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The Fresno County Family to Family Self Evaluation Task Force developed this presentation in 2004. The intended purpose is to effectively describe the interaction of activities and outcomes as measured by representative data outcome indicators. It weaves the values and strategies with the data, to inform and inspire the audience to embrace and engage the Family to Family strategy. It in no way purports to be a comprehensive analysis of outcome data. It is a tool used in the context of a verbal presentation that takes into consideration the knowledge and needs of the audience. An informed presenter is essential to avoid misinterpretations and misapplications of the data. In Fresno, presentations have been done for staff as well as other community partners.

It is our desire that as other sites view our efforts, they will be encouraged to connect their own data to their local experiences. We hope that they also, will be able to use data to inspire their staff and partners in improving the lives and experiences of the children in their communities.

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The data itself is openly available at: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/countyformresponse.asp?county=10>

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Family
to
Family

County of Fresno

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What is Family to Family?

An opportunity for Fresno County to redesign the foster care system based on the following **values**:

- ⊕ Every child *deserves a family*.
- ⊕ All families have *strengths*.
- ⊕ Every family needs the *support of their community*.
- ⊕ Public child welfare agencies need *community partners*.
- ⊕ The *ethnic, cultural and spiritual heritage* of families and the communities *in which they live* will be recognized as strengths.



The Nine Outcomes of Family to Family

1. Reducing the number and rate of children placed away from their birth families.
2. Increasing the number and rate of children coming into foster care who are placed in their own neighborhoods or communities.
3. Reducing the number of children served in institutional and group care.
4. Decreasing lengths of stay of children in placement.
5. Increasing the number and rate of children reunified with their birth families.
6. Decreasing the number and rate of children reentering care.
7. Reducing the number of placement moves children in care experience.
8. Increasing the number and rate of brothers and sisters placed together.
9. Reducing any disparities associated with race/ethnicity, gender or age in each of these outcomes.



Core Strategies of Family to Family

- ❁ **Building Community Partnerships**
- ❁ **Team Decision Making**
- ❁ **Recruitment Training and Support**
- ❁ **Self Evaluation**
- ❁ **Foster Youth Transitions Project**
- ❁ **Communication**
- ❁ **A Fresno specific addition**

Self-Evaluation

- ⊕ Statistical data from:
 - ⊕ CWS/CMS
 - ⊕ (Child Welfare Services/Case Management System).
- ⊕ Social Worker Input -
*Case Management
Documentation*



Self-Evaluation

- ⊕ Analysis of Data
- ⊕ Comparison Is Not Advised
 - ⊕ Focus on Fresno Data Only
- ⊕ Beginning a Data Analysis Process



Self-Evaluation

- ⊕ Counter Balance Indicators
- ⊕ Various Sources
- ⊕ Child Welfare Resource Center website
(<http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/f2flinks.asp>)
- ⊕ 2000 Census



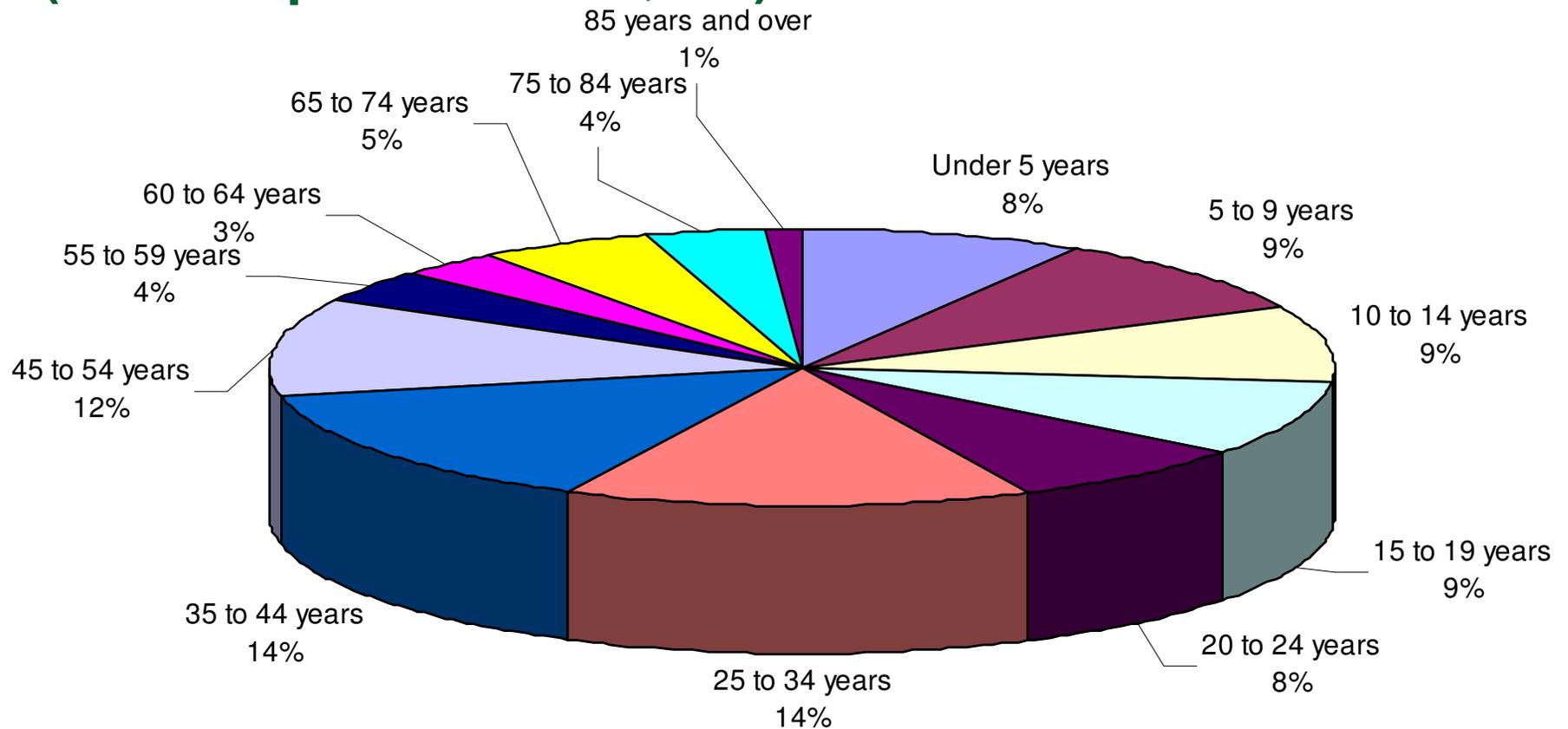
Self-Evaluation

- ⊕ Various Time Periods
- ⊕ Implementation of CWS/CMS
- ⊕ Reasonable Deductions



Fresno County Age Demographics

(Total Population: 799,407)



Citation: Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000
Geographic Area: Fresno County, California
U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a yellow flower. The hand is positioned in the lower right, with fingers gently gripping the stem. The flower is bright yellow with several petals, and its green stem and leaves are visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white.

