

A Snapshot of Early Childhood Development in American Indian Communities

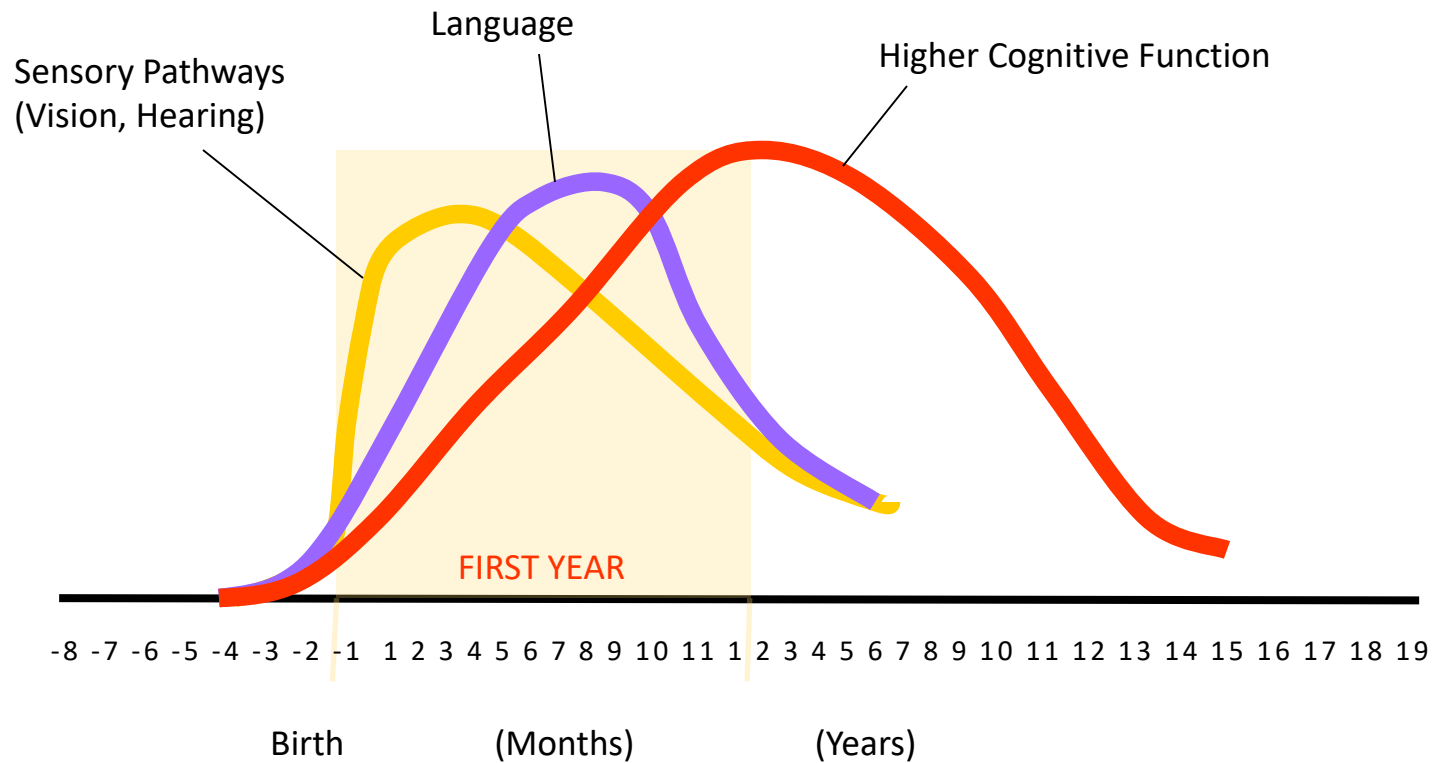
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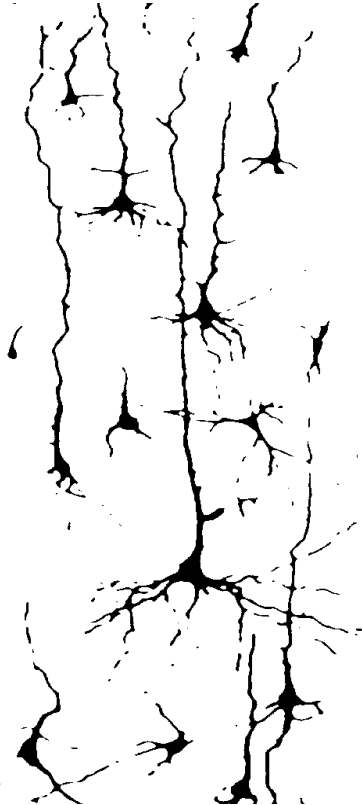
Human Brain Development

Synapse Formation Dependent on Early Experiences



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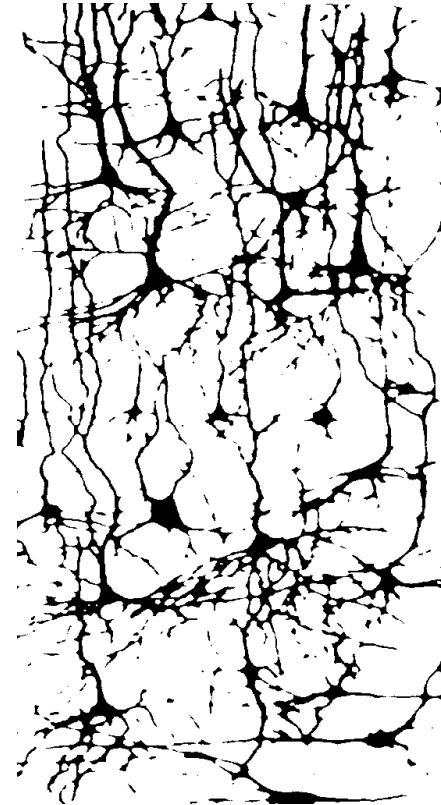
At **Birth**



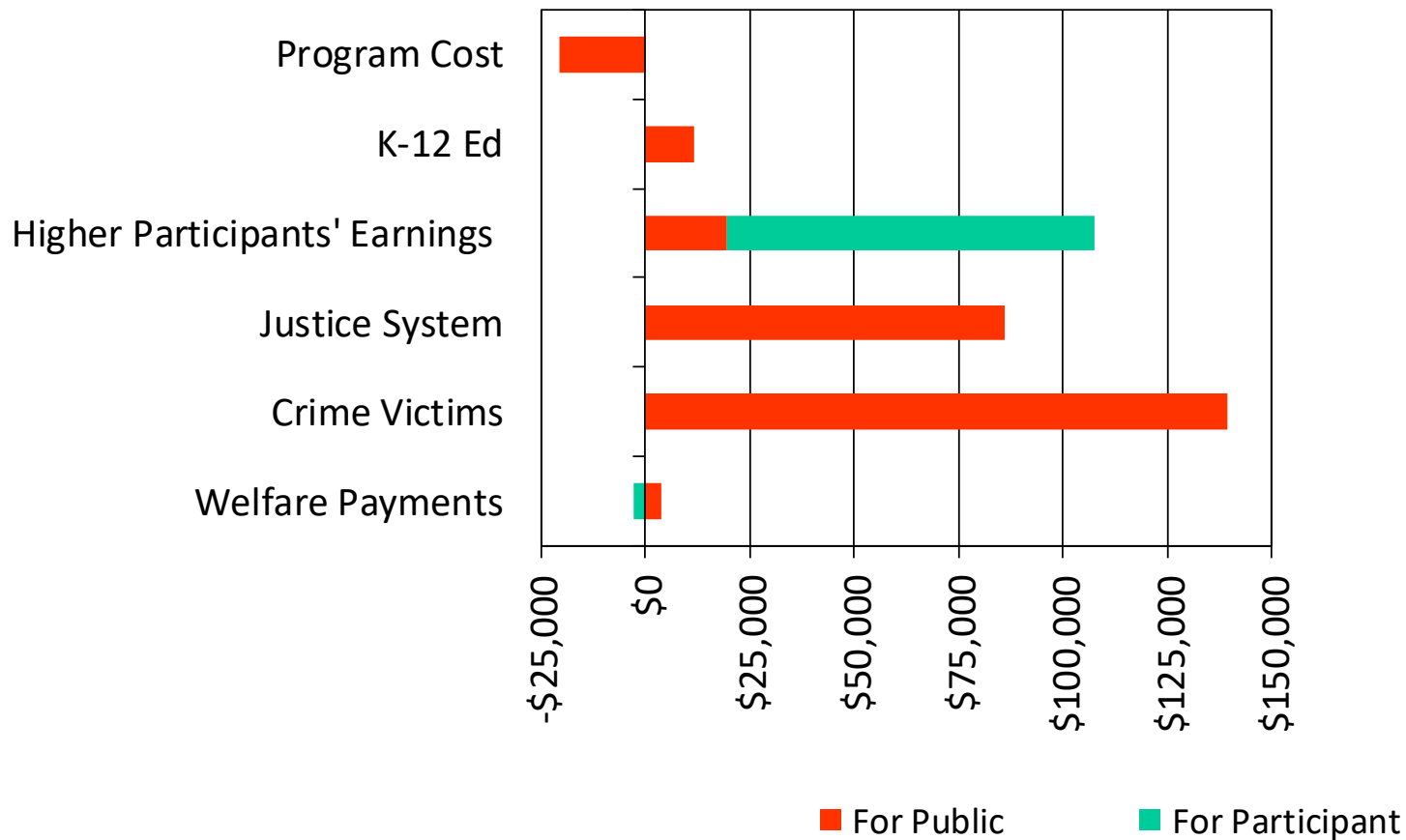
At **6 Years Old**



At **14 Years Old**



Perry Preschool—Costs and Benefits Over 62 Years



Source: Schweinhart, et al. (2005)

Benefit-Cost Ratios of Early Childhood Longitudinal Studies



- Perry Preschool
 - \$16 to \$1
- Abecedarian Educational Child Care
 - \$7 to \$1
- Chicago-Child Parent
 - \$10 to \$1
- Elmira Prenatal/Early Infancy Project
 - \$5 to \$1

