

# PERMANENCY AND WELL-BEING IN THE CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY

**Peoria County  
Central Region**

June 2018



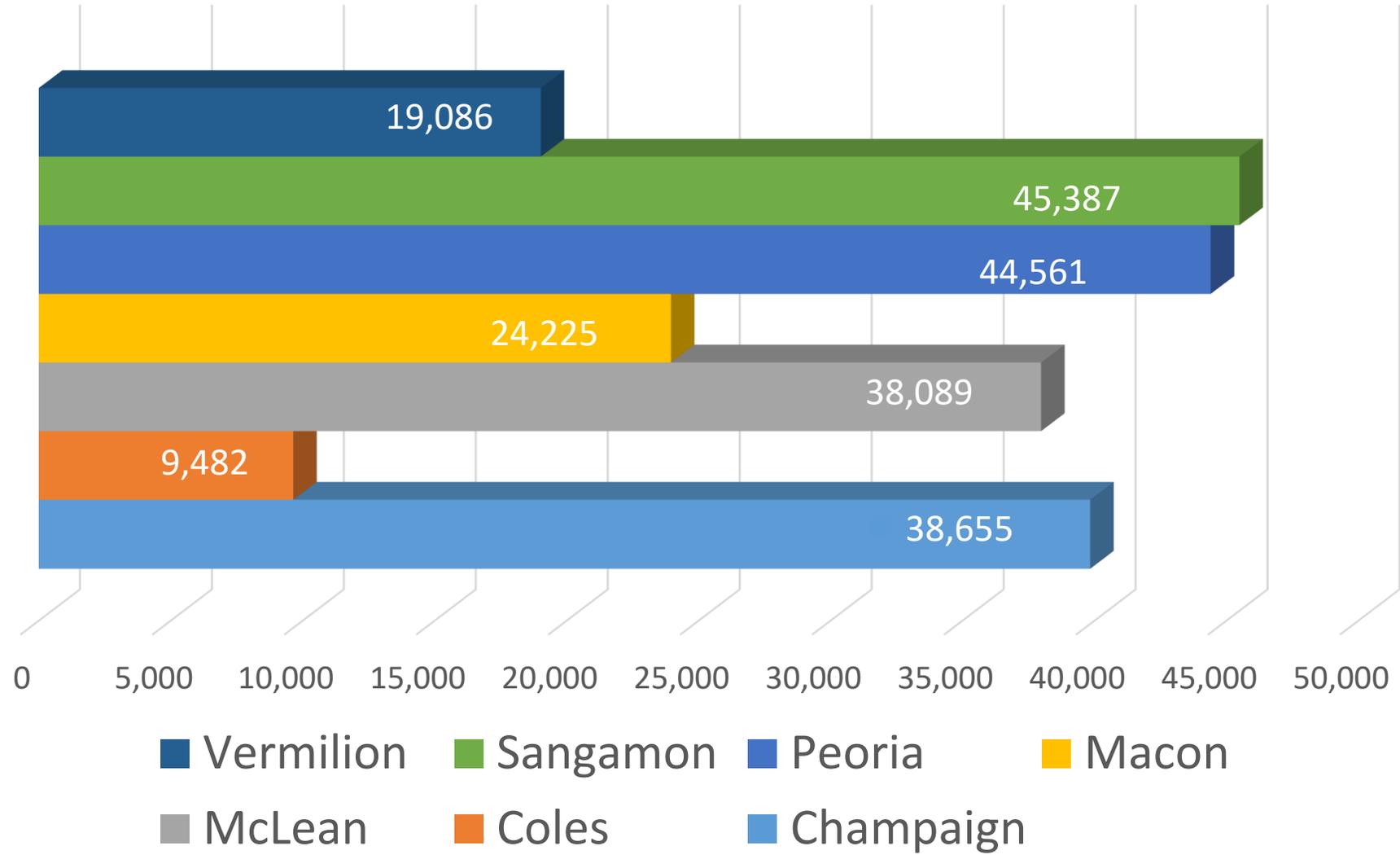
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# CHILD AND COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS



# Total Child Population by County

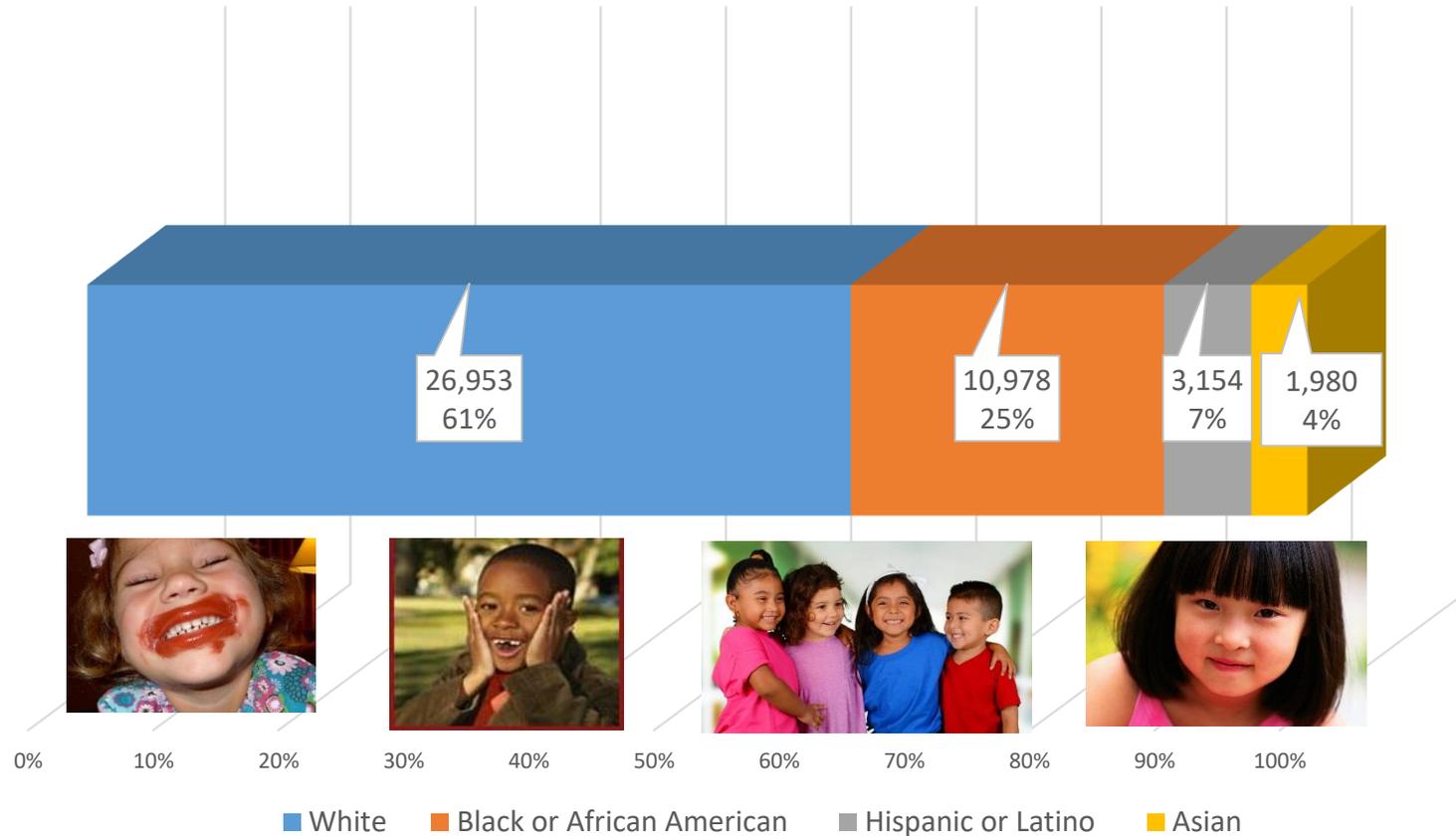
**Peoria:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> largest  
child  
population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Child Characteristics*, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Retrieved from: [https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/16\\_5YR/S0901/0500000US17019|0500000US17029|0500000US17113|0500000US17115|0500000US17143|0500000US17167|0500000US17183](https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/16_5YR/S0901/0500000US17019|0500000US17029|0500000US17113|0500000US17115|0500000US17143|0500000US17167|0500000US17183)

