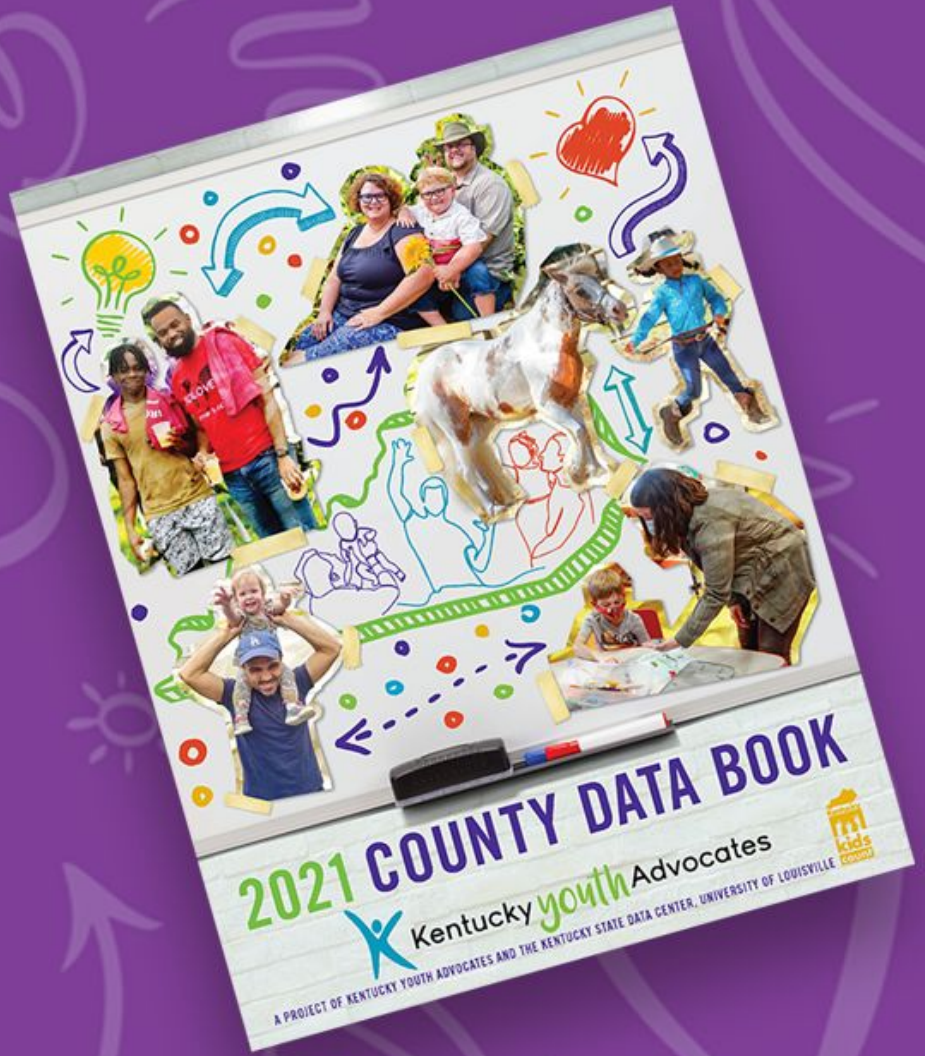

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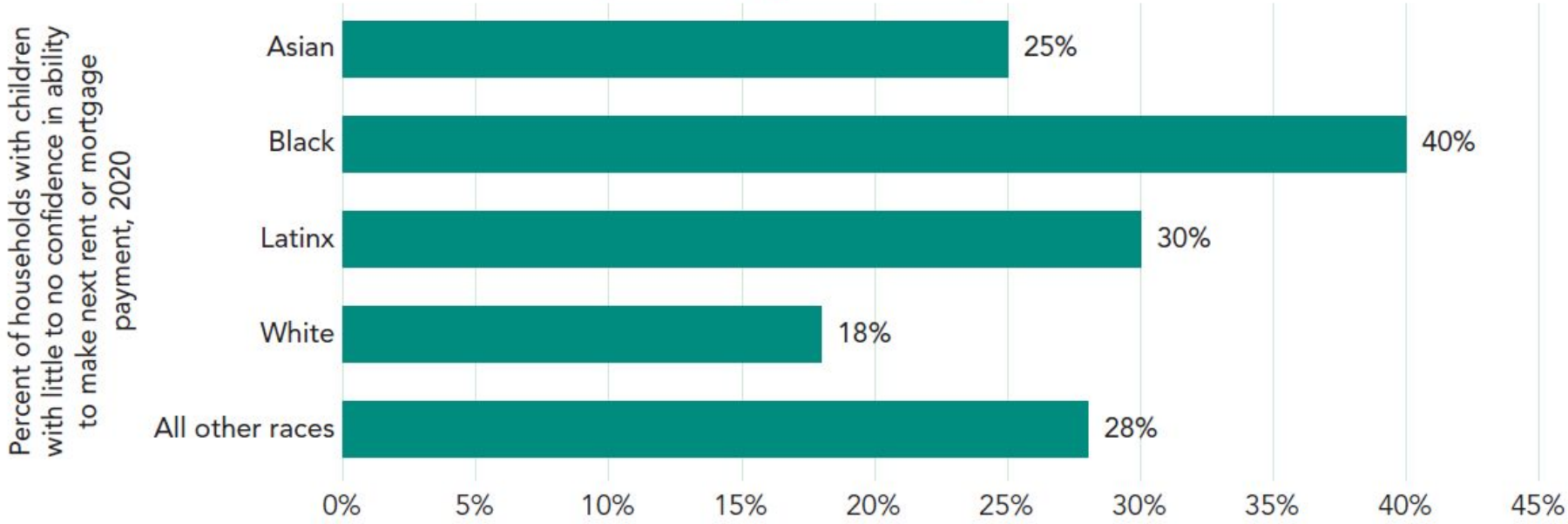
Child Population Ages 0-17 by Race/Ethnicity

	2020								
	Total	Alaskan Native and Native American	Asian	Black	Latinx	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	All other races
Kentucky	**1,021,936**	**1,423**	**18,872**	**91,803**	**74,779**	**1,071**	**69,033**	**759,219**	**5,736**
Adair	4,042	2	6	60	246	4	202	3,506	16
Allen	4,947	13	18	52	253	7	222	4,369	13
Anderson	5,584	10	33	93	196	3	375	4,851	23
Ballard	1,611	0	10	54	39	0	100	1,403	5
Barren	10,683	12	64	381	703	9	626	8,792	96
Bath	3,247	4	7	21	88	0	84	3,042	1
Bell	5,102	2	30	82	81	1	274	4,605	27
Boone	35,831	43	773	1,816	2,954	113	2,642	27,301	189

Economic Security Data Highlights

- Indicator about high housing cost burden replaces indicator on children living in deep poverty
- Wealth gap due to lack of opportunities and discriminatory practices have resulted in differences in income by race
- Overall, 45% of Kentucky kids live in low-income households, but the number is higher for Black (69%) and Latinx (58%) children
- 17.9% of Kentucky kids live in a food insecure household, while 45% of Kentucky kids live in a household with a high rental cost burden

During the first year of the pandemic, Kentucky's Black families were more than twice as likely as White families to be at risk of not being able to pay for housing



SOURCE: Household Pulse Survey, April 23-December 21, 2020.

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Policy Solutions Related to Housing and Meeting Basic Needs

- Continued assistance for housing and utility costs
- Protect current state and federal funding for safety net programs
- Permanently authorize the expanded Child Tax Credit

Education Data Highlights

- Data is unavailable for kindergarten readiness, 4th grade reading, and 8th grade math. Instead, using the proportion of public school students experiencing homelessness, students with an Individualized Education Plan due to a disability, and an out-of-school suspension rate
- 9 out of 10 high schoolers graduated on time in the most recent school year
- Rates of graduating on time are lower for most youth of color. In addition, high schools have prepared only about one in four Black and Latinx students to succeed in college or careers.

