

PERMANENCY AND WELL-BEING IN THE CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY

**Macon County
Central Region**

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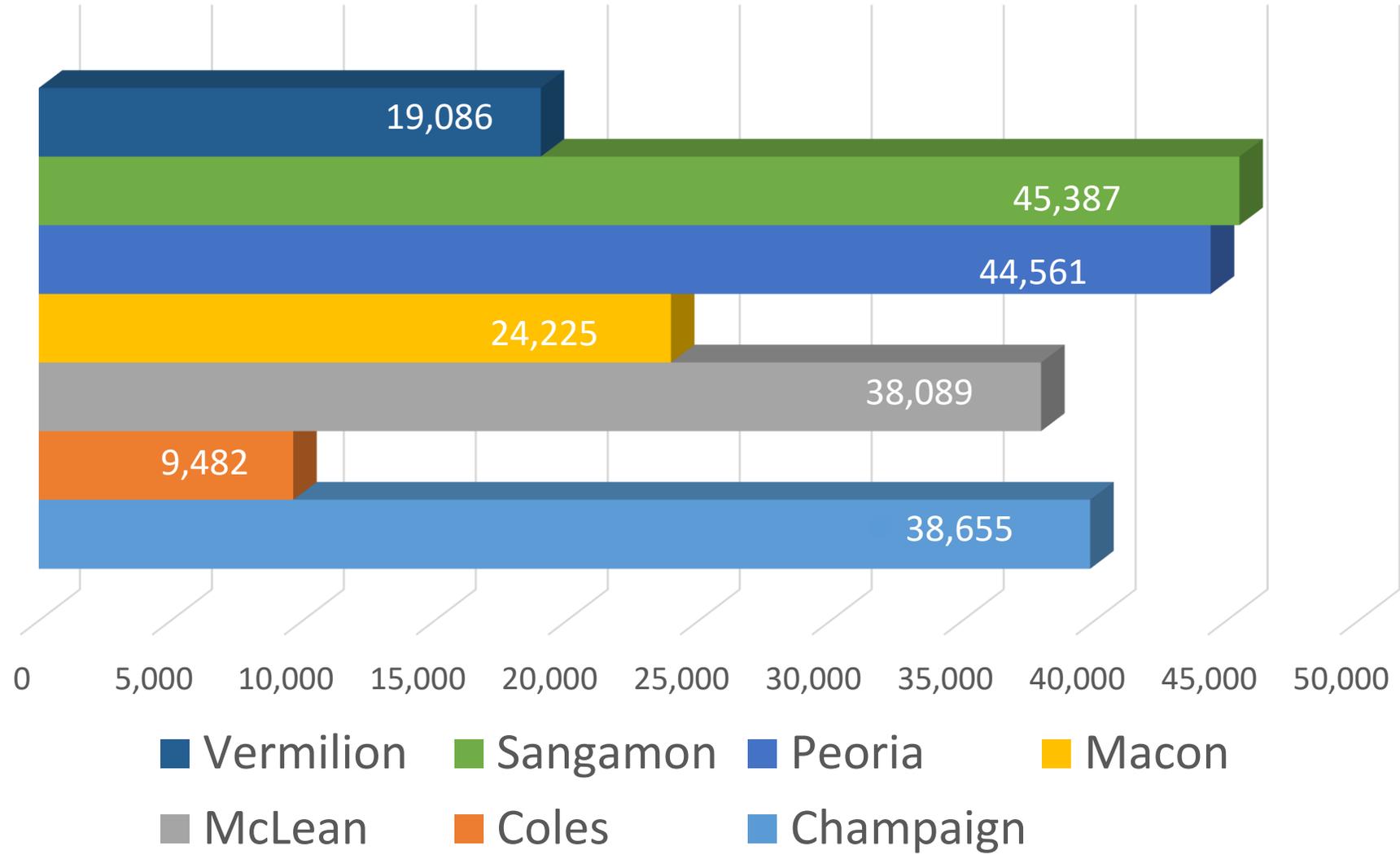
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CHILD AND COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS



Total Child Population by County

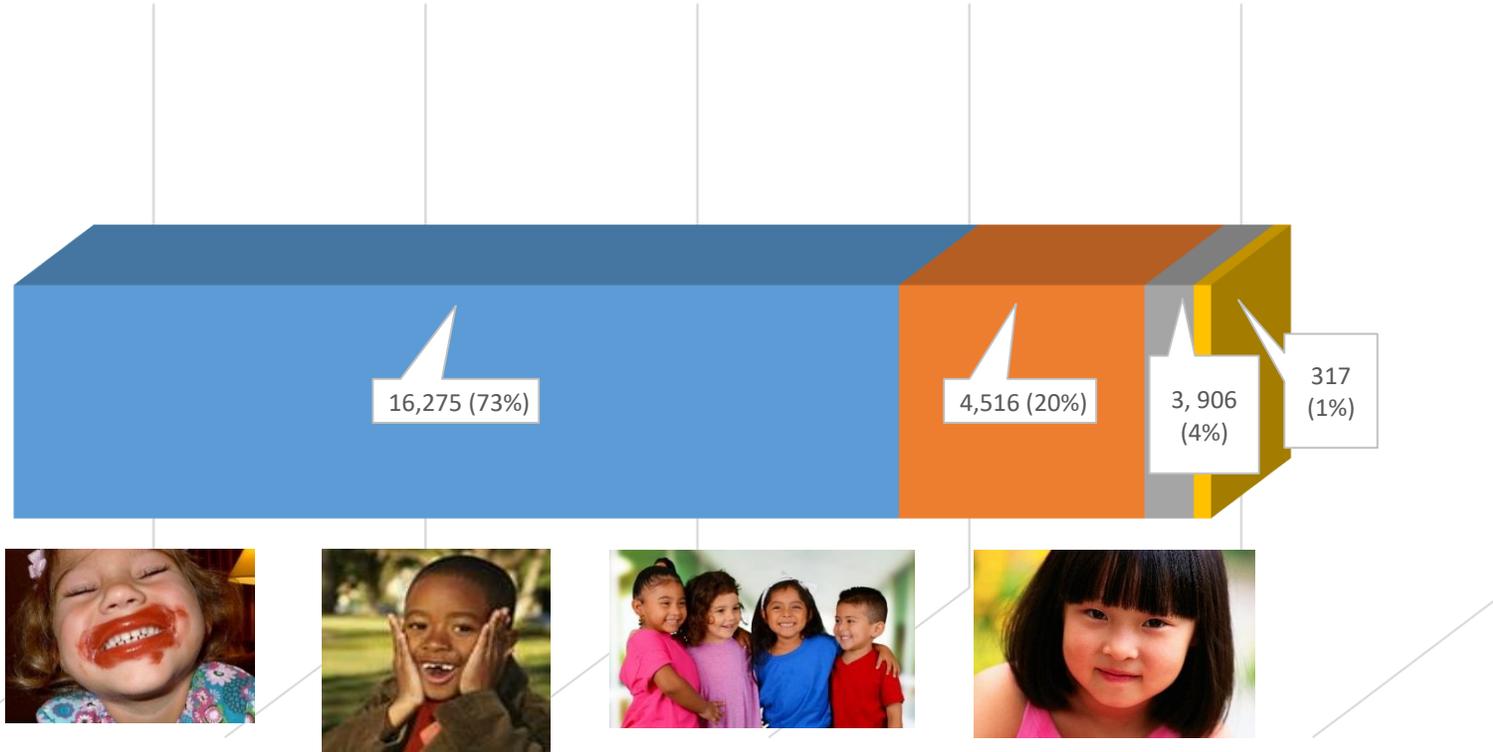
Macon:
Children
comprise 22%
of the total
population



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

Macon County Child Population by Race/Ethnicity

Macon:
1/4 children
of color



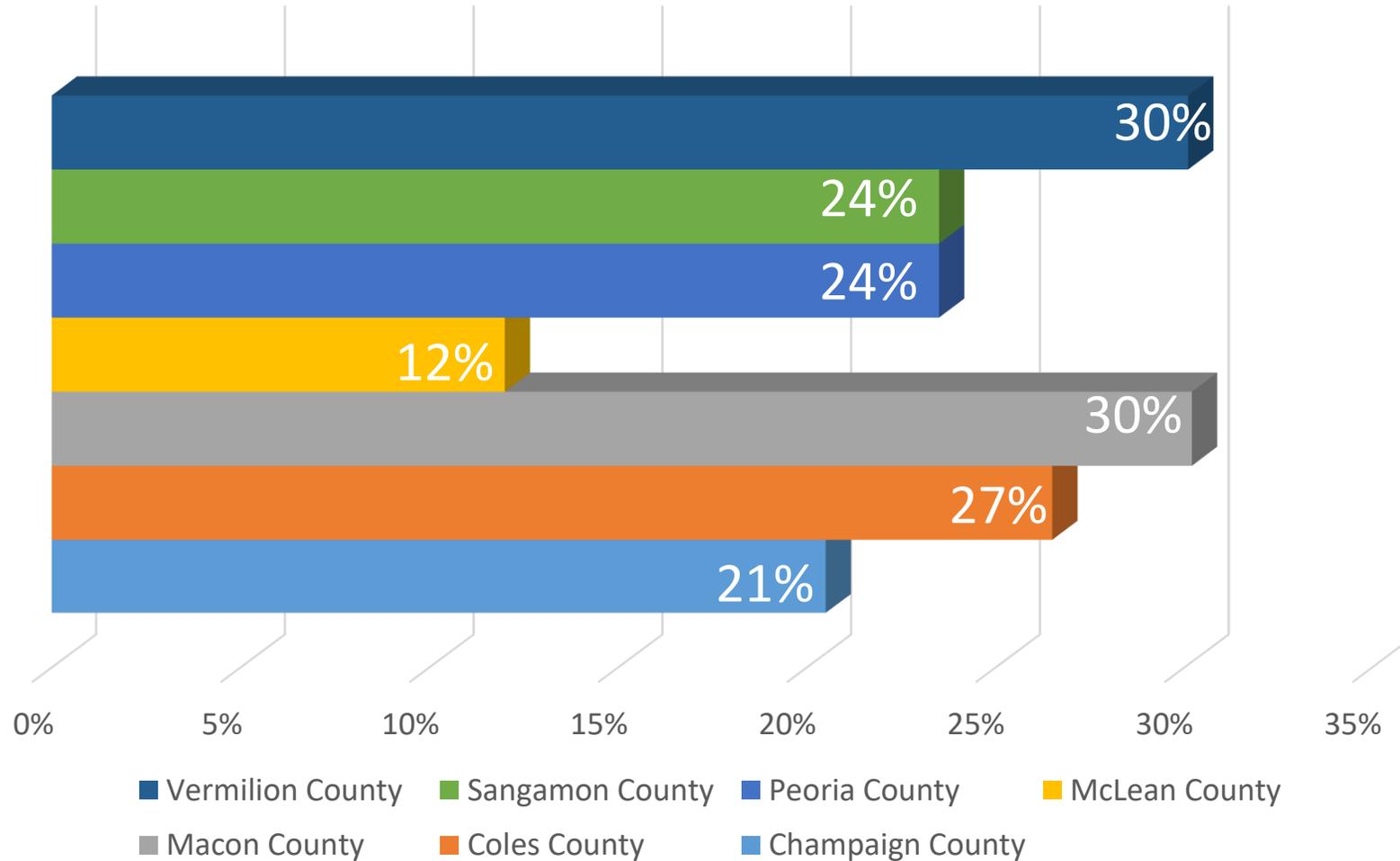
Macon County	
■ White	16,275
■ Black or African American	4,516
■ Hispanic or Latino	906
■ Asian	317