# Peoria County Child Population by Race/Ethnicity

**Peoria:**  
1/3+  
children of  
color

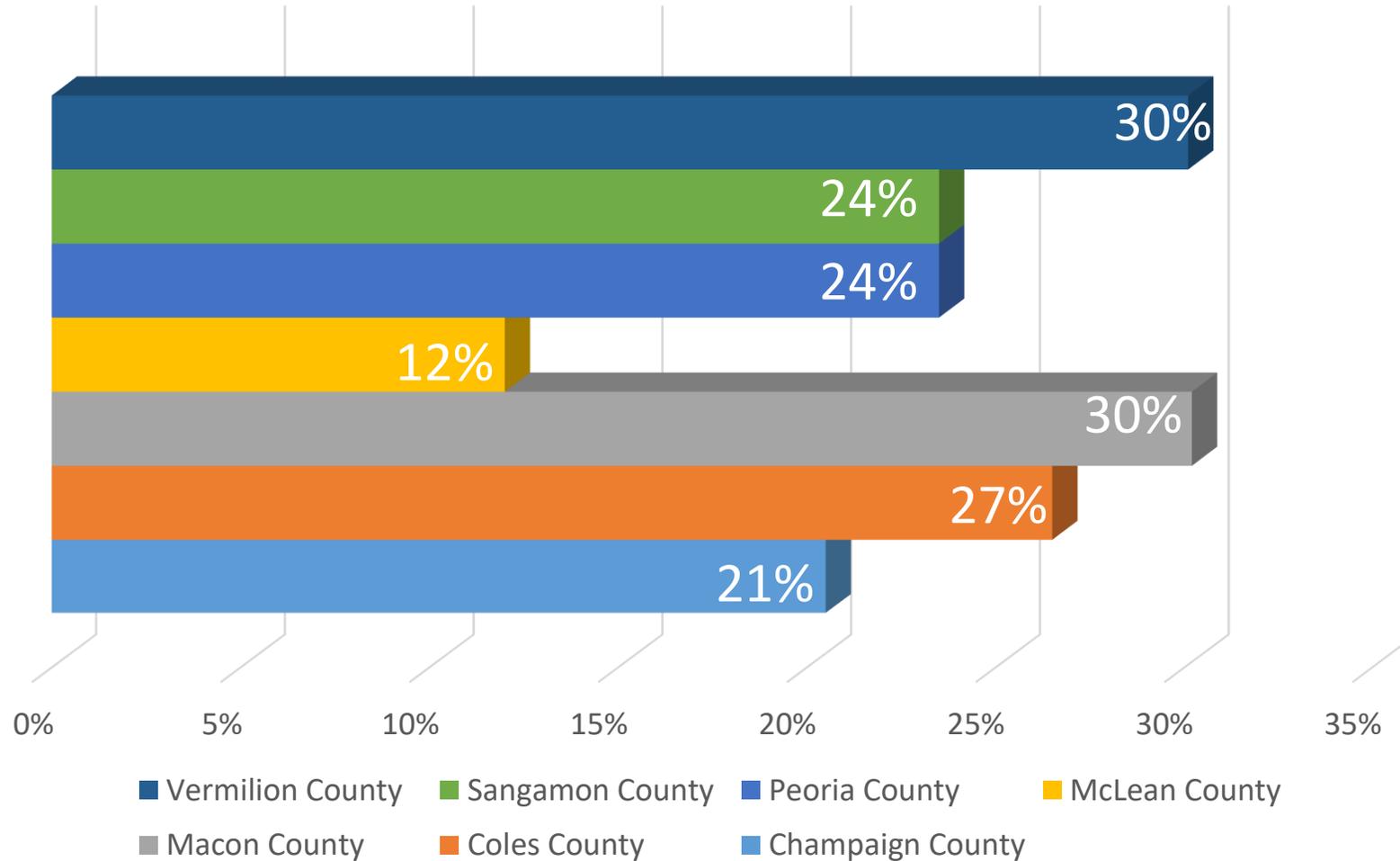


Note: Total reflects margins of error ranging from +/-7 to +/-341; does not include race "other" race/ethnicity categories.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Sex by Age, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Retrieved from:

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# % of Children at or Below Poverty

