



The State of Our Children in Washington and Beyond

A look at the data

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- 3 Foundation for Healthy Generations
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Presentation Overview

How does Washington compare to the **rest of the country**?

How do the counties in Washington compare to **one another**?

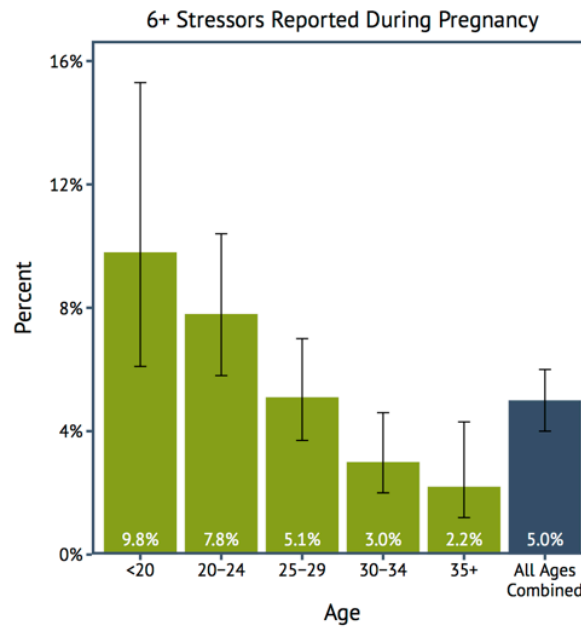
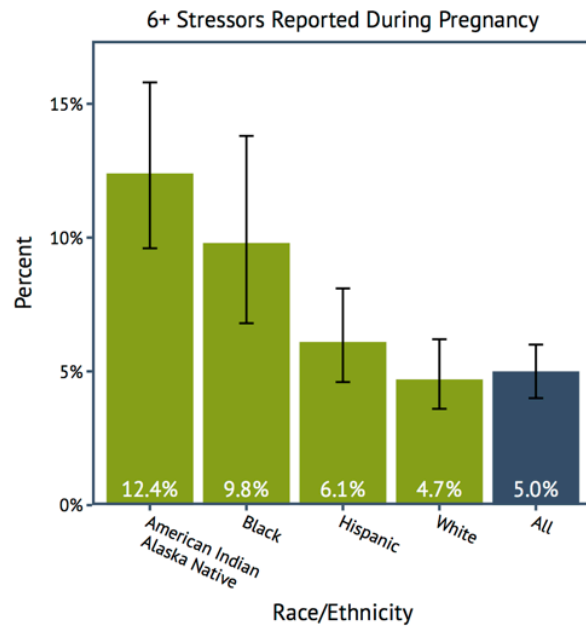
Are there **differences** by age, race and poverty level?



Washington State Department of Health

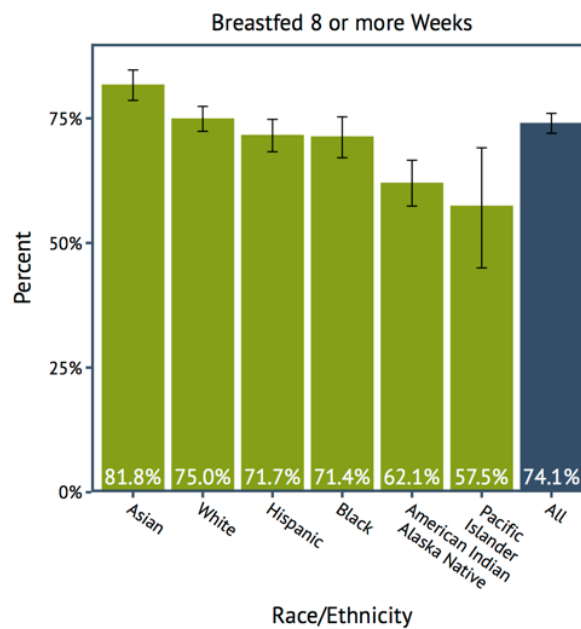
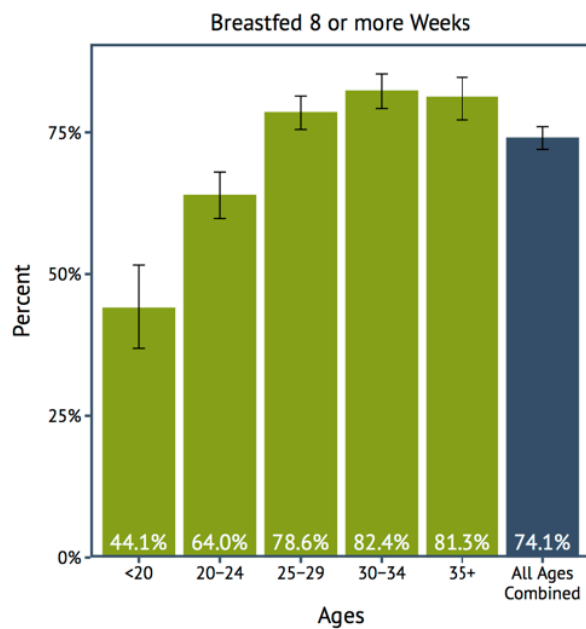
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Stressors During Pregnancy ^[2]



