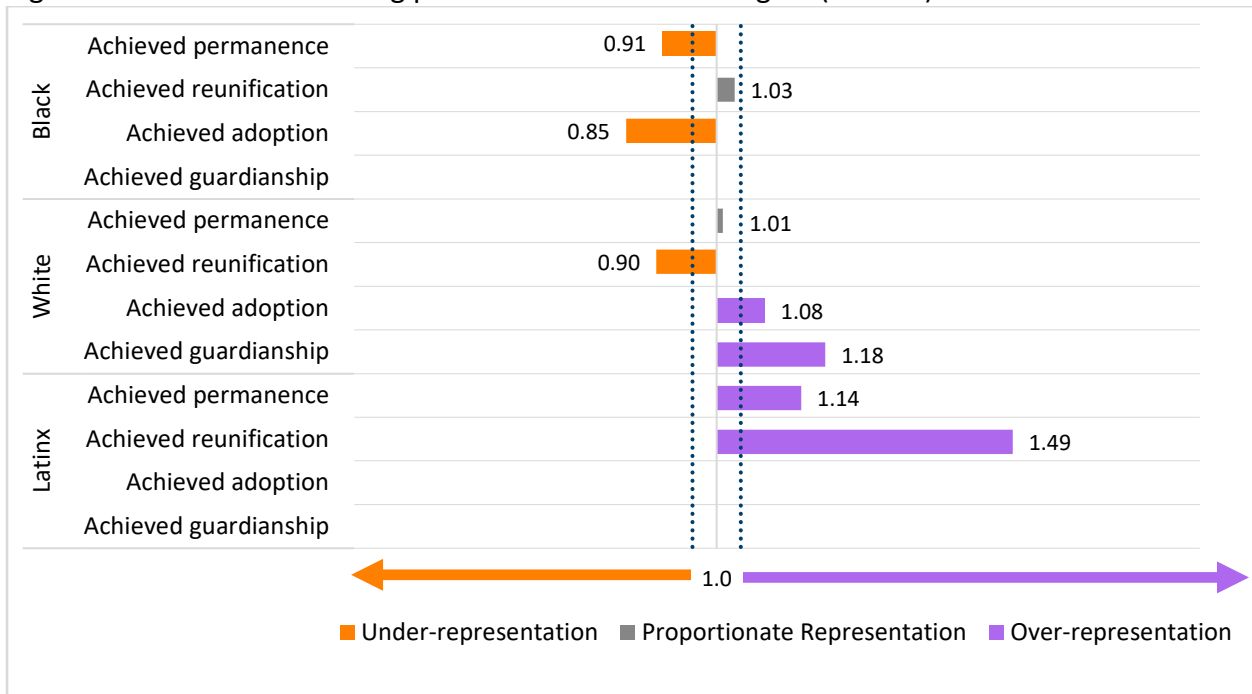
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.27 Children achieving permanence: Champaign subregion (FY2025)



Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.28 Children achieving permanence: Peoria subregion (FY2025)



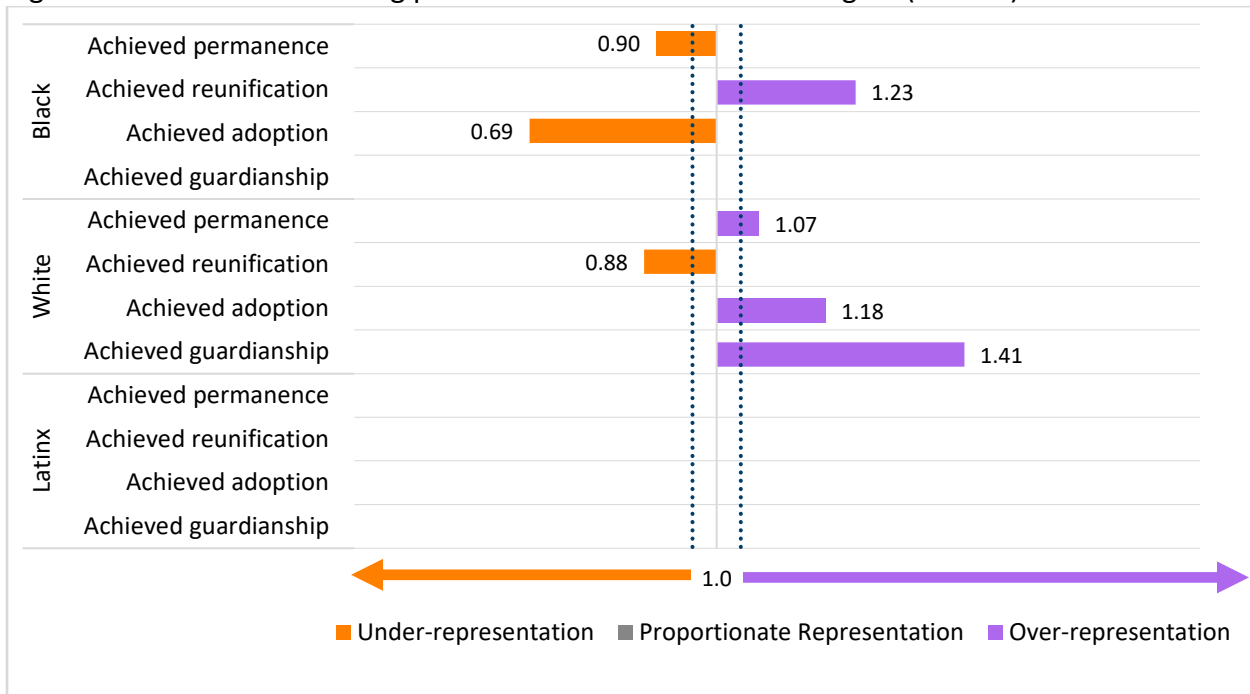
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.29 Children achieving permanence: Springfield subregion (FY2025)



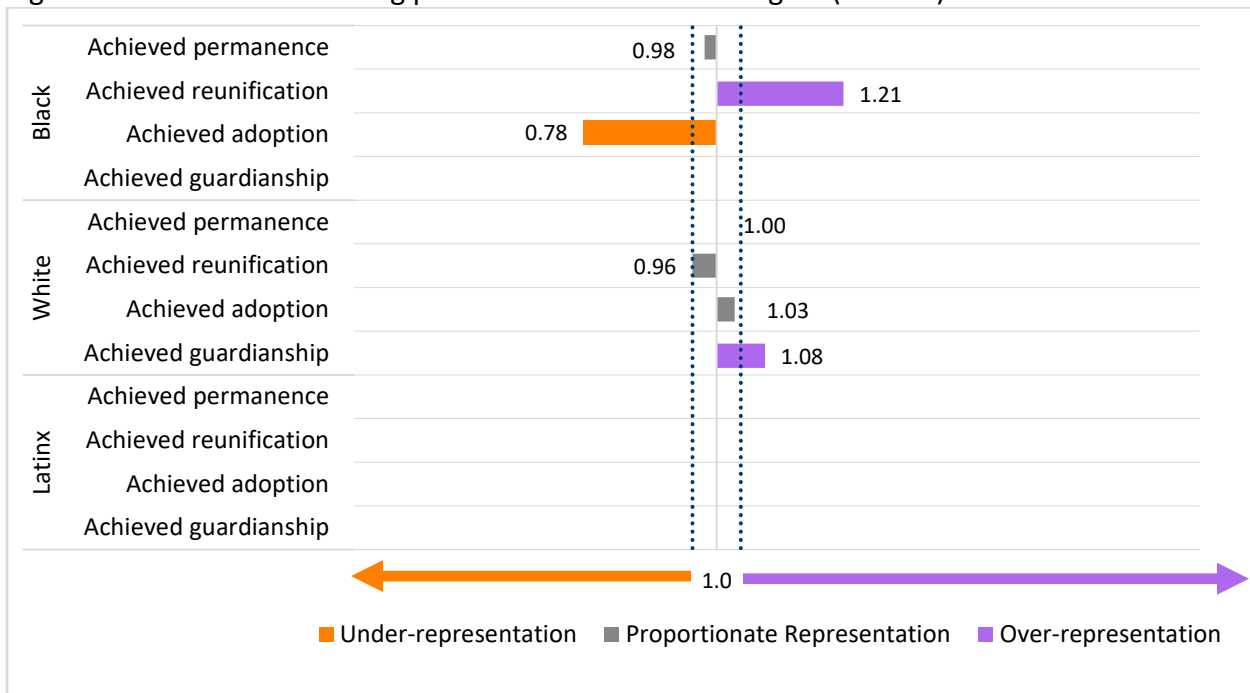
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.30 Children achieving permanence: East St. Louis subregion (FY2025)



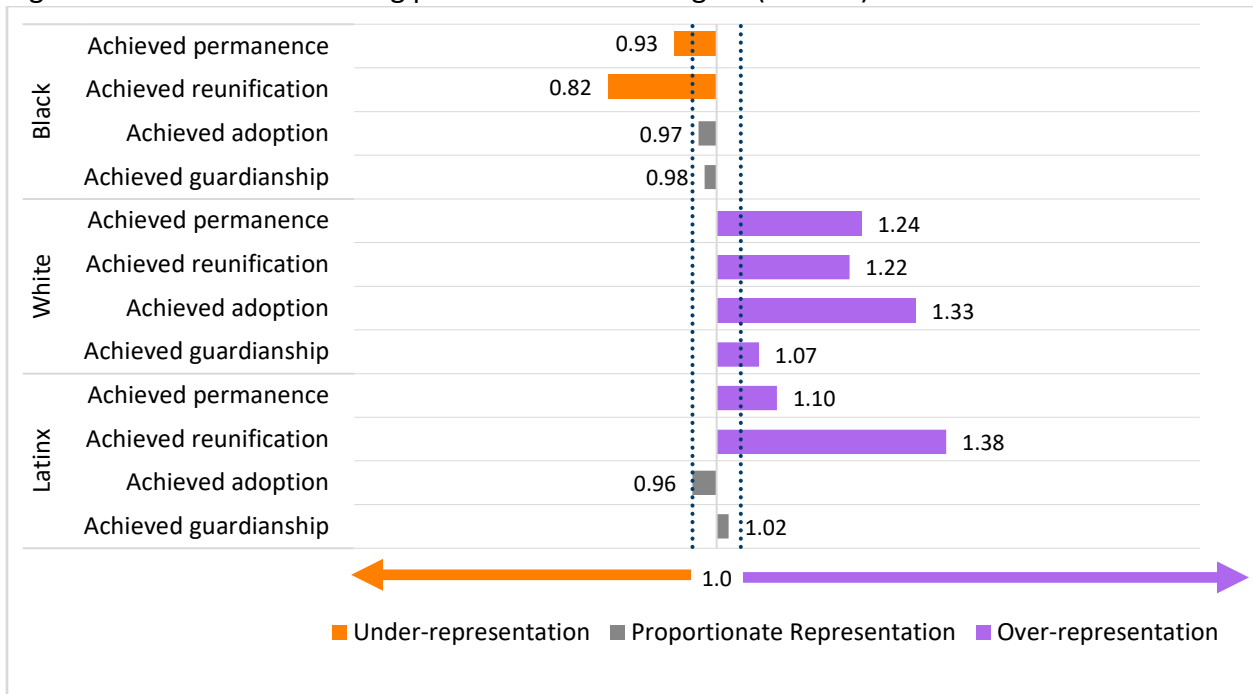
Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.31 Children achieving permanence: Marion subregion (FY2025)



Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

Figure 3.32 Children achieving permanence: Cook region (FY2025)



Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI is not reported.

## Chapter 4: Summary and Recommendations

Previous research produced by the Children and Family Research Center has documented that Black children are over-represented in the Illinois child welfare system at every investigation decision point, including which children are investigated and which children are removed from their homes and placed into substitute care.<sup>21</sup> Recognizing that systematic and ongoing data collection is the first step in developing strategic interventions to reduce these long-standing inequities, HB2914 calls for an annual report that examines racial disproportionality in an expanded number of areas within the Illinois child welfare system, including investigations of different maltreatment types, substitute care placement types, lengths of stay in care, and the achievement of family permanence through reunification, adoption, and guardianship.

To examine racial disproportionality, the CFRC computes a metric called the racial disproportionality index (RDI) that compares the percentage of children in a racial or ethnic group in a specific part of the child welfare system to the percentage of children in that same racial or ethnic group in a relevant base population. In this report, two sets of RDIs were computed that used different base populations for comparison. The first set of indicators focused on decisions that occur during a child protection investigation, including the decision to 1) screen in a hotline call for investigation, 2) indicate the investigation (i.e., determine that credible evidence that the alleged maltreatment occurred), 3) send the investigation to the court for screening, 4) take temporary protective custody of the child, 5) develop a safety plan for the family, and 6) remove the child from the home and place them into substitute care. These *investigation indicators* used the percentage of children in each racial group in the Illinois child population as the comparison population when calculating the RDIs.

The second set of indicators focused on decisions made after a child was placed into substitute care and included 1) the types of placements children were placed in, 2) the length of time children spent in substitute care before exiting the system, and 3) achieving family permanence via reunification, adoption, and guardianship. These *substitute care indicators* used the percentage of children in each racial group in the Illinois substitute care population as the comparison population when calculating the RDI. Because the comparison populations for the two sets of indicators are different, the size of the RDIs for the investigation indicators and the placement indicators cannot be directly compared. However, interpretation of the RDIs for both sets of indicators is the same—RDIs greater than 1 indicate that a group is over-represented, RDIs less than 1 indicate that a group is under-represented, and RDIs close to 1 mean that the group is proportionately represented compared to the base population.

