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Child welfare systems across the nation share the concern that children from some racial and ethnic groups are disproportionately represented in the child welfare system compared to their representation in the general population.¹ Since 2016, it has been a goal of DCFS to track racial equity within the child welfare system to help inform planning and decision-making. This report provides information relevant to that goal by examining racial and ethnic disproportionality for ten child welfare outcome indicators:

- A. investigations
- B. protective custodies
- C. indicated investigations
- D. intact family services
- E. substitute care entries
- F. placement instability
- G. length of stay in substitute care
- H. permanence through reunification
- I. permanence through adoption
- J. permanence through guardianship

¹ Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). *Racial disproportionality and disparity in child welfare*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s Bureau.

Measuring Racial and Ethnic 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), in which the percentage of children in a racial or ethnic group for a child welfare indicator is divided by the percentage of children in a relevant base population.

There are two commonly used methods for calculating RDI; each uses a different population in the denominator. The first is the "absolute RDI," in which a racial or ethnic group's percentage within the child welfare indicator is divided by that group's percentage in the general child population. The same denominator (percentage of the racial/ethnic group in the child population) is used when calculating absolute RDIs for each indicator. This report calculates absolute RDIs for five indicators: investigations, indicated investigations, protective custodies, intact family services, and substitute care entries. To calculate the absolute RDIs, data on race and ethnicity for the Illinois child population were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.²

A second measure of disproportionality is the "relative RDI," which is calculated by dividing a racial or ethnic group's percentage within the child welfare indicator by that group's percentage within a prior child welfare indicator. For example, the denominator for calculating the relative RDI for children in protective custodies is the group's percentage among children who were investigated. Relative RDI are provided for all the indicators in this report except for investigations.³ Please see Appendix A for the definitions used to compute the relative RDI for each indicator; Appendix B for the absolute and relative RDIs for the state as a whole and for each DCFS administrative region (Cook, Northern, Central, and Southern) for 2016-2022; and Appendix C for the number and percentage of children in each racial group in the Illinois child population each year (2016-2022).

RDIs are reported for seven mutually exclusive racial/ethnic groups in Illinois: White, Black/African American, Latinx (any race), Asian, Multiracial, Native American/Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. For children of Latinx origin, race/ethnicity is defined as "Latinx" regardless of race, and other races do not include children whose ethnicity is Latinx. Appendix A provides information on the creation of race/ethnicity variables from data

² U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division (2020). *CC-EST2020-ALLDATA6-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, 6 race groups (5 race alone groups and two or more races), and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019; April, 2020; and July 1, 2020*. Retrieved from <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010-2020/counties/asrh/>; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division (2020). *CC-EST2021-ALLDATA6-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021*. Retrieved from <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2021/counties/asrh/>

³ The relative RDI for investigations would compare the percentage of children in investigations (numerator) to the percentage of children in hotline calls. The CFRC does not have access to hotline call data, and therefore cannot compute the relative RDI for investigations.

in the Statewide Automated Child Welfare System (SACWIS) and the Child and Youth Centered Information System (CYCIS). Several of the racial/ethnic groups are quite small in Illinois (see Appendix C, Table C.1). Of the 3.1 million children in the 2022 Illinois population, 50.6% were White, 24.8% were Latinx, and 15.2% were Black. The other racial groups were substantially smaller: 5.6% of the child population were Asian American, 3.6% were Multiracial, 0.1% were Native American, and 0.03% were Pacific Islander. When the Illinois child population is examined by region, the percentages in some racial/ethnic groups are even smaller (see Appendix C, Table C.2). When there is a small base population in the denominator, the RDIs must be interpreted with care. Increases or decreases in numbers of children from a small base population can be proportionately larger than increases or decreases in numbers of children from a larger base population. Therefore, throughout this report, whenever a racial/ethnic group for an indicator contains 20 or fewer children, the RDI for that group is not reported in the figures or appendix tables. In addition, if the base population for calculating an RDI was less than 1%, the RDI for that group is not included in the figures.

Interpreting Racial Disproportionality Indices

Absolute RDI values less than 1.0 indicate under-representation compared to the general child population. For example, an RDI of 0.5 means that children are represented half as much at that indicator as they are in the general 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. RDI values greater than 1.0 indicate over-representation compared to the general population. For example, an RDI of 2.0 for an indicator means that children in that group are represented at twice the rate they are in the general population.

Absolute RDIs provide useful information about how children in different racial/ethnic groups are represented in the child welfare system compared to their representation in the general population. However, they do not provide information about whether disproportionality increases or decreases as children move through the child welfare system. The relative RDI provides this information by comparing a group's representation at one child welfare indicator to their representation in a previous part of the child welfare system. The relative RDI tells us if the amount of over-representation at an indicator increases or decreases *relative to* the amount that was present in the comparison population. Therefore, when interpreting the meaning of a relative RDI, the amount of disproportionality in the comparison population must also be taken into consideration.

To provide a concrete example for interpreting absolute and relative RDIs, we can look at the absolute and relative RDIs for Black children entering substitute care. The absolute RDI is calculated by dividing the percentage of Black children entering substitute care (33.3% in 2022) by the percentage of Black children in the Illinois child population (15.2% in 2022), which results in an absolute RDI of 2.2. This means that Black children entered substitute care at over two times their representation in the child population; they were over-represented among substitute care entries in 2022. The relative RDI for this indicator is calculated by dividing the percentage of Black children entering substitute care (33.3% in 2022) by the percentage of

Black children in investigations (33.1% in 2022) to find a relative RDI of 1.0. This means that the amount of disproportionality in substitute care entries did not increase or decrease for Black children in 2022 compared to the amount of disproportionality present in investigations. However, a relative RDI of 1.0 does not mean that disproportionality does not exist among Black children entering substitute care. We know from the absolute RDI of 2.2 that Black children are over-represented; the relative RDI tells us that the amount of over-representation did not increase at this point.

A relative RDI of 1.0 means that the amount of over-representation has not increased or decreased at a particular indicator. Relative RDIs greater than 1.0 mean one of two things: 1) the amount of over-representation has increased at the indicator compared to the previous indicator, or 2) the amount of under-representation has decreased compared to the previous indicator. Relative RDIs less than 1.0 indicate that either: 1) the amount of under-representation has increased compared to the previous indicator, or 2) the amount of over-representation has decreased compared to the previous indicator.

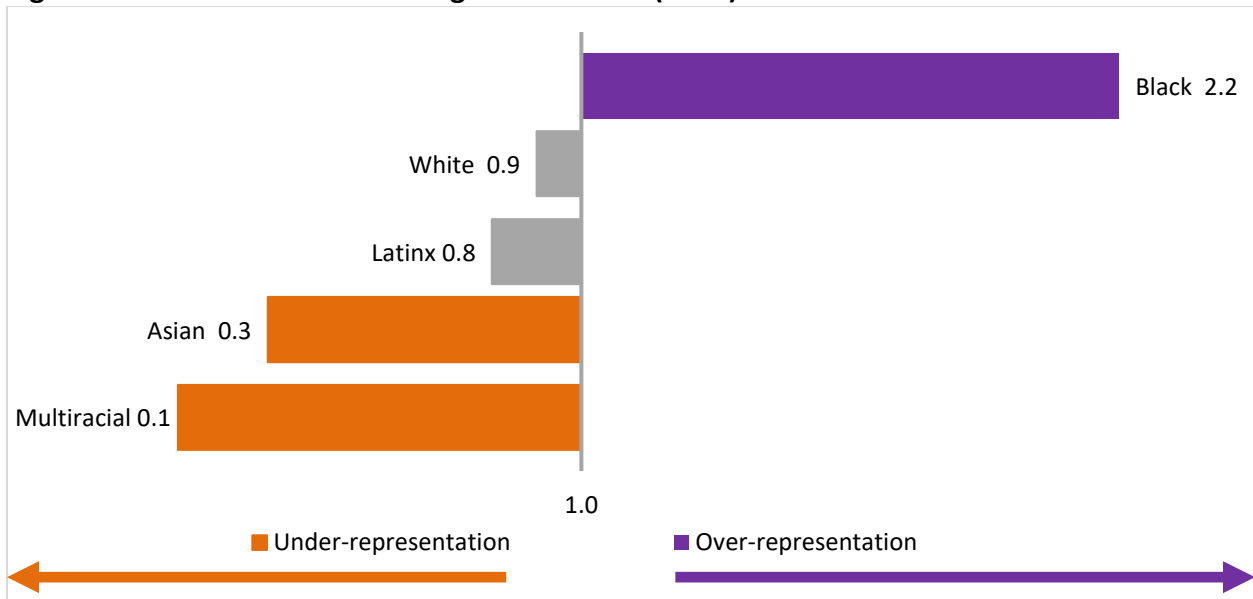
This report includes figures to show the differences in RDI between racial/ethnic groups. Because an RDI of 1.0 indicates no disproportionality, 1.0 is set as the baseline in the figures. The length of the bar in the figure directly corresponds to the amount of disproportionality for that group, i.e., longer bars equate to greater disproportionality. In this report, we interpret absolute RDIs greater than 1.2 to show over-representation and an absolute RDIs less than 0.8 to show under-representation. Because relative RDIs indicate a change in the amount of disproportionality, all values above and below 1.0 are interpreted as noteworthy.

Outcomes for Children in Investigations

Investigations

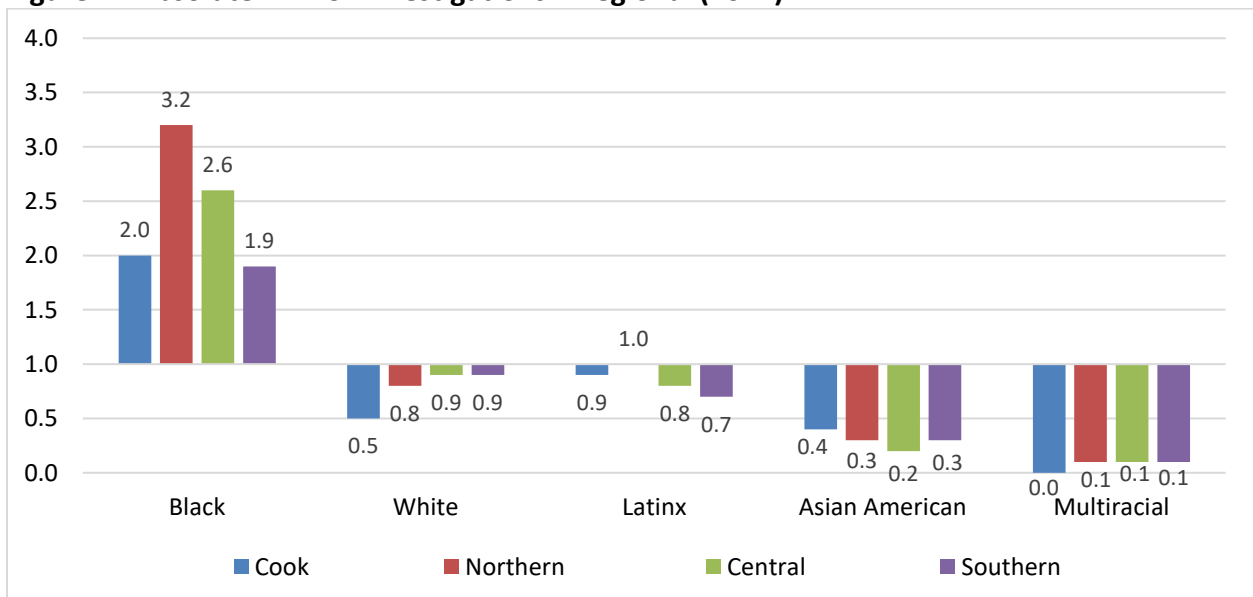
The first indicator examined is investigations. DCFS staff at the State Central Register (SCR) screen each call that is received from a maltreatment reporter to determine if the circumstances meet the criteria for an investigation. Calls can be either screened in to become investigations or screened out and no further child welfare actions are taken. Figure 1 shows the absolute RDI for children in the five racial/ethnic groups for investigations in Illinois in 2022. Black children were over-represented among children in investigations compared to their representation in the general population (RDI = 2.2), White and Latinx children were proportionally represented, and Asian and Multiracial children were under-represented (RDI = 0.3 and 0.1, respectively). There was little change in the RDI for these race/ethnicity groups over the past seven years (see Appendix B, Table B.1).

Figure 1. Absolute RDI for Investigations—State (2022)



When the absolute RDIs for investigations in 2022 are examined by region, a few regional differences stand out (see Figure 2). Black children were over-represented among investigations in all regions, but Black children in the Northern region had an absolute RDI of 3.2, which was greater than any other regions. White children were under-represented in the Cook region (RDI = 0.5) but were proportionally represented in all other regions. The regional RDI patterns for investigations have been consistent over the last seven years (see Appendix B, Table B.2).

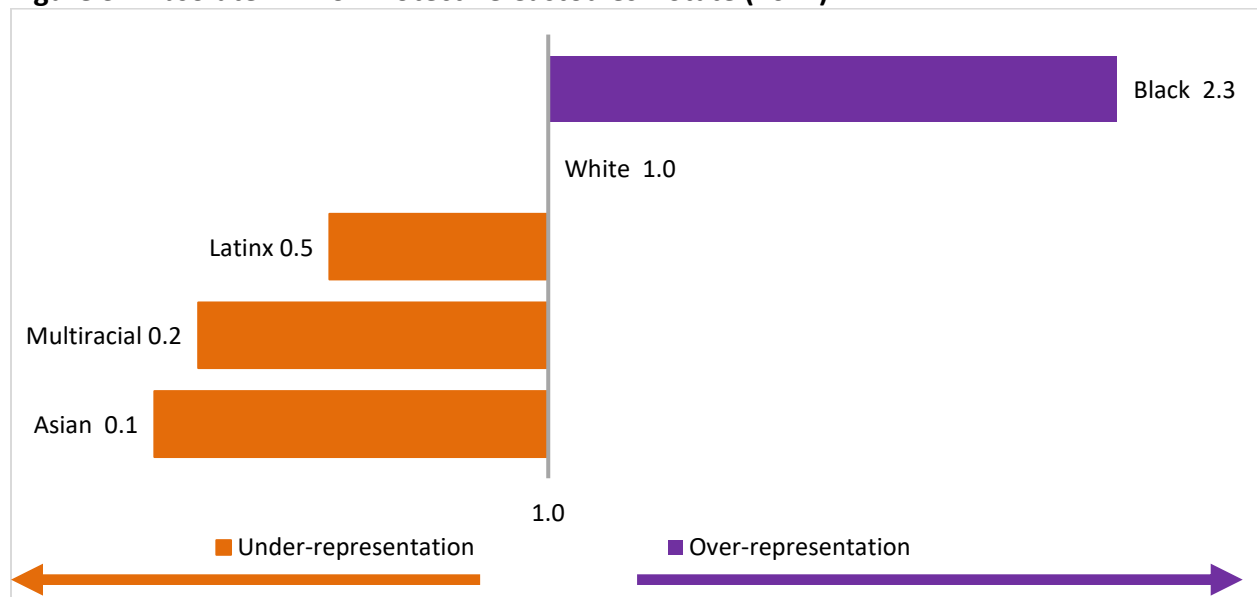
Figure 2. Absolute RDI for Investigations—Regional (2022)



Protective Custodies

During an investigation, a child protective services worker can take protective custody of a child if they believe the child is unsafe in the home or with the caregiver. If the child is believed to be unsafe, the child is taken into care for up to 48 hours (excluding weekends) until a shelter hearing is convened.⁴ Figure 3 shows the absolute RDIs for protective custodies in Illinois in 2022 (see Appendix B, Table B.3). Black children were over-represented 2.3 times their percentage in the Illinois child population. The absolute RDI for Black children taken into protective custody had been decreasing in recent years but increased from 2.18 in 2021 to 2.34 in 2022. White children were proportionately represented among protective custodies compared to their representation in the Illinois population in 2022, and the RDI has been stable for the past several years. Latinx, Multiracial, and Asian American children were under-represented among children in protective custodies in 2022 compared to their representation in the Illinois population, and the RDIs for these groups have been stable during the past seven years.

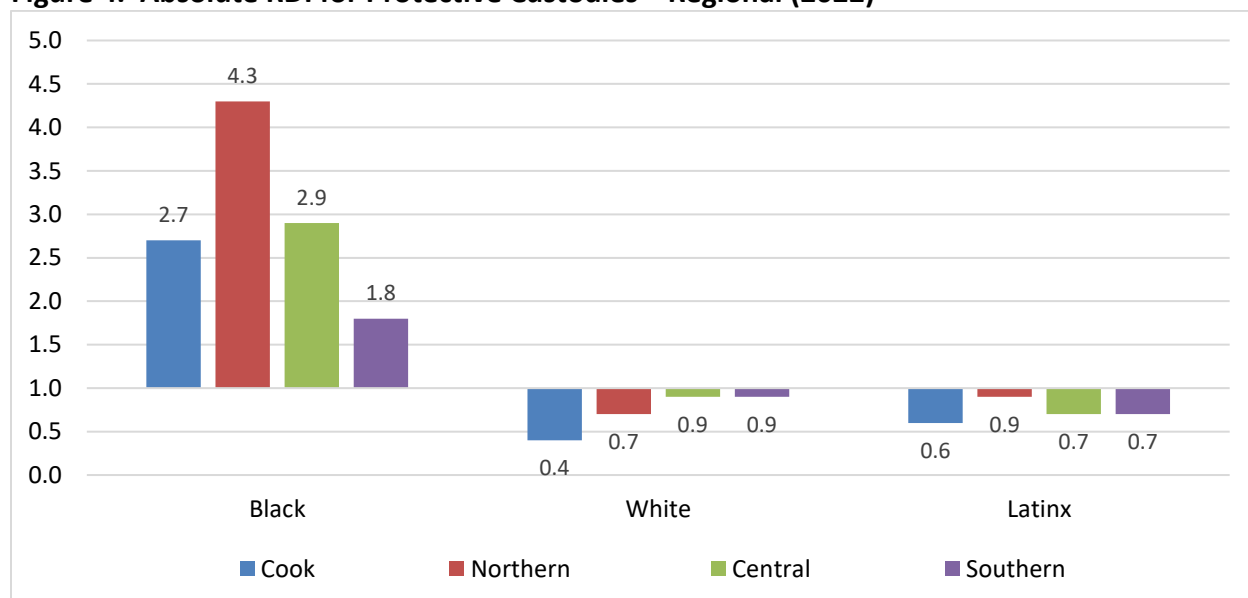
Figure 3. Absolute RDI for Protective Custodies—State (2022)



⁴ Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (October, 2015). *Procedures 300 Section 120 Taking Children into Protective Custody*. https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/notices/Documents/rules_300.pdf

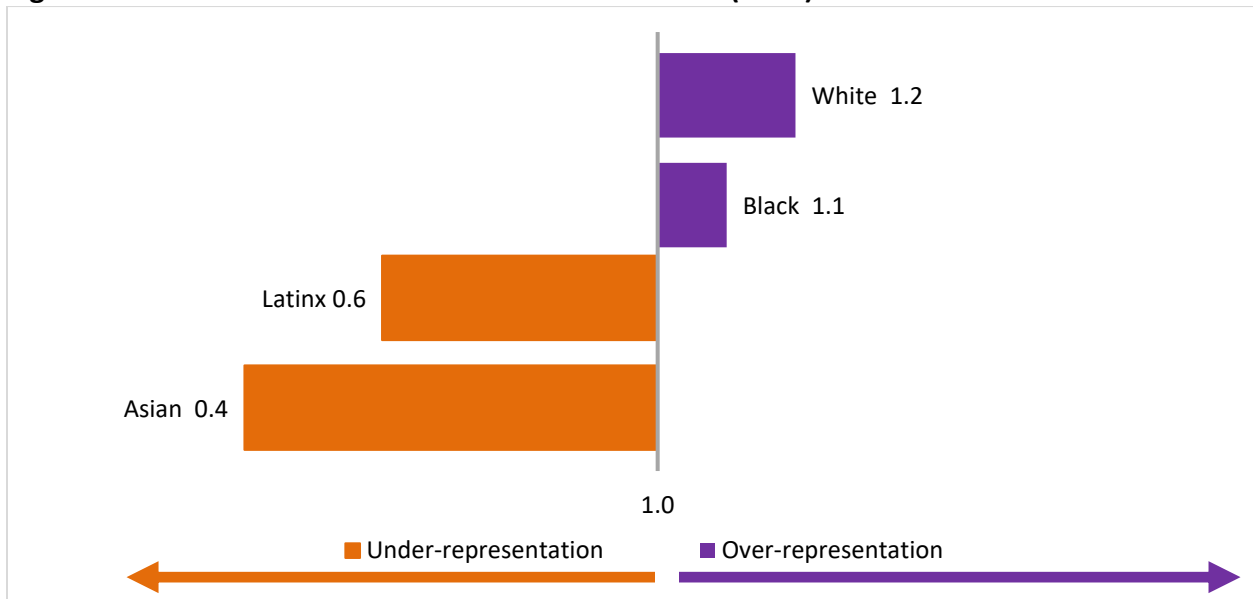
When the absolute RDIs for children in protective custodies in 2022 are examined by region, there are large differences for Black children (see Figure 4). The amount of over-representation in the Northern region (RDI = 4.3) was much higher than that in other regions (Central = 2.9, Cook = 2.7, Southern = 1.8). Although the RDI for Black children in protective custodies in the Northern region had decreased in recent years, from 5.3 in 2016 to 3.8 in 2021, it increased in 2022 to 4.3. There were also regional differences in the RDIs for protective custodies for White children. White children were under-represented in protective custodies in the Cook (RDI = 0.4) and Northern (RDI = 0.7) regions, and proportionally represented in the Central and Southern regions (RDI = 0.9 in both regions). In 2022, Latinx children were under-represented in the Cook, Central, and Southern regions and proportionately represented in the Northern region. The RDIs for Latinx children in the Northern and Southern regions had substantial variability over the last seven years (see Appendix B, Table B.4).