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

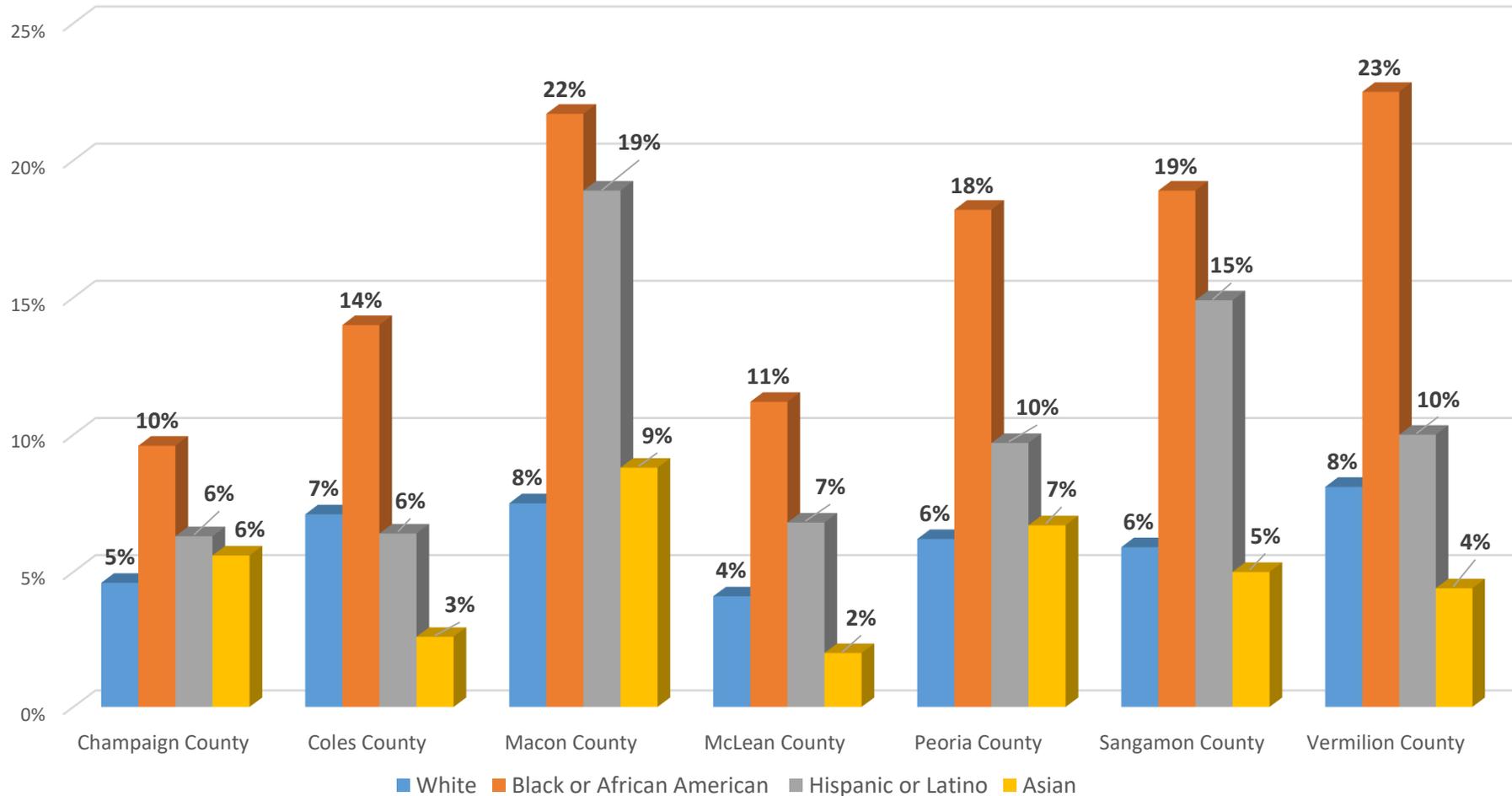


Note: Percent represents the number of children living below poverty by the total child population of that county