Examination of the RDIs for the investigation indicators at the state level reveals that in FY2025, Black children were over-represented at every investigation decision point including screened-

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<sup>21</sup> Children and Family Research Center. (2025). *Racial and ethnic disproportionality in the Illinois child welfare system: FY2025 report*. [https://cfr Illinois.edu/pubs/rp\\_20250930\\_RacialAndEthnicDisproportionalityInTheIllinoisChildWelfareSystemFY2025Report.pdf](https://cfr Illinois.edu/pubs/rp_20250930_RacialAndEthnicDisproportionalityInTheIllinoisChildWelfareSystemFY2025Report.pdf)

in investigations, indicated investigations, protective custodies, court screenings, safety plans, and entries into substitute care. The RDIs for Black children for each of these investigation indicators were 2.0 or greater, with the largest RDI for entries into substitute care (RDI = 2.39). This means that the percentage of Black children involved in each stage of an investigation was two times larger (or more) than the percentage of Black children in the Illinois child population. The findings in this report also examined some of the investigation indicators by the type of maltreatment that was being investigated; the maltreatment types examined included risk of harm, neglect, environmental neglect, lack of supervision/lock out, physical abuse, sexual abuse/human trafficking, emotional abuse, and substance exposure. When the RDIs for Black children in specific types of investigations were examined, the largest were for investigations related to lack of supervision/lock out (RDI = 2.68) and the smallest RDI were for investigations of emotional abuse (RDI = 1.51) and sexual abuse/human trafficking (RDI = 1.65). Similarly, the largest RDI for indicated investigations was for lack of supervision/lock out (RDI = 2.80) and the smallest were for sexual abuse/human trafficking (RDI = 1.36) and emotional abuse (RDI = 1.39).

When the investigation indicators were examined by subregion, the amount of over-representation of Black children varied considerably, with the largest RDIs occurring in the Aurora subregion and the smallest in the East St. Louis subregion. For example, the RDIs for Black children in investigations in FY2025 were 3.09 in the Aurora subregion and 2.13 in the East St. Louis subregion. The differences were even more striking at the protective custody decision; the RDIs were 3.88 and 2.14 in the Aurora and East St. Louis subregions, respectively.

Examination of the RDI for the placement indicators identifies two areas where Black children continue to be over-represented compared to the percentage of Black children in care. The first area is the use of restrictive placement types (e.g., congregate care). When children are removed from their homes the preference is to place them with relatives in kinship foster homes, which preserve their ties with family and community. If a placement with kin is not possible, placement in a traditional (non-relative) foster home is sought. Children who require a higher level of care are placed in specialized foster care with foster families who have been specially trained to care for children with certain medical or behavioral needs. Placements in congregate care settings such as group homes and institutions are the least preferred type of placement for children, as they are often located long distances away from their families, which can hamper visits and efforts toward reunification. In FY2025, Black children were placed in traditional foster care and kinship care at rates that were similar to their percentage in the substitute care population. However, Black children were over-represented in specialized foster care and congregate care placements (RDI = 1.28 and 1.21, respectively). When the results were examined at the subregional level, the RDI for Black children in congregate care placements varied. They were over-represented in these placements in all subregions except for the Aurora subregion (RDI = 1.00) and the Champaign subregion (RDI = 1.03). The over-representation of Black children in congregate care placements is an ongoing concern that deserves additional attention.

Another concern is that Black children continued to be disproportionately represented among those with lengthy stays in substitute care before exiting the system. When children are removed from their homes, the goal is to move them out of substitute care as soon as it is safe and reasonable to do so. The current report examined this indicator by looking at the number of months that children in different racial groups spent in care before exiting, with indicators looking at stays in care less than 12 months, 12-23 months, 24-35 months, 36-47 months, 48-59 months, and 60 or more months. The results showed that in FY2025, Black children were under-represented among children who remain in care less than 12 months and 12–59 months before exiting and were over-represented among children who remained in care 60 months or more (RDI = 1.31). This number is especially striking when compared to the RDI for White children with a length of stay that was 60 months or more (RDI = 0.75). Please note that the RDIs for many of the length of stay indicators could not be computed at the subregional level because the numbers were too small.

The last set of placement indicators examined children who exited substitute care to achieve family permanence through reunification, adoption, and guardianship, all of which are considered positive outcomes. Overall, when compared to the percentage of Black children in substitute care in FY2025, Black children were under-represented among those who achieved permanence (RDI = 0.86). Specifically, Black children were under-represented among those who achieved permanence through reunification (RDI = 0.87) and adoption (RDI = 0.82). It should be noted that White children were over-represented or proportionately represented in each of these permanency indicators in FY2025.

The results of previous disproportionality analyses completed by the Children and Family Research Center revealed that White children were proportionately represented at most child welfare decision points.<sup>22</sup> The results of the current report, which examined an expanded set of child welfare indicators, also revealed that White children were proportionately represented (or close to this) for almost all child welfare indicators examined. The exceptions were indicators involving the placement of children in specialized foster care homes, congregate care placements, and lengths of stay in placement 60 months or more before exiting; for these indicators, White children were under-represented. Also, White children were over-represented among those children in substitute care less than 12 months (RDI = 1.14), 12-23 months (RDI = 1.15), 24-35 months (RDI = 1.22), 36-47 months (RDI = 1.26), and 48-59 months (RDI = 1.11) before exiting, who achieved permanence through reunification (RDI = 1.06), adoption (RDI = 1.20) and all forms of permanence combined (RDI = 1.11).

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<sup>22</sup> Children and Family Research Center. (2025). *Racial and ethnic disproportionality in the Illinois child welfare system: FY2025 report*. [https://cfr Illinois.edu/pubs/rp\\_20250930\\_RacialAndEthnicDisproportionalityInTheIllinoisChildWelfareSystemFY2025Report.pdf](https://cfr Illinois.edu/pubs/rp_20250930_RacialAndEthnicDisproportionalityInTheIllinoisChildWelfareSystemFY2025Report.pdf)

Latinx families are historically under-represented in child welfare systems despite having similar socioeconomic issues as Black families;<sup>23</sup> the findings in the current report regarding Latinx children in the Illinois child welfare system are no different. Latinx children were under-represented in all the investigation indicators examined in the current report. Similar to White children, Latinx children were under-represented among children placed in congregate care settings when compared to their representation in the substitute care population (RDI = 0.78). For the permanence indicators, Latinx children were under-represented among children who achieved permanence through adoption (RDI = 0.79), proportionally represented among children who achieved permanence with all forms combined (RDI = 0.99) and over-represented among children who achieved guardianship (RDI = 1.35) and who were reunified (RDI = 1.09).

The purpose of this report is to provide systematic and ongoing data on the disproportionate representation of Black children in the Illinois child welfare system that will pinpoint areas for potential interventions. The results of the FY2025 annual report confirm the results of previous analyses that Black children are over-represented in every decision point during an investigation. In addition, Black children are over-represented in specialized foster care and congregate care placements as well as among children who remain in substitute care 60 months or more before exiting to permanence. Finally, Black children are under-represented among those who achieve family permanence through reunification and adoption. Based on these findings, the following recommendations are made:

1. Black children are over-represented in investigations and indicated investigations of all types of maltreatment, but the amount of over-representation is highest among investigations that include allegations of lack of supervision/lock out (RDI = 2.68 and 2.80 for these investigations and indicated investigations, respectively). This raises questions about the factors that lead to Black children being investigated and indicated for lack of supervision at such high rates. Additional study of the circumstances of these lack of supervision investigations may provide insight into strategies to prevent this type of maltreatment from occurring as frequently among Black children.
2. For the first time in many years, the total number of investigations completed in Illinois decreased significantly in FY2025, from 96,253 in FY2024 to 78,096 in FY2025.<sup>24</sup> Additional information from the Department suggests that this may be due to an increase in referrals to “preventative services.”<sup>25</sup> Future analyses for this report should include an analysis of racial and ethnic disproportionality among these preventative services referrals.

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<sup>23</sup> Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2021). *Child welfare practice to address racial disproportionality and disparity*. Available online: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/issue-briefs/racial-disproportionality/>

<sup>24</sup> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (October, 2025). *Six-Year Statistics on Child Protective Services. Data as of October 31, 2025*. <https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/reports-and-statistics/documents/ess-protective-services.pdf>

<sup>25</sup> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (October, 2025). *Six-Year Statistics on Hotline Call and Intake Volume. Data as of October 31, 2025*. <https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/reports-and-statistics/documents/ess-intake-events.pdf>

3. Black children have been consistently over-represented among those in congregate care placements in each of the last five fiscal years. Recent research examined the factors that increase the risk of entry into residential care placements in Illinois and they included older youth, male youth, youth with developmental disabilities or cognitive delays, and youth with traumatic stress symptoms or problematic social functional behaviors.<sup>26</sup> In addition, the results of the study were used to develop a predictive risk model that could be used to identify the children and youth at highest risk of residential placements. The authors discussed ways in which the model could be used to lower the inequity in residential placement decisions for Black and White youth.
4. Black children are substantially more likely than White children to experience long lengths of stay in care (five years or longer). Based on these results, a comprehensive study of the factors that lead to long stays substitute care is recommended. This study should incorporate and prioritize the perspectives of Black families who have been involved in the child welfare system and should include a detailed analyses of how the legal system impacts the length of stay for Black children in Illinois.
5. Findings indicate that Black children are under-represented in children who achieve permanency through reunification, and the amount of under-representation has increased in the past three years. Reunification is the most common form of permanence for children in the Illinois child welfare system, yet reunification rates in Illinois lag far behind those in most other states.<sup>27</sup> A closer examination of best practices in achieving reunifications, especially among Black families, may identify ways to improve performance in this area. This work may align with that being conducted by the Advisory Commission on Reducing the Disproportionate Representation of African-American Children in Foster Care.
6. HB2914 called for an examination of disproportionality in educational success, health and behavioral health, housing, jobs or economic justice, criminal justice, and other key metrics of child and family well-being. These indicators were not included in this report because comprehensive data on child and family well-being outcomes are not currently available for all children in substitute care. To fulfill the intent of the legislation, it will be necessary to obtain other data sources that contain information on child well-being, or to begin to systematically collect new data on key child welfare indicators. The Department should prioritize this area of data collection in the upcoming year.

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<sup>26</sup> Chor, K.H.B., Epstein, R.A., & Luo, Z. (2023). Developing and validating a predictive risk model for youth placement in residential care to support decision-making under the Family First Prevention Services Act. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth*, 40, 324-347. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0886571X.2022.2111018>

<sup>27</sup> Children's Bureau. (2024). *Child welfare outcomes 2020: Report to Congress*.

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/cb/cwo-report-to-congress-2020.pdf>

## Appendix A: House Bill 2914

Public Act 102-0451

HB2914 Enrolled

AN ACT concerning State government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended by adding Section 41.5 as follows:

(20 ILCS 505/41.5 new)

Sec. 41.5. Racial disparities reports. Due to the historical reality of the role of government in creating and maintaining racial inequities, no later than December 31, 2022, and no later than December 31 of each year thereafter, the Department shall prepare and submit an annual report, covering the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly regarding racial disparities for children and families involved in the child welfare system. The report shall be conducted by a research institution at a public university and must include, at a minimum, the following data de-aggregated by race as compared, where appropriate, to population-level data:

(1) education success, health and behavioral health, housing, jobs or economic justice, criminal justice, and other key metrics that serve as indicators of child and family well-being and can measure socioeconomic conditions in communities; and

(2) children and families involved in a safety plan, the number of protective custodies, the number of investigations of each type of abuse and neglect allegation described in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 300.Appendix B and the findings of such investigations, the number of Department recommended court filings for each allegation type, the number of intakes into the foster care system, placement settings, lengths of stay, and permanency outcomes.

## Appendix B: Child Abuse and Neglect Maltreatment Type Definitions

Maltreatment Type	Allegation Number	Allegation Description and Old Allegation Number
<b>Risk of Harm</b>	8	Substantial Risk of Physical Injury/Environment Injurious to Health and Welfare (10)
	31	Substantial Risk of Physical Injury/Environment Injurious to Health and Welfare by Neglect (60)
	86	Substantial risk of physical injury environment injurious to health and welfare - incidents of violence or intimidation (10a)
	87	Substantial risk of physical injury/environment injurious to health and welfare - medical child abuse (Fractitious disorder by proxy or Munchausen by proxy syndrome) (10b)
<b>Neglect</b>	24	Death by Neglect (51)
	25	Head Injuries by Neglect (52)
	26	Internal Injuries by Neglect (54)
	27	Burns by Neglect (55)
	28	Poison - Noxious Substances by Neglect (56)
	29	Wounds by Neglect (57)
	30	Bone Fractures by Neglect (59)
	32	Cuts Bruises Welts Abrasions and Oral Injuries by Neglect (61)
	33	Human Bites by Neglect (62)
	34	Sprains/Dislocations by Neglect (63)
	42	Medical Neglect (79)
	43	Failure to Thrive (81)
	45	Malnutrition (83)
	47	Medical Neglect of Disabled Infants (85)
96	Neglect by Agency (86)	
<b>Environmental Neglect</b>	39	Inadequate Food (76)
	40	Inadequate Shelter (77)
	41	Inadequate Clothing (78)
	44	Environmental Neglect (82)
<b>Lack of supervision/ lock out</b>	37	Inadequate Supervision (74)
	38	Abandonment/Desertion (75)
	46	Lock Out (84)
	78	Inadequate Supervision - Left Alone at Home, Outside or in the Community (74a)
	79	Inadequate Supervision - Left Alone in Vehicle (74b)
	80	Inadequate Supervision - Left in the Care of an Inadequate Caregiver (74c)
	81	Inadequate Supervision - General Category (74d)
93	Lock Out – Community Location (84a)	

	94	Lock Out – Psychiatrically Hospitalized (84b)
	95	Lock Out – Correctional Facility (84c)
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	1	Death (1)
	2	Head Injuries (2)
	3	Internal Injuries (4)
	4	Burns (5)
	5	Poison Noxious Substances (6)
	6	Wounds (7)
	7	Bone Fractures (9)
	10	Cuts Bruises Welts Abrasions and Oral Injuries (11)
	11	Human Bites (12)
	12	Sprains/Dislocations (13)
<b>Sexual Abuse/ Human Trafficking</b>	17	Sexually Transmitted Diseases (18)
	18	Sexual Penetration (19)
	19	Sexual Exploitation (20)
	20	Sexual Molestation (21)
	21	Substantial Risk of Sexual Abuse - Sex offender has access (22a)
	22	Substantial Risk of Sexual Abuse - Sibling of sex abuse victim (22b)
	23	Substantial Risk of Sexual Abuse - Sexualized behavior of young child (22c)
	75	Substantial Risk of Sexual Abuse - Child Pornography (22d)
	76	Human Trafficking of Children (40)
	77	Human Trafficking of Children by Neglect (90)
	92	Substantial Risk of Sexual Abuse - Suggestive Behavior (22e)
	102	Human Labor Trafficking (40a)
	103	Human Sex Trafficking (40b)
	104	Human Labor Trafficking by Neglect (90a)
105	Human Sex Trafficking by Neglect (90b)	
<b>Emotional Abuse</b>	13	Tying/Close Confinement (14)
	15	Torture (16)
	16	Mental Injury (17)
	36	Mental Injury by Neglect (67)
<b>Substance Exposure</b>	14	Substance Misuse (15)
	35	Substance Misuse by Neglect (65)
	98	Substance Misuse by Neglect-Substance Use Allowed (65a)
	99	Substance Misuse by Neglect-Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Withdrawal (65b)
	100	Substance Misuse by Neglect-Controlled Substance in a Newborn (65c)

## Appendix C: Placement Type Definitions

There are four placement types included in this report: kinship foster care, traditional foster care, specialized foster care, and congregate care. Placement type is determined by two fields in the Child and Youth Centered Information System (CYCIS) database: service code and child living arrangement type. In defining each placement type, the service code was given priority over the child living arrangement type. If a service code was not present, child living arrangement type was used to define a child's placement type.