Figure 4. Absolute RDI for Protective Custodies—Regional (2022)



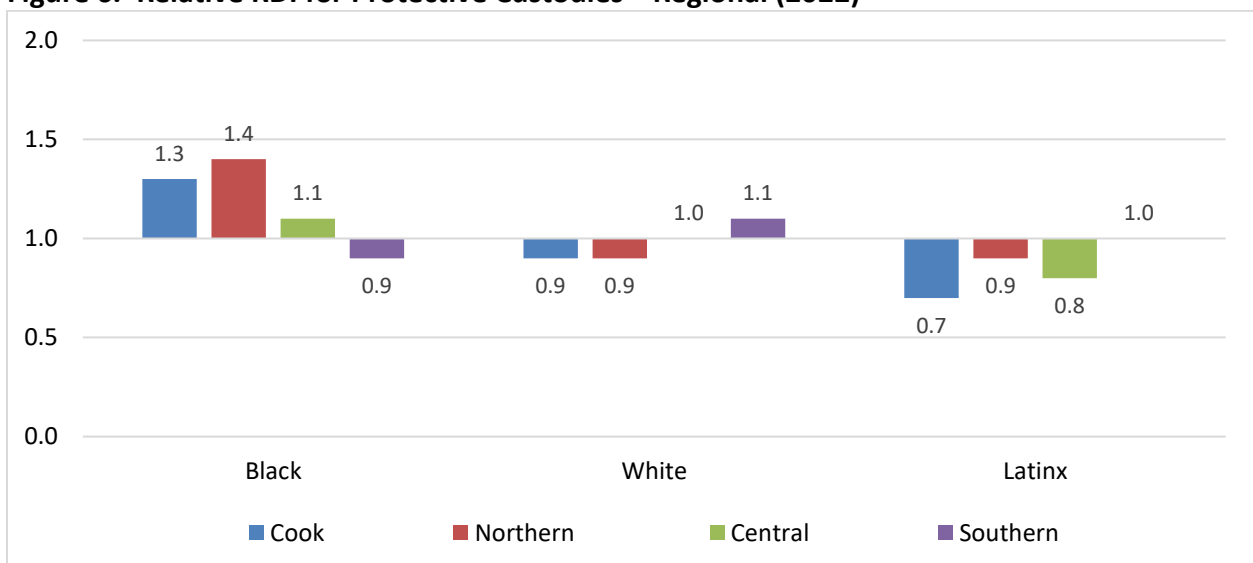
The relative RDIs for protective custodies are calculated by dividing the percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group taken into protective custody by their percentage in investigations. Relative RDIs greater than 1.0 indicate that there is a larger percentage of children taken into protective custody when compared to the percentage in investigations; relative RDIs less than 1.0 indicate a smaller percentage in protective custodies when compared to those in investigations. Figure 5 shows the relative RDI for protective custodies in 2022 at the state level (see Appendix B, Table B.5). The relative RDI of 1.2 for White children means that the amount of under-representation decreased for protective custodies compared to investigated reports. The relative RDI of 1.1 for Black children means that the amount of over-representation among protective custodies slightly increased when it was compared to investigated reports. The relative RDIs less than 1.0 for Latinx and Asian children mean that the amount of under-representation in protective custodies was greater than that in investigated reports (the under-representation increased at this indicator).

Figure 5. Relative RDI for Protective Custodies—State (2022)



Regional relative RDIs for children in protective custodies in 2022 are shown in Figure 6. Over-representation among Black children increased for children in protective custodies compared to investigations in the Cook (RDI = 1.3), Northern (RDI = 1.4) and Central (RDI = 1.1) regions. The relative RDI in the Southern region (RDI = 0.9) indicates that disproportionality slightly decreased for Black children in protective custodies compared to investigations. Under-representation for Latinx children in the Cook (RDI = 0.7), Northern (RDI = 0.9) and Central (RDI = 0.8) regions increased compared to the investigation decision. Examination of the regional relative RDIs over the past seven years shows small variations from year to year with no consistent trend (see Appendix B, Table B.6).

Figure 6. Relative RDI for Protective Custodies—Regional (2022)



Indicated Investigations

Once an investigation is screened in, the child protection specialist must collect information to make a determination about whether the alleged abuse or neglect occurred. The required actions are outlined in DCFS Procedures 300⁵ 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 if there is credible evidence that the alleged abuse or neglect occurred; if so, then the allegation is indicated. Figure 7 shows the absolute RDI for children in indicated investigations for each racial/ethnic group in 2022. The RDI for Black children in 2022 was 2.2, which means that Black children were represented among indicated investigations at over twice the rate that they are represented in the Illinois child population. White and Latinx children were proportionately represented in indicated investigations and all other racial and ethnic groups were under-represented among indicated investigations in FY2022. These trends were relatively consistent over the past seven years (see Appendix B, Table B.7).

Figure 7. Absolute RDI for Indicated Investigations—State (2022)

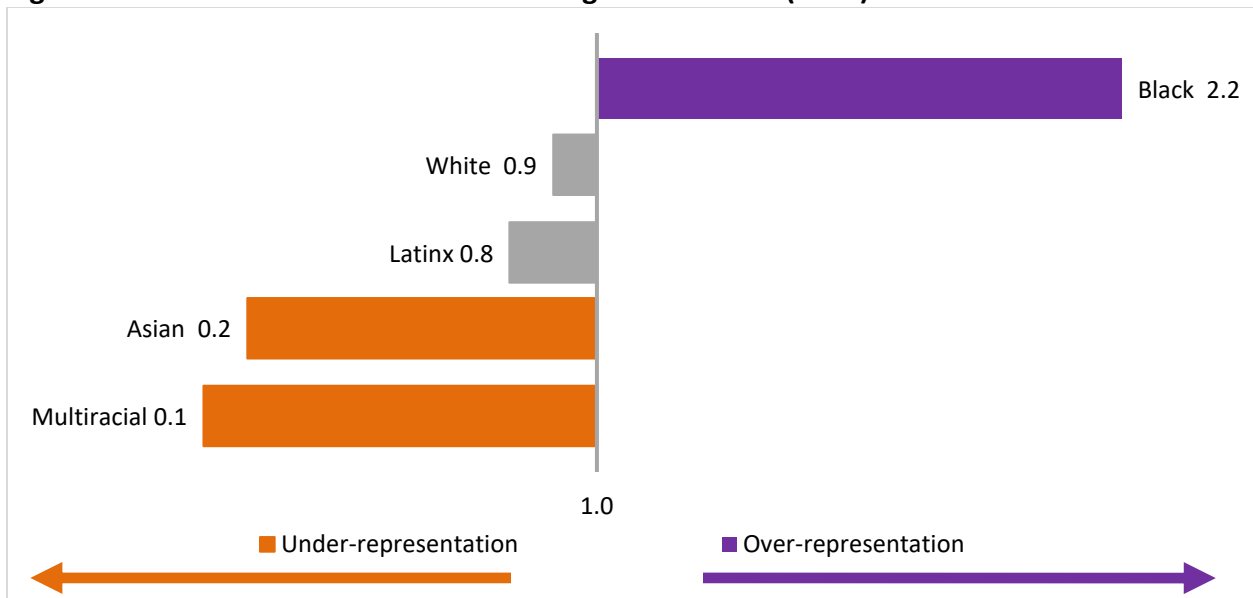
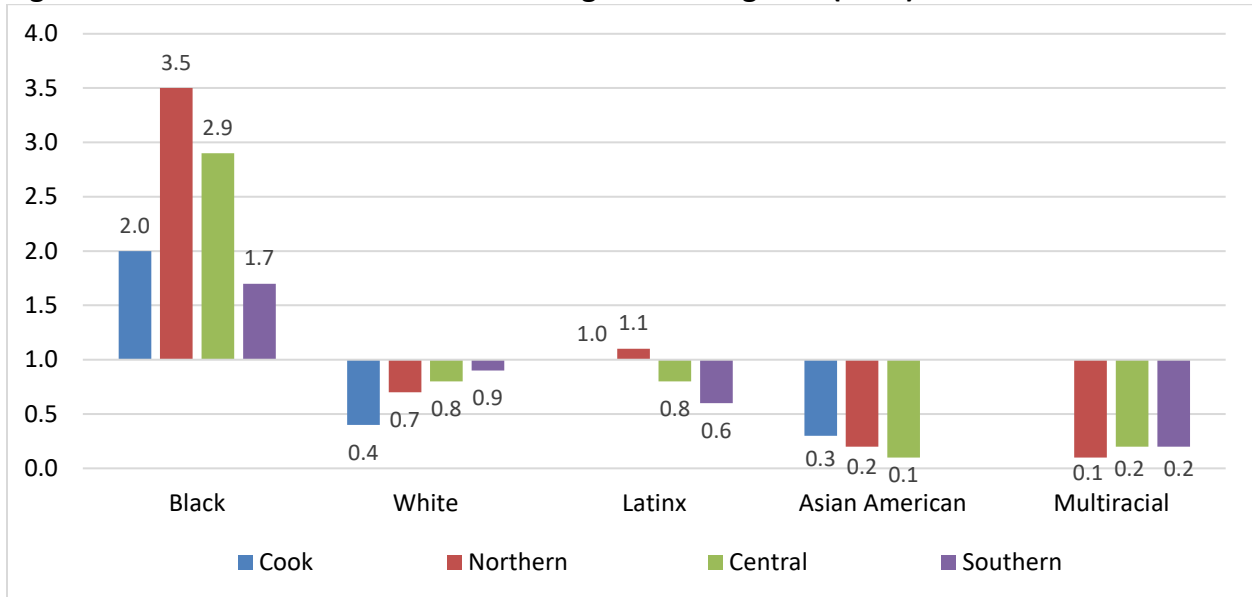


Figure 8 provides absolute RDIs for children in indicated investigations by region for 2022 (see Appendix B, Table B.8). Black children were over-represented in all regions, with the highest and most disproportionate RDI in the Northern region (RDI = 3.5). White children were proportionally represented among children in indicated investigations in the Central and Southern regions and under-represented in the Cook and Northern regions. Latinx children were under-represented in the Southern region (RDI = 0.6) and proportionately represented in

⁵ Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (October, 2015). *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.pdf>

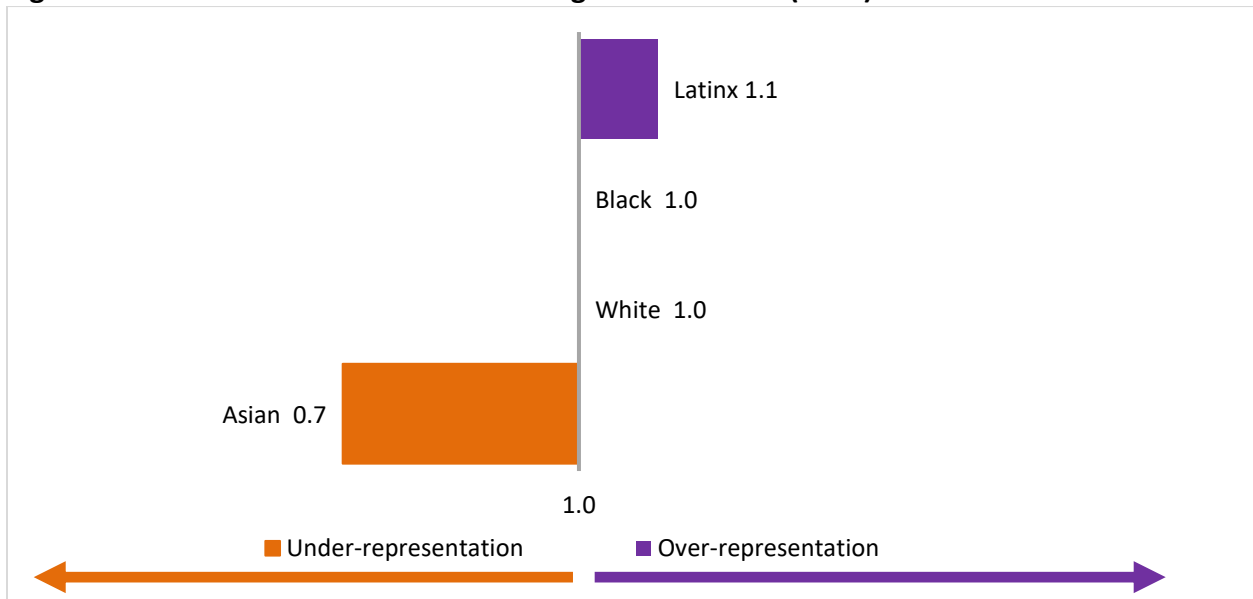
the other regions. These regional RDI have been consistent over the past seven years.

Figure 8. Absolute RDI for Indicated Investigations—Regional (2022)



The relative RDIs for indicated investigations were calculated by dividing the percentage of children in indicated investigations by the percentage of children in investigated reports for each racial/ethnic group. Relative RDIs greater than 1.0 mean that children in a racial/ethnic group have a higher percentage of children with indicated investigations compared to the percentage in investigated reports; relative RDIs less than 1.0 mean the opposite. Figure 9 shows the relative RDIs for children in indicated reports for 2022 (see Appendix B, Table B.9). The relative RDI of 1.1 for Latinx children means that the amount of under-representation in this group decreased for indicated investigations compared to investigated reports. The RDI of 1.0 means that the over-representation of Black children and the under-representation of White children in indicated investigations did not change compared to investigated reports. The relative RDI less than one for Asian children means that the amount of under-representation of these children in indicated investigations increased compared to the amount of under-representation among investigations. The relative RDIs for the groups were stable over the last seven years (see Appendix B, Table B.9).

Figure 9. Relative RDI for Indicated Investigations — State (2022)



The regional relative RDIs for this indicator for the past seven years can be found in Appendix B, Table B.10. The regional values for some racial groups show some slight variations, but for the most part are similar to the relative RDIs at the state level.

Intact Family Services

At the conclusion of the investigation, the family may be referred for intact family services, in which the children remain at home while the family receives supportive services.⁶ Figure 10 shows the absolute RDIs for children receiving intact family services in 2022 (see Appendix B, Table B.11). Black children were over-represented, White children were proportionally represented, and Latinx, Multiracial, and Asian American children were under-represented compared to their percentages in the Illinois child population. These patterns were sustained through the 2016-2022 period.

⁶ <https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/policy-rules-and-forms/documents/procedures/procedures-302-subpart-c.pdf>

Figure 10. Absolute RDI for Intact Family Services—State (2022)

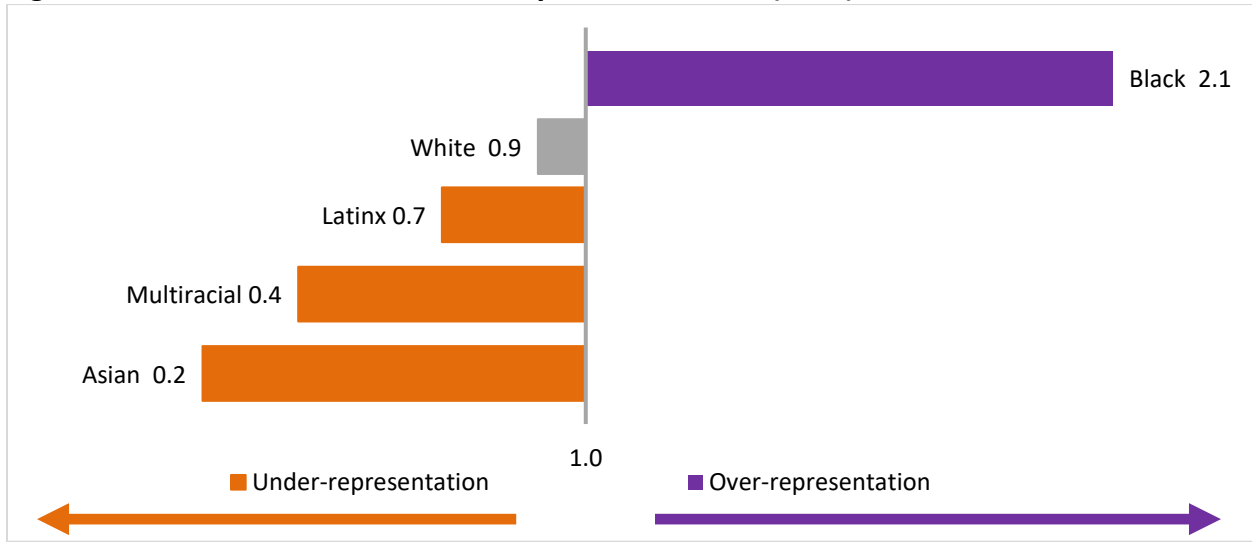
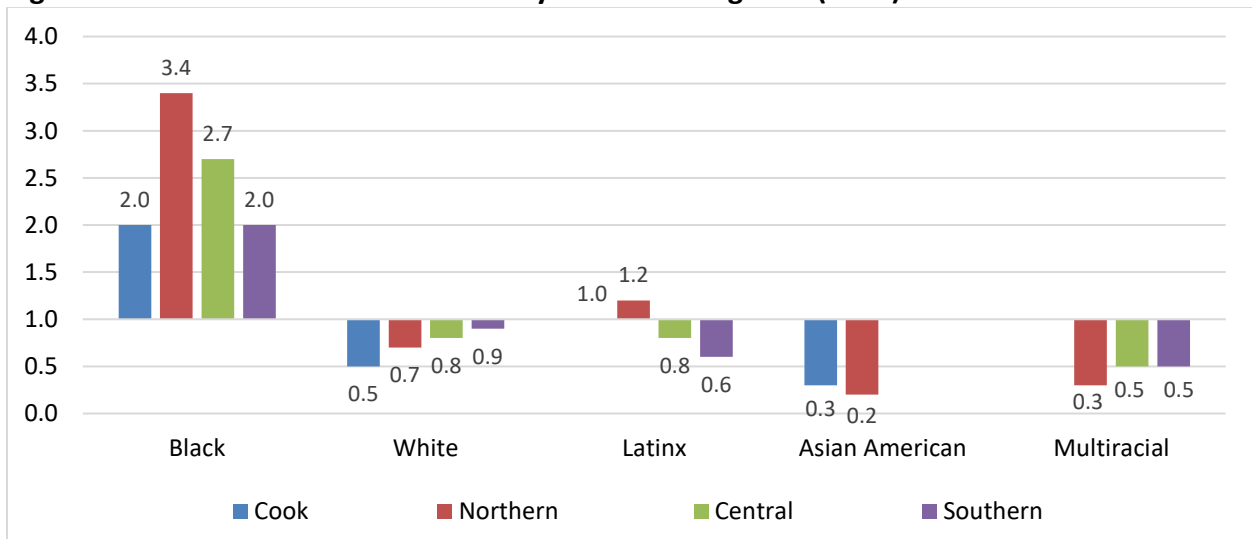


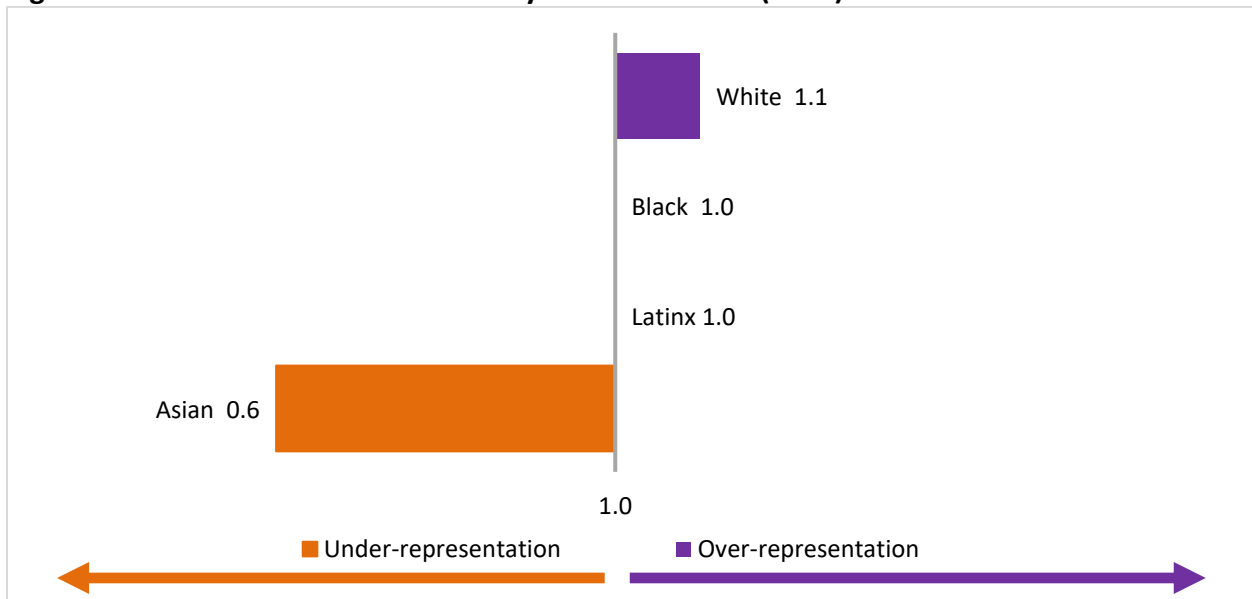
Figure 11 shows the absolute RDIs for intact family services at the regional level in 2022. Black children were over-represented in all regions, with the largest over-representation in the Northern region (RDI = 3.4) and lowest in the Southern and Cook regions (RDI = 2.0). White children were under-represented in the Cook and Northern regions and were proportionally represented in the Central and Southern regions. Latinx children were proportionally represented in the Cook, Northern, and Central regions and under-represented in the Southern region (RDI = 0.6). Asian American and Multiracial children were under-represented in all regions in which an RDI was calculated. Examination of the regional RDIs over the past seven years shows small variations from year to year with no consistent trend, except for Latinx children in the Central region, where the amount of under-representation has decreased over time (see Appendix B, Table B.12).

