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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 disproportionality 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 eight child welfare outcomes:

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. exits from foster care to permanence

[1] Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). *Racial disproportionality and disparity in child welfare*. 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 measured by a Racial Disproportionality Index (RDI), in which the percentage of children in a racial or ethnic group within a child welfare indicator is divided by that group's percentage in the 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 the absolute RDI for each indicator. This report includes absolute RDI for five indicators: investigations, protective custodies, indicated investigations, intact family services, and substitute care entries.

A second measure of disproportionality is the "relative RDI," which is calculated by dividing a racial or ethnic group's percentage within a child welfare indicator by that group's percentage in a relevant child welfare population. For example, the denominator for calculating the relative RDI for children in protective custodies is the percentage of children in the racial/ethnic group who were investigated. Please see Appendix A for the definitions of the RDI for each indicator in this report; Appendix C for the RDI data for the state and each DCFS administrative region (Cook, Northern, Central, and Southern) for 2018-2024; and Appendix D for the number and percentage of children in each racial and ethnic group in the Illinois child population and in the child welfare system (2018-2024).

Appendix A also provides information on the definition of the race and ethnicity variables used in this report. RDI are reported for three mutually exclusive racial and ethnic groups: White (non-Latinx), Black (non-Latinx), and Latinx (any race). For children of Latinx origin, race/ethnicity is defined as Latinx regardless of race, and the other race categories do not include children of Latinx origin. RDI for the other racial groups (Asian American, Multiracial, Native American, and Pacific Islander) are not reported in this report because the numbers of children from these groups in the child welfare system in Illinois are fairly small, which can lead to problems when calculating RDI. However, Appendix D provides the numbers and percentages of children from these smaller racial and ethnic groups for the Illinois child population and for each sub-population involved in the child welfare system. If the number of children in a racial/ethnic group for any indicator was 20 or fewer, the RDI and the percentages used to compute the RDI were not included in the figures and corresponding appendix tables because percentages based on small numbers are unreliable.

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 RDI 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 child population. However, they do not provide information about whether disproportionality increases or decreases once children become involved with 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 relevant child welfare population (e.g., children in investigations or children in substitute care). 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 RDI, we can look at the absolute and relative RDI for Black children entering substitute care. The absolute RDI is calculated by dividing the percentage of Black children entering substitute care (33.6% in 2024) by the percentage of Black children in the Illinois child population (15.2% in 2024), which results in an absolute RDI of 2.2. This means that Black children entered substitute care at more than two times their representation in the child population; they were over-represented among substitute care entries in 2024. The relative RDI for this indicator is calculated by dividing the percentage of Black children entering substitute care (33.6% in 2024) by the percentage of Black children in investigations (31.9% in 2024) to find a relative RDI of 1.1. This means that the amount of disproportionality in substitute care entries increased for Black children in 2024 compared to the amount of disproportionality present in investigations.

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

This report includes figures to show the differences in RDI among 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 RDI greater than 1.2 to show over-representation and absolute RDI less than 0.8 to show under-representation.

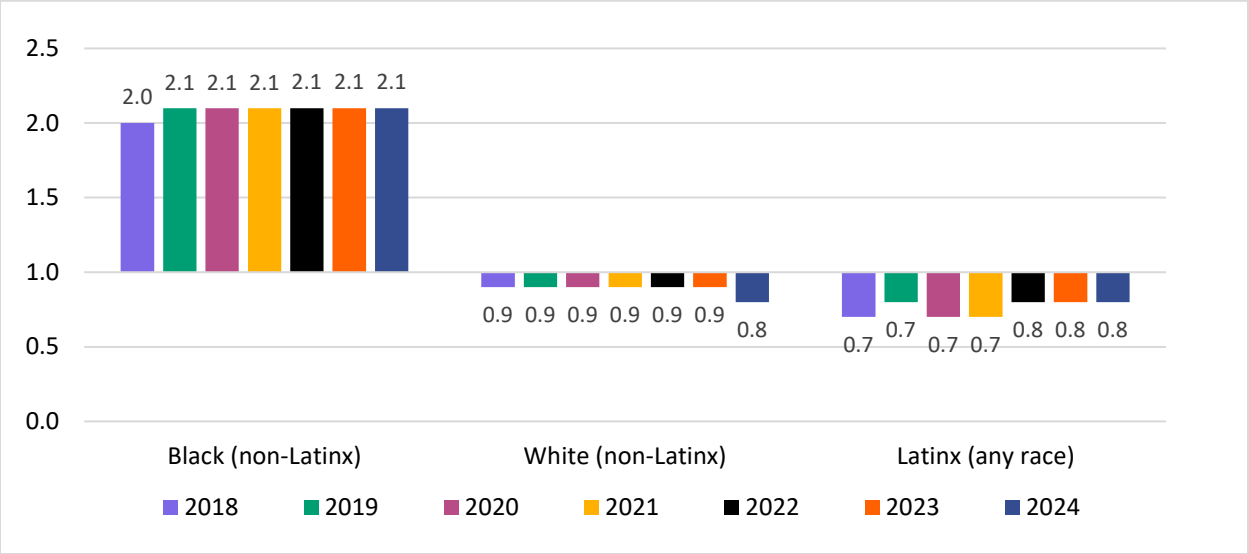
Racial and Ethnic Disproportionality at a Glance (FY2024)						
	Black		**White**		**Latinx**	
	Absolute RDI	*Relative RDI*	*Absolute RDI*	*Relative RDI*	*Absolute RDI*	*Relative RDI*
Investigations	2.1	-	0.8	-	0.8	-
Protective Custodies	2.3	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.6
Indicated Investigations	2.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.0
Intact Family Services	2.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.1
Substitute Care Entries	2.2	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.5
Placement Instability		1.3		0.8		1.1
Length of Stay ≥ 48 Months		1.2		0.9		1.0
Permanence		0.9		1.1		1.0

Investigation Indicators

Investigations

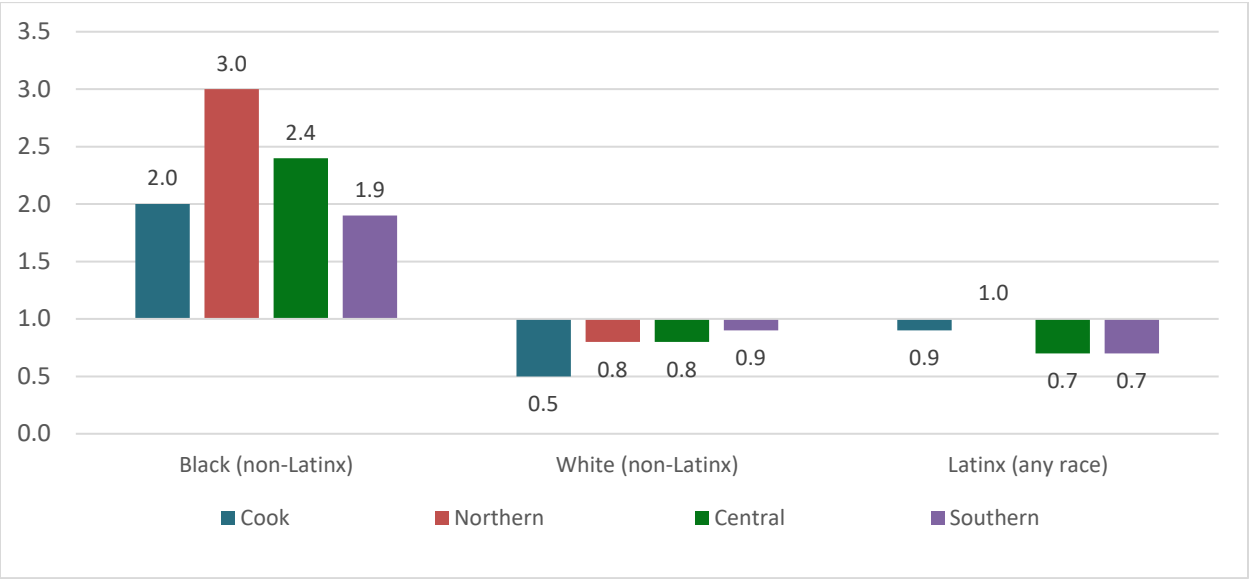
The first indicator examined is investigations. DCFS staff at the State Central Register (SCR) screen each call that is received from a maltreatment reporter to determine if the circumstances meet the criteria for an investigation. If the criteria are met, the information is sent to the local DCFS field office and it becomes an investigation. Figure 1 shows the absolute RDI for children in investigations in Illinois from 2018–2024 (see Appendix B, Indicator A.1). For each of the past seven years, Black children were over-represented among children in investigations compared to their representation in the Illinois population (RDI = 2.0–2.1), White children were proportionally represented (RDI = 0.8–0.9), and Latinx children were under-represented (RDI = 0.7) or proportionately represented (RDI = 0.8).

Figure 1. Absolute RDI for Investigations—State (2018–2024)



When the absolute RDI for investigations in 2024 are examined by region, some regional differences stand out (see Figure 2). Black children were over-represented among investigations in all regions, but the absolute RDI in the Northern region (3.0) was greater than in any other region. White children were under-represented in the Cook region (RDI = 0.5) but were proportionally represented in all other regions. Latinx children were proportionally represented in the Cook and Northern regions and under-represented in the Central and Southern regions. The RDI for investigations have been consistent over the last seven years in most regions, although there has been a small increase in the RDI for Black children in the Southern region, from 1.7 in 2021 to 1.9 in 2024 (see Appendix B, Indicator A.2).

Figure 2. Absolute RDI for Investigations—Regional (2024)



Protective Custodies

During an investigation a child protective services worker can take temporary protective custody of a child if they believe there is an immediate and urgent threat to the child's safety. If the child is believed to be unsafe, they can be taken into care for up to 48 hours (excluding weekends) until a shelter hearing is convened.[2] Figure 3 shows the absolute RDI for protective custodies in Illinois from 2018–2024 (see Appendix B, Indicator B.1). In 2024, Black children were over-represented at 2.3 times their percentage in the Illinois child population. The absolute RDI for Black children taken into protective custody decreased from 2.6 in 2018 to 2.0 in 2021 but has increased over the past four years to 2.3 in 2024. White children were proportionately represented and Latinx children were under-represented among protective custodies compared to their representation in the Illinois population over the past seven years.

Figure 3. Absolute RDI for Protective Custodies—State (2018–2024)

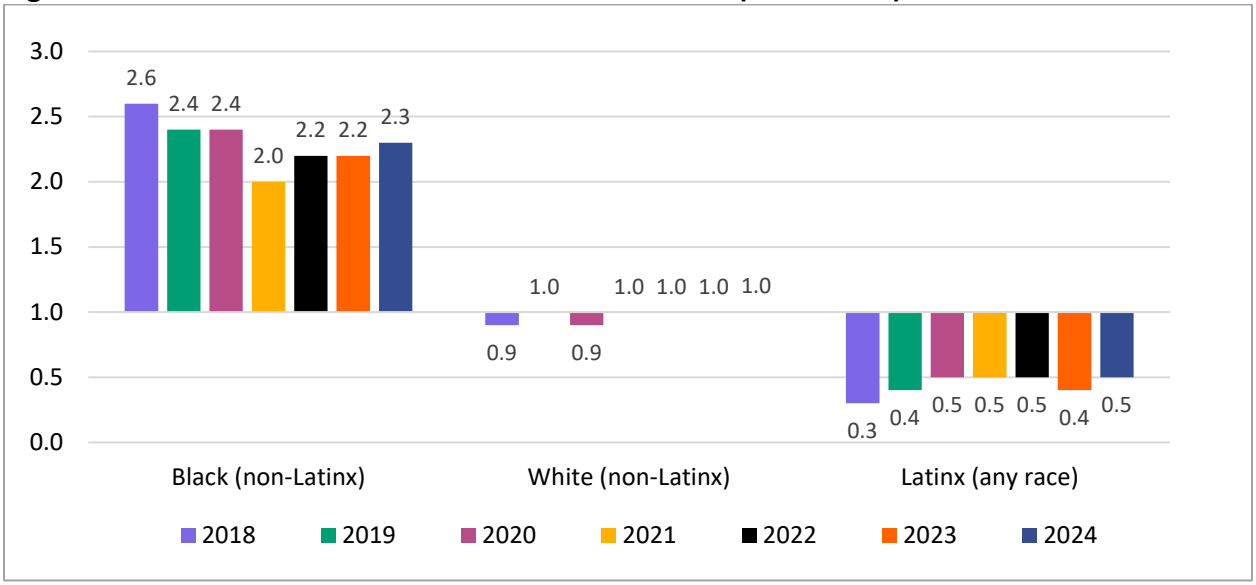
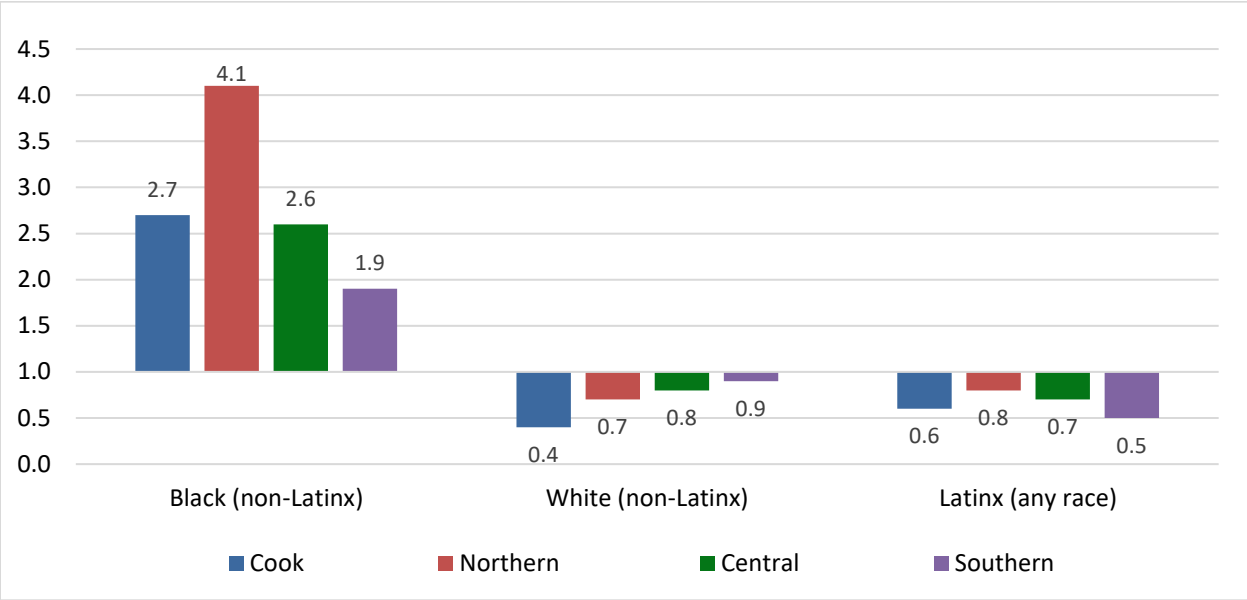


Figure 4 shows the absolute RDI for children in protective custodies in 2024 by region (see Appendix B, Indicator B.2). There are large regional differences for Black children; the amount of over-representation in the Northern region (RDI = 4.1) was much larger than that in other regions (Cook = 2.7, Central = 2.6, Southern = 1.9). The RDI for Black children in the Northern region decreased from 5.1 in 2019 to 3.5 in 2021 but has since increased to 4.1 in 2024. 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 (RDI = 0.8) and Southern (RDI = 0.9) regions. Latinx children were under-represented in the Cook, Central, and Southern regions and proportionately represented in the Northern region.

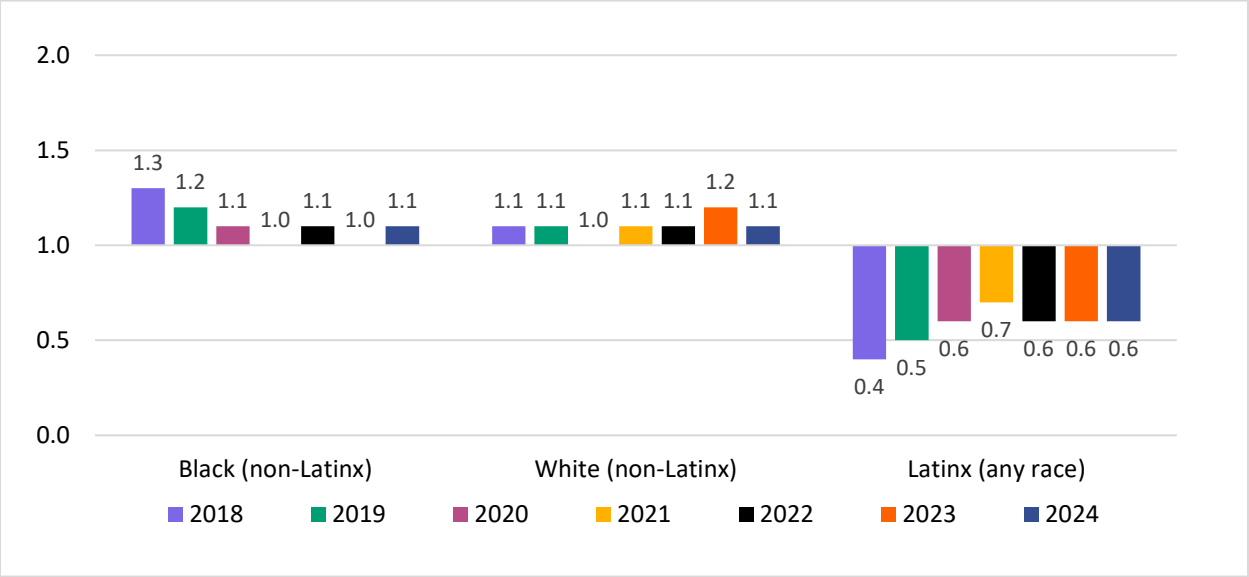
[2] Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2015, October). *Procedures 300 Section 120 Taking children into protective custody*. https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/policy-rules-and-forms/documents/procedures/procedures-300.pdf

Figure 4. Absolute RDI for Protective Custodies—Regional (2024)



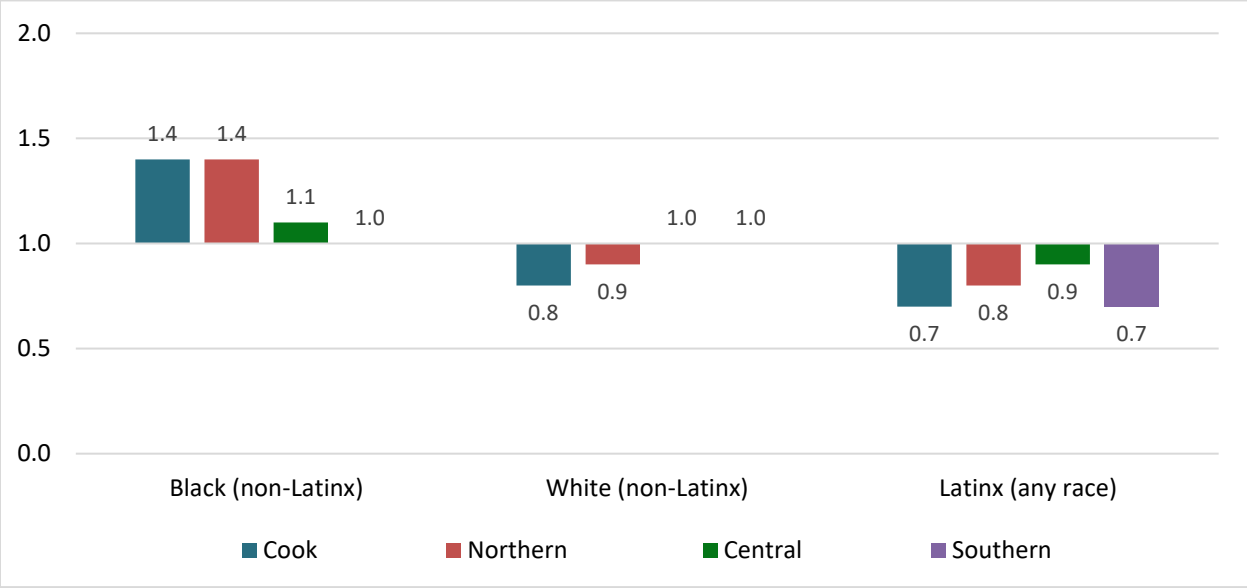
The relative RDI for protective custodies are calculated by dividing the percentage of children in each racial and ethnic group taken into protective custody by their percentage in investigations. Figure 5 shows the relative RDI for protective custodies from 2018–2024 at the state level (see Appendix B, Indicator B.3). In most years (including 2024), the relative RDI for Black children were greater than 1.0, which means that the amount of over-representation in protective custodies increased when compared to investigated reports. The relative RDI greater than 1.0 for White children mean that their under-representation decreased for protective custodies compared to investigated reports. The relative RDI less than 1.0 for Latinx children mean that their under-representation in protective custodies increased when compared to their under-representation in investigations.

