

## **RACE MATTERS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE**

### **DATA DASHBOARD**

Race Matters for Juvenile Justice (RMJJ)'s Data Dashboard is designed to tell the holistic story of racial and ethnic disproportionality and disparities in juvenile justice across the Charlotte community. RMJJ partners were invited to share a data metric that they collect or to use a valid outside metric that represents their work for 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020 - disaggregated by race/ethnicity. Our focus is youth who contact the juvenile justice system, but we also include data points/additional metrics which complement their stories and experiences.

With support from United Way of the Central Carolinas, RMJJ's Data Dashboard benefits our community by raising awareness of RMJJ/local efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities (RED) and provides hyperlinks for the community to learn more about RMJJ's partners in this work. The Dashboard benefits RMJJ's partners by showing 10 years of data before RMJJ was founded and 10 years after – highlighting successes in addressing RED and the barriers and challenges that remain.

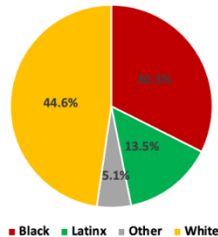


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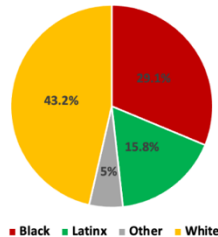


## CENSUS DATA CONTEXT: NUMBER OF YOUTH IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY IS GROWING, BUT NOT FOR ALL GROUPS

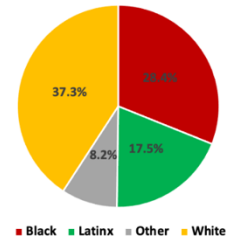
2010  
Mecklenburg County - Census Data <18 Years Old



2015  
Mecklenburg County - Census Data <18 Years Old



2020  
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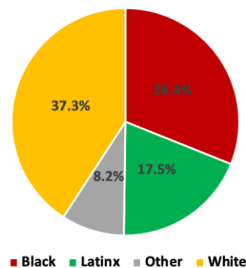


The under 18 population in Mecklenburg County continues to increase.  
But the percentages of both **Black** and **White** youth have been decreasing over time.

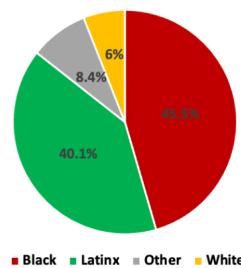


## PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: CONTINUES TO BE DISPROPORTIONATE BY RACE/ETHNICITY COMPARED TO THE OVERALL MECKLENBURG COUNTY <18 POPULATION

2020  
Mecklenburg County - Census Data <18 Years Old



CMS - 3rd Grade Enrollment



Of third graders in CMS in 2020 (before the pandemic):  
**45.5%** identified as **Black**, **40.1%** identified as **Latinx**,  
**8.4%** identified as another race/ethnicity, and **6%** identified as **White**.  
Conversely, Charlotte's private, parochial, and home-schooled students  
are mostly **White**.





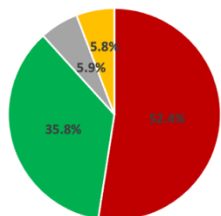
## CMS: IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS (ISS) FOR 3RD GRADERS CONTINUE TO BE DISPROPORTIONATE BY RACE/ ETHNICITY

In 2020, **84%** of students who received ISS were **Black** (almost 2x their enrollment)

Compared to **8.4%** of ISS for **Latinx** students (less than a 1/4 of their enrollment)

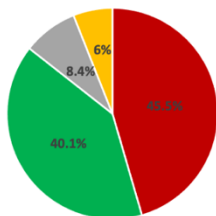
**3.6%** of ISS were for **White** students and those of other races/ethnicities (**3.6%**) (about 1/2 of their enrollments)

CMS - 3rd Grade Enrollment (2015)