Source: [PRAMS Survey 2009-2011](#)

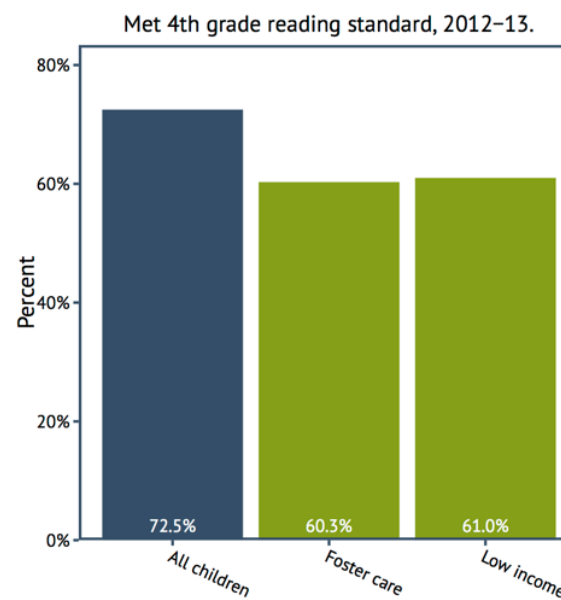
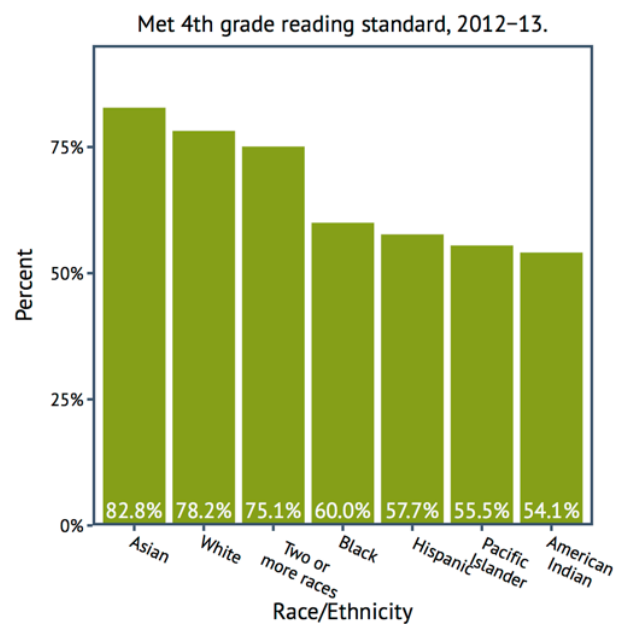
Breastfeeding



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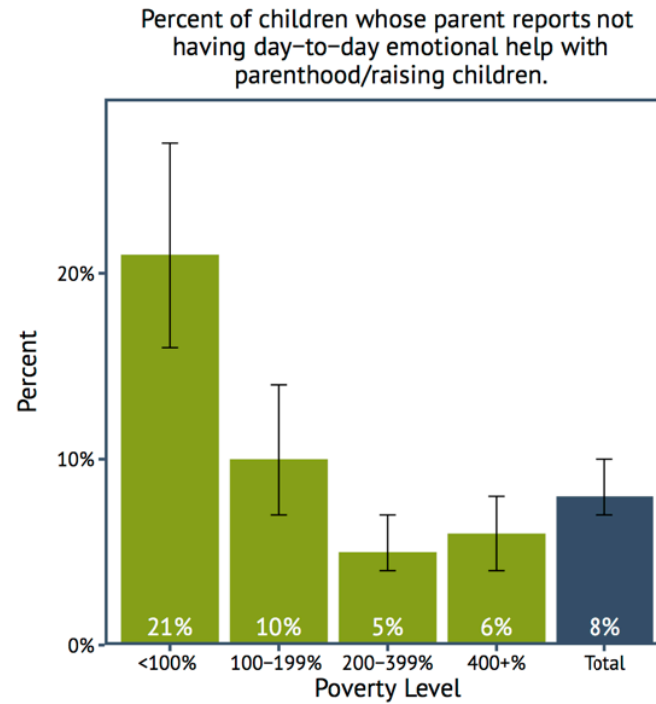
4th Grade Reading Achievement Levels