Figure 5. Relative RDI for Protective Custodies—State (2018–2024)



Regional relative RDI for children in protective custodies in 2024 are shown in Figure 6 and the RDI for the last seven years are in Appendix B, Indicator B.4. The over-representation of Black children in protective custodies increased compared to that in investigations in the Cook (relative RDI = 1.4), Northern (relative RDI = 1.4), and Central (relative RDI = 1.1) regions. The relative RDI in the Southern region (relative RDI = 1.0) indicate that disproportionality did not increase or decrease for Black children in protective custodies compared to investigations. The RDI less than 1.0 for Latinx children in all four regions mean that the amount of under-representation increased for this group compared to the amount of under-representation in investigations. The RDI for White children in the Cook region (relative RDI = 0.8) and the Northern region (relative RDI = 0.9) mean that the amount of under-representation increased compared to their under-representation in investigations.

Figure 6. Relative RDI for Protective Custodies—Regional (2024)



Indicated Investigations

During an investigation, 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 300[3] 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 2018–2024. The RDI for Black children in 2024 was 2.1, which means that Black children were represented among indicated investigations at over twice the rate that they were represented in the Illinois child population. White and Latinx children were proportionately represented in indicated investigations compared to their percentage in the Illinois child population in 2024. The RDI for all three racial and ethnic groups were consistent over the past seven years (see Appendix B, Indicator C.1).

[3] Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2022, September). *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

Figure 7. Absolute RDI for Indicated Investigations—State (2018–2024)

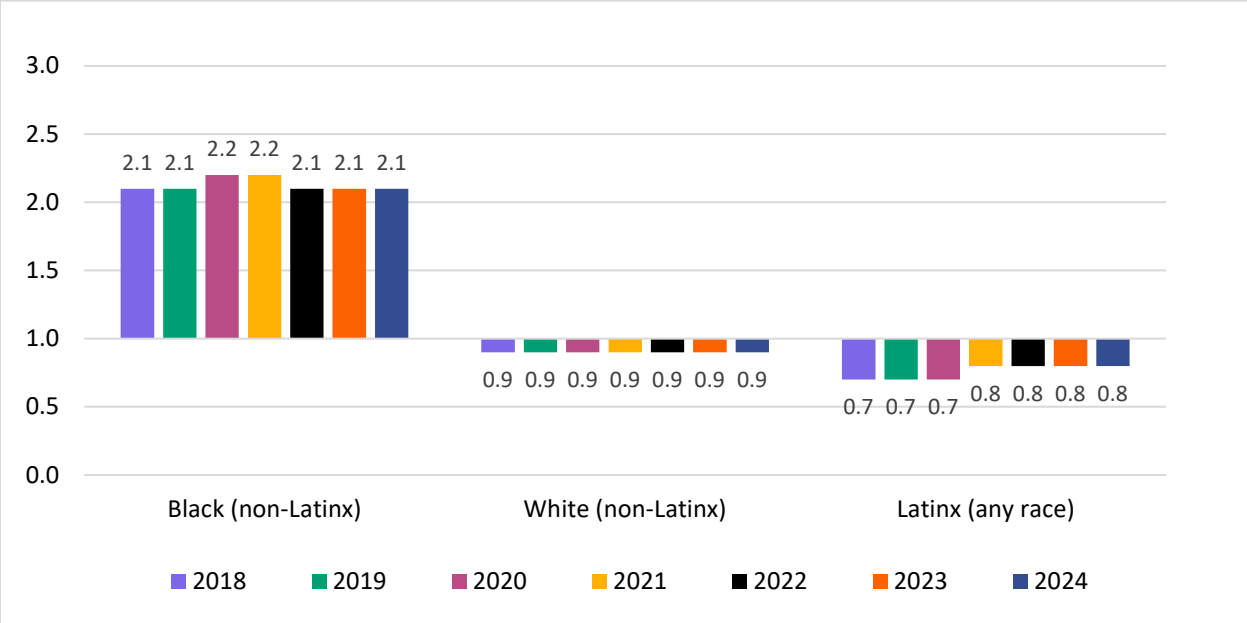
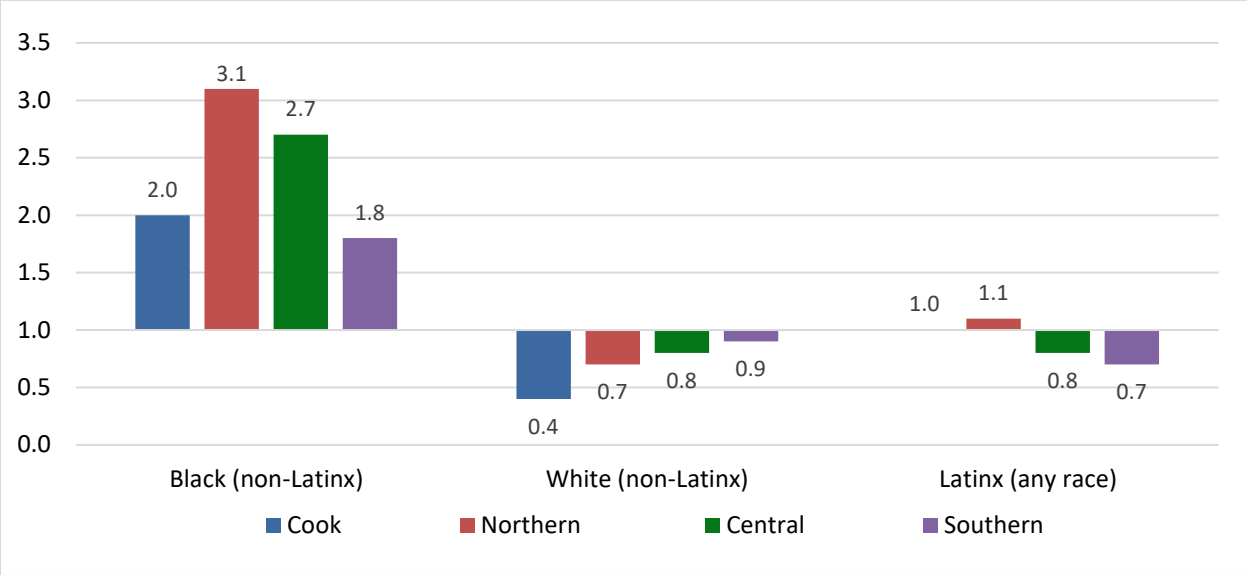


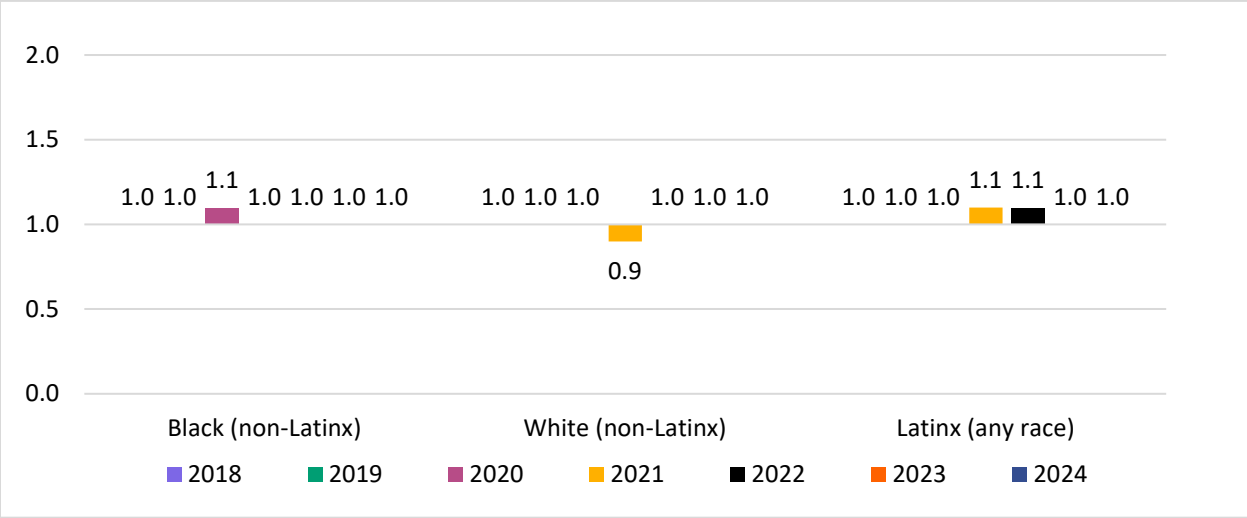
Figure 8 shows the absolute RDI for children in indicated investigations by region in 2024 (see Appendix B, Indicator C.2). Black children were over-represented in all regions, with the largest disproportionality in the Northern region (RDI = 3.1) followed closely by the Central region (RDI = 2.7). White 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 = 0.7) and proportionately represented in the other regions. These regional RDI have been mostly consistent over the past seven years.

Figure 8. Absolute RDI for Indicated Investigations—Regional (2024)



The relative RDI 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. Figure 9 shows the relative RDI for children with indicated reports in 2018–2024. In 2024, the relative RDI was 1.0 for each of the three racial and ethnic groups, which means that the amount of over-representation of Black children and the under-representation of White and Latinx children did not change compared to investigations. These relative RDI have been stable over the past seven years (see Appendix B, Indicator C.3).

Figure 9. Relative RDI for Indicated Investigations—State (2018–2024)



The regional relative RDI for this indicator for the past seven years can be found in Appendix B, Indicator C.4. The regional values for some racial groups show some slight variations, but for the most part are similar to the relative RDI 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.[4] Figure 10 shows the absolute RDI for children receiving intact family services in 2018-2024 (see Appendix B, Indicator D.1). Black children were over-represented, White children were proportionately represented, and Latinx children were either under-represented or proportionally represented compared to their percentages of the Illinois child population. The RDI values for Black children have slightly decreased over the past seven years.

[4] Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2014, July). *Procedures 302, subpart C.* 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 (2018–2024)

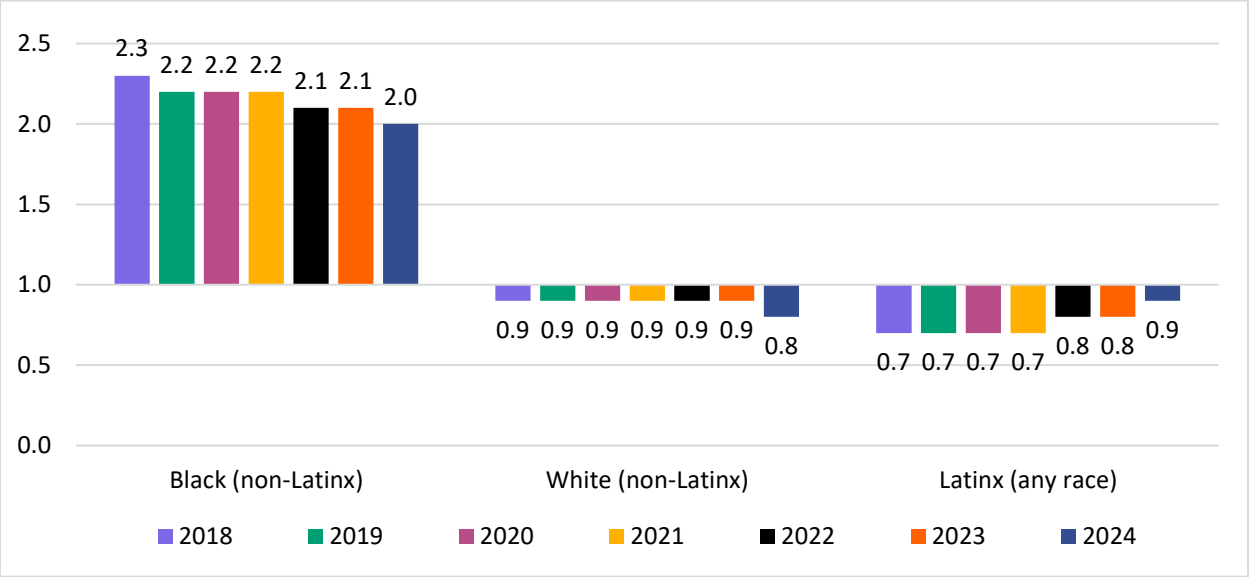
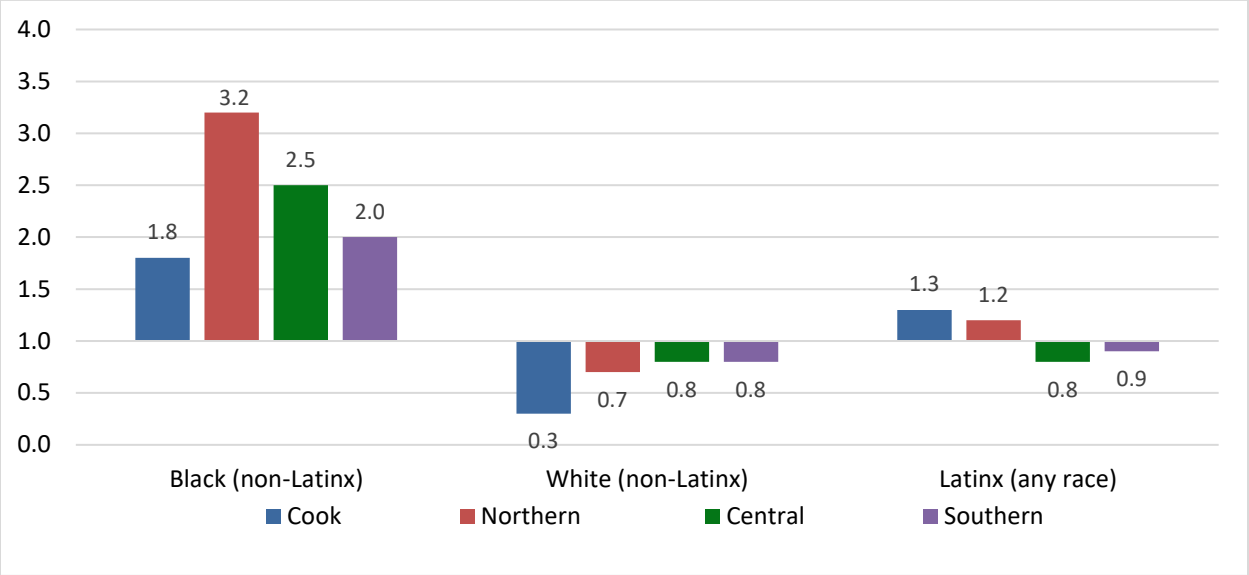


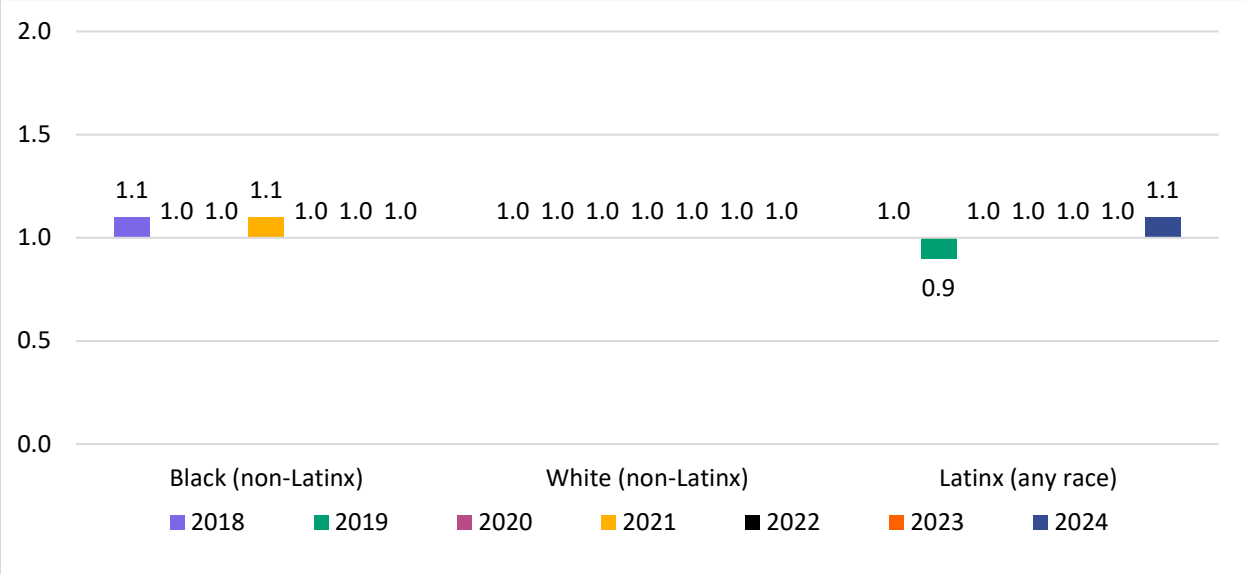
Figure 11 shows the absolute RDI for intact family services at the regional level in 2024. Black children were over-represented in all regions. The largest over-representation was in the Northern region (RDI = 3.2) and the lowest in the Cook (RDI = 1.8) and Central (RDI = 2.0) regions. White children were under-represented in the Cook and Northern regions and were proportionally represented in the Central and Southern regions. Latinx children were over-represented in the Cook region, and proportionally represented in the other regions (see Appendix B, Indicator D.2).