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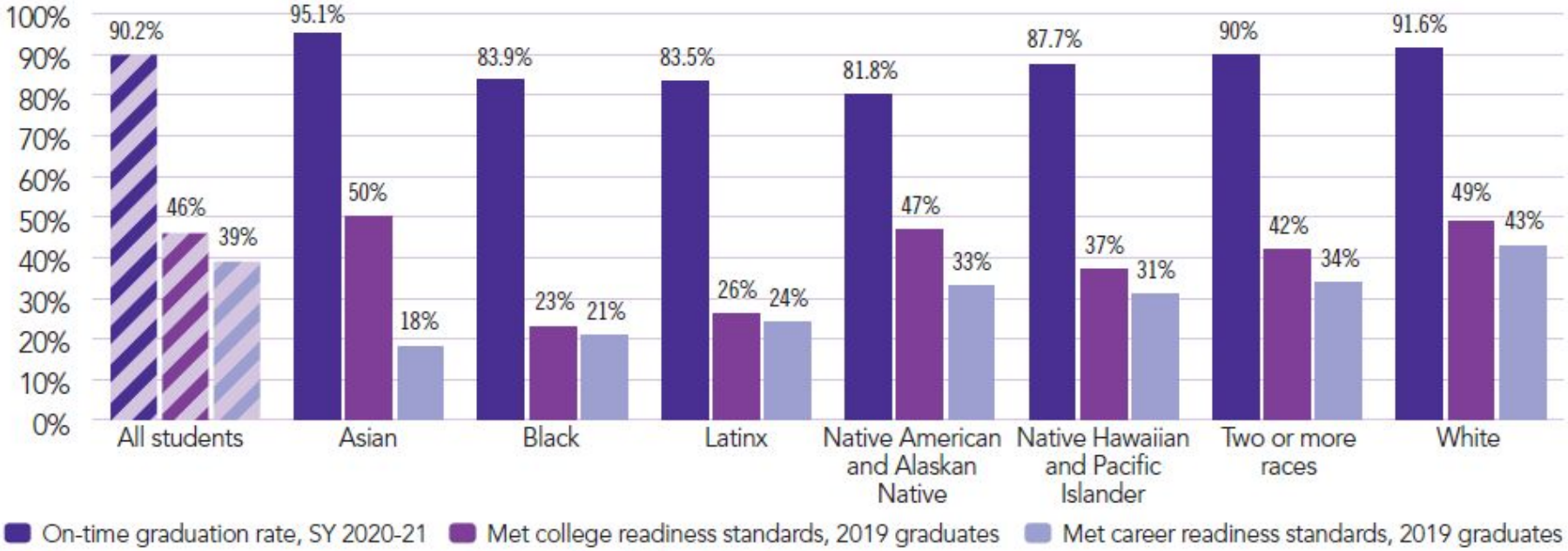

NOTE: College and career readiness standards are defined by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.
SOURCE: Kentucky Department of Education, School Report Cards.