Percentage of fourth grade public school students reading achievement levels, at or above proficiency, as measured and defined by the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) reading test. Washington ranks 10th highest for reading achievement and is tied with Pennsylvania.



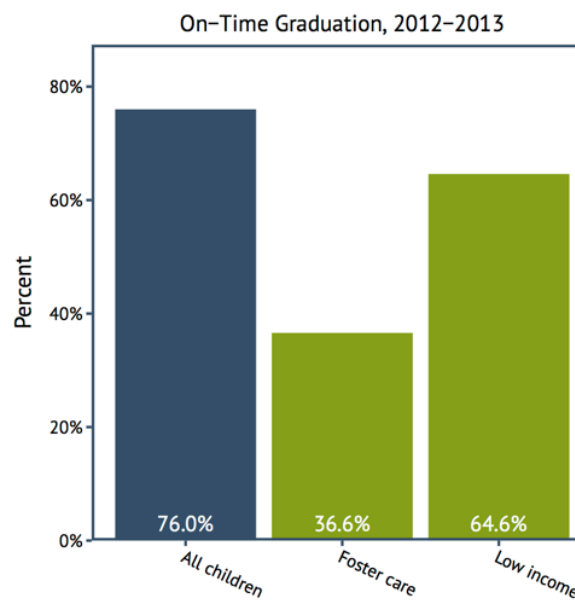
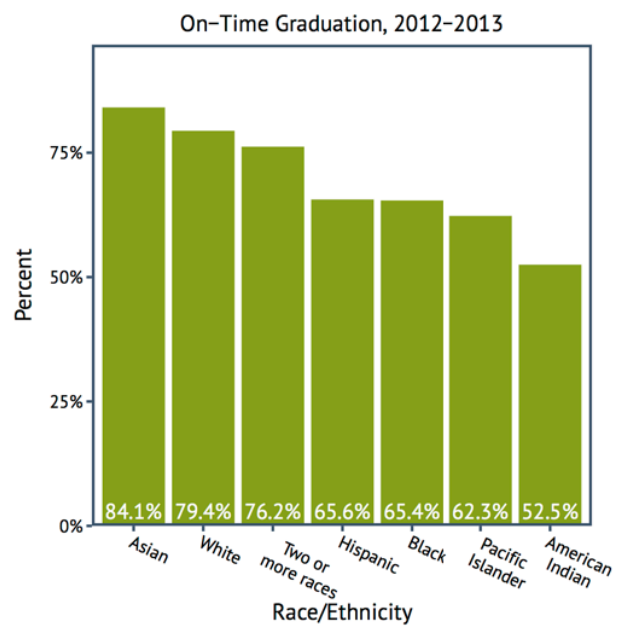
Source: WA OSPI, Washington State Report Card, 2012-2013

Emotional Support for Parenting ^[1]