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



Macon:
 Whites > double nation
 Latinos > 5x nation
 Asian > double nation
 AA > 5x nation

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

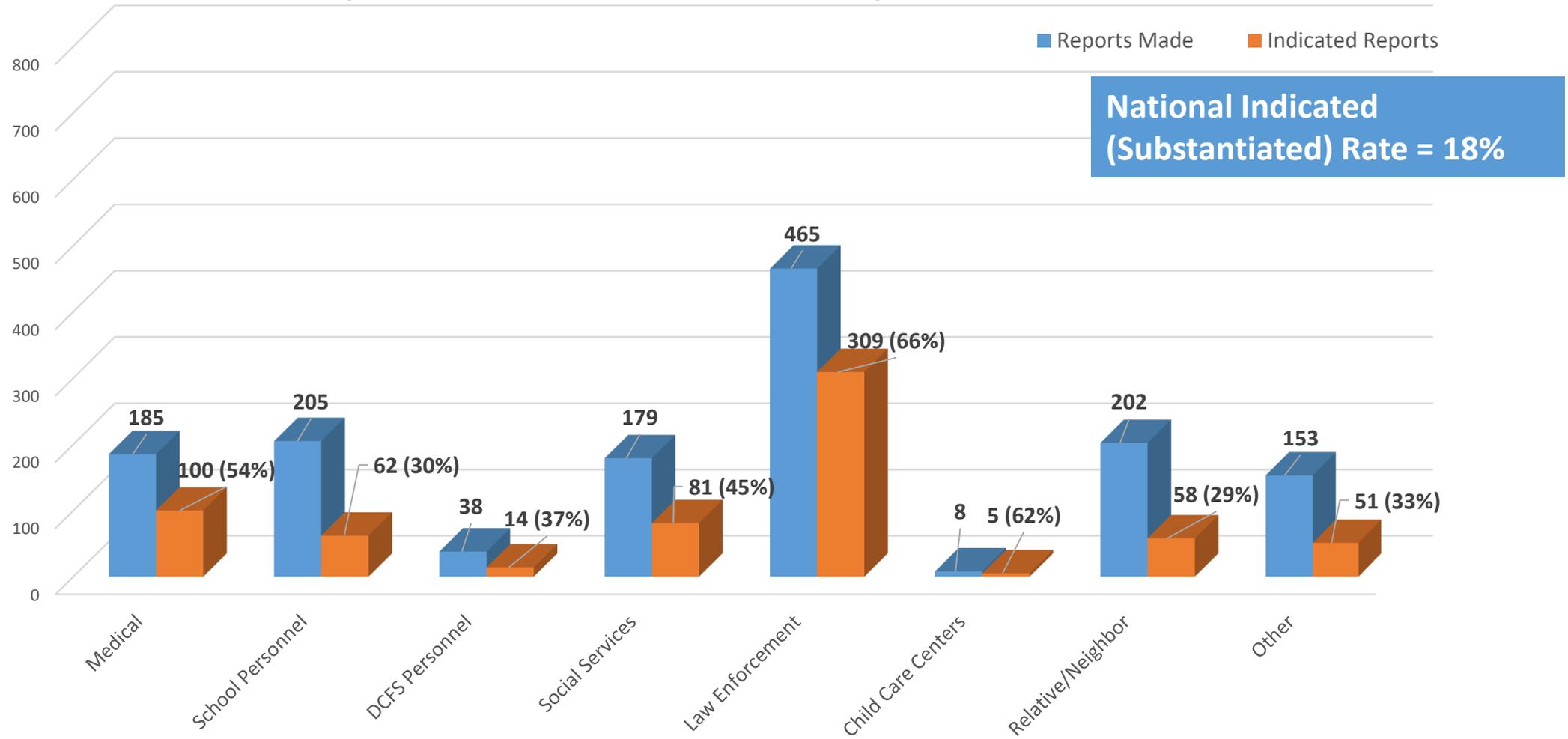
Source: U.S. Bureau of
 Labor Statistics, (2018).
<https://data.bls.gov/time-series/LNS1400000>