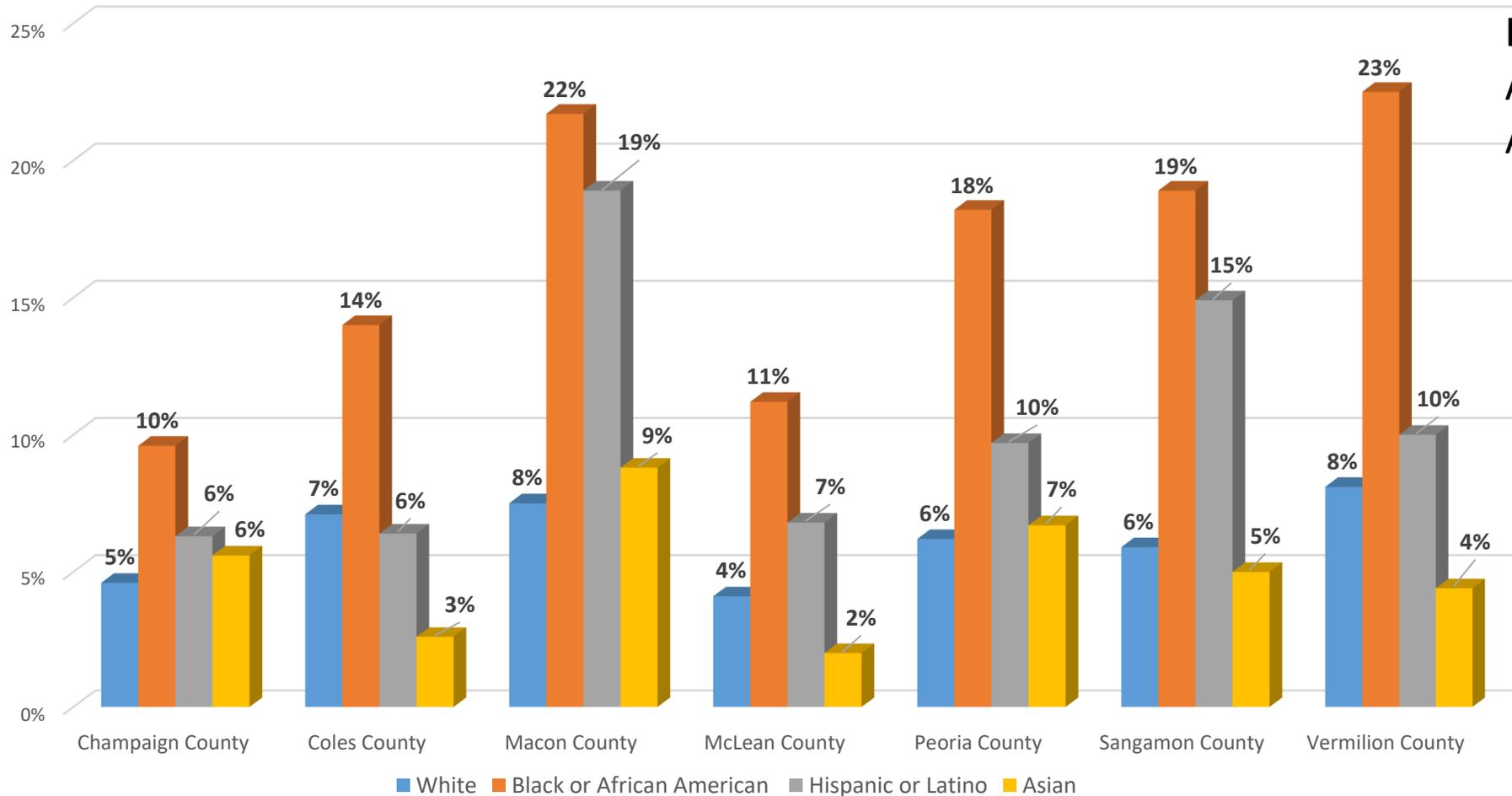


Note: Percent represents the number of children living below poverty by the total child population of that county

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Poverty Status in past 12 months*, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Retrieved from:

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## % Unemployed by Race



Peoria:  
 Whites > nation  
 Latinos > double nation  
 Asian > nation  
 AA > 4x nation

**National  
 Unemployment  
 Rate (2018): 4%**

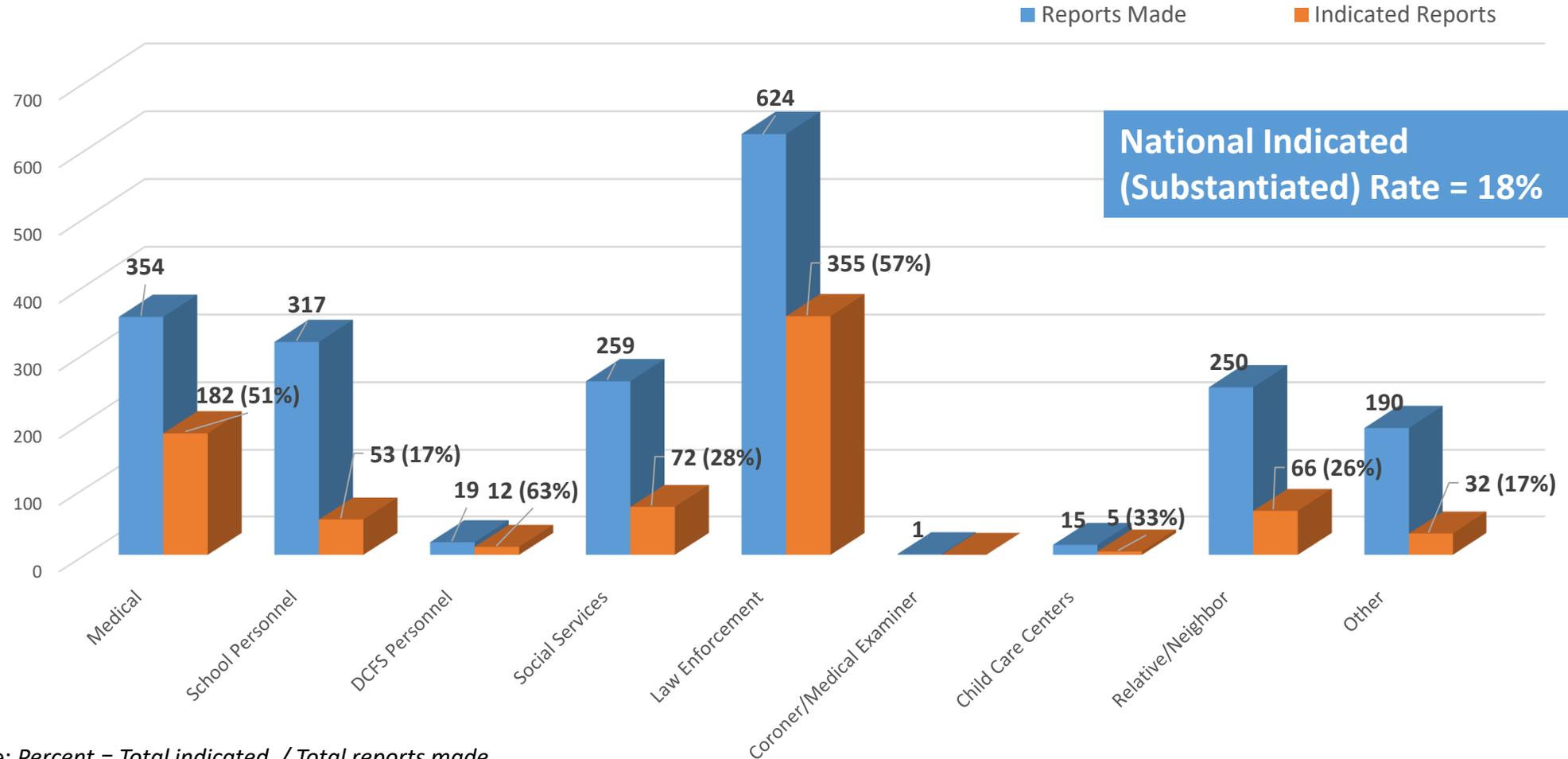
Source: U.S. Bureau of  
 Labor Statistics, (2018).  
<https://data.bls.gov/time-series/LNS1400000>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Employment Status*, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Retrieved from:  
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# Peoria County: CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY



# Peoria County Reports Made vs. Indicated by Source FY 2017

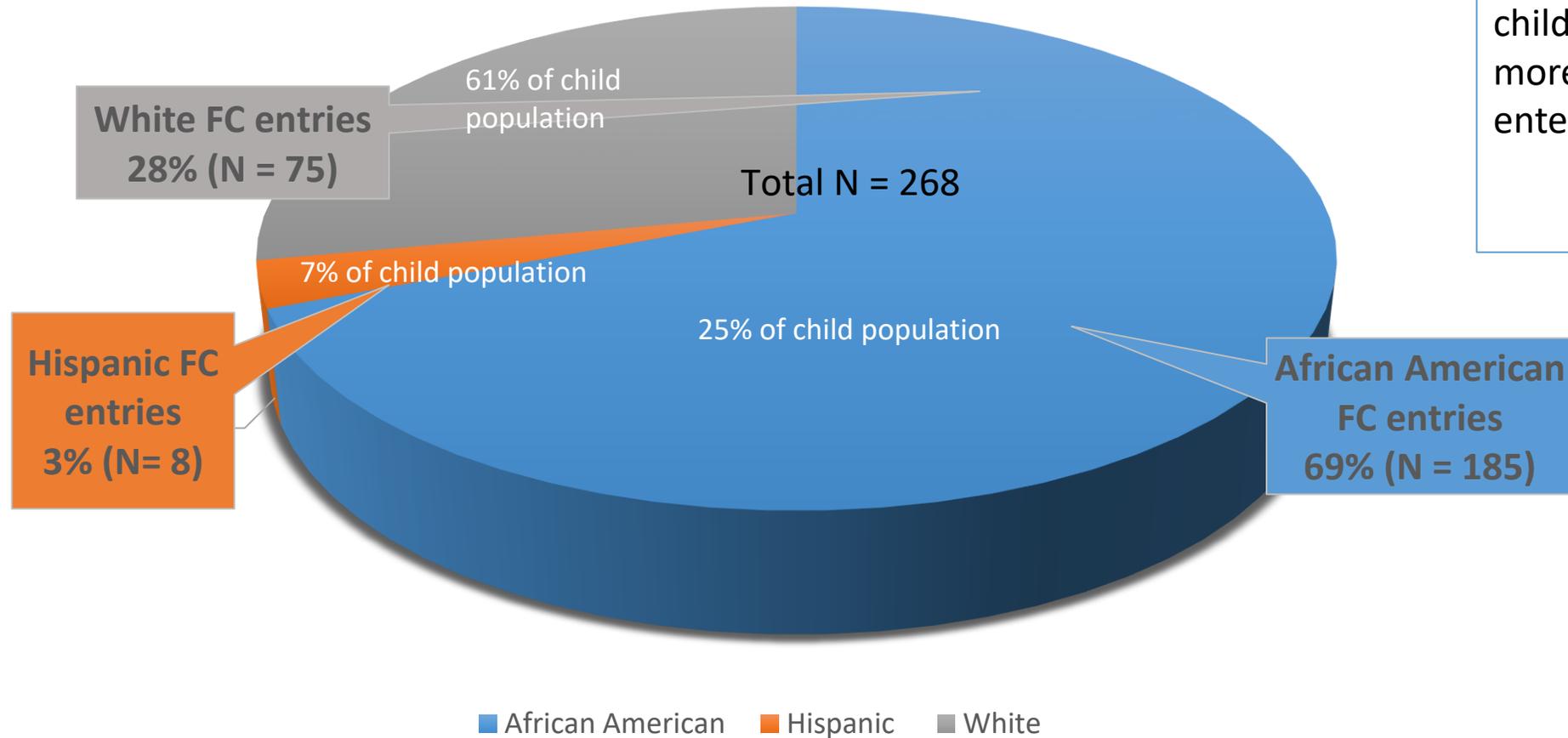


Note: *Percent = Total indicated / Total reports made*

1. Source: Central Region DCFS Mindshare Data FY17, "Source of Indicated Reports"

2. Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway (2015). Retrieved 5-3-2018 at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/canstats/>