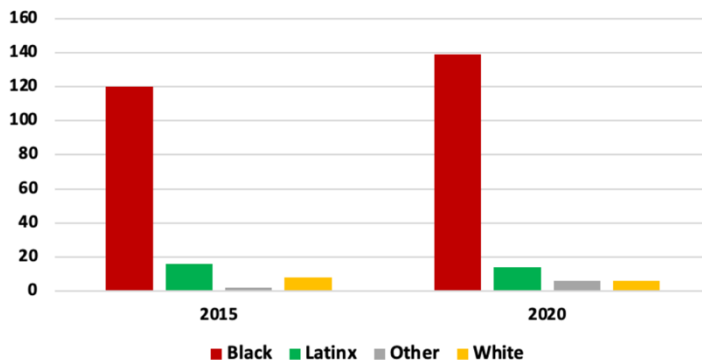
■ Black ■ Latinx ■ Other ■ White

CMS - 3rd Grade Enrollment (2020)



■ Black ■ Latinx ■ Other ■ White

CMS - 3rd Grade: Number of In-School Suspensions



■ Black ■ Latinx ■ Other ■ White



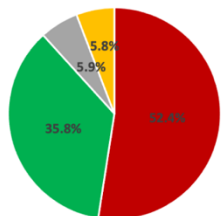
## CMS: OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS (OSS) FOR 3RD GRADERS CONTINUE TO BE DISPROPORTIONATE BY RACE/ ETHNICITY

In 2020, **77.8%** of students who received OSS were **Black**

Compared to **16.7%** of OSS for **Latinx** students

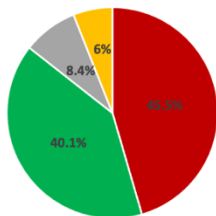
**<3%** of OSS were for **White** students and students of other races/ethnicities.

CMS - 3rd Grade Enrollment (2015)



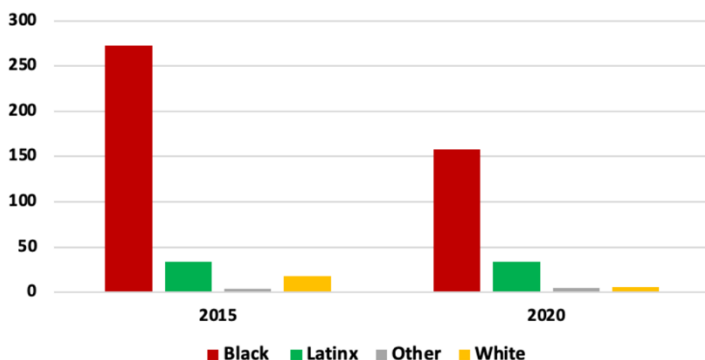
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CMS - 3rd Grade: Number of Out-of-School Suspensions



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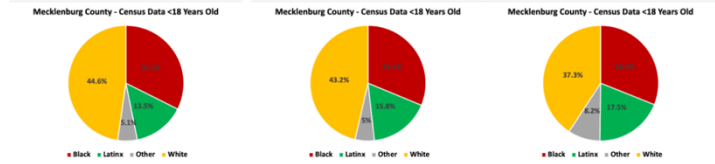


## DSS: ONLY BLACK FAMILIES EXPERIENCE MORE INVESTIGATED REPORTS OF ABUSE, MALTREATMENT, AND NEGLECT THAN THEIR PERCENTAGE IN THE POPULATION

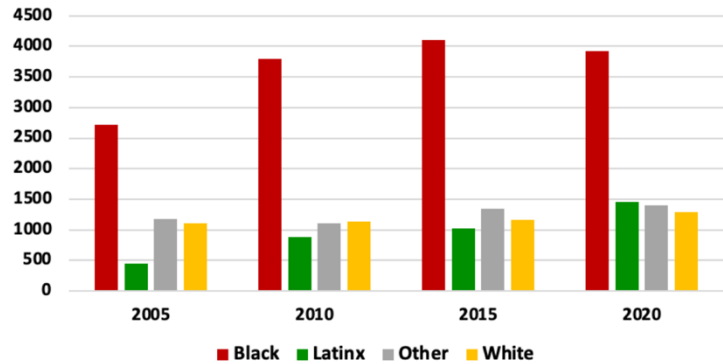
Since 2005, as the number of youth in Mecklenburg County have increased, so too, have the number of investigated reports of abuse, maltreatment, and neglect to the Department of Social Services (DSS).