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



Macon County Reports Made vs. Indicated by Source FY 2017



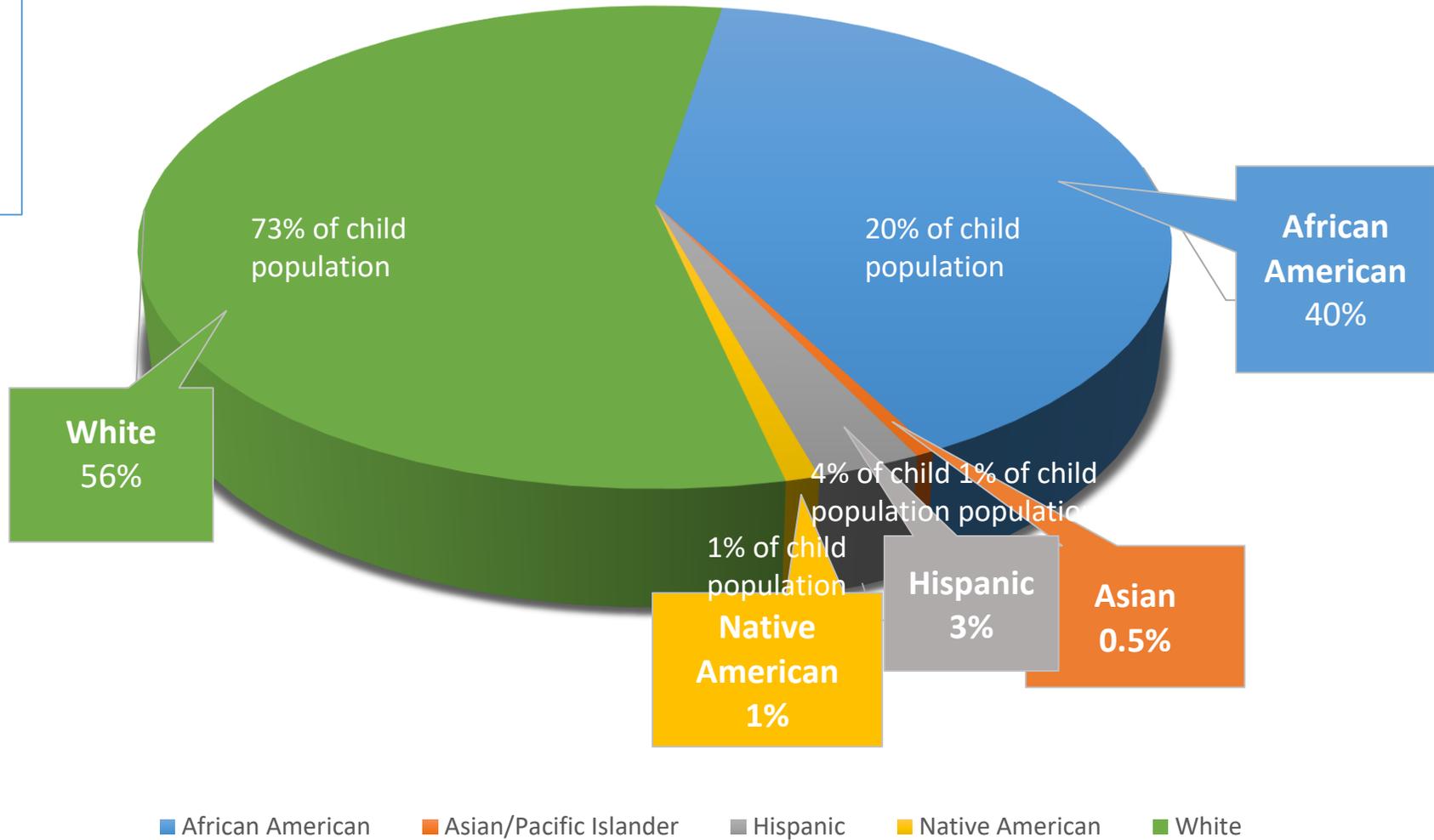
Note: *Percent = Total indicated / Total reports made*