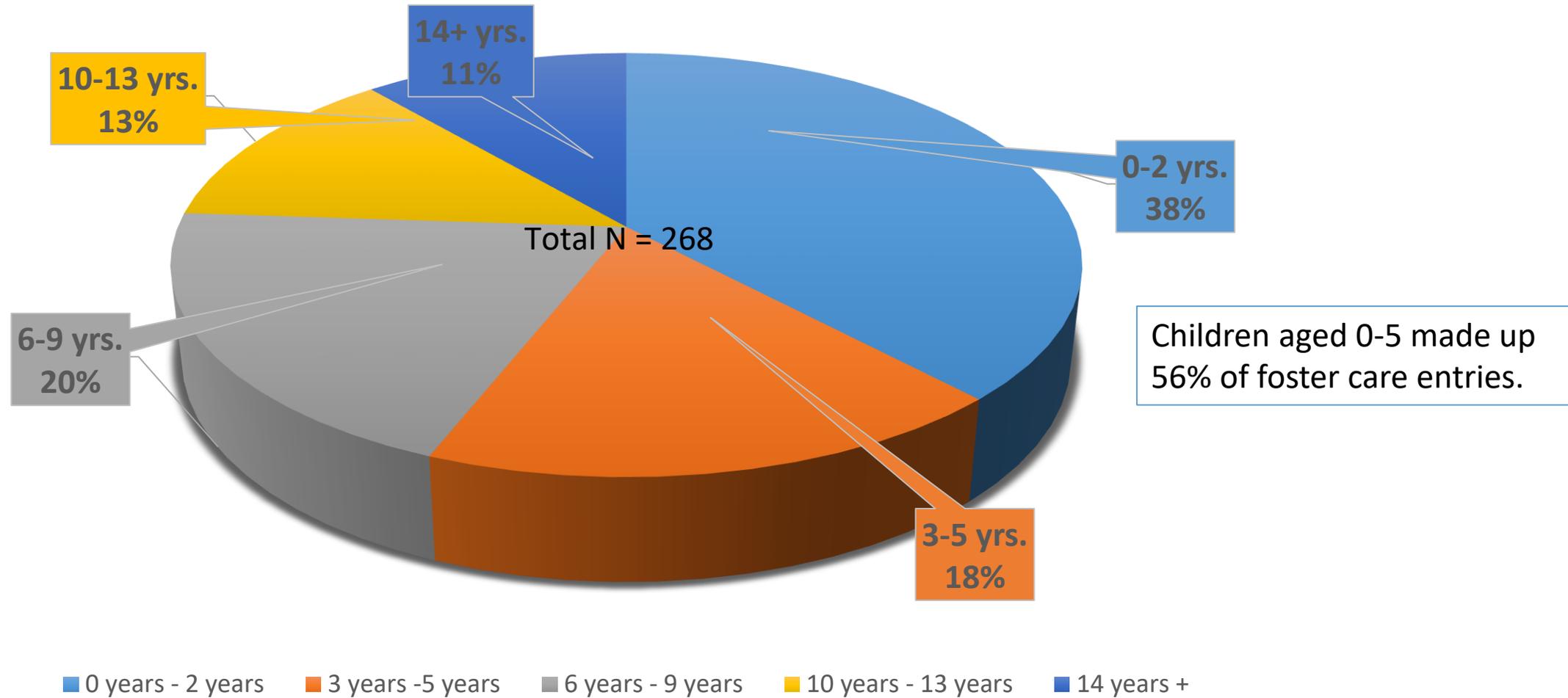
# Peoria County Foster Care Entries by Race FY 2017



**Peoria:**  
African American children are 2.5x more likely to enter foster care.

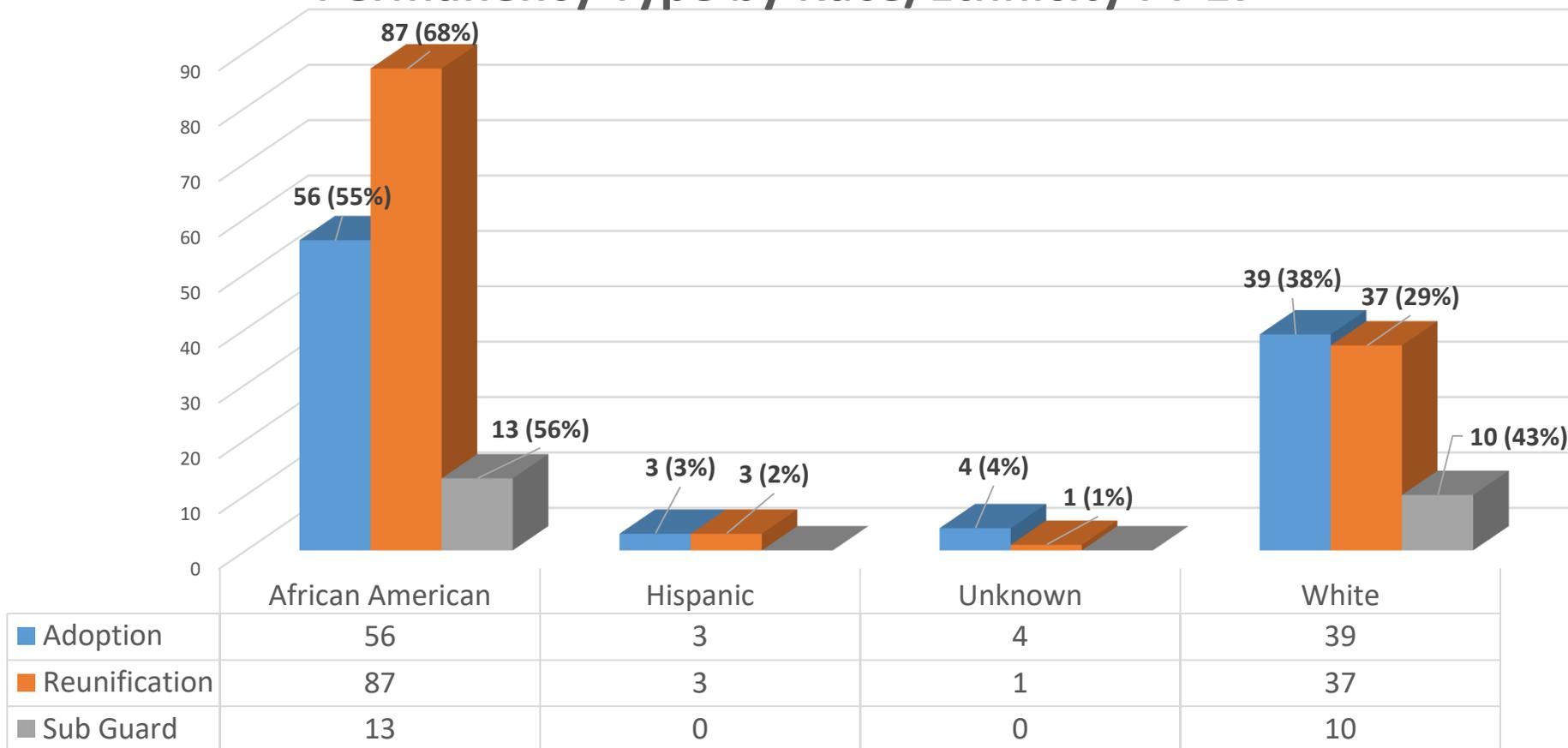
Source: Central Region DCFS Mindshare Data FY 17, "Entries into Care from the Sub-Region"