Sources: : Schweinhart, et al. (2005); Garcia, Heckman, Leaf, & Prados (2016); Reynolds, Temple, White, Ou, & Robertson (2011); Karoly, et al (1998)

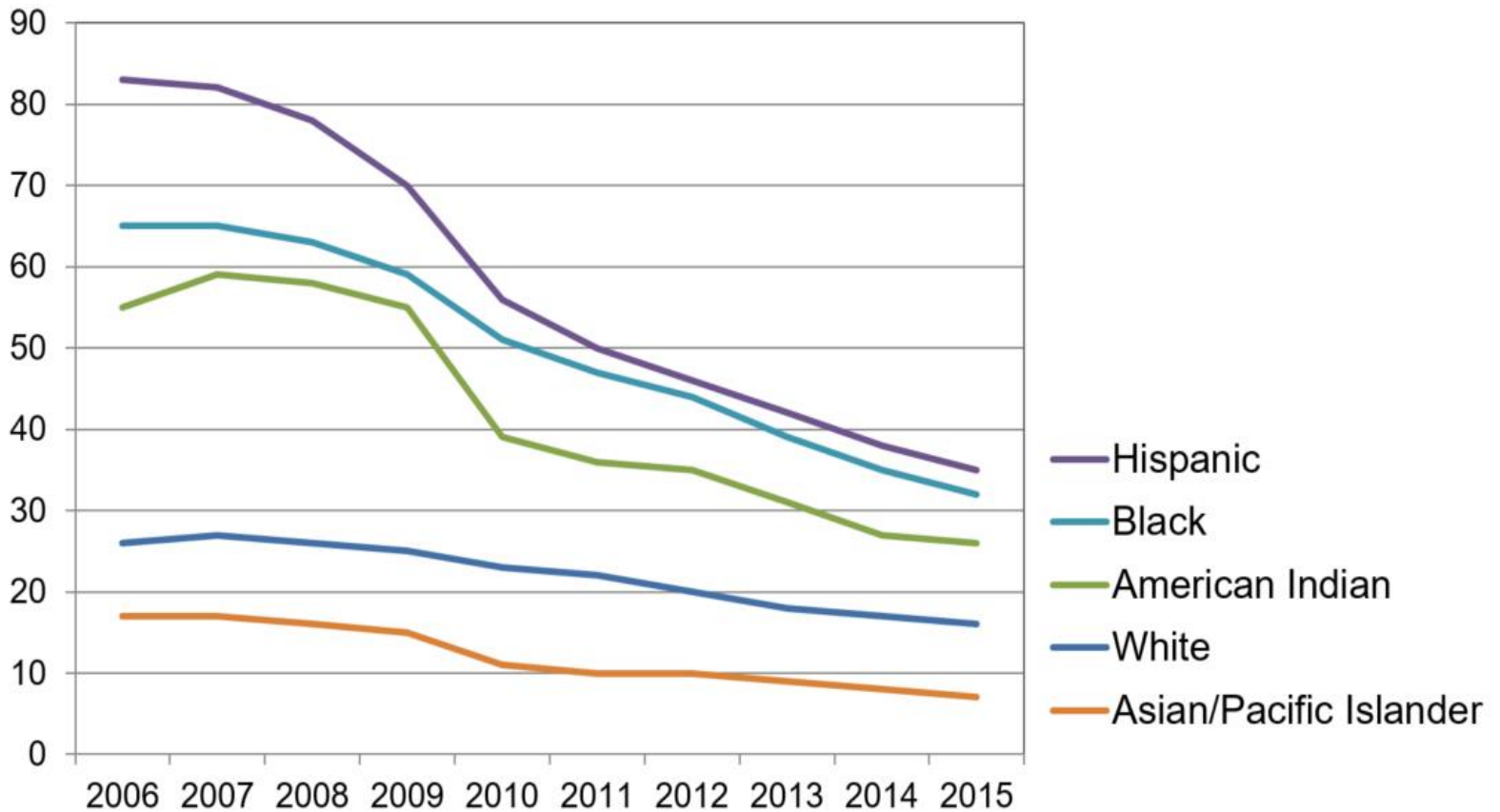
American Indian population

- About 225,000 Native American/Alaska Native children under age 6 live in the U.S.
- About 40 percent live below poverty

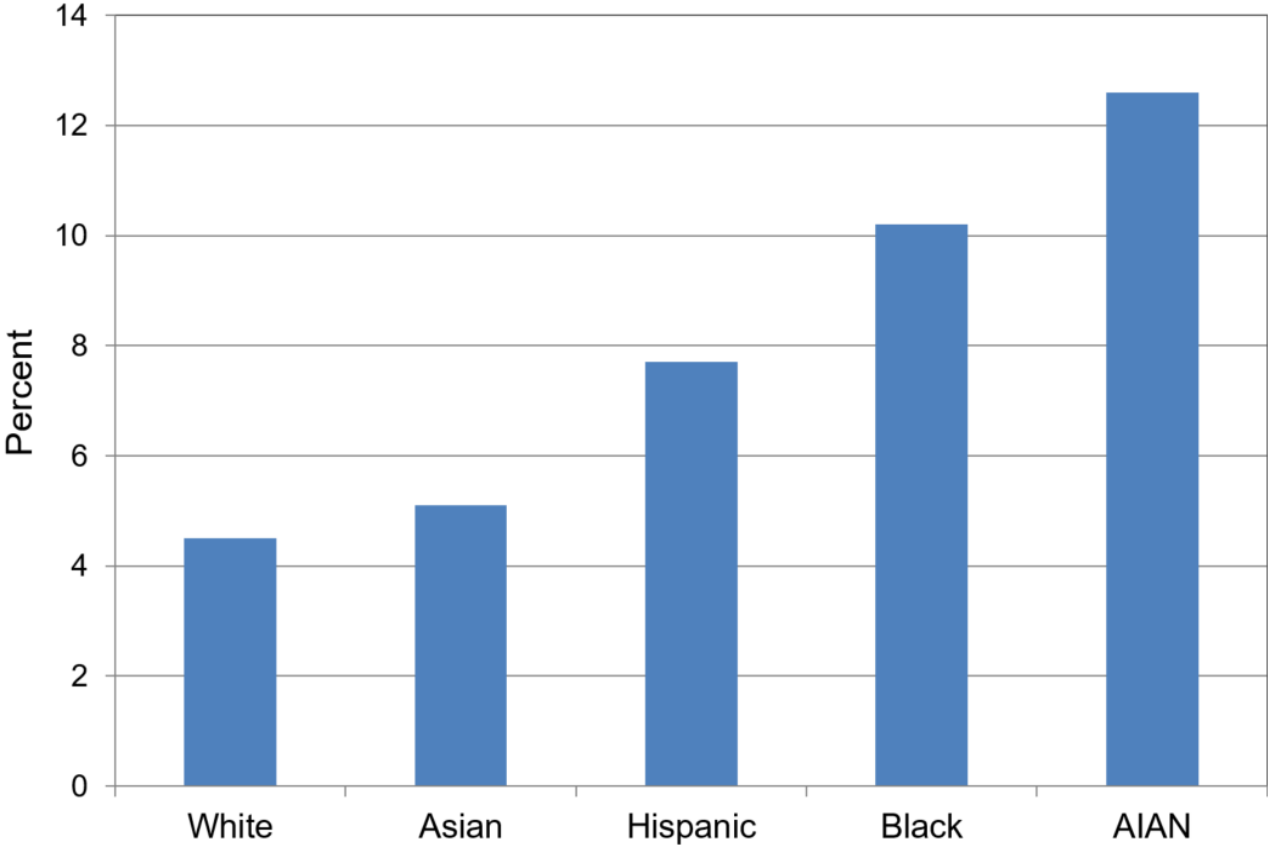
Maternal and Child Health

Births to teen mothers

Per 1,000 population (age 15-19)