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/>

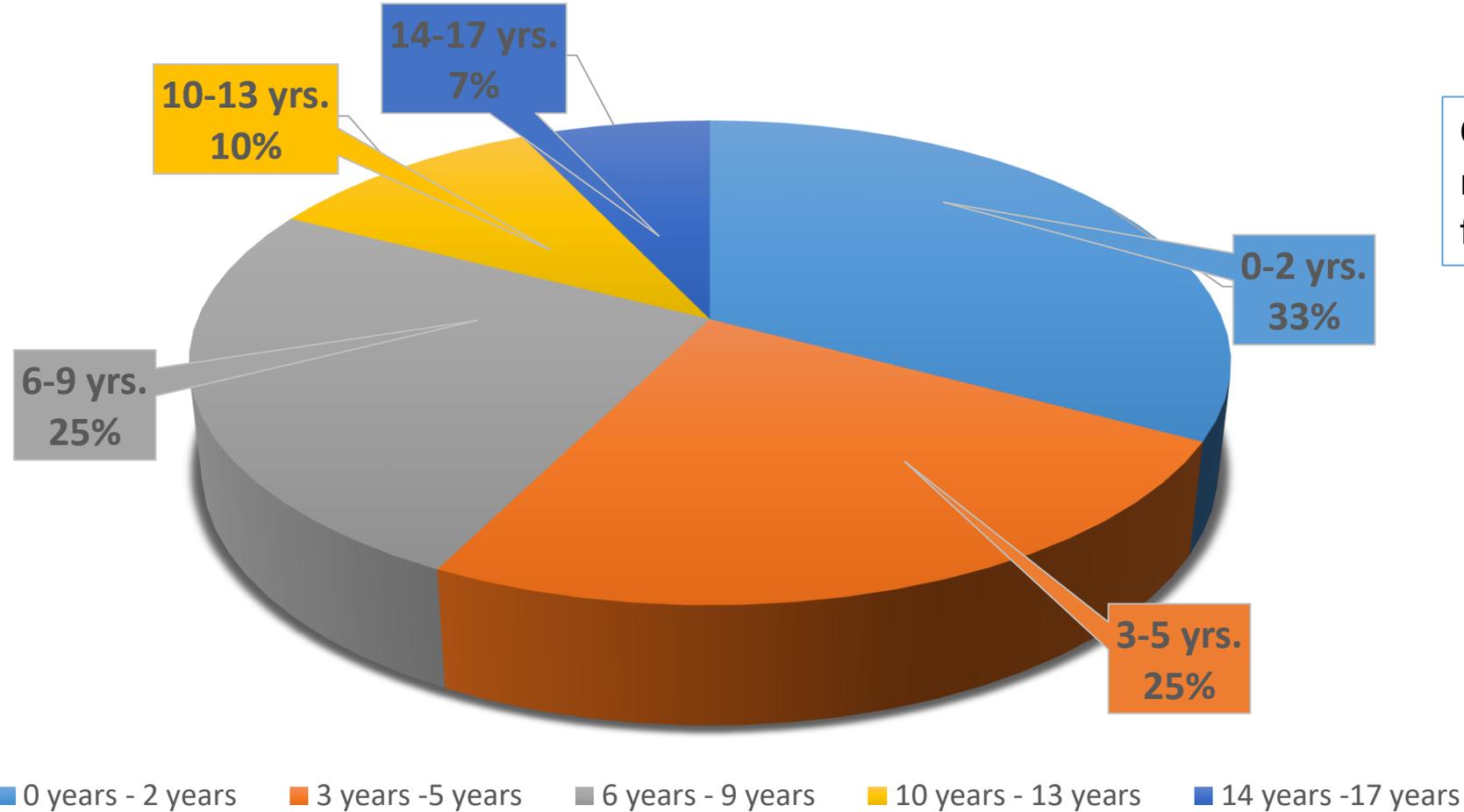
Macon County Foster Care Entries by Race FY 2017

Macon:
African American children 2x as likely to enter foster care.



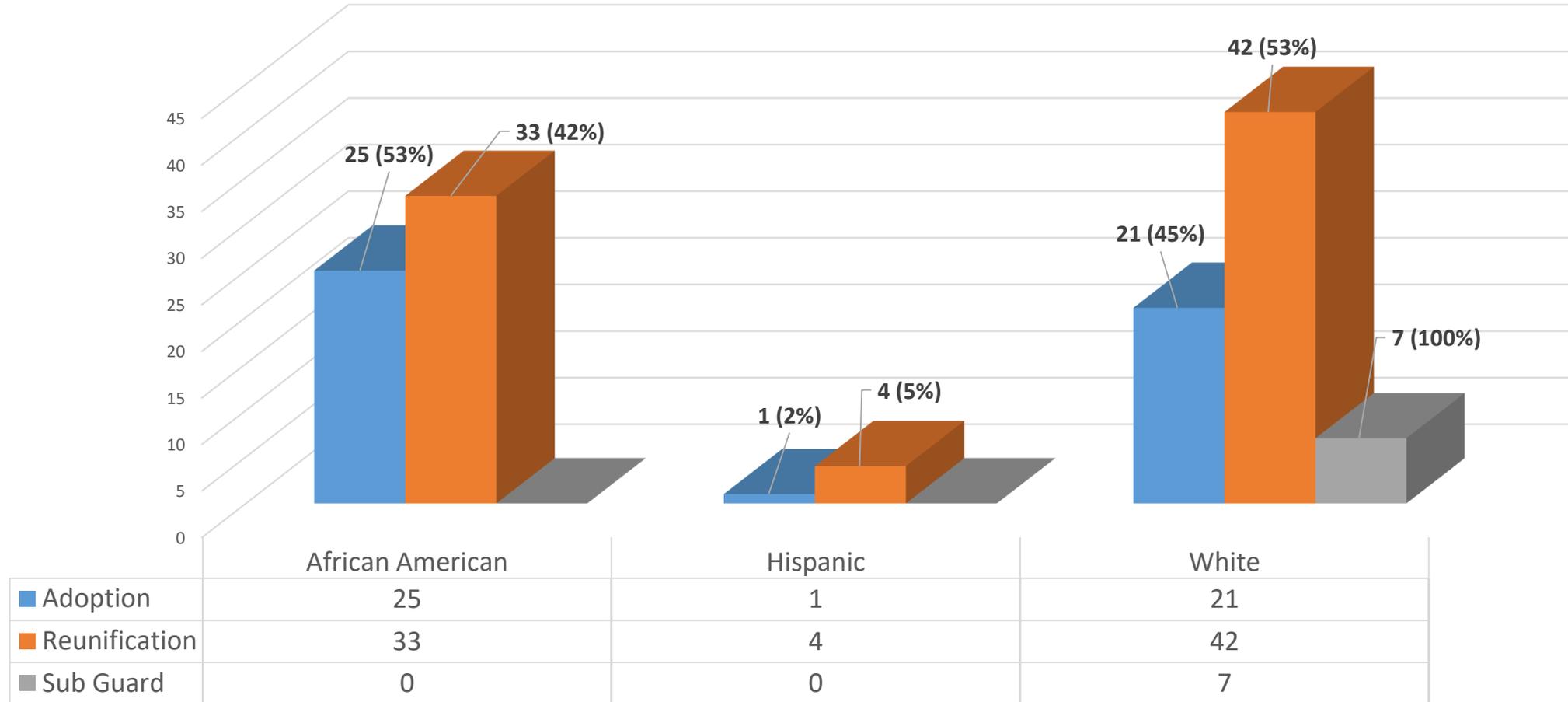
Source: Central Region DCFS Mindshare Data FY 17, "Entries into Care from the Sub-Region"

