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	Black (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	17	12.7	15.8
Boone	20.1	11.9	12.6
Campbell	27.3	11.7	11.9
Christian	8.2	3	10
Daviess	23.2	27.2	15.8
Fayette	20.9	10.2	13.6
Hardin	26.5	16.2	26.4
Jefferson	14.4	6.8	11.5
Kenton	22.3	10.3	15.5
McCracken	16.3	10.2	20
Warren	26.4	19.1	21.9

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	Black (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	15.9	12.5	14.1
Boone	S	5.5	5
Campbell	23.5	18.2	25.7
Christian	13.3	4.7	14.5
Daviess	16.8	23	10.2
Fayette	23.7	15.7	12.8
Hardin	19.9	14.8	19.7
Jefferson	13.4	6.1	7.9
Kenton	33.8	9.6	15.2
McCracken	16.6	S	7.6
Warren	33.1	20.4	19.9

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	Black (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	15.4	12.3	12.8
Boone	S	4.1	3.3
Campbell	22.4	18.3	26.3
Christian	11.7	3.6	10.5
Daviess	14.6	14.3	9.2
Fayette	23.9	16.3	13.8
Hardin	21.8	18.2	17.5
Jefferson	13.3	5.5	7.6
Kenton	35.3	7.4	14.4
McCracken	11.7	S	8.2
Warren	31.5	25.1	16.5

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	Black (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	14.0	12.2	12.0
Boone	4.0	2.7	1.8
Campbell	21.6	36.9	28.9
Christian	6.8	4.9	10.1
Daviess	11.2	21.2	8.2
Fayette	24.5	14.2	13.9
Hardin	19.6	15.9	18.5
Jefferson	12.5	5.6	6.7
Kenton	28.8	7.2	13.2
McCracken	11.5	S	7.2
Warren	25.3	24.0	16.4

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Children in out-of-home care (rate per 1,000 children ages 0-17) in each racial/ethnic group, 2014

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Kentucky	13.8	12.1	11.6
Boone	S	5.2	1.5
Campbell	28.4	22.6	29.4
Christian	7.4	7.1	6.9
Daviess	13.0	19.8	9.8
Fayette	21.5	15.3	13.2
Hardin	14.8	14.2	16.7
Jefferson	12.4	6.0	6.6
Kenton	26.6	11.4	11.5
McCracken	10.9	S	6.5
Warren	27.4	17.6	17.2

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