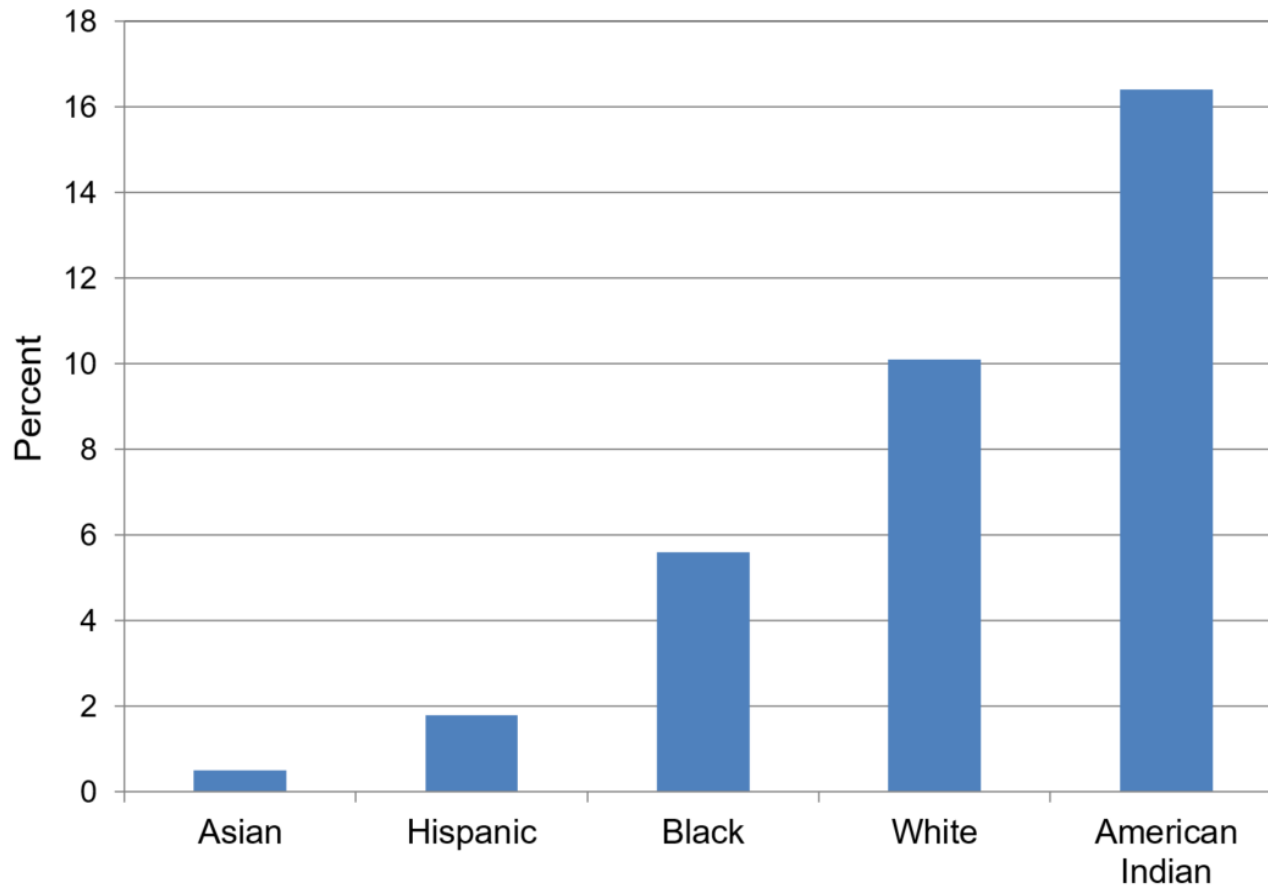


Late or no prenatal care 2017



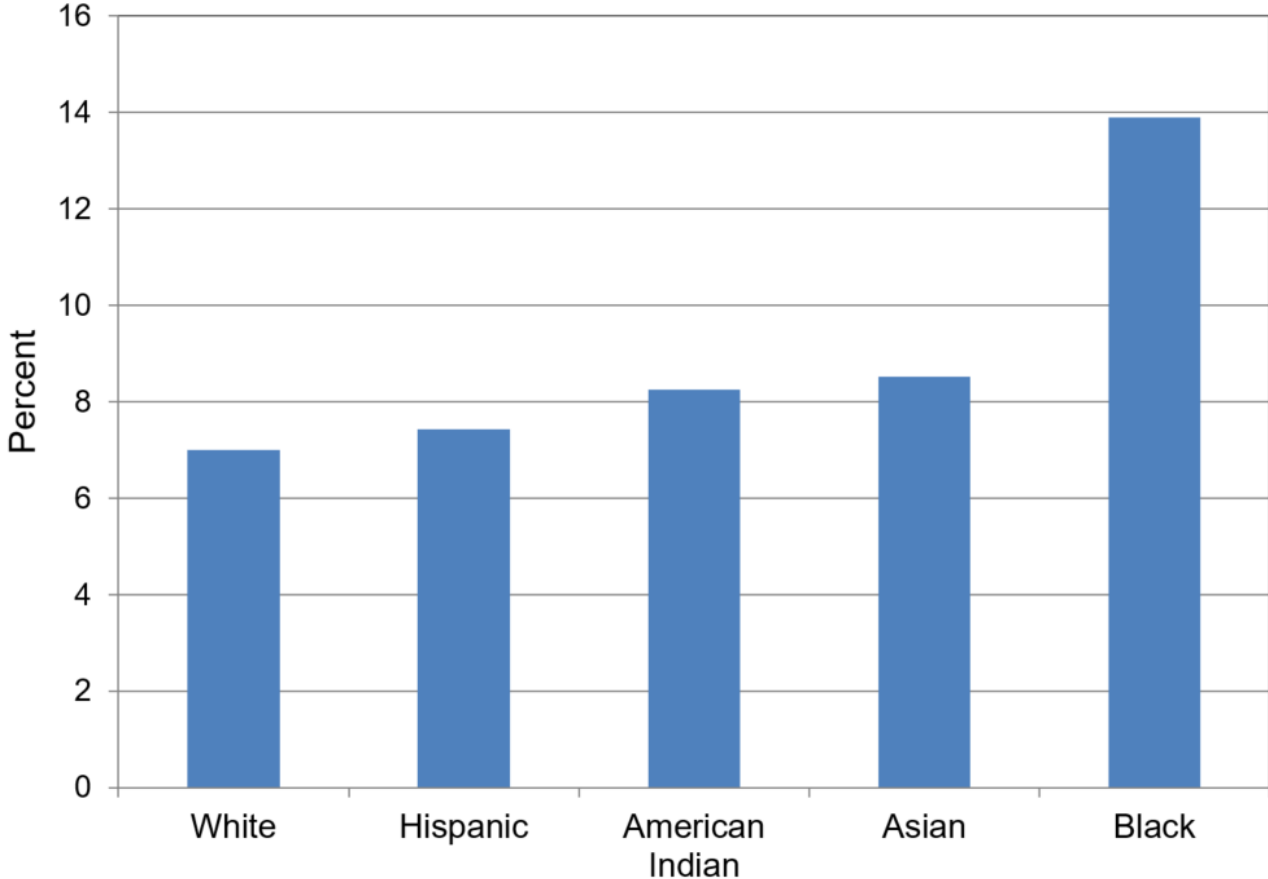
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System

Smoked during pregnancy 2017



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Low birthweight* 2017

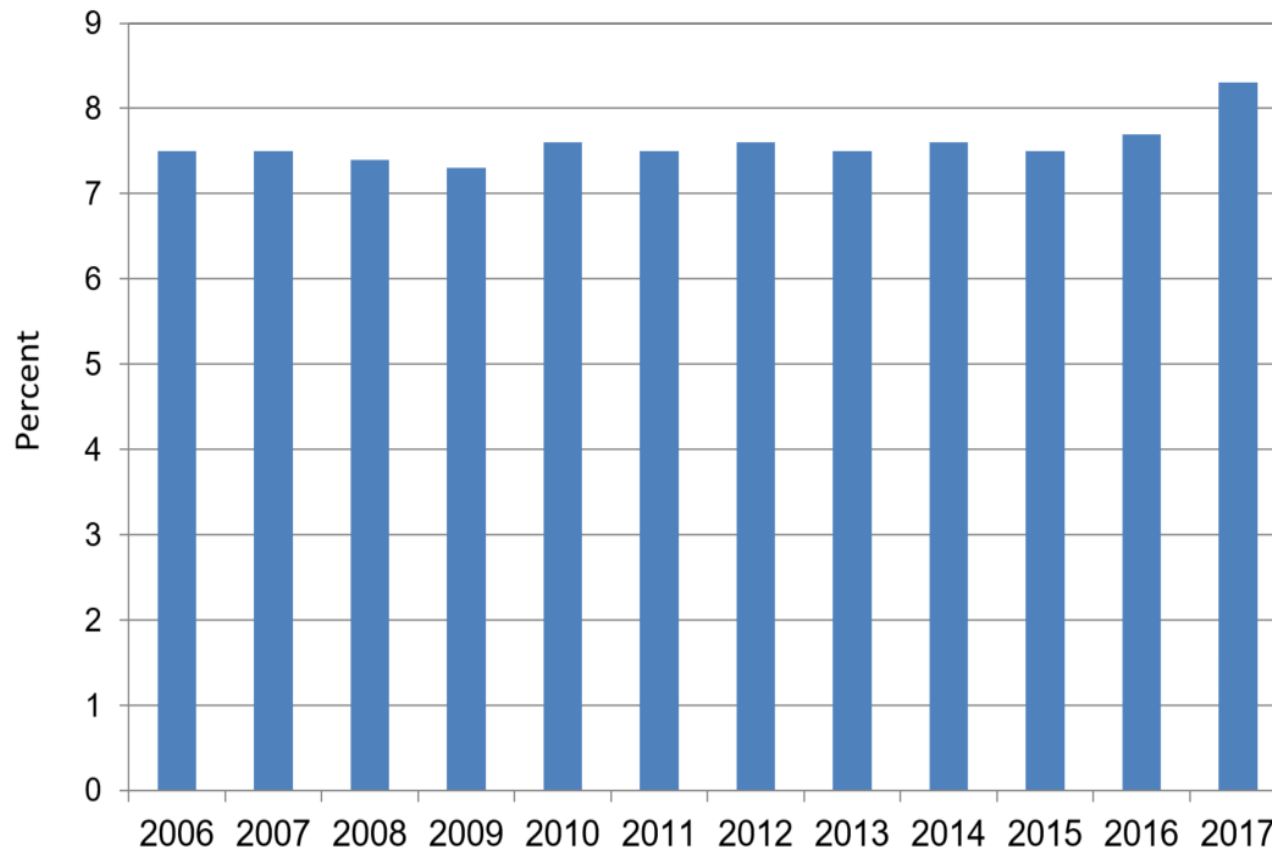


*Less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz)