Figure 11. Absolute RDI for Intact Family Services—Regional (2024)



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 in investigations. Figure 12 shows the relative RDI for children in intact family services in 2018–2024 (see Appendix B, Indicator D.3). The relative RDI of 1.0 in 2024 for Black children means that their level of over-representation among children receiving intact family services was equal to their level of over-representation among children who were investigated. The RDI of 1.1 for Latinx children in 2024 means that the amount of under-representation decreased for Latinx children receiving intact family services compared to those who were investigated.

Figure 12. Relative RDI for Intact Family Services—State (2018-2024)



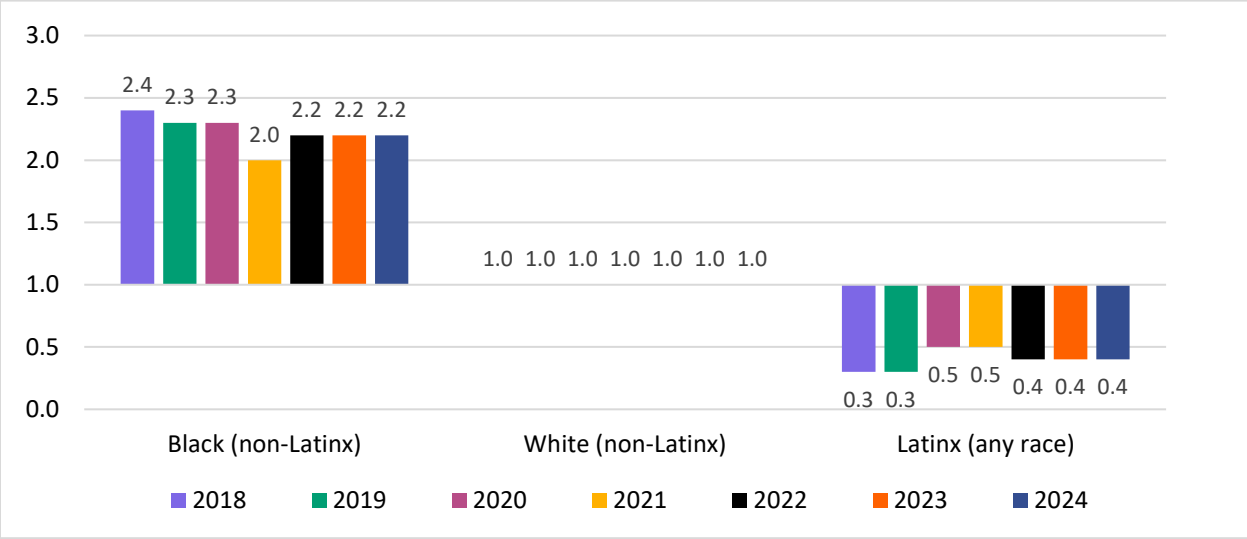
The regional relative RDI for this indicator for the past seven years can be found in Appendix B, Indicator D.4.

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,"[5] the child may be removed from their home and placed into substitute care. The absolute RDI for substitute care entries in 2018–2024 are shown in Figure 13 (see Appendix B, Indicator E.1). In 2024, Black children entered substitute care at a rate over two times higher than their percentage in the Illinois child population. When examined over time, the RDI for Black children decreased from 2.4 in 2018 to 2.0 in 2021. It increased to 2.2 in 2022 and has remained at that level for three years. White children were proportionately represented (RDI = 1.0) in 2024 and in the preceding six years. Latinx children were under-represented compared to their percentage in the Illinois child population in 2024 and the previous six years.

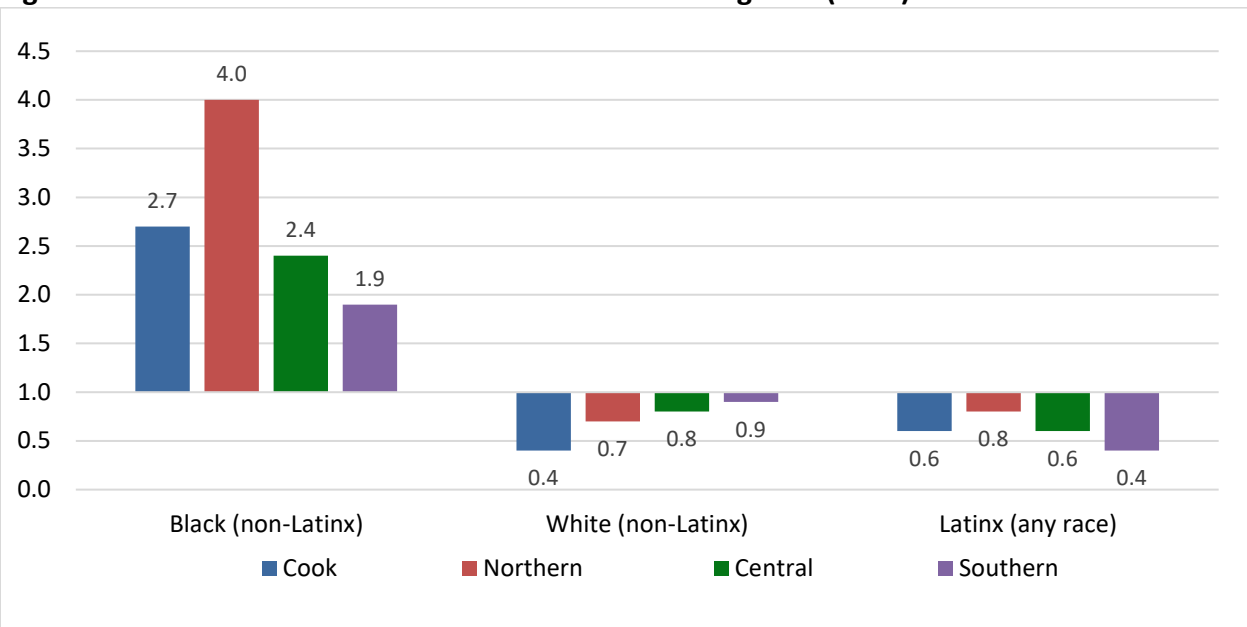
[5] Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (2022, September). *Procedures 300 Section 130 Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect.* https://dcfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dcfs/documents/about-us/policy-rules-and-forms/documents/procedures/procedures-300.pdf

Figure 13. Absolute RDI for Substitute Care Entries—State (2018–2024)



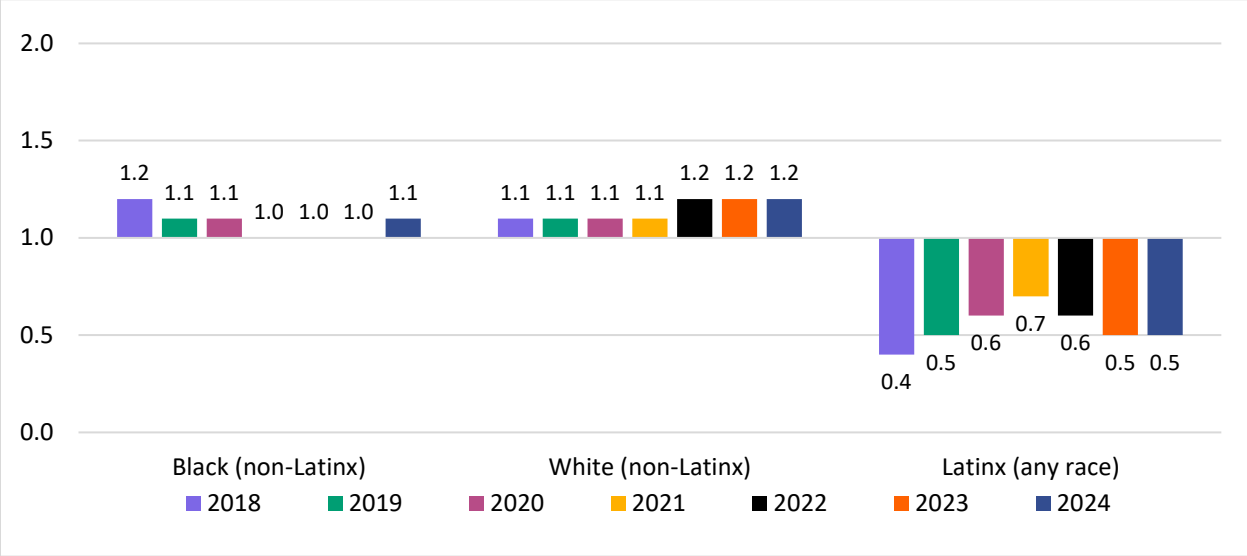
When the absolute RDI for substitute care entries are examined by region, there are large differences for Black children (see Figure 14). In 2024, the Northern region had the highest RDI (4.0), followed by the Cook (RDI = 2.7), Central (RDI = 2.4), and Southern (RDI = 1.9) regions. When examined over time, the RDI for Black children entering substitute care in the Northern region decreased from 4.9 in 2019 to 3.3 in 2021, but have since increased in each of the past three years to 4.0 in 2024 (see Appendix B, Indicator E.2). White children and Latinx children were under-represented or proportionately represented in all four regions in 2024.

Figure 14. Absolute RDI for Substitute Care Entries—Regional (2024)



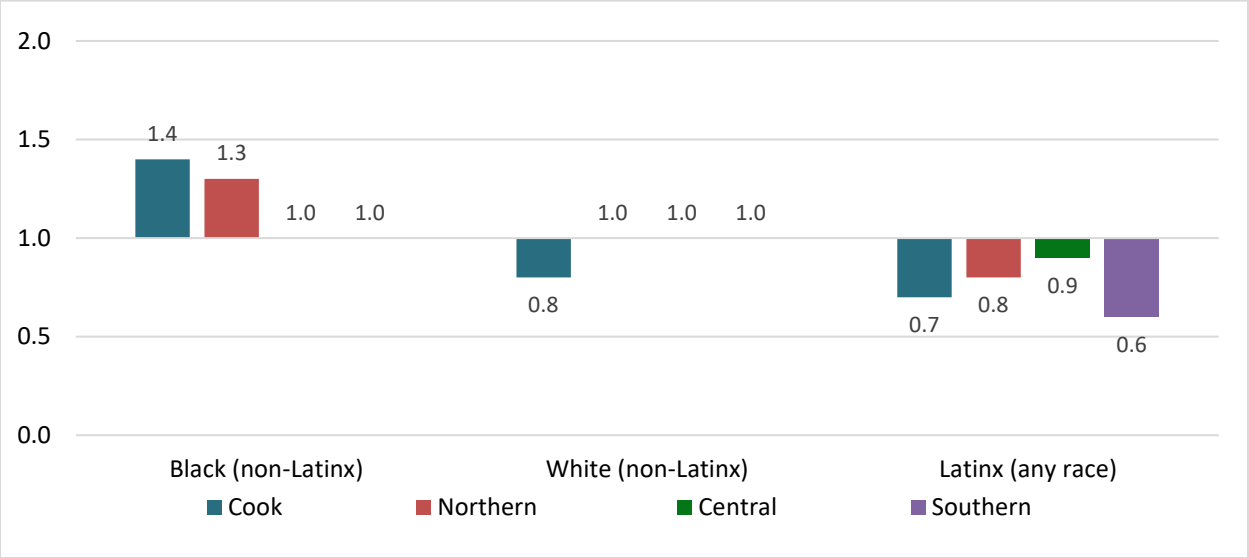
The relative RDI for substitute care entries were calculated by comparing the percentage of children in each racial and ethnic group entering substitute care to their percentage in investigations. The relative RDI for 2018–2024 are shown in Figure 15 (see Appendix B, Indicator E.3). The relative RDI of 1.1 for Black children in 2024 means that the level of over-representation among children entering substitute care increased compared to their over-representation in investigated reports. The relative RDI of 1.2 for White children in 2024 indicates that they went from under-represented in investigations to proportionately represented in substitute care entries, i.e., their under-representation decreased. The relative RDI less than 1.0 for Latinx children mean that their under-representation increased at this indicator compared to investigations.

Figure 15. Relative RDI for Substitute Care Entries—State (2018-2024)



Regional relative RDI for children who entered substitute care in 2024 are shown in Figure 16 (see Appendix B, Indicator E.4). In the Cook and Northern regions, relative RDI of 1.4 and 1.3 indicate that the over-representation of Black children increased among children entering substitute care compared to that in investigations. The relative RDI of 1.0 in the Central and Southern regions indicate that disproportionality did not increase or decrease for Black children entering substitute care compared to investigations. The relative RDI for Latinx children indicate that the amount of under-representation increased for substitute care entries compared to the level of under-representation in investigations.

Figure 16. Relative RDI for Substitute Care Entries—Regional (2024)



Substitute Care Indicators

We examine the racial/ethnic proportionality of three outcomes for children in substitute care, including placement instability, length of time in care, and the achievement of family permanence through reunification, adoption, or 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 the percentage of children in the racial/ethnic group who entered or were in substitute care during that year.

Placement Instability

To examine the disproportionality in placement instability in substitute care, we compared the percentage of children from each racial/ethnic group with three or more placements in their first year of care to the percentage of children who entered substitute care during the year and stayed at least one year (see Figure 17 and Appendix B, Indicator F.1). In 2023, 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 (relative RDI = 1.3). This over-representation of Black children among children experiencing placement instability was observed across all seven years. Conversely, White children were 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. The amount of disproportionality in placement instability among Latinx children fluctuated across the seven years.

Figure 17. Relative RDI for Placement Instability—State (2017–2023)

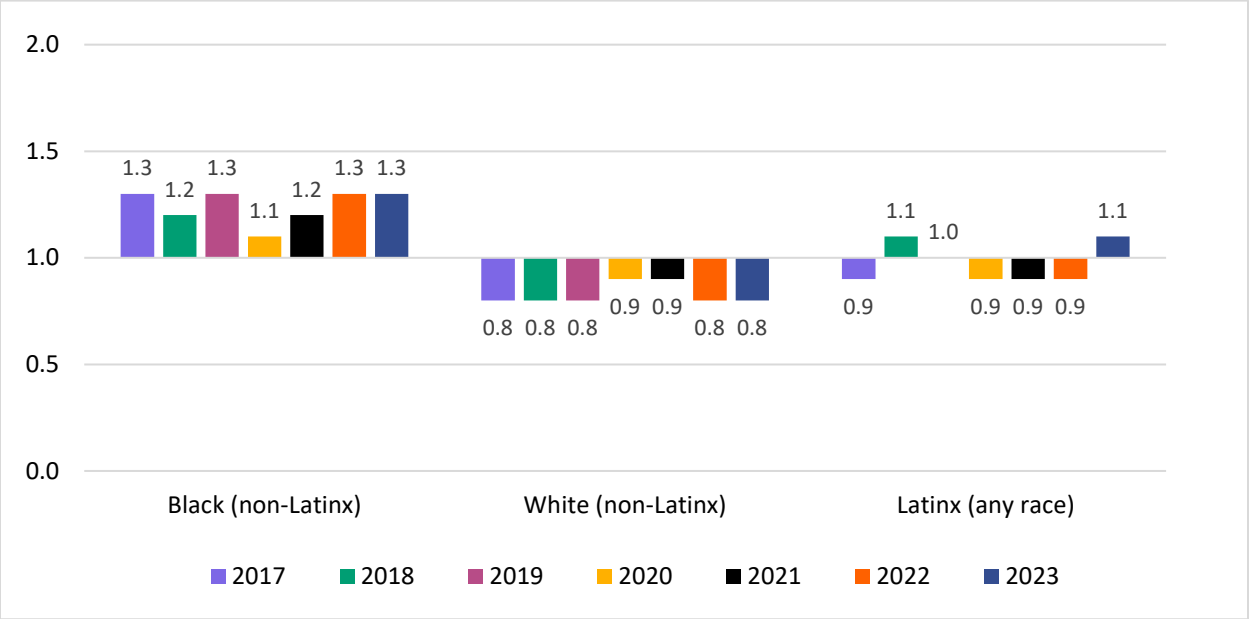
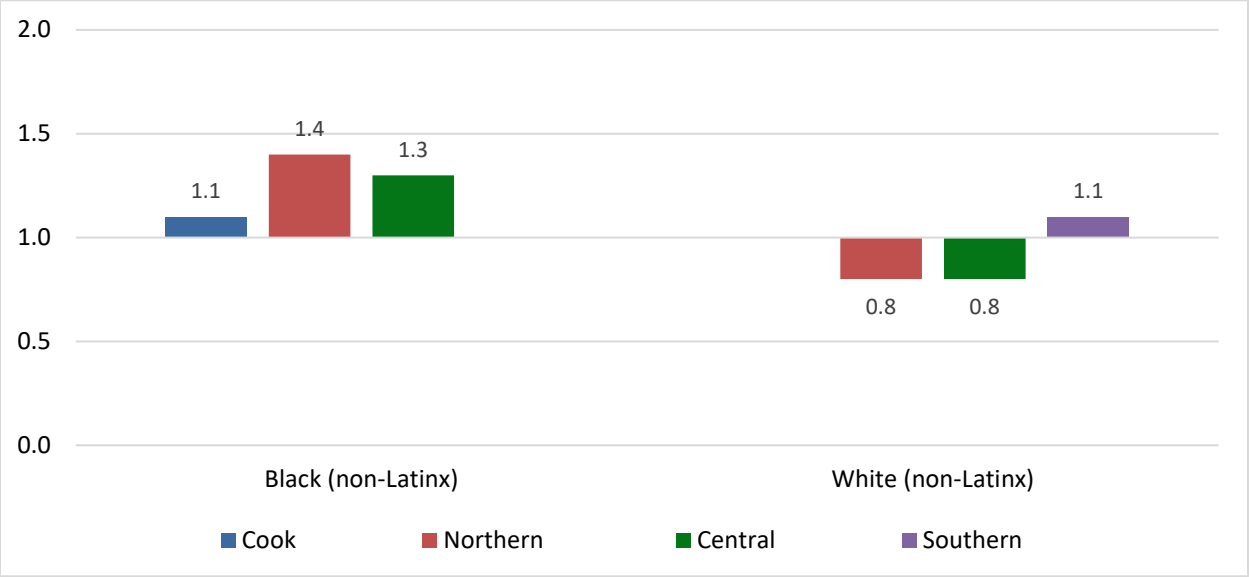


Figure 18 shows the regional relative RDI for placement instability in substitute care. The amount of over-representation for placement instability among Black children was greatest in the Northern region (see Appendix B, Indicator F.2).