Ethnic Distribution of Fresno County's Children

Children Ages 0-17 (Total Population: 256,425)

Latino: 136,675

White: 69,491

Asian: 25,386

African American: 14,103

Multiracial: 7,949

Native American: 2,051

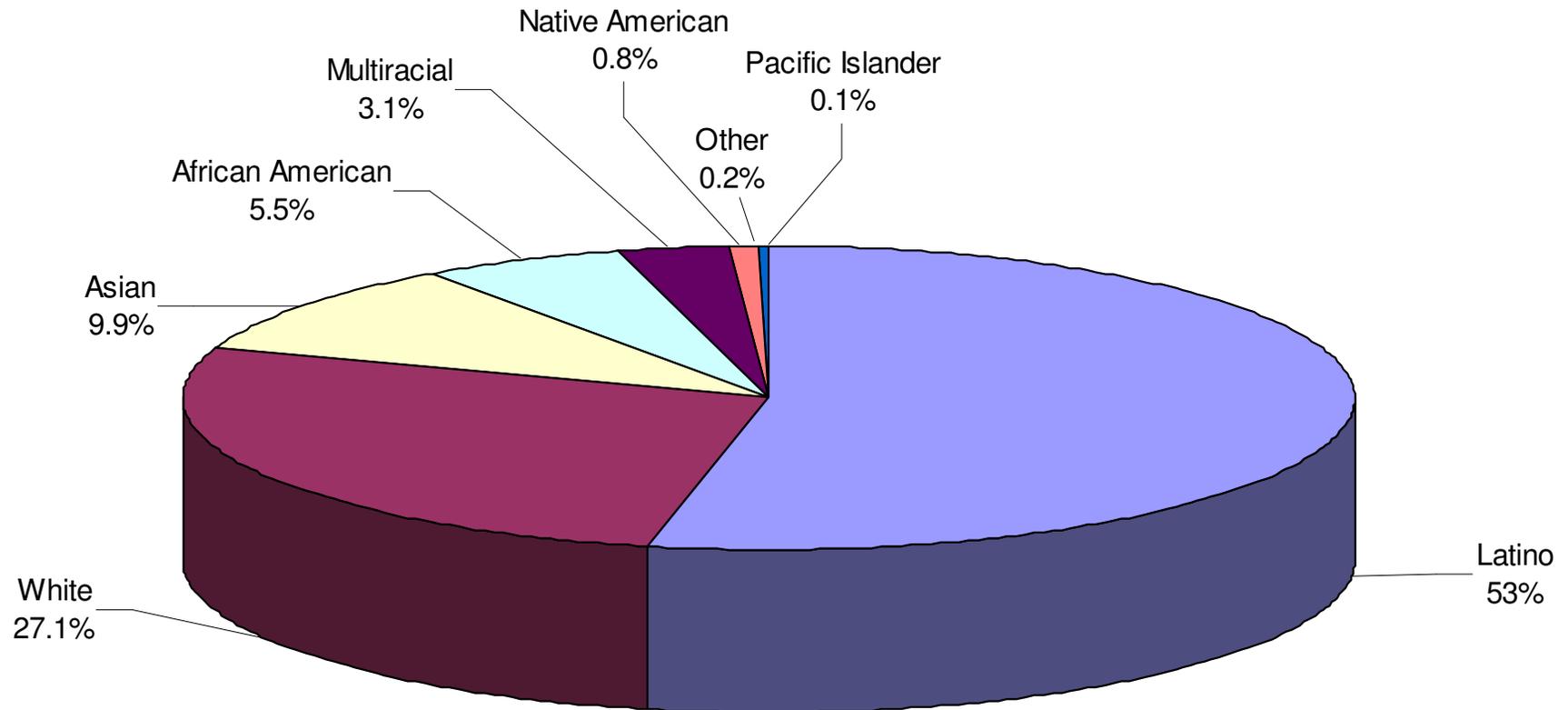
Other: 513

Pacific Islander: 256

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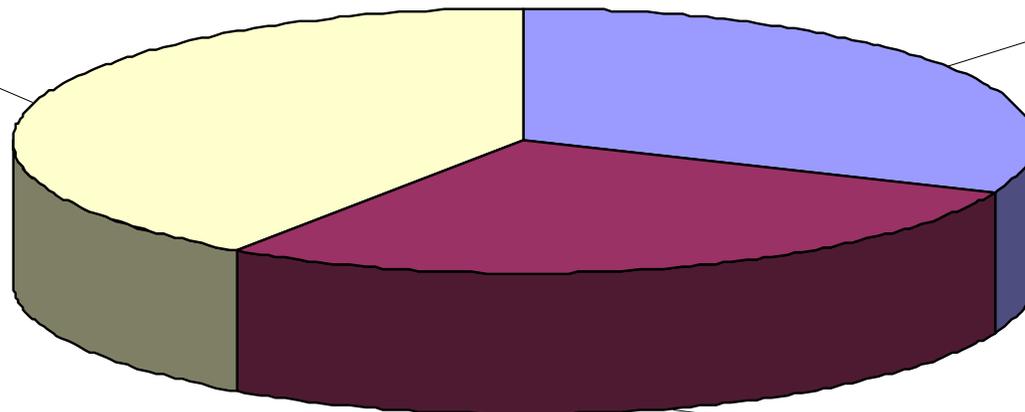
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The Children in Poverty of Fresno County