Figure 11. Absolute RDI for Intact Family Services—Regional (2022)



The relative RDI for intact family services was calculated by comparing the percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group receiving intact family services to their percentage of children in investigations. Figure 12 shows the relative RDIs for children in intact family services in 2022 (see Appendix B, Table B.13). The relative RDI of 1.1 for White children means that the amount of under-representation in this group decreased for intact family services compared to investigated reports. The RDI of 1.0 for Black children means that the level of over-representation did not increase or decrease compared to investigated reports, and the RDI of 1.0 for Latinx children means that the amount of under-representation did not change compared to investigated reports. The relative RDI less than 1.0 for Asian children means that the amount of under-representation in intact family services was greater than that in investigated reports (the under-representation increased at this indicator). The relative RDIs for the groups were stable over the last seven years (see Appendix B, Table B.13).

Figure 12. Relative RDI for Intact Family Services—State (2022)



The regional relative RDIs for this indicator for the past seven years can be found in Appendix B, Table B.14. The regional values for some racial groups show some slight variations, but for the most part are similar to the regional RDIs at the state level.

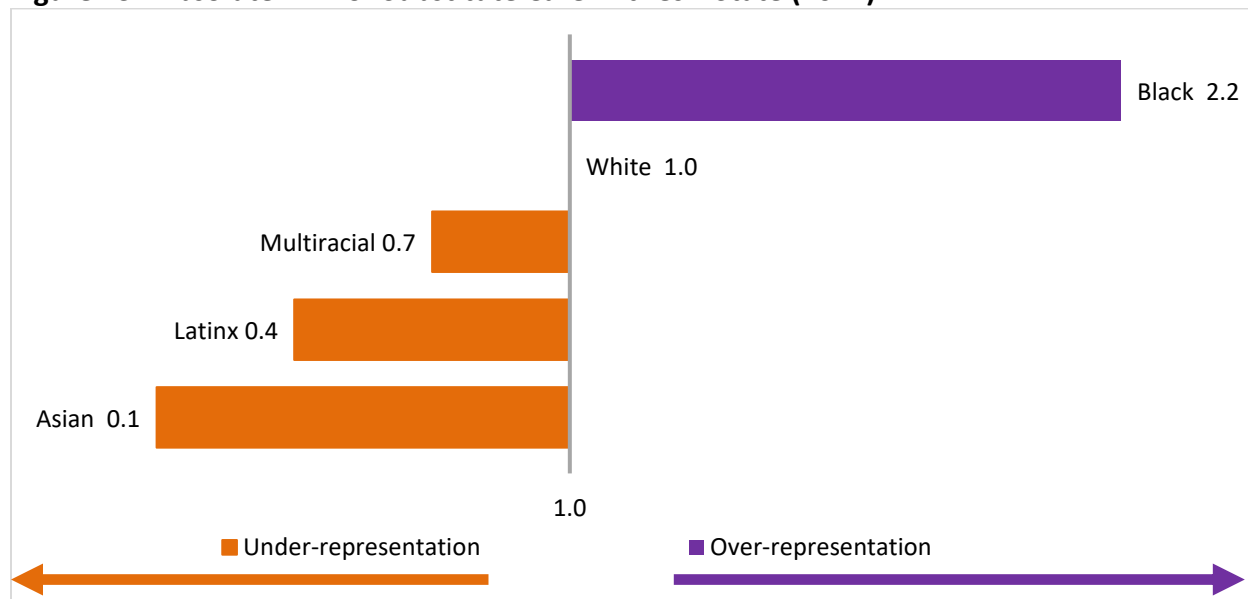
Substitute Care Entries

At the conclusion of the investigation, if the child welfare worker believes that "there are safety threats that cannot be controlled or mitigated through the service provision,"⁷ the child may be removed from their home and placed into substitute care. The absolute RDIs for substitute care entries in 2022 are shown in Figure 13 (see Appendix B, Table B.15). In 2022, Black children entered substitute care at a rate over two times higher than their percentage in the Illinois child

⁷ Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (October, 2015). Procedures 300 Section 130 Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect. https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/notices/Documents/procedures_300.pdf

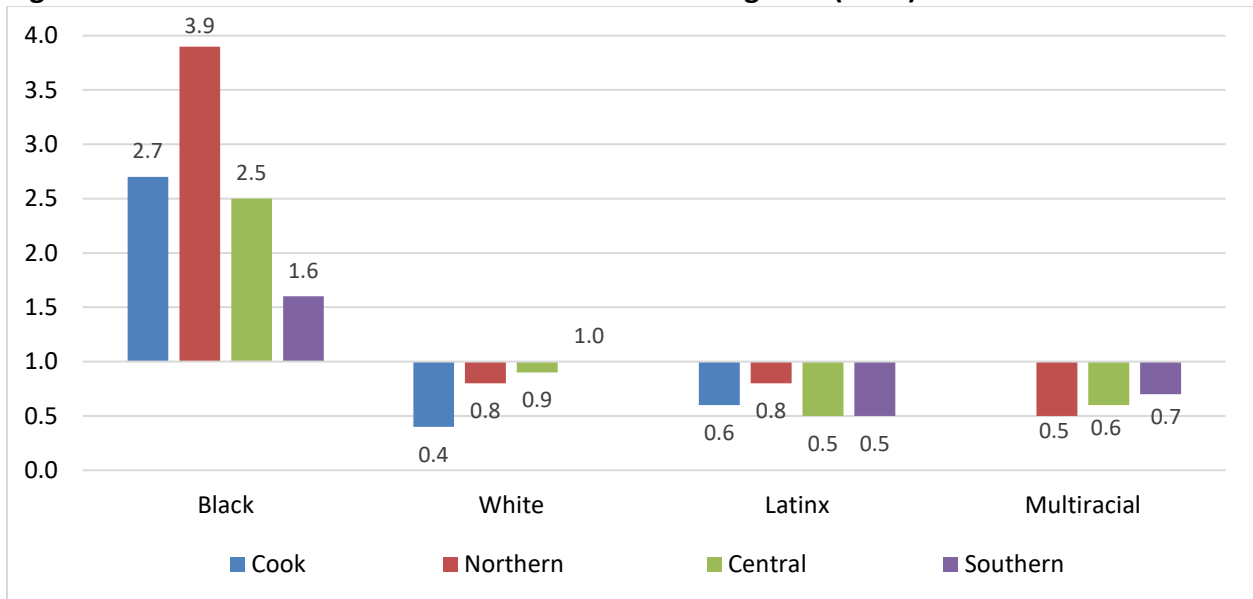
population. However, the RDI for Black children entering substitute care decreased from 2.60 in 2016 to 2.18 in 2022. White children were proportionately represented (RDI = 1.1) in 2022 and in the preceding six years. Multiracial, Latinx, and Asian American children were under-represented compared to their percentage in the Illinois child population in 2022 and the previous six years.

Figure 13. Absolute RDI for Substitute Care Entries—State (2022)



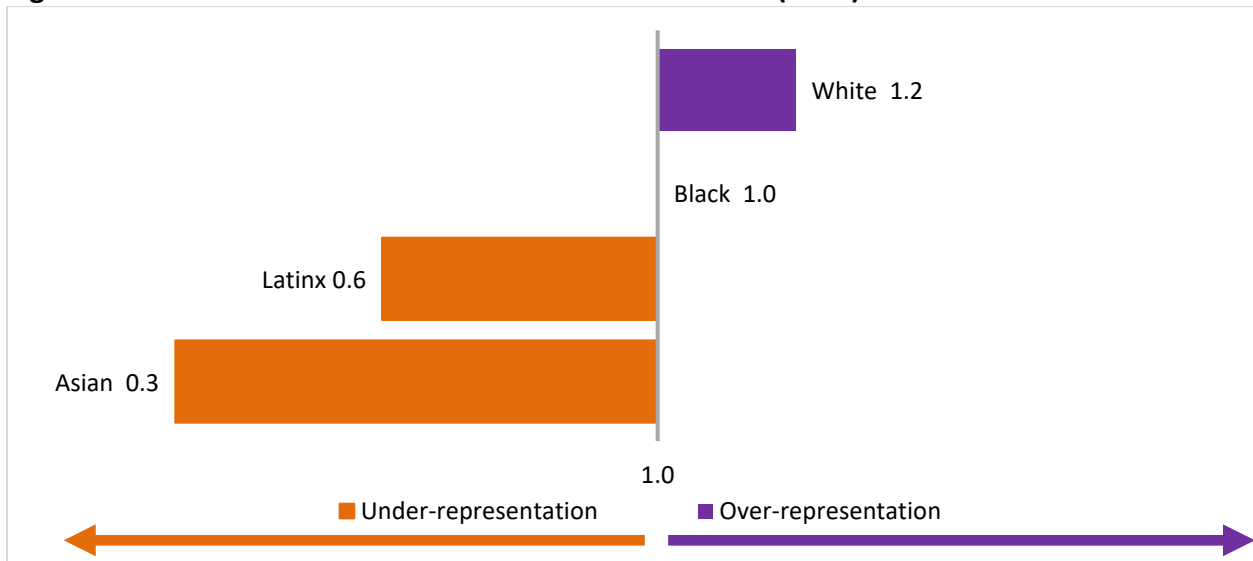
When the absolute RDIs for substitute care entries are examined by region, there are large differences for Black children (see Figure 14 and Appendix B, Table B.16). In 2022, the Northern region had the highest RDI (3.9), followed by Cook (RDI = 2.7), Central (RDI = 2.5), and Southern (RDI = 1.6). Although the RDIs for Black children entering substitute care were significantly higher in the Northern region compared to the other regions during the past seven years, the RDI in the Northern region decreased from 5.24 in 2016 to 3.89 in 2022. White children were under-represented in substitute care entries in the Cook region (RDI = 0.4) and Latinx children were under-represented in the Cook, Central, and Southern regions during 2022. The regional RDI were largely stable over the past seven years, with the exception of the decrease in over-representation among Black children noted above and a decrease in the amount of under-representation among Latinx children over time.

Figure 14. Absolute RDI for Substitute Care Entries—Regional (2022)



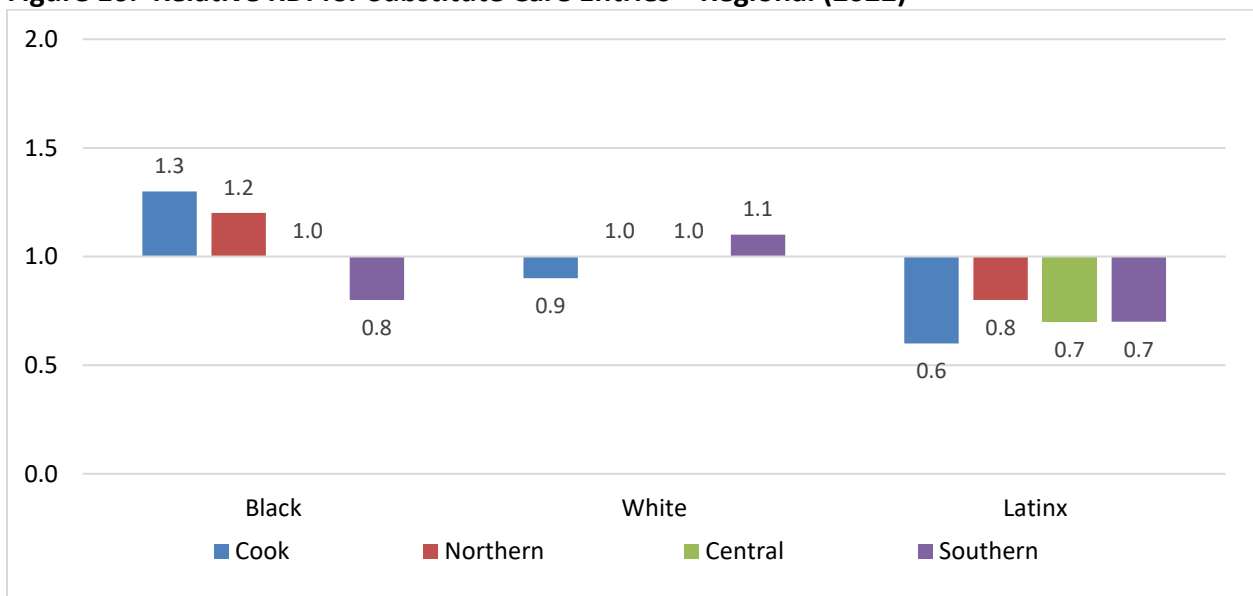
The relative RDIs for substitute care entries at the state level were calculated by comparing the percentage of children entering substitute care in each racial/ethnic group to their percentage in investigations. The relative RDIs for 2022 are shown in Figure 15. The relative RDI of 1.2 for White children means that the amount of under-representation in this group decreased for substitute care entries compared to investigated reports. The RDI of 1.0 for Black children means that the level of over-representation did not increase or decrease compared to investigated reports. The relative RDIs less than one for Latinx and Asian children mean that the amount of under-representation in substitute care entries was greater than that in investigated reports (the under-representation increased at this indicator). There have been some changes in the relative RDIs for substitute care entries over the past seven years: the relative RDIs for Black children have decreased and those for White children have increased (see Appendix B, Table B.17).

Figure 15. Relative RDI for Substitute Care Entries—State (2022)



Regional relative RDIs for children who entered substitute care in 2022 are shown in Figure 16 (see Appendix B, Table B.18). In the Cook (RDI = 1.3) and Northern (RDI = 1.2) regions, relative RDIs indicate that over-representation for Black children increased for children entering substitute care compared to investigations. The relative RDI in the Southern region (RDI = 0.8) indicates that disproportionality decreased for Black children entering substitute care compared to investigations.

Figure 16. Relative RDI for Substitute Care Entries—Regional (2022)



Outcomes for Children in Substitute Care

We examine the racial/ethnic proportionality of five outcomes for children in substitute care, including placement instability, length of time in care, and the achievement of family permanence through reunification, adoption, and guardianship. For each of these outcomes, a relative RDI is computed that compares the percentage of each racial/ethnic group that experiences the outcome to their representation among children who entered or were in substitute care during that year. Similar to the reporting in the first section of this report, if there were 20 or fewer children in a racial/ethnic group for an outcome indicator, the RDI for that racial/ethnic group was not reported in the figures or appendix tables.

Placement Instability

To examine the racial/ethnic proportionality of placement instability in substitute care, we compared the percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group with three or more placements in their first year of care to the percentage of children who entered substitute care that year (see Figure 17 and Appendix B, Table B.19). In 2022, Black children were over-represented among those who had three or more placements in their first year in care compared to their already disproportionate representation in substitute care (RDI = 1.4). The RDI for Black children experiencing placement instability in the six years prior to 2022 was 1.2. White and Latinx children were both under-represented among children with three or more placements in their first year in care relative to their representation among children who entered substitute care in 2022.

Figure 17. Relative RDI for Placement Instability—State (2022)

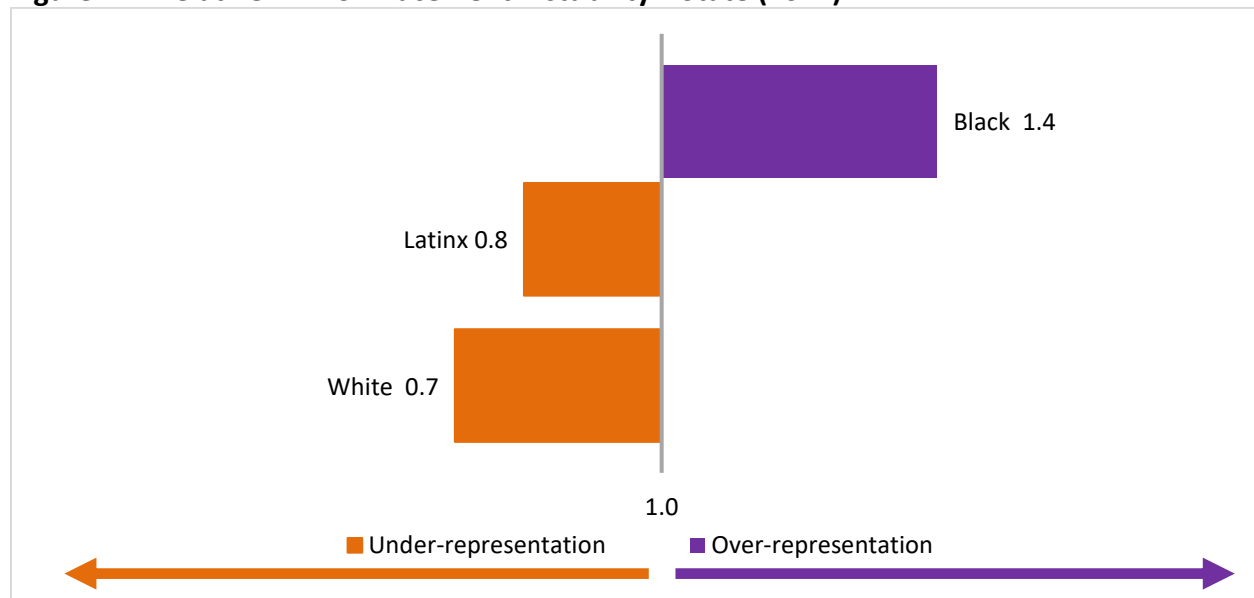
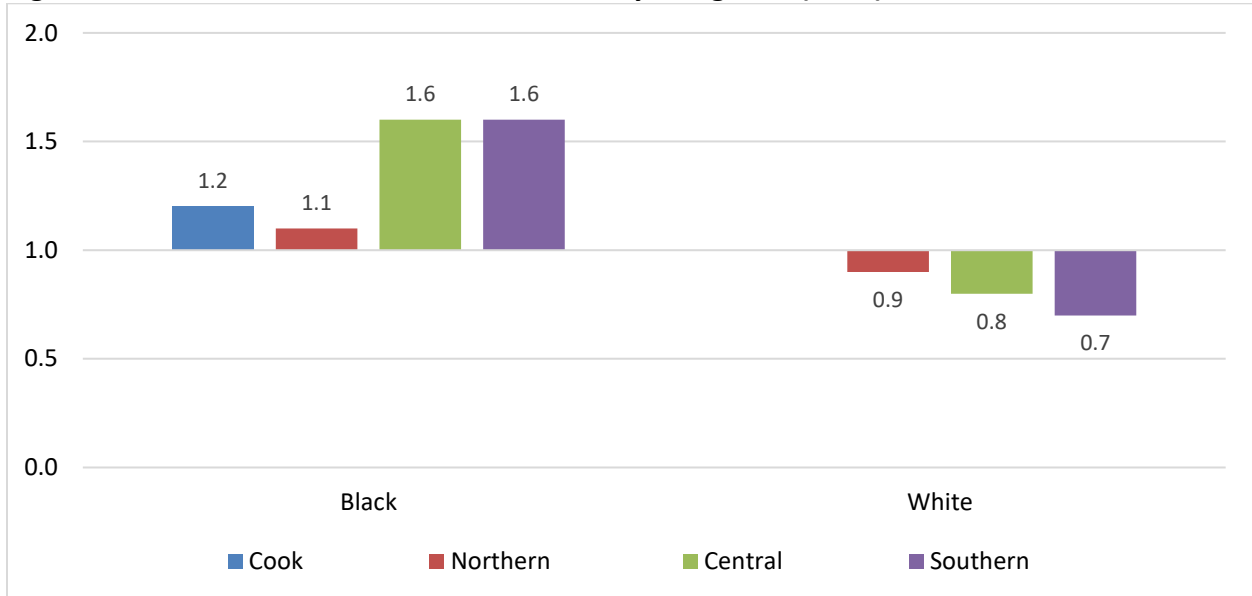