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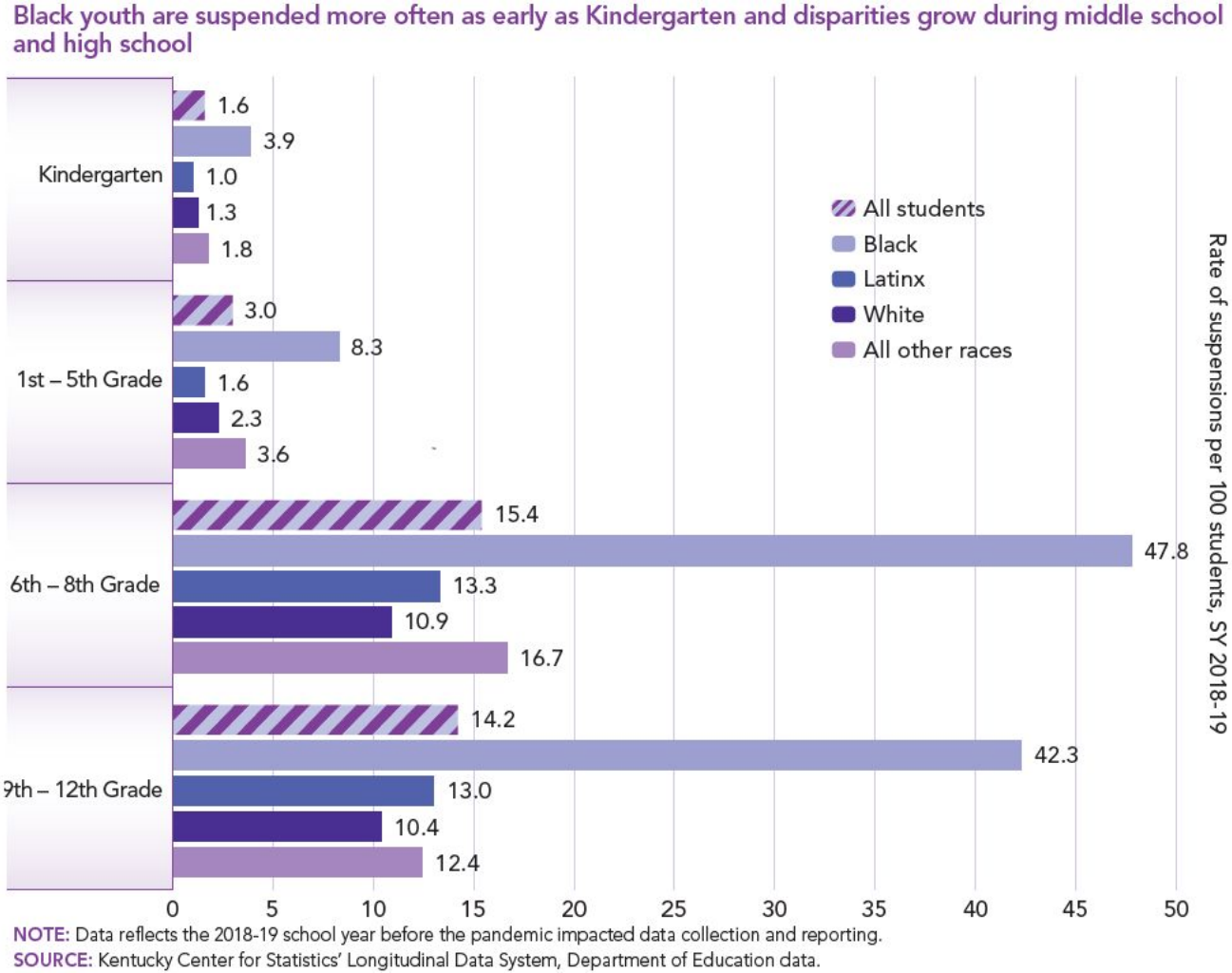
Policy Solutions Related to College and Career Readiness

- Require districts to assess individual student/family needs for success
- Assist youth of color in securing financial support for college