Children (ages 0-17) Living in Above Low-Income Households (200% > FPL)
41%

Children (ages 0-17) Living in Poor Households (0-99% FPL)
31%



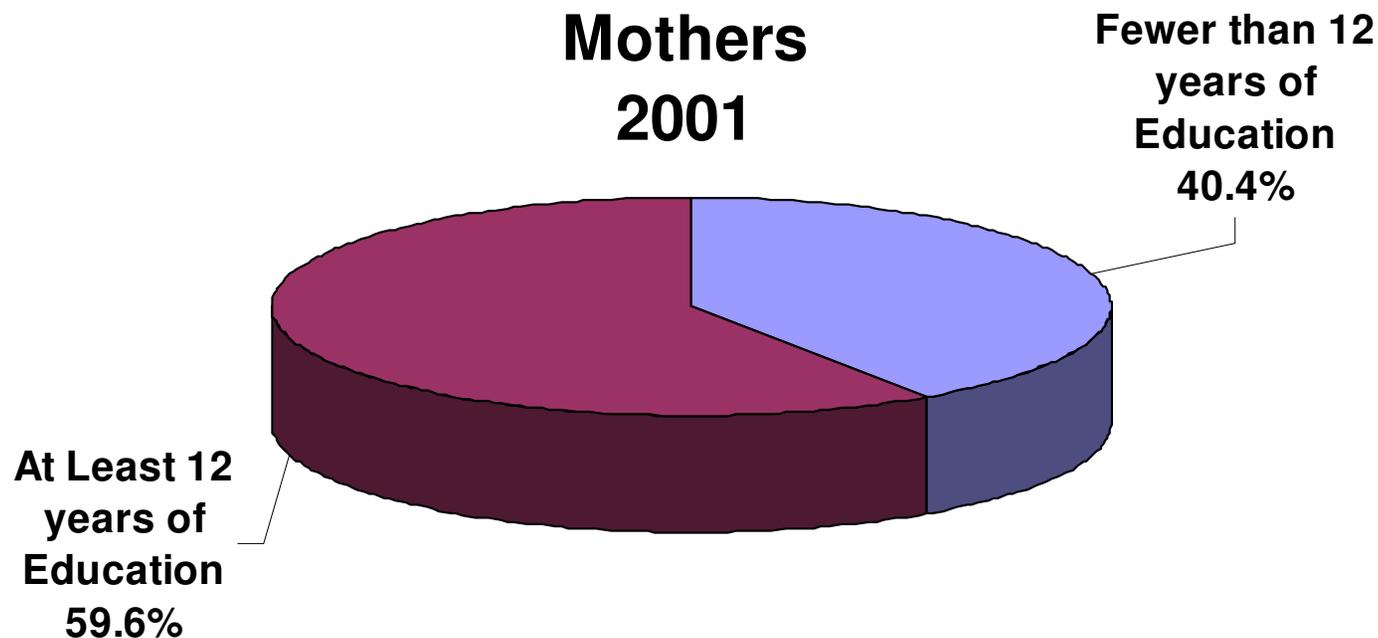
Children (ages 0-17) Living in Low-Income Households (not Poor) (100-199% FPL)
28%

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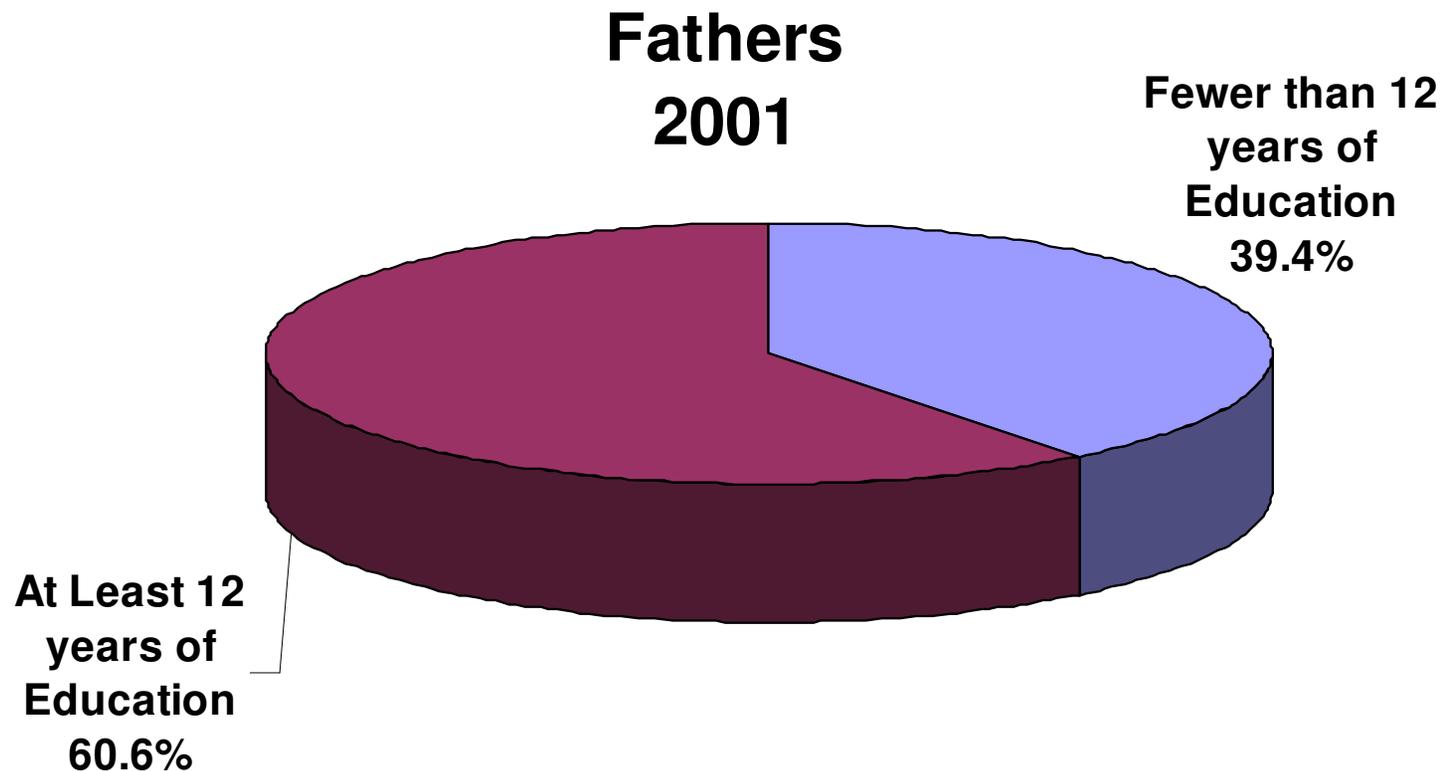
Educational Level of Parents in Fresno County

New Parents with Fewer than 12 Years of Education (as a percentage of all births)



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The Self Evaluation Team Packing the Data





Outcome 1: Reducing the number and rate of children placed away from their birth families:

Definition of terms

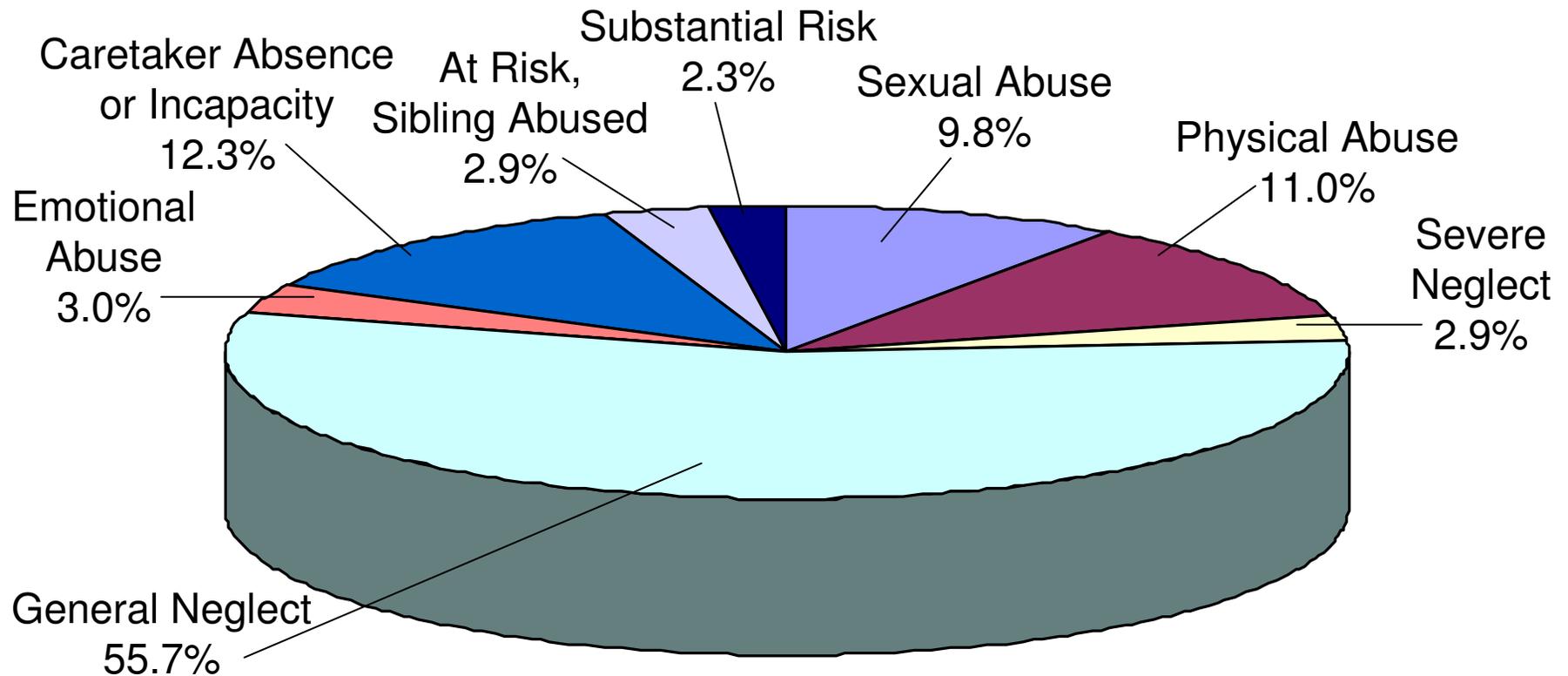
- Referral/Report
- Investigation
- Substantiated
- Unfounded
- Inconclusive
- Entry into Foster Care

REFERRAL and SUBSTANTIATION RATES for 2002

- ❖ 265,883 children resided in Fresno County
- ❖ 18,413 referrals were received.
- ❖ 6.93% (69.3:1000) children had referrals.
- ❖ 3,412 referrals resulted in substantiated investigations.
- ❖ 1.28% (12.8:1000) children had referrals that resulted in substantiated investigations.
- ❖ 18.5% of the referrals received resulted in substantiated investigations.

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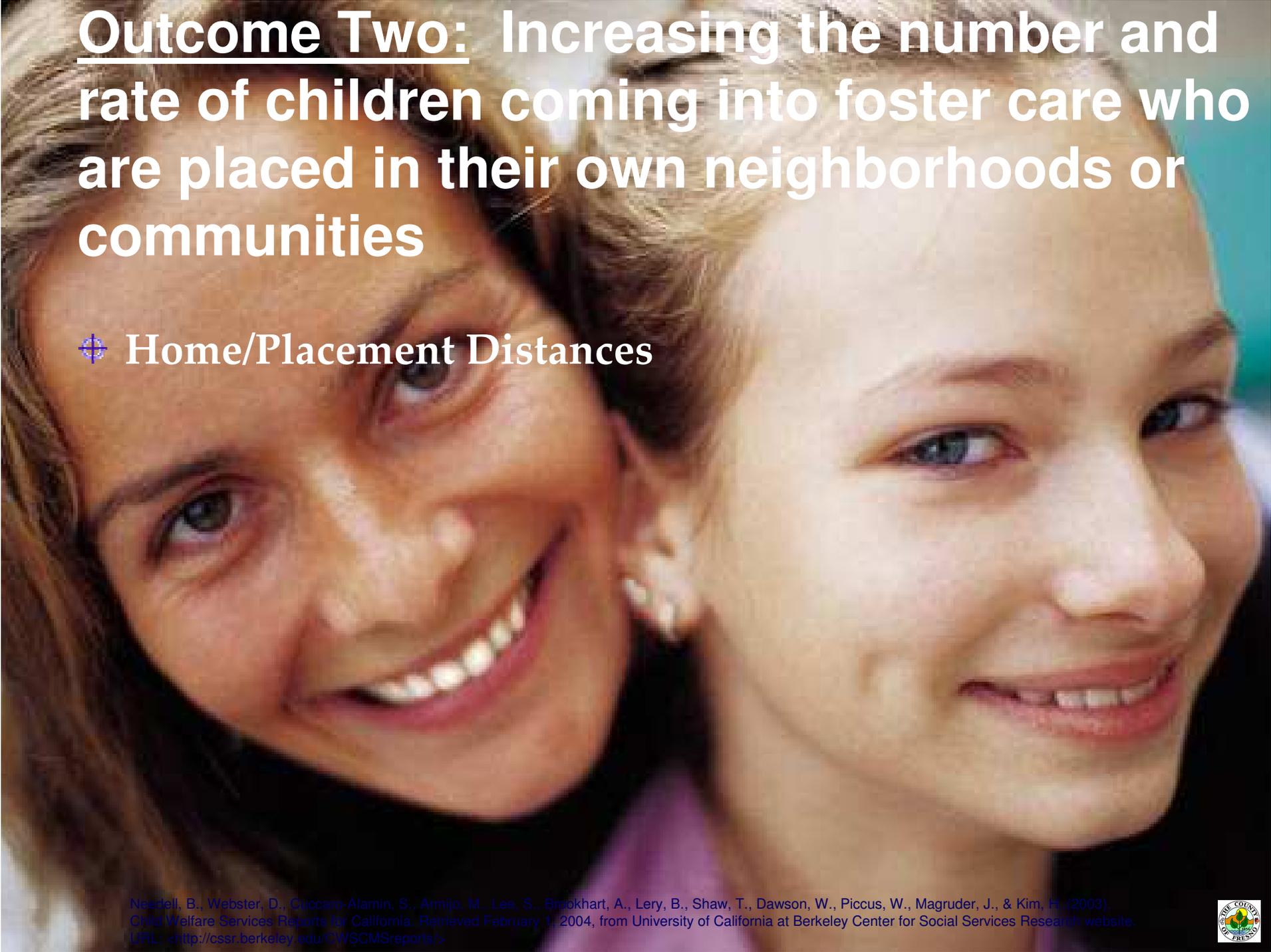
Referrals by Allegation Type - 2002



2002 First Entries to Foster Care, Child Population(0-17) and Incidence Rates

- ✿ 265,883 children resided in Fresno County.
- ✿ 707 children experienced their first entry to foster care.
- ✿ 0.27% (2.7:1000) children experienced their first entry to foster care.
- ✿ 1.89% (18.9:1000) children ages 0-5 experienced their first entry to foster care.