Figure 18 shows the 2022 regional relative RDIs for placement instability in substitute care. The amount of over-representation for placement instability among Black children was greatest in the Central and Southern regions (see Appendix B, Table B.20)

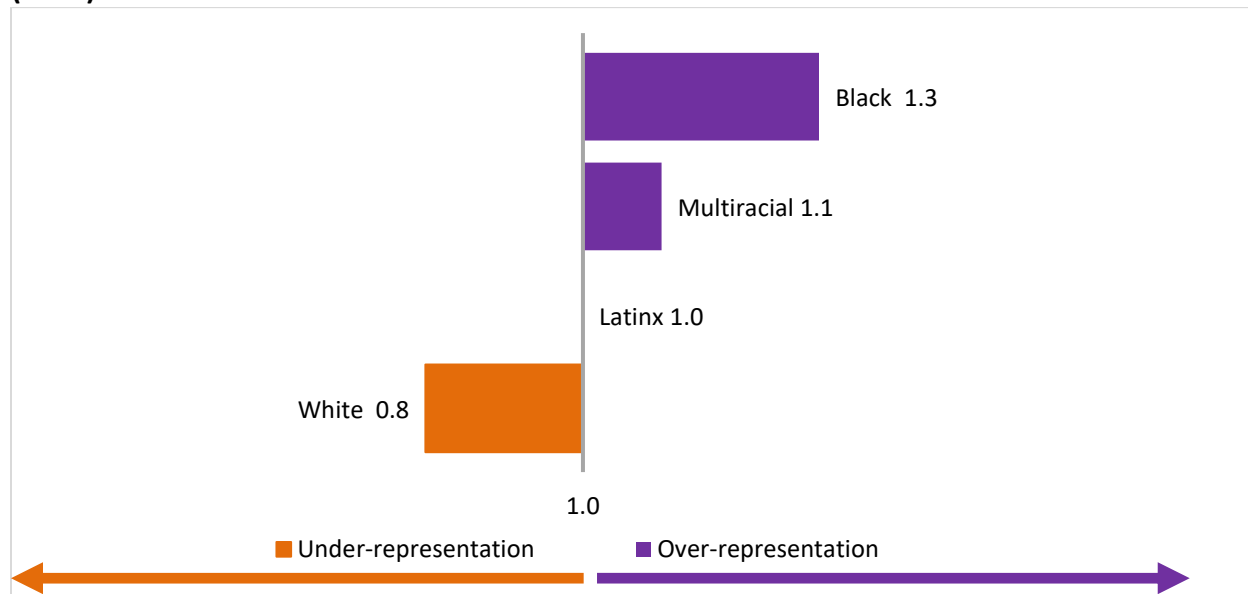
Figure 18. Relative RDI for Placement Instability—Regional (2022)



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, this indicator examines the percentage of children who remained in care for 48 months or more before achieving legal permanence through reunification, adoption, or guardianship. The relative RDI for this indicator compares the representation of each racial/ethnic group among children in substitute care for 48 months or more to that group’s representation among children in substitute care during the year (see Figure 19 and Appendix B, Table B.21). The results indicate that Black and Multiracial children were over-represented among children who remained in care 48 months or more before exiting compared to their percentage in substitute care during the year. Conversely, White children were under-represented relative to their representation among children in substitute care (RDI = 0.8). The regional relative RDIs for children in care 48 months or more are similar to those for the state (see Appendix B, Table B.22).

Figure 19. Relative RDI for Children in Care for 48 Months or More Before Exiting—State (2022)

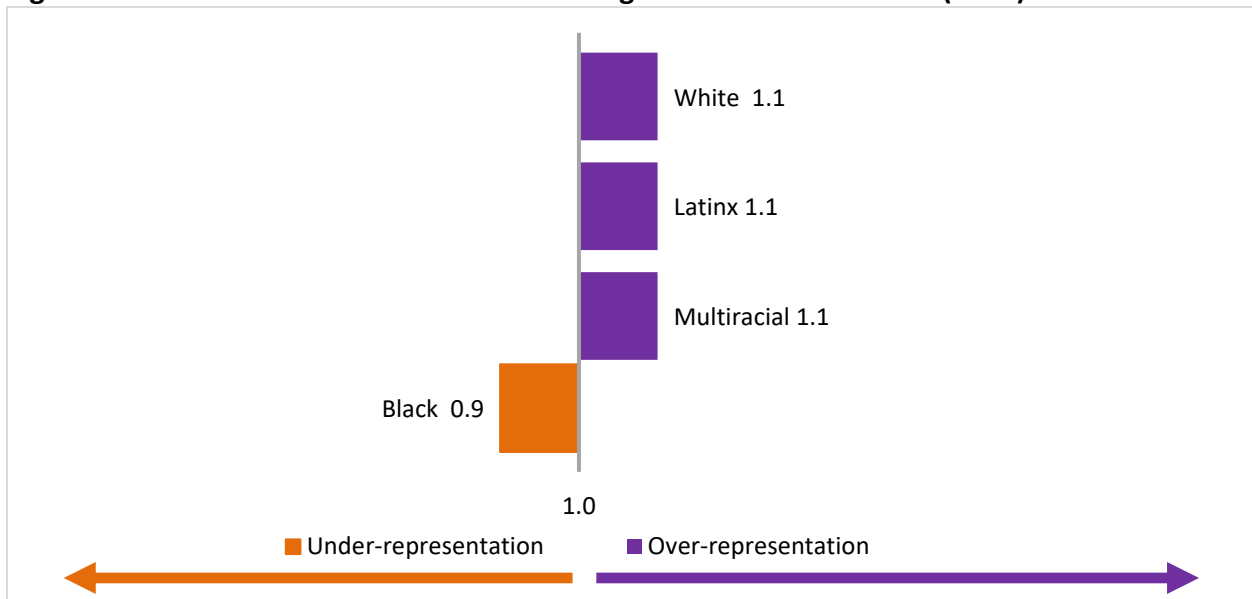


Permanence Through Reunification, Adoption, and Guardianship

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 allows caregivers, almost always kin, to assume legal custody and permanent care of children while not requiring the terminate the parental rights of the biological parent, who is typically a close relative of the guardian. Legal guardians typically, but not always, receive financial support from the state. Guardianship is less common than reunification and adoption.

Permanence Through Reunification. Figure 20 contains the state-level data for children who achieved permanence through reunification in 2022 (see Appendix B, Table B.23). This indicator compares the percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who achieved permanence through reunification with their percentage among children in substitute care during the same year. Black children were the only racial/ethnic group that was under-represented among children who were reunified (RDI = 0.9). Conversely, White, Latinx, and Multiracial children were over-represented among children who were reunified during 2022. These patterns were relatively stable for White children over the past seven years, however, the patterns were fluctuated for Latinx and Multiracial children. Data on the regional relative RDI for permanence through reunification are provided in Appendix B, Table B.24. The regional RDIs for Latinx children in all regions and Black children in the Southern region vary considerably from year to year.

Figure 20. Relative RDI for Permanence Through Reunification—State (2022)



Permanence Through Adoption. Figure 21 contains the state-level data for children who achieved permanence through adoption in 2022 (see Appendix B, Table B.25). This indicator compares the percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who achieved permanence through adoption with their percentage among children in substitute care during the same year. White and Multiracial children were over-represented among children who were adopted in 2022, while Black and Latinx children were under-represented among children who were adopted. These patterns were fairly consistent over the past seven years (see Appendix B, Table B.25).

Figure 21. Relative RDI of Permanence Through Adoption—State (2022)

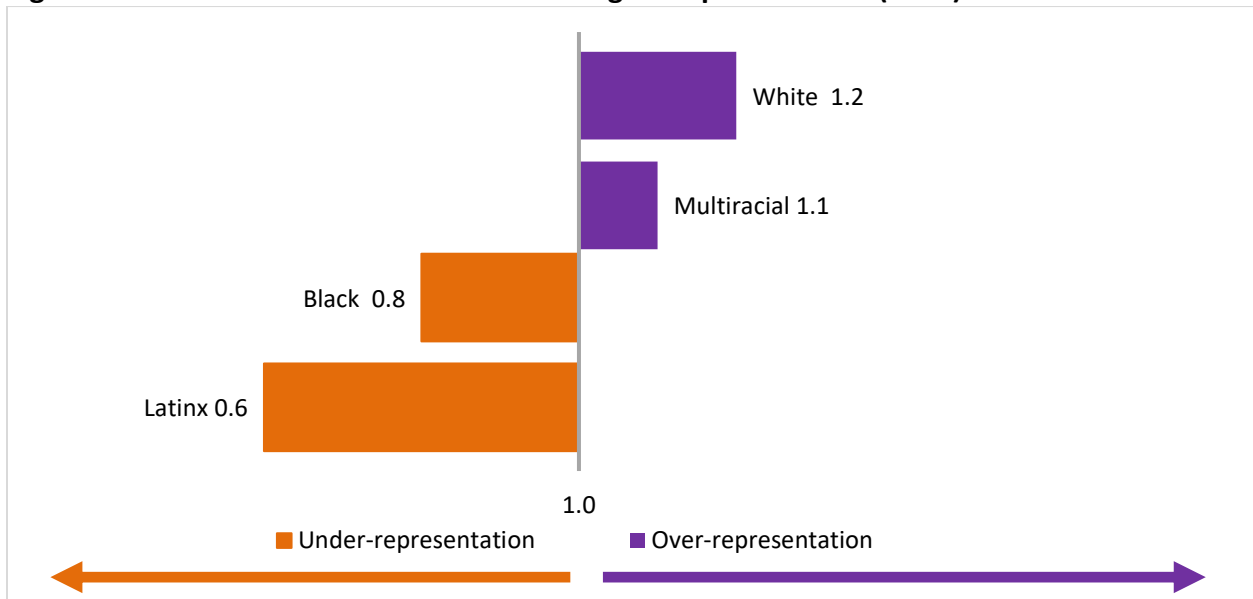
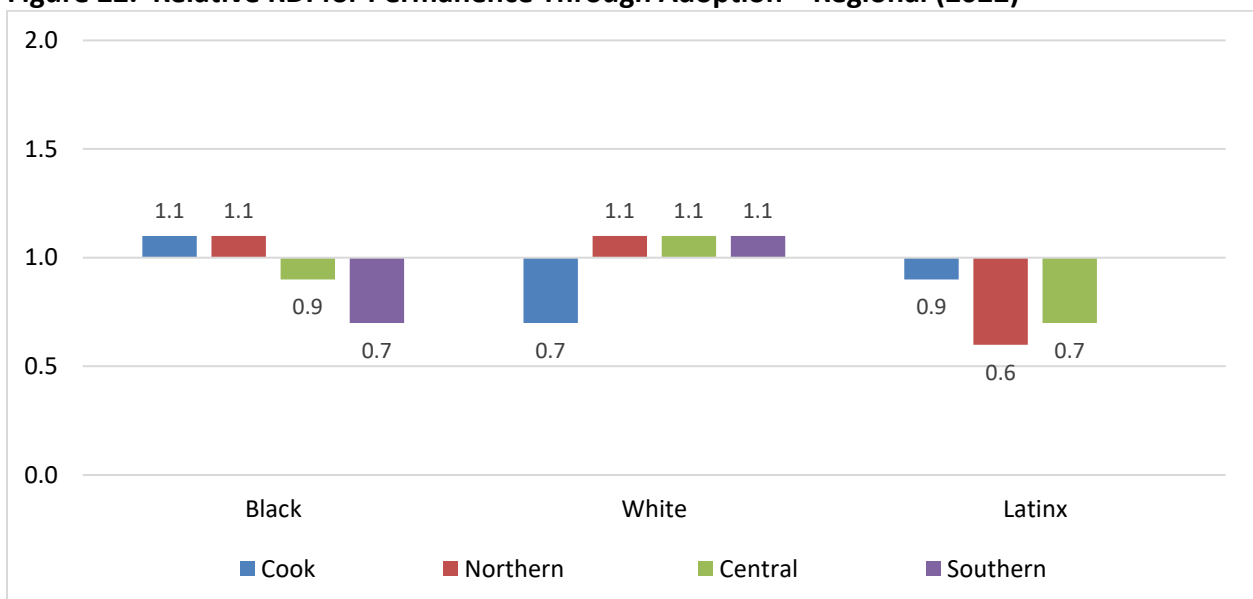


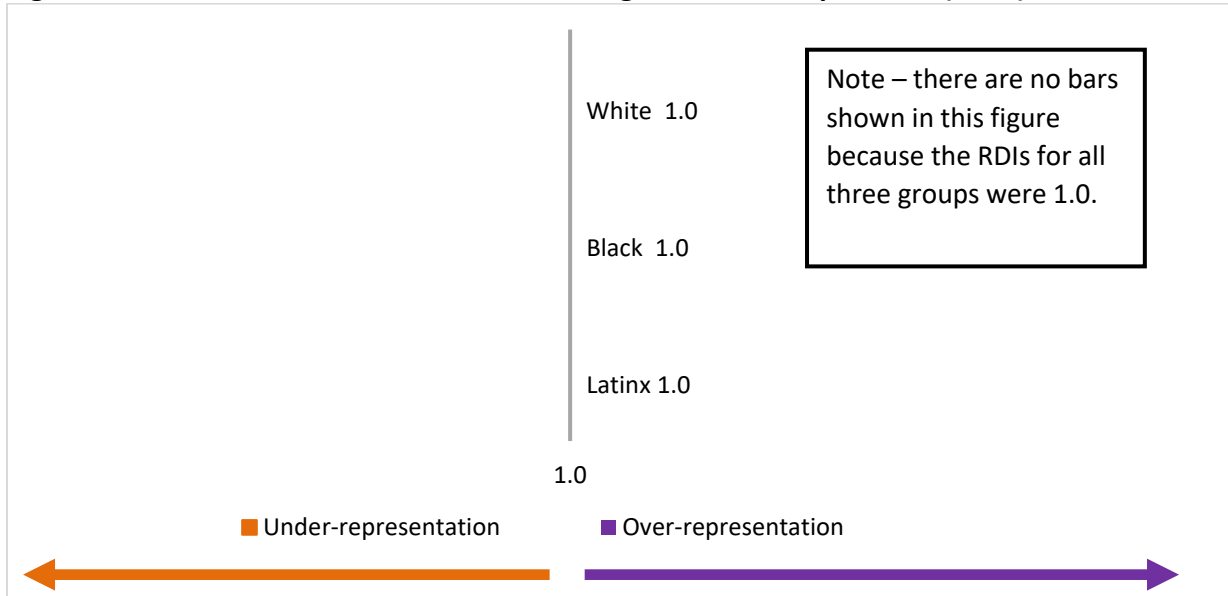
Figure 22 shows the regional relative RDIs for adoption by race/ethnicity for 2022. Black children were slightly over-represented among adopted children in the Cook and Northern regions, slightly under-represented in the Central region, and under-represented in the Southern region. In addition, the amount of under-representation for Black children adopted in the Southern region has increased over the past seven years (see Appendix B, Table B.26). White children were slightly over-represented among adopted children in the Northern, Central, and Southern regions and under-represented among adopted children in the Cook region. Latinx children were under-represented in all regions for which RDI are reported, although the RDI varied from year to year (see Appendix B, Table B.26).

Figure 22. Relative RDI for Permanence Through Adoption—Regional (2022)



Permanence Through Guardianship. Figure 23 provides relative RDIs for Black, White, and Latinx children who achieved permanence through guardianship in 2022. Children in all three groups were proportionally represented among children achieving permanence through guardianship as compared to their representation among children in substitute care during the year (see Appendix B, Table B.27). Data on the regional relative RDI for permanence through guardianship are provided in Appendix B, Table B.28. The regional RDIs vary considerably from year to year.

Figure 23. Relative RDI for Permanence Through Guardianship—State (2022)



Discussion and Conclusions: Racial and Ethnic Disproportionality

Previous Children and Family Research Center reports have documented that Black children are over-represented in the Illinois child welfare system at six indicators including investigations, protective custodies, indicated investigations, intact family services, substitute care entries, and lengthy stays in substitute care. Recognizing that systematic and ongoing data collection is the first step in developing strategic interventions to reduce these long-standing inequities, this report examined racial disproportionality in an expanded number of indicators related to children’s experiences in substitute care including placement instability and substitute care exits via reunification, adoption, and guardianship. Racial/ethnic disproportionality at each indicator was examined at both the state and regional level for the past seven fiscal years. Analyses in previous *B.H.* reports examined disproportionality among three racial/ethnic groups of children: Black, White, and Latinx. This year’s report provides data on additional groups of children including Asian American, Multiracial, Native American, and Pacific Islander; however, the small number of children in some of these groups prevented us from calculating their RDIs. This discussion focuses on racial disproportionality among the three largest racial/ethnic groups of children in Illinois: Black, White, and Latinx.

Absolute RDIs compare the percentage of children in a racial group in an indicator to their percentage in the general child population. Examination of the absolute RDIs reveals that in FY2022, Black children were over-represented at every indicator including investigations, protective custodies, indicated investigations, intact family services, and substitute care entries. For most of these indicators, the absolute RDIs for Black children were slightly over 2.0, which means that the percentages of Black children involved in that part of the child welfare system were over two times more than the percentage of Black children in the Illinois child population (15.3% in FY2022). Analyses by region indicate that disproportionality among Black children during investigations is highest in the Northern region and lowest in the Southern region.

Relative RDIs compare the percentage of a particular racial/ethnic group in an indicator to the percentage in a prior indicator and tell us if disproportionality increases or decreases compared to the prior indicator. When the relative RDIs for Black children are examined at the state level, there is a small increase (10%) in the amount of over-representation in protective custodies compared to that in investigations. The relative RDIs for Black children in indicated investigations, intact family services, and substitute care entries were 1.0, which means that there were no increases or decreases in the amount of over-representation at these indicators when compared to the amount in investigations. This does not mean that disproportionality does not exist for Black children at these indicators; we know from the absolute RDI that Black children are over-represented in investigations over two times their percentage in the Illinois child population. Also, examination of the relative RDI at the regional level reveals that over-representation of Black children increases in the Northern and Cook regions for protective custodies and substitute care entries.

Examination of the RDI for the placement indicators identifies two areas where Black children are over-represented compared to the percentage of Black children in care. The first is placement instability, which was measured by looking at the percentage of children who experienced three or more placements during their first year in substitute care. In FY2022, the RDI for placement instability among Black children was 1.4, which means that the percentage of Black children who experienced placement instability was 40% higher than the percentage of Black children who entered substitute care. The second indicator where Black children are over-represented was length of stay in substitute care. 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 percentage of children who remained in care 48 months or more before exiting to permanence. The results show that Black children were over-represented among those who remained in care 48 months or more in FY2022 (RDI = 1.3). Conversely, Black children were slightly under-represented among exits from substitute care to reunification and adoption when compared to their representation in substitute care during the year.

The results reveal that White children were proportionately represented for almost all of the child welfare indicators examined. The exceptions to this were indicators involving placement instability and substitute care stays 48 months or more. For both of these indicators, White children were under-represented.

Latinx families are historically under-represented in child welfare systems despite having similar socioeconomic issues as Black families;⁸ the findings regarding Latinx children in the Illinois child welfare system are no different. Latinx children were under-represented in all the indicators examined except for substitute care stays 48 months or more, in which they were proportionately represented compared to their percentage in substitute care. Asian children were also under-represented in every indicator that could be calculated. The continued under-representation of Latinx and Asian children in the child welfare system deserves further analysis to help elucidate the protective factors that may be at play for these families versus Black families.

⁸ 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/>



Appendix A

Indicator and Variable Definitions

The first section of this appendix provides definitions for the outcome indicators used in this report. For each indicator, a general definition is provided, followed by a description of the population of children included in the denominator and numerator, and any children who were excluded from the calculations. All indicators are calculated based on the state fiscal year, which spans the 12-month period from July 1 to June 30. All indicators exclude youth 18 years and older. Indicators used in the Child and Family Service Reviews are designated by (CFSR) in the indicator title. For indicators involving children in substitute care, a child is defined as in substitute care if they were in a legal spell.

The second section provides operational definitions of the racial disproportionality index (RDI) for each of the indicators, and the third section provides the operational definition of race/ethnicity used in this report.

I. Indicator Definitions

Indicator 1.A: Maltreatment Recurrence (CFSR)⁹

Definition: Of all children who were victims of a substantiated maltreatment report during the fiscal year, the percentage that were victims of another substantiated maltreatment report within 12 months.

Denominator: The number of children with at least one substantiated maltreatment report during the fiscal year.

Numerator: The number of children who had another substantiated maltreatment report within 12 months of their initial report.

Exclusions: 1) subsequent reports of maltreatment within 14 days of the initial report; 2) multiple reports on the same incident date; 3) substantiated reports of allegation 60 (Environment Injurious to Health and Welfare) between October 1, 2001–December 31, 2013 and May 31, 2014–June 11, 2014.

Indicator 1.B: Maltreatment Among Children in Intact Family Cases

Definition: Of all children served in intact family cases during the fiscal year, the percentage that had a substantiated maltreatment report within 12 months.

Denominator: The number of children served in intact family cases during the fiscal year. Intact family cases are defined as those in which all children in the family are at home at the time the family case opens.

Numerator: The number of children who had a substantiated report within 12 months of the case open date.