The percentages by R/E have remained relatively constant, however, only **Black** families experience more investigations than their percentage in the population.

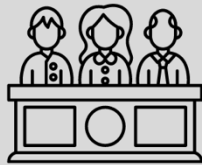
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Mecklenburg Co. Social Services - Investigated Reports



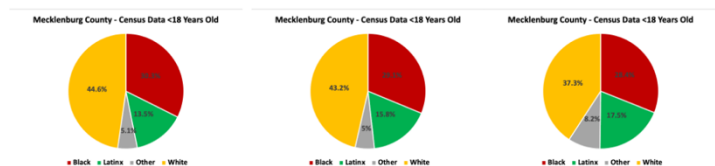
## TCA: THERE IS STILL SIGNIFICANT OVERREPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN OF COLOR IN THE NUMBER OF ABUSE/NEGLECT/DEPENDENCY CASES FILED



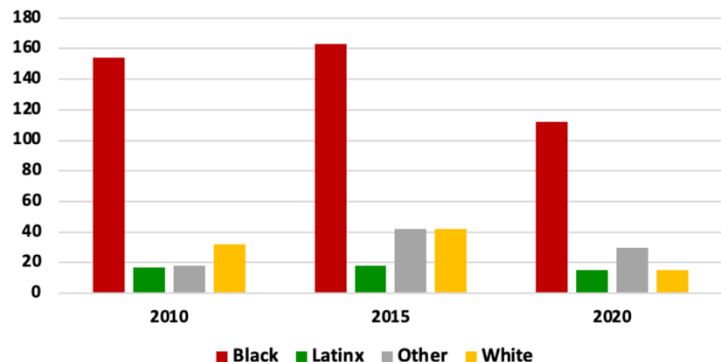
The Trial Court Administrator's Office (TCA) reports that the number of Abuse/Neglect/Dependency cases filed are trending down, but significant overrepresentation of children of color persists.

Youth of color comprised **91.2%** of cases filed as compared to **8.7%** cases filed for **White** children/families in 2020.

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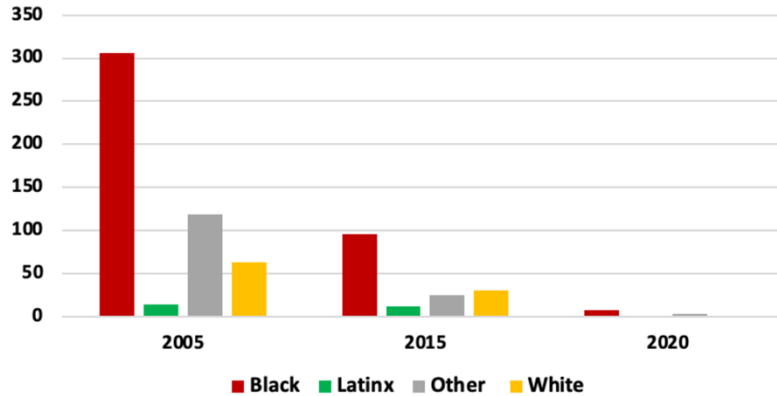
TCA - Abuse/Neglect/Dependency Cases Filed





## GAL: THE NUMBER OF YOUTH NOT ASSIGNED AN ADVOCATE IS TRENDING DOWN, BUT THE PERCENTAGE OF UNASSIGNED BLACK YOUTH IS CONSISTENT - BETWEEN 61%-57%

GAL - Children without Court Advocates



An additional takeaway from these data is the need to improve data collection and reporting based on the number of youth for whom race is unknown (98.4% in 2010 which is why those data are not presented here.)