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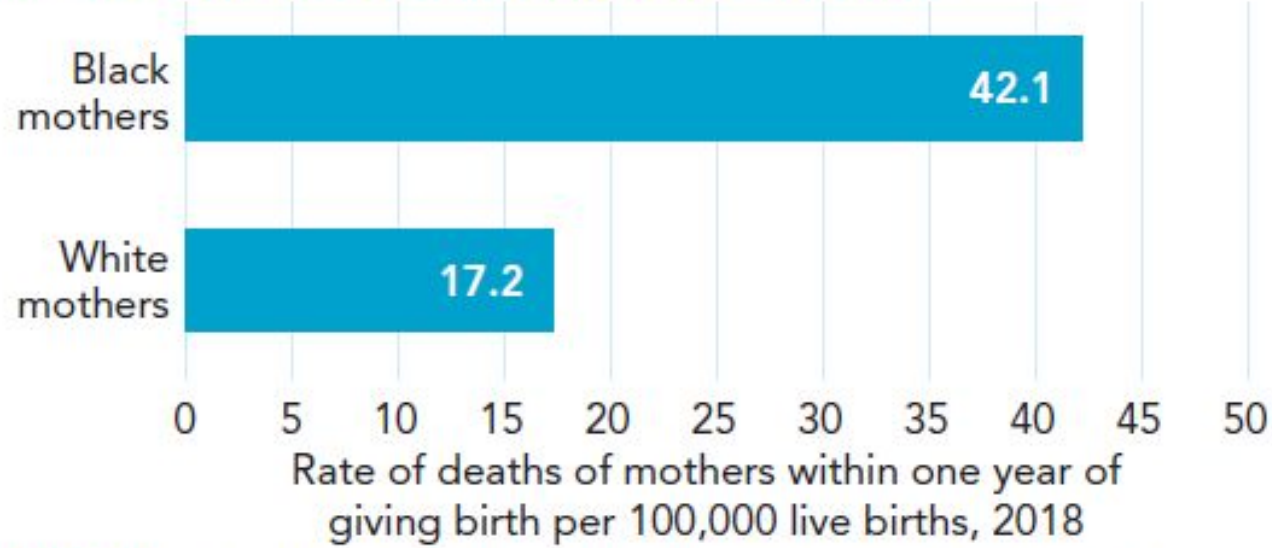
Policy Solutions Related to Out-of-School Suspensions

- Utilize alternative responses to student behavior that do not exclude children from the classroom
- Intentionally connect with parents and caregivers throughout the year

Health Data Highlights

- The percentage of children under age 19 who are insured remains high at over 95% and 100 of 120 counties have improved rates of children having health coverage
- Coverage gap still exists for Latinx children with only 91% insured, as compared to Black (97%) and White (96%) children

Kentucky's maternal death rate among Black mothers far exceeds the rate among White mothers



SOURCE: Kentucky Department for Public Health, Maternal Mortality Review, 2020 Annual Report.