Exclusions: 1) intact family cases open seven days or fewer; 2) intact family cases with any child who enters substitute care within 30 days of case open date; 3) multiple reports on the same incident date; 4) substantiated reports of allegation 60 (Environment Injurious to Health and Welfare) between October 1, 2001–December 31, 2013 and May 31, 2014–June 11, 2014; 5) maltreatment reports in childcare facilities, including day care facilities, foster homes, group homes, and residential treatment centers.

The placement type for Indicators 2.A.1 through 2.D is determined by two fields from the database in the Child and Youth Centered Information System: service code and child living arrangement code. Table A.1 shows how the service codes and child living arrangements were used to determine each placement type. In constructing each placement type, the service code was given priority over the child living arrangement type. There were cases where the service code was not available, and in those cases the child living arrangement code was used to define the placement type.

⁹ Information on all seven of the CFSR statewide data indicators can be found here: <https://capacity.childwelfare.gov/states/focus-areas/cqi/cfsr-data-syntax-toolkit/>

Table A.1 Service and Child Living Arrangement Codes by Placement Type

Placement Type	Service Code	Child Living Arrangement
Home of Parents	<i>Service code was not used to define this placement type.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home of Parents (HMP)
Kinship Foster Home	Home of Relative or Kinship Foster Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Relative Authority (DRA) • Home of Relative Applicant (HRA) • Home of Relative (HMR) • Home of Fictive Kin (HFK)
Traditional Foster Home	Traditional Foster Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Home Adoption (FHA) • Foster Home Boarding DCFS (FHB) • Foster Home Boarding Private Agency (FHP)
Specialized Foster Home	Specialized Foster Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Home Specialized (FHS) • Therapeutic Foster Home (TFH)
Emergency Shelter/Emergency Foster Home	Emergency Shelter or Emergency Foster Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Foster Care (EFC) • Youth Emergency Shelters (YES)
Group Home	Group Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Home (GRH)
Institution	Institutional Care Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detention Facility/Jail (DET) • Institute Private Shelter (IPS) • 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)

Indicator 2.A.1: Initial Placement—Home of Parents

Definition: Of all children entering substitute care, the percentage that was placed in the home of their parent(s) in their first placement.

Denominator: The number of children entering substitute care during the fiscal year.

Numerator: The number of children initially placed in the home of parents.

Exclusion: Children who enter care and stay seven days or fewer.

Indicator 2.A.2: Initial Placement—Kinship Foster Home

Definition: Of all children entering substitute care, the percentage that was placed in kinship foster homes in their first placement.

Denominator: The number of children entering substitute care during the fiscal year.

Numerator: The number of children initially placed in kinship foster homes.

Exclusion: Children who enter care and stay seven days or fewer.

Indicator 2.A.3: Initial Placement—Traditional Foster Home

Definition: Of all children entering substitute care, the percentage that was placed in traditional foster homes in their first placement.

Denominator: The number of children entering substitute care during the fiscal year.

Numerator: The number of children initially placed in traditional foster homes.

Exclusion: Children who enter care and stay seven days or fewer.

Indicator 2.A.4: Initial Placement—Specialized Foster Home

Definition: Of all children entering substitute care, the percentage that was placed in specialized foster homes in their first placement.

Denominator: The number of children entering substitute care during the fiscal year.

Numerator: The number of children initially placed in specialized foster homes.

Exclusion: Children who enter care and stay seven days or fewer.

Indicator 2.A.5: Initial Placement—Emergency Shelter/Emergency Foster Home

Definition: Of all children entering substitute care, the percentage that was placed in emergency shelters or emergency foster homes in their first placement.

Denominator: The number of children entering substitute care during the fiscal year.

Numerator: The number of children initially placed in emergency shelters or emergency foster homes.

Exclusion: Children who enter care and stay seven days or fewer.

Indicator 2.A.6: Initial Placement—Group Home/Institution

Definition: Of all children entering substitute care, the percentage that was placed in group homes or institutions in their first placement.

Denominator: The number of children entering substitute care during the fiscal year.

Numerator: The number of children initially placed in group homes or institutions.

Exclusion: Children who enter care and stay seven days or fewer.

II. Racial Disproportionality Index (RDI) Definitions

Table A.2 presents the numerator and exclusions used to calculate the absolute RDI in this report. The denominator for these indices is the percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in the Illinois child population (ages 0-19).

Table A.2 Absolute RDI: Numerator and Exclusion

Indicator	Numerator	Exclusion
A Investigations	Percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who had at least one maltreatment report during the fiscal year	For exclusions, see Indicator 1.A
B Protective Custodies	Percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group 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	For exclusions, see Indicator 1.A
C Indicated Investigations	Percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who had at least one substantiated maltreatment report during the fiscal year	For exclusions, see Indicator 1.A
D Intact Family Services	Percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who received intact family services during the fiscal year	For exclusions, see Indicator 1.B
E Substitute Care Entries	Percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who entered substitute care during the year (i.e., had a legal substitute care entry date)	For exclusions, see Indicators 2.A.1 through 2.A.6

Table A.3 presents the numerators, denominators, and exclusions of the relative RDI for the indicators in this report. Please note that there is no relative RDI for the Investigations indicator.

Table A.3 Relative RDI: Numerator, Denominator, and Exclusion

Indicator	Numerator	Denominator	Exclusion
B Protective Custodies	Percentage of children who had at least one maltreatment report during the fiscal year and were taken into protective custody	Percentage of children with at least one maltreatment report	See Indicator 1.A to see what was excluded from the denominator
C Indicated Investigations	Percentage of children who had at least one indicated maltreatment report during the fiscal year	Percentage of children with at least one maltreatment report	See Indicator 1.A to see what was excluded from the denominator

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Table A.3 (continued)

Indicator	Numerator	Denominator	Exclusion
D Intact Family Services	Percentage of children who received intact family services during the fiscal year	Percentage of children with at least one maltreatment report	See Indicator 1.B to see what was excluded from the numerator. See Indicator 1.A to see what was excluded from the denominator.
E Substitute Care Entries	Percentage of children who entered substitute care during the year (i.e., had a legal substitute care entry date)	Percentage of children with at least one maltreatment report	Children who entered substitute care and stayed seven days or fewer are excluded from the numerator. See Indicator 1.A to see what was excluded from the denominator.
F Placement Instability	Percentage of children who had three or more placements within their first year in substitute care	Percentage of children who entered substitute care during the year	The following placement types are excluded from the numerator: runaway, detention, respite care (defined as a placement of less than 30 days where the child returns to the same placement), hospital stays, and placements coded as “whereabouts unknown.” Children who entered substitute care and stayed seven days or fewer are excluded from the denominator.
G Children in Substitute Care 48 Months or More Before Exiting	Percentage of children who had been in substitute care for 48 or more months and exited substitute care to achieve legal permanence	Percentage of children who were in substitute care during the year	Children who entered substitute care and stayed seven days or fewer are excluded from the denominator.

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Table A.3 (continued)

Indicator	Numerator	Denominator	Exclusion
H Permanence Through Reunification	Percentage of children who exited substitute care and achieved legal permanence through reunification during the fiscal year	Percentage of children who were in substitute care during the year	If the child was 18 years old or older when exiting substitute care, the child is excluded from the numerator. Children who entered substitute care and stayed seven days or fewer are excluded from the denominator.
I Permanence Through Adoption	Percentage of children who exited substitute care and achieved legal permanence through adoption during the fiscal year.	Percentage of children who were in substitute care during the year.	If the child was 18 years old or older when exiting substitute care, the child is excluded from the numerator. Children who entered substitute care and stayed seven days or fewer are excluded from the denominator.
J Permanence Through Guardianship	Percentage of children who exited substitute care and achieved legal permanence through guardianship during the fiscal year	Percentage of children who were in substitute care during the year.	If the child was 18 years old or older when exiting substitute care, the child is excluded from the numerator. Children who entered substitute care and stayed seven days or fewer are excluded from the denominator.

III. Operational Definition of Race/Ethnicity

The race/ethnicity variable used in this report was created from several data fields in the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) and the Child and Youth Centered Information System (CYCIS): primary race, ethnicity, secondary race flag, and additional race related fields. The ethnicity variable includes several codes designating Hispanic origin, including Hispanic South American, Hispanic Cuban, Hispanic Mexican, Hispanic Puerto Rican, Hispanic Spanish Descent, Hispanic Dominican, Hispanic Central American, and Hispanic Other. If the individual's ethnicity was coded as any of these, their race/ethnicity in this report was coded as "Latinx" regardless of the primary race code.

The secondary race flag field 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, their race/ethnicity was defined as multiracial.

If the individual's ethnicity was not Latinx and the secondary race was coded as no, then their race/ethnicity in this report was determined using the code in the primary race variable contained in SACWIS and CYCIS. Values of the primary race variable include: White, Black, Native American/Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

In this report seven racial/ethnic groups were defined:

- Latinx (any race)
- Black/African American
- White
- Asian American
- Native American/Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Multiracial



Appendix B

Racial/Ethnic Disproportionality Data

Appendix B provides data for the racial/ethnic disproportionality analyses included in this report. For each indicator, data are presented for the state and the four DCFS administrative regions for the past seven fiscal years. The data used in this appendix come from three sources. Illinois child population data was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau.¹⁰ The 2021 Illinois child population data was used to calculate RDIs in FY2021 and FY2022. Child welfare data was obtained from the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) and the Child and Youth Centered Information System (CYCIS). Both the SACWIS data and the CYCIS data were extracted on December 31, 2022.

Although the calculations done to compute the RDIs were completed using numbers rounded to the fourth decimal place, the numbers in the tables are rounded to two decimal places for display purposes. This can lead to what looks like calculation errors in the RDI, especially for those that are very small (i.e., < 0.1). 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 are masked with an asterisk (*) because percentages based on small numbers are unreliable. For the regional tables, if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years, the racial/ethnic group was not included in the table.

¹⁰The data source for the Illinois child population from FY2016-2020 was the following:

U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2020). CC-EST2020-ALLDATA6-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, 6 race groups (5 race alone groups and two or more races), and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019; April, 2020; and July 1, 2020. Retrieved from <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010-2020/counties/asrh/>

The data source for the Illinois child population from FY2021-2022 was the following:

U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2020). CC-EST2021-ALLDATA6-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. Retrieved from <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2021/counties/asrh/>

Table B.1 Absolute RDI for Investigations

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children in investigations (%)	32.95	33.04	32.88	32.99	33.04	32.72	33.11
Total child population (%)	15.55	15.43	15.38	15.33	15.29	15.25	15.25
Absolute RDI	2.12	2.14	2.14	2.15	2.16	2.15	2.17
White							
Children in investigations (%)	46.59	46.56	46.12	45.16	45.59	45.52	43.73
Total child population (%)	51.73	51.50	51.23	51.00	50.81	50.59	50.59
Absolute RDI	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.86
Latinx							
Children in investigations (%)	17.58	17.60	18.09	18.64	18.20	18.28	19.03
Total child population (%)	24.13	24.27	24.41	24.53	24.62	24.81	24.81
Absolute RDI	0.73	0.73	0.74	0.76	0.74	0.74	0.77
Asian American							
Children in investigations (%)	1.20	1.21	1.32	1.38	1.34	1.43	1.56
Total child population (%)	5.11	5.26	5.37	5.47	5.54	5.56	5.56
Absolute RDI	0.23	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.28
Multiracial							
Children in investigations (%)	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.35
Total child population (%)	3.30	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.57	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.10
Native American							
Children in investigations (%)	0.09	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.08
Total child population (%)	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Absolute RDI	0.65	0.52	0.69	0.71	0.61	0.62	0.55
Pacific Islander							
Children in investigations (%)	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06
Total child population (%)	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Absolute RDI	2.14	2.38	2.15	1.72	1.96	1.91	1.84

Table B.2 Absolute RDI for Investigations by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in investigations(%)	50.31	50.67	49.37	49.02	50.34	49.59	48.44
Total child population (%)	25.05	24.66	24.42	24.25	24.08	23.80	23.80
Absolute RDI	2.01	2.05	2.02	2.02	2.09	2.08	2.03
White							
Children in investigations(%)	16.72	16.35	16.01	15.52	16.01	15.58	15.24
Total child population (%)	30.84	30.91	30.93	30.96	31.04	31.17	31.17
Absolute RDI	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.50	0.52	0.50	0.49
Latinx							
Children in investigations(%)	29.40	29.52	30.96	31.14	29.52	30.09	30.99
Total child population (%)	34.95	34.98	34.98	34.94	34.87	34.91	34.91
Absolute RDI	0.84	0.84	0.89	0.89	0.85	0.86	0.89
Asian American							
Children in investigations(%)	1.83	1.96	2.09	2.34	2.29	2.46	2.53
Total child population (%)	6.31	6.53	6.67	6.80	6.88	6.89	6.89
Absolute RDI	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.37
Multiracial							
Children in investigations(%)	0.19	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.15	0.17	0.12
Total child population (%)	2.72	2.79	2.86	2.92	2.99	3.09	3.09
Absolute RDI	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.04
Native American							
Children in investigations(%)	*	0.07	0.07	0.09	*	0.11	*
Total child population (%)	*	0.12	0.12	0.12	*	0.12	*
Absolute RDI	*	0.63	0.55	0.75	*	0.89	*
Pacific Islander							
Children in investigations(%)	*	*	0.07	*	*	0.09	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	0.02	*	*	0.01	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	4.11	*	*	5.92	*
Northern							
Black							
Children in investigations(%)	25.64	25.66	26.41	26.29	25.74	26.06	25.87
Total child population (%)	7.87	7.92	8.00	8.06	8.13	8.16	8.16
Absolute RDI	3.26	3.24	3.30	3.26	3.17	3.19	3.17
White							
Children in investigations(%)	46.62	46.06	45.00	44.22	44.40	43.87	42.31
Total child population (%)	57.21	56.56	55.91	55.34	54.84	54.45	54.45
Absolute RDI	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.78
Latinx							
Children in investigations(%)	24.62	25.09	25.03	26.02	26.33	26.24	26.62
Total child population (%)	25.35	25.71	26.07	26.39	26.67	26.92	26.92
Absolute RDI	0.97	0.98	0.96	0.99	0.99	0.97	0.99
Asian American							
Children in investigations(%)	1.70	1.67	2.01	1.82	1.80	2.03	2.28
Total child population (%)	6.04	6.20	6.36	6.50	6.62	6.68	6.68
Absolute RDI	0.28	0.27	0.32	0.28	0.27	0.30	0.34

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Table B.2 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Multiracial							
Children in investigations(%)	0.34	0.32	0.30	0.32	0.38	0.41	0.29
Total child population (%)	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.56	3.59	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.08
Native American							
Children in investigations(%)	0.14	*	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.09
Total child population (%)	0.13	*	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
Absolute RDI	1.06	*	0.94	0.86	0.69	0.56	0.69
Pacific Islander							
Children in investigations(%)	*	*	0.07	0.07	0.08	*	0.06
Total child population (%)	*	*	0.03	0.03	0.03	*	0.03
Absolute RDI	*	*	2.58	2.45	2.67	*	2.01
Central							
Black							
Children in investigations(%)	25.80	26.13	25.72	26.19	26.65	26.83	28.13
Total child population (%)	10.13	10.27	10.37	10.42	10.49	10.66	10.66
Absolute RDI	2.55	2.54	2.48	2.51	2.54	2.52	2.64
White							
Children in investigations(%)	66.69	66.33	66.57	65.71	64.85	64.71	63.12
Total child population (%)	75.45	75.08	74.72	74.46	74.18	73.85	73.85
Absolute RDI	0.88	0.88	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.88	0.85
Latinx							
Children in investigations(%)	5.08	5.30	5.60	5.66	6.11	6.07	6.15
Total child population (%)	7.24	7.35	7.53	7.67	7.78	7.93	7.93
Absolute RDI	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.74	0.79	0.77	0.78
Asian American							
Children in investigations(%)	0.49	0.46	0.40	0.48	0.45	0.37	0.45
Total child population (%)	2.71	2.75	2.77	2.78	2.77	2.69	2.69
Absolute RDI	0.18	0.17	0.14	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.17
Multiracial							
Children in investigations(%)	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.74	0.73	0.66	0.54
Total child population (%)	4.24	4.30	4.37	4.43	4.54	4.62	4.62
Absolute RDI	0.17	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.12
Native American							
Children in investigations(%)	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.13	0.09	0.08
Total child population (%)	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
Absolute RDI	0.43	0.40	0.45	0.59	0.66	0.45	0.44
Pacific Islander							
Children in investigations(%)	0.08	0.09	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	0.04	0.04	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	1.79	2.14	*	*	*	*	*

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Table B.2 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern							
Black							
Children in investigations(%)	24.63	24.69	25.73	25.09	25.42	24.38	26.12
Total child population (%)	13.64	13.67	13.75	13.69	13.65	13.53	13.53
Absolute RDI	1.81	1.81	1.87	1.83	1.86	1.80	1.93
White							
Children in investigations(%)	70.65	70.49	69.60	70.05	69.45	70.04	68.11
Total child population (%)	76.93	76.65	76.39	76.16	75.98	75.99	75.99
Absolute RDI	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.92	0.91	0.92	0.90
Latinx							
Children in investigations(%)	2.93	3.00	2.90	2.97	3.06	3.37	3.37
Total child population (%)	4.49	4.63	4.74	4.91	5.04	5.11	5.11
Absolute RDI	0.65	0.65	0.61	0.60	0.61	0.66	0.66
Asian American							
Children in investigations(%)	0.25	0.23	0.25	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.25
Total child population (%)	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.98	0.99	0.98	0.98
Absolute RDI	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.28	0.25	0.27	0.25
Multiracial							
Children in investigations(%)	0.45	0.56	0.47	0.59	0.52	0.51	0.53
Total child population (%)	3.76	3.84	3.92	4.02	4.10	4.15	4.15
Absolute RDI	0.12	0.15	0.12	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.13
Native American							
Children in investigations(%)	*	*	0.14	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	0.19	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	0.73	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children in investigations(%)	0.15	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	0.05	*	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	3.25	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.3 Absolute RDI for Protective Custodies

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	42.13	40.62	41.58	38.81	38.22	33.25	35.62
Total child population (%)	15.55	15.43	15.38	15.33	15.29	15.25	15.25
Absolute RDI	2.71	2.63	2.70	2.53	2.50	2.18	2.34
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	44.57	46.81	49.13	49.57	48.56	51.88	50.63
Total child population (%)	51.73	51.50	51.23	51.00	50.81	50.59	50.59
Absolute RDI	0.86	0.91	0.96	0.97	0.96	1.03	1.00
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	11.94	10.78	7.85	10.07	11.66	12.93	11.99
Total child population (%)	24.13	24.27	24.41	24.53	24.62	24.81	24.81
Absolute RDI	0.49	0.44	0.32	0.41	0.47	0.52	0.48
Asian American							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	0.51	*	0.57	0.65	0.58
Total child population (%)	*	*	5.37	*	5.54	5.56	5.56
Absolute RDI	*	*	0.09	*	0.10	0.12	0.10
Multiracial							
Children in protective custodies (%)	0.55	0.90	0.62	0.66	0.59	0.73	0.67
Total child population (%)	3.30	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.57	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	0.17	0.27	0.18	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.18
Native American							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.4 Absolute RDI for Protective Custodies by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	66.53	66.41	71.86	66.45	66.10	59.73	63.79
Total child population (%)	25.05	24.66	24.42	24.25	24.08	23.80	23.80
Absolute RDI	2.66	2.69	2.94	2.74	2.74	2.51	2.68
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	10.89	10.77	12.19	12.35	9.99	13.48	13.07
Total child population (%)	30.84	30.91	30.93	30.96	31.04	31.17	31.17
Absolute RDI	0.35	0.35	0.39	0.40	0.32	0.43	0.42
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	20.96	20.54	14.65	20.13	21.91	24.26	20.58
Total child population (%)	34.95	34.98	34.98	34.94	34.87	34.91	34.91
Absolute RDI	0.60	0.59	0.42	0.58	0.63	0.70	0.59
Asian American							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	1.38	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	6.88	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	0.20	*	*
Northern							
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	41.49	43.06	40.67	44.15	36.28	30.86	35.43
Total child population (%)	7.87	7.92	8.00	8.06	8.13	8.16	8.16
Absolute RDI	5.27	5.43	5.08	5.48	4.46	3.78	4.34
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	38.90	41.04	42.64	37.32	41.77	42.48	38.28
Total child population (%)	57.21	56.56	55.91	55.34	54.84	54.45	54.45
Absolute RDI	0.68	0.73	0.76	0.67	0.76	0.78	0.70
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	18.49	15.15	14.83	17.27	20.62	24.67	24.79
Total child population (%)	25.35	25.71	26.07	26.39	26.67	26.92	26.92
Absolute RDI	0.73	0.59	0.57	0.65	0.77	0.92	0.92
Central							
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	31.88	29.90	31.84	29.79	30.89	29.75	30.45
Total child population (%)	10.13	10.27	10.37	10.42	10.49	10.66	10.66
Absolute RDI	3.15	2.91	3.07	2.86	2.95	2.79	2.85
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	61.46	63.47	63.21	63.69	61.96	63.28	62.69
Total child population (%)	75.45	75.08	74.72	74.46	74.18	73.85	73.85
Absolute RDI	0.81	0.85	0.85	0.86	0.84	0.86	0.85
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	4.87	4.19	3.48	4.24	5.46	5.08	5.11
Total child population (%)	7.24	7.35	7.53	7.67	7.78	7.93	7.93
Absolute RDI	0.67	0.57	0.46	0.55	0.70	0.64	0.65
Multiracial							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	1.11	1.16	0.90	1.05	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	4.37	4.43	4.54	4.62	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	0.25	0.26	0.20	0.23	*