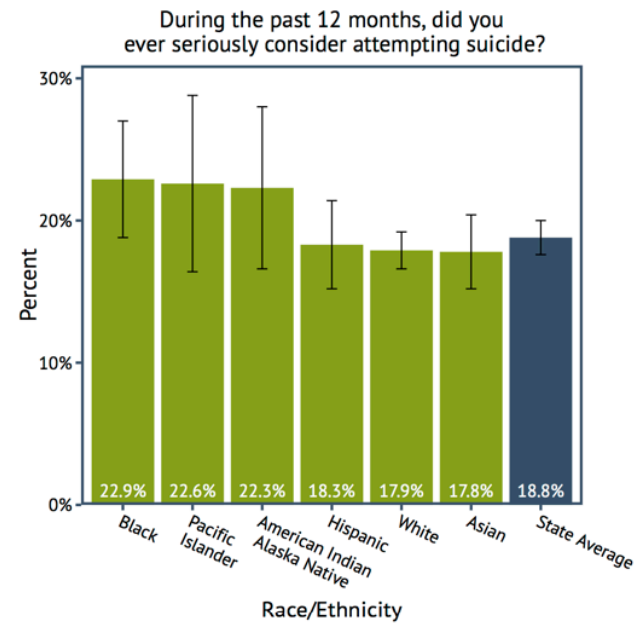
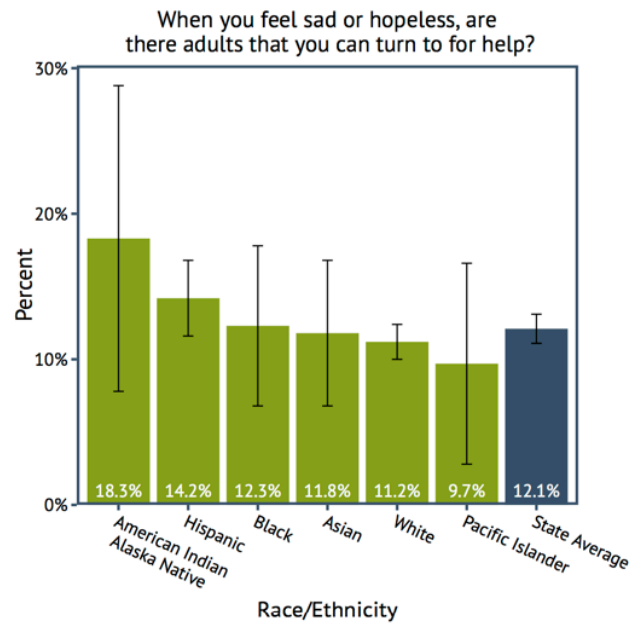
Source: Washington State data from the 2011-2012 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH)

Graduation Rates



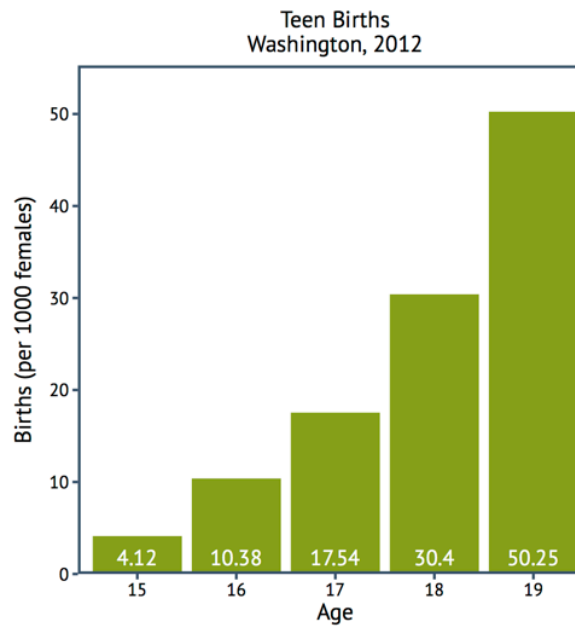
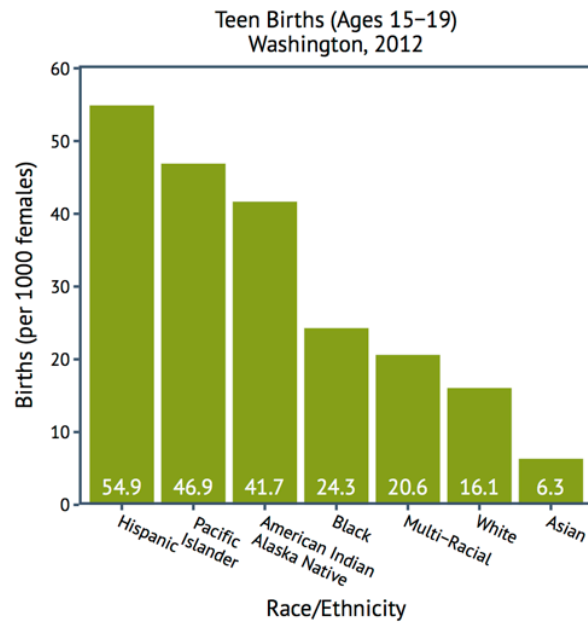
Source: WA OSPI, Graduation and Dropout Statistics Annual Report, 2012-2013