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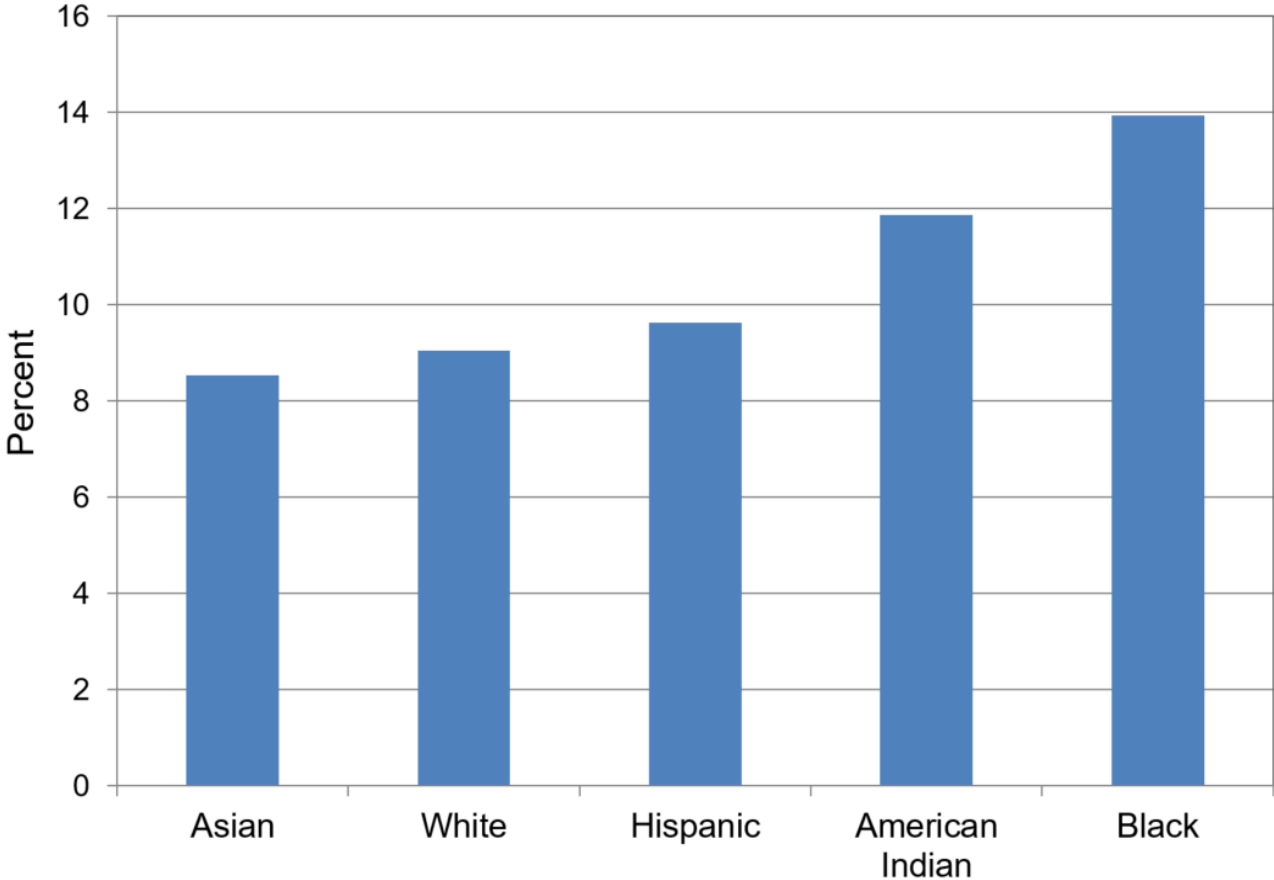


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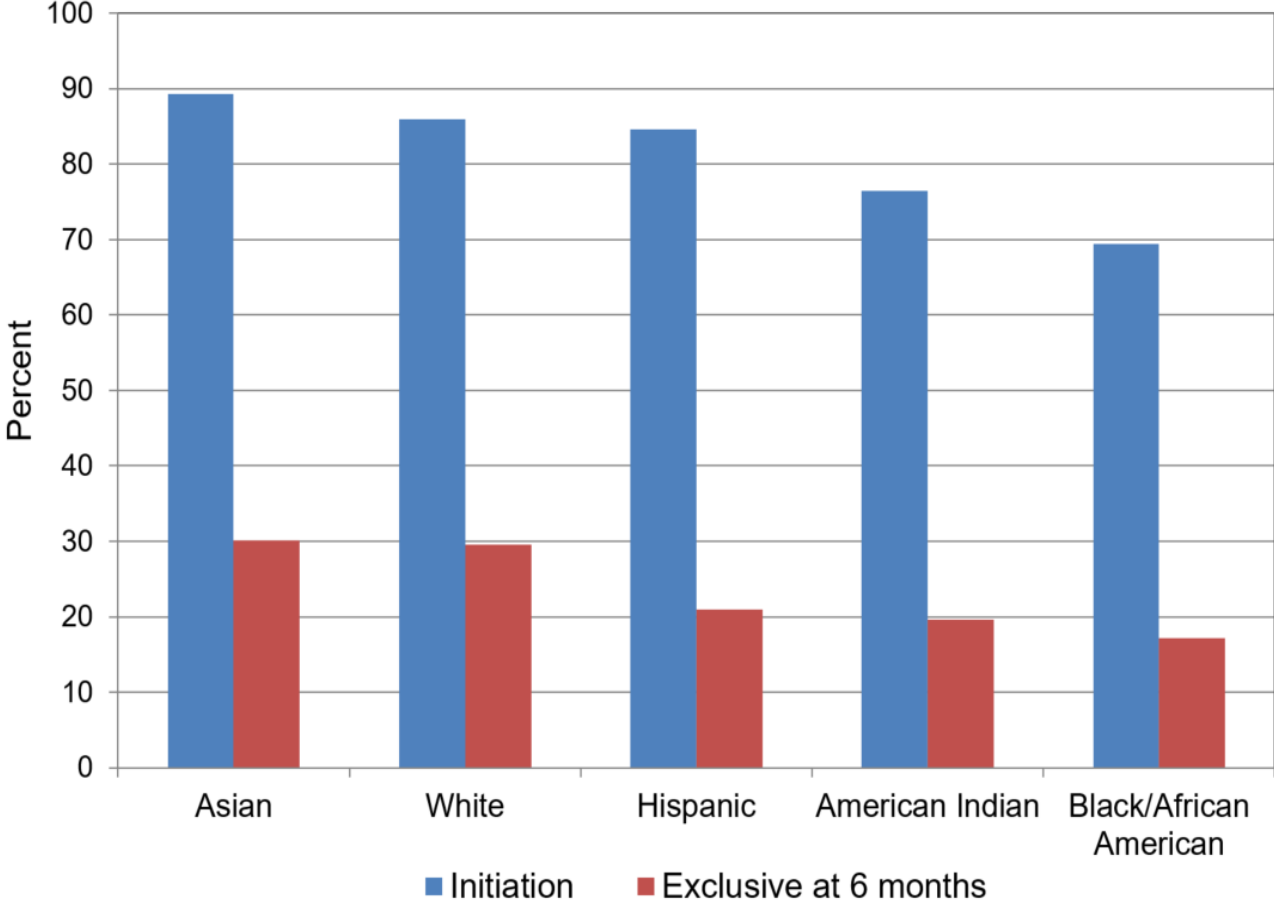
Preterm births*

2017



*Born prior to 37 completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System

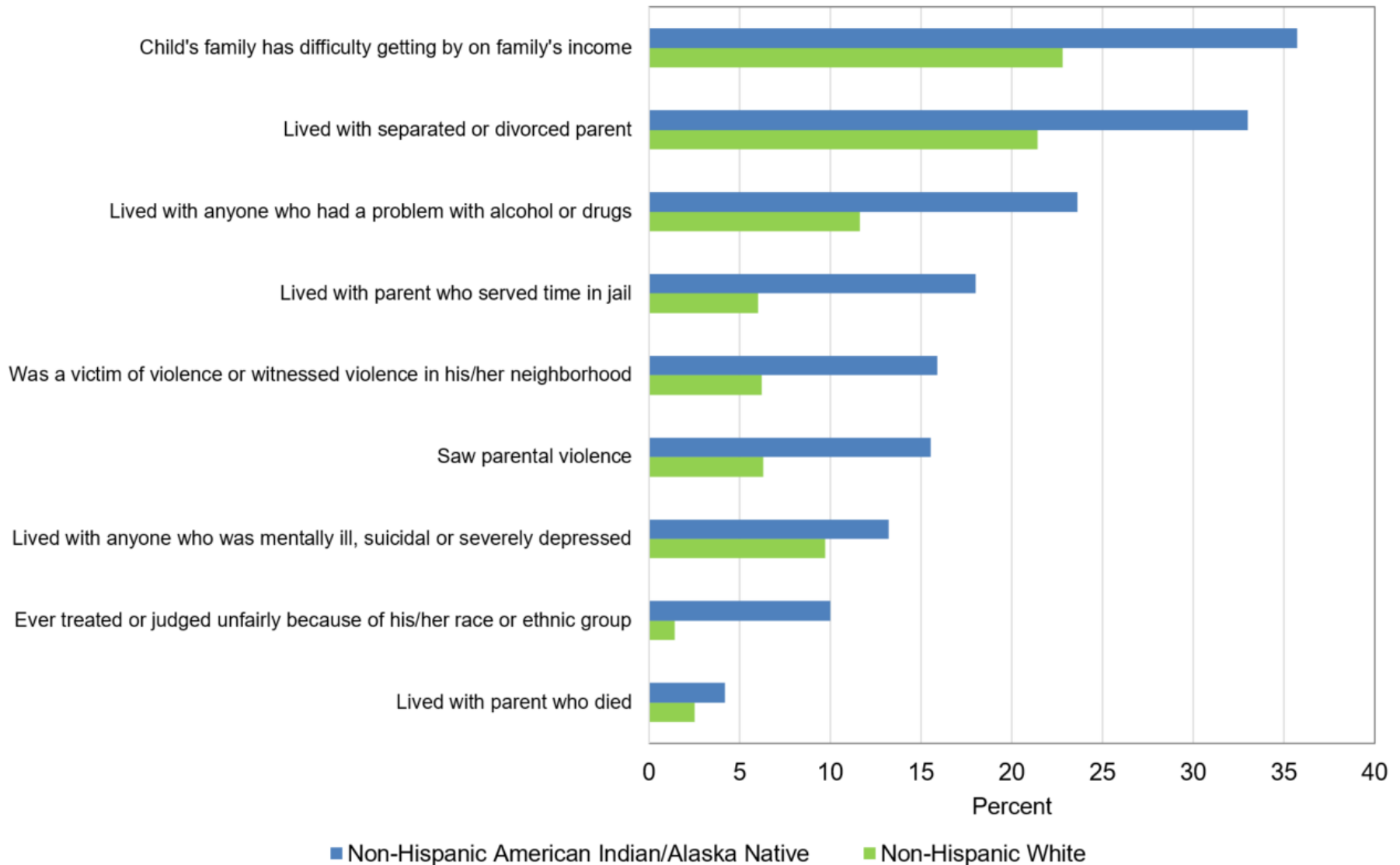
Breastfeeding 2015



Source: National Immunization Survey, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Adverse Childhood Experiences