1. **Kinship foster care** involves placement of children with relatives in the relatives' homes. Relatives are the preferred placement for children who must be removed from their parents, as this kind of placement maintains the children's connections with their families. In Illinois, kinship care providers may be licensed or unlicensed.

Children are included in this category if the description of the service code includes any indication that the service is for a home of a relative or kinship placement regardless of living arrangement code. If no service code is present, the following living arrangements codes are included in the category: Home of Relative (HMR) and Home of Fictive Kin (HFK).

2. **Traditional foster care** involves placement of children with non-relative foster parents in the non-relative's home. Traditional foster parents have been trained, assessed, and licensed to provide shelter and care.

Children are included in this category if the description of the service code includes any indication that the service is for a foster home regardless of living arrangement code. If no service code is present, the following living arrangements codes are included in the category: Foster Home Boarding DCFS (FHB), Foster Home Indian (FHI), Foster Home Boarding Private Agency (FHP), Foster Home Adoption (FHA), Foster Home Guardianship (FHG).

3. **Specialized foster care** involves placement of children with foster parents who have been specially trained to care for children with certain medical or behavioral needs. Examples include medically fragile children, children with emotional or behavioral disorders, and children with HIV/AIDS. Specialized foster parents are required to obtain additional training to become licensed, provide more support for children than regular family foster care, and have lower limits on the number of children that can be cared for in their home.

Children are included in this category if the description of the service code includes any indication that the service is for a foster home prepared to accommodate children who may require additional individual attention regardless of living arrangement code. If no service code is present, the following living arrangements codes are included in the

category: Foster Home Specialized (FHS), Foster Home Treatment (FHT), Therapeutic Foster Home (TFH), and Emergency Foster Care (EFC).

- 4. Congregate care** refers to placement in a group homes or institution. A group home is a community-based residence that houses more children than are permitted to reside in a foster family home, but fewer than a residential treatment center. In Illinois, the number of children in a group home is limited to 10 or fewer. All other non-family settings are combined into a broad category called institutions. This category includes a variety of congregate care placements such as residential treatment centers, detention centers, hospitals and other health facilities, and emergency shelters.

Children are included in this category if the description of the service code includes any indication that the service is for a group home, emergency shelter, or any type of institutional care facility regardless of living arrangement code. If no service code is present, the following living arrangements codes are included in the category: Group Home (GRH), Detention Facility/Jail (DET), Institution DCFS (ICF), Institution Department of Corrections (IDC), Institution Department of Mental Health (IMH), Institution Private Child Care Facility (IPA), Institution Rehabilitation Services (IRS), Nursing Care Facility (NCF), Institute Private Shelter (IPS), Qualified Residential Treatment (QRT), Youth Emergency Shelters (YES), and Institution Other Public (IOP).

## Appendix D: Child Welfare Indicator Definitions

### General notes:

- For indicators 1 – 29: children who were 17 years and younger on the investigation report date were included and children in investigations that took place in facilities were included.
- If the allegation finding was amended, the amended allegation was used to calculate the RDIs. This modification applies to indicators 10 – 18.
- If a child had more than one investigation, indicated investigation, or investigation screened by the court during the fiscal year, they were only counted once. In other words, the counts for each indicator are unduplicated.
- If a child had more than one maltreatment type or indicated maltreatment type in an investigation, they were counted once for each per year.
- Information on court screening became available in July 2021 and was therefore only available for investigations with report dates in FY2022 through FY2025.
- Data in the DCFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) include five categories for in the "screened by court" variable: 1) not screened; 2) screened, petition filed, temporary custody to DCFS; 3) screened, State's Attorney reviewed and did not file petition; 4) screened, petition filed, no temporary custody to DCFS, children home under court order; and 5) screened, petition filed, court found no probable cause, case dismissed. To compute the RDIs, this variable was recoded into two categories: 1) not screened by court and 2) screened by court (this included the four categories that were screened by court).
- For all indicators involving children in substitute care, children who entered substitute care and stayed seven legal spell days or fewer were excluded.
- If a child had more than one placement type during the fiscal year, they were counted once for each.

### **Indicator 1: Children in investigations (all maltreatment types)**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of any type and a report date during the fiscal year.

### **Indicator 2: Children in risk of harm investigations**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of risk of harm (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

### **Indicator 3: Children in neglect investigations**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of neglect (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 4: Children in environmental neglect investigations**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of environmental neglect (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 5: Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of lack of supervision/lock out (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 6: Children in physical abuse investigations**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of physical abuse (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 7: Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of sexual abuse/human trafficking (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 8: Children in emotional abuse investigations**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of emotional abuse (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 9: Children in substance exposure investigations**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of substance exposure (see Appendix A for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 10: Children in indicated investigations (all maltreatment types)**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of any type and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 11: Children in indicated risk of harm investigations**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of risk of harm (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 12: Children in indicated neglect investigations**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of neglect (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 13: Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of environmental neglect (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 14: Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of lack of supervision/lock out (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 15: Children in indicated physical abuse investigations**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of physical abuse (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 16: Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of sexual abuse/human trafficking (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 17: Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of emotional abuse (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 18: Children in indicated substance exposure investigations**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one indicated allegation of substance exposure (see Appendix B for allegations included in this maltreatment type) and a report date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 19: Children in investigations screened by court (all maltreatment types)**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one allegation of any type who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 20: Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one risk of harm allegation who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 21: Children in neglect investigations screened by court**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one neglect allegation who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 22: Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one environmental neglect allegation who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 23: Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one lack of supervision/lock out allegation who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 24: Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one physical abuse allegation who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 25: Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one sexual abuse/human trafficking allegation who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 26: Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one emotional abuse allegation who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 27: Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court**

Population includes children in investigations with at least one substance exposure allegation who were referred for court screening.

**Indicator 28: Children in protective custodies**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of any type and a report date during the fiscal year who were taken into protective custody.

**Indicator 29: Children involved in safety plans**

Population includes children in investigated reports with at least one allegation of any type and a report date during the fiscal year who had a safety plan record. If a child had more than one safety plan during the fiscal year, they were counted once per year.

**Indicator 30: Children who entered substitute care**

Population includes children age 17 and younger who entered substitute care, i.e., had a legal substitute care entry date during the fiscal year.

**Indicator 31: Children in kinship foster care placements**

Population includes children age 17 and younger on their legal substitute care entry date who were placed in a kinship foster care placement during the fiscal year (see Appendix C for placement type definitions).

**Indicator 32: Children in traditional foster care placements**

Population includes children age 17 and younger on their legal substitute care entry date who were placed in a traditional foster care placement during the fiscal year (see Appendix C for placement type definitions).

**Indicator 33: Children in specialized foster care placements**

Population includes children age 17 and younger on their legal substitute care entry date who were placed in a specialized foster care placement during the fiscal year (see Appendix C for placement type definitions).

**Indicator 34: Children in congregate care placements**

Population includes children age 17 and younger on their legal substitute care entry date who were placed in a group home, institution, emergency shelter or any other congregate care facility during the fiscal year (see Appendix C for placement type definitions).

**Indicator 35: Children in substitute care less than 12 months before exiting**

Population includes children who had been in care less than 12 months and who exited substitute care to achieve legal permanence during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 36: Children in substitute care 12-23 months before exiting**

Population includes children who had been in care between 12 and 23 months and who exited substitute care to achieve legal permanence during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 37: Children in substitute care 24-35 months before exiting**

Population includes children who had been in care between 24 and 35 months and who exited substitute care to achieve legal permanence during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 38: Children in substitute care 36-47 months before exiting**

Population includes children who had been in care between 36 and 47 months and who exited substitute care to achieve legal permanence during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 39: Children in substitute care 48-59 months before exiting**

Population includes children who had been in care between 48 and 59 months and who exited substitute care to achieve legal permanence during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 40: Children in substitute care 60 or more months before exiting**

Population includes children who had been in care 60 or more months and who exited substitute care to achieve legal permanence during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 41: Children who achieved permanence**

Population includes children who exited substitute care and achieved legal permanence through reunification, adoption, guardianship, or living with relatives during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 42: Children who achieved permanence through reunification**

Population includes children who exited substitute care and achieved legal permanence through reunification during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 43: Children who achieved permanence through adoption**

Population includes children who exited substitute care and achieved legal permanence through adoption during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

**Indicator 44: Children who achieved permanence through guardianship**

Population includes children who exited substitute care and achieved legal permanence through guardianship during the fiscal year. Children who were 17 and younger when they exited substitute care were included.

## Appendix E: Racial/Ethnic Disproportionality Data (State)

Appendix E provides data for the racial/ethnic disproportionality indicators at the state level. For all the indicators except Indicators 19 through 27, data are presented for the past five fiscal years. Indicators 19 through 27, which are based on court screening decisions, include data for FY2022 through FY2025 because these data have only been collected since July 2021.

The data in this appendix come from two sources. Illinois child population data (ages 0–19)<sup>28</sup> were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau.<sup>29</sup> The 2024 Illinois child population data were used to calculate RDIs for FY2024 and FY2025. All child welfare data were sourced from the DCFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW).<sup>30</sup>

The numbers in this appendix are rounded to two decimal places for display purposes. If the number of children in a racial/ethnic group for an indicator was 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI was less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) because percentages based on small numbers are unreliable.

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<sup>28</sup> Population data for children ages 0-19 were used because we needed data with seven racial/ethnic groups for the subregion level analysis. Child population data for ages 0-17 that included the seven racial/ethnic categories at the county level were not available, and data at the county level were needed so we could aggregate it to create the subregion-level child population data. We compared the racial distributions of children ages 0-19 with that of children ages 0-17 at the state level and verified that both distributions were very similar.

<sup>29</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2025). *CC-EST2022-ALLDATA-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024*.

<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2024/counties/asrh/>.

<sup>30</sup> The EDW data were extracted on October 7, 2025.