Mental Health



Source: Healthy Youth Survey, 2012

Teen Pregnancy



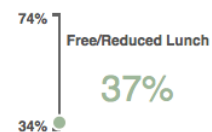
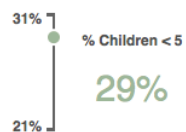
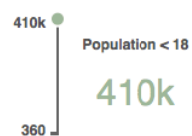
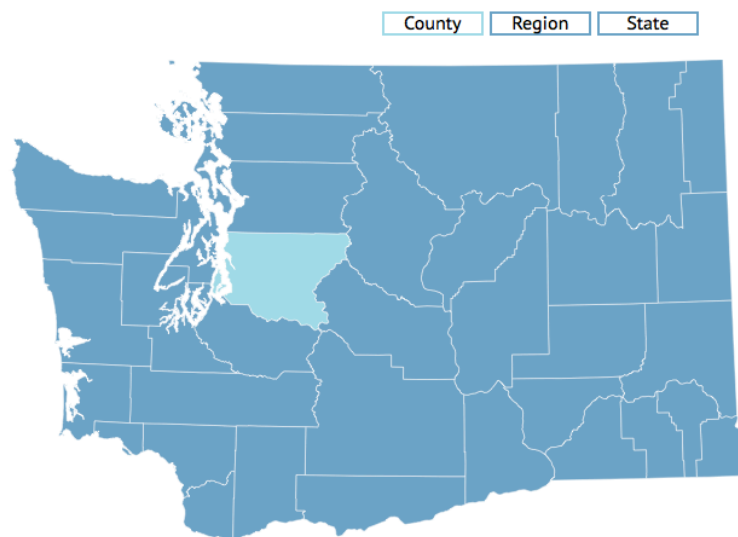
Source: Washington State Birth Certificate, WA DOH

Washington Child Welfare Metrics

The Child Welfare Dashboard provides an at-a-glance view of the child welfare system in Washington State - by county, region, and the entire state. The dashboard allows you to quickly see and compare key measurements across the state.

Washington County Comparison

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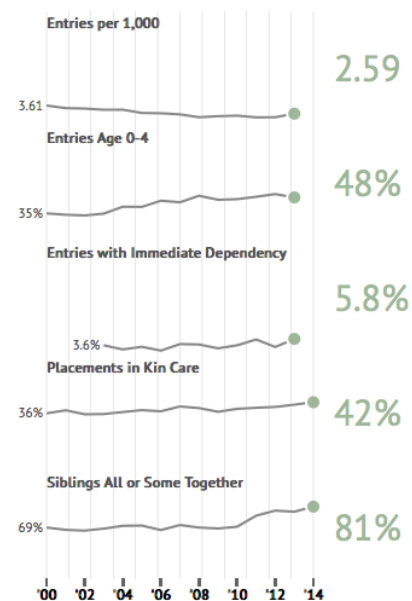
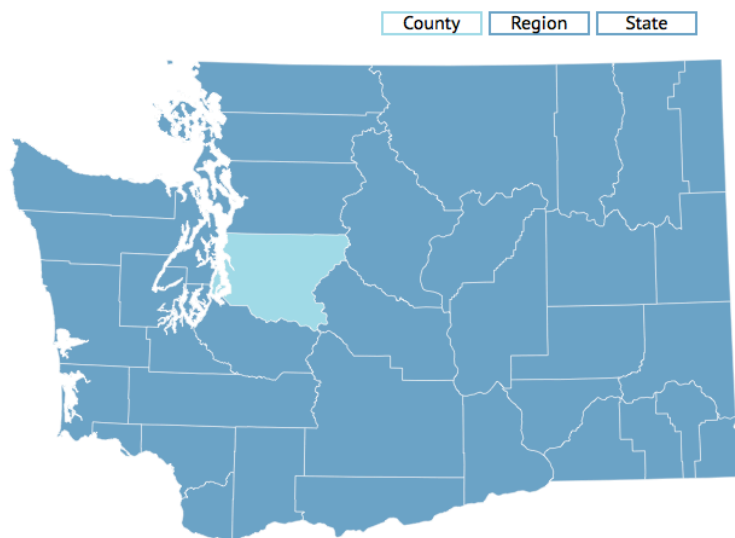


Washington's population is concentrated in just a few relatively well-off counties. Economic measures like unemployment and the percent of students applying for free and reduced lunches are much more varied across the state.