Macon County Foster Care Entries by Age FY 2017



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

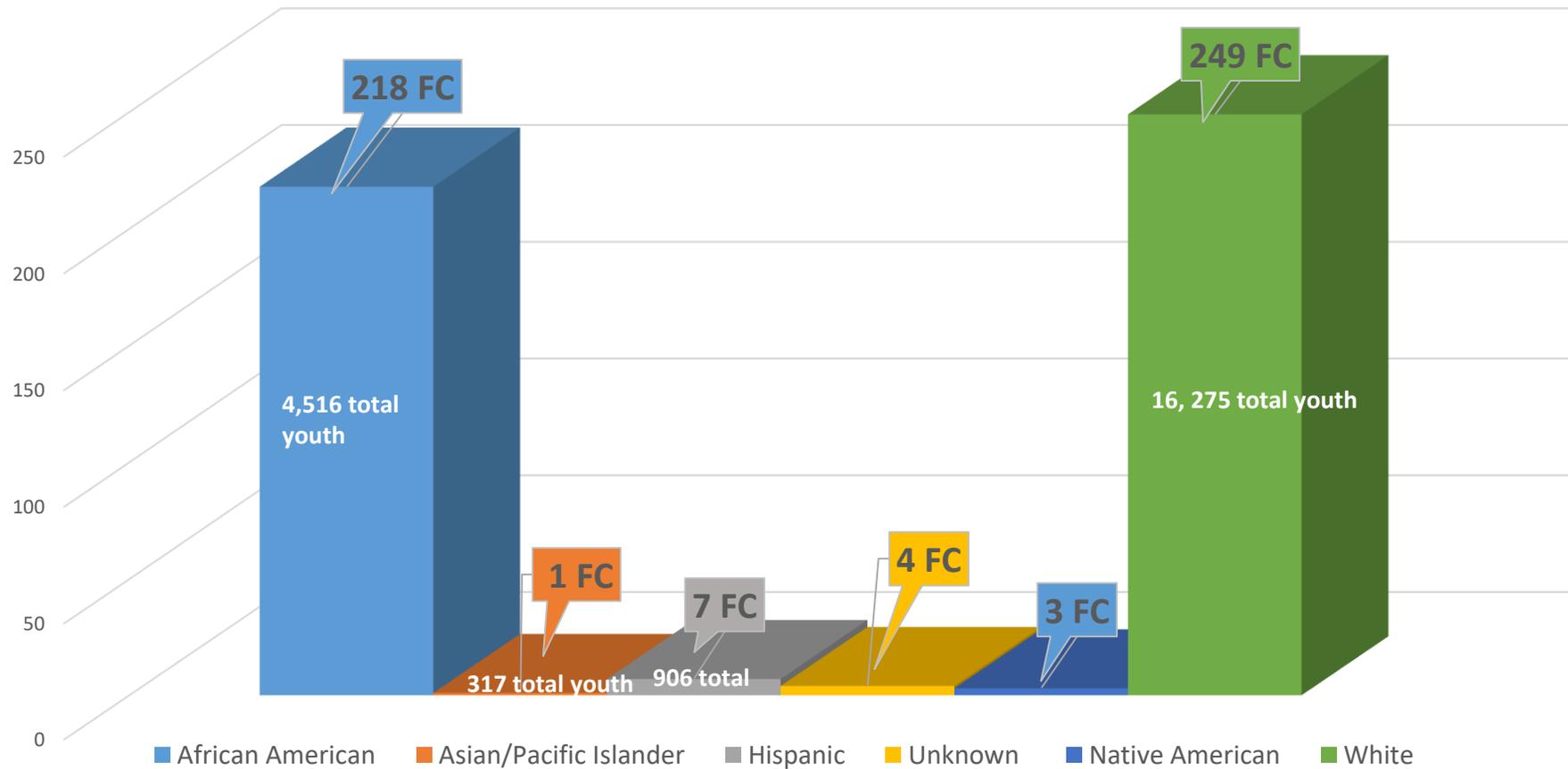
Macon County Permanency Type by Race-Ethnicity FY 2017



Among the three permanencies, guardianship is the least likely outcome. African American children were more likely to be adopted, followed by White children. Reunifications are more likely to occur among White children, followed by African American children. Hispanic children made up a small proportion of adoption and reunification cases.