**Table E.1 Children in investigations (all maltreatment types)**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in investigated reports (%)	31.35	31.73	32.05	31.92	32.64
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.06	2.09	2.12	2.12	2.17
<b>White</b>					
Children in investigated reports (%)	45.30	43.61	42.55	41.65	41.08
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.90	0.88	0.86	0.85	0.84
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in investigated reports (%)	18.20	19.16	19.60	20.48	20.43
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.72	0.75	0.76	0.79	0.79
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in investigated reports (%)	1.36	1.51	1.47	1.54	1.50
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.24	0.27	0.25	0.25	0.25
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in investigated reports (%)	2.23	2.31	2.52	2.60	2.69
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.62	0.63	0.67	0.68	0.71
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in investigated reports (%)	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.06
Total child population (%)	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
RDI	0.50	0.43	0.58	0.58	0.43
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in investigated reports (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.2 Children in risk of harm investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	31.23	31.87	31.65	31.90	32.99
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.05	2.10	2.10	2.12	2.19
<b>White</b>					
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	45.67	43.81	42.73	41.43	40.50
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.91	0.88	0.86	0.84	0.83
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	17.70	18.66	19.69	20.51	20.53
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.70	0.73	0.77	0.79	0.79
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	1.47	1.61	1.49	1.62	1.51
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.26	0.28	0.25	0.27	0.25
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	2.44	2.51	2.71	2.76	2.97
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.68	0.68	0.72	0.72	0.78
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.05
Total child population (%)	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
RDI	0.58	0.43	0.50	0.65	0.36
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.3 Children in neglect investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in neglect investigations (%)	31.11	32.85	32.89	31.25	33.29
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.05	2.17	2.18	2.07	2.21
<b>White</b>					
Children in neglect investigations (%)	47.32	44.46	44.68	44.90	43.06
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.94	0.89	0.90	0.92	0.88
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in neglect investigations (%)	16.23	17.49	16.41	18.20	18.30
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.64	0.69	0.64	0.70	0.71
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in neglect investigations (%)	1.51	1.76	1.67	1.65	1.57
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.27	0.31	0.28	0.27	0.26
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in neglect investigations (%)	2.39	1.93	2.82	2.58	2.48
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.66	0.52	0.75	0.68	0.65
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.4 Children in environmental neglect investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	32.39	32.03	31.97	32.87	31.87
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.13	2.11	2.12	2.18	2.12
<b>White</b>					
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	51.59	50.53	50.13	48.94	50.43
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.03	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.03
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	12.08	13.12	13.20	13.38	13.14
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.48	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.51
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	0.37	0.41	0.45	0.50	0.29
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.05
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	2.40	2.64	2.81	2.82	2.64
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.67	0.72	0.75	0.74	0.69
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.5 Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in lack of supervision/lockout investigations (%)	38.31	39.28	39.55	39.51	40.34
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.52	2.59	2.62	2.62	2.68
<b>White</b>					
Children in lack of supervision/lockout investigations (%)	40.63	39.34	38.31	36.96	35.83
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.81	0.79	0.78	0.75	0.73
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in lack of supervision/lockout investigations (%)	16.60	16.55	16.77	17.97	17.73
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.69
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in lack of supervision/lockout investigations (%)	0.93	0.92	0.94	1.08	1.44
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.18	0.24
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in lack of supervision/lockout investigations (%)	2.15	2.25	2.64	2.74	2.90
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.60	0.61	0.70	0.72	0.76
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in lack of supervision/lockout investigations (%)	0.09	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	0.14	*	*	*	*
RDI	0.65	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in lack of supervision/lockout investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.6 Children in physical abuse investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	30.59	32.56	33.52	32.34	32.45
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.01	2.15	2.22	2.15	2.15
<b>White</b>					
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	46.74	41.85	40.74	40.46	39.60
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.93	0.84	0.82	0.83	0.81
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	17.51	20.43	20.33	21.36	22.15
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.69	0.80	0.79	0.83	0.86
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	1.49	1.77	1.87	1.65	1.88
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.27	0.31	0.32	0.27	0.31
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	2.43	2.24	2.38	2.70	2.68
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.67	0.61	0.63	0.71	0.70
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.7 Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	25.00	24.75	25.91	24.68	24.79
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.64	1.63	1.72	1.64	1.65
<b>White</b>					
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	47.83	46.19	45.01	46.09	44.76
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.96	0.93	0.91	0.94	0.91
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	22.58	23.94	23.32	23.82	24.77
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.89	0.94	0.91	0.92	0.96
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	0.84	1.15	1.21	1.15	1.02
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.15	0.20	0.21	0.19	0.17
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	1.86	1.87	2.10	2.18	2.35
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.52	0.51	0.56	0.57	0.62
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.8 Children in emotional abuse investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	17.86	20.93	21.89	21.74	22.74
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.17	1.38	1.45	1.44	1.51
<b>White</b>					
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	59.77	55.12	51.54	52.55	52.20
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.19	1.11	1.04	1.07	1.06
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	16.07	17.47	19.31	18.45	18.39
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.63	0.68	0.75	0.71	0.71
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	2.79	3.03	3.46	2.51	2.78
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.50	0.53	0.59	0.41	0.46
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	1.99	1.85	2.46	2.68	2.20
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.55	0.50	0.66	0.70	0.58
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.9 Children in substance exposure investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	24.75	25.29	26.46	27.51	29.45
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.63	1.67	1.75	1.83	1.95
<b>White</b>					
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	56.79	57.00	55.56	53.31	50.07
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.13	1.15	1.12	1.09	1.02
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	14.59	13.67	14.01	14.17	16.43
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.57	0.54	0.55	0.55	0.64
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	2.43	2.50	2.26	3.03	2.53
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.67	0.68	0.60	0.80	0.66
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.10 Children in indicated investigations (all maltreatment types)**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated investigations (%)	32.66	31.99	31.79	31.62	32.74
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.15	2.11	2.11	2.10	2.17
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated investigations (%)	42.80	43.00	42.84	42.12	41.18
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.85	0.86	0.87	0.86	0.84
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated investigations (%)	19.73	20.07	19.85	20.67	20.62
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.78	0.79	0.77	0.80	0.80
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated investigations (%)	1.10	1.09	1.06	1.10	1.01
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.17
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated investigations (%)	2.43	2.69	2.96	3.04	3.26
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.67	0.73	0.79	0.80	0.86
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.08	*	*	0.10	*
Total child population (%)	0.14	*	*	0.14	*
RDI	0.58	*	*	0.72	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.11 Children in indicated risk of harm investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	32.31	32.29	31.34	31.06	33.15
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.13	2.13	2.08	2.06	2.20
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	43.47	43.25	42.94	42.14	40.33
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.86	0.82
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	19.26	19.29	20.10	20.89	20.82
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.76	0.76	0.78	0.81	0.81
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	1.10	1.18	1.07	1.10	0.99
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.20	0.21	0.18	0.18	0.16
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	2.60	2.85	3.15	3.35	3.58
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.72	0.77	0.84	0.88	0.94
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	0.09	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	0.14	*	*	*	*
RDI	0.65	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.12 Children in indicated neglect investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	40.52	43.20	39.49	39.62	38.14
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.67	2.85	2.62	2.63	2.53
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	37.84	36.10	37.29	41.16	39.42
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.76	0.73	0.75	0.84	0.80
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	17.27	15.74	17.33	13.83	17.88
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.68	0.62	0.67	0.54	0.69
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	2.07	2.82	3.34	2.90	2.46
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.57	0.77	0.89	0.76	0.65
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.13 Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	25.80	24.11	24.51	25.22	26.27
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.70	1.59	1.62	1.67	1.74
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	56.79	60.12	59.83	59.20	58.68
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.13	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.20
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	13.18	11.01	11.17	10.55	10.45
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.52	0.43	0.43	0.41	0.40
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	2.44	3.37	2.83	3.31	3.62
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.68	0.92	0.75	0.87	0.95
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.14 Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations (%)	41.57	41.90	42.46	43.23	42.15
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.73	2.77	2.81	2.87	2.80
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations (%)	36.89	35.00	35.78	33.39	33.86
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.74	0.70	0.72	0.68	0.69
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations (%)	16.78	18.86	16.17	17.64	17.41
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.66	0.74	0.63	0.68	0.67
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations (%)	1.27	0.73	0.85	1.36	1.73
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.23	0.13	0.14	0.22	0.28
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations (%)	2.29	2.64	3.25	2.81	3.56
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.64	0.72	0.87	0.74	0.93
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.15 Children in indicated physical abuse investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	36.73	37.29	38.00	36.73	35.76
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.42	2.46	2.52	2.44	2.37
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	40.34	37.15	37.48	37.10	37.67
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.81	0.75	0.76	0.76	0.77
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	18.20	20.11	19.17	20.62	21.46
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.72	0.79	0.75	0.80	0.83
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	1.27	1.42	1.42	*	1.10
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	*	6.09
RDI	0.23	0.25	0.24	*	0.18
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	2.44	2.79	2.70	3.46	3.11
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.68	0.76	0.72	0.91	0.82
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.16 Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	24.38	20.34	21.45	21.42	20.44
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.60	1.34	1.42	1.42	1.36
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	42.56	43.99	44.52	44.91	44.87
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.85	0.88	0.90	0.92	0.92
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	28.96	31.89	28.85	29.65	29.87
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	1.14	1.25	1.12	1.15	1.16
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	0.55	0.77	0.96	0.72	*
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	*
RDI	0.10	0.14	0.16	0.12	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	2.03	1.69	2.19	1.82	2.53
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.56	0.46	0.58	0.48	0.66
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.17 Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	13.79	19.07	15.83	16.75	20.94
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	0.91	1.26	1.05	1.11	1.39
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	64.94	67.01	57.55	62.94	59.16
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.30	1.35	1.16	1.28	1.21
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	14.94	*	17.27	14.72	14.14
Total child population (%)	25.38	*	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.59	*	0.67	0.57	0.55
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.18 Children in indicated substance exposure investigations**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	25.33	23.97	25.16	23.48	26.04
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.67	1.58	1.67	1.56	1.73
<b>White</b>					
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	56.22	59.22	59.31	57.46	56.04
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.12	1.19	1.20	1.17	1.14
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	14.29	11.55	10.72	14.09	14.06
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.56	0.45	0.42	0.55	0.54
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	2.55	3.79	2.82	2.76	2.92
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.71	1.03	0.75	0.72	0.77
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.19 Children in investigations screened by court (all maltreatment types)**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	28.28	28.95	30.57	30.98
Total child population (%)	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.87	1.92	2.03	2.06
<b>White</b>				
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	55.10	54.40	52.37	50.33
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.11	1.10	1.07	1.03
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	11.66	10.8	11.94	12.96
Total child population (%)	25.53	25.7	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.46	0.42	0.46	0.50
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	0.54	0.58	*	0.38
Total child population (%)	5.70	5.86	*	6.09
RDI	0.09	0.10	*	0.06
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	3.09	3.70	3.61	3.83
Total child population (%)	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.84	0.99	0.95	1.01
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.20 Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	28.24	29.58	30.13	31.69
Total child population (%)	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.86	1.96	2.00	2.10
<b>White</b>				
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	54.93	53.13	52.20	49.90
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.10	1.08	1.06	1.02
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	11.45	11.07	12.10	12.42
Total child population (%)	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.45	0.43	0.47	0.48
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	0.60	0.53	*	0.41
Total child population (%)	5.70	5.86	*	6.09
RDI	0.11	0.09	*	0.07
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	3.42	4.05	3.99	4.20
Total child population (%)	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.93	1.08	1.05	1.10
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.21 Children in neglect investigations screened by court**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	36.57	32.53	39.14	34.62
Total child population (%)	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.41	2.15	2.60	2.30
<b>White</b>				
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	46.89	49.63	44.70	48.19
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.94	1.00	0.91	0.98
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	11.68	10.22	11.49	11.76
Total child population (%)	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.46	0.40	0.44	0.46
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	5.02	4.13	*
Total child population (%)	*	3.75	3.81	*
RDI	*	1.34	1.08	*
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.22 Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	22.50	25.41	28.31	24.42
Total child population (%)	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.48	1.68	1.88	1.62
<b>White</b>				
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	64.24	59.78	59.80	60.02
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.29	1.21	1.22	1.22
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	8.49	9.68	7.04	10.75
Total child population (%)	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.33	0.38	0.27	0.42
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	3.52	3.62	3.92	3.44
Total child population (%)	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.96	0.96	1.03	0.90
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.23 Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court (%)	35.74	32.46	42.13	40.37
Total child population (%)	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.36	2.15	2.80	2.68
<b>White</b>				
Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court (%)	47.88	50.68	41.95	41.22
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.96	1.03	0.86	0.84
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court (%)	12.19	11.18	10.94	12.87
Total child population (%)	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.48	0.44	0.42	0.50
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court (%)	2.60	3.82	3.45	3.47
Total child population (%)	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.71	1.02	0.91	0.91
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.24 Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	30.75	32.63	32.21	34.66
Total child population (%)	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.03	2.16	2.14	2.30
<b>White</b>				
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	49.51	48.83	48.57	46.81
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.95
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	14.61	11.99	14.03	13.58
Total child population (%)	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.57	0.47	0.54	0.53
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	2.62	3.96	3.38	3.35
Total child population (%)	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.71	1.06	0.89	0.88
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.25 Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	17.55	16.02	19.57	15.42
Total child population (%)	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.16	1.06	1.30	1.02
<b>White</b>				
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	66.32	69.18	60.86	59.87
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.33	1.40	1.24	1.22
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	12.40	9.52	15.87	18.37
Total child population (%)	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.49	0.37	0.61	0.71
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	2.32	3.03	2.14	2.96
Total child population (%)	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.63	0.81	0.56	0.78
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.26 Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	18.24	*	18.58	32.99
Total child population (%)	15.15	*	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.20	*	1.23	2.19
<b>White</b>				
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	67.57	67.27	65.49	52.58
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.36	1.36	1.34	1.07
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.27 Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>				
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	19.97	22.89	21.69	22.13
Total child population (%)	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.32	1.52	1.44	1.47
<b>White</b>				
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	67.74	62.85	64.75	64.47
Total child population (%)	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.36	1.27	1.32	1.31
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>				
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	7.82	8.13	7.29	8.94
Total child population (%)	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.31	0.32	0.28	0.35
<b>Asian</b>				
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>				
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	*	3.48	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	3.75	*	*
RDI	*	0.93	*	*
<b>Native American</b>				
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>				
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.28 Children in protective custodies**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in protective custodies (%)	31.21	33.56	33.03	34.91	34.94
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.05	2.21	2.19	2.32	2.32
<b>White</b>					
Children in protective custodies (%)	50.91	49.75	49.76	47.54	46.50
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.02	1.00	1.01	0.97	0.95
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in protective custodies (%)	12.61	11.70	11.14	11.84	12.16
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.50	0.46	0.43	0.46	0.47
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in protective custodies (%)	0.58	0.52	0.49	*	*
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	*	*
RDI	0.10	0.09	0.08	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in protective custodies (%)	3.35	3.29	4.16	3.98	4.73
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.93	0.89	1.11	1.04	1.24
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.29 Children involved in safety plans**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children involved in safety plans (%)	29.91	31.38	31.36	32.15	32.78
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	1.97	2.07	2.08	2.13	2.18
<b>White</b>					
Children involved in safety plans (%)	51.07	49.91	49.32	47.84	46.82
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.02	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.95
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children involved in safety plans (%)	13.69	13.60	13.18	13.87	14.33
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.54	0.53	0.51	0.54	0.55
<b>Asian</b>					
Children involved in safety plans (%)	0.67	0.59	0.56	0.56	0.39
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	6.09	6.09
RDI	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.06
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children involved in safety plans (%)	3.32	3.38	4.08	4.03	4.20
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.92	0.92	1.09	1.06	1.10
<b>Native American</b>					
Children involved in safety plans (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children involved in safety plans (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.30 Children who entered substitute care**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children who entered substitute care (%)	31.09	32.61	33.00	33.90	35.97
Total child population (%)	15.20	15.15	15.10	15.07	15.07
RDI	2.05	2.15	2.19	2.25	2.39
<b>White</b>					
Children who entered substitute care (%)	51.46	51.13	50.17	49.32	45.97
Total child population (%)	50.08	49.78	49.42	49.03	49.03
RDI	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.01	0.94
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children who entered substitute care (%)	12.36	11.42	10.39	10.86	11.67
Total child population (%)	25.38	25.53	25.70	25.84	25.84
RDI	0.49	0.45	0.40	0.42	0.45
<b>Asian</b>					
Children who entered substitute care (%)	0.48	0.45	0.37	*	0.42
Total child population (%)	5.56	5.70	5.86	*	6.09
RDI	0.09	0.08	0.06	*	0.07
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children who entered substitute care (%)	3.44	3.34	4.39	4.14	4.57
Total child population (%)	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.81	3.81
RDI	0.95	0.91	1.17	1.09	1.20
<b>Native American</b>					
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.31 Children in kinship foster care placements**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	35.22	34.82	35.05	35.04	35.66
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.96
<b>White</b>					
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	48.65	48.72	48.31	48.10	47.30
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	1.05	1.04	1.03	1.04	1.03
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	11.18	11.76	11.56	11.76	11.63
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	1.04	1.04	1.03	1.03	1.02
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	0.34	0.32	0.30	0.15	0.21
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.24	0.24
RDI	0.97	0.91	0.88	0.63	0.88
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	3.65	3.47	3.76	3.78	3.94
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	0.96	0.96	1.01	0.97	0.98
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.32 Children in traditional foster care placements**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	38.23	38.01	37.17	37.53	38.69
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	1.01	1.03	1.01	1.02	1.04
<b>White</b>					
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	45.51	45.52	45.63	44.51	43.61
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.96	0.95
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	10.67	11.18	11.39	11.45	11.24
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.99	0.99	1.02	1.00	0.99
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	0.42	0.40	0.44	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	0.35	0.35	0.34	*	*
RDI	1.20	1.14	1.29	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	3.94	3.67	3.97	4.48	4.56
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	1.04	1.01	1.06	1.15	1.13
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.33 Children in specialized foster care placements**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	51.25	48.50	48.56	47.48	47.60
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	1.36	1.32	1.32	1.29	1.28
<b>White</b>					
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	32.48	34.81	34.14	34.92	35.13
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	0.70	0.74	0.73	0.75	0.77
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	10.93	10.65	11.51	11.70	11.81
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	1.01	0.94	1.03	1.02	1.04
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	4.17	4.54	4.32	4.20	3.94
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	1.10	1.25	1.16	1.08	0.98
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.34 Children in congregate care placements**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in congregate care placements (%)	47.07	46.98	46.59	44.30	45.19
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	1.25	1.27	1.27	1.21	1.21
<b>White</b>					
Children in congregate care placements (%)	39.67	39.73	39.90	40.53	39.82
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.87
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in congregate care placements (%)	8.44	8.02	8.32	9.05	8.84
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.78	0.71	0.74	0.79	0.78
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in congregate care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in congregate care placements (%)	3.61	3.73	4.05	4.34	4.10
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	0.95	1.03	1.08	1.11	1.02
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in congregate care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in congregate care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.35 Children in substitute care less than 12 months before exiting**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	29.99	27.70	36.56	30.86	30.05
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	0.80	0.75	0.99	0.84	0.80
<b>White</b>					
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	54.05	54.27	48.06	50.30	52.12
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	1.17	1.16	1.03	1.08	1.14
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	10.02	12.05	9.00	11.52	12.72
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.93	1.07	0.80	1.01	1.12
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	3.53	4.05	3.76	5.61	3.12
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	0.93	1.12	1.01	1.44	0.77
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.36 Children in substitute care 12-23 months before exiting**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	32.92	28.81	30.25	28.20	29.53
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	0.87	0.78	0.82	0.77	0.79
<b>White</b>					
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	53.21	53.87	55.74	55.90	52.51
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	1.15	1.15	1.19	1.20	1.15
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	8.01	11.78	9.58	11.15	10.11
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.74	1.05	0.85	0.98	0.89
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	4.35	3.76	2.77	2.95	5.18
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	1.15	1.04	0.74	0.76	1.29
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.37 Children in substitute care 24-35 months before exiting**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	33.27	29.57	27.80	26.28	27.26
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	0.88	0.80	0.76	0.72	0.73
<b>White</b>					
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	53.48	55.28	53.44	53.74	55.83
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	1.15	1.18	1.14	1.16	1.22
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	7.24	9.35	12.95	14.78	11.48
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.67	0.83	1.15	1.29	1.01
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	4.32	4.35	3.57	3.47	4.29
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	1.14	1.20	0.95	0.89	1.06
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.38 Children in substitute care 36-47 months before exiting**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	33.29	29.62	28.53	31.27	26.89
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	0.88	0.80	0.78	0.85	0.72
<b>White</b>					
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	53.57	57.80	58.70	53.39	57.67
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	1.16	1.23	1.26	1.15	1.26
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	6.85	7.35	8.44	10.82	10.22
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.63	0.65	0.75	0.95	0.90
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	4.34	4.34	3.60	3.54	4.29
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	1.15	1.20	0.96	0.91	1.06
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.39 Children in substitute care 48-59 months before exiting**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	41.02	36.77	32.37	37.89	31.23
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	1.09	1.00	0.88	1.03	0.84
<b>White</b>					
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	41.55	45.25	50.09	47.63	50.67
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	0.90	0.97	1.07	1.03	1.11
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	10.72	11.92	11.21	10.13	11.93
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.99	1.06	1.00	0.89	1.05
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	5.90	4.85	4.88	3.16	4.83
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	1.56	1.34	1.30	0.81	1.20
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.40 Children in substitute care 60 or more months before exiting**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	55.30	56.80	53.86	49.27	48.92
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	1.47	1.54	1.46	1.34	1.31
<b>White</b>					
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	25.85	28.51	31.99	32.54	34.09
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	0.56	0.61	0.68	0.70	0.75
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	15.47	11.02	9.38	12.08	11.61
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	1.43	0.98	0.84	1.06	1.02
<b>Asian</b>					
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	*	*	4.60	4.12	4.19
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	*	*	1.23	1.06	1.04
<b>Native American</b>					
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.41 Children who achieved permanence**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children who achieved permanence (%)	34.95	31.98	33.05	32.89	32.13
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	0.93	0.87	0.90	0.90	0.86
<b>White</b>					
Children who achieved permanence (%)	50.21	51.88	51.46	50.00	50.69
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	1.08	1.11	1.10	1.08	1.11
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children who achieved permanence (%)	9.07	10.59	10.24	11.76	11.25
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.84	0.94	0.91	1.03	0.99
<b>Asian</b>					
Children who achieved permanence (%)	0.41	0.44	0.49	0.37	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.24	*
RDI	1.17	1.26	1.44	1.54	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children who achieved permanence (%)	4.09	4.07	3.66	3.77	4.34
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	1.08	1.12	0.98	0.97	1.08
<b>Native American</b>					
Children who achieved permanence (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children who achieved permanence (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.42 Children who achieved permanence through reunification**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children who achieved reunification (%)	34.73	31.44	34.90	32.23	32.42
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	0.92	0.85	0.95	0.88	0.87
<b>White</b>					
Children who achieved reunification (%)	50.54	50.72	47.70	48.67	48.62
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	1.09	1.08	1.02	1.05	1.06
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children who achieved reunification (%)	9.21	12.24	12.07	13.39	12.36
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.85	1.09	1.08	1.17	1.09
<b>Asian</b>					
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	0.65	0.72	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	0.35	0.34	*	*
RDI	*	1.86	2.12	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children who achieved reunification (%)	3.75	3.95	3.36	3.96	4.72
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	0.99	1.09	0.90	1.02	1.17
<b>Native American</b>					
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.43 Children who achieved permanence through adoption**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children who achieved adoption (%)	33.63	31.61	28.07	31.30	30.47
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	0.89	0.86	0.76	0.85	0.82
<b>White</b>					
Children who achieved adoption (%)	51.52	55.72	59.30	53.97	54.76
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	1.11	1.19	1.27	1.16	1.20
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children who achieved adoption (%)	8.35	7.04	7.52	9.72	8.95
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.77	0.62	0.67	0.85	0.79
<b>Asian</b>					
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children who achieved adoption (%)	5.07	4.63	3.89	3.74	4.38
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.79	3.62	3.74	3.90	4.03
RDI	1.34	1.28	1.04	0.96	1.09
<b>Native American</b>					
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table E.44 Children who achieved permanence through guardianship**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Black</b>					
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	41.97	36.69	42.34	41.73	36.45
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	37.71	36.88	36.79	36.71	37.33
RDI	1.11	0.99	1.15	1.14	0.98
<b>White</b>					
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	42.49	48.20	43.30	42.08	44.53
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.34	46.89	46.77	46.44	45.71
RDI	0.92	1.03	0.93	0.91	0.97
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>					
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	10.36	10.55	8.85	11.44	15.37
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	10.80	11.27	11.22	11.43	11.35
RDI	0.96	0.94	0.79	1.00	1.35
<b>Asian</b>					
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>					
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Native American</b>					
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pacific Islander</b>					
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