Figure 18. Relative RDI for Placement Instability—Regional (2023)



Note. If the number of children in a racial/ethnic group was 20 or fewer, the RDI are not shown.

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 compares the percentage of each racial/ethnic group in substitute care for 48 months or more to the percentage in substitute care during the year (see Figure 19 and Appendix B, Indicator G.1). The results indicate that Black children were over-represented among children who remained in care 48 months or more before exiting compared to their percentage in substitute care across all seven years (relative RDI = 1.2–1.3). White children were under-represented relative to their representation among children in substitute care (relative RDI = 0.7–0.9). The relative RDI for Latinx children were variable over the past seven years.

Figure 19. Relative RDI for Children in Care for 48 Months or More Before Exiting—State (2018–2024)

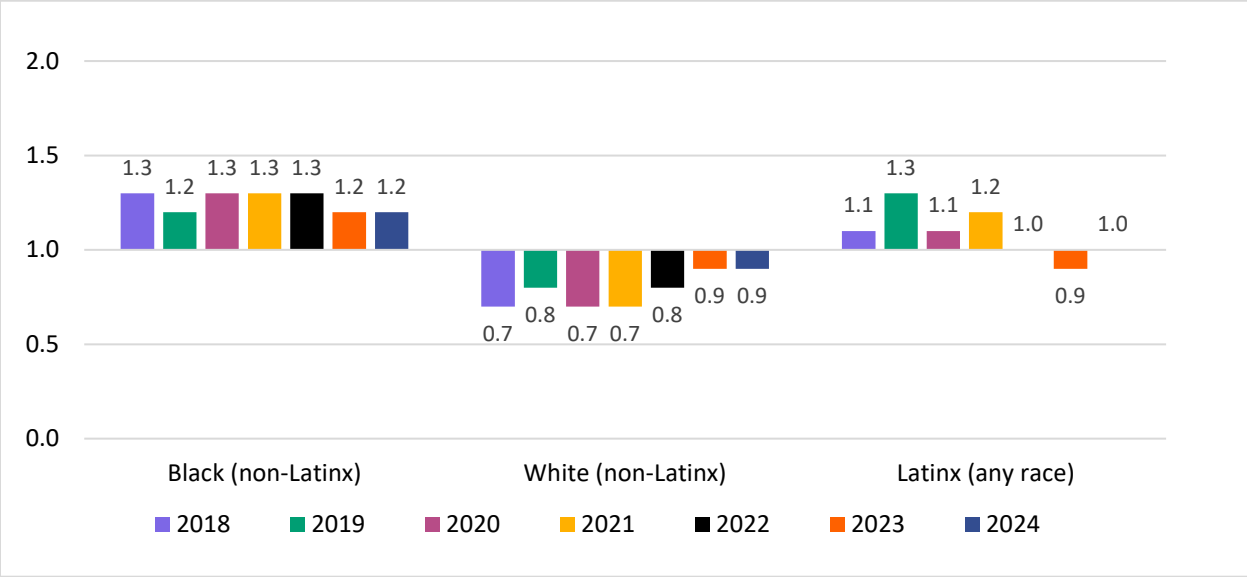
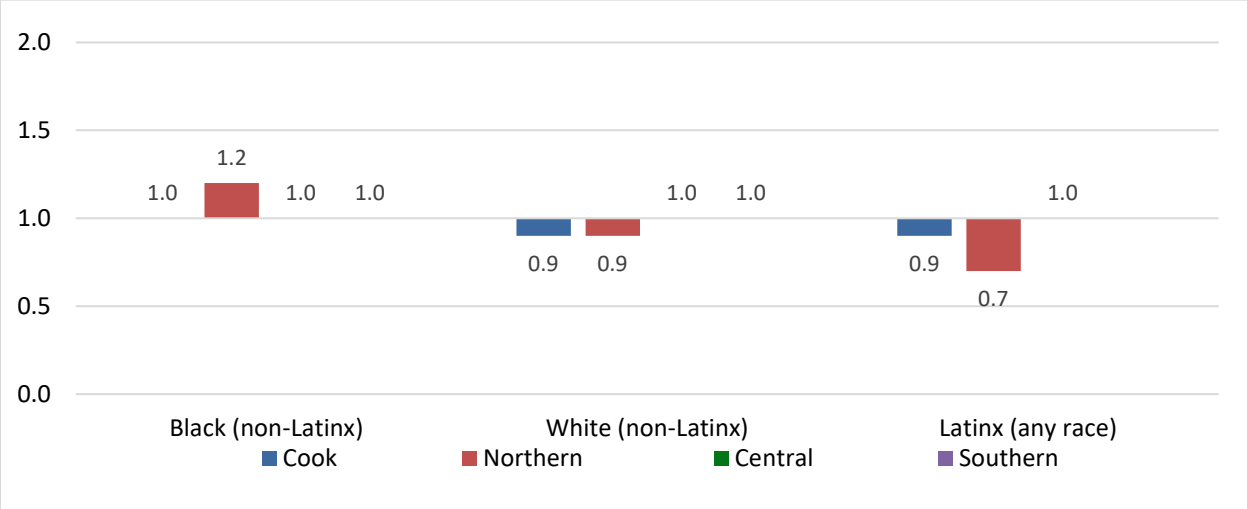


Figure 20 shows that in 2024, the regional relative RDI for children in care for at least 48 months showed some variation by region (see Appendix B, Indicator G.2).

Figure 20. Relative RDI for Children in Care for 48 Months or More Before Exiting—Regional (2024)



Note. If the number of children in a racial/ethnic group was 20 or fewer, the RDI are not shown.

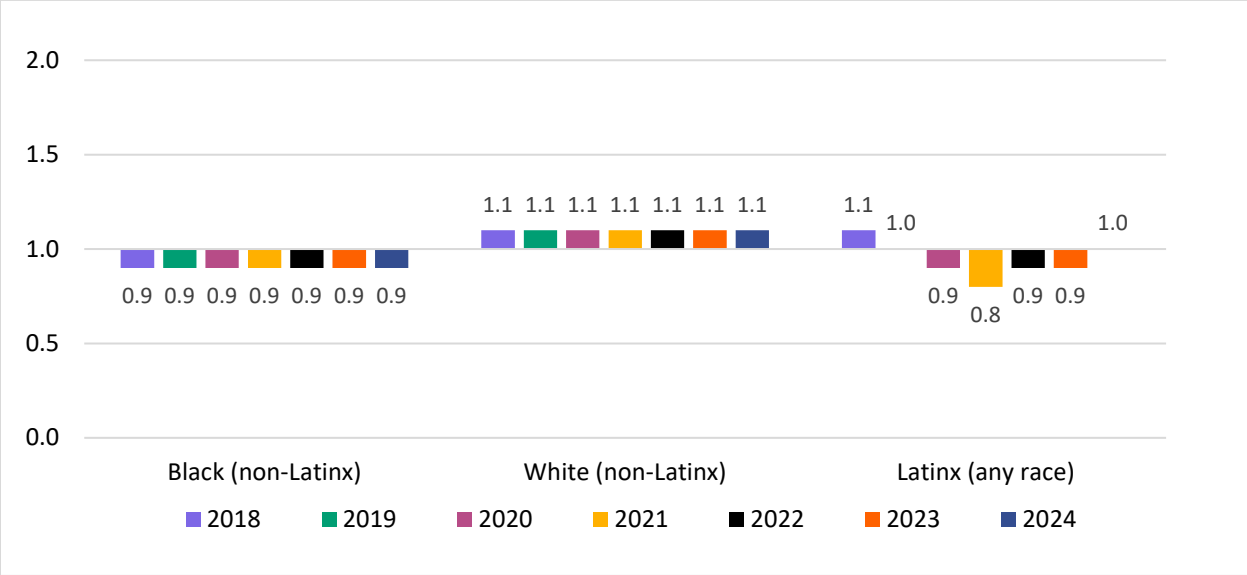
Children Achieving Permanence

All children deserve permanent homes. Although abuse and neglect sometimes make it necessary to place children temporarily in substitute care, federal and state child welfare policies mandate that permanency planning should begin at the time of placement and that children should be placed in safe, nurturing, permanent homes within a reasonable timeframe. In Illinois, there are three processes through which children can exit substitute care to 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 can 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 which allows caregivers, usually kin, but also fictive kin, to assume legal custody and permanent care of children. Guardianship does not require the termination of the parental rights of the biological parent, who is often a close relative of the guardian. Legal guardians typically, but not always, receive financial support from the state.

Figure 21 contains the state-level data for children who achieved permanence in 2018–2024 (see Appendix B, Indicator H.1). This indicator compares the percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who achieved permanence through reunification, adoption or guardianship with their percentage among children in substitute care during the same year. Across the seven year period, Black children were under-represented among those who achieved permanence

compared to their representation among children in care and White children were over-represented among those who achieved permanence. The relative RDI for Latinx children varied over the seven years. Data on the regional relative RDI for permanence are provided in Appendix B, Indicator H.2.

Figure 21. Relative RDI for Permanence—State (2018–2024)



Discussion and Conclusions: Racial and Ethnic Disproportionality

Absolute RDI compare the percentage of children in a racial/ethnic group within a child welfare indicator to their percentage in the Illinois child population. In FY2024, Black children were over-represented at every investigation indicator including investigations, protective custodies, indicated investigations, intact family services, and substitute care entries. For each of these investigation indicators, the absolute RDI for Black children were 2.0 or more, which means that the percentages of Black children involved in each part of an investigation were two or more times their percentage in the Illinois child population. Also worrisome is that at the state level, the absolute RDI for Black children have been increasing for two of the investigation indicators. The RDI for Black children in protective custodies has increased from 2.0 in 2021 to 2.3 in 2024, while the RDI for Black children in substitute care entries has increased from 2.0 in 2021 to 2.2 in 2024. One piece of relatively good news is that the RDI for Black children in intact family services has decreased from 2.2 in 2021 to 2.0 in 2024.

Examination of the investigation indicators by region reveals that the over-representation of Black children is highest in the Northern region and lowest in the Southern region. The increases in the RDI at the state level among Black children in protective custodies and substitute care entries were also clearly seen in the Northern region: the RDI for PCs increased from 3.5 in 2021 to 4.1 in 2024 and the RDI for substitute care entries increased from 3.3 to 4.0 during that same time period.

Relative RDI for investigations compare the percentage of children in a racial/ethnic group in protective custodies, indicated investigations, intact family services, and substitute care entries to their percentage in investigations; the results tell us if disproportionality increases or decreases at each point compared to that in investigations. In 2024, the relative RDI for Black children in protective custodies and substitute care entries were 1.1, which means that the amount of over-representation at these indicators was higher than the amount of over-representation of Black children in investigations. The relative RDI for Black children in indicated investigations and intact family services 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 there is no disproportionality for Black children at these investigation decisions; 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 relative RDI at the regional level reveals that in 2024, the over-representation of Black children increased at three investigation indicators in the Northern region: protective custodies relative RDI = 1.4), substitute care entries (relative RDI = 1.3), and intact family services (relative RDI = 1.1). The over-representation of Black children in protective custodies also increased in the Cook region (relative RDI = 1.4) and Central region (relative RDI = 1.1), and over-representation increased for Black children entering substitute care in the Cook region (relative RDI = 1.4).

Examination of the relative RDI for the substitute care 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. The relative RDI for placement instability among Black children at the state level was 1.3, which means that the percentage of Black children who experienced placement instability was 30% higher than the percentage of Black children who entered substitute care and stayed at least one year. Examination of this indicator at the regional level reveals that placement instability among Black children was highest in the Northern and Central regions (relative RDI = 1.4 and 1.3, respectively).

The second substitute care indicator where Black children were over-represented was length of stay. 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 FY2024 (RDI = 1.2). Conversely, Black children were slightly under-represented among exits from substitute care to permanence when compared to their representation among children in substitute care during 2024 (RDI = 0.9).

The results in this report reveal that White children were proportionately represented for all the investigation indicators. For the substitute care indicators, White children were under-represented among children who experienced placement instability and substitute care stays of

48 months or longer. They were over-represented among children who achieved permanence as compared to their percentage in substitute care.

Latinx families are historically under-represented in child welfare systems despite having similar socioeconomic issues as Black families;[6] the findings in this report regarding Latinx children in the Illinois child welfare system are similar. Latinx children were under-represented in all the investigation indicators but were slightly over-represented among children in care who experienced placement instability. They were proportionately represented among children with substitute care stays 48 months or more and children who achieved permanence, when compared to their percentage in substitute care.

[6] Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2021). *Child welfare practice to address racial disproportionality and disparity.* https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/issue-briefs/racial-disproportionality/





Appendix A

Indicator and Variable Definitions

The first section of this appendix provides definitions for each of the indicators in the report. All indicators were calculated based on the state fiscal year, which spans the 12-month period from July 1 to June 30. All indicators excluded youth 18 years and older. The second section of this appendix provides the operational definition of race/ethnicity.

General Notes:

- If an allegation finding was amended, the amended allegation finding was used.
- Each child was counted only once per fiscal year. This applied to counts of maltreatment reports, substantiated maltreatment reports, and intact family services received.

Indicator A: Children in Investigations
Numerator: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who had at least one maltreatment report during the fiscal year.
Denominator for Absolute RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in the Illinois child population (0-19).

Indicator B: Children in Protective Custodies
Numerator: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who had at least one maltreatment report during the fiscal year and were taken into protective custody.
Denominator for Absolute RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in the Illinois child population (0-19).
Denominator for Relative RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group with at least one maltreatment report during the fiscal year.

Indicator C: Children in Indicated Investigations
Numerator: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who had at least one indicated maltreatment report during the fiscal year.
Denominator for Absolute RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in the Illinois child population (0-19).
Denominator for Relative RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group with at least one maltreatment report during the fiscal year.

Indicator D: Children in Intact Family Services
Numerator: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who received intact family services during the fiscal year. Intact family cases were defined as those in which no children were removed from the home at the time the family case opened.
Denominator for Absolute RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in the Illinois child population (0-19).
Denominator for Relative RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group with at least one maltreatment report during the fiscal year.
Exclusions:

- Children with intact case opened seven days or fewer; and
- Intact family cases with any child who entered substitute care within 30 days of case open date; and
- Maltreatment reports in childcare facilities, including day care facilities, churches, schools, health care facilities, foster home, group homes, and child welfare agencies.

Indicator E: Children Who Entered Substitute Care
Numerator: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who entered substitute care during the fiscal year.
Denominator for Absolute RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in the Illinois child population (0-19).
Denominator for Relative RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group with at least one maltreatment report during the fiscal year.
Exclusion: Children whose legal spells were seven days or fewer.

Indicator F: Placement Instability
Numerator: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who had three or more placements within their first year in substitute care.
Denominator for Relative RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who entered substitute care during the fiscal year and stayed for at least one year.
Exclusions:

- Children whose legal spells were less than a year;
- Deceased children;
- Placement types excluded from the numerator: Abducted (ABD); Adoptive Subsidy (AA); Armed Service Duty (ASD); Community Integrated Living Facilities (CIL); College University Scholarship (CUS); Home of Parent (HMP); Independent Living Only (ILO); Independent Living (IND); Job Training Program (JTP); Private Guardianship Home (PGH); Subsidized Guardianship (SGH); Runaway (RNY); Transitional Living (TLP); Unauthorized Home of Parent (UAH); Unauthorized Placement (UAP); Unknown (UNK); Unknown Contact (WCC); Whereabout Unknown (WUK); Youth in College (YIC); Youth in Employment (YIE); Hospitalizations (HFM, HFP and HHF) shorter than 15 days; and respite care.[7]

Indicator G: Children in Substitute Care 48 Months or More Before Exiting
Numerator: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group in substitute care for 48 or more months who exited care to achieve legal permanence through reunification, adoption, or guardianship during the fiscal year.
Denominator for Relative RDI: The percentage of children in each racial/ethnic group who were in substitute care during the fiscal year.
Exclusion: Children with non-permanency exits such as aging out, incarceration, and running away.

[7] Respite care is defined as a placement in which a child stays with a provider for fewer than 30 days and then returns to the same provider as their previous placement.

Indicator H: Children Who Achieved Permanence
Numerator: The percentage of children who exited substitute care and achieved legal permanence through reunification, adoption, or guardianship during the fiscal year.
Denominator for Relative RDI: The percentage of children who were in substitute care during the fiscal year.
Exclusions:

- Children whose legal spells were seven days or fewer; and
- Youth who turned age 18 while in care and were discharged to permanency at age 18.

Operational Definitions of Race/Ethnicity

The race/ethnicity variable was created from the following data tables in the DCFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW): *Person.PersonRace* and *Person.Person*. The race codes included: Native American/Alaska Native (NA), Asian (AO), Black/African American (BL), Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders (PI), and White (WH). The ethnicity variable included 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. Race and ethnicity were defined in the following ways:

- If the child's ethnicity was coded as any of the codes designating Hispanic origin, their race/ethnicity was coded as Latinx regardless of their race code.
- If the child's ethnicity was non-Latinx and they had a single race code, their race/ethnicity was defined by that race code.
- If the child's ethnicity was non-Latinx and they had more than one race code, then their race/ethnicity was defined as multiracial.

In this report, three racial/ethnic groups are reported:

- Latinx (any race)
- (Non-Latinx) Black
- (Non-Latinx) White

When the RDI were calculated for each indicator, a fourth group (Other) was included in the analyses but not shown in the tables or figures. This "Other" group included Asian, Native American/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, multiracial, and children with unverified, unknown, declined, or missing race information.

In Appendix C, which presents Illinois child population and child welfare population data, eight racial/ethnic groups were defined:

- Latinx (any race)
- (Non-Latinx) Black
- (Non-Latinx) White
- (Non-Latinx) Asian
- (Non-Latinx) Native American/Alaska Native
- (Non-Latinx) Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- (Non-Latinx) multiracial
- Other (includes “could not be verified,” “unknown,” “declined to identify,” and missing)

The “Other” category was included in the analysis but not displayed in the Appendix C tables.





Appendix B

Racial/Ethnic Disproportionality Data

Appendix B provides data for the racial/ethnic disproportionality analyses included in the 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 (ages 0-19) were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau.[8,9] The 2023 Illinois child population data were used to calculate RDIs in FY2023 and FY2024. Child welfare data were obtained from the DCFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW). These data were extracted from the EDW on December 31, 2024.

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

[8] The data source for the Illinois child population from FY2017-2019 was: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2020). *CC-EST2020-ALLDATA6-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019.* U.S. Census Bureau. https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010-2020/counties/asrh/
The data source for the Illinois child population from FY2020-2023 was: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2024). *CC-EST2023-ALLDATA-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023.* U.S. Census Bureau. https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2023/counties/asrh/.