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Table B.4 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern							
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	23.16	22.18	21.71	21.99	20.71	20.46	23.87
Total child population (%)	13.64	13.67	13.75	13.69	13.65	13.53	13.53
Absolute RDI	1.70	1.62	1.58	1.61	1.52	1.51	1.76
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	73.80	71.83	75.52	73.17	75.67	75.45	71.45
Total child population (%)	76.93	76.65	76.39	76.16	75.98	75.99	75.99
Absolute RDI	0.96	0.94	0.99	0.96	1.00	0.99	0.94
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	5.05	*	3.67	2.55	2.71	3.42
Total child population (%)	*	4.63	*	4.91	5.04	5.11	5.11
Absolute RDI	*	1.09	*	0.75	0.51	0.53	0.67

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.5 Relative RDI for Protective Custodies

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	42.13	40.62	41.58	38.81	38.22	33.25	35.62
Children in investigations (%)	32.95	33.04	32.88	32.99	33.04	32.72	33.11
Relative RDI	1.28	1.23	1.26	1.18	1.16	1.02	1.08
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	44.57	46.81	49.13	49.57	48.56	51.88	50.63
Children in investigations (%)	46.59	46.56	46.12	45.16	45.59	45.52	43.73
Relative RDI	0.96	1.01	1.07	1.10	1.07	1.14	1.16
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	11.94	10.78	7.85	10.07	11.66	12.93	11.99
Children in investigations (%)	17.58	17.60	18.09	18.64	18.20	18.28	19.03
Relative RDI	0.68	0.61	0.43	0.54	0.64	0.71	0.63
Asian American							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	0.51	*	0.57	0.65	0.58
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	1.32	*	1.34	1.43	1.56
Relative RDI	*	*	0.38	*	0.43	0.45	0.37
Multiracial							
Children in protective custodies (%)	0.55	0.90	0.62	0.66	0.59	0.73	0.67
Children in investigations (%)	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.35
Relative RDI	1.31	2.22	1.47	1.50	1.36	1.72	1.93
Native American							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.6 Relative RDI for Protective Custodies by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	66.53	66.41	71.86	66.45	66.10	59.73	63.79
Children in investigations (%)	50.31	50.67	49.37	49.02	50.34	49.59	48.44
Relative RDI	1.32	1.31	1.46	1.36	1.31	1.20	1.32
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	10.89	10.77	12.19	12.35	9.99	13.48	13.07
Children in investigations (%)	16.72	16.35	16.01	15.52	16.01	15.58	15.24
Relative RDI	0.65	0.66	0.76	0.80	0.62	0.87	0.86
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	20.96	20.54	14.65	20.13	21.91	24.26	20.58
Children in investigations (%)	29.40	29.52	30.96	31.14	29.52	30.09	30.99
Relative RDI	0.71	0.70	0.47	0.65	0.74	0.81	0.66
Asian American							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	*	*	1.38	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	2.29	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	0.60	*	*
Northern							
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	41.49	43.06	40.67	44.15	36.28	30.86	35.43
Children in investigations (%)	25.64	25.66	26.41	26.29	25.74	26.06	25.87
Relative RDI	1.62	1.68	1.54	1.68	1.41	1.18	1.37
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	38.90	41.04	42.64	37.32	41.77	42.48	38.28
Children in investigations (%)	46.62	46.06	45.00	44.22	44.40	43.87	42.31
Relative RDI	0.83	0.89	0.95	0.84	0.94	0.97	0.90
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	18.49	15.15	14.83	17.27	20.62	24.67	24.79
Children in investigations (%)	24.62	25.09	25.03	26.02	26.33	26.24	26.62
Relative RDI	0.75	0.60	0.59	0.66	0.78	0.94	0.93
Central							
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	31.88	29.90	31.84	29.79	30.89	29.75	30.45
Children in investigations (%)	25.80	26.13	25.72	26.19	26.65	26.83	28.13
Relative RDI	1.24	1.14	1.24	1.14	1.16	1.11	1.08
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	61.46	63.47	63.21	63.69	61.96	63.28	62.69
Children in investigations (%)	66.69	66.33	66.57	65.71	64.85	64.71	63.12
Relative RDI	0.92	0.96	0.95	0.97	0.96	0.98	0.99
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	4.87	4.19	3.48	4.24	5.46	5.08	5.11
Children in investigations (%)	5.08	5.30	5.60	5.66	6.11	6.07	6.15
Relative RDI	0.96	0.79	0.62	0.75	0.89	0.84	0.83
Multiracial							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	*	1.11	1.16	0.90	1.05	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	0.77	0.74	0.73	0.66	*
Relative RDI	*	*	1.45	1.58	1.24	1.59	*

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Table B.6 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern							
Black							
Children in protective custodies (%)	23.16	22.18	21.71	21.99	20.71	20.46	23.87
Children in investigations (%)	24.63	24.69	25.73	25.09	25.42	24.38	26.12
Relative RDI	0.94	0.90	0.84	0.88	0.81	0.84	0.91
White							
Children in protective custodies (%)	73.80	71.83	75.52	73.17	75.67	75.45	71.45
Children in investigations (%)	70.65	70.49	69.60	70.05	69.45	70.04	68.11
Relative RDI	1.04	1.02	1.09	1.04	1.09	1.08	1.05
Latinx							
Children in protective custodies (%)	*	5.05	*	3.67	2.55	2.71	3.42
Children in investigations (%)	*	3.00	*	2.97	3.06	3.37	3.37
Relative RDI	*	1.68	*	1.23	0.84	0.80	1.02

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.7 Absolute RDI for Indicated Investigations

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	32.54	33.38	34.21	33.95	34.93	33.96	33.42
Total child population (%)	15.55	15.43	15.38	15.33	15.29	15.25	15.25
Absolute RDI	2.09	2.16	2.22	2.22	2.28	2.23	2.19
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	46.80	46.98	46.74	45.78	44.14	43.63	43.82
Total child population (%)	51.73	51.50	51.23	51.00	50.81	50.59	50.59
Absolute RDI	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.87
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	18.65	17.58	17.11	18.12	18.73	19.86	19.95
Total child population (%)	24.13	24.27	24.41	24.53	24.62	24.81	24.81
Absolute RDI	0.77	0.72	0.70	0.74	0.76	0.80	0.80
Asian American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.96	1.00	1.20	1.16
Total child population (%)	5.11	5.26	5.37	5.47	5.54	5.56	5.56
Absolute RDI	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.22	0.21
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.45	0.53	0.45	0.46	0.51	0.49	0.51
Total child population (%)	3.30	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.57	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	0.14	0.16	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.14
Native American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.14	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.11	0.07
Total child population (%)	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Absolute RDI	0.96	0.70	0.63	0.79	0.55	0.76	0.47
Pacific Islander							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.8 Absolute RDI for Indicated Investigations by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	47.50	51.02	52.43	51.65	53.80	50.62	48.42
Total child population (%)	25.05	24.66	24.42	24.25	24.08	23.80	23.80
Absolute RDI	1.90	2.07	2.15	2.13	2.23	2.13	2.03
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	16.76	14.81	14.14	14.17	13.83	14.11	13.88
Total child population (%)	30.84	30.91	30.93	30.96	31.04	31.17	31.17
Absolute RDI	0.54	0.48	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.45	0.45
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	33.19	31.40	31.04	31.45	29.75	31.64	34.08
Total child population (%)	34.95	34.98	34.98	34.94	34.87	34.91	34.91
Absolute RDI	0.95	0.90	0.89	0.90	0.85	0.91	0.98
Asian American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	1.51	1.69	1.42	1.74	1.75	2.24	2.15
Total child population (%)	6.31	6.53	6.67	6.80	6.88	6.89	6.89
Absolute RDI	0.24	0.26	0.21	0.26	0.25	0.33	0.31
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	0.27	*	*	*	0.21	*
Total child population (%)	*	2.79	*	*	*	3.09	*
Absolute RDI	*	0.10	*	*	*	0.07	*
Native American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	*	*	0.22	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	0.12	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	1.80	*	*	*
Northern							
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	27.34	27.45	27.88	28.75	27.48	27.55	28.89
Total child population (%)	7.87	7.92	8.00	8.06	8.13	8.16	8.16
Absolute RDI	3.47	3.47	3.48	3.57	3.38	3.38	3.54
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	42.39	42.81	43.79	41.09	40.74	39.91	37.47
Total child population (%)	57.21	56.56	55.91	55.34	54.84	54.45	54.45
Absolute RDI	0.74	0.76	0.78	0.74	0.74	0.73	0.69
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	27.96	27.52	26.00	27.70	29.33	29.77	30.34
Total child population (%)	25.35	25.71	26.07	26.39	26.67	26.92	26.92
Absolute RDI	1.10	1.07	1.00	1.05	1.10	1.11	1.13
Asian American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	1.22	1.12	1.33	1.27	1.12	1.57	1.65
Total child population (%)	6.04	6.20	6.36	6.50	6.62	6.68	6.68
Absolute RDI	0.20	0.18	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.24	0.25
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.38	0.43	0.41	0.43	0.57	0.47	0.38
Total child population (%)	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.56	3.59	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.16	0.13	0.11

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Table B.8 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Central							
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	28.71	29.02	27.88	27.04	29.68	30.20	30.63
Total child population (%)	10.13	10.27	10.37	10.42	10.49	10.66	10.66
Absolute RDI	2.84	2.83	2.69	2.59	2.83	2.83	2.87
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	64.62	64.03	65.29	66.03	62.41	61.66	61.05
Total child population (%)	75.45	75.08	74.72	74.46	74.18	73.85	73.85
Absolute RDI	0.86	0.85	0.87	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.83
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	4.91	5.29	5.21	5.05	5.93	6.37	6.21
Total child population (%)	7.24	7.35	7.53	7.67	7.78	7.93	7.93
Absolute RDI	0.68	0.72	0.69	0.66	0.76	0.80	0.78
Asian American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.40	0.35	0.33	0.35	0.57	0.32	0.30
Total child population (%)	2.71	2.75	2.77	2.78	2.77	2.69	2.69
Absolute RDI	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.21	0.12	0.11
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.79	0.77	0.76	0.74	0.78	0.74	0.74
Total child population (%)	4.24	4.30	4.37	4.43	4.54	4.62	4.62
Absolute RDI	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.16
Southern							
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	23.56	22.49	24.32	22.98	20.80	22.04	22.88
Total child population (%)	13.64	13.67	13.75	13.69	13.65	13.53	13.53
Absolute RDI	1.73	1.64	1.77	1.68	1.52	1.63	1.69
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	72.34	72.72	71.91	72.98	75.26	73.38	71.90
Total child population (%)	76.93	76.65	76.39	76.16	75.98	75.99	75.99
Absolute RDI	0.94	0.95	0.94	0.96	0.99	0.97	0.95
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	3.05	3.39	2.61	2.91	2.68	3.09	3.31
Total child population (%)	4.49	4.63	4.74	4.91	5.04	5.11	5.11
Absolute RDI	0.68	0.73	0.55	0.59	0.53	0.60	0.65
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	0.62	*	0.49	0.57	0.58	0.82
Total child population (%)	*	3.84	*	4.02	4.10	4.15	4.15
Absolute RDI	*	0.16	*	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.20

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.9 Relative RDI for Indicated Investigations

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	32.54	33.38	34.21	33.95	34.93	33.96	33.42
Children in investigations (%)	32.95	33.04	32.88	32.99	33.04	32.72	33.11
Relative RDI	0.99	1.01	1.04	1.03	1.06	1.04	1.01
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	46.80	46.98	46.74	45.78	44.14	43.63	43.82
Children in investigations (%)	46.59	46.56	46.12	45.16	45.59	45.52	43.73
Relative RDI	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.01	0.97	0.96	1.00
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	18.65	17.58	17.11	18.12	18.73	19.86	19.95
Children in investigations (%)	17.58	17.60	18.09	18.64	18.20	18.28	19.03
Relative RDI	1.06	1.00	0.95	0.97	1.03	1.09	1.05
Asian American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.96	1.00	1.20	1.16
Children in investigations (%)	1.20	1.21	1.32	1.38	1.34	1.43	1.56
Relative RDI	0.72	0.72	0.64	0.69	0.75	0.84	0.74
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.45	0.53	0.45	0.46	0.51	0.49	0.51
Children in investigations (%)	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.35
Relative RDI	1.07	1.29	1.08	1.05	1.19	1.15	1.47
Native American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.14	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.11	0.07
Children in investigations (%)	0.09	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.08
Relative RDI	1.49	1.34	0.92	1.12	0.90	1.23	0.86
Pacific Islander							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.10 Relative RDI for Indicated Investigations by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	47.50	51.02	52.43	51.65	53.80	50.62	48.42
Children in investigations (%)	50.31	50.67	49.37	49.02	50.34	49.59	48.44
Relative RDI	0.94	1.01	1.06	1.05	1.07	1.02	1.00
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	16.76	14.81	14.14	14.17	13.83	14.11	13.88
Children in investigations (%)	16.72	16.35	16.01	15.52	16.01	15.58	15.24
Relative RDI	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.91	0.86	0.91	0.91
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	33.19	31.40	31.04	31.45	29.75	31.64	34.08
Children in investigations (%)	29.40	29.52	30.96	31.14	29.52	30.09	30.99
Relative RDI	1.13	1.06	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.10
Asian American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	1.51	1.69	1.42	1.74	1.75	2.24	2.15
Children in investigations (%)	1.83	1.96	2.09	2.34	2.29	2.46	2.53
Relative RDI	0.83	0.86	0.68	0.74	0.76	0.91	0.85
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	0.27	*	*	*	0.21	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	0.17	*	*	*	0.17	*
Relative RDI	*	1.56	*	*	*	1.19	*
Native American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	*	*	0.22	*	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	0.09	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	2.39	*	*	*
Northern							
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	27.34	27.45	27.88	28.75	27.48	27.55	28.89
Children in investigations (%)	25.64	25.66	26.41	26.29	25.74	26.06	25.87
Relative RDI	1.07	1.07	1.06	1.09	1.07	1.06	1.12
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	42.39	42.81	43.79	41.09	40.74	39.91	37.47
Children in investigations (%)	46.62	46.06	45.00	44.22	44.40	43.87	42.31
Relative RDI	0.91	0.93	0.97	0.93	0.92	0.91	0.89
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	27.96	27.52	26.00	27.70	29.33	29.77	30.34
Children in investigations (%)	24.62	25.09	25.03	26.02	26.33	26.24	26.62
Relative RDI	1.14	1.10	1.04	1.06	1.11	1.13	1.14

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Table B.10 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Asian American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	1.22	1.12	1.33	1.27	1.12	1.57	1.65
Children in investigations (%)	1.70	1.67	2.01	1.82	1.80	2.03	2.28
Relative RDI	0.72	0.67	0.66	0.70	0.62	0.77	0.72
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.38	0.43	0.41	0.43	0.57	0.47	0.38
Children in investigations (%)	0.34	0.32	0.30	0.32	0.38	0.41	0.29
Relative RDI	1.10	1.34	1.37	1.36	1.49	1.15	1.34
Central							
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	28.71	29.02	27.88	27.04	29.68	30.20	30.63
Children in investigations (%)	25.80	26.13	25.72	26.19	26.65	26.83	28.13
Relative RDI	1.11	1.11	1.08	1.03	1.11	1.13	1.09
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	64.62	64.03	65.29	66.03	62.41	61.66	61.05
Children in investigations (%)	66.69	66.33	66.57	65.71	64.85	64.71	63.12
Relative RDI	0.97	0.97	0.98	1.00	0.96	0.95	0.97
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	4.91	5.29	5.21	5.05	5.93	6.37	6.21
Children in investigations (%)	5.08	5.30	5.60	5.66	6.11	6.07	6.15
Relative RDI	0.97	1.00	0.93	0.89	0.97	1.05	1.01
Asian American							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.40	0.35	0.33	0.35	0.57	0.32	0.30
Children in investigations (%)	0.49	0.46	0.40	0.48	0.45	0.37	0.45
Relative RDI	0.82	0.76	0.83	0.73	1.28	0.86	0.66
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	0.79	0.77	0.76	0.74	0.78	0.74	0.74
Children in investigations (%)	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.74	0.73	0.66	0.54
Relative RDI	1.07	1.17	0.99	1.01	1.07	1.12	1.38
Southern							
Black							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	23.56	22.49	24.32	22.98	20.80	22.04	22.88
Children in investigations (%)	24.63	24.69	25.73	25.09	25.42	24.38	26.12
Relative RDI	0.96	0.91	0.95	0.92	0.82	0.90	0.88
White							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	72.34	72.72	71.91	72.98	75.26	73.38	71.90
Children in investigations (%)	70.65	70.49	69.60	70.05	69.45	70.04	68.11
Relative RDI	1.02	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.08	1.05	1.06

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Table B.10 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Latinx							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	3.05	3.39	2.61	2.91	2.68	3.09	3.31
Children in investigations (%)	2.93	3.00	2.90	2.97	3.06	3.37	3.37
Relative RDI	1.04	1.13	0.90	0.98	0.88	0.92	0.98
Multiracial							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	*	0.62	*	0.49	0.57	0.58	0.82
Children in investigations (%)	*	0.56	*	0.59	0.52	0.51	0.53
Relative RDI	*	1.11	*	0.82	1.11	1.14	1.55

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.11 Absolute RDI for Intact Family Services

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	35.27	34.39	37.01	33.60	34.19	33.80	32.60
Total child population (%)	15.55	15.43	15.38	15.33	15.29	15.25	15.25
Absolute RDI	2.27	2.23	2.41	2.19	2.24	2.22	2.14
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	44.80	46.15	44.89	47.53	46.73	45.72	45.71
Total child population (%)	51.73	51.50	51.23	51.00	50.81	50.59	50.59
Absolute RDI	0.87	0.90	0.88	0.93	0.92	0.90	0.90
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	17.93	17.07	15.82	16.13	16.43	17.43	18.32
Total child population (%)	24.13	24.27	24.41	24.53	24.62	24.81	24.81
Absolute RDI	0.74	0.70	0.65	0.66	0.67	0.70	0.74
Asian American							
Children in intact family services (%)	0.65	0.76	0.49	0.76	0.77	0.71	0.88
Total child population (%)	5.11	5.26	5.37	5.47	5.54	5.56	5.56
Absolute RDI	0.13	0.14	0.09	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.16
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	0.61	0.86	1.16	1.11	1.32	1.56	1.57
Total child population (%)	3.30	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.57	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	0.19	0.25	0.34	0.32	0.37	0.43	0.43
Native American							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.12 Absolute RDI for Intact Family Services by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	52.14	51.17	54.76	51.22	48.92	53.30	47.13
Total child population (%)	25.05	24.66	24.42	24.25	24.08	23.80	23.80
Absolute RDI	2.08	2.07	2.24	2.11	2.03	2.24	1.98
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	15.47	15.33	12.18	14.09	13.61	14.41	15.10
Total child population (%)	30.84	30.91	30.93	30.96	31.04	31.17	31.17
Absolute RDI	0.50	0.50	0.39	0.46	0.44	0.46	0.48
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	30.79	30.70	31.62	31.15	34.49	29.47	34.41
Total child population (%)	34.95	34.98	34.98	34.94	34.87	34.91	34.91
Absolute RDI	0.88	0.88	0.90	0.89	0.99	0.84	0.99
Asian American							
Children in intact family services (%)	1.17	1.64	0.73	1.78	1.82	1.20	1.92
Total child population (%)	6.31	6.53	6.67	6.80	6.88	6.89	6.89
Absolute RDI	0.18	0.25	0.11	0.26	0.26	0.17	0.28
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	*	0.56	0.79	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	2.99	3.09	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	0.19	0.26	*
Northern							
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	26.12	27.81	30.87	27.68	31.02	26.27	27.42
Total child population (%)	7.87	7.92	8.00	8.06	8.13	8.16	8.16
Absolute RDI	3.32	3.51	3.86	3.44	3.82	3.22	3.36
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	46.68	45.74	46.92	46.10	43.95	40.47	37.74
Total child population (%)	57.21	56.56	55.91	55.34	54.84	54.45	54.45
Absolute RDI	0.82	0.81	0.84	0.83	0.80	0.74	0.69
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	24.94	23.94	19.03	23.60	22.66	29.92	31.64
Total child population (%)	25.35	25.71	26.07	26.39	26.67	26.92	26.92
Absolute RDI	0.98	0.93	0.73	0.89	0.85	1.11	1.18
Asian American							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	0.81	0.81	1.07	1.06
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	6.50	6.62	6.68	6.68
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	0.12	0.12	0.16	0.16
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	0.89	1.46	1.14	0.93	1.44	1.21
Total child population (%)	*	3.44	3.50	3.56	3.59	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	*	0.26	0.42	0.32	0.26	0.40	0.33