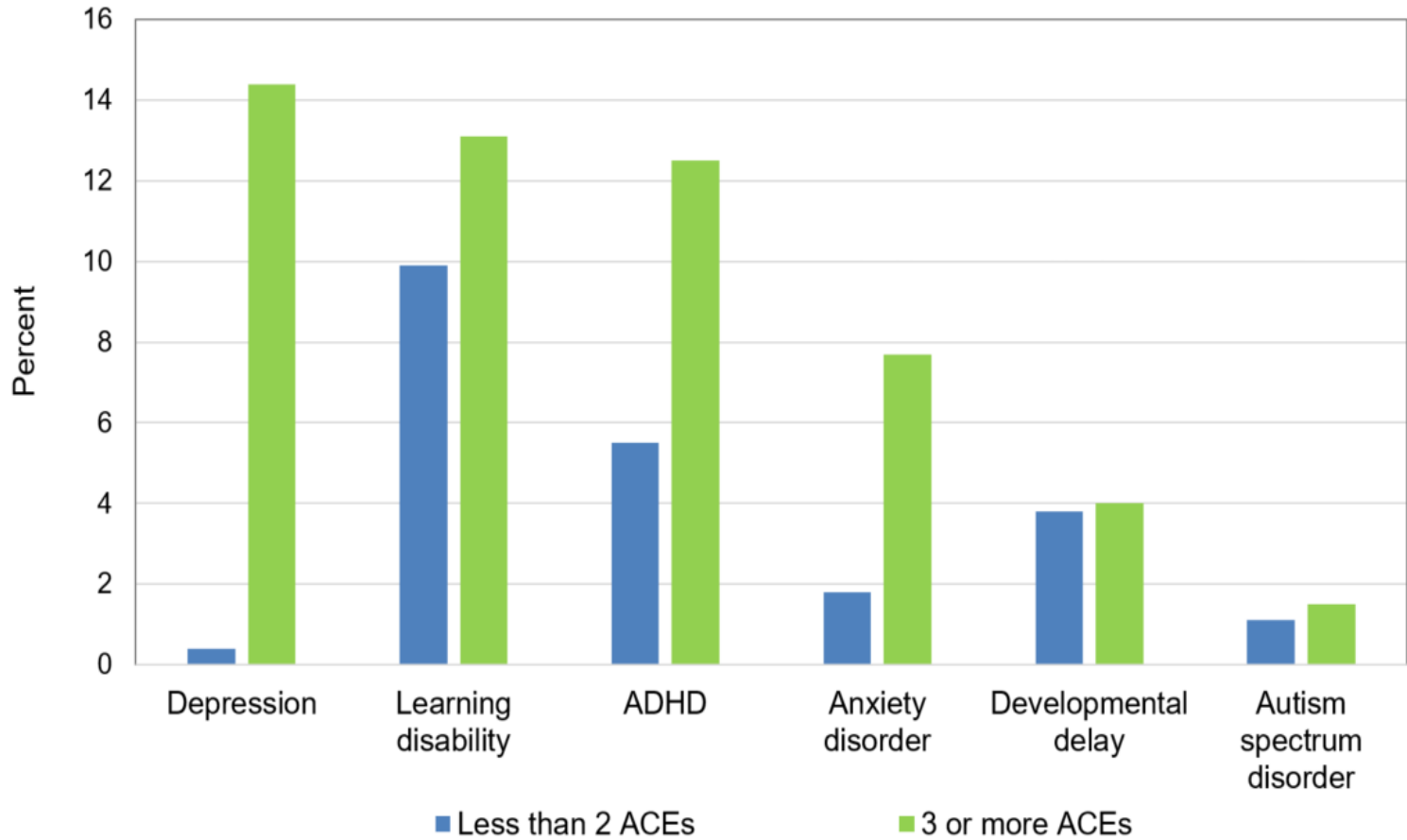
Rates of parent-reported ACEs (2011-2012)



Source: Mary Kay Kenney and Gopal K. Singh. "Adverse Childhood Experiences among American Indian/Alaska Native Children: The 2011-2012 National Survey of Children's Health," *Scientifica*, vol. 2016, Article ID 7424239, 2016. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2016/7424239>.

Developmental and behavioral outcomes

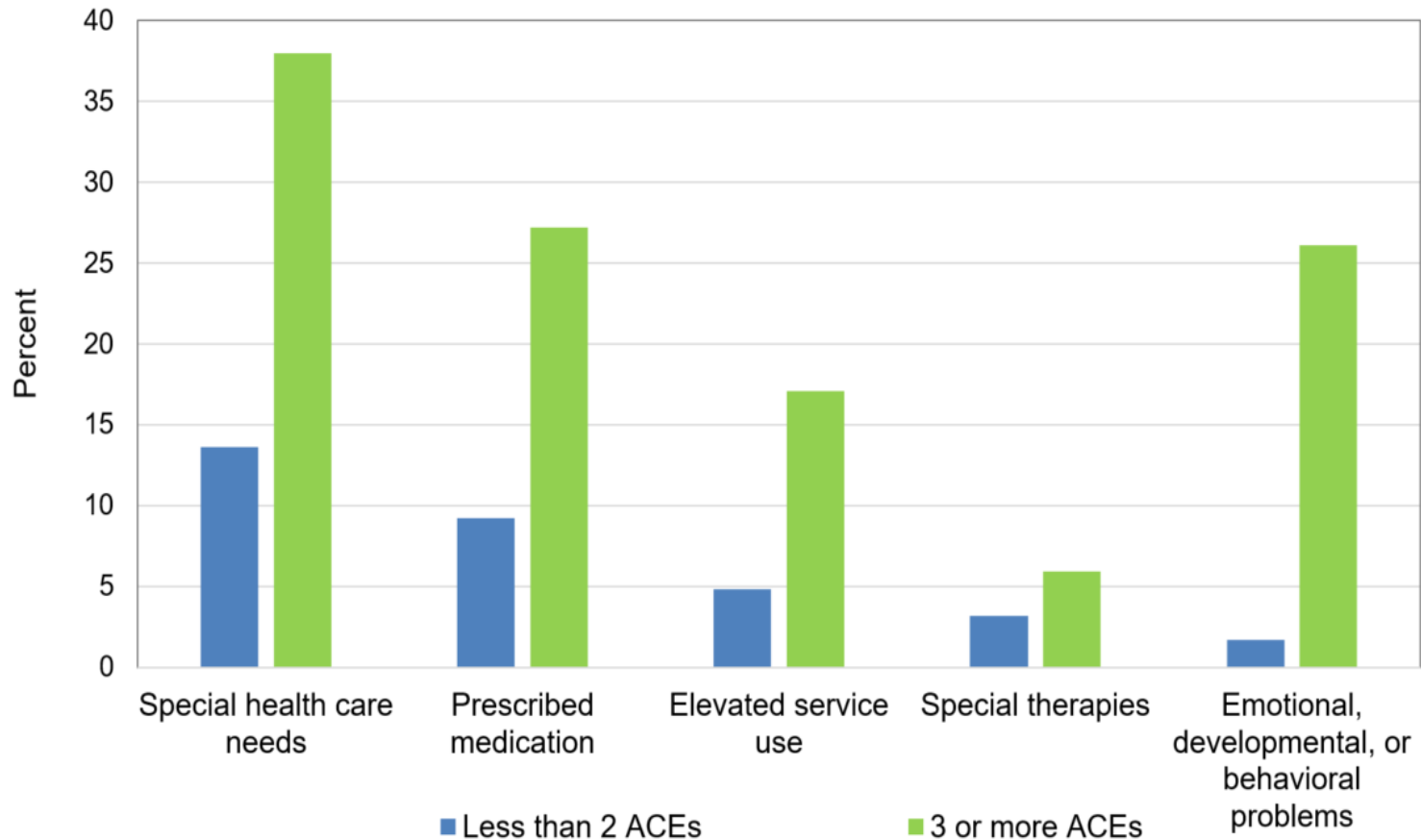
Provider-diagnosed conditions



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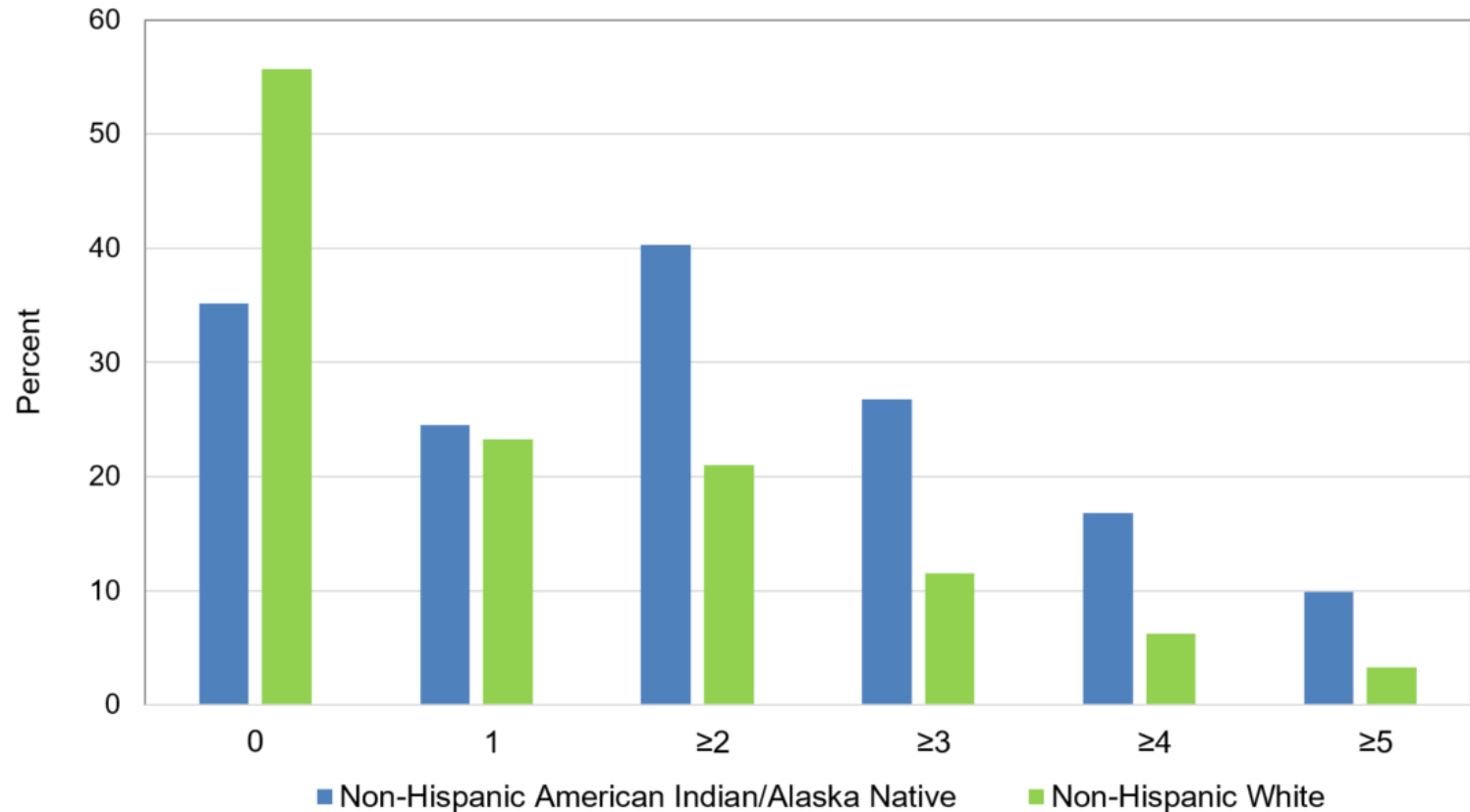
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Other parent-reported health conditions/needs