[9] Census data for children ages 0-17 were not available at the county level for all racial/ethnic groups. County-level data were needed to aggregate and create the region-level child population data. 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 appendix tables. We compared the racial distributions of children ages 0-19 with that of children ages 0-17 at the state level and verified that the distributions were very similar.

Indicator A.1 Absolute RDI for Children in Investigations (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	31.33	31.78	31.75	31.36	31.74	32.05	31.92
Total child population (%)	15.38	15.33	15.23	15.20	15.17	15.15	15.15
Absolute RDI	2.04	2.07	2.08	2.06	2.09	2.12	2.11
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	45.54	45.00	45.46	45.33	43.63	42.58	41.68
Total child population (%)	51.23	51.00	50.23	50.07	49.87	49.69	49.69
Absolute RDI	0.89	0.88	0.91	0.91	0.87	0.86	0.84
Latinx (any race)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	17.88	18.44	18.02	18.17	19.14	19.57	20.43
Total child population (%)	24.41	24.53	25.35	25.39	25.48	25.52	25.52
Absolute RDI	0.73	0.75	0.71	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.80

Indicator A.2 Absolute RDI for Children in Investigations by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	48.61	48.75	49.75	49.26	48.21	47.95	46.51
Total child population (%)	24.42	24.25	23.88	23.71	23.53	23.39	23.39
Absolute RDI	1.99	2.01	2.08	2.08	2.05	2.05	1.99
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	15.84	15.52	16.06	15.46	15.23	14.93	14.84
Total child population (%)	30.93	30.96	30.75	30.80	30.89	31.03	31.03
Absolute RDI	0.51	0.50	0.52	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.48
Latinx (any race)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	30.95	31.18	29.66	30.18	31.32	31.72	33.27
Total child population (%)	34.98	34.94	35.47	35.43	35.41	35.29	35.29
Absolute RDI	0.88	0.89	0.84	0.85	0.88	0.90	0.94
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	24.77	25.08	24.49	24.62	24.71	24.91	24.79
Total child population (%)	8.00	8.06	8.03	8.13	8.25	8.31	8.31
Absolute RDI	3.10	3.11	3.05	3.03	3.00	3.00	2.98
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	44.48	44.23	44.41	43.79	42.50	40.93	39.81
Total child population (%)	55.91	55.34	54.24	53.71	53.03	52.51	52.51
Absolute RDI	0.80	0.80	0.82	0.82	0.80	0.78	0.76
Latinx (any race)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	24.67	25.58	25.97	26.02	26.85	27.80	28.59
Total child population (%)	26.07	26.39	27.46	27.73	28.07	28.30	28.30
Absolute RDI	0.95	0.97	0.95	0.94	0.96	0.98	1.01
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	23.72	24.32	24.81	24.74	25.65	26.32	26.53
Total child population (%)	10.37	10.42	10.43	10.70	10.92	11.16	11.16
Absolute RDI	2.29	2.33	2.38	2.31	2.35	2.36	2.38
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	65.51	65.16	64.34	64.15	62.64	61.44	60.97
Total child population (%)	74.72	74.46	73.79	73.25	72.73	72.23	72.23
Absolute RDI	0.88	0.88	0.87	0.88	0.86	0.85	0.84
Latinx (any race)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	5.42	5.48	5.93	5.93	6.13	6.32	6.30
Total child population (%)	7.53	7.67	8.32	8.43	8.61	8.76	8.76
Absolute RDI	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.70	0.71	0.72	0.72

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Indicator A.2 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	23.83	23.49	23.51	22.68	24.25	24.86	25.78
Total child population (%)	13.75	13.69	13.50	13.55	13.59	13.64	13.64
Absolute RDI	1.73	1.72	1.74	1.67	1.78	1.82	1.89
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	68.59	69.56	69.29	69.75	67.62	66.71	65.41
Total child population (%)	76.39	76.16	75.93	75.71	75.38	75.10	75.10
Absolute RDI	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.92	0.90	0.89	0.87
Latinx (any race)							
Children in investigated reports (%)	2.73	2.78	2.90	3.26	3.26	3.17	3.72
Total child population (%)	4.74	4.91	5.32	5.41	5.55	5.67	5.67
Absolute RDI	0.58	0.57	0.55	0.60	0.59	0.56	0.66

Indicator B.1 Absolute RDI for Children in Protective Custodies (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	39.14	36.52	36.03	31.06	33.59	33.08	34.88
Total child population (%)	15.38	15.33	15.23	15.20	15.17	15.15	15.15
Absolute RDI	2.55	2.38	2.37	2.04	2.21	2.18	2.30
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	47.59	48.44	47.42	51.10	49.84	50.04	47.62
Total child population (%)	51.23	51.00	50.23	50.07	49.87	49.69	49.69
Absolute RDI	0.93	0.95	0.94	1.02	1.00	1.01	0.96
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	7.68	9.64	11.49	12.57	11.68	11.05	11.71
Total child population (%)	24.41	24.53	25.35	25.39	25.48	25.52	25.52
Absolute RDI	0.31	0.39	0.45	0.50	0.46	0.43	0.46

Indicator B.2 Absolute RDI for Children in Protective Custodies by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	70.21	65.51	63.44	57.45	63.57	60.99	63.20
Total child population (%)	24.42	24.25	23.88	23.71	23.53	23.39	23.39
Absolute RDI	2.87	2.70	2.66	2.42	2.70	2.61	2.70
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	11.17	11.89	10.82	14.90	12.89	10.50	11.26
Total child population (%)	30.93	30.96	30.75	30.80	30.89	31.03	31.03
Absolute RDI	0.36	0.38	0.35	0.48	0.42	0.34	0.36
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	14.34	19.74	22.42	24.19	20.45	23.79	21.97
Total child population (%)	34.98	34.94	35.47	35.43	35.41	35.29	35.29
Absolute RDI	0.41	0.57	0.63	0.68	0.58	0.67	0.62
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	35.58	41.24	34.18	28.41	32.56	32.54	33.72
Total child population (%)	8.00	8.06	8.03	8.13	8.25	8.31	8.31
Absolute RDI	4.45	5.12	4.26	3.49	3.95	3.91	4.06
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	43.72	36.81	39.89	42.06	38.35	40.51	36.99
Total child population (%)	55.91	55.34	54.24	53.71	53.03	52.51	52.51
Absolute RDI	0.78	0.67	0.74	0.78	0.72	0.77	0.70
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	14.07	16.33	19.68	23.55	24.24	21.10	23.40
Total child population (%)	26.07	26.39	27.46	27.73	28.07	28.30	28.30
Absolute RDI	0.54	0.62	0.72	0.85	0.86	0.75	0.83
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	28.41	26.46	28.00	26.98	27.32	29.11	28.88
Total child population (%)	10.37	10.42	10.43	10.70	10.92	11.16	11.16
Absolute RDI	2.74	2.54	2.68	2.52	2.50	2.61	2.59
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	60.94	62.55	60.41	62.06	61.67	59.26	58.45
Total child population (%)	74.72	74.46	73.79	73.25	72.73	72.23	72.23
Absolute RDI	0.82	0.84	0.82	0.85	0.85	0.82	0.81
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	3.45	3.91	5.26	4.91	5.36	5.11	5.87
Total child population (%)	7.53	7.67	8.32	8.43	8.61	8.76	8.76
Absolute RDI	0.46	0.51	0.63	0.58	0.62	0.58	0.67

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Indicator B.2 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	21.19	19.89	19.24	18.67	21.98	19.71	25.18
Total child population (%)	13.75	13.69	13.50	13.55	13.59	13.64	13.64
Absolute RDI	1.54	1.45	1.43	1.38	1.62	1.45	1.85
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	73.20	71.36	74.76	73.86	70.52	71.89	66.48
Total child population (%)	76.39	76.16	75.93	75.71	75.38	75.10	75.10
Absolute RDI	0.96	0.94	0.98	0.98	0.94	0.96	0.89
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	1.76	3.62	2.28	2.77	2.40	2.93	2.73
Total child population (%)	4.74	4.91	5.32	5.41	5.55	5.67	5.67
Absolute RDI	0.37	0.74	0.43	0.51	0.43	0.52	0.48

Indicator B.3 Relative RDI for Children in Protective Custodies (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	39.14	36.52	36.03	31.06	33.59	33.08	34.88
Children in investigations (%)	31.33	31.78	31.75	31.36	31.74	32.05	31.92
Relative RDI	1.25	1.15	1.13	0.99	1.06	1.03	1.09
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	47.59	48.44	47.42	51.10	49.84	50.04	47.62
Children in investigations (%)	45.54	45.00	45.46	45.33	43.63	42.58	41.68
Relative RDI	1.05	1.08	1.04	1.13	1.14	1.18	1.14
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	7.68	9.64	11.49	12.57	11.68	11.05	11.71
Children in investigations (%)	17.88	18.44	18.02	18.17	19.14	19.57	20.43
Relative RDI	0.43	0.52	0.64	0.69	0.61	0.56	0.57

Indicator B.4 Relative RDI for Children in Protective Custodies by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	70.21	65.51	63.44	57.45	63.57	60.99	63.20
Children in investigations (%)	48.61	48.75	49.75	49.26	48.21	47.95	46.51
Relative RDI	1.44	1.34	1.28	1.17	1.32	1.27	1.36
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	11.17	11.89	10.82	14.90	12.89	10.50	11.26
Children in investigations (%)	15.84	15.52	16.06	15.46	15.23	14.93	14.84
Relative RDI	0.71	0.77	0.67	0.96	0.85	0.70	0.76
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	14.34	19.74	22.42	24.19	20.45	23.79	21.97
Children in investigations (%)	30.95	31.18	29.66	30.18	31.32	31.72	33.27
Relative RDI	0.46	0.63	0.76	0.80	0.65	0.75	0.66
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	35.58	41.24	34.18	28.41	32.56	32.54	33.72
Children in investigations (%)	24.77	25.08	24.49	24.62	24.71	24.91	24.79
Relative RDI	1.44	1.64	1.40	1.15	1.32	1.31	1.36
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	43.72	36.81	39.89	42.06	38.35	40.51	36.99
Children in investigations (%)	44.48	44.23	44.41	43.79	42.50	40.93	39.81
Relative RDI	0.98	0.83	0.90	0.96	0.90	0.99	0.93
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	14.07	16.33	19.68	23.55	24.24	21.10	23.40
Children in investigations (%)	24.67	25.58	25.97	26.02	26.85	27.80	28.59
Relative RDI	0.57	0.64	0.76	0.90	0.90	0.76	0.82
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	28.41	26.46	28.00	26.98	27.32	29.11	28.88
Children in investigations (%)	23.72	24.32	24.81	24.74	25.65	26.32	26.53
Relative RDI	1.20	1.09	1.13	1.09	1.07	1.11	1.09
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	60.94	62.55	60.41	62.06	61.67	59.26	58.45
Children in investigations (%)	65.51	65.16	64.34	64.15	62.64	61.44	60.97
Relative RDI	0.93	0.96	0.94	0.97	0.98	0.96	0.96
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	3.45	3.91	5.26	4.91	5.36	5.11	5.87
Children in investigations (%)	5.42	5.48	5.93	5.93	6.13	6.32	6.30
Relative RDI	0.64	0.71	0.89	0.83	0.87	0.81	0.93

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Indicator B.4 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	21.19	19.89	19.24	18.67	21.98	19.71	25.18
Children in investigations (%)	23.83	23.49	23.51	22.68	24.25	24.86	25.78
Relative RDI	0.89	0.85	0.82	0.82	0.91	0.79	0.98
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	73.20	71.36	74.76	73.86	70.52	71.89	66.48
Children in investigations (%)	68.59	69.56	69.29	69.75	67.62	66.71	65.41
Relative RDI	1.07	1.03	1.08	1.06	1.04	1.08	1.02
Latinx (any race)							
Children in protective custodies (%)	1.76	3.62	2.28	2.77	2.40	2.93	2.73
Children in investigations (%)	2.73	2.78	2.90	3.26	3.26	3.17	3.72
Relative RDI	0.64	1.31	0.78	0.85	0.74	0.93	0.73

Indicator C.1 Absolute RDI for Children in Indicated Investigations (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	32.23	32.44	33.57	32.67	31.99	31.80	31.53
Total child population (%)	15.38	15.33	15.23	15.20	15.17	15.15	15.15
Absolute RDI	2.10	2.12	2.20	2.15	2.11	2.10	2.08
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	45.89	45.09	43.44	42.83	43.06	42.92	42.29
Total child population (%)	51.23	51.00	50.23	50.07	49.87	49.69	49.69
Absolute RDI	0.90	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.85
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	16.92	18.05	18.72	19.70	20.05	19.78	20.58
Total child population (%)	24.41	24.53	25.35	25.39	25.48	25.52	25.52
Absolute RDI	0.69	0.74	0.74	0.78	0.79	0.78	0.81

Indicator C.2 Absolute RDI for Children in Indicated Investigations by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	51.11	50.91	53.05	50.58	48.47	48.26	46.73
Total child population (%)	24.42	24.25	23.88	23.71	23.53	23.39	23.39
Absolute RDI	2.09	2.10	2.22	2.13	2.06	2.06	2.00
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	13.82	13.85	13.11	13.53	13.31	12.45	13.31
Total child population (%)	30.93	30.96	30.75	30.80	30.89	31.03	31.03
Absolute RDI	0.45	0.45	0.43	0.44	0.43	0.40	0.43
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	31.27	31.65	30.46	31.55	34.09	34.53	35.38
Total child population (%)	34.98	34.94	35.47	35.43	35.41	35.29	35.29
Absolute RDI	0.89	0.91	0.86	0.89	0.96	0.98	1.00
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	25.97	27.58	26.58	26.23	27.45	27.31	25.75
Total child population (%)	8.00	8.06	8.03	8.13	8.25	8.31	8.31
Absolute RDI	3.25	3.42	3.31	3.22	3.33	3.29	3.10
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	42.49	39.94	39.69	38.82	36.72	36.93	36.20
Total child population (%)	55.91	55.34	54.24	53.71	53.03	52.51	52.51
Absolute RDI	0.76	0.72	0.73	0.72	0.69	0.70	0.69
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	25.88	27.78	29.19	29.90	30.70	30.30	31.95
Total child population (%)	26.07	26.39	27.46	27.73	28.07	28.30	28.30
Absolute RDI	0.99	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.09	1.07	1.13
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	25.64	24.81	27.79	28.29	28.09	28.64	29.75
Total child population (%)	10.37	10.42	10.43	10.70	10.92	11.16	11.16
Absolute RDI	2.47	2.38	2.66	2.64	2.57	2.57	2.66
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	63.67	65.09	61.16	60.17	60.24	57.95	57.62
Total child population (%)	74.72	74.46	73.79	73.25	72.73	72.23	72.23
Absolute RDI	0.85	0.87	0.83	0.82	0.83	0.80	0.80
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	5.04	4.97	5.89	6.22	6.19	7.12	6.57
Total child population (%)	7.53	7.67	8.32	8.43	8.61	8.76	8.76
Absolute RDI	0.67	0.65	0.71	0.74	0.72	0.81	0.75

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Indicator C.2 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	22.74	21.62	19.20	20.39	21.35	21.93	24.25
Total child population (%)	13.75	13.69	13.50	13.55	13.59	13.64	13.64
Absolute RDI	1.65	1.58	1.42	1.50	1.57	1.61	1.78
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	70.17	71.56	74.58	72.48	70.82	69.80	66.47
Total child population (%)	76.39	76.16	75.93	75.71	75.38	75.10	75.10
Absolute RDI	0.92	0.94	0.98	0.96	0.94	0.93	0.89
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	2.59	2.79	2.52	2.99	3.20	3.12	4.11
Total child population (%)	4.74	4.91	5.32	5.41	5.55	5.67	5.67
Absolute RDI	0.55	0.57	0.47	0.55	0.58	0.55	0.72

Indicator C.3 Relative RDI for Children in Indicated Investigations (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	32.23	32.44	33.57	32.67	31.99	31.80	31.53
Children in investigations (%)	31.33	31.78	31.75	31.36	31.74	32.05	31.92
Relative RDI	1.03	1.02	1.06	1.04	1.01	0.99	0.99
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	45.89	45.09	43.44	42.83	43.06	42.92	42.29
Children in investigations (%)	45.54	45.00	45.46	45.33	43.63	42.58	41.68
Relative RDI	1.01	1.00	0.96	0.94	0.99	1.01	1.01
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	16.92	18.05	18.72	19.70	20.05	19.78	20.58
Children in investigations (%)	17.88	18.44	18.02	18.17	19.14	19.57	20.43
Relative RDI	0.95	0.98	1.04	1.08	1.05	1.01	1.01

Indicator C.4 Relative RDI for Children in Indicated Investigations by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	51.11	50.91	53.05	50.58	48.47	48.26	46.73
Children in investigations (%)	48.61	48.75	49.75	49.26	48.21	47.95	46.51
Relative RDI	1.05	1.04	1.07	1.03	1.01	1.01	1.00
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	13.82	13.85	13.11	13.53	13.31	12.45	13.31
Children in investigations (%)	15.84	15.52	16.06	15.46	15.23	14.93	14.84
Relative RDI	0.87	0.89	0.82	0.88	0.87	0.83	0.90
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	31.27	31.65	30.46	31.55	34.09	34.53	35.38
Children in investigations (%)	30.95	31.18	29.66	30.18	31.32	31.72	33.27
Relative RDI	1.01	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.09	1.09	1.06
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	25.97	27.58	26.58	26.23	27.45	27.31	25.75
Children in investigations (%)	24.77	25.08	24.49	24.62	24.71	24.91	24.79
Relative RDI	1.05	1.10	1.09	1.07	1.11	1.10	1.04
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	42.49	39.94	39.69	38.82	36.72	36.93	36.20
Children in investigations (%)	44.48	44.23	44.41	43.79	42.50	40.93	39.81
Relative RDI	0.96	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.86	0.90	0.91
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	25.88	27.78	29.19	29.90	30.70	30.30	31.95
Children in investigations (%)	24.67	25.58	25.97	26.02	26.85	27.80	28.59
Relative RDI	1.05	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.14	1.09	1.12
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	25.64	24.81	27.79	28.29	28.09	28.64	29.75
Children in investigations (%)	23.72	24.32	24.81	24.74	25.65	26.32	26.53
Relative RDI	1.08	1.02	1.12	1.14	1.09	1.09	1.12
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	63.67	65.09	61.16	60.17	60.24	57.95	57.62
Children in investigations (%)	65.51	65.16	64.34	64.15	62.64	61.44	60.97
Relative RDI	0.97	1.00	0.95	0.94	0.96	0.94	0.94
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	5.04	4.97	5.89	6.22	6.19	7.12	6.57
Children in investigations (%)	5.42	5.48	5.93	5.93	6.13	6.32	6.30
Relative RDI	0.93	0.91	0.99	1.05	1.01	1.13	1.04