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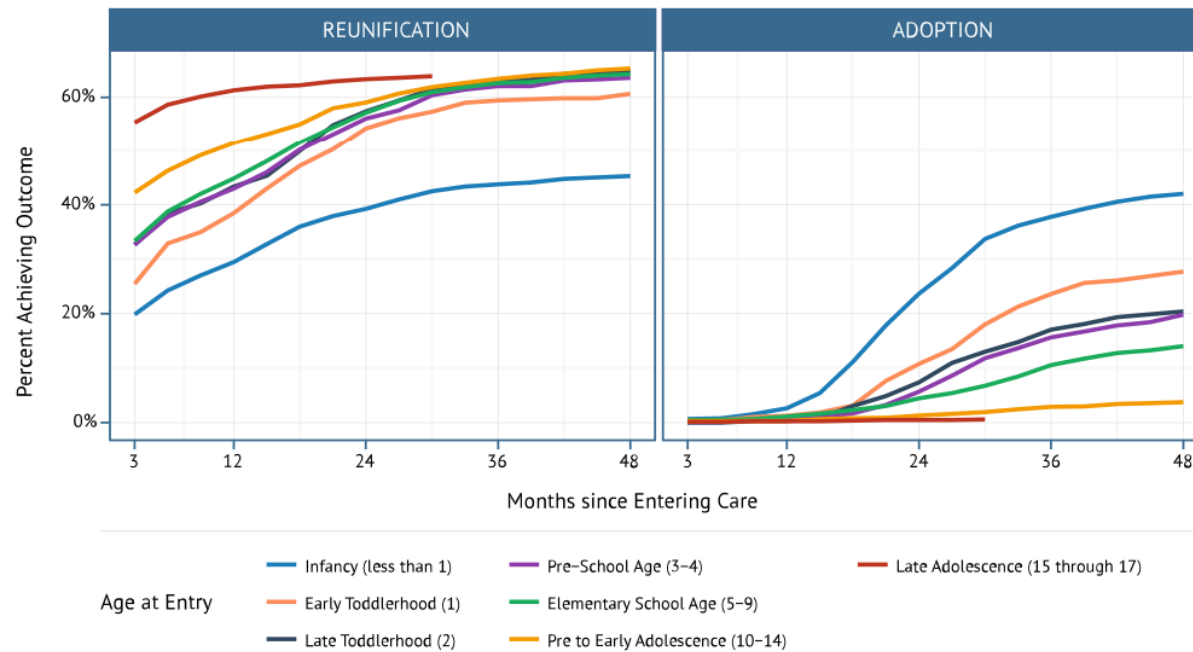
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Age and Child Welfare

Age is a major factor in the child welfare system. Logically, this makes sense because younger children require far more attention since they cannot care for themselves. So how exactly does age affect the number of foster care entries or permanency outcomes?

WA Outcomes by Age Entering Care in 2009

Permanency outcomes vary drastically by age. Reunification is always the most common outcome, but while adolescents are quick to reunify, their adoption rate is low. However, young children are adopted quickly--especially infants. **Please note:** Reunification and adoption are the two most common permanency outcomes and together, the graphs below represent cumulative outcomes for most of the children who enter the child welfare system. Other outcomes may include guardianship, emancipation, etc.

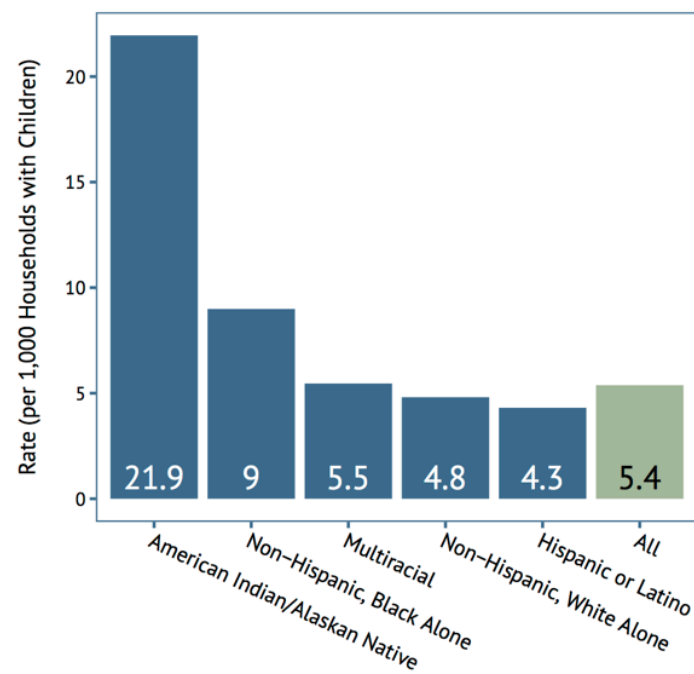


Race, Poverty, and Foster Care

Broken down by race and ethnicity, data can tell an interesting story. Let's explore child maltreatment, poverty, and foster care placement by race.