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

Macon 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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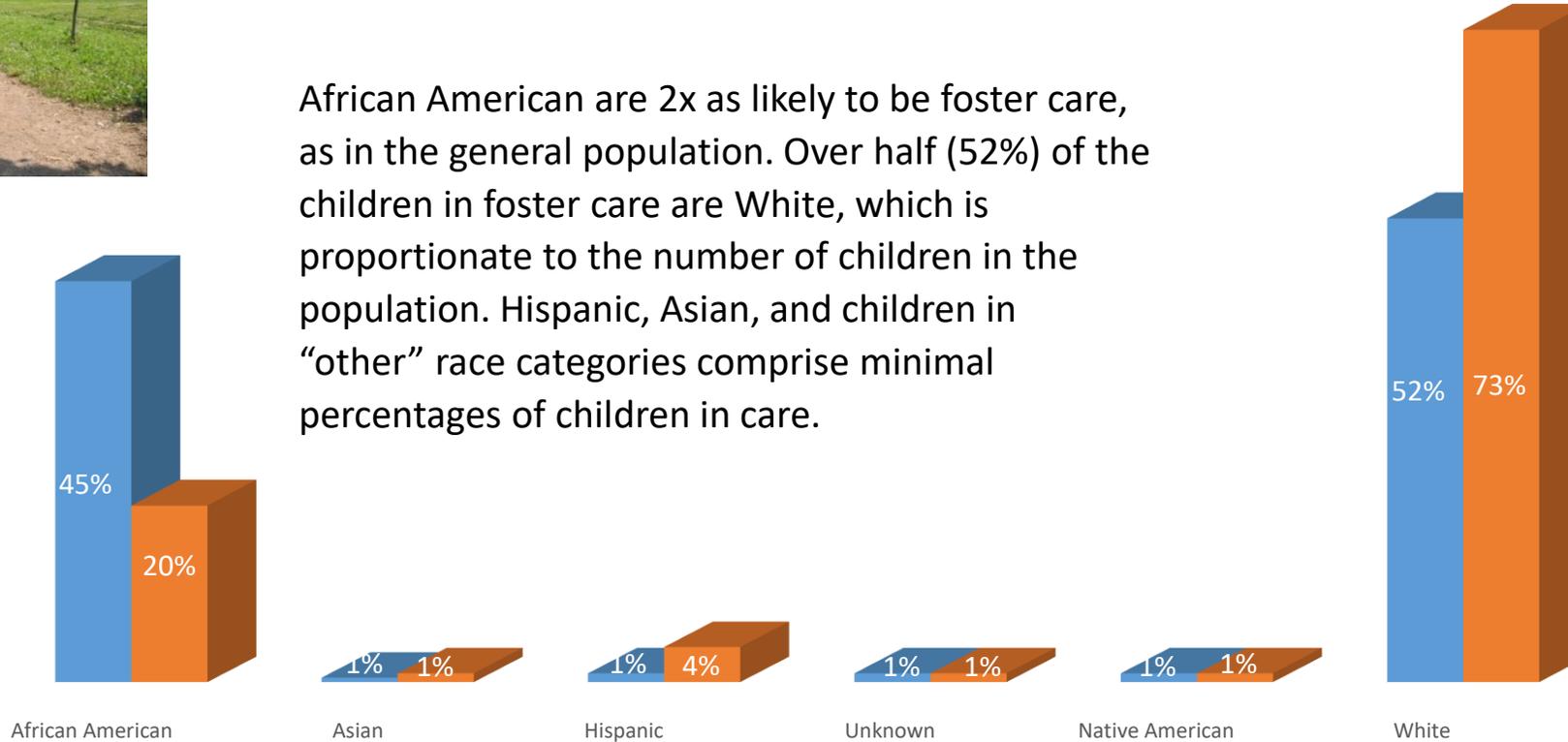


Macon County

% of Youth in Care Compared with Population

■ % in Care ■ % in Population

African American are 2x as likely to be foster care, as in the general population. Over half (52%) of the children in foster care are White, which is proportionate to the number of children in the population. Hispanic, Asian, and children in “other” race categories comprise minimal percentages of children in care.



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

Summary

- ❖ Unemployment is a concern for all groups within Macon County with the unemployment for whites 2x the national average.
- ❖ Among the seven counties, Macon County has the second highest unemployment rate for African Americans (22%), and the highest unemployment rate for Latinos (19%).
- ❖ Macon (and Vermilion County) has the highest child poverty rate (30%).
- ❖ Children aged 0-5 made up the majority (58%) of foster care entries.

Summary

- ❖ In FY 17, African American and White children comprised a comparable number of adoption and reunification cases.
- ❖ African American children are 2x as likely to enter and remain in foster care.
- ❖ African American children represent over 50% of adoption and over 40% of reunification cases in Macon County.

Service and Resource Implications

- ❖ Need for **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** to address high unemployment, particularly double digit unemployment among African Americans and Latinos.
- ❖ Need to mobilize resources for families with children in the **b-3 age range**
- ❖ Need for **LIVING WAGES** to address the working poor.
- ❖ Need for **CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE, ACCESSIBLE RESOURCES** to address the **disparities in foster care:**

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

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