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Health Data Highlights

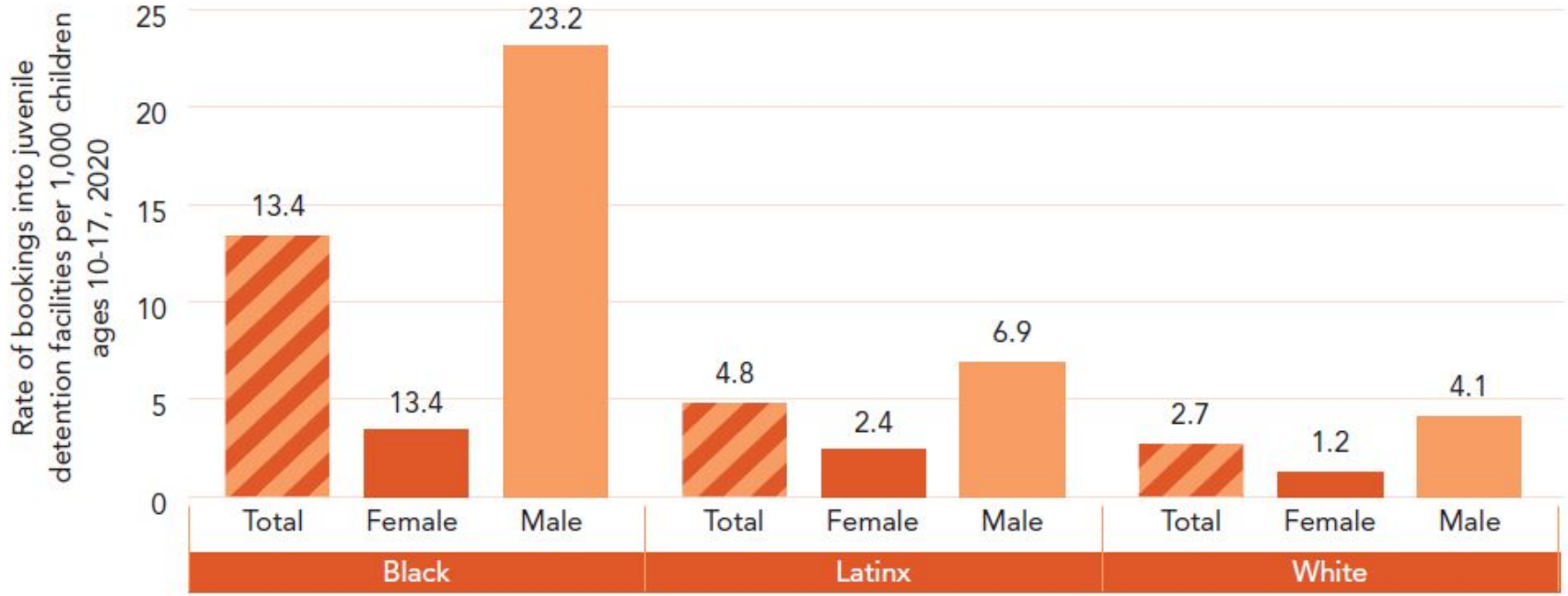
Policy Solutions Related to Investments in Health Care and Early Supports

- Continue investments in Medicaid/KCHIP and conduct outreach to Latinx population
- Extend Medicaid coverage to 12 months postpartum
- Strengthen access to quality care and close gaps in use of programs like HANDS

Family & Community Data Highlights

- Though the rate of youth incarcerated in the juvenile justice system continues to fall, Black youth continue to be overrepresented at a rate of 13.4 per 1,000 youth ages 10-17 compared to 4.8 for Latinx youth and 2.7 for White youth
- The rate of children in foster care has gone up significantly from 39.2 per 1,000 children in 2013-2015 to 53.7 in 2018-2020

The incarceration of Black male youth far exceeds the rates experienced by other races and genders



SOURCE: Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice. Child population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and National Center for Health Statistics, 2019 Bridged-Race Population Estimates.

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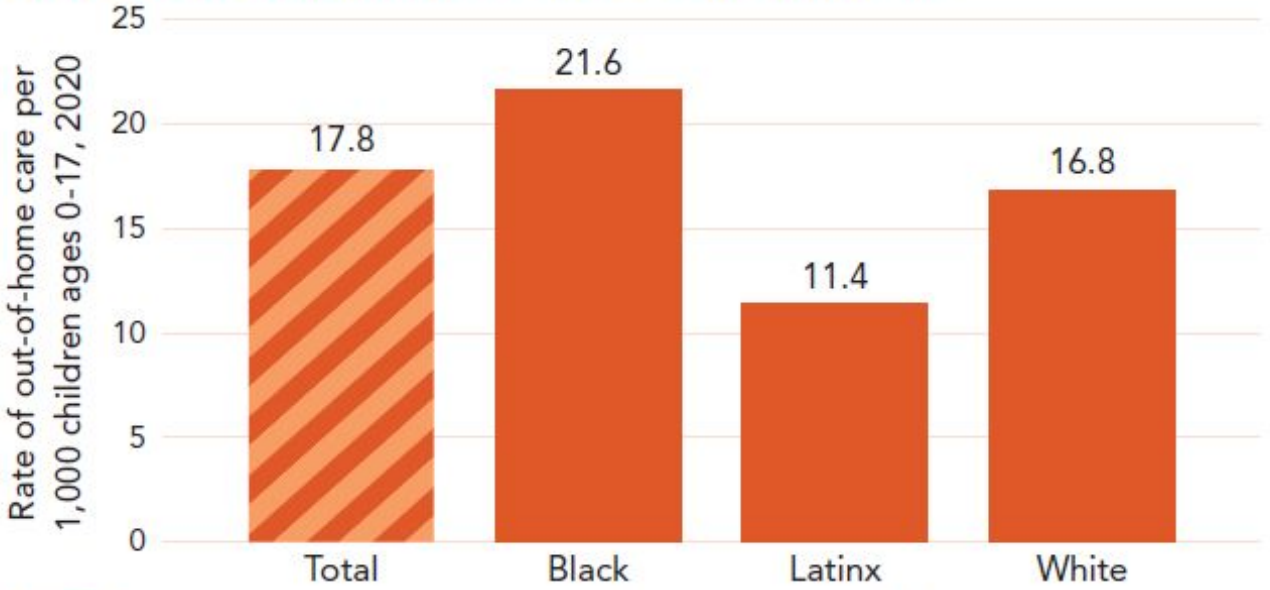
Policy Solutions Related to Reducing Youth Incarceration