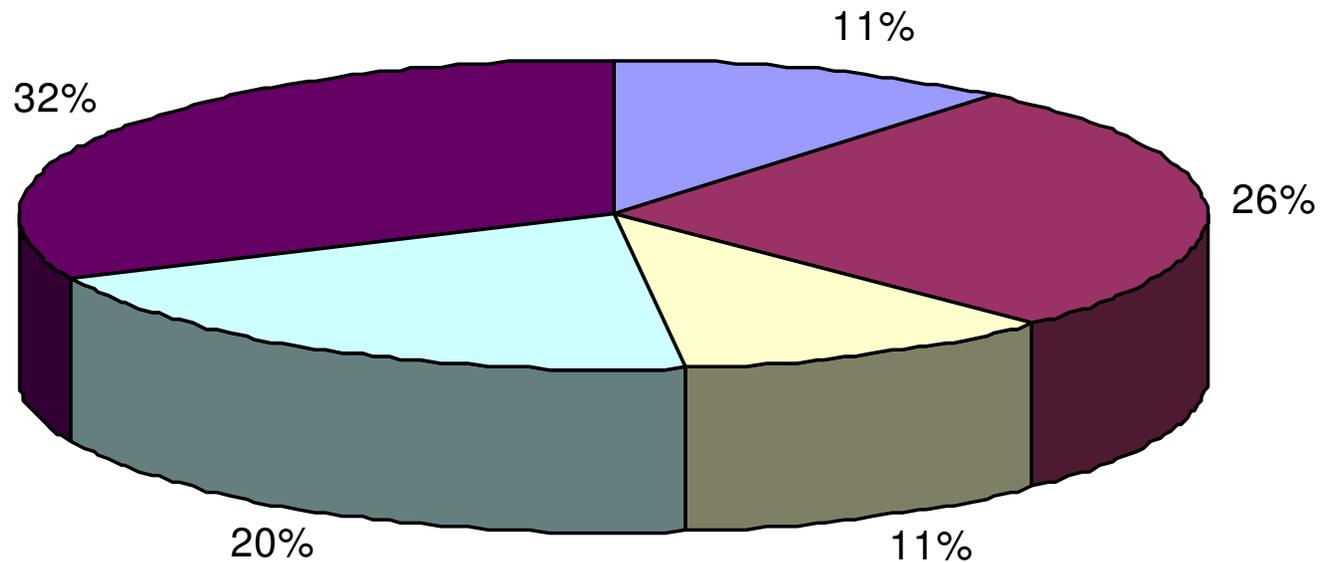




Outcome Two: Increasing the number and rate of children coming into foster care who are placed in their own neighborhoods or communities

⊕ Home/Placement Distances

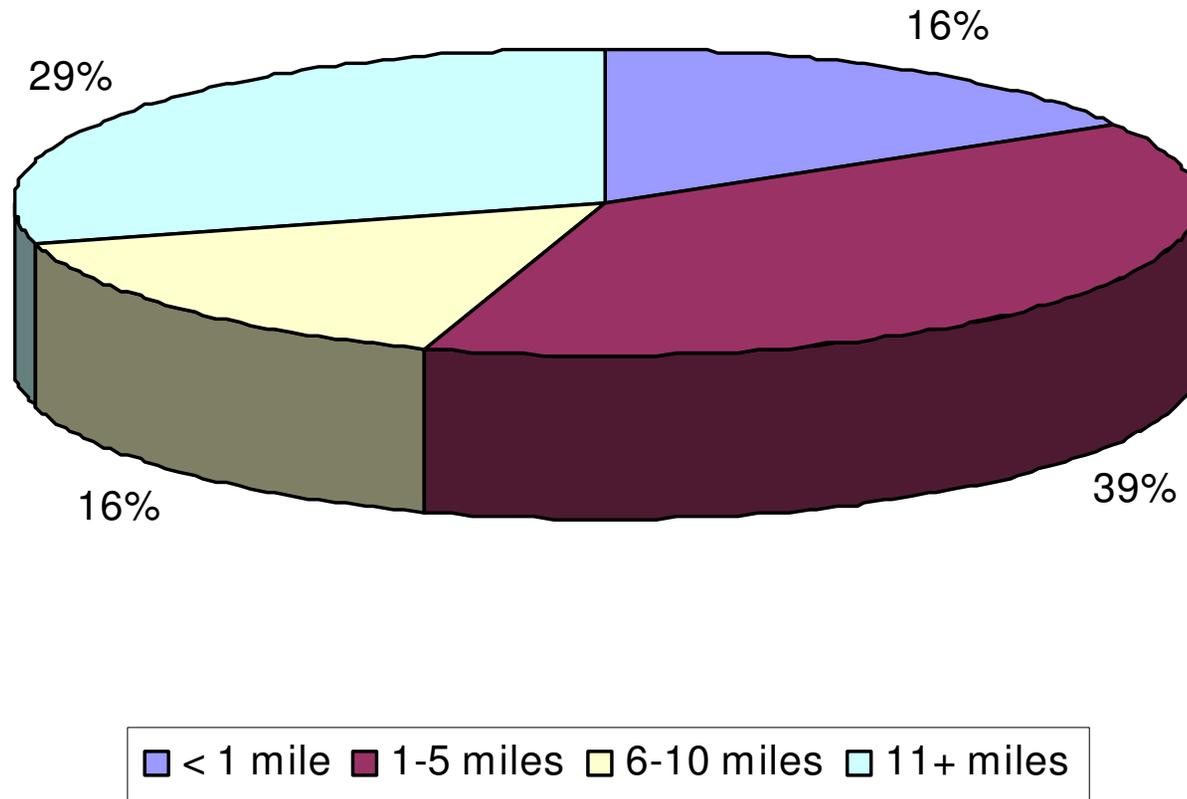
2002 Distance from Home Address to Placement for First Entries to Care Including 'undetermined' home address