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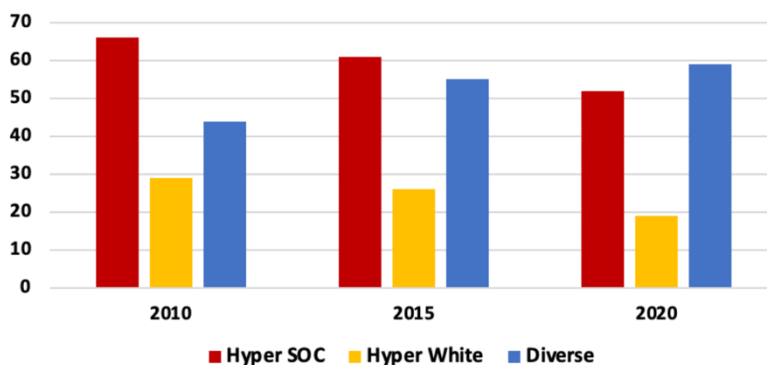


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## CIS: THE NUMBER OF HYPERSEGREGATED SCHOOLS IS TRENDING DOWN AND THE NUMBER OF DIVERSE SCHOOLS IS TRENDING UP

CIS - Number of Diverse and Hypersegregated (>20%) Schools



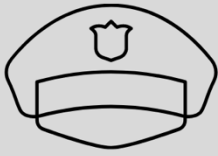
Schools with 20% more **students of color (SOC)** or **White students** than CMS enrollment for the corresponding year are considered hypersegregated.

Overall, the numbers of hypersegregated schools (**SOC** and **White**) are trending down and the number of **diverse** schools is trending up.

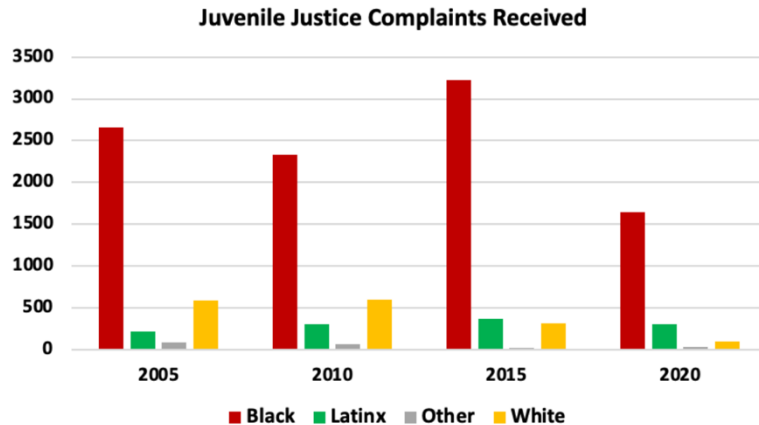
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## CMPD: BLACK YOUTH CONTINUE TO BE THE ONLY ONES SIGNIFICANTLY OVERREPRESENTED IN JUVENILE JUSTICE COMPLAINTS