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Indicator C.4 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	22.74	21.62	19.20	20.39	21.35	21.93	24.25
Children in investigations (%)	23.83	23.49	23.51	22.68	24.25	24.86	25.78
Relative RDI	0.95	0.92	0.82	0.90	0.88	0.88	0.94
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	70.17	71.56	74.58	72.48	70.82	69.80	66.47
Children in investigations (%)	68.59	69.56	69.29	69.75	67.62	66.71	65.41
Relative RDI	1.02	1.03	1.08	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.02
Latinx (any race)							
Children in indicated investigations (%)	2.59	2.79	2.52	2.99	3.20	3.12	4.11
Children in investigations (%)	2.73	2.78	2.90	3.26	3.26	3.17	3.72
Relative RDI	0.95	1.00	0.87	0.92	0.98	0.98	1.10

Indicator D.1 Absolute RDI for Children in Intact Family Services (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	35.03	32.90	32.96	32.94	31.49	31.42	30.99
Total child population (%)	15.38	15.33	15.23	15.20	15.17	15.15	15.15
Absolute RDI	2.28	2.15	2.16	2.17	2.08	2.07	2.04
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	43.47	45.69	45.15	44.61	44.23	44.01	41.67
Total child population (%)	51.23	51.00	50.23	50.07	49.87	49.69	49.69
Absolute RDI	0.85	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.84
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	17.26	17.16	17.60	18.43	19.55	19.25	22.56
Total child population (%)	24.41	24.53	25.35	25.39	25.48	25.52	25.52
Absolute RDI	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.73	0.77	0.75	0.88

Indicator D.2 Absolute RDI for Children in Intact Family Services by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	52.59	50.80	47.67	53.19	47.06	48.15	42.69
Total child population (%)	24.42	24.25	23.88	23.71	23.53	23.39	23.39
Absolute RDI	2.15	2.10	2.00	2.24	2.00	2.06	1.83
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	11.76	12.71	12.37	12.69	12.20	11.13	9.79
Total child population (%)	30.93	30.96	30.75	30.80	30.89	31.03	31.03
Absolute RDI	0.38	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.40	0.36	0.32
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	33.56	32.73	36.28	31.10	37.24	36.51	44.26
Total child population (%)	34.98	34.94	35.47	35.43	35.41	35.29	35.29
Absolute RDI	0.96	0.94	1.02	0.88	1.05	1.03	1.25
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	28.62	26.49	29.98	24.29	25.90	27.67	26.48
Total child population (%)	8.00	8.06	8.03	8.13	8.25	8.31	8.31
Absolute RDI	3.58	3.29	3.73	2.99	3.14	3.33	3.19
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	44.15	43.39	41.24	38.57	36.27	33.00	34.53
Total child population (%)	55.91	55.34	54.24	53.71	53.03	52.51	52.51
Absolute RDI	0.79	0.78	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.63	0.66
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	22.01	25.67	24.87	32.03	33.09	33.73	33.93
Total child population (%)	26.07	26.39	27.46	27.73	28.07	28.30	28.30
Absolute RDI	0.84	0.97	0.91	1.16	1.18	1.19	1.20
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	26.90	26.11	27.81	28.86	27.69	27.67	27.72
Total child population (%)	10.37	10.42	10.43	10.70	10.92	11.16	11.16
Absolute RDI	2.59	2.50	2.67	2.70	2.53	2.48	2.48
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	62.26	63.96	61.41	60.44	59.82	59.83	59.81
Total child population (%)	74.72	74.46	73.79	73.25	72.73	72.23	72.23
Absolute RDI	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.83	0.82	0.83	0.83
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	4.47	4.84	6.12	6.40	6.78	6.36	6.82
Total child population (%)	7.53	7.67	8.32	8.43	8.61	8.76	8.76
Absolute RDI	0.59	0.63	0.74	0.76	0.79	0.73	0.78

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Indicator D.2 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	22.48	20.90	24.37	24.29	25.73	24.67	26.98
Total child population (%)	13.75	13.69	13.50	13.55	13.59	13.64	13.64
Absolute RDI	1.63	1.53	1.81	1.79	1.89	1.81	1.98
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	70.50	72.59	68.06	69.38	66.43	66.81	63.16
Total child population (%)	76.39	76.16	75.93	75.71	75.38	75.10	75.10
Absolute RDI	0.92	0.95	0.90	0.92	0.88	0.89	0.84
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	3.26	3.06	2.61	2.83	3.21	3.57	4.84
Total child population (%)	4.74	4.91	5.32	5.41	5.55	5.67	5.67
Absolute RDI	0.69	0.62	0.49	0.52	0.58	0.63	0.85

Indicator D.3 Relative RDI for Children in Intact Family Services (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	35.03	32.90	32.96	32.94	31.49	31.42	30.99
Children in investigations (%)	31.33	31.78	31.75	31.36	31.74	32.05	31.92
Relative RDI	1.12	1.04	1.04	1.05	0.99	0.98	0.97
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	43.47	45.69	45.15	44.61	44.23	44.01	41.67
Children in investigations (%)	45.54	45.00	45.46	45.33	43.63	42.58	41.68
Relative RDI	0.95	1.02	0.99	0.98	1.01	1.03	1.00
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	17.26	17.16	17.60	18.43	19.55	19.25	22.56
Children in investigations (%)	17.88	18.44	18.02	18.17	19.14	19.57	20.43
Relative RDI	0.97	0.93	0.98	1.01	1.02	0.98	1.10

Indicator D.4 Relative RDI for Children in Intact Family Services by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	52.59	50.80	47.67	53.19	47.06	48.15	42.69
Children in investigations (%)	48.61	48.75	49.75	49.26	48.21	47.95	46.51
Relative RDI	1.08	1.04	0.96	1.08	0.98	1.00	0.92
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	11.76	12.71	12.37	12.69	12.20	11.13	9.79
Children in investigations (%)	15.84	15.52	16.06	15.46	15.23	14.93	14.84
Relative RDI	0.74	0.82	0.77	0.82	0.80	0.75	0.66
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	33.56	32.73	36.28	31.10	37.24	36.51	44.26
Children in investigations (%)	30.95	31.18	29.66	30.18	31.32	31.72	33.27
Relative RDI	1.08	1.05	1.22	1.03	1.19	1.15	1.33
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	28.62	26.49	29.98	24.29	25.90	27.67	26.48
Children in investigations (%)	24.77	25.08	24.49	24.62	24.71	24.91	24.79
Relative RDI	1.16	1.06	1.22	0.99	1.05	1.11	1.07
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	44.15	43.39	41.24	38.57	36.27	33.00	34.53
Children in investigations (%)	44.48	44.23	44.41	43.79	42.50	40.93	39.81
Relative RDI	0.99	0.98	0.93	0.88	0.85	0.81	0.87
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	22.01	25.67	24.87	32.03	33.09	33.73	33.93
Children in investigations (%)	24.67	25.58	25.97	26.02	26.85	27.80	28.59
Relative RDI	0.89	1.00	0.96	1.23	1.23	1.21	1.19
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	26.90	26.11	27.81	28.86	27.69	27.67	27.72
Children in investigations (%)	23.72	24.32	24.81	24.74	25.65	26.32	26.53
Relative RDI	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.17	1.08	1.05	1.04
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	62.26	63.96	61.41	60.44	59.82	59.83	59.81
Children in investigations (%)	65.51	65.16	64.34	64.15	62.64	61.44	60.97
Relative RDI	0.95	0.98	0.95	0.94	0.95	0.97	0.98
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	4.47	4.84	6.12	6.40	6.78	6.36	6.82
Children in investigations (%)	5.42	5.48	5.93	5.93	6.13	6.32	6.30
Relative RDI	0.82	0.88	1.03	1.08	1.11	1.01	1.08

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Indicator D.4 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	22.48	20.90	24.37	24.29	25.73	24.67	26.98
Children in investigations (%)	23.83	23.49	23.51	22.68	24.25	24.86	25.78
Relative RDI	0.94	0.89	1.04	1.07	1.06	0.99	1.05
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in intact family services (%)	70.50	72.59	68.06	69.38	66.43	66.81	63.16
Children in investigations (%)	68.59	69.56	69.29	69.75	67.62	66.71	65.41
Relative RDI	1.03	1.04	0.98	0.99	0.98	1.00	0.97
Latinx (any race)							
Children in intact family services (%)	3.26	3.06	2.61	2.83	3.21	3.57	4.84
Children in investigations (%)	2.73	2.78	2.90	3.26	3.26	3.17	3.72
Relative RDI	1.19	1.10	0.90	0.87	0.98	1.13	1.30

Indicator E.1 Absolute RDI for Children Who Entered Substitute Care (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	37.05	34.83	35.60	30.96	32.58	32.97	33.60
Total child population (%)	15.38	15.33	15.23	15.20	15.17	15.15	15.15
Absolute RDI	2.41	2.27	2.34	2.04	2.15	2.18	2.22
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	49.58	51.49	47.97	51.66	51.36	50.55	49.70
Total child population (%)	51.23	51.00	50.23	50.07	49.87	49.69	49.69
Absolute RDI	0.97	1.01	0.96	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.00
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	7.48	8.34	11.49	12.28	11.33	10.29	10.81
Total child population (%)	24.41	24.53	25.35	25.39	25.48	25.52	25.52
Absolute RDI	0.31	0.34	0.45	0.48	0.44	0.40	0.42

Indicator E.2 Absolute RDI for Children Who Entered Substitute Care by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	70.94	67.86	61.48	60.24	64.39	64.05	63.96
Total child population (%)	24.42	24.25	23.88	23.71	23.53	23.39	23.39
Absolute RDI	2.90	2.80	2.58	2.54	2.74	2.74	2.73
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	11.31	11.07	11.37	12.52	12.98	10.24	11.69
Total child population (%)	30.93	30.96	30.75	30.80	30.89	31.03	31.03
Absolute RDI	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.42	0.33	0.38
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	13.41	18.31	24.23	24.41	20.42	21.79	21.72
Total child population (%)	34.98	34.94	35.47	35.43	35.41	35.29	35.29
Absolute RDI	0.38	0.52	0.68	0.69	0.58	0.62	0.62
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	33.67	39.71	36.58	26.52	30.74	32.28	32.98
Total child population (%)	8.00	8.06	8.03	8.13	8.25	8.31	8.31
Absolute RDI	4.21	4.93	4.56	3.26	3.73	3.88	3.97
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	44.63	40.35	39.11	44.08	40.43	40.31	38.95
Total child population (%)	55.91	55.34	54.24	53.71	53.03	52.51	52.51
Absolute RDI	0.80	0.73	0.72	0.82	0.76	0.77	0.74
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	14.06	14.21	18.02	23.01	24.26	20.29	22.46
Total child population (%)	26.07	26.39	27.46	27.73	28.07	28.30	28.30
Absolute RDI	0.54	0.54	0.66	0.83	0.86	0.72	0.79
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	28.27	26.29	28.48	27.20	25.95	27.37	27.02
Total child population (%)	10.37	10.42	10.43	10.70	10.92	11.16	11.16
Absolute RDI	2.72	2.52	2.73	2.54	2.38	2.45	2.42
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	60.43	63.33	60.22	62.18	63.35	60.66	60.51
Total child population (%)	74.72	74.46	73.79	73.25	72.73	72.23	72.23
Absolute RDI	0.81	0.85	0.82	0.85	0.87	0.84	0.84
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	4.37	3.62	5.14	4.88	4.97	5.07	5.47
Total child population (%)	7.53	7.67	8.32	8.43	8.61	8.76	8.76
Absolute RDI	0.58	0.47	0.62	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.62

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Indicator 4.2 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	18.84	19.13	17.24	16.98	21.13	20.97	25.32
Total child population (%)	13.75	13.69	13.50	13.55	13.59	13.64	13.64
Absolute RDI	1.37	1.40	1.28	1.25	1.55	1.54	1.86
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	74.83	72.17	76.82	75.22	71.24	70.74	66.05
Total child population (%)	76.39	76.16	75.93	75.71	75.38	75.10	75.10
Absolute RDI	0.98	0.95	1.01	0.99	0.95	0.94	0.88
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	1.78	3.84	2.26	3.38	2.44	2.50	2.24
Total child population (%)	4.74	4.91	5.32	5.41	5.55	5.67	5.67
Absolute RDI	0.37	0.78	0.43	0.63	0.44	0.44	0.39

Indicator E.3 Relative RDI for Children Who Entered Substitute Care (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	37.05	34.83	35.60	30.96	32.58	32.97	33.60
Children in investigations (%)	31.33	31.78	31.75	31.36	31.74	32.05	31.92
Relative RDI	1.18	1.10	1.12	0.99	1.03	1.03	1.05
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	49.58	51.49	47.97	51.66	51.36	50.55	49.70
Children in investigations (%)	45.54	45.00	45.46	45.33	43.63	42.58	41.68
Relative RDI	1.09	1.14	1.06	1.14	1.18	1.19	1.19
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	7.48	8.34	11.49	12.28	11.33	10.29	10.81
Children in investigations (%)	17.88	18.44	18.02	18.17	19.14	19.57	20.43
Relative RDI	0.42	0.45	0.64	0.68	0.59	0.53	0.53

Indicator E.4 Relative RDI for Children Who Entered Substitute Care by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	70.94	67.86	61.48	60.24	64.39	64.05	63.96
Children in investigations (%)	48.61	48.75	49.75	49.26	48.21	47.95	46.51
Relative RDI	1.46	1.39	1.24	1.22	1.34	1.34	1.38
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	11.31	11.07	11.37	12.52	12.98	10.24	11.69
Children in investigations (%)	15.84	15.52	16.06	15.46	15.23	14.93	14.84
Relative RDI	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.81	0.85	0.69	0.79
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	13.41	18.31	24.23	24.41	20.42	21.79	21.72
Children in investigations (%)	30.95	31.18	29.66	30.18	31.32	31.72	33.27
Relative RDI	0.43	0.59	0.82	0.81	0.65	0.69	0.65
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	33.67	39.71	36.58	26.52	30.74	32.28	32.98
Children in investigations (%)	24.77	25.08	24.49	24.62	24.71	24.91	24.79
Relative RDI	1.36	1.58	1.49	1.08	1.24	1.30	1.33
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	44.63	40.35	39.11	44.08	40.43	40.31	38.95
Children in investigations (%)	44.48	44.23	44.41	43.79	42.50	40.93	39.81
Relative RDI	1.00	0.91	0.88	1.01	0.95	0.98	0.98
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	14.06	14.21	18.02	23.01	24.26	20.29	22.46
Children in investigations (%)	24.67	25.58	25.97	26.02	26.85	27.80	28.59
Relative RDI	0.57	0.56	0.69	0.88	0.90	0.73	0.79
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	28.27	26.29	28.48	27.20	25.95	27.37	27.02
Children in investigations (%)	23.72	24.32	24.81	24.74	25.65	26.32	26.53
Relative RDI	1.19	1.08	1.15	1.10	1.01	1.04	1.02
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	60.43	63.33	60.22	62.18	63.35	60.66	60.51
Children in investigations (%)	65.51	65.16	64.34	64.15	62.64	61.44	60.97
Relative RDI	0.92	0.97	0.94	0.97	1.01	0.99	0.99
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	4.37	3.62	5.14	4.88	4.97	5.07	5.47
Children in investigations (%)	5.42	5.48	5.93	5.93	6.13	6.32	6.30
Relative RDI	0.81	0.66	0.87	0.82	0.81	0.80	0.87

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Indicator E.4 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	18.84	19.13	17.24	16.98	21.13	20.97	25.32
Children in investigations (%)	23.83	23.49	23.51	22.68	24.25	24.86	25.78
Relative RDI	0.79	0.81	0.73	0.75	0.87	0.84	0.98
White (non-Latinx)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	74.83	72.17	76.82	75.22	71.24	70.74	66.05
Children in investigations (%)	68.59	69.56	69.29	69.75	67.62	66.71	65.41
Relative RDI	1.09	1.04	1.11	1.08	1.05	1.06	1.01
Latinx (any race)							
Children entering substitute care (%)	1.78	3.84	2.26	3.38	2.44	2.50	2.24
Children in investigations (%)	2.73	2.78	2.90	3.26	3.26	3.17	3.72
Relative RDI	0.65	1.38	0.78	1.04	0.75	0.79	0.60

Indicator F.1 Relative RDI for Placement Instability (State)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	48.74	45.76	46.69	38.70	37.67	41.72	43.60
Children who entered substitute care (%)	36.52	37.05	34.83	35.60	30.96	32.58	32.97
Relative RDI	1.33	1.24	1.34	1.09	1.22	1.28	1.32
White (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	36.76	38.86	40.94	44.86	46.21	41.50	38.12
Children who entered substitute care (%)	47.80	49.58	51.49	47.97	51.66	51.36	50.55
Relative RDI	0.77	0.78	0.80	0.94	0.89	0.81	0.75
Latinx (any race)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	8.61	8.28	8.19	10.62	10.49	9.98	11.49
Children who entered substitute care (%)	10.02	7.48	8.34	11.49	12.28	11.33	10.29
Relative RDI	0.86	1.11	0.98	0.92	0.85	0.88	1.12

Indicator F.2 Relative RDI for Placement Instability by Region

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	78.46	68.71	77.14	65.56	67.86	74.19	70.79
Children who entered substitute care (%)	63.93	70.94	67.86	61.48	60.24	64.39	64.05
Relative RDI	1.23	0.97	1.14	1.07	1.13	1.15	1.11
White (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latinx (any race)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	17.69	14.11	*	19.21	20.54	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	21.40	13.41	*	24.23	24.41	*	*
Relative RDI	0.83	1.05	*	0.79	0.84	*	*
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	43.59	43.82	54.61	40.91	36.51	32.67	45.45
Children who entered substitute care (%)	36.77	33.67	39.71	36.58	26.52	30.74	32.28
Relative RDI	1.19	1.30	1.38	1.12	1.38	1.06	1.41
White (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	29.49	35.96	32.62	35.45	42.86	40.59	31.82
Children who entered substitute care (%)	40.84	44.63	40.35	39.11	44.08	40.43	40.31
Relative RDI	0.72	0.81	0.81	0.91	0.97	1.00	0.79
Latinx (any race)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	20.79	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	24.26	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	0.86	*

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Indicator F.2 ***(continued)***

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	43.02	38.00	35.96	31.40	28.65	36.42	34.44
Children who entered substitute care (%)	28.51	28.27	26.29	28.48	27.19	25.95	27.37
Relative RDI	1.51	1.34	1.37	1.10	1.05	1.40	1.26
White (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	47.09	51.33	50.00	57.00	60.67	51.45	45.70
Children who entered substitute care (%)	61.54	60.43	63.33	60.22	62.20	63.35	60.66
Relative RDI	0.77	0.85	0.79	0.95	0.98	0.81	0.75
Latinx (any race)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	22.92	22.86	*	*	21.21	*	*
Children who entered substitute care (%)	18.29	18.84	*	*	16.99	*	*
Relative RDI	1.25	1.21	*	*	1.25	*	*
White (non-Latinx)							
Children with three or more placements in their first year in care (%)	69.79	65.71	76.52	74.14	68.69	56.76	74.55
Children who entered substitute care (%)	72.31	74.83	72.17	76.82	75.21	71.24	70.74
Relative RDI	0.97	0.88	1.06	0.97	0.91	0.80	1.05
Latinx (any race)							
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.