- Strengthen young people's access to community-based services and use them as alternatives to detention
- Communities that are most impacted by juvenile incarceration should be included in conversations about how to remedy that
- Create and use age-appropriate responses to children's behavior in schools

Removals from home occur at a higher rate for Black children compared to children of other races and ethnicities



SOURCE: Kentucky Department for Community Based Services. Child population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census

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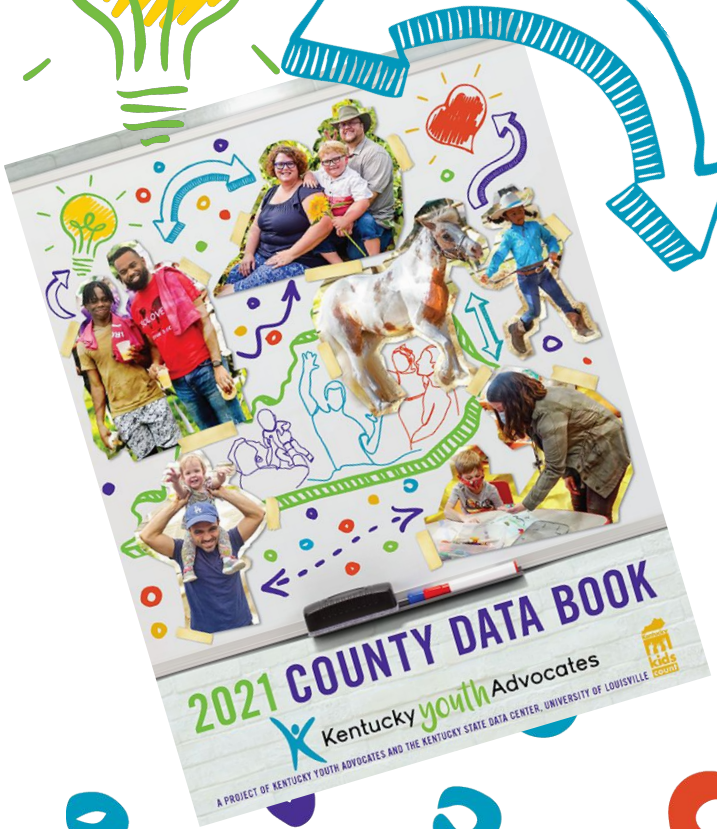
Policy Solutions Related to Reducing the Number of Kids in Foster Care

- Create, offer and/or fund the expansion of primary prevention programs, resources, and supportive services
- Engage families and youth of color who are directly impacted by the child welfare system
- Prioritize relative placements and support for kinship caregivers



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- County profiles
- Interactive Data Dashboard
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