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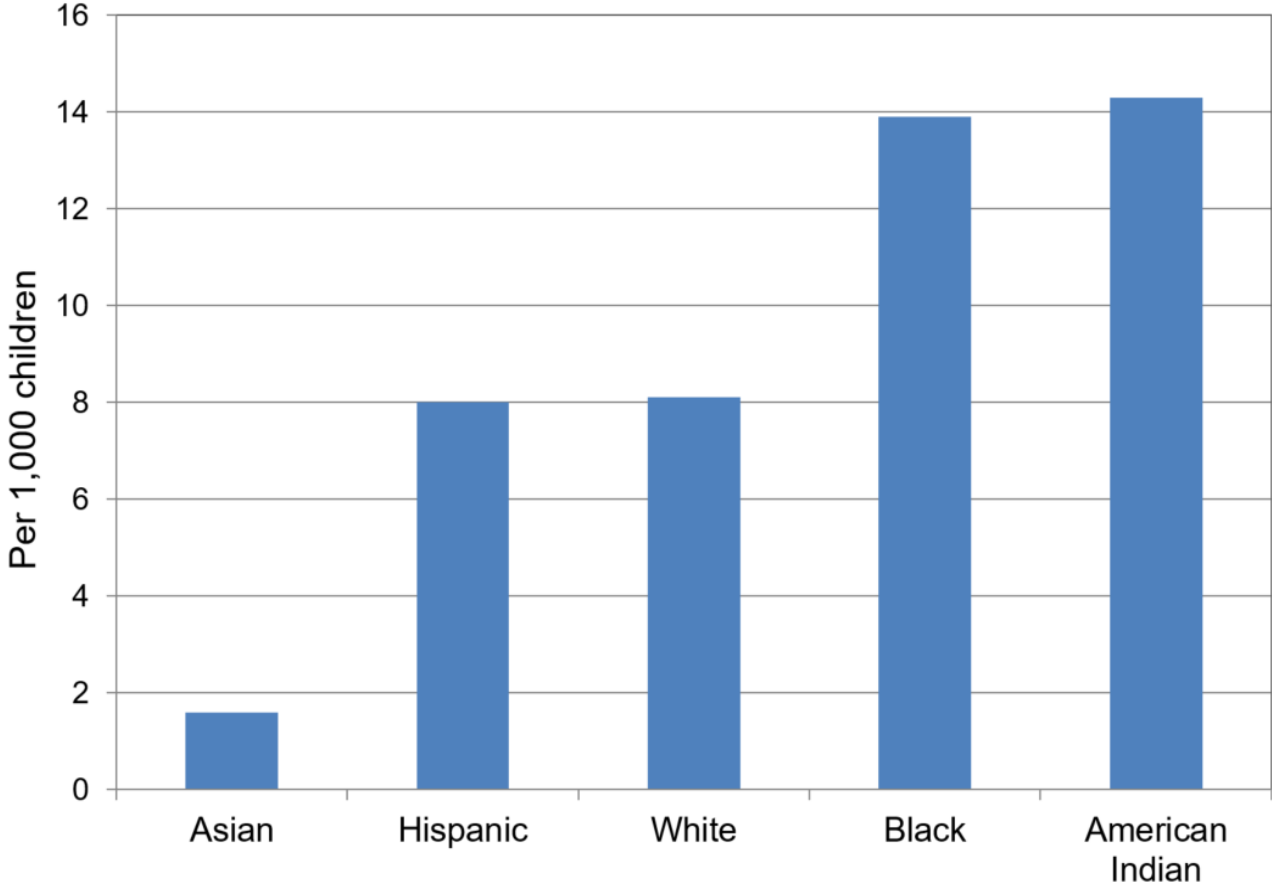
Number of ACEs among participating children (9 asked about)



Source: Kenney and Singh (2016)