# Peoria County Foster Care Entries by Age FY 2017



Source: Central Region DCFS Mindshare Data FY17, "Entries into Care from the Sub-Region"

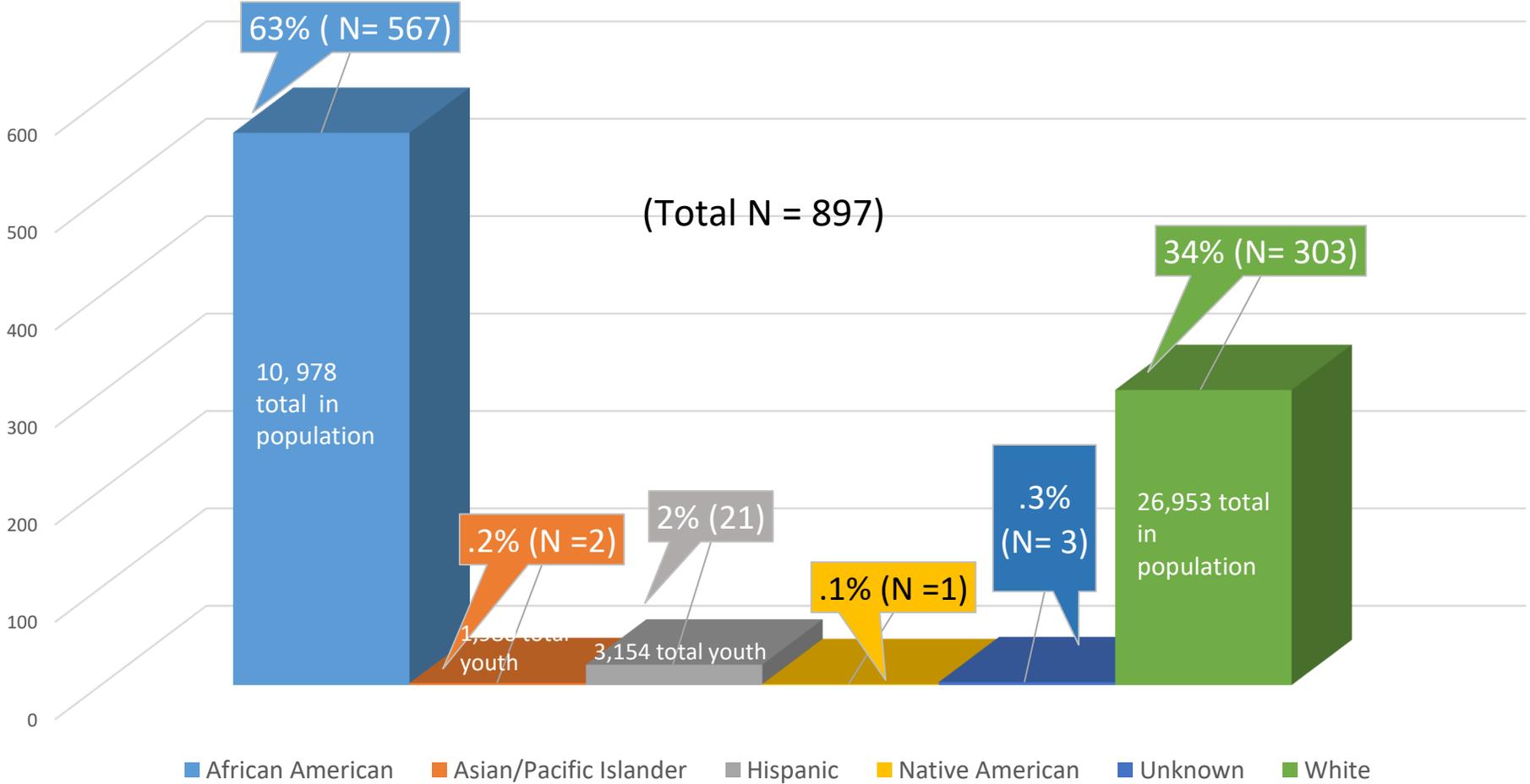
## Peoria County Permanency Type by Race/Ethnicity FY 17



Among the three permanencies, guardianship is the least likely outcome. African American children make up the largest proportion of adoptions, reunifications, and guardianship placements. In FY 17, African American children were more likely to be reunified than adopted.