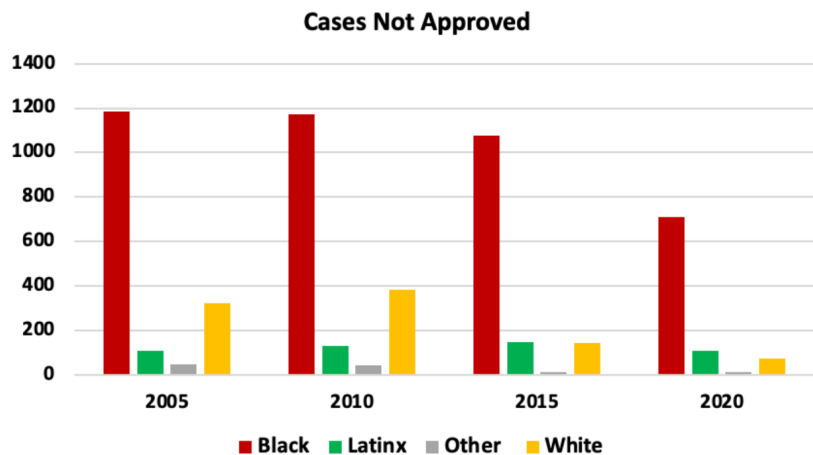
In 2020, despite being 28% of the <18 population in Mecklenburg County, **Black youth** comprised **80%** of juvenile justice complaints (NCJOIN data), Compared to **Latinx youth** with **14.7%** of the complaints (17.5% of the popl.), 'Other' youth had **1.4%** of the complaints (8.2% of the popl.), and **White youth** comprised **4.7%** of the complaints (and were 37.3% of the <18 population).

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## THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE JUSTICE CASES NOT APPROVED FOR COURTS IS HIGHER FOR BLACK YOUTH AS COMPARED TO OTHER RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS

Given the significant overrepresentation in complaints received, the number of cases not approved for courts (NCJOIN data) is much higher for **Black youth** as compared to other racial/ethnic groups.

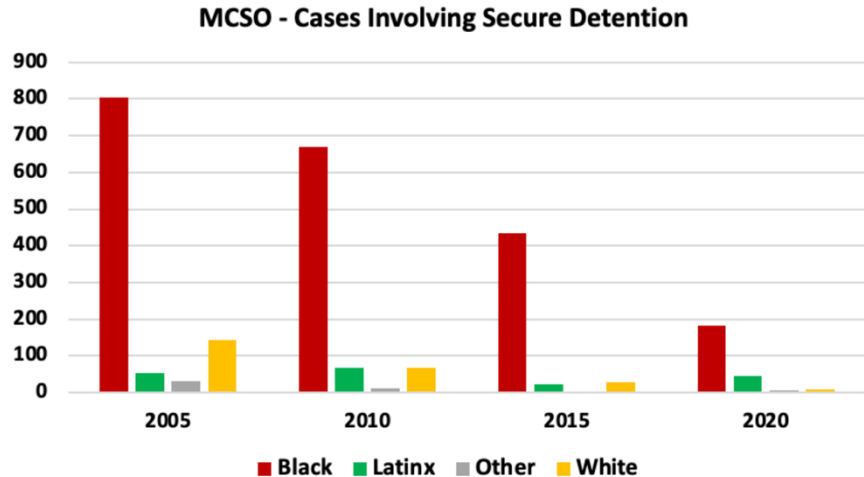




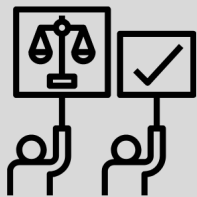
## MCSO: CASES INVOLVING SECURE DETENTION HAVE DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY. YET, THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE INVOLVING BLACK YOUTH IS STILL DISPROPORTIONATE

Thanks to national efforts to reduce the number of youth detained, the number of cases involving secure detention in Mecklenburg County has declined significantly.

The **percentage of Black youth** detained (NCJOIN data) was lowest in 2020, but still significantly disproportionate by race.



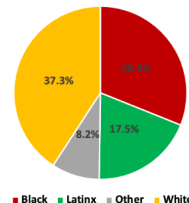
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## THE PERCENTAGE OF BLACK YOUTH ADJUDICATED INCREASED SINCE 2005 FROM 77.1% TO 83.6% IN 2020, DESPITE COURT CLOSURES FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

When a judge adjudicates a case, the young person is either found to be delinquent or undisciplined.