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Table B.12 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Central							
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	27.59	30.00	28.50	26.65	28.61	28.76	29.14
Total child population (%)	10.13	10.27	10.37	10.42	10.49	10.66	10.66
Absolute RDI	2.72	2.92	2.75	2.56	2.73	2.70	2.73
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	67.11	63.73	64.42	66.69	63.60	62.69	61.36
Total child population (%)	75.45	75.08	74.72	74.46	74.18	73.85	73.85
Absolute RDI	0.89	0.85	0.86	0.90	0.86	0.85	0.83
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	2.75	3.73	3.83	4.21	5.29	5.66	5.98
Total child population (%)	7.24	7.35	7.53	7.67	7.78	7.93	7.93
Absolute RDI	0.38	0.51	0.51	0.55	0.68	0.71	0.75
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	1.81	1.83	2.27	1.79	1.83	2.19	2.44
Total child population (%)	4.24	4.30	4.37	4.43	4.54	4.62	4.62
Absolute RDI	0.43	0.43	0.52	0.40	0.40	0.47	0.53
Southern							
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	20.53	19.18	23.68	21.21	25.94	24.59	26.52
Total child population (%)	13.64	13.67	13.75	13.69	13.65	13.53	13.53
Absolute RDI	1.51	1.40	1.72	1.55	1.90	1.82	1.96
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	75.69	76.77	72.39	73.92	69.03	69.73	67.36
Total child population (%)	76.93	76.65	76.39	76.16	75.98	75.99	75.99
Absolute RDI	0.98	1.00	0.95	0.97	0.91	0.92	0.89
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	2.03	2.73	2.53	2.84	2.25	2.42	2.79
Total child population (%)	4.49	4.63	4.74	4.91	5.04	5.11	5.11
Absolute RDI	0.45	0.59	0.53	0.58	0.45	0.47	0.55
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	1.16	2.00	1.80	2.02
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	4.02	4.10	4.15	4.15
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	0.29	0.49	0.43	0.49

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.13 Relative RDI for Intact Family Services

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	35.27	34.39	37.01	33.60	34.19	33.80	32.60
Children in investigations (%)	32.95	33.04	32.88	32.99	33.04	32.72	33.11
Relative RDI	1.07	1.04	1.13	1.02	1.03	1.03	0.98
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	44.80	46.15	44.89	47.53	46.73	45.72	45.71
Children in investigations (%)	46.59	46.56	46.12	45.16	45.59	45.52	43.73
Relative RDI	0.96	0.99	0.97	1.05	1.03	1.00	1.05
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	17.93	17.07	15.82	16.13	16.43	17.43	18.32
Children in investigations (%)	17.58	17.60	18.09	18.64	18.20	18.28	19.03
Relative RDI	1.02	0.97	0.87	0.87	0.90	0.95	0.96
Asian American							
Children in intact family services (%)	0.65	0.76	0.49	0.76	0.77	0.71	0.88
Children in investigations (%)	1.20	1.21	1.32	1.38	1.34	1.43	1.56
Relative RDI	0.54	0.63	0.37	0.55	0.58	0.50	0.56
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	0.61	0.86	1.16	1.11	1.32	1.56	1.57
Children in investigations (%)	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.35
Relative RDI	1.46	2.10	2.77	2.53	3.06	3.67	4.52
Native American							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.14 Relative RDI for Intact Family Services by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	52.14	51.17	54.76	51.22	48.92	53.30	47.13
Children in investigations (%)	50.31	50.67	49.37	49.02	50.34	49.59	48.44
Relative RDI	1.04	1.01	1.11	1.04	0.97	1.07	0.97
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	15.47	15.33	12.18	14.09	13.61	14.41	15.10
Children in investigations (%)	16.72	16.35	16.01	15.52	16.01	15.58	15.24
Relative RDI	0.93	0.94	0.76	0.91	0.85	0.92	0.99
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	30.79	30.70	31.62	31.15	34.49	29.47	34.41
Children in investigations (%)	29.40	29.52	30.96	31.14	29.52	30.09	30.99
Relative RDI	1.05	1.04	1.02	1.00	1.17	0.98	1.11
Asian American							
Children in intact family services (%)	1.17	1.64	0.73	1.78	1.82	1.20	1.92
Children in investigations (%)	1.83	1.96	2.09	2.34	2.29	2.46	2.53
Relative RDI	0.64	0.84	0.35	0.76	0.79	0.49	0.76
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	*	0.56	0.79	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	0.15	0.17	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	3.79	4.53	*
Northern							
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	26.12	27.81	30.87	27.68	31.02	26.27	27.42
Children in investigations (%)	25.64	25.66	26.41	26.29	25.74	26.06	25.87
Relative RDI	1.02	1.08	1.17	1.05	1.21	1.01	1.06
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	46.68	45.74	46.92	46.10	43.95	40.47	37.74
Children in investigations (%)	46.62	46.06	45.00	44.22	44.40	43.87	42.31
Relative RDI	1.00	0.99	1.04	1.04	0.99	0.92	0.89
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	24.94	23.94	19.03	23.60	22.66	29.92	31.64
Children in investigations (%)	24.62	25.09	25.03	26.02	26.33	26.24	26.62
Relative RDI	1.01	0.95	0.76	0.91	0.86	1.14	1.19
Asian American							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	0.81	0.81	1.07	1.06
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	1.82	1.80	2.03	2.28
Relative RDI	*	*	*	0.44	0.45	0.52	0.46
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	0.89	1.46	1.14	0.93	1.44	1.21
Children in investigations (%)	*	0.32	0.30	0.32	0.38	0.41	0.29
Relative RDI	*	2.77	4.93	3.60	2.43	3.53	4.21

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Table B.14 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Central							
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	27.59	30.00	28.50	26.65	28.61	28.76	29.14
Children in investigations (%)	25.80	26.13	25.72	26.19	26.65	26.83	28.13
Relative RDI	1.07	1.15	1.11	1.02	1.07	1.07	1.04
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	67.11	63.73	64.42	66.69	63.60	62.69	61.36
Children in investigations (%)	66.69	66.33	66.57	65.71	64.85	64.71	63.12
Relative RDI	1.01	0.96	0.97	1.01	0.98	0.97	0.97
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	2.75	3.73	3.83	4.21	5.29	5.66	5.98
Children in investigations (%)	5.08	5.30	5.60	5.66	6.11	6.07	6.15
Relative RDI	0.54	0.70	0.68	0.74	0.87	0.93	0.97
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	1.81	1.83	2.27	1.79	1.83	2.19	2.44
Children in investigations (%)	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.74	0.73	0.66	0.54
Relative RDI	2.46	2.77	2.96	2.44	2.50	3.33	4.52
Southern							
Black							
Children in intact family services (%)	20.53	19.18	23.68	21.21	25.94	24.59	26.52
Children in investigations (%)	24.63	24.69	25.73	25.09	25.42	24.38	26.12
Relative RDI	0.83	0.78	0.92	0.85	1.02	1.01	1.02
White							
Children in intact family services (%)	75.69	76.77	72.39	73.92	69.03	69.73	67.36
Children in investigations (%)	70.65	70.49	69.60	70.05	69.45	70.04	68.11
Relative RDI	1.07	1.09	1.04	1.06	0.99	1.00	0.99
Latinx							
Children in intact family services (%)	2.03	2.73	2.53	2.84	2.25	2.42	2.79
Children in investigations (%)	2.93	3.00	2.90	2.97	3.06	3.37	3.37
Relative RDI	0.69	0.91	0.87	0.96	0.74	0.72	0.83
Multiracial							
Children in intact family services (%)	*	*	*	1.16	2.00	1.80	2.02
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	0.59	0.52	0.51	0.53
Relative RDI	*	*	*	1.96	3.84	3.55	3.80

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.15 Absolute RDI for Substitute Care Entries

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children entering substitute care (%)	40.49	37.90	38.97	36.01	36.66	31.90	33.29
Total child population (%)	15.55	15.43	15.38	15.33	15.29	15.25	15.25
Absolute RDI	2.60	2.46	2.53	2.35	2.40	2.09	2.18
White							
Children entering substitute care (%)	48.58	50.11	51.70	52.96	49.74	53.05	53.10
Total child population (%)	51.73	51.50	51.23	51.00	50.81	50.59	50.59
Absolute RDI	0.94	0.97	1.01	1.04	0.98	1.05	1.05
Latinx							
Children entering substitute care (%)	8.85	9.14	6.49	7.86	10.56	11.56	10.51
Total child population (%)	24.13	24.27	24.41	24.53	24.62	24.81	24.81
Absolute RDI	0.37	0.38	0.27	0.32	0.43	0.47	0.42
Asian American							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	*	0.39	*	0.37	0.45	0.45
Total child population (%)	*	*	5.37	*	5.54	5.56	5.56
Absolute RDI	*	*	0.07	*	0.07	0.08	0.08
Multiracial							
Children entering substitute care (%)	1.20	1.96	1.79	2.17	1.93	2.41	2.38
Total child population (%)	3.30	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.57	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	0.36	0.58	0.52	0.62	0.54	0.66	0.65
Native American							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total child population (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Absolute RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.16 Absolute RDI for Substitute Care Entries by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	66.67	64.52	72.81	68.81	62.73	61.11	64.61
Total child population (%)	25.05	24.66	24.42	24.25	24.08	23.80	23.80
Absolute RDI	2.66	2.62	2.98	2.84	2.60	2.57	2.71
White							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	14.05	13.45	12.67	12.11	12.59	13.22	13.32
Total child population (%)	30.84	30.91	30.93	30.96	31.04	31.17	31.17
Absolute RDI	0.46	0.44	0.41	0.39	0.41	0.42	0.43
Latinx							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	17.40	19.97	12.07	17.24	22.76	23.90	19.88
Total child population (%)	34.95	34.98	34.98	34.94	34.87	34.91	34.91
Absolute RDI	0.50	0.57	0.35	0.49	0.65	0.68	0.57
Northern							
Black							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	41.26	38.99	37.20	40.59	37.43	27.86	31.79
Total child population (%)	7.87	7.92	8.00	8.06	8.13	8.16	8.16
Absolute RDI	5.24	4.92	4.65	5.04	4.61	3.41	3.89
White							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	42.15	45.47	46.17	42.91	42.99	46.13	43.11
Total child population (%)	57.21	56.56	55.91	55.34	54.84	54.45	54.45
Absolute RDI	0.74	0.80	0.83	0.78	0.78	0.85	0.79
Latinx							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	14.71	12.13	13.13	13.65	16.43	21.55	22.23
Total child population (%)	25.35	25.71	26.07	26.39	26.67	26.92	26.92
Absolute RDI	0.58	0.47	0.50	0.52	0.62	0.80	0.83
Multiracial							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	*	2.47	*	1.96	2.40	2.97	1.99
Total child population (%)	*	3.44	*	3.56	3.59	3.63	3.63
Absolute RDI	*	0.72	*	0.55	0.67	0.82	0.55
Central							
Black							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	31.01	29.79	30.21	27.77	29.17	27.45	27.01
Total child population (%)	10.13	10.27	10.37	10.42	10.49	10.66	10.66
Absolute RDI	3.06	2.90	2.91	2.66	2.78	2.57	2.53
White							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	63.46	63.70	63.29	64.59	62.12	64.35	65.19
Total child population (%)	75.45	75.08	74.72	74.46	74.18	73.85	73.85
Absolute RDI	0.84	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.84	0.87	0.88
Latinx							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	2.77	3.42	3.25	3.58	4.64	4.19	4.27
Total child population (%)	7.24	7.35	7.53	7.67	7.78	7.93	7.93
Absolute RDI	0.38	0.47	0.43	0.47	0.60	0.53	0.54
Multiracial							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	2.08	2.11	2.64	3.02	2.81	3.13	2.91
Total child population (%)	4.24	4.30	4.37	4.43	4.54	4.62	4.62
Absolute RDI	0.49	0.49	0.60	0.68	0.62	0.68	0.63

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Table B.16 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern							
Black							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	20.43	19.52	19.57	20.00	18.97	18.98	21.02
Total child population (%)	13.64	13.67	13.75	13.69	13.65	13.53	13.53
Absolute RDI	1.50	1.43	1.42	1.46	1.39	1.40	1.55
White							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	76.28	73.76	76.92	73.86	76.81	74.79	73.32
Total child population (%)	76.93	76.65	76.39	76.16	75.98	75.99	75.99
Absolute RDI	0.99	0.96	1.01	0.97	1.01	0.98	0.96
Latinx							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	*	3.82	*	3.13	1.88	3.22	2.34
Total child population (%)	*	4.63	*	4.91	5.04	5.11	5.11
Absolute RDI	*	0.83	*	0.64	0.37	0.63	0.46
Multiracial							
Children in entering substitute care (%)	*	2.17	*	2.07	1.61	2.43	3.01
Total child population (%)	*	3.84	*	4.02	4.10	4.15	4.15
Absolute RDI	*	0.56	*	0.51	0.39	0.59	0.73

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.17 Relative RDI for Substitute Care Entries

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children entering substitute care (%)	40.49	37.90	38.97	36.01	36.66	31.90	33.29
Children in investigations (%)	32.95	33.04	32.88	32.99	33.04	32.72	33.11
Relative RDI	1.23	1.15	1.19	1.09	1.11	0.98	1.01
White							
Children entering substitute care (%)	48.58	50.11	51.70	52.96	49.74	53.05	53.10
Children in investigations (%)	46.59	46.56	46.12	45.16	45.59	45.52	43.73
Relative RDI	1.04	1.08	1.12	1.17	1.09	1.17	1.21
Latinx							
Children entering substitute care (%)	8.85	9.14	6.49	7.86	10.56	11.56	10.51
Children in investigations (%)	17.58	17.60	18.09	18.64	18.20	18.28	19.03
Relative RDI	0.50	0.52	0.36	0.42	0.58	0.63	0.55
Asian American							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	*	0.39	*	0.37	0.45	0.45
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	1.32	*	1.34	1.43	1.56
Relative RDI	*	*	0.29	*	0.27	0.32	0.29
Multiracial							
Children entering substitute care (%)	1.20	1.96	1.79	2.17	1.93	2.41	2.38
Children in investigations (%)	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.35
Relative RDI	2.84	4.82	4.25	4.95	4.46	5.69	6.87
Native American							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in investigations (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.18 Relative RDI for Substitute Care Entries by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children entering substitute care (%)	66.67	64.52	72.81	68.81	62.73	61.11	64.61
Children in investigations (%)	50.31	50.67	49.37	49.02	50.34	49.59	48.44
Relative RDI	1.33	1.27	1.47	1.40	1.25	1.23	1.33
White							
Children entering substitute care (%)	14.05	13.45	12.67	12.11	12.59	13.22	13.32
Children in investigations (%)	16.72	16.35	16.01	15.52	16.01	15.58	15.24
Relative RDI	0.84	0.82	0.79	0.78	0.79	0.85	0.87
Latinx							
Children entering substitute care (%)	17.40	19.97	12.07	17.24	22.76	23.90	19.88
Children in investigations (%)	29.40	29.52	30.96	31.14	29.52	30.09	30.99
Relative RDI	0.59	0.68	0.39	0.55	0.77	0.79	0.64
Northern							
Black							
Children entering substitute care (%)	41.26	38.99	37.20	40.59	37.43	27.86	31.79
Children in investigations (%)	25.64	25.66	26.41	26.29	25.74	26.06	25.87
Relative RDI	1.61	1.52	1.41	1.54	1.45	1.07	1.23
White							
Children entering substitute care (%)	42.15	45.47	46.17	42.91	42.99	46.13	43.11
Children in investigations (%)	46.62	46.06	45.00	44.22	44.40	43.87	42.31
Relative RDI	0.90	0.99	1.03	0.97	0.97	1.05	1.02
Latinx							
Children entering substitute care (%)	14.71	12.13	13.13	13.65	16.43	21.55	22.23
Children in investigations (%)	24.62	25.09	25.03	26.02	26.33	26.24	26.62
Relative RDI	0.60	0.48	0.52	0.52	0.62	0.82	0.84
Multiracial							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	2.47	*	1.96	2.40	2.97	1.99
Children in investigations (%)	*	0.32	*	0.32	0.38	0.41	0.29
Relative RDI	*	7.73	*	6.21	6.26	7.29	6.95
Central							
Black							
Children entering substitute care (%)	31.01	29.79	30.21	27.77	29.17	27.45	27.01
Children in investigations (%)	25.80	26.13	25.72	26.19	26.65	26.83	28.13
Relative RDI	1.20	1.14	1.17	1.06	1.09	1.02	0.96
White							
Children entering substitute care (%)	63.46	63.70	63.29	64.59	62.12	64.35	65.19
Children in investigations (%)	66.69	66.33	66.57	65.71	64.85	64.71	63.12
Relative RDI	0.95	0.96	0.95	0.98	0.96	0.99	1.03
Latinx							
Children entering substitute care (%)	2.77	3.42	3.25	3.58	4.64	4.19	4.27
Children in investigations (%)	5.08	5.30	5.60	5.66	6.11	6.07	6.15
Relative RDI	0.54	0.65	0.58	0.63	0.76	0.69	0.69
Multiracial							
Children entering substitute care (%)	2.08	2.11	2.64	3.02	2.81	3.13	2.91
Children in investigations (%)	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.74	0.73	0.66	0.54
Relative RDI	2.82	3.19	3.44	4.10	3.85	4.75	5.40

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Table B.18 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern							
Black							
Children entering substitute care (%)	20.43	19.52	19.57	20.00	18.97	18.98	21.02
Children in investigations (%)	24.63	24.69	25.73	25.09	25.42	24.38	26.12
Relative RDI	0.83	0.79	0.76	0.80	0.75	0.78	0.80
White							
Children entering substitute care (%)	76.28	73.76	76.92	73.86	76.81	74.79	73.32
Children in investigations (%)	70.65	70.49	69.60	70.05	69.45	70.04	68.11
Relative RDI	1.08	1.05	1.11	1.05	1.11	1.07	1.08
Latinx							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	3.82	*	3.13	1.88	3.22	2.34
Children in investigations (%)	*	3.00	*	2.97	3.06	3.37	3.37
Relative RDI	*	1.27	*	1.06	0.61	0.96	0.69
Multiracial							
Children entering substitute care (%)	*	2.17	*	2.07	1.61	2.43	3.01
Children in investigations (%)	*	0.56	*	0.59	0.52	0.51	0.53
Relative RDI	*	3.89	*	3.49	3.09	4.79	5.68

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.19 Relative RDI for Placement Instability

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	49.21	48.12	46.81	44.58	42.39	39.37	47.57
Children who entered substitute care (%)	40.49	37.90	38.97	36.01	36.66	31.90	33.29
Relative RDI	1.22	1.27	1.20	1.24	1.16	1.23	1.43
White							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	40.87	41.16	43.57	44.49	44.30	48.12	39.32
Children who entered substitute care (%)	48.58	50.11	51.70	52.96	49.74	53.05	53.10
Relative RDI	0.84	0.82	0.84	0.84	0.89	0.91	0.74
Latinx							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	8.47	7.75	6.92	8.06	10.57	10.58	8.25
Children who entered substitute care (%)	8.85	9.14	6.49	7.86	10.56	11.56	10.51
Relative RDI	0.96	0.85	1.07	1.03	1.00	0.92	0.79
Asian American							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multiracial							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Native American							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.20 Relative RDI for Placement Instability by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	73.20	75.10	70.76	77.44	67.83	70.27	76.00
Children who entered substitute care (%)	66.67	64.52	72.81	68.81	62.73	61.11	64.61
Relative RDI	1.10	1.16	0.97	1.13	1.08	1.15	1.18
White							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	11.60	8.43	13.62	8.65	11.78	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	14.05	13.45	12.67	12.11	12.59	*	*
Relative RDI	0.83	0.63	1.08	0.71	0.94	*	*
Latinx							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	13.60	14.86	14.29	12.03	18.79	20.27	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	17.40	19.97	12.07	17.24	22.76	23.90	*
Relative RDI	0.78	0.74	1.18	0.70	0.83	0.85	*
Northern							
Black							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	53.50	39.46	49.34	47.68	43.14	37.00	36.14
Children who entered substitute care (%)	41.26	38.99	37.20	40.59	37.43	27.86	31.79
Relative RDI	1.30	1.01	1.33	1.17	1.15	1.33	1.14
White							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	31.85	43.54	38.82	39.66	39.22	40.53	39.76
Children who entered substitute care (%)	42.15	45.47	46.17	42.91	42.99	46.13	43.11
Relative RDI	0.76	0.96	0.84	0.92	0.91	0.88	0.92
Latinx							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	14.01	*	*	10.55	13.73	18.50	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	14.71	*	*	13.65	16.43	21.55	*
Relative RDI	0.95	*	*	0.77	0.84	0.86	*
Central							
Black							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	32.31	41.80	38.01	32.09	36.07	31.99	42.45
Children who entered substitute care (%)	31.01	29.79	30.21	27.77	29.17	27.45	27.01
Relative RDI	1.04	1.40	1.26	1.16	1.24	1.17	1.57
White							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	63.59	51.08	58.90	59.03	55.46	63.35	53.24
Children who entered substitute care (%)	63.46	63.70	63.29	64.59	62.12	64.35	65.19
Relative RDI	1.00	0.80	0.93	0.91	0.89	0.98	0.82