■ < 1 mile ■ 1-5 miles ■ 6-10 miles ■ 11+ miles ■ undetermined



2002 Distance from Home Address to Placement for First Entries to Care



2001 Fresno County First Entries to Foster Care: Removal Home Locations¹

Distance Between Removal and Placement Address^{2,3}

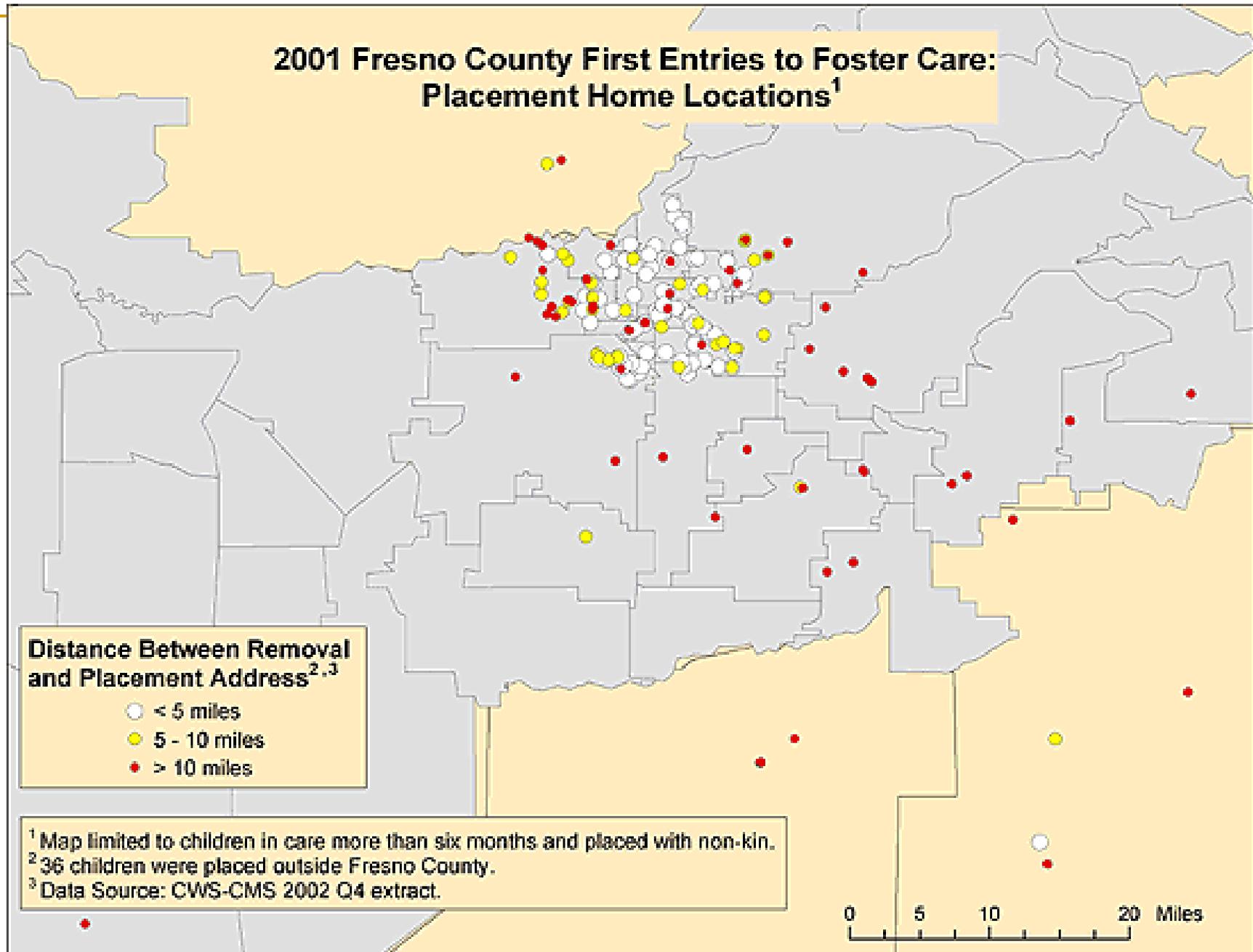
- < 5 miles
- 5 - 10 miles
- > 10 miles

- ¹ Map limited to children in care more than six months and placed with non-kin.
- ² 12 children were removed from outside Fresno County.
- ³ Data Source: CWS-CMS 2002 Q4 extract.

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2001 Fresno County First Entries to Foster Care: Placement Home Locations¹



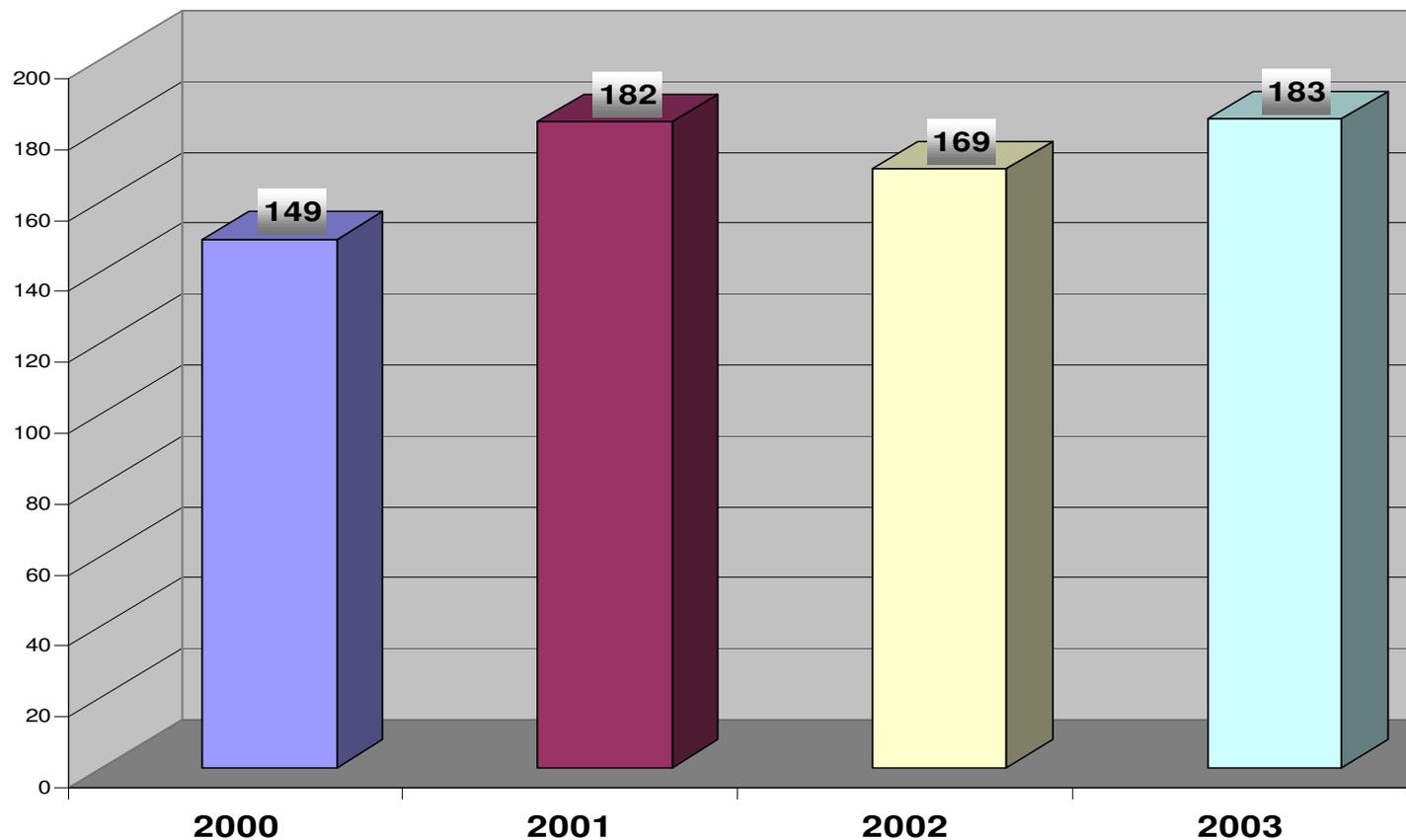
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Outcome Three: Reducing the number of children served in institutional and group care