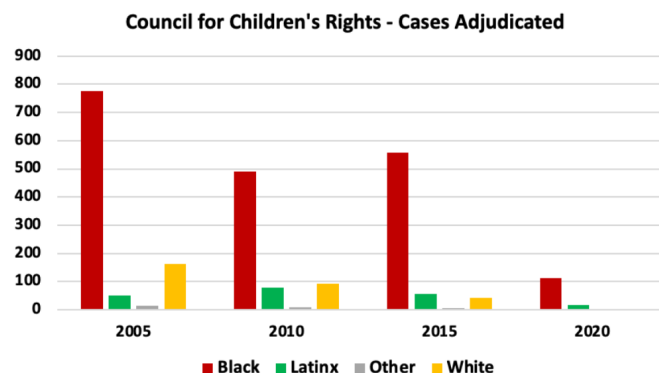
Mecklenburg County - Census Data <18 Years Old (2020)



The sharp decline in the number of cases adjudicated between 2015 and 2020 is partially due to the fact that courts were closed for periods of time because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yet, the percentage of **Black youth** adjudicated increased between 2005 and 2020, from **77.1% to 83.6%** (NCJOIN data)

As compared to **White youth** whose percentage of cases adjudicated has steadily decreased between 2005 and 2020, from **16.3% to 2.2%**



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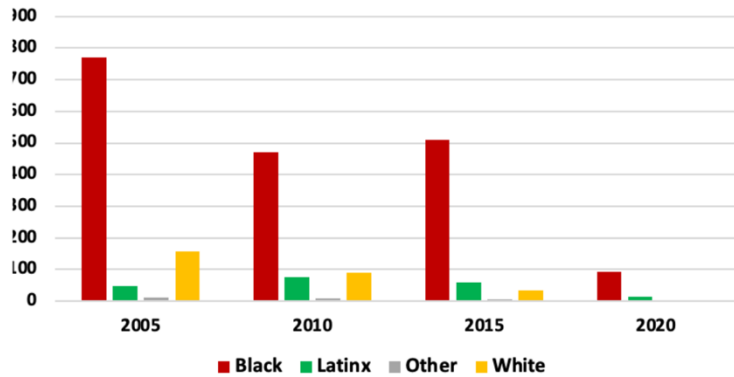






## DACJJ: BLACK YOUTH ACCOUNT FOR THE MAJORITY OF CASES DISPOSED

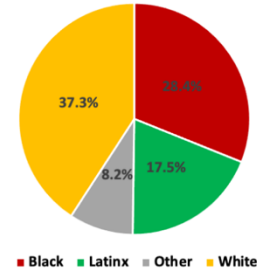
Div. of Adult Corrections & Juv. Justice - Cases Disposed



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**Black youth** accounted for **81%** of cases disposed in 2020

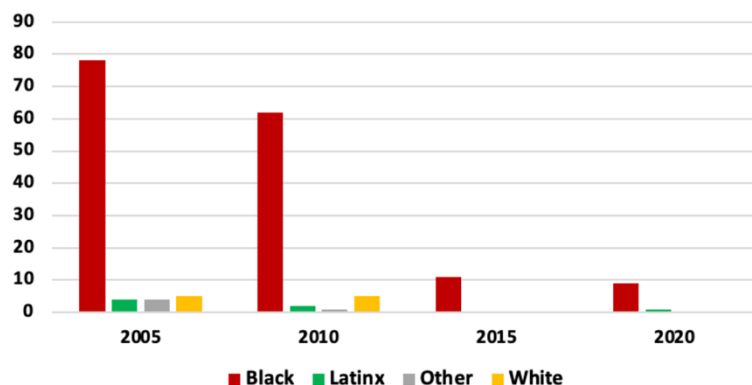
About **6x** the cases for **Latinx** youth

And about **27x** the cases for **White** youth



## DIST. CT. JUDGES: AT THE MOST SEVERE JJ CONTACT POINT - INCARCERATION, BLACK YOUTH MADE UP BETWEEN 85-100% OF YOUTH CONFINED IN YDCS