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Table B.20 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern							
Black							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	27.27	26.58	18.89	22.03	15.02	20.75	34.44
Children who entered substitute care (%)	20.43	19.52	19.57	20.00	18.97	18.98	21.02
Relative RDI	1.33	1.36	0.97	1.10	0.79	1.09	1.64
White							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	68.83	70.25	72.78	69.16	77.93	74.06	47.78
Children who entered substitute care (%)	76.28	73.76	76.92	73.86	76.81	74.79	73.32
Relative RDI	0.90	0.95	0.95	0.94	1.01	0.99	0.65

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.21 Relative RDI for Children in Care in 48 Months or More Before Exiting

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children in care in 48 or more months (%)	53.93	52.95	55.43	50.73	53.83	51.78	47.57
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.66	45.21	43.89	41.72	40.61	38.84	37.92
Relative RDI	1.16	1.17	1.26	1.22	1.33	1.33	1.25
White							
Children in care in 48 or more months (%)	38.65	37.72	33.37	38.42	34.07	35.27	38.37
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	42.93	43.76	45.29	47.44	47.57	48.18	48.63
Relative RDI	0.90	0.86	0.74	0.81	0.72	0.73	0.79
Latinx							
Children in care in 48 or more months (%)	5.47	6.97	8.73	8.81	8.11	10.45	10.89
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	8.18	8.66	8.27	8.04	8.88	9.92	10.43
Relative RDI	0.67	0.81	1.06	1.10	0.91	1.05	1.04
Asian American							
Children in care in 48 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multiracial							
Children in care in 48 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.33
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.11
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.10
Native American							
Children in care in 48 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children in care in 48 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.22 Relative RDI for Children in Care 48 Months or More Before Exiting by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	73.91	74.87	71.85	68.38	71.84	71.08	69.60
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	66.87	66.54	67.08	65.69	63.47	62.47	63.60
Relative RDI	1.11	1.13	1.07	1.04	1.13	1.14	1.09
White							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	11.30	14.36	13.09	15.42	13.00	12.16	10.93
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	17.24	16.79	16.79	18.33	19.05	18.53	16.46
Relative RDI	0.66	0.86	0.78	0.84	0.68	0.66	0.66
Latinx							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	12.46	8.21	12.59	14.40	13.00	15.95	16.27
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	13.71	14.65	14.07	14.05	15.51	17.23	17.95
Relative RDI	0.91	0.56	0.89	1.02	0.84	0.93	0.91
Northern							
Black							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	50.79	44.39	41.57	37.50	54.68	41.94	39.86
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	42.78	41.53	40.31	41.21	40.83	36.52	35.24
Relative RDI	1.19	1.07	1.03	0.91	1.34	1.15	1.13
White							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	45.50	39.51	41.01	51.25	30.22	36.29	35.66
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	43.46	43.39	43.51	42.35	40.91	42.03	41.92
Relative RDI	1.05	0.91	0.94	1.21	0.74	0.86	0.85
Latinx							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	*	13.66	12.36	*	*	16.94	20.28
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	12.16	12.89	*	*	17.68	19.50
Relative RDI	*	1.12	0.96	*	*	0.96	1.04
Central							
Black							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	38.68	41.11	44.91	42.27	41.79	41.15	36.36
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	35.61	34.07	32.66	30.96	30.70	29.85	27.67
Relative RDI	1.09	1.21	1.38	1.37	1.36	1.38	1.31
White							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	60.85	54.44	52.31	51.82	47.01	52.21	59.50
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	59.24	60.21	61.22	62.41	61.78	62.35	64.23
Relative RDI	1.03	0.90	0.85	0.83	0.76	0.84	0.93
Southern							
Black							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	30.53	29.41	35.11	25.86	26.56	22.95	23.66
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	24.43	23.23	22.66	21.19	20.13	20.35	21.35
Relative RDI	1.25	1.27	1.55	1.22	1.32	1.13	1.11
White							
Children in care 48 or more months (%)	64.89	65.36	62.77	72.41	70.31	72.95	68.28
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	72.48	72.67	73.52	73.90	75.19	74.07	73.22
Relative RDI	0.90	0.90	0.85	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.93

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.23 Relative RDI for Permanence Through Reunification

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	42.21	39.51	41.27	38.04	35.21	35.35	32.65
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.66	45.21	43.89	41.72	40.61	38.84	37.92
Relative RDI	0.90	0.87	0.94	0.91	0.87	0.91	0.86
White							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	47.17	48.52	46.08	51.82	53.68	52.58	52.05
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	42.93	43.76	45.29	47.44	47.57	48.18	48.63
Relative RDI	1.10	1.11	1.02	1.09	1.13	1.09	1.07
Latinx							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	8.25	9.59	11.04	7.77	7.48	8.46	11.54
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	8.18	8.66	8.27	8.04	8.88	9.92	10.43
Relative RDI	1.01	1.11	1.33	0.97	0.84	0.85	1.11
Asian American							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.67
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.35
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.90
Multiracial							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	1.43	*	1.54	2.29	2.23	2.23
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	1.17	*	1.76	1.89	2.03	2.11
Relative RDI	*	1.22	*	0.87	1.22	1.10	1.06
Native American							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.24 Relative RDI for Permanence Through Reunification by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	69.15	63.54	62.53	64.32	66.52	63.38	60.14
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	66.87	66.54	67.08	65.69	63.47	62.47	63.60
Relative RDI	1.03	0.95	0.93	0.98	1.05	1.01	0.95
White							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	13.22	12.24	12.83	13.64	16.29	15.13	14.16
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	17.24	16.79	16.79	18.33	19.05	18.53	16.46
Relative RDI	0.77	0.73	0.76	0.74	0.86	0.82	0.86
Latinx							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	15.15	20.83	22.81	20.45	14.71	19.30	23.25
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	13.71	14.65	14.07	14.05	15.51	17.23	17.95
Relative RDI	1.10	1.42	1.62	1.46	0.95	1.12	1.30
Northern							
Black							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	41.34	43.48	41.60	42.96	41.12	31.99	32.01
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	42.78	41.53	40.31	41.21	40.83	36.52	35.24
Relative RDI	0.97	1.05	1.03	1.04	1.01	0.88	0.91
White							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	39.61	38.89	42.86	42.00	39.67	47.67	43.44
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	43.46	43.39	43.51	42.35	40.91	42.03	41.92
Relative RDI	0.91	0.90	0.98	0.99	0.97	1.13	1.04
Latinx							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	16.45	16.67	14.04	11.22	15.29	15.67	20.22
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	11.10	12.16	12.89	13.06	14.80	17.68	19.50
Relative RDI	1.48	1.37	1.09	0.86	1.03	0.89	1.04
Central							
Black							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	39.42	34.91	33.62	28.89	28.24	37.22	29.26
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	35.61	34.07	32.66	30.96	30.70	29.85	27.67
Relative RDI	1.11	1.02	1.03	0.93	0.92	1.25	1.06
White							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	54.79	59.43	59.53	65.46	63.07	55.30	61.18
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	59.24	60.21	61.22	62.41	61.78	62.35	64.23
Relative RDI	0.92	0.99	0.97	1.05	1.02	0.89	0.95
Latinx							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	3.53	3.50	5.24	3.41	3.89	3.78	5.46
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	2.87	3.01	3.03	3.10	3.52	3.79	4.28
Relative RDI	1.23	1.16	1.73	1.10	1.11	1.00	1.28
Multiracial							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	*	3.69	2.87	3.02
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	2.94	3.00	2.93
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	1.25	0.96	1.03

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Table B.24 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern							
Black							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	22.13	18.10	27.89	27.59	17.81	17.73	16.87
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	24.43	23.23	22.66	21.19	20.13	20.35	21.35
Relative RDI	0.91	0.78	1.23	1.30	0.88	0.87	0.79
White							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	74.51	76.72	67.09	68.67	78.78	76.59	76.36
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	72.48	72.67	73.52	73.90	75.19	74.07	73.22
Relative RDI	1.03	1.06	0.91	0.93	1.05	1.03	1.04
Latinx							
Children who achieved reunification (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.31
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.55
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.30

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.25 Relative RDI for Permanence Through Adoption

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	41.86	41.30	40.83	34.90	35.41	35.11	32.13
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.66	45.21	43.89	41.72	40.61	38.84	37.92
Relative RDI	0.90	0.91	0.93	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.85
White							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	50.83	50.49	50.23	54.22	55.64	54.40	57.96
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	42.93	43.76	45.29	47.44	47.57	48.18	48.63
Relative RDI	1.18	1.15	1.11	1.14	1.17	1.13	1.19
Latinx							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	5.19	5.35	6.25	7.68	5.84	7.07	6.77
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	8.18	8.66	8.27	8.04	8.88	9.92	10.43
Relative RDI	0.63	0.62	0.76	0.96	0.66	0.71	0.65
Asian American							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multiracial							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	1.29	1.68	1.86	2.40	2.32
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	1.44	1.76	1.89	2.03	2.11
Relative RDI	*	*	0.89	0.96	0.98	1.18	1.10
Native American							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.26 Relative RDI for Permanence Through Adoption by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	69.37	70.52	67.59	62.32	68.57	68.47	68.56
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	66.87	66.54	67.08	65.69	63.47	62.47	63.60
Relative RDI	1.04	1.06	1.01	0.95	1.08	1.10	1.08
White							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	15.44	17.92	17.34	17.63	19.05	12.42	10.98
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	17.24	16.79	16.79	18.33	19.05	18.53	16.46
Relative RDI	0.90	1.07	1.03	0.96	1.00	0.67	0.67
Latinx							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	13.16	7.55	12.31	17.39	10.16	17.52	16.67
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	13.71	14.65	14.07	14.05	15.51	17.23	17.95
Relative RDI	0.96	0.52	0.87	1.24	0.65	1.02	0.93
Northern							
Black							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	39.70	36.84	38.48	31.82	38.56	34.75	38.51
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	42.78	41.53	40.31	41.21	40.83	36.52	35.24
Relative RDI	0.93	0.89	0.95	0.77	0.94	0.95	1.09
White							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	52.26	50.11	48.85	52.87	45.42	51.48	46.89
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	43.46	43.39	43.51	42.35	40.91	42.03	41.92
Relative RDI	1.20	1.15	1.12	1.25	1.11	1.22	1.12
Latinx							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	5.28	9.68	9.91	11.96	12.42	11.15	11.49
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	11.10	12.16	12.89	13.06	14.80	17.68	19.50
Relative RDI	0.48	0.80	0.77	0.92	0.84	0.63	0.59
Central							
Black							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	32.34	35.05	34.51	30.48	28.14	32.44	26.02
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	35.61	34.07	32.66	30.96	30.70	29.85	27.67
Relative RDI	0.91	1.03	1.06	0.98	0.92	1.09	0.94
White							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	65.07	61.21	60.64	62.26	64.73	60.03	67.47
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	59.24	60.21	61.22	62.41	61.78	62.35	64.23
Relative RDI	1.10	1.02	0.99	1.00	1.05	0.96	1.05
Latinx							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.18
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.28
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.74
Multiracial							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	3.68	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	3.00	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	1.23	*

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Table B.26 (continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern							
Black							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	22.18	21.10	20.14	16.41	14.12	15.71	14.65
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	24.43	23.23	22.66	21.19	20.13	20.35	21.35
Relative RDI	0.91	0.91	0.89	0.77	0.70	0.77	0.69
White							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	74.44	73.38	76.68	81.31	83.33	78.10	80.09
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	72.48	72.67	73.52	73.90	75.19	74.07	73.22
Relative RDI	1.03	1.01	1.04	1.10	1.11	1.05	1.09

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.

Table B.27 Relative RDI for Permanence Through Guardianship

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	43.55	44.12	45.04	45.57	44.41	44.36	38.89
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	46.66	45.21	43.89	41.72	40.61	38.84	37.92
Relative RDI	0.93	0.98	1.03	1.09	1.09	1.14	1.03
White							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	47.58	43.91	41.38	43.10	45.05	44.62	48.22
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	42.93	43.76	45.29	47.44	47.57	48.18	48.63
Relative RDI	1.11	1.00	0.91	0.91	0.95	0.93	0.99
Latinx							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	7.26	9.66	9.70	9.11	8.63	8.21	10.22
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	8.18	8.66	8.27	8.04	8.88	9.92	10.43
Relative RDI	0.89	1.12	1.17	1.13	0.97	0.83	0.98
Asian American							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multiracial							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Native American							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander							
Children who achieved adoption (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported.

Table B.28 Relative RDI for Permanence Through Guardianship by Region

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cook							
Black							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	73.02	72.28	72.63	71.93	71.88	72.73	61.63
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	66.87	66.54	67.08	65.69	63.47	62.47	63.60
Relative RDI	1.09	1.09	1.08	1.10	1.13	1.16	0.97
White							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	11.58	12.87	*	*	16.28
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	16.79	18.33	*	*	16.46
Relative RDI	*	*	0.69	0.70	*	*	0.99
Latinx							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	13.59	11.05	13.45	*	*	19.77
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	14.65	14.07	14.05	*	*	17.95
Relative RDI	*	0.93	0.79	0.96	*	*	1.10
Northern							
Black							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	52.00	40.18	32.32	*	41.43	42.03	37.88
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	42.78	41.53	40.31	*	40.83	36.52	35.24
Relative RDI	1.22	0.97	0.80	*	1.01	1.15	1.07
White							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	40.00	46.43	44.44	58.82	42.86	46.38	48.48
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	43.46	43.39	43.51	42.35	40.91	42.03	41.92
Relative RDI	0.92	1.07	1.02	1.39	1.05	1.10	1.16
Central							
Black							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	23.93	24.56	32.17	27.27	25.25	21.50
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	34.07	32.66	30.96	30.70	29.85	27.67
Relative RDI	*	0.70	0.75	1.04	0.89	0.85	0.78
White							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	80.90	67.52	67.54	60.87	67.05	66.67	71.96
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	59.24	60.21	61.22	62.41	61.78	62.35	64.23
Relative RDI	1.37	1.12	1.10	0.98	1.09	1.07	1.12
Southern							
Black							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.00
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	21.35
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.94
White							
Children who achieved guardianship (%)	91.23	92.06	80.33	76.81	71.19	74.36	76.19
Children in substitute care during the year (%)	72.48	72.67	73.52	73.90	75.19	74.07	73.22
Relative RDI	1.26	1.27	1.09	1.04	0.95	1.00	1.04

Note. If the number of children is 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI are masked with an asterisk (*) and are not reported. A racial/ethnic group for a region was not included in the table if the number of children was 20 or fewer across all seven years.



Appendix C

Illinois Child Population Data

Appendix C provides Illinois child population data at the state and regional level for the seven racial/ethnic groups of children used in the report. Illinois child population data were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau.¹¹ Census data for children ages 0 – 17 were not available at the county level for all the racial/ethnic groups included in this report. Therefore, Census data for children ages 0 – 19 were used to compute the number and percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in these tables. The 2021 Illinois child population data were used to calculate RDIs in FY2021 and FY2022. Note that the numbers in the tables are rounded to two decimal places for display purposes.

¹¹The data source for the Illinois child population from FY2016-2020 was the following:
U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2020). CC-EST2020-ALLDATA6-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, 6 race groups (5 race alone groups and two or more races), and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019; April, 2020; and July 1, 2020. Retrieved from <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010-2020/counties/asrh/>

The data source for the Illinois child population from FY2021-2022 was the following:
U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2020). CC-EST2021-ALLDATA6-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. Retrieved from <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2021/counties/asrh/>

Table C.1 Illinois Child Population (age 0-19): 2016 – 2022

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ¹
Black ²	Number	507,328	497,620	489,948	482,000	473,699	477,087	477,087
	Percent	15.55	15.43	15.38	15.33	15.29	15.25	15.25
White	Number	1,687,493	1,660,629	1,632,177	1,603,986	1,574,173	1,583,027	1,583,027
	Percent	51.73	51.50	51.23	51.00	50.81	50.59	50.59
Latinx	Number	787,107	782,644	777,846	771,605	762,822	776,232	776,232
	Percent	24.13	24.27	24.41	24.53	24.62	24.81	24.81
Asian American	Number	166,762	169,625	171,199	172,009	171,546	173,845	173,845
	Percent	5.11	5.26	5.37	5.47	5.54	5.56	5.56
Multiracial	Number	107,651	108,759	109,578	110,175	110,516	113,743	113,743
	Percent	3.30	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.57	3.63	3.63
Native American ³	Number	4,620	4,579	4,507	4,472	4,368	4,417	4,417
	Percent	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Pacific Islander ⁴	Number	887	883	882	896	917	942	942
	Percent	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03

¹The 2021 Illinois child population data were used in 2022.

²Black/African American

³Native American/Alaska Native

⁴Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Table C.2 Illinois Child Population by Region (age 0-19): 2016 – 2022

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ¹
Cook								
Black²	Number	322,203	312,724	305,300	298,899	292,167	293,548	293,548
	Percent	25.05	24.66	24.42	24.25	24.08	23.80	23.80
White	Number	396,675	391,885	386,710	381,705	376,515	384,461	384,461
	Percent	30.84	30.91	30.93	30.96	31.04	31.17	31.17
Latinx	Number	449,578	443,506	437,266	430,696	423,024	430,528	430,528
	Percent	34.95	34.98	34.98	34.94	34.87	34.91	34.91
Asian American	Number	81,124	82,760	83,443	83,817	83,461	84,994	84,994
	Percent	6.31	6.53	6.67	6.80	6.88	6.89	6.89
Multiracial	Number	34,977	35,413	35,773	36,035	36,278	38,082	38,082
	Percent	2.72	2.79	2.86	2.92	2.99	3.09	3.09
Native American³	Number	1,495	1,497	1,492	1,475	1,454	1,482	1,482
	Percent	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Pacific Islander⁴	Number	219	195	200	199	186	178	178
	Percent	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Northern								
Black²	Number	88,098	87,678	87,599	87,035	86,435	87,397	87,397
	Percent	7.87	7.92	8.00	8.06	8.13	8.16	8.16
White	Number	640,162	625,999	611,947	597,768	583,102	582,977	582,977
	Percent	57.21	56.56	55.91	55.34	54.84	54.45	54.45
Latinx	Number	283,600	284,556	285,291	284,998	283,594	288,247	288,247
	Percent	25.35	25.71	26.07	26.39	26.67	26.92	26.92
Asian American	Number	67,583	68,671	69,648	70,187	70,347	71,485	71,485
	Percent	6.04	6.20	6.36	6.50	6.62	6.68	6.68
Multiracial	Number	37,740	38,114	38,335	38,429	38,195	38,844	38,844
	Percent	3.37	3.44	3.50	3.56	3.59	3.63	3.63
Native American³	Number	1,479	1,436	1,415	1,412	1,358	1,378	1,378
	Percent	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
Pacific Islander⁴	Number	290	292	294	303	323	326	326
	Percent	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Central								
Black²	Number	57,061	57,375	57,317	56,960	56,556	57,821	57,821
	Percent	10.13	10.27	10.37	10.42	10.49	10.66	10.66
White	Number	425,183	419,390	412,794	406,886	400,060	400,413	400,413
	Percent	75.45	75.08	74.72	74.46	74.18	73.85	73.85
Latinx	Number	40,782	41,081	41,580	41,888	41,981	42,976	42,976
	Percent	7.24	7.35	7.53	7.67	7.78	7.93	7.93

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Table C.2 (continued)

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ¹
Asian American	Number	15,284	15,389	15,327	15,203	14,933	14,598	14,598
	Percent	2.71	2.75	2.77	2.78	2.77	2.69	2.69
Multiracial	Number	23,910	24,038	24,154	24,218	24,473	25,062	25,062
	Percent	4.24	4.30	4.37	4.43	4.54	4.62	4.62
Native American ³	Number	1,088	1,091	1,051	1,044	1,024	1,033	1,033
	Percent	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
Pacific Islander ⁴	Number	239	243	247	252	272	305	305
	Percent	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06
Southern								
Black ²	Number	39,966	39,843	39,732	39,106	38,541	38,321	38,321
	Percent	13.64	13.67	13.75	13.69	13.65	13.53	13.53
White	Number	225,473	223,355	220,726	217,627	214,496	215,176	215,176
	Percent	76.93	76.65	76.39	76.16	75.98	75.99	75.99
Latinx	Number	13,147	13,501	13,709	14,023	14,223	14,481	14,481
	Percent	4.49	4.63	4.74	4.91	5.04	5.11	5.11
Asian American	Number	2,771	2,805	2,781	2,802	2,805	2,768	2,768
	Percent	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.98	0.99	0.98	0.98
Multiracial	Number	11,024	11,194	11,316	11,493	11,570	11,755	11,755
	Percent	3.76	3.84	3.92	4.02	4.10	4.15	4.15
Native American ³	Number	558	555	549	541	532	524	524
	Percent	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
Pacific Islander ⁴	Number	139	153	141	142	136	133	133
	Percent	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

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