Child Maltreatment and Foster Care

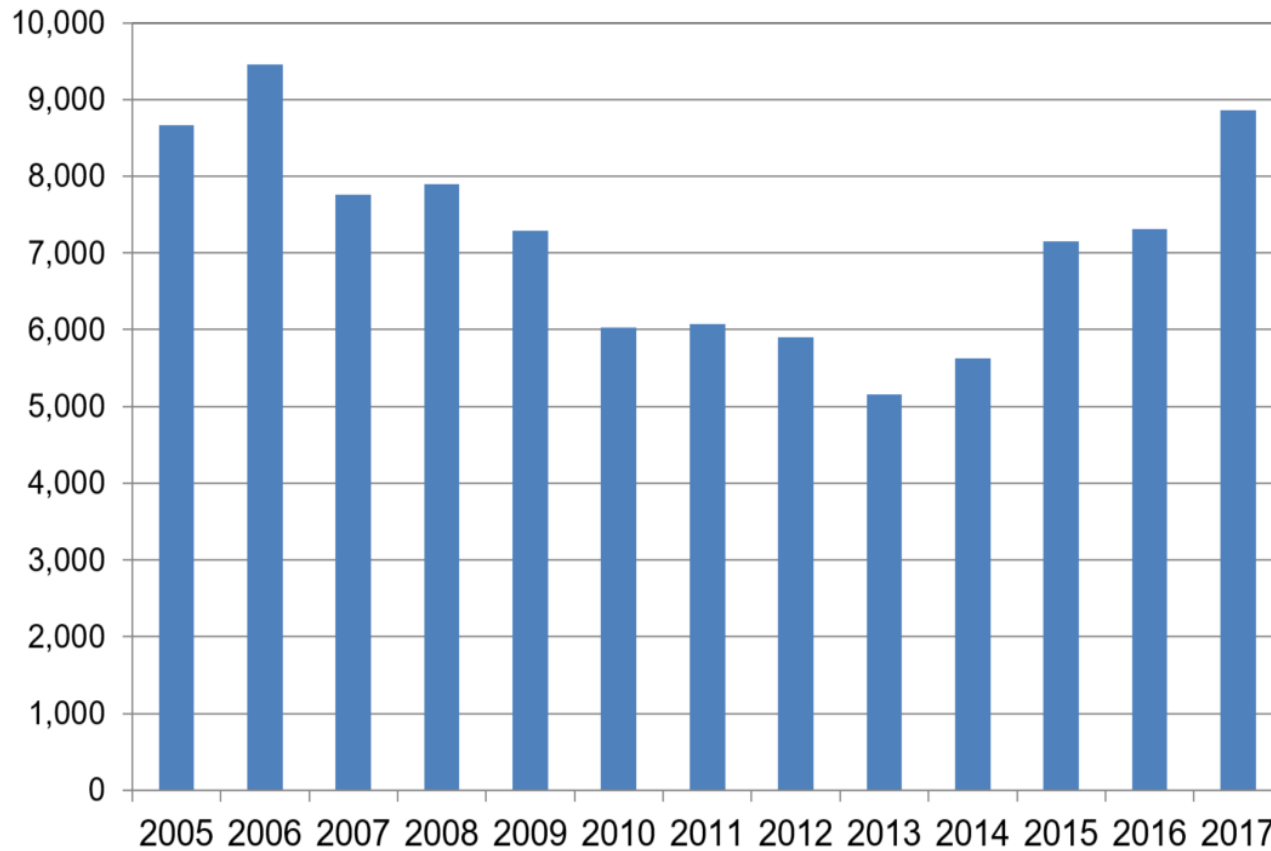
Child maltreatment victim rate 2017



Source: Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

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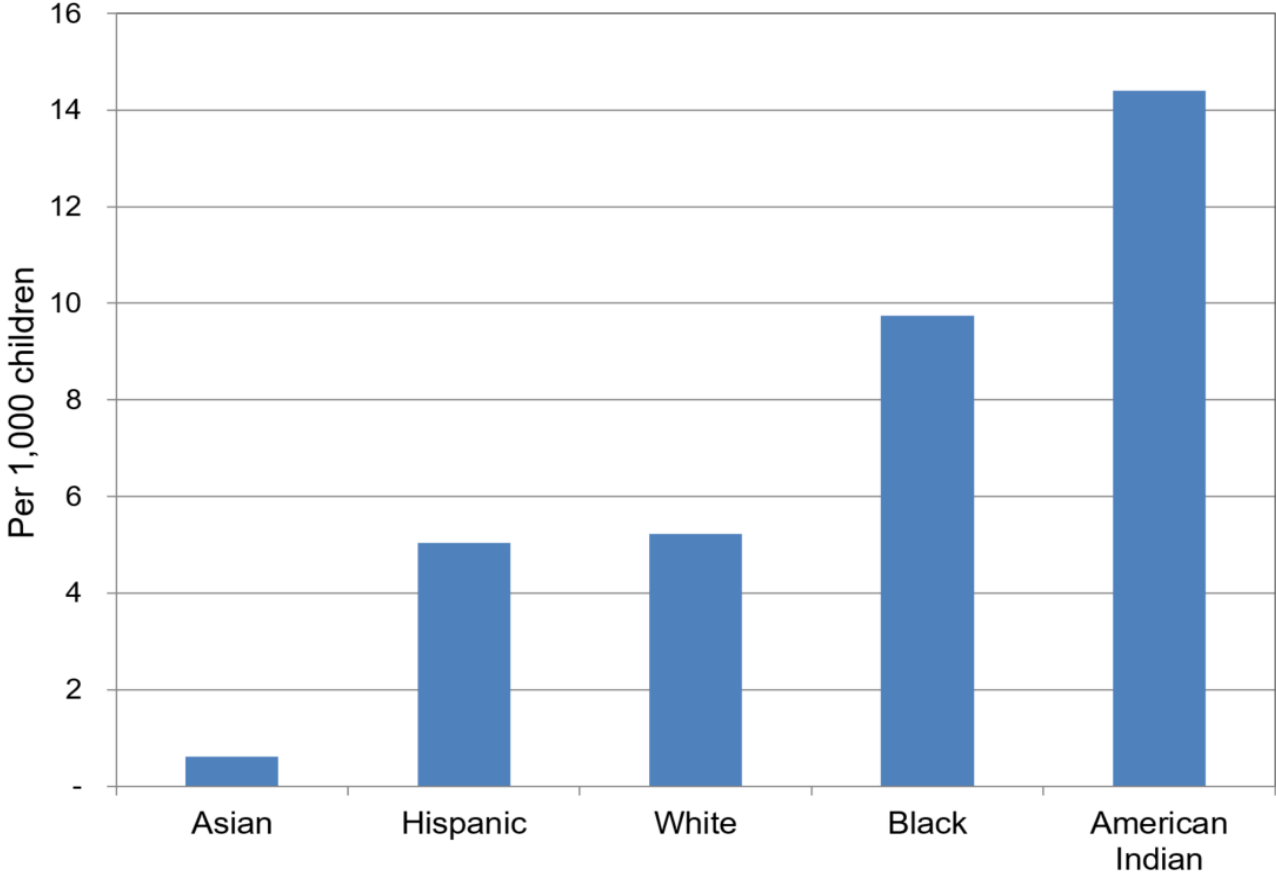
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Foster care placement rate

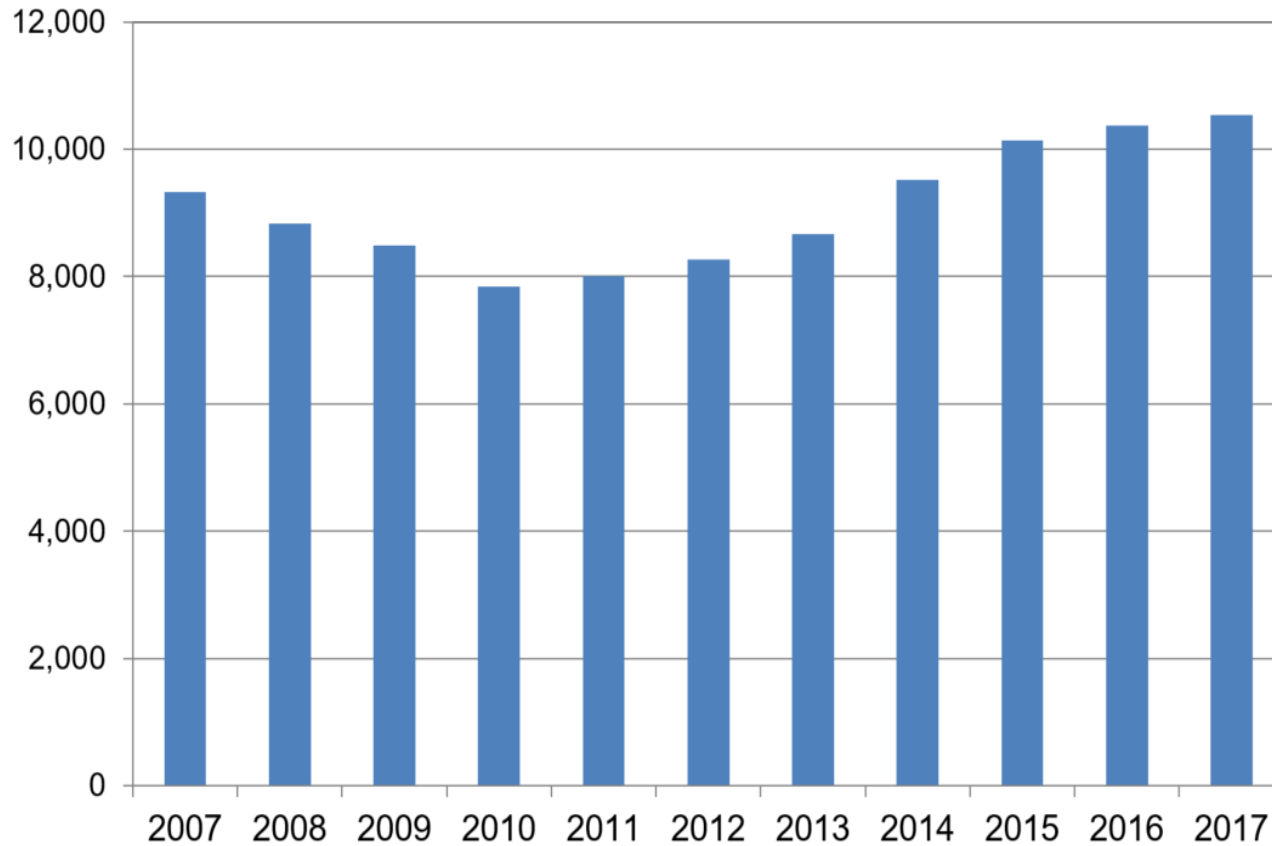
Total children in foster care, 2017



Source: Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

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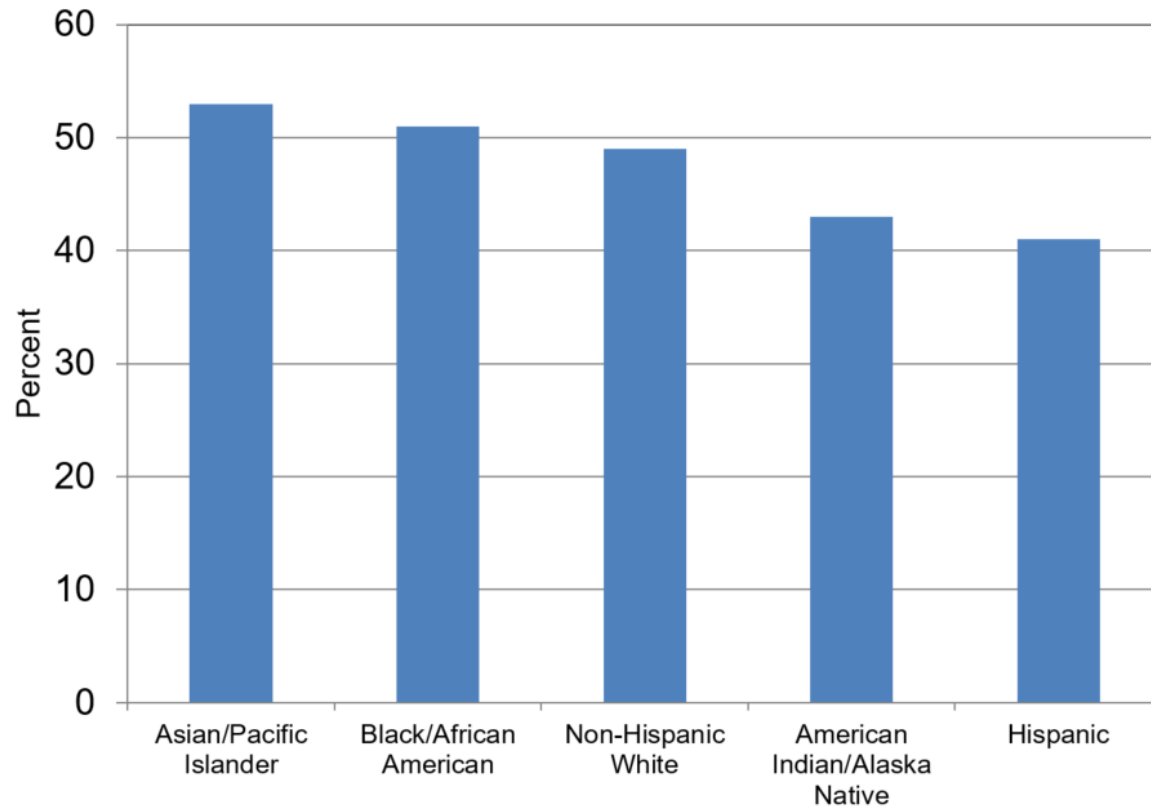
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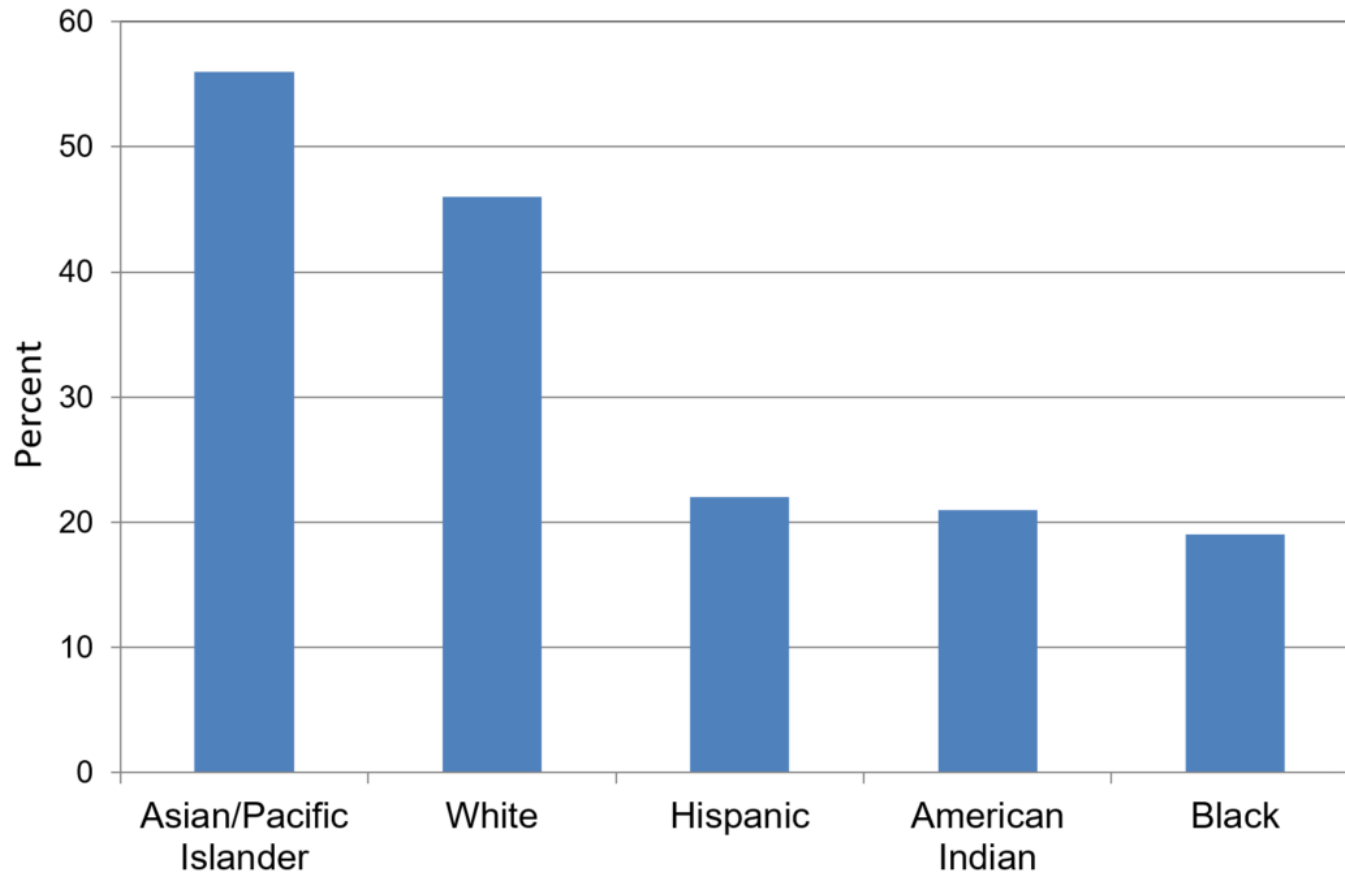
Education