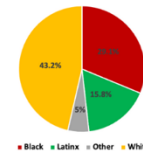
District Court Judges - Youth Confined to YDCs



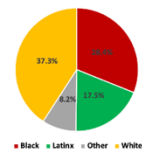
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Mecklenburg County - Census Data <18 Years Old (2015)



Mecklenburg County - Census Data <18 Years Old (2020)



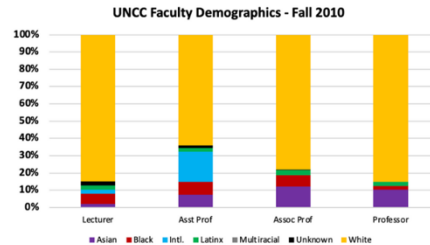
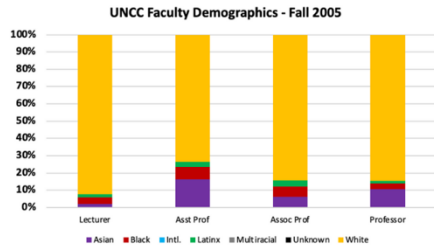
The cumulative effect of the judicial system is evident in the youth confined to Youth Development Centers (YDCs).

Despite comprising approximately 28% of the <18 population, **Black youth** are consistently overrepresented in the number of youth incarcerated, accounting for **85-100% of the youth in YDCs** between 2005 and 2020 (NCJOIN data).

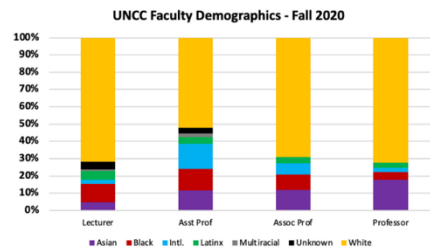
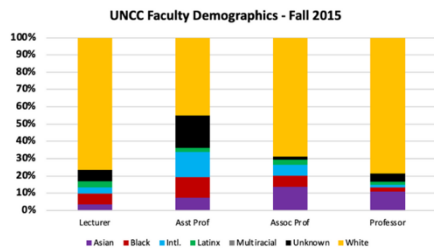




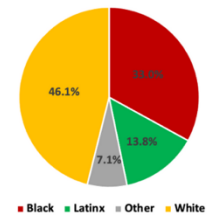
# UNC CHARLOTTE - INSTRUCTORS ARE MORE DIVERSE, BUT BLACK AND LATINX FACULTY ARE STILL SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERREPRESENTED



In November 2021, UNCC hired its first Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion. He created the UNC Charlotte Diversity Dashboard and during that process, changed the classification term 'Non-Resident Alien' to 'International.'



Mecklenburg County - Census Data - Adults (2020)



Although UNC Charlotte's faculty has become more diverse since 2005 at all levels, **Black** and **Latinx** faculty are still significantly underrepresented and **Asian** and **White** faculty continue to be significantly overrepresented.

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## 2022-23 RMJJ PARTNERS

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26th Judicial District - Clerk of Superior Court's Office	<b>Council for Children's Rights</b> (NCJOIN data)	<u>Mecklenburg County Social Services</u>
<u>26th Judicial District - Guardian ad Litem</u>	<b>Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice</b> (NCJOIN data)	My Brother's Keeper Charlotte-Mecklenburg
26th Judicial District - Judges (NCJOIN data)	Mecklenburg County Community Support Services	Safe Alliance
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (NCJOIN data)	Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office	<u>Trial Court Administrator's Office</u>
<u>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools</u>	Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office	<u>UNC Charlotte</u>
Communities In Schools (Public CMS Data)	Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (NCJOIN data)	

**BOLDFACE INDICATES PARTNERS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DASHBOARD**  
**UNDERLINE INDICATES ALIGNMENT WITH PARTNERS' PRACTICE CHANGE DATA**