## Appendix F: Racial/Ethnic Disproportionality Data (Subregion and Cook Region)

Appendix F provides the FY2025 data for the racial/ethnic disproportionality analyses for each subregion and the Cook region. The following subregions were included in the report: Aurora (2A), Rockford (1A), Champaign (3B), Peoria (1B), Springfield (3A), East St. Louis (4A), and Marion (5A). The Cook region included Cook North, Cook Central, and Cook South subregions. Five racial/ethnic groups were included in the analysis: Black, White, Latinx, Asian, and multiracial.<sup>31</sup>

Data on racial/ethnic disproportionality for the subregions and Cook region over the past five years (FY2021–FY2025) can be accessed at the following website:

[https://go.cfr.illinois.edu/subregion\\_details](https://go.cfr.illinois.edu/subregion_details)

The data in this appendix comes from two sources. Illinois child population data (ages 0–19)<sup>32</sup> was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau,<sup>33</sup> with 2024 Illinois child population data used to calculate RDIs for FY2024 and FY2025. All child welfare data were sourced from the DCFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW).<sup>34</sup>

The numbers in this appendix are rounded to two decimal places for display purposes. If the number of children in a racial/ethnic group for an indicator was 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI was less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) because percentages based on small numbers are unreliable.

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<sup>31</sup> Due to small number of Native American and Pacific Islander children at the subregion/region-level, these groups are not included in the data tables.

<sup>32</sup>The child population data for ages 0-19 were used because we needed the data with seven racial/ethnic groups for the subregion level analysis. We could not find the child population data with ages 0-17 that included the seven racial/ethnic categories at the county level. We needed the county-level data so we could aggregate it to create the subregion-level child population data. We compared the racial distributions of children ages 0-19 with those ages 0-17 at the state level and verified that both distributions were very similar.

<sup>33</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2025). *CC-EST2022-ALLDATA-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2020, to July 1, 2024.*

<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2024/counties/asrh/>.

<sup>34</sup> The EDW data were extracted on October 7, 2025.

**Table F.1 Children in investigations (all maltreatment types) by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	<b>Aurora</b>	<b>Rockford</b>	<b>Cham-paign</b>	<b>Peoria</b>	<b>Spring-field</b>	<b>East St. Louis</b>	<b>Marion</b>	<b>Cook Region</b>
<b>Black</b>								
Children in investigated reports (%)	23.74	28.47	31.91	25.39	22.49	41.65	13.47	47.64
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.09	2.35	2.45	2.21	2.41	2.13	2.27	2.08
<b>White</b>								
Children in investigated reports (%)	35.94	48.62	54.65	60.36	67.82	48.52	78.63	14.34
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.71	0.84	0.81	0.87	0.85	0.73	0.93	0.46
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in investigated reports (%)	33.62	16.89	7.22	8.21	3.52	4.40	2.85	32.73
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	1.13	0.74	0.79	0.71	0.73	0.63	0.63	0.92
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in investigated reports (%)	2.89	0.39	0.55	0.46	*	*	*	2.43
Total child population (%)	8.44	2.03	4.64	2.57	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.34	0.19	0.12	0.18	*	*	*	0.33
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in investigated reports (%)	2.27	3.53	3.97	3.65	4.27	3.53	3.64	1.23
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.66	0.70	0.75	0.78	0.91	0.70	0.95	0.38

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.2 Children in risk of harm investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	23.94	29.55	35.35	25.91	24.99	42.24	15.30	47.03
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.12	2.44	2.71	2.26	2.67	2.16	2.57	2.05
<b>White</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	35.18	47.70	50.77	58.78	65.88	48.43	76.31	15.12
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.70	0.82	0.75	0.85	0.83	0.72	0.90	0.49
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	34.21	16.86	7.13	8.98	3.12	3.97	2.94	32.47
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	1.14	0.74	0.78	0.77	0.65	0.57	0.65	0.92
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	2.80	*	0.55	0.48	*	*	*	2.54
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	4.64	2.57	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.33	*	0.12	0.19	*	*	*	0.34
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations (%)	2.46	3.72	4.56	4.18	4.63	3.51	4.08	1.38
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.72	0.74	0.86	0.89	0.99	0.70	1.06	0.42

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.3 Children in neglect investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in neglect investigations (%)	24.44	30.22	26.94	24.89	24.30	43.01	9.32	50.53
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.18	2.49	2.07	2.17	2.60	2.20	1.57	2.21
<b>White</b>								
Children in neglect investigations (%)	40.97	48.26	58.59	62.00	67.09	49.86	85.00	13.89
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.81	0.83	0.87	0.89	0.84	0.75	1.01	0.45
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in neglect investigations (%)	28.30	16.09	7.58	7.00	*	*	*	30.76
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	0.95	0.71	0.83	0.60	*	*	*	0.87
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in neglect investigations (%)	2.25	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.97
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.27	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.40
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in neglect investigations (%)	2.16	*	4.55	3.28	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	3.43	*	5.32	4.68	*	*	*	*
RDI	0.63	*	0.85	0.70	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.4 Children in environmental neglect investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	27.76	22.83	23.88	20.96	16.60	35.46	8.78	61.27
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.62	1.88	1.83	1.83	1.78	1.81	1.48	2.67
<b>White</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	42.04	56.81	65.71	68.51	75.80	53.71	85.01	10.59
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.83	0.98	0.97	0.99	0.95	0.80	1.01	0.34
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	26.47	14.65	4.60	5.18	2.83	5.15	2.57	24.58
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	0.89	0.64	0.50	0.45	0.59	0.74	0.56	0.69
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.84
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.11
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations (%)	2.04	3.32	3.60	3.31	3.50	3.32	2.69	1.33
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.60	0.66	0.68	0.71	0.75	0.66	0.70	0.41