- ⊕ **Foster Care Caseloads Over Time**
- ⊕ **Child Welfare Supervised Foster Care Point-In-Time Reports by Age/Ethnicity/Gender**
- ⊕ **First Entries to Care by Placement Type**

Number of Fresno County Children in Group Home Placement -1998-2003

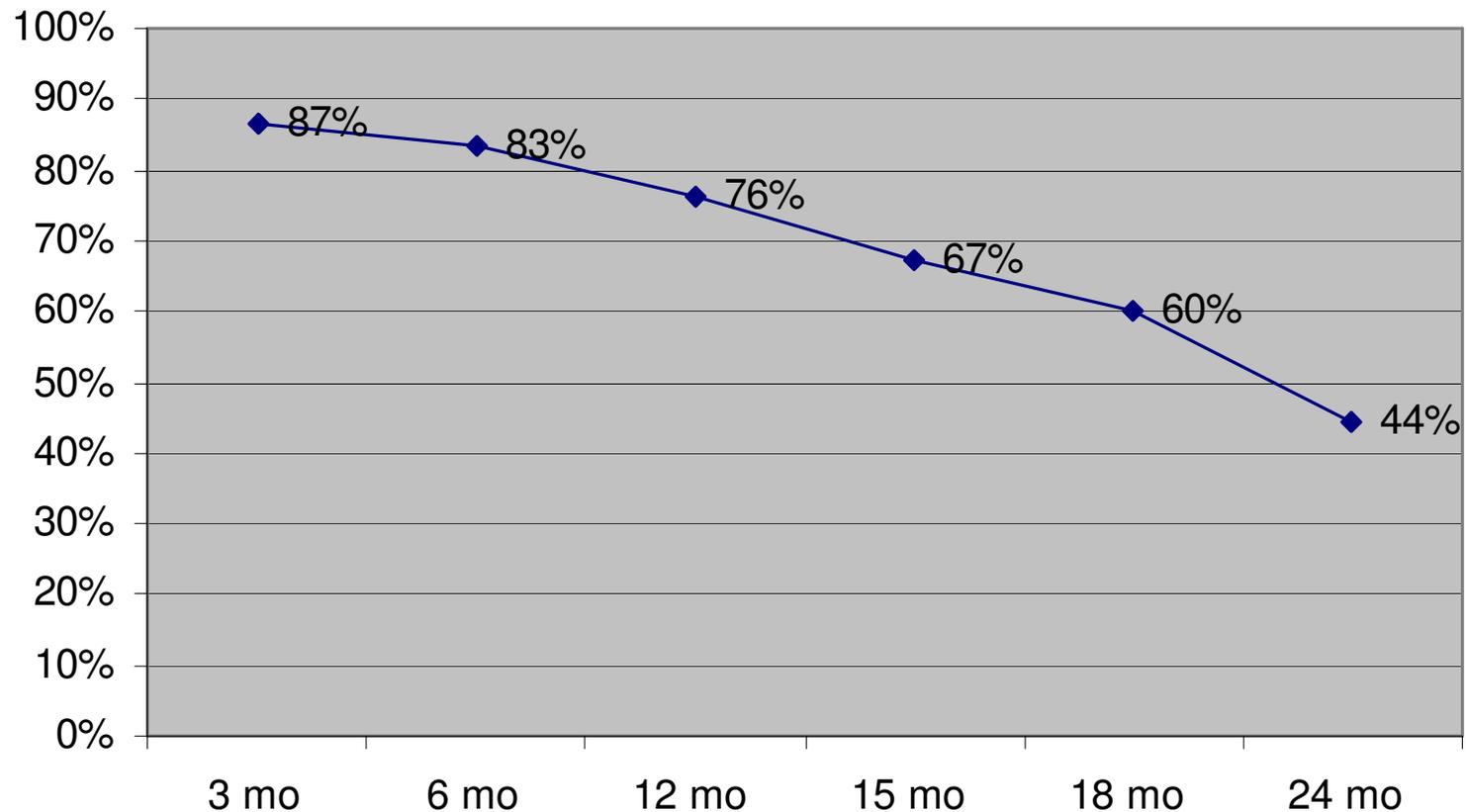


Outcome Four: Decreasing Lengths of Stay of Children in Placement

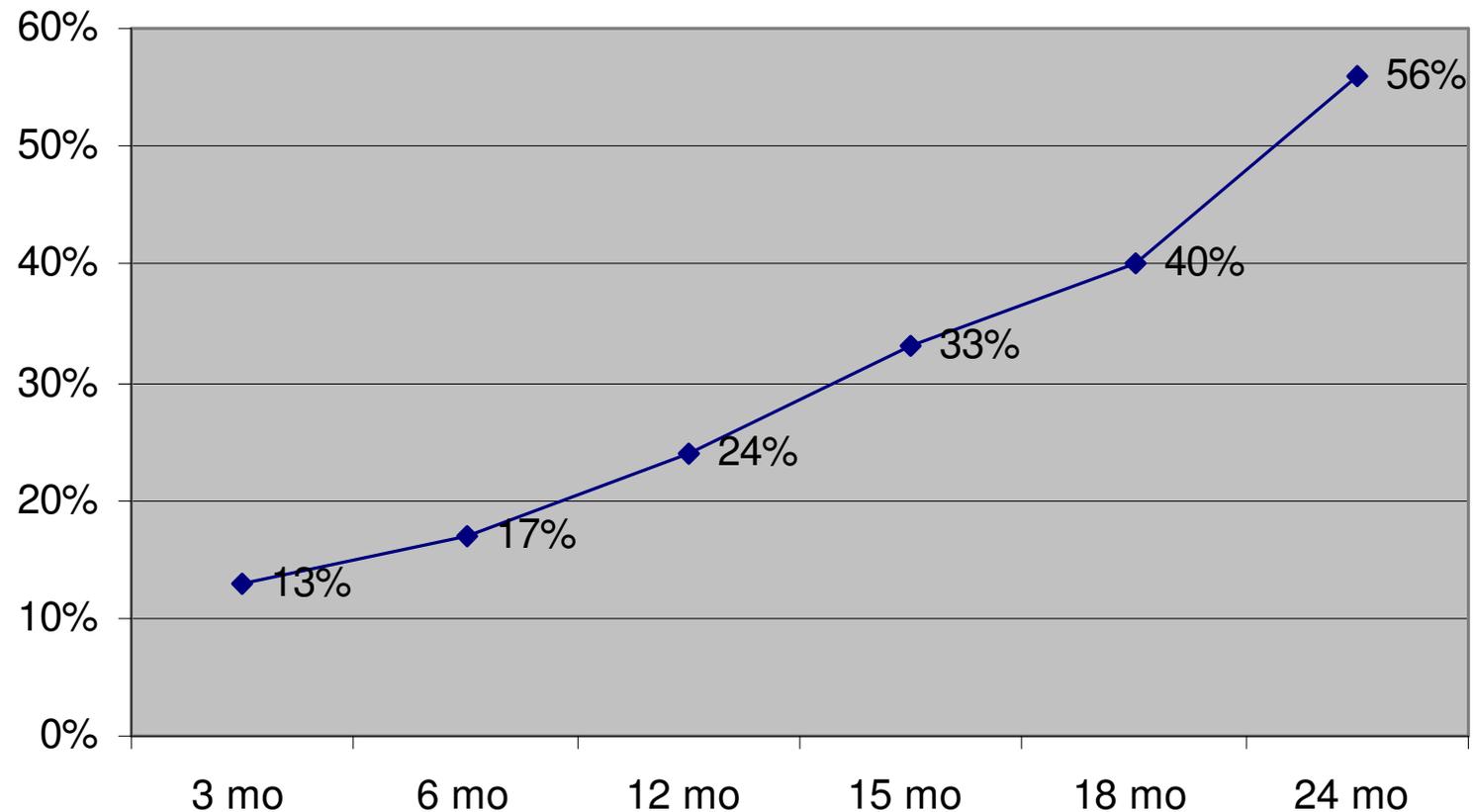
- ⊗ Lengths of Stay
- ⊗ Exits Over Time



July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001 First Entries: Percentage of Children Remaining in Placement at 3, 6, 12, 15, 18, and 24 Months



July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001 First Entries: Percentage of Children Exiting Placement at 3, 6, 12, 15, 18, and 24 Months



Adoption within 24 Months

- ✦ In the year 2000 there were 762 children that were *first entries to care*.
Of those, 72 children (9.4%) were adopted within 24 months.



Still in Care Within 24 Months

- In the year 2000 there were 762 children that were *first entries to care*.
Of those, 337 children (44.2%) were still in care within 24 months.