Indicator G.1 Relative RDI for Children in Substitute Care 48 Months or More Before Exiting (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	53.01	48.62	51.71	48.66	46.36	42.88	43.14
Children in care during the year (%)	42.37	40.31	39.38	37.77	36.96	36.88	36.80
Relative RDI	1.25	1.21	1.31	1.29	1.25	1.16	1.17
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	31.04	36.08	31.62	32.95	37.42	41.51	40.14
Children in care during the year (%)	42.86	45.22	45.50	46.31	46.87	46.77	46.42
Relative RDI	0.72	0.80	0.70	0.71	0.80	0.89	0.86
Latinx (any race)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	10.27	11.77	10.68	13.39	11.12	10.04	11.39
Children in care during the year (%)	9.67	9.15	9.89	10.77	11.25	11.19	11.41
Relative RDI	1.06	1.29	1.08	1.24	0.99	0.90	1.00

Indicator G.2 Relative RDI for Children in Substitute Care 48 Months or More Before Exiting by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	70.30	65.47	69.13	66.07	68.70	70.67	68.01
Children in care during the year (%)	68.46	68.79	67.76	66.54	66.29	66.46	66.30
Relative RDI	1.03	0.95	1.02	0.99	1.04	1.06	1.03
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	10.90	12.71	10.61	8.67	11.45	11.54	9.44
Children in care during the year (%)	10.83	10.71	10.49	10.41	10.74	10.34	10.24
Relative RDI	1.01	1.19	1.01	0.83	1.07	1.12	0.92
Latinx (any race)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	15.55	18.71	18.01	22.70	17.05	14.42	18.88
Children in care during the year (%)	17.75	17.61	18.96	20.28	20.36	20.34	20.77
Relative RDI	0.88	1.06	0.95	1.12	0.84	0.71	0.91
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	33.12	35.66	56.78	39.09	32.82	33.55	38.14
Children in care during the year (%)	37.45	38.10	37.86	33.59	32.64	32.55	32.77
Relative RDI	0.88	0.94	1.50	1.16	1.01	1.03	1.16
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	41.40	48.25	25.42	39.09	35.88	41.94	35.81
Children in care during the year (%)	41.40	40.66	39.12	41.26	40.22	39.57	39.04
Relative RDI	1.00	1.19	0.65	0.95	0.89	1.06	0.92
Latinx (any race)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	14.65	*	*	*	20.61	17.42	16.28
Children in care during the year (%)	13.74	*	*	*	20.79	21.44	22.15
Relative RDI	1.07	*	*	*	0.99	0.81	0.73

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Indicator G.2 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	43.11	38.53	34.78	38.20	36.43	25.57	26.67
Children in care during the year (%)	31.43	29.72	29.29	28.92	27.03	26.87	26.98
Relative RDI	1.37	1.30	1.19	1.32	1.35	0.95	0.99
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	48.00	52.81	47.10	51.07	56.98	60.98	64.00
Children in care during the year (%)	58.24	59.89	60.02	60.41	62.27	62.12	61.29
Relative RDI	0.82	0.88	0.78	0.85	0.91	0.98	1.04
Latinx (any race)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.89
Children in care during the year (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.07
Relative RDI	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.96
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	32.35	24.58	24.44	21.77	21.67	20.91	24.00
Children in care during the year (%)	21.46	20.21	19.03	19.38	20.69	21.88	23.34
Relative RDI	1.51	1.22	1.28	1.12	1.05	0.96	1.03
White (non-Latinx)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	62.75	71.19	69.63	70.16	67.22	70.91	66.00
Children in care during the year (%)	71.94	72.35	73.60	72.82	71.84	70.60	68.38
Relative RDI	0.87	0.98	0.95	0.96	0.94	1.00	0.97
Latinx (any race)							
Children in care for 48 or more months (%)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children in 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.

Indicator H.1 Relative RDI for Children Who Achieved Permanence (State)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	39.72	35.83	34.40	34.98	31.77	32.83	32.70
Children in care during the year (%)	42.37	40.31	39.38	37.77	36.96	36.88	36.80
Relative RDI	0.94	0.89	0.87	0.93	0.86	0.89	0.89
White (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	45.36	49.81	51.27	50.37	52.20	51.78	50.32
Children in care during the year (%)	42.86	45.22	45.50	46.31	46.87	46.77	46.42
Relative RDI	1.06	1.10	1.13	1.09	1.11	1.11	1.08
Latinx (any race)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	10.29	9.19	8.42	8.95	10.54	10.16	11.68
Children in care during the year (%)	9.67	9.15	9.89	10.77	11.25	11.19	11.41
Relative RDI	1.06	1.00	0.85	0.83	0.94	0.91	1.02

Indicator H.2 Relative RDI for Children Who Achieved Permanence by Region

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	64.72	62.32	64.35	64.69	61.02	64.09	61.93
Children in care during the year (%)	68.46	68.79	67.76	66.54	66.29	66.46	66.30
Relative RDI	0.95	0.91	0.95	0.97	0.92	0.96	0.93
White (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	11.58	12.85	14.58	11.33	13.29	12.46	12.32
Children in care during the year (%)	10.83	10.71	10.49	10.41	10.74	10.34	10.24
Relative RDI	1.07	1.20	1.39	1.09	1.24	1.21	1.20
Latinx (any race)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	20.15	21.42	17.43	20.46	22.83	18.99	22.74
Children in care during the year (%)	17.75	17.61	18.96	20.28	20.36	20.34	20.77
Relative RDI	1.13	1.22	0.92	1.01	1.12	0.93	1.09
NORTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	36.32	34.64	39.45	33.55	31.33	31.86	30.28
Children in care during the year (%)	37.45	38.10	37.86	33.59	32.64	32.55	32.77
Relative RDI	0.97	0.91	1.04	1.00	0.96	0.98	0.92
White (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	44.49	46.43	38.34	45.04	42.94	39.87	40.96
Children in care during the year (%)	41.40	40.66	39.12	41.26	40.22	39.57	39.04
Relative RDI	1.07	1.14	0.98	1.09	1.07	1.01	1.05
Latinx (any race)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	13.51	12.86	15.01	15.48	18.46	21.60	22.12
Children in care during the year (%)	13.74	14.03	15.82	18.42	20.79	21.44	22.15
Relative RDI	0.98	0.92	0.95	0.84	0.89	1.01	1.00
CENTRAL							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	31.31	28.40	26.60	34.47	27.40	26.00	25.88
Children in care during the year (%)	31.43	29.72	29.29	28.92	27.03	26.87	26.98
Relative RDI	1.00	0.96	0.91	1.19	1.01	0.97	0.96
White (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	58.40	60.86	62.31	55.24	61.91	63.94	63.27
Children in care during the year (%)	58.24	59.89	60.02	60.41	62.27	62.12	61.29
Relative RDI	1.00	1.02	1.04	0.91	0.99	1.03	1.03
Latinx (any race)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	4.57	4.23	3.61	3.40	4.57	4.33	5.24
Children in care during the year (%)	3.88	3.64	4.00	4.28	4.62	4.73	5.07
Relative RDI	1.18	1.16	0.90	0.79	0.99	0.92	1.03

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Indicator H.2 *(continued)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SOUTHERN							
Black (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	22.89	21.47	15.89	15.43	15.14	18.89	19.83
Children in care during the year (%)	21.46	20.21	19.03	19.38	20.69	21.88	23.34
Relative RDI	1.07	1.06	0.84	0.80	0.73	0.86	0.85
White (non-Latinx)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	71.49	73.25	78.00	75.85	76.90	75.23	71.90
Children in care during the year (%)	71.94	72.35	73.60	72.82	71.84	70.60	68.38
Relative RDI	0.99	1.01	1.06	1.04	1.07	1.07	1.05
Latinx (any race)							
Children who achieved permanence (%)	*	*	*	3.63	3.13	2.13	2.65
Children in care during the year (%)	*	*	*	3.12	2.89	2.69	2.69
Relative RDI	*	*	*	1.17	1.08	0.79	0.98

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.



Appendix C

Child Population and Child Welfare Population Data

Appendix C provides Illinois child population data at the state and regional level for seven racial and ethnic groups of children.[10] Illinois child population data were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau.[11,12] The 2023 Illinois child population data were used to calculate racial disproportionality indices in FY2023 and FY2024.

Appendix C also provides the number and percentage of children ages 0-17 in these racial and ethnic groups who were involved in the Illinois child welfare system in the following areas:

- Investigations;
- Protective custodies;
- Indicated investigations;
- Substitute care entries; and
- Substitute care stays during the year.

[10] Latinx (any race), Black (non-Latinx), White (non-Latinx), Asian (non-Latinx), Native American/Alaska Native (non-Latinx), and multiracial (non-Latinx)

[11] The data source for the Illinois child population from FY2017-2019 was:
U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2020). *CC-EST2020-ALLDATA6-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019.* U.S. Census Bureau. https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010-2020/counties/asrh/.
The data source for the Illinois child population from FY2020-2023 was:
U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2024). *CC-EST2023-ALLDATA-17: Annual county resident population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023.* U.S. Census Bureau. https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2023/counties/asrh/.

[12] 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 data in these tables were used to calculate the indicators in this report. Definitions for each of these indicators can be found in Appendix A. The data related to the Illinois child welfare system come from the DCFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW). The data were extracted on December 31, 2024. Note that the numbers in the tables are rounded to two decimal places for display purposes.

Table 1. Illinois Child Population

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024[a]
Black	**N**	489,948	482,000	486,790	477,083	466,401	458,811	458,811
	%	15.38	15.33	15.23	15.20	15.17	15.15	15.15
White	**N**	1,632,177	1,603,986	1,605,535	1,571,226	1,533,490	1,504,262	1,504,262
	%	51.23	51.00	50.23	50.07	49.87	49.69	49.69
Latinx	**N**	777,846	771,605	810,484	796,679	783,677	772,682	772,682
	%	24.41	24.53	25.35	25.39	25.48	25.52	25.52
Asian	**N**	171,199	172,009	175,783	174,441	173,077	172,454	172,454
	%	5.37	5.47	5.50	5.56	5.63	5.70	5.70
Multiracial	**N**	109,578	110,175	112,622	113,133	113,307	114,243	114,243
	%	3.44	3.50	3.52	3.61	3.68	3.77	3.77
Native American	**N**	4,507	4,472	4,436	4,358	4,273	4,219	4,219
	%	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Pacific Islander	**N**	882	896	922	941	917	914	914
	%	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03

[a] The 2023 Illinois child population data were used to calculate the RDI for FY2023 and FY2024.

Table 2. Illinois Child Population by Region

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024[a]
COOK								
Black	**N**	305,300	298,899	303,108	292,959	282,409	275,056	275,056
	%	24.42	24.25	23.88	23.71	23.53	23.39	23.39
White	**N**	386,710	381,705	390,345	380,624	370,694	364,894	364,894
	%	30.93	30.96	30.75	30.80	30.89	31.03	31.03
Latinx	**N**	437,266	430,696	450,280	437,795	424,983	414,962	414,962
	%	34.98	34.94	35.47	35.43	35.41	35.29	35.29
Asian	**N**	83,443	83,817	86,566	85,040	83,044	81,850	81,850
	%	6.67	6.80	6.82	6.88	6.92	6.96	6.96
Multiracial	**N**	35,773	36,035	37,543	37,582	37,404	37,686	37,686
	%	2.86	2.92	2.96	3.04	3.12	3.20	3.20
Native American	**N**	1,492	1,475	1,519	1,466	1,383	1,349	1,349
	%	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.11
Pacific Islander	**N**	200	199	181	188	169	158	158
	%	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01

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Table 2. ***(continued)***

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024[a]
NORTHERN								
Black	**N**	87,599	87,035	87,449	87,319	87,231	86,813	86,813
	%	8.00	8.06	8.03	8.13	8.25	8.31	8.31
White	**N**	611,947	597,768	590,917	576,475	561,024	548,530	548,530
	%	55.91	55.34	54.24	53.71	53.03	52.51	52.51
Latinx	**N**	285,291	284,998	299,163	297,654	296,927	295,596	295,596
	%	26.07	26.39	27.46	27.73	28.07	28.30	28.30
Asian	**N**	69,648	70,187	71,487	71,799	72,726	73,497	73,497
	%	6.36	6.50	6.56	6.69	6.87	7.04	7.04
Multiracial	**N**	38,335	38,429	38,643	38,503	38,305	38,534	38,534
	%	3.50	3.56	3.55	3.59	3.62	3.69	3.69
Native American	**N**	1,415	1,412	1,370	1,341	1,326	1,315	1,315
	%	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13
Pacific Islander	**N**	294	303	331	317	330	337	337
	%	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
CENTRAL								
Black	**N**	57,317	56,960	57,303	58,119	58,561	59,232	59,232
	%	10.37	10.42	10.43	10.70	10.92	11.16	11.16
White	**N**	412,794	406,886	405,290	397,974	389,886	383,215	383,215
	%	74.72	74.46	73.79	73.25	72.73	72.23	72.23
Latinx	**N**	41,580	41,888	45,710	45,797	46,170	46,456	46,456
	%	7.53	7.67	8.32	8.43	8.61	8.76	8.76
Asian	**N**	15,327	15,203	14,886	14,798	14,522	14,366	14,366
	%	2.77	2.78	2.71	2.72	2.71	2.71	2.71
Multiracial	**N**	24,154	24,218	24,784	25,264	25,610	25,960	25,960
	%	4.37	4.43	4.51	4.65	4.78	4.89	4.89
Native American	**N**	1,051	1,044	1,021	1,033	1,052	1,039	1,039
	%	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20
Pacific Islander	**N**	247	252	272	304	288	291	291
	%	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05
SOUTHERN								
Black	**N**	39,732	39,106	38,930	38,686	38,200	37,710	37,710
	%	13.75	13.69	13.50	13.55	13.59	13.64	13.64
White	**N**	220,726	217,627	218,983	216,153	211,886	207,623	207,623
	%	76.39	76.16	75.93	75.71	75.38	75.10	75.10
Latinx	**N**	13,709	14,023	15,331	15,433	15,597	15,668	15,668
	%	4.74	4.91	5.32	5.41	5.55	5.67	5.67
Asian	**N**	2,781	2,802	2,844	2,804	2,785	2,741	2,741
	%	0.96	0.98	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.99
Multiracial	**N**	11,316	11,493	11,652	11,784	11,988	12,063	12,063
	%	3.92	4.02	4.04	4.13	4.26	4.36	4.36
Native American	**N**	549	541	526	518	512	516	516
	%	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.19
Pacific Islander	**N**	141	142	138	132	130	128	128
	%	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

[a] The 2023 Illinois child population data were used to calculate the RDI for FY2023 and FY2024

Table 3. Children in Investigations (State)

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black	**N**	33,739	35,904	34,055	36,002	38,336	38,685	38,991
	%	31.33	31.78	31.75	31.36	31.74	32.05	31.92
White	**N**	49,040	50,840	48,767	52,036	52,692	51,390	50,915
	%	45.54	45.00	45.46	45.33	43.63	42.58	41.68
Latinx	**N**	19,251	20,830	19,332	20,863	23,118	23,620	24,959
	%	17.88	18.44	18.02	18.17	19.14	19.57	20.43
Asian	**N**	1,347	1,498	1,379	1,564	1,823	1,775	1,876
	%	1.25	1.33	1.29	1.36	1.51	1.47	1.54
Multiracial	**N**	2,261	2,352	2,344	2,541	2,747	3,001	3,123
	%	2.10	2.08	2.19	2.21	2.27	2.49	2.56
Native American	**N**	88	93	82	88	75	96	107
	%	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.09
Pacific Islander	**N**	61	52	63	60	61	60	58
	%	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

Table 4. Children in Investigations by Region

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK								
Black	**N**	15,336	16,568	15,420	15,971	16,861	16,902	16,769
	%	48.61	48.75	49.75	49.26	48.21	47.95	46.51
White	**N**	4,999	5,273	4,978	5,012	5,328	5,263	5,352
	%	15.84	15.52	16.06	15.46	15.23	14.93	14.84
Latinx	**N**	9,764	10,595	9,195	9,786	10,954	11,181	11,997
	%	30.95	31.18	29.66	30.18	31.32	31.72	33.27
Asian	**N**	625	762	690	770	863	835	837
	%	1.98	2.24	2.23	2.38	2.47	2.37	2.32
Multiracial	**N**	278	326	326	309	322	383	403
	%	0.88	0.96	1.05	0.95	0.92	1.09	1.12
Native American	**N**	18	22	14	30	17	35	19
	%	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.05	0.10	0.05
Pacific Islander	**N**	20	13	17	24	13	11	22
	%	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.06
NORTHERN								
Black	**N**	7,423	7,903	7,416	8,088	8,757	8,723	8,733
	%	24.77	25.08	24.49	24.62	24.71	24.91	24.79
White	**N**	13,330	13,939	13,445	14,385	15,066	14,333	14,021
	%	44.48	44.23	44.41	43.79	42.50	40.93	39.81
Latinx	**N**	7,393	8,063	7,862	8,547	9,518	9,733	10,072
	%	24.67	25.58	25.97	26.02	26.85	27.80	28.59
Asian	**N**	576	561	523	650	782	754	834
	%	1.92	1.78	1.73	1.98	2.21	2.15	2.37
Multiracial	**N**	618	599	644	718	753	816	903
	%	2.06	1.90	2.13	2.19	2.12	2.33	2.56
Native American	**N**	28	28	24	19	17	17	42
	%	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.12
Pacific Islander	**N**	20	21	22	13	18	25	19
	%	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.05