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.5 Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	30.25	37.51	36.88	30.24	24.81	49.96	15.58	57.49
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.94	3.09	2.83	2.64	2.65	2.56	2.62	2.51
<b>White</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	31.56	40.66	49.32	55.40	63.27	39.52	78.06	10.96
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.63	0.70	0.73	0.80	0.80	0.59	0.92	0.35
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	30.92	15.41	6.38	7.75	4.57	4.28	2.00	26.61
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	1.03	0.68	0.70	0.67	0.95	0.61	0.44	0.75
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	3.15	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.15
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.37	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.29
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	2.67	3.87	4.90	3.98	4.27	4.81	3.22	1.12
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.78	0.77	0.92	0.85	0.91	0.96	0.84	0.34

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.6 Children in physical abuse investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	<b>Aurora</b>	<b>Rockford</b>	<b>Cham- paign</b>	<b>Peoria</b>	<b>Spring- field</b>	<b>East St. Louis</b>	<b>Marion</b>	<b>Cook Region</b>
<b>Black</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	24.44	27.18	28.10	24.38	19.11	42.33	12.26	45.81
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.18	2.24	2.15	2.13	2.04	2.16	2.06	2.00
<b>White</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	36.17	50.07	57.33	62.11	70.26	49.28	79.89	13.48
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.72	0.87	0.85	0.90	0.88	0.74	0.95	0.44
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	32.09	16.74	8.57	7.65	4.04	4.59	2.89	35.50
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	1.07	0.74	0.94	0.66	0.84	0.66	0.63	1.00
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	3.74	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.74
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.37
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations (%)	2.23	3.58	4.24	4.08	4.85	*	3.99	1.36
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	*	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.65	0.71	0.80	0.87	1.03	*	1.04	0.42

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.7 Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	16.29	18.44	22.45	20.43	14.80	31.94	9.22	38.52
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	2.12	1.52	1.72	1.78	1.58	1.63	1.55	1.68
<b>White</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	37.12	53.62	65.74	66.98	73.98	57.92	84.30	13.45
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.74	0.93	0.97	0.97	0.93	0.87	1.00	0.44
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	39.65	20.93	5.99	6.72	3.57	4.94	2.06	43.53
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	1.33	0.92	0.66	0.58	0.74	0.71	0.45	1.23
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	2.05	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.33
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.24	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.18
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	2.18	3.05	3.71	2.89	5.23	3.30	2.55	0.81
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.64	0.61	0.70	0.62	1.11	0.66	0.66	0.25

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.8 Children in emotional abuse investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	18.11	17.83	15.82	22.58	*	26.42	*	37.07
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	*	19.55	*	22.91
RDI	2.36	1.47	1.21	1.97	*	1.35	*	1.62
<b>White</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	45.68	61.24	66.67	64.06	82.84	64.15	86.51	23.06
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.91	1.06	0.99	0.92	1.04	0.96	1.02	0.75
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	25.41	16.28	*	10.14	*	*	*	32.54
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	*	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	0.85	0.72	*	0.87	*	*	*	0.92
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	7.57	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	0.90	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.9 Children in substance exposure investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	21.28	23.90	30.30	19.10	19.50	29.58	11.64	50.95
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	2.77	1.97	2.32	1.66	2.09	1.51	1.96	2.22
<b>White</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	45.92	52.52	61.87	66.51	73.68	61.09	82.08	15.20
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.96	0.93	0.91	0.97	0.49
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	29.08	18.87	*	9.20	*	*	*	31.17
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	*	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	0.97	0.83	*	0.79	*	*	*	0.88
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.10 Children in indicated investigations (all maltreatment types) by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated investigations (%)	24.38	30.23	36.66	28.00	25.37	43.93	15.08	47.93
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.18	2.49	2.81	2.44	2.71	2.25	2.54	2.09
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated investigations (%)	31.53	45.57	50.36	55.81	64.66	47.43	76.53	12.42
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.63	0.79	0.74	0.80	0.81	0.71	0.91	0.40
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated investigations (%)	38.52	17.75	6.88	10.05	3.44	3.56	2.69	35.60
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	1.29	0.78	0.75	0.86	0.71	0.51	0.59	1.00
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated investigations (%)	2.00	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.87
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.24	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.25
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated investigations (%)	2.59	4.62	4.15	4.19	5.31	3.88	4.36	1.20
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.76	0.92	0.78	0.90	1.13	0.77	1.13	0.37

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.11 Children in indicated risk of harm investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	24.33	30.80	40.89	29.58	28.88	44.58	16.84	46.58
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.17	2.54	3.13	2.58	3.09	2.28	2.83	2.03
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	31.25	43.58	44.70	53.24	61.17	46.78	74.65	13.74
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.62	0.75	0.66	0.77	0.77	0.70	0.88	0.44
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	39.12	18.54	7.57	10.94	3.27	3.83	2.78	35.12
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	1.31	0.82	0.83	0.94	0.68	0.55	0.61	0.99
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	1.74	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.04
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.21	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.28
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated risk of harm investigations (%)	2.62	5.00	5.25	4.54	5.71	3.75	4.50	1.37
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.76	0.99	0.99	0.97	1.22	0.74	1.17	0.42

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.12 Children in indicated neglect investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	31.82	35.87	30.17	29.45	41.33	46.30	*	56.92
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	*	22.91
RDI	4.14	2.96	2.31	2.57	4.42	2.37	*	2.48
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	31.82	44.57	57.76	57.53	44.00	46.30	85.71	8.81
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.63	0.77	0.85	0.83	0.55	0.69	1.01	0.29
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	30.11	*	*	*	*	*	*	32.08
Total child population (%)	29.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.01	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.91
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.13 Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	23.93	18.06	24.58	16.55	12.93	46.71	6.93	61.98
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.12	1.49	1.88	1.44	1.38	2.39	1.17	2.70
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	44.44	62.50	68.64	76.62	80.23	43.42	87.53	9.14
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.88	1.08	1.02	1.10	1.01	0.65	1.04	0.30
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	27.64	13.43	*	*	*	*	*	23.70
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	*	*	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	0.93	0.59	*	*	*	*	*	0.67
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated environmental neglect investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.14 Children in indicated lack of supervision/lock out investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	31.47	45.10	41.78	30.00	28.63	51.23	20.16	62.87
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	4.10	3.72	3.20	2.61	3.06	2.62	3.39	2.74
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	25.65	34.97	45.55	52.67	61.83	42.36	71.62	7.62
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.51	0.60	0.67	0.76	0.78	0.63	0.85	0.25
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	34.20	12.75	6.20	8.00	*	*	*	24.57
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.14	0.56	0.68	0.69	*	*	*	0.69
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	4.34	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.60
Total child population (%)	8.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.39
RDI	0.51	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.35
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated lack of supervision / lockout investigations (%)	3.59	*	*	5.78	*	*	*	1.97
Total child population (%)	3.43	*	*	4.68	*	*	*	3.26
RDI	1.05	*	*	1.24	*	*	*	0.60

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.15 Children in indicated physical abuse investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	27.05	26.39	37.38	33.45	23.31	50.35	16.77	49.65
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.52	2.18	2.87	2.92	2.49	2.58	2.82	2.17
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	29.28	47.92	47.66	51.64	69.33	40.43	76.05	10.24
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.58	0.83	0.70	0.74	0.87	0.60	0.90	0.33
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	39.21	18.75	*	8.00	*	*	*	36.46
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	*	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.31	0.82	*	0.69	*	*	*	1.03
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated physical abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.16 Children in indicated sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	14.99	*	18.13	20.51	*	21.98	*	31.43
Total child population (%)	7.68	*	13.04	11.47	*	19.55	*	22.91
RDI	1.95	*	1.39	1.79	*	1.12	*	1.37
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	32.21	56.97	69.41	63.37	81.77	68.68	83.15	12.41
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.64	0.98	1.03	0.91	1.03	1.03	0.98	0.40
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	49.66	26.67	7.37	9.52	*	*	*	52.90
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.66	1.17	0.81	0.82	*	*	*	1.49
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.17 Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	90.63	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	79.47	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	1.14	*	*	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated emotional abuse investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.18 Children in indicated substance exposure investigations by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	18.38	*	25.81	*	*	28.95	*	49.75
Total child population (%)	7.68	*	13.04	*	*	19.55	*	22.91
RDI	2.39	*	1.98	*	*	1.48	*	2.17
<b>White</b>								
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	49.26	53.85	65.59	71.97	76.85	62.28	77.00	21.11
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.98	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.97	0.93	0.91	0.68
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	28.68	*	*	*	*	*	*	27.64
Total child population (%)	29.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	0.96	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.78
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in indicated substance exposure investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.19 Children in investigations screened by court (all maltreatment types) by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	29.77	30.55	39.41	26.87	19.24	35.95	12.45	55.27
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.88	2.52	3.02	2.34	2.06	1.84	2.09	2.41
<b>White</b>								
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	31.29	47.39	50.25	58.04	70.67	55.52	79.81	12.56
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.62	0.82	0.74	0.84	0.89	0.83	0.94	0.41
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	33.18	14.31	4.63	7.86	*	3.85	2.36	28.22
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	*	6.96	4.55	35.43
RDI	1.11	0.63	0.51	0.68	*	0.55	0.52	0.80
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in investigations screened by court (%)	2.93	5.22	4.14	5.30	4.76	*	4.35	1.63
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	*	3.84	3.26
RDI	0.85	1.04	0.78	1.13	1.01	*	1.13	0.50

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.20 Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	29.42	29.55	42.44	27.04	20.46	35.89	14.29	55.46
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.83	2.44	3.25	2.36	2.19	1.84	2.40	2.42
<b>White</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	30.47	46.96	48.14	57.57	69.82	54.85	78.57	14.29
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.60	0.81	0.71	0.83	0.88	0.82	0.93	0.46
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	34.17	14.57	3.98	7.93	*	*	*	26.17
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.14	0.64	0.44	0.68	*	*	*	0.74
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in risk of harm investigations screened by court (%)	3.56	6.07	4.24	5.89	*	*	4.82	*
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	*	*	3.84	*
RDI	1.04	1.21	0.80	1.26	*	*	1.25	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.21 Children in neglect investigations screened by court by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	62.35
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	22.91
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.72
<b>White</b>								
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	55.26	54.39	51.02	*	*	83.81	*
Total child population (%)	*	57.88	67.62	69.36	*	*	84.53	*
RDI	*	0.95	0.80	0.74	*	*	0.99	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	38.18	*	*	*	*	*	*	24.71
Total child population (%)	29.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.28	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.70
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.22 Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	19.31	*	31.82	27.59	*	*	7.23	62.24
Total child population (%)	7.68	*	13.04	11.47	*	*	5.94	22.91
RDI	2.51	*	2.44	2.40	*	*	1.22	2.72
<b>White</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	45.52	65.43	60.00	64.66	83.33	66.67	82.70	*
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	*
RDI	0.90	1.13	0.89	0.93	1.05	1.00	0.98	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	28.28	*	*	*	*	*	*	32.87
Total child population (%)	29.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	0.95	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.93
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in environmental neglect investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.23 Children in lack of supervision/lock out investigations screened by court by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations screened by court (%)	41.12	41.35	42.19	35.33	*	49.32	12.08	64.83
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	*	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	5.36	3.41	3.23	3.08	*	2.52	2.03	2.83
<b>White</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations screened by court (%)	27.41	34.62	44.53	46.67	66.04	47.95	82.26	8.87
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.54	0.60	0.66	0.67	0.83	0.72	0.97	0.29
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations screened by court (%)	26.40	*	*	*	*	*	*	22.63
Total child population (%)	29.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	0.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.64
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in lack of supervision / lockout investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.24 Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	37.36	*	38.71	34.18	*	*	*	56.49
Total child population (%)	7.68	*	13.04	11.47	*	*	*	22.91
RDI	4.87	*	2.97	2.98	*	*	*	2.47
<b>White</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	26.37	*	51.61	51.90	78.05	56.10	79.10	*
Total child population (%)	50.42	*	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	*
RDI	0.52	*	0.76	0.75	0.98	0.84	0.94	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	34.07	*	*	*	*	*	*	25.95
Total child population (%)	29.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.14	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.73
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in physical abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.25 Children in sexual abuse/human trafficking investigations screened by court by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.48	24.70
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.94	22.91
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.43	1.08
<b>White</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	35.19	49.21	68.75	79.41	72.22	73.68	86.22	*
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	*
RDI	0.70	0.85	1.02	1.14	0.91	1.10	1.02	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	40.74	*	*	*	*	*	*	56.63
Total child population (%)	29.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.36	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.60
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in sexual abuse / human trafficking investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.26 Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>White</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in emotional abuse investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.27 Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	45.21
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	22.91
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.97
<b>White</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	47.27	*	70.18	69.09	80.39	72.46	83.95	32.88
Total child population (%)	50.42	*	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.94	*	1.04	1.00	1.01	1.08	0.99	1.06
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in substance exposure investigations screened by court (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.28 Children in protective custodies by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in protective custodies (%)	29.80	29.92	40.00	30.77	23.76	41.88	17.98	58.09
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.88	2.47	3.07	2.68	2.54	2.14	3.02	2.54
<b>White</b>								
Children in protective custodies (%)	32.90	45.98	49.46	54.44	67.60	50.00	74.80	11.97
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.65	0.79	0.73	0.78	0.85	0.75	0.88	0.39
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in protective custodies (%)	31.27	14.68	3.75	6.51	*	*	*	25.48
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.05	0.65	0.41	0.56	*	*	*	0.72
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in protective custodies (%)	4.56	7.20	5.89	6.66	5.18	*	4.33	*
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	*	3.84	*
RDI	1.33	1.43	1.11	1.42	1.10	*	1.13	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.29 Children involved in safety plans by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children involved in safety plans (%)	29.35	25.44	36.50	28.14	23.45	39.31	16.65	53.56
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.82	2.10	2.80	2.45	2.51	2.01	2.80	2.34
<b>White</b>								
Children involved in safety plans (%)	33.15	52.12	53.48	56.57	67.70	50.97	75.94	12.03
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.66	0.90	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.76	0.90	0.39
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children involved in safety plans (%)	32.38	14.46	3.70	7.79	3.33	*	*	29.77
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	4.83	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.08	0.64	0.40	0.67	0.69	*	*	0.84
<b>Asian</b>								
Children involved in safety plans (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children involved in safety plans (%)	3.42	5.36	4.88	5.86	4.02	4.54	4.13	2.15
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	3.26
RDI	1.00	1.06	0.92	1.25	0.86	0.90	1.07	0.66