Source: Central Region DCFS Mindshare FY17, "Permanencies by Sub-Region"

# Peoria County Total Youth in Care FY 17



FC = “foster care”

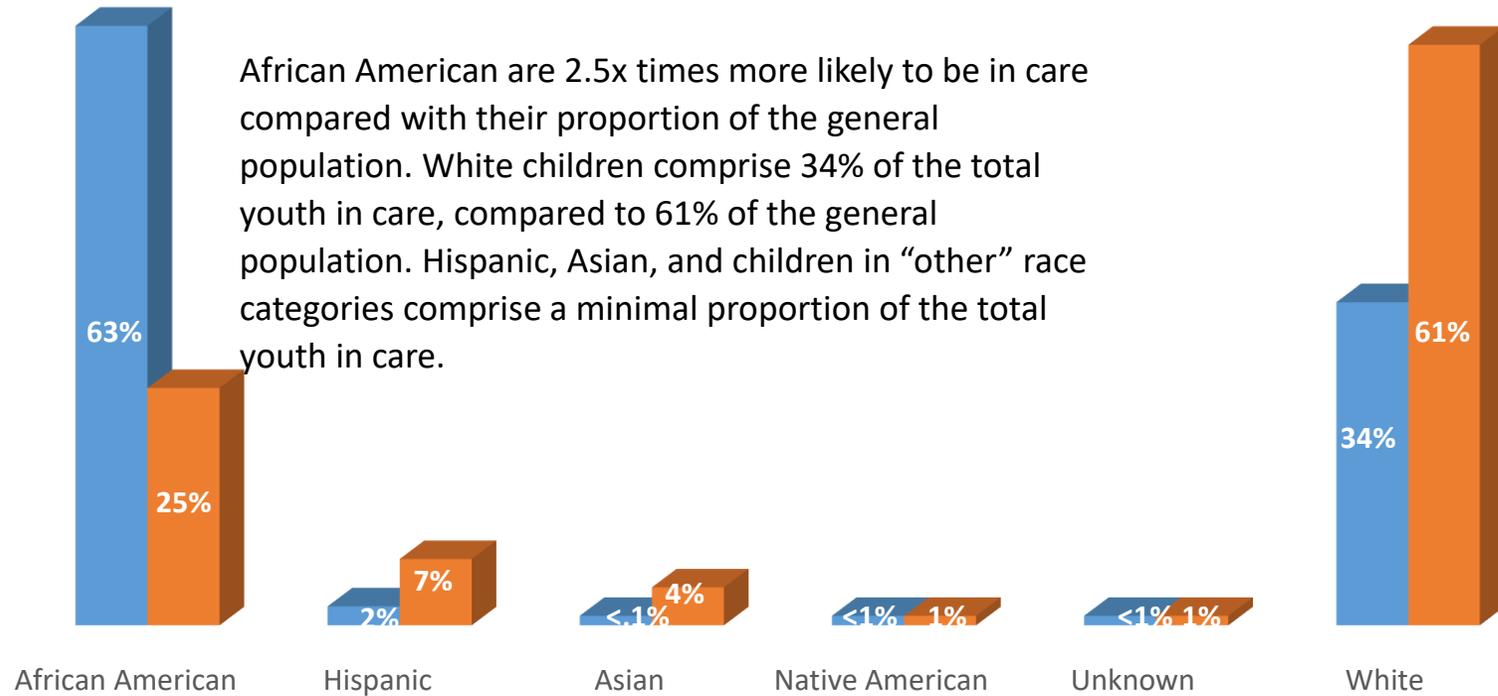
Source: Central Region DCFS Mindshare FY 17, “Wards from the Sub-Region”

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Sex by Age*, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Retrieved from:  
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# Peoria County

## % of Youth in Care Compared to the Population

■ % in Care ■ % in Population



Source: Central-Region DCFS Mindshare FY 17, “Wards from the Sub-Region”

# Summary

- ❖ Among the seven Central Region counties assessed, Peoria has the largest proportion of African American children, and the second largest proportion of Latino children.
- ❖ Among most hotline reporters, the rates of “indicated reports” are at or above the national rate (18%).
- ❖ Children aged 0-5 made up 56% of foster care entries.

# Summary

- ❖ African Americans made up 69% of foster care entries which is disproportionate to their representation in the general population (25%).
- ❖ High unemployment among all race groups, especially African Americans (18%).

# Service and Resource Implications

- ❖ Need for resources to serve families parenting children in the **0-5 age range**
- ❖ Need for **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** to address high unemployment, particularly double digit unemployment among African Americans and Latinos.
- ❖ Need for **CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE child welfare services and partnerships with key stakeholder groups:**

Human Services  
Education/Child Development  
Law Enforcement  
Labor/Economic Opportunities

Immigration/naturalization  
Mental and Behavioral Health  
Medical Care  
Faith Based Partnerships