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Table 4. ***(continued)***

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CENTRAL								
Black	**N**	7,206	7,516	7,450	7,979	8,409	8,746	8,737
	%	23.72	24.32	24.81	24.74	25.65	26.32	26.53
White	**N**	19,898	20,141	19,318	20,688	20,531	20,418	20,077
	%	65.51	65.16	64.34	64.15	62.64	61.44	60.97
Latinx	**N**	1,646	1,693	1,779	1,912	2,009	2,101	2,074
	%	5.42	5.48	5.93	5.93	6.13	6.32	6.30
Asian	**N**	113	138	126	103	137	150	177
	%	0.37	0.45	0.42	0.32	0.42	0.45	0.54
Multiracial	**N**	948	984	958	1,076	1,164	1,249	1,244
	%	3.12	3.18	3.19	3.34	3.55	3.76	3.78
Native American	**N**	25	33	36	28	26	31	30
	%	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09
Pacific Islander	**N**	11	13	11	8	12	16	10
	%	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.03
SOUTHERN								
Black	**N**	3,739	3,867	3,720	3,852	4,183	4,200	4,379
	%	23.83	23.49	23.51	22.68	24.25	24.86	25.78
White	**N**	10,763	11,453	10,962	11,847	11,666	11,273	11,110
	%	68.59	69.56	69.29	69.75	67.62	66.71	65.41
Latinx	**N**	429	457	459	553	562	535	632
	%	2.73	2.78	2.90	3.26	3.26	3.17	3.72
Asian	**N**	33	36	38	36	38	32	21
	%	0.21	0.22	0.24	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.12
Multiracial	**N**	416	441	414	432	501	552	546
	%	2.65	2.68	2.62	2.54	2.90	3.27	3.21
Native American	**N**	17	10	8	11	15	13	16
	%	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.09
Pacific Islander	**N**	10	5	13	15	18	8	7
	%	0.06	0.03	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.05	0.04

Table 5. Children in Protective Custodies (State)

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black	**N**	2,121	2,306	2,621	2,233	1,999	1,826	1,934
	%	39.14	36.52	36.03	31.06	33.59	33.08	34.88
White	**N**	2,579	3,059	3,450	3,674	2,966	2,762	2,640
	%	47.59	48.44	47.42	51.10	49.84	50.04	47.62
Latinx	**N**	416	609	836	904	695	610	649
	%	7.68	9.64	11.49	12.57	11.68	11.05	11.71
Asian	**N**	25	16	38	41	30	25	16
	%	0.46	0.25	0.52	0.57	0.50	0.45	0.29
Multiracial	**N**	207	258	262	240	190	219	217
	%	3.82	4.09	3.60	3.34	3.19	3.97	3.91
Native American	**N**	0	3	4	11	5	1	8
	%	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.15	0.08	0.02	0.14
Pacific Islander	**N**	1	0	1	5	3	0	2
	%	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.04

Table 6. Children in Protective Custodies by Region

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK								
Black	**N**	1,018	959	1,126	748	656	569	584
	%	70.21	65.51	63.44	57.45	63.57	60.99	63.20
White	**N**	162	174	192	194	133	98	104
	%	11.17	11.89	10.82	14.90	12.89	10.50	11.26
Latinx	**N**	208	289	398	315	211	222	203
	%	14.34	19.74	22.42	24.19	20.45	23.79	21.97
Asian	**N**	12	7	21	20	12	16	6
	%	0.83	0.48	1.18	1.54	1.16	1.71	0.65
Multiracial	**N**	31	22	19	11	8	13	11
	%	2.14	1.50	1.07	0.84	0.78	1.39	1.19
Native American	**N**	0	0	2	1	0	0	1
	%	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.11
Pacific Islander	**N**	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Table 6. ***(continued)***

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
NORTHERN								
Black	**N**	306	447	455	508	450	367	412
	%	35.58	41.24	34.18	28.41	32.56	32.54	33.72
White	**N**	376	399	531	752	530	457	452
	%	43.72	36.81	39.89	42.06	38.35	40.51	36.99
Latinx	**N**	121	177	262	421	335	238	286
	%	14.07	16.33	19.68	23.55	24.24	21.10	23.40
Asian	**N**	10	3	9	17	12	9	9
	%	1.16	0.28	0.68	0.95	0.87	0.80	0.74
Multiracial	**N**	36	49	59	64	44	45	51
	%	4.19	4.52	4.43	3.58	3.18	3.99	4.17
Native American	**N**	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
	%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.07	0.00	0.00
Pacific Islander	**N**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CENTRAL								
Black	**N**	544	609	761	687	591	638	620
	%	28.41	26.46	28.00	26.98	27.32	29.11	28.88
White	**N**	1,167	1,440	1,642	1,580	1,334	1,299	1,255
	%	60.94	62.55	60.41	62.06	61.67	59.26	58.45
Latinx	**N**	66	90	143	125	116	112	126
	%	3.45	3.91	5.26	4.91	5.36	5.11	5.87
Asian	**N**	2	5	7	4	6	0	1
	%	0.10	0.22	0.26	0.16	0.28	0.00	0.05
Multiracial	**N**	109	132	143	118	89	118	114
	%	5.69	5.73	5.26	4.63	4.11	5.38	5.31
Native American	**N**	0	3	2	8	0	1	5
	%	0.00	0.13	0.07	0.31	0.00	0.05	0.23
Pacific Islander	**N**	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	%	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
SOUTHERN								
Black	**N**	253	291	279	290	302	249	314
	%	21.19	19.89	19.24	18.67	21.98	19.71	25.18
White	**N**	874	1,044	1,084	1,147	969	908	829
	%	73.20	71.36	74.76	73.86	70.52	71.89	66.48
Latinx	**N**	21	53	33	43	33	37	34
	%	1.76	3.62	2.28	2.77	2.40	2.93	2.73
Asian	**N**	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	%	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Multiracial	**N**	31	55	41	47	49	43	41
	%	2.60	3.76	2.83	3.03	3.57	3.40	3.29
Native American	**N**	0	0	0	1	4	0	2
	%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.29	0.00	0.16
Pacific Islander	**N**	0	0	1	4	3	0	0
	%	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.26	0.22	0.00	0.00

Table 7. Children in Indicated Investigations (State)

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black	**N**	10,047	10,570	11,594	11,990	10,250	10,014	9,955
	%	32.23	32.44	33.57	32.67	31.99	31.80	31.53
White	**N**	14,305	14,691	15,000	15,720	13,795	13,514	13,353
	%	45.89	45.09	43.44	42.83	43.06	42.92	42.29
Latinx	**N**	5,275	5,881	6,463	7,229	6,424	6,229	6,499
	%	16.92	18.05	18.72	19.70	20.05	19.78	20.58
Asian	**N**	224	285	309	404	347	333	354
	%	0.72	0.87	0.89	1.10	1.08	1.06	1.12
Multiracial	**N**	801	793	832	889	847	920	937
	%	2.57	2.43	2.41	2.42	2.64	2.92	2.97
Native American	**N**	17	25	21	33	14	18	34
	%	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.09	0.04	0.06	0.11
Pacific Islander	**N**	11	6	14	15	10	13	9
	%	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03

Table 8. Children in Indicated Investigations by Region

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK								
Black	**N**	4,360	4,724	5,315	5,094	3,920	3,582	3,370
	%	51.11	50.91	53.05	50.58	48.47	48.26	46.73
White	**N**	1,179	1,285	1,313	1,363	1,076	924	960
	%	13.82	13.85	13.11	13.53	13.31	12.45	13.31
Latinx	**N**	2,668	2,937	3,051	3,177	2,757	2,563	2,551
	%	31.27	31.65	30.46	31.55	34.09	34.53	35.38
Asian	**N**	102	147	158	212	164	149	149
	%	1.20	1.58	1.58	2.11	2.03	2.01	2.07
Multiracial	**N**	92	96	97	88	73	87	79
	%	1.08	1.03	0.97	0.87	0.90	1.17	1.10
Native American	**N**	1	11	4	12	4	5	2
	%	0.01	0.12	0.04	0.12	0.05	0.07	0.03
Pacific Islander	**N**	2	1	3	6	1	2	3
	%	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.04

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Table 8. ***(continued)***

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
NORTHERN								
Black	**N**	1,979	2,296	2,435	2,841	2,615	2,538	2,491
	%	25.97	27.58	26.58	26.23	27.45	27.31	25.75
White	**N**	3,237	3,325	3,636	4,204	3,498	3,432	3,502
	%	42.49	39.94	39.69	38.82	36.72	36.93	36.20
Latinx	**N**	1,972	2,313	2,674	3,238	2,924	2,816	3,091
	%	25.88	27.78	29.19	29.90	30.70	30.30	31.95
Asian	**N**	91	98	97	158	150	151	171
	%	1.19	1.18	1.06	1.46	1.57	1.62	1.77
Multiracial	**N**	207	192	228	274	236	227	289
	%	2.72	2.31	2.49	2.53	2.48	2.44	2.99
Native American	**N**	1	4	8	3	3	1	9
	%	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.09
Pacific Islander	**N**	6	4	2	1	5	8	3
	%	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.03
CENTRAL								
Black	**N**	2,576	2,433	2,899	2,985	2,646	2,778	2,865
	%	25.64	24.81	27.79	28.29	28.09	28.64	29.75
White	**N**	6,396	6,384	6,381	6,349	5,675	5,621	5,549
	%	63.67	65.09	61.16	60.17	60.24	57.95	57.62
Latinx	**N**	506	487	614	656	583	691	633
	%	5.04	4.97	5.89	6.22	6.19	7.12	6.57
Asian	**N**	27	32	51	30	20	28	30
	%	0.27	0.33	0.49	0.28	0.21	0.29	0.31
Multiracial	**N**	383	356	385	399	383	430	409
	%	3.81	3.63	3.69	3.78	4.07	4.43	4.25
Native American	**N**	10	9	9	11	3	7	11
	%	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.03	0.07	0.11
Pacific Islander	**N**	2	1	6	1	1	3	3
	%	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
SOUTHERN								
Black	**N**	1,132	1,117	945	1,070	1,069	1,111	1,210
	%	22.74	21.62	19.20	20.39	21.35	21.93	24.25
White	**N**	3,493	3,697	3,670	3,804	3,546	3,537	3,317
	%	70.17	71.56	74.58	72.48	70.82	69.80	66.47
Latinx	**N**	129	144	124	157	160	158	205
	%	2.59	2.79	2.52	2.99	3.20	3.12	4.11
Asian	**N**	4	8	3	4	13	5	4
	%	0.08	0.15	0.06	0.08	0.26	0.10	0.08
Multiracial	**N**	119	149	122	128	155	176	159
	%	2.39	2.88	2.48	2.44	3.10	3.47	3.19
Native American	**N**	5	1	0	7	4	5	12
	%	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.13	0.08	0.10	0.24
Pacific Islander	**N**	1	0	3	7	3	0	0
	%	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.13	0.06	0.00	0.00

Table 9. Children Who Entered Substitute Care (State)

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black	**N**	2,090	2,222	2,600	2,175	1,855	1,826	1,834
	%	37.05	34.83	35.60	30.96	32.58	32.97	33.60
White	**N**	2,797	3,285	3,504	3,629	2,924	2,800	2,713
	%	49.58	51.49	47.97	51.66	51.36	50.55	49.70
Latinx	**N**	422	532	839	863	645	570	590
	%	7.48	8.34	11.49	12.28	11.33	10.29	10.81
Asian	**N**	20	14	25	34	24	20	9
	%	0.35	0.22	0.34	0.48	0.42	0.36	0.16
Multiracial	**N**	236	264	267	242	186	232	218
	%	4.18	4.14	3.66	3.44	3.27	4.19	3.99
Native American	**N**	2	3	5	10	4	2	8
	%	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.14	0.07	0.04	0.15
Pacific Islander	**N**	1	0	1	5	3	0	2
	%	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.04

Table 10. Children Who Entered Substitute Care by Region

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK								
Black	**N**	947	834	1,071	765	640	588	536
	%	70.94	67.86	61.48	60.24	64.39	64.05	63.96
White	**N**	151	136	198	159	129	94	98
	%	11.31	11.07	11.37	12.52	12.98	10.24	11.69
Latinx	**N**	179	225	422	310	203	200	182
	%	13.41	18.31	24.23	24.41	20.42	21.79	21.72
Asian	**N**	10	6	13	16	10	13	5
	%	0.75	0.49	0.75	1.26	1.01	1.42	0.60
Multiracial	**N**	33	18	20	13	9	11	5
	%	2.47	1.46	1.15	1.02	0.91	1.20	0.60
Native American	**N**	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	%	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12
Pacific Islander	**N**	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Table 10. ***(continued)***

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
NORTHERN								
Black	**N**	304	436	477	423	384	358	376
	%	33.67	39.71	36.58	26.52	30.74	32.28	32.98
White	**N**	403	443	510	703	505	447	444
	%	44.63	40.35	39.11	44.08	40.43	40.31	38.95
Latinx	**N**	127	156	235	367	303	225	256
	%	14.06	14.21	18.02	23.01	24.26	20.29	22.46
Asian	**N**	9	2	5	14	8	7	2
	%	1.00	0.18	0.38	0.88	0.64	0.63	0.18
Multiracial	**N**	49	52	64	69	38	50	49
	%	5.43	4.74	4.91	4.33	3.04	4.51	4.30
Native American	**N**	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
	%	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Pacific Islander	**N**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CENTRAL								
Black	**N**	595	653	804	730	553	610	598
	%	28.27	26.29	28.48	27.20	25.95	27.37	27.02
White	**N**	1,272	1,573	1,700	1,669	1,350	1,352	1,339
	%	60.43	63.33	60.22	62.18	63.35	60.66	60.51
Latinx	**N**	92	90	145	131	106	113	121
	%	4.37	3.62	5.14	4.88	4.97	5.07	5.47
Asian	**N**	1	5	6	4	6	0	1
	%	0.05	0.20	0.21	0.15	0.28	0.00	0.05
Multiracial	**N**	120	141	140	116	91	123	117
	%	5.70	5.68	4.96	4.32	4.27	5.52	5.29
Native American	**N**	0	3	2	8	0	1	5
	%	0.00	0.12	0.07	0.30	0.00	0.04	0.23
Pacific Islander	**N**	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
	%	0.05	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.09
SOUTHERN								
Black	**N**	244	299	244	246	277	268	317
	%	18.84	19.13	17.24	16.98	21.13	20.97	25.32
White	**N**	969	1128	1087	1090	934	904	827
	%	74.83	72.17	76.82	75.22	71.24	70.74	66.05
Latinx	**N**	23	60	32	49	32	32	28
	%	1.78	3.84	2.26	3.38	2.44	2.50	2.24
Asian	**N**	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
	%	0.00	0.06	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Multiracial	**N**	34	53	41	42	48	48	47
	%	2.63	3.39	2.90	2.90	3.66	3.76	3.75
Native American	**N**	2	0	0	1	4	0	2
	%	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.31	0.00	0.16
Pacific Islander	**N**	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
	%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.23	0.00	0.00

Table 11. Children in Substitute Care During the Year (State)

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Black	**N**	8,419	8,610	9,257	9,652	9,326	9,025	8,791
	%	42.37	40.31	39.38	37.77	36.96	36.88	36.80
White	**N**	8,516	9,658	10,694	11,834	11,827	11,444	11,090
	%	42.86	45.22	45.50	46.31	46.87	46.77	46.42
Latinx	**N**	1,922	1,954	2,324	2,753	2,838	2,739	2,725
	%	9.67	9.15	9.89	10.77	11.25	11.19	11.41
Asian	**N**	60	57	65	89	91	85	61
	%	0.30	0.27	0.28	0.35	0.36	0.35	0.26
Multiracial	**N**	779	874	937	966	907	897	910
	%	3.92	4.09	3.99	3.78	3.59	3.67	3.81
Native American	**N**	17	19	23	27	28	24	25
	%	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10
Pacific Islander	**N**	4	3	3	8	10	6	7
	%	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03

Table 12. Children in Substitute Care During the Year by Region

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COOK								
Black	**N**	4,285	4,176	4,438	4,475	4,327	4,093	3,814
	%	68.46	68.79	67.76	66.54	66.29	66.46	66.30
White	**N**	678	650	687	700	701	637	589
	%	10.83	10.71	10.49	10.41	10.74	10.34	10.24
Latinx	**N**	1,111	1,069	1,242	1,364	1,329	1,253	1,195
	%	17.75	17.61	18.96	20.28	20.36	20.34	20.77
Asian	**N**	23	24	30	45	43	50	33
	%	0.37	0.40	0.46	0.67	0.66	0.81	0.57
Multiracial	**N**	121	111	104	95	86	77	69
	%	1.93	1.83	1.59	1.41	1.32	1.25	1.20
Native American	**N**	3	3	4	1	1	1	1
	%	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
Pacific Islander	**N**	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
	%	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00

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Table 12. ***(continued)***

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
NORTHERN								
Black	**N**	1,259	1,320	1,441	1,510	1,470	1,406	1,395
	%	37.45	38.10	37.86	33.59	32.64	32.55	32.77
White	**N**	1,392	1,409	1,489	1,855	1,811	1,709	1,662
	%	41.40	40.66	39.12	41.26	40.22	39.57	39.04
Latinx	**N**	462	486	602	828	936	926	943
	%	13.74	14.03	15.82	18.42	20.79	21.44	22.15
Asian	**N**	27	17	16	24	25	18	12
	%	0.80	0.49	0.42	0.53	0.56	0.42	0.28
Multiracial	**N**	182	194	212	229	213	204	199
	%	5.41	5.60	5.57	5.09	4.73	4.72	4.67
Native American	**N**	9	8	10	8	7	6	3
	%	0.27	0.23	0.26	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.07
Pacific Islander	**N**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CENTRAL								
Black	**N**	2,016	2,155	2,383	2,579	2,386	2,331	2,323
	%	31.43	29.72	29.29	28.92	27.03	26.87	26.98
White	**N**	3,736	4,342	4,883	5,387	5,497	5,388	5,278
	%	58.24	59.89	60.02	60.41	62.27	62.12	61.29
Latinx	**N**	249	264	325	382	408	410	437
	%	3.88	3.64	4.00	4.28	4.62	4.73	5.07
Asian	**N**	10	13	15	16	21	15	13
	%	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.24	0.17	0.15
Multiracial	**N**	349	409	458	457	425	434	447
	%	5.44	5.64	5.63	5.13	4.81	5.00	5.19
Native American	**N**	3	6	7	15	15	14	16
	%	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.19
Pacific Islander	**N**	3	2	2	3	3	0	2
	%	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.02
SOUTHERN								
Black	**N**	797	899	930	1026	1090	1141	1204
	%	21.46	20.21	19.03	19.38	20.69	21.88	23.34
White	**N**	2,672	3,218	3,597	3,855	3,784	3,681	3,527
	%	71.94	72.35	73.60	72.82	71.84	70.60	68.38
Latinx	**N**	91	123	142	165	152	140	139
	%	2.45	2.77	2.91	3.12	2.89	2.69	2.69
Asian	**N**	0	1	2	2	0	0	0
	%	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Multiracial	**N**	120	154	158	180	177	177	191
	%	3.23	3.46	3.23	3.4	3.36	3.39	3.70
Native American	**N**	2	2	2	3	5	3	5
	%	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.10
Pacific Islander	**N**	0	0	1	4	6	6	5
	%	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.10