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.30 Children who entered substitute care by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children who entered substitute care (%)	30.16	32.24	41.32	30.71	26.00	36.58	16.64	60.19
Total child population (%)	7.68	12.12	13.04	11.47	9.35	19.55	5.94	22.91
RDI	3.93	2.66	3.17	2.68	2.78	1.87	2.80	2.63
<b>White</b>								
Children who entered substitute care (%)	31.64	46.59	48.26	55.10	65.60	53.68	76.23	11.00
Total child population (%)	50.42	57.88	67.62	69.36	79.47	66.92	84.53	30.88
RDI	0.63	0.80	0.71	0.79	0.83	0.80	0.90	0.36
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children who entered substitute care (%)	32.62	12.24	4.42	6.32	*	*	*	23.73
Total child population (%)	29.88	22.75	9.14	11.64	*	*	*	35.43
RDI	1.09	0.54	0.48	0.54	*	*	*	0.67
<b>Asian</b>								
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children who entered substitute care (%)	3.93	6.12	5.05	6.45	5.20	4.98	4.12	*
Total child population (%)	3.43	5.03	5.32	4.68	4.70	5.04	3.84	*
RDI	1.15	1.22	0.95	1.38	1.11	0.99	1.07	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.31 Children in kinship foster care placements by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	32.48	34.00	34.50	27.66	23.89	35.59	12.79	63.93
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	33.38	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	0.98	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.04	0.98	0.95	0.96
<b>White</b>								
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	32.77	45.86	54.37	59.24	67.08	57.49	78.80	9.44
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.01	1.00	1.03	1.01	0.95
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	30.68	12.28	5.01	6.05	2.49	2.52	1.79	23.66
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	12.05	5.02	6.15	2.71	2.83	2.16	20.55
RDI	1.06	1.02	1.00	0.98	0.92	0.89	0.83	1.15
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.69
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.72
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.96
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in kinship foster care placements (%)	3.20	6.19	4.95	5.82	5.17	3.23	4.09	1.32
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.50	6.10	5.06	5.93	5.76	3.79	3.92	1.45
RDI	0.91	1.01	0.98	0.98	0.90	0.85	1.04	0.91

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.32 Children in traditional foster care placements by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	34.21	30.91	36.09	30.89	27.22	35.49	15.46	66.49
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	33.38	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	1.03	0.93	1.06	1.12	1.18	0.98	1.15	1.00
<b>White</b>								
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	31.87	49.09	53.06	52.20	60.69	54.49	75.26	12.54
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	0.96	1.06	0.97	0.89	0.91	0.98	0.96	1.26
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	28.65	11.21	4.43	7.46	*	*	*	17.81
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	12.05	5.02	6.15	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	0.99	0.93	0.88	1.21	*	*	*	0.87
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in traditional foster care placements (%)	3.51	6.67	5.50	7.32	6.05	5.43	4.33	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.50	6.10	5.06	5.93	5.76	3.79	3.92	*
RDI	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.23	1.05	1.43	1.10	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.33 Children in specialized foster care placements by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	44.72	35.09	33.33	26.78	21.38	46.38	12.57	70.78
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	33.38	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	1.35	1.05	0.98	0.97	0.93	1.27	0.93	1.07
<b>White</b>								
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	30.23	40.38	55.26	59.54	70.65	43.75	79.78	9.18
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	0.91	0.87	1.01	1.02	1.06	0.79	1.02	0.92
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	20.08	15.47	*	*	*	*	*	17.02
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	12.05	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	0.70	1.28	*	*	*	*	*	0.83
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in specialized foster care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*	6.91	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	3.79	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	1.82	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.34 Children in congregate care placements by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in congregate care placements (%)	33.17	38.46	35.00	38.78	26.47	41.90	14.38	74.05
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	33.38	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	1.00	1.15	1.03	1.40	1.15	1.15	1.07	1.12
<b>White</b>								
Children in congregate care placements (%)	38.12	49.04	55.83	53.06	65.44	44.76	78.43	7.61
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	1.15	1.06	1.02	0.91	0.98	0.80	1.00	0.76
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in congregate care placements (%)	22.77	*	*	*	*	*	*	13.87
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	0.79	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.67
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in congregate care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in congregate care placements (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.35 Children in substitute care less than 12 months before exiting by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	28.69	*	43.27	16.91	*	47.73	21.14	60.34
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	*	34.04	27.68	*	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	0.86	*	1.27	0.61	*	1.31	1.57	0.91
<b>White</b>								
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	39.34	55.13	44.23	66.18	70.59	45.45	67.48	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	*
RDI	1.18	1.19	0.81	1.13	1.06	0.82	0.86	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	29.51	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	1.02	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in care less than 12 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.36 Children in substitute care 12-23 months before exiting by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	27.78	38.10	36.11	30.18	15.88	35.88	13.51	50.42
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	33.38	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	0.84	1.14	1.06	1.09	0.69	0.99	1.00	0.76
<b>White</b>								
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	41.36	48.81	52.31	49.11	65.29	57.25	76.22	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	*
RDI	1.24	1.05	0.96	0.84	0.98	1.03	0.97	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	26.54	*	*	*	*	*	*	29.41
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	0.92	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.43
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in care 12-23 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.37 Children in substitute care 24-35 months before exiting by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	24.52	*	30.77	21.92	18.90	28.89	13.76	56.08
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	*	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	0.74	*	0.90	0.79	0.82	0.79	1.02	0.84
<b>White</b>								
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	38.71	45.83	56.21	63.01	75.59	66.67	80.95	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	*
RDI	1.16	0.99	1.03	1.08	1.13	1.20	1.03	*
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	32.26	*	*	*	*	*	*	27.70
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	1.12	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.35
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in care 24-35 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.38 Children in substitute care 36-47 months before exiting by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	28.91	*	25.44	24.38	*	26.50	*	54.72
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	*	34.04	27.68	*	36.38	*	66.39
RDI	0.87	*	0.75	0.88	*	0.73	*	0.82
<b>White</b>								
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	36.72	52.73	68.42	64.38	78.49	63.25	84.21	20.13
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	1.10	1.14	1.25	1.10	1.17	1.14	1.08	2.02
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	28.13	*	*	*	*	*	*	23.27
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	0.97	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.13
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in care 36-47 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.39 Children in substitute care 48-59 months before exiting by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	*	*	31.87	18.03	*	*	*	59.09
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	34.04	27.68	*	*	*	66.39
RDI	*	*	0.94	0.65	*	*	*	0.89
<b>White</b>								
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	32.86	*	57.14	64.75	77.22	64.52	84.38	14.14
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	*	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	0.99	*	1.04	1.10	1.15	1.16	1.08	1.42
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	37.14	*	*	*	*	*	*	22.73
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	1.29	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.11
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in care 48-59 months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.40 Children in substitute care 60 or more months before exiting by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	47.17	*	26.51	38.94	*	29.76	*	70.52
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	*	34.04	27.68	*	36.38	*	66.39
RDI	1.42	*	0.78	1.41	*	0.82	*	1.06
<b>White</b>								
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	*	*	57.83	46.02	67.27	58.33	77.38	8.25
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	*	*	1.06	0.79	1.01	1.05	0.99	0.83
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	18.40
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.90
<b>Asian</b>								
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children in care 60 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.41 Children who achieved permanence by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children who achieved permanence (%)	29.00	28.90	32.95	25.12	17.51	32.58	13.21	61.66
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	33.38	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	0.87	0.87	0.97	0.91	0.76	0.90	0.98	0.93
<b>White</b>								
Children who achieved permanence (%)	37.37	50.14	55.38	58.92	72.01	59.68	78.63	12.33
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	1.12	1.08	1.01	1.01	1.08	1.07	1.00	1.24
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children who achieved permanence (%)	29.44	12.46	5.90	7.04	*	*	*	22.70
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	12.05	5.02	6.15	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	1.02	1.03	1.18	1.14	*	*	*	1.10
<b>Asian</b>								
Children who achieved permanence (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children who achieved permanence (%)	3.61	6.52	4.49	6.57	6.38	*	4.20	2.14
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	3.50	6.10	5.06	5.93	5.76	*	3.92	1.45
RDI	1.03	1.07	0.89	1.11	1.11	*	1.07	1.48

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.42 Children who achieved permanence through reunification by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Champaign	Peoria	Springfield	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children who achieved reunification (%)	30.13	29.10	38.98	28.50	16.15	44.69	16.31	54.62
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	33.38	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	0.91	0.87	1.15	1.03	0.70	1.23	1.21	0.82
<b>White</b>								
Children who achieved reunification (%)	34.55	47.62	49.42	52.90	69.76	49.08	75.40	12.14
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	1.04	1.03	0.90	0.90	1.04	0.88	0.96	1.22
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children who achieved reunification (%)	29.61	15.87	5.80	9.18	*	*	*	28.32
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	12.05	5.02	6.15	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	1.03	1.32	1.16	1.49	*	*	*	1.38
<b>Asian</b>								
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	5.80	8.25	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	5.93	5.76	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	0.98	1.43	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.43 Children who achieved permanence through adoption by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children who achieved adoption (%)	27.83	27.07	22.90	23.40	18.75	25.00	10.58	64.49
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.18	33.38	34.04	27.68	23.01	36.38	13.49	66.39
RDI	0.84	0.81	0.67	0.85	0.81	0.69	0.78	0.97
<b>White</b>								
Children who achieved adoption (%)	42.61	55.64	65.48	63.53	74.65	65.97	80.42	13.27
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	46.37	54.69	58.60	66.90	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	1.28	1.20	1.20	1.08	1.12	1.18	1.03	1.33
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children who achieved adoption (%)	26.52	*	*	*	*	*	*	19.81
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	0.92	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.96
<b>Asian</b>								
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	7.60	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	5.93	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	1.28	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

**Table F.44 Children who achieved permanence through guardianship by subregion and Cook region (FY2025)**

	Aurora	Rockford	Cham-paign	Peoria	Spring-field	East St. Louis	Marion	Cook Region
<b>Black</b>								
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	65.33
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	66.39
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.98
<b>White</b>								
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	37.33	*	*	68.93	*	78.57	84.42	10.67
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	33.26	*	*	58.60	*	55.70	78.31	9.95
RDI	1.12	*	*	1.18	*	1.41	1.08	1.07
<b>Latinx (Any Race)</b>								
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	38.67	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.89
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	28.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.55
RDI	1.34	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.02
<b>Asian</b>								
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multiracial</b>								
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*Note.* If the number of children is 20 or fewer or the base population for calculating an RDI is less than 0.1%, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (\*) and are not reported.

## **Appendix G: Children in the Illinois Child Welfare System**

Appendix G provides data for children ages 0–17 involved in the Illinois child welfare system in the following areas:

- Investigations;
- Investigations by maltreatment type;
- Indicated investigations;
- Indicated investigations by maltreatment type;
- Protective custodies;
- Safety plans;
- Substitute care entries;
- Substitute care stays during the year;
- Length of stay in a substitute care; and
- Exit to legal permanence.

Definitions for each of these indicators can be found in Appendix D. The data used in this appendix come from the DCFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) and were extracted on October 7, 2025. Note that the percentages in this appendix are rounded to two decimal places for display purposes. Also, these tables have been formatted in ways that are accessible for all readers, including those who use assistive technology.

**Table G.1 Children in investigations**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	35,976	31.35	38,304	31.73	38,661	32.05	38,964	31.92	32,764	32.64
White	51,984	45.30	52,644	43.61	51,323	42.55	50,841	41.65	41,231	41.08
Latinx	20,887	18.20	23,134	19.16	23,640	19.60	24,997	20.48	20,504	20.43
Asian	1,563	1.36	1,820	1.51	1,777	1.47	1,876	1.54	1,501	1.50
Multiracial	2,562	2.23	2,790	2.31	3,039	2.52	3,173	2.60	2,703	2.69
Native American	84	0.07	71	0.06	91	0.08	100	0.08	63	0.06
Pacific Islander	60	0.05	61	0.05	60	0.05	57	0.05	31	0.03
Other <sup>1</sup>	1,633	1.42	1,892	1.57	2,035	1.69	2,069	1.69	1,579	1.57
Total	114,749	99.98	120,716	100.00	120,626	100.01	122,077	100.01	100,376	100.00

<sup>1</sup>"Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.2 Children in investigations by maltreatment type**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Risk of harm	73,305	46.63	75,111	46.31	74,880	46.66	76,184	46.78	59,735	46.42
Neglect	6,828	4.34	7,512	4.63	7,731	4.82	7,622	4.68	5,852	4.55
Environmental neglect	15,770	10.03	17,098	10.54	17,593	10.96	18,686	11.48	14,679	11.41
Lack of supervision / lockout	26,283	16.72	25,098	15.47	24,456	15.24	25,324	15.55	19,925	15.48
Physical abuse	10,685	6.80	12,787	7.88	12,870	8.02	13,143	8.07	11,370	8.84
Sexual abuse / human trafficking	17,472	11.11	17,502	10.79	16,306	10.16	15,249	9.36	11,842	9.20
Emotional abuse	2,508	1.60	2,805	1.73	2,398	1.49	2,314	1.42	1,724	1.34
Substance exposure	4,360	2.77	4,279	2.64	4,255	2.65	4,318	2.65	3,555	2.76