Percent of children age 3 and 4 in preschool 2017



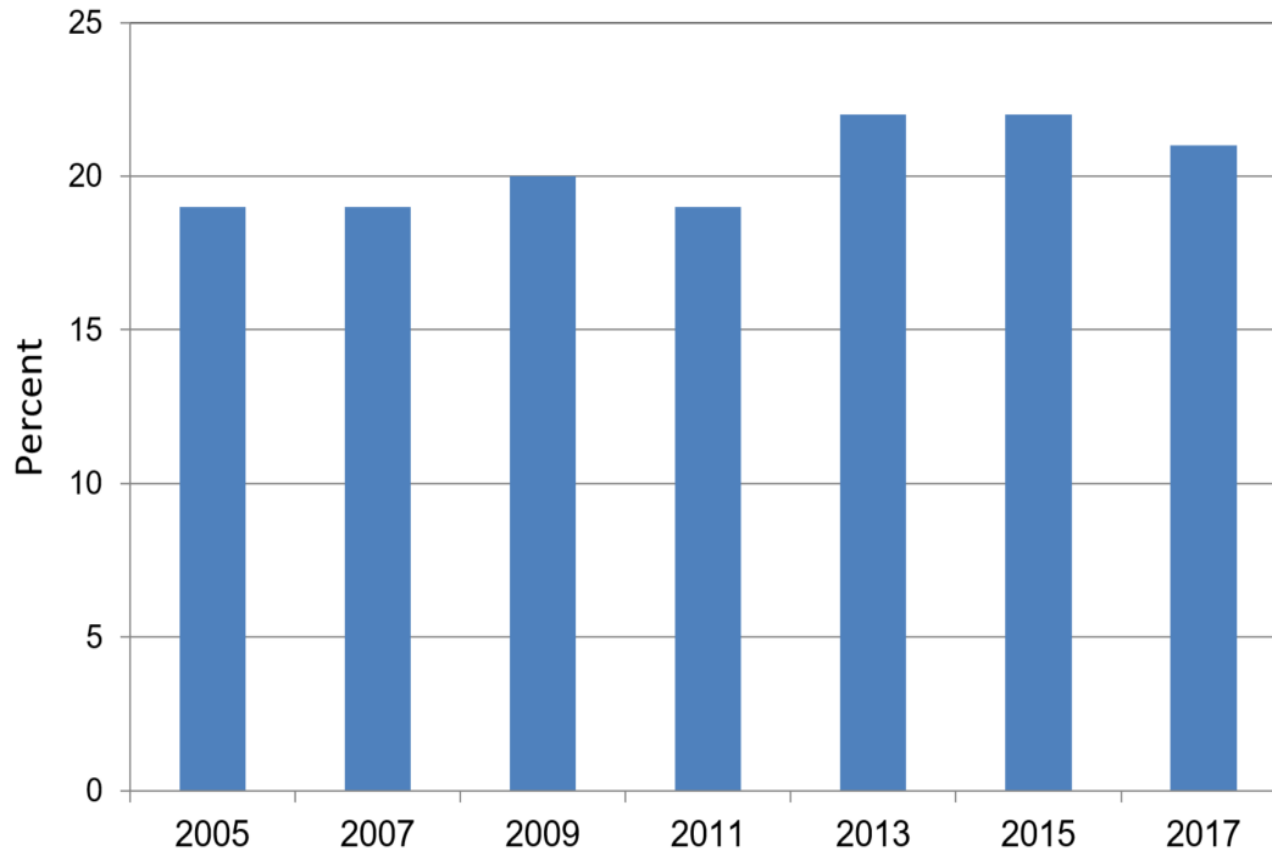
Source: The Annie E. Case Foundation. *2018 Kids Count Data Book: State Trends in Child Well-being*.

Percent of fourth grade children proficient in reading 2017



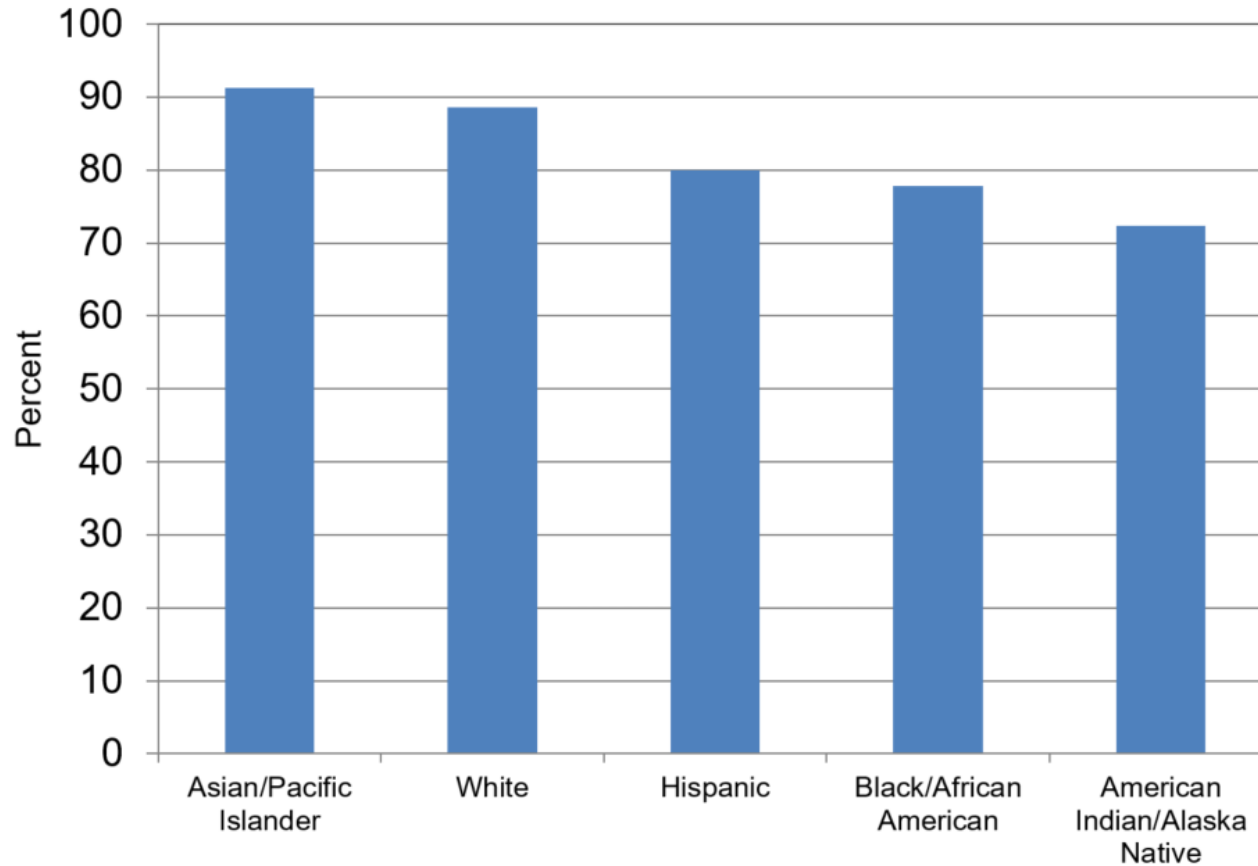
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress

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U.S. public high school 4-year graduation rates 2016-2017



Source: National Center for Education Statistics