Child Maltreatment

This shows the population rate of cases with any founded allegation of child-abuse or neglect for Washington. Many of these children, if there is an ongoing safety risk, will be taken into out-of-home care.

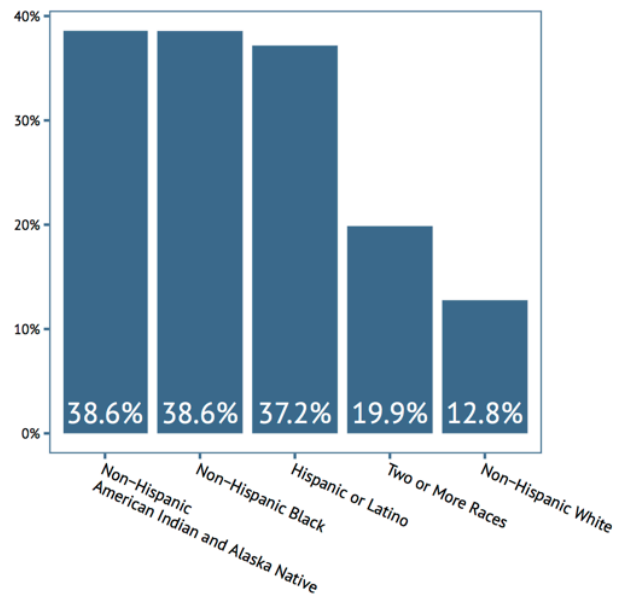


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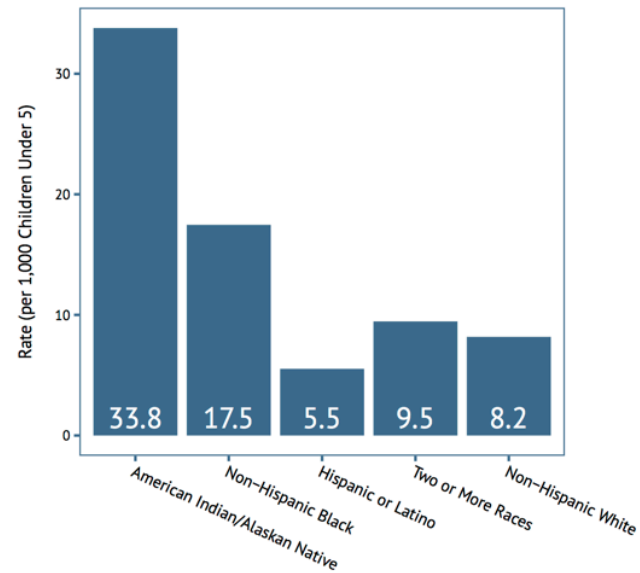
Poverty and Out-of-Home Placement

The percent of children under five living below the poverty line is especially high for some racial/ethnic groups. Black and especially Native American children under age five in Washington are greatly overrepresented in the out-of-home care population. Despite the high poverty rate, young Hispanic children are actually placed at a lower rate than non-Hispanic white children.

Percent of children living below the poverty line, by race



Rate (per 1,000) of children under 5 who were in out-of-home care on April 1, 2014, by race



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Technical Notes

[1] NSCH survey question: "Is there someone that you can turn to for day-to-day emotional help with parenthood/raising children?"

[2] List of PRAMS stressors:

- A close family member was very sick and had to go to the hospital
- I got separated or divorced from my husband or partner
- I moved to a new address
- I was homeless
- My husband or partner lost his job
- I lost my job even though I wanted to go on working
- I argued with my husband or partner more than usual
- My husband or partner said he didn't want me to be pregnant
- I had a lot of bills I couldn't pay
- I was in a physical fight
- My husband or partner or I went to jail
- Someone very close to me had a problem with drinking or drugs
- Someone very close to me died