**Table G.3.A Children in investigations by maltreatment type and race/ethnicity – counts (FY2025 only)**

	Risk of harm	Neglect	Env. neglect <sup>1</sup>	Lack of supervision / lockout	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse / human trafficking	Emotional abuse	Substance exposure
	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Black	19,707	1,948	4,678	8,038	3,690	2,936	392	1,047
White	24,192	2,520	7,403	7,139	4,503	5,301	900	1,780
Latinx	12,266	1,071	1,929	3,532	2,518	2,933	317	584
Asian	900	92	43	287	214	121	48	10
Multiracial	1,776	145	388	578	305	278	38	90
Native American	28	6	5	19	8	10	3	2
Pacific Islander	18	2	2	6	7	4	0	2
Other <sup>2</sup>	848	68	231	326	125	259	26	40
Total	59,735	5,852	14,679	19,925	11,370	11,842	1,724	3,555

<sup>1</sup> Environmental neglect

<sup>2</sup> "Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.3.B Children in investigations by maltreatment type and race/ethnicity – percentages (FY2025 only)**

	Risk of harm	Neglect	Env. neglect <sup>1</sup>	Lack of supervision / lockout	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse / human trafficking	Emotional abuse	Substance exposure
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Black	32.99	33.29	31.87	40.34	32.45	24.79	22.74	29.45
White	40.50	43.06	50.43	35.83	39.60	44.76	52.20	50.07
Latinx	20.53	18.30	13.14	17.73	22.15	24.77	18.39	16.43
Asian	1.51	1.57	0.29	1.44	1.88	1.02	2.78	0.28
Multiracial	2.97	2.48	2.64	2.90	2.68	2.35	2.20	2.53
Native American	0.05	0.10	0.03	0.10	0.07	0.08	0.17	0.06
Pacific Islander	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.06
Other <sup>2</sup>	1.42	1.16	1.57	1.64	1.10	2.19	1.51	1.13

<sup>1</sup> Environmental neglect

<sup>2</sup> "Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.4 Children in indicated investigations**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	11,979	32.66	10,238	31.99	9,992	31.79	9,962	31.62	9,428	32.74
White	15,699	42.80	13,765	43.00	13,465	42.84	13,271	42.12	11,859	41.18
Latinx	7,237	19.73	6,424	20.07	6,238	19.85	6,512	20.67	5,939	20.62
Asian	402	1.10	349	1.09	334	1.06	346	1.10	290	1.01
Multiracial	893	2.43	862	2.69	931	2.96	958	3.04	939	3.26
Native American	31	0.08	14	0.04	16	0.05	31	0.10	14	0.05
Pacific Islander	15	0.04	10	0.03	12	0.04	9	0.03	4	0.01
Other <sup>1</sup>	422	1.15	346	1.08	444	1.41	418	1.33	326	1.13
Total	36,678	100.00	32,008	100.00	31,432	100.00	31,507	100.00	28,799	100.00

<sup>1</sup>"Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.5 Children in indicated investigations by maltreatment type**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Risk of harm	25,119	58.52	21,242	57.60	21,213	58.34	21,452	58.86	19,248	58.68
Neglect	1,303	3.04	1,169	3.17	1,137	3.13	1,171	3.21	1,096	3.34
Environmental neglect	2,907	6.77	2,733	7.41	2,758	7.59	2,625	7.20	2,459	7.50
Lack of supervision / lockout	5,687	13.25	4,506	12.22	4,489	12.35	4,552	12.49	3,872	11.80
Physical abuse	2,050	4.78	2,113	5.73	2,108	5.80	2,198	6.03	2,092	6.38
Sexual abuse / human trafficking	4,389	10.23	3,776	10.24	3,432	9.44	3,184	8.74	2,886	8.80
Emotional abuse	174	0.41	194	0.53	139	0.38	197	0.54	191	0.58
Substance exposure	1,295	3.02	1,148	3.11	1,083	2.98	1,068	2.93	960	2.93

**Table G.6.A Children in indicated investigations by maltreatment type and race/ethnicity – counts (FY2025 only)**

	Risk of harm	Neglect	Env. neglect <sup>1</sup>	Lack of supervision / lockout	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse / human trafficking	Emotional abuse	Substance exposure
	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Black	6,380	418	646	1,632	748	590	40	250
White	7,763	432	1,443	1,311	788	1,295	113	538
Latinx	4,008	196	257	674	449	862	27	135
Asian	190	9	3	67	23	18	3	1
Multiracial	690	27	89	138	65	73	7	28
Native American	5	0	1	8	1	1	0	0
Pacific Islander	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Other <sup>2</sup>	209	13	20	42	17	46	1	8
Total	19,248	1,096	2,459	3,872	2,092	2,886	191	960

<sup>1</sup> Environmental neglect

<sup>2</sup> "Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.6.B Children in indicated investigations by maltreatment type and race/ethnicity – percentages (FY2025 only)**

	Risk of harm	Neglect	Env. neglect <sup>1</sup>	Lack of supervision / lockout	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse / human trafficking	Emotional abuse	Substance exposure
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Black	33.15	38.14	26.27	42.15	35.76	20.44	20.94	26.04
White	40.33	39.42	58.68	33.86	37.67	44.87	59.16	56.04
Latinx	20.82	17.88	10.45	17.41	21.46	29.87	14.14	14.06
Asian	0.99	0.82	0.12	1.73	1.10	0.62	1.57	0.10
Multiracial	3.58	2.46	3.62	3.56	3.11	2.53	3.66	2.92
Native American	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.21	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.00
Pacific Islander	0.02	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.00
Other <sup>2</sup>	1.09	1.19	0.81	1.08	0.81	1.59	0.52	0.83

<sup>1</sup> Environmental neglect

<sup>2</sup> "Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.7 Children in protective custodies**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	2,262	31.21	2,011	33.56	1,836	33.03	1,957	34.91	1,647	34.94
White	3,690	50.91	2,981	49.75	2,766	49.76	2,665	47.54	2,192	46.50
Latinx	914	12.61	701	11.70	619	11.14	664	11.84	573	12.16
Asian	42	0.58	31	0.52	27	0.49	16	0.29	20	0.42
Multiracial	243	3.35	197	3.29	231	4.16	223	3.98	223	4.73
Native American	10	0.14	5	0.08	1	0.02	8	0.14	2	0.04
Pacific Islander	5	0.07	3	0.05	0	0.00	2	0.04	1	0.02
Other <sup>1</sup>	82	1.13	63	1.05	79	1.42	71	1.27	56	1.19
Total	7,248	100.00	5,992	100.00	5,559	100.00	5,606	100.00	4,714	100.00

<sup>1</sup>"Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.8 Children involved in safety plans**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	3,194	29.91	2,893	31.38	2,871	31.36	3,019	32.15	2,708	32.78
White	5,453	51.07	4,602	49.91	4,516	49.32	4,492	47.84	3,868	46.82
Latinx	1,462	13.69	1,254	13.60	1,207	13.18	1,302	13.87	1,184	14.33
Asian	72	0.67	54	0.59	51	0.56	53	0.56	32	0.39
Multiracial	355	3.32	312	3.38	374	4.08	378	4.03	347	4.20
Native American	9	0.08	5	0.05	4	0.04	14	0.15	6	0.07
Pacific Islander	5	0.05	1	0.01	1	0.01	2	0.02	2	0.02
Other <sup>1</sup>	127	1.19	99	1.07	132	1.44	129	1.37	115	1.39
Total	10,677	100.00	9,220	100.00	9,156	100.00	9,389	100.00	8,262	100.00

<sup>1</sup>"Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.9 Children who entered substitute care**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	2,206	31.09	1,876	32.61	1,849	33.00	1,873	33.90	1,788	35.97
White	3,651	51.46	2,941	51.13	2,811	50.17	2,725	49.32	2,285	45.97
Latinx	877	12.36	657	11.42	582	10.39	600	10.86	580	11.67
Asian	34	0.48	26	0.45	21	0.37	9	0.16	21	0.42
Multiracial	244	3.44	192	3.34	246	4.39	229	4.14	227	4.57
Native American	7	0.10	4	0.07	2	0.04	8	0.14	4	0.08
Pacific Islander	5	0.07	3	0.05	0	0.00	2	0.04	1	0.02
Other <sup>1</sup>	71	1.00	53	0.92	92	1.64	79	1.43	65	1.31
Total	7,095	100.00	5,752	100.00	5,603	100.00	5,525	100.00	4,971	100.00

<sup>1</sup>"Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.10 Children in substitute care during the year**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	11,785	46.34	11,779	46.89	11,394	46.77	11,041	46.44	10,114	45.71
White	9,590	37.71	9,265	36.88	8,963	36.79	8,728	36.71	8,261	37.33
Latinx	2,746	10.8	2,831	11.27	2,734	11.22	2,718	11.43	2,511	11.35
Asian	88	0.35	89	0.35	83	0.34	58	0.24	54	0.24
Multiracial	965	3.79	909	3.62	910	3.74	928	3.9	891	4.03
Native American	25	0.1	26	0.1	22	0.09	23	0.1	22	0.1
Pacific Islander	8	0.03	10	0.04	6	0.02	7	0.03	8	0.04
Other <sup>1</sup>	227	0.89	210	0.84	250	1.03	274	1.15	266	1.2
Total	25,434	100.00	25,119	100.00	24,362	100.00	23,777	100.00	22,127	100.00

<sup>1</sup>"Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.11 Length of stay in substitute care**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
<b>Less than 12 months</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Black	374	29.99	315	27.7	321	36.56	308	30.86	241	30.05
White	674	54.05	617	54.27	422	48.06	502	50.30	418	52.12
Latinx	125	10.02	137	12.05	79	9.00	115	11.52	102	12.72
Asian	11	0.88	8	0.70	8	0.91	2	0.20	1	0.12
Multiracial	44	3.53	46	4.05	33	3.76	56	5.61	25	3.12
Native American	0	0.00	1	0.09	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Pacific Islander	19	1.52	13	1.14	15	1.71	15	1.50	15	1.87
Other <sup>1</sup>	374	29.99	315	27.7	321	36.56	308	30.86	241	30.05
<b>12–23 months</b>										
Black	477	32.92	406	28.81	382	30.25	344	28.2	365	29.53
White	771	53.21	759	53.87	704	55.74	682	55.9	649	52.51
Latinx	116	8.01	166	11.78	121	9.58	136	11.15	125	10.11
Asian	6	0.41	12	0.85	6	0.48	8	0.66	4	0.32
Multiracial	63	4.35	53	3.76	35	2.77	36	2.95	64	5.18
Native American	0	0.00	2	0.14	1	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00
Pacific Islander	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other <sup>1</sup>	16	1.10	11	0.78	13	1.03	14	1.15	29	2.35
<b>24–35 months</b>										
Black	354	33.27	367	29.57	335	27.8	288	26.28	311	27.26
White	569	53.48	686	55.28	644	53.44	589	53.74	637	55.83
Latinx	77	7.24	116	9.35	156	12.95	162	14.78	131	11.48
Asian	2	0.19	3	0.24	12	1	6	0.55	2	0.18
Multiracial	46	4.32	54	4.35	43	3.57	38	3.47	49	4.29
Native American	2	0.19	0	0.00	5	0.41	0	0.00	0	0.00
Pacific Islander	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other <sup>1</sup>	14	1.32	15	1.21	10	0.83	13	1.19	11	0.96
<b>36–47 months</b>										
Black	238	33.29	266	29.62	277	28.53	318	31.27	263	26.89
White	383	53.57	519	57.8	570	58.7	543	53.39	564	57.67
Latinx	49	6.85	66	7.35	82	8.44	110	10.82	100	10.22
Asian	1	0.14	1	0.11	0	0.00	1	0.1	0	0.00
Multiracial	31	4.34	39	4.34	35	3.6	36	3.54	42	4.29
Native American	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.2	0	0.00
Pacific Islander	0	0.00	1	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.31
Other <sup>1</sup>	13	1.82	6	0.67	7	0.72	7	0.69	6	0.61
<b>48–59 months</b>										
Black	153	41.02	182	36.77	179	32.37	288	37.89	233	31.23
White	155	41.55	224	45.25	277	50.09	362	47.63	378	50.67
Latinx	40	10.72	59	11.92	62	11.21	77	10.13	89	11.93
Asian	1	0.27	1	0.20	1	0.18	3	0.39	0	0.00
Multiracial	22	5.90	24	4.85	27	4.88	24	3.16	36	4.83
Native American	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.13
Pacific Islander	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.13
Other <sup>1</sup>	2	0.54	5	1.01	7	1.27	6	0.79	8	1.07

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**Table G.11 (continued)**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>60 or more months</b>										
Black	261	55.30	263	56.80	293	53.86	371	49.27	455	48.92
White	122	25.85	132	28.51	174	31.99	245	32.54	317	34.09
Latinx	73	15.47	51	11.02	51	9.38	91	12.08	108	11.61
Asian	1	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.27	3	0.32
Multiracial	13	2.75	13	2.81	25	4.60	31	4.12	39	4.19
Native American	1	0.21	2	0.43	0	0.00	3	0.40	0	0.00
Pacific Islander	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other <sup>1</sup>	1	0.21	2	0.43	1	0.18	10	1.33	8	0.86

<sup>1</sup>"Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.

**Table G.12 Children who achieved permanence**

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	1,869	34.95	1,817	31.98	1,807	33.05	1,935	32.89	1,886	32.13
White	2,685	50.21	2,948	51.88	2,814	51.46	2,942	50.00	2,975	50.69
Latinx	485	9.07	602	10.59	560	10.24	692	11.76	660	11.25
Asian	22	0.41	25	0.44	27	0.49	22	0.37	10	0.17
Multiracial	219	4.09	231	4.07	200	3.66	222	3.77	255	4.34
Native American	3	0.06	5	0.09	6	0.11	5	0.08	1	0.02
Pacific Islander	0	0.00	1	0.02	1	0.02	0	0.00	4	0.07
Other <sup>1</sup>	65	1.22	53	0.93	53	0.97	66	1.12	78	1.33
Total	5,348	100.00	5,682	100.00	5,468	100.00	5,884	100.00	5,869	100.00

<sup>1</sup>"Other" includes children whose primary race value was "could not be verified," "unknown," "declined to identify," or missing.