Outcome Five: Increasing the number and rate of children reunified with their birth families

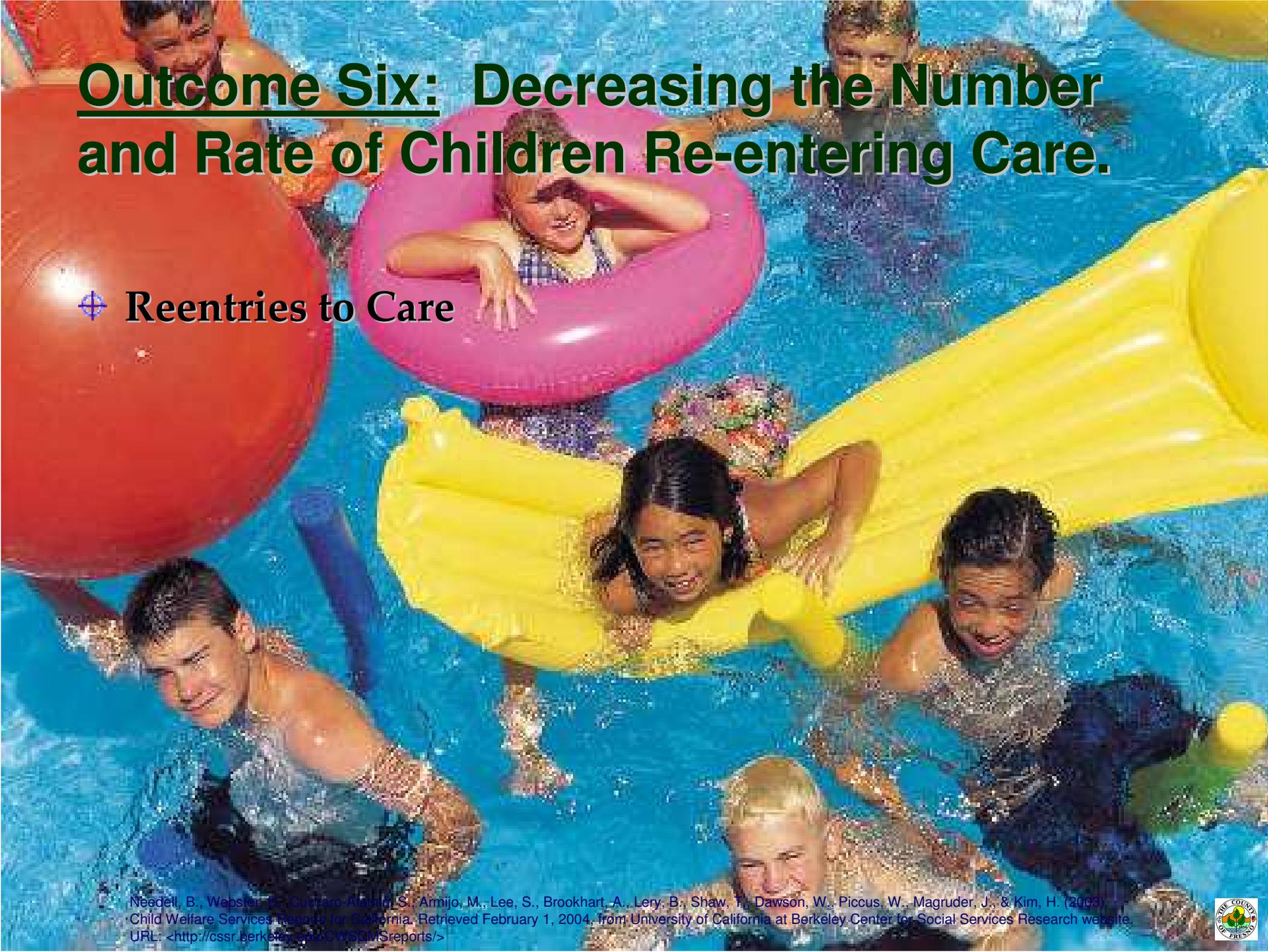
⊕ Exits Over Time

Reunification within 12 Months

❖ In 2000 there were 762 children that were *first entries to care*.

Of those, 156 children (20.5%) were reunified within 12 months.



A group of children are playing in a swimming pool. They are surrounded by various colorful inflatable toys, including a large red ball, a pink ring, a yellow slide, and a yellow ring. The children are smiling and appear to be having fun. The water is bright blue.

Outcome Six: Decreasing the Number and Rate of Children Re-entering Care.

⊕ Reentries to Care

Needell, B., Webster, C., Cantano-Alarcon, S., Armijo, M., Lee, S., Brookhart, A., Lery, B., Shaw, T., Dawson, W., Piccus, W., Magruder, J., & Kim, H. (2003). Child Welfare Services Reports for California. Retrieved February 1, 2004, from University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research website. URL: <<http://cssr.berkeley.edu/WWW/ChildWelfareReports/>>



Re-entries to Care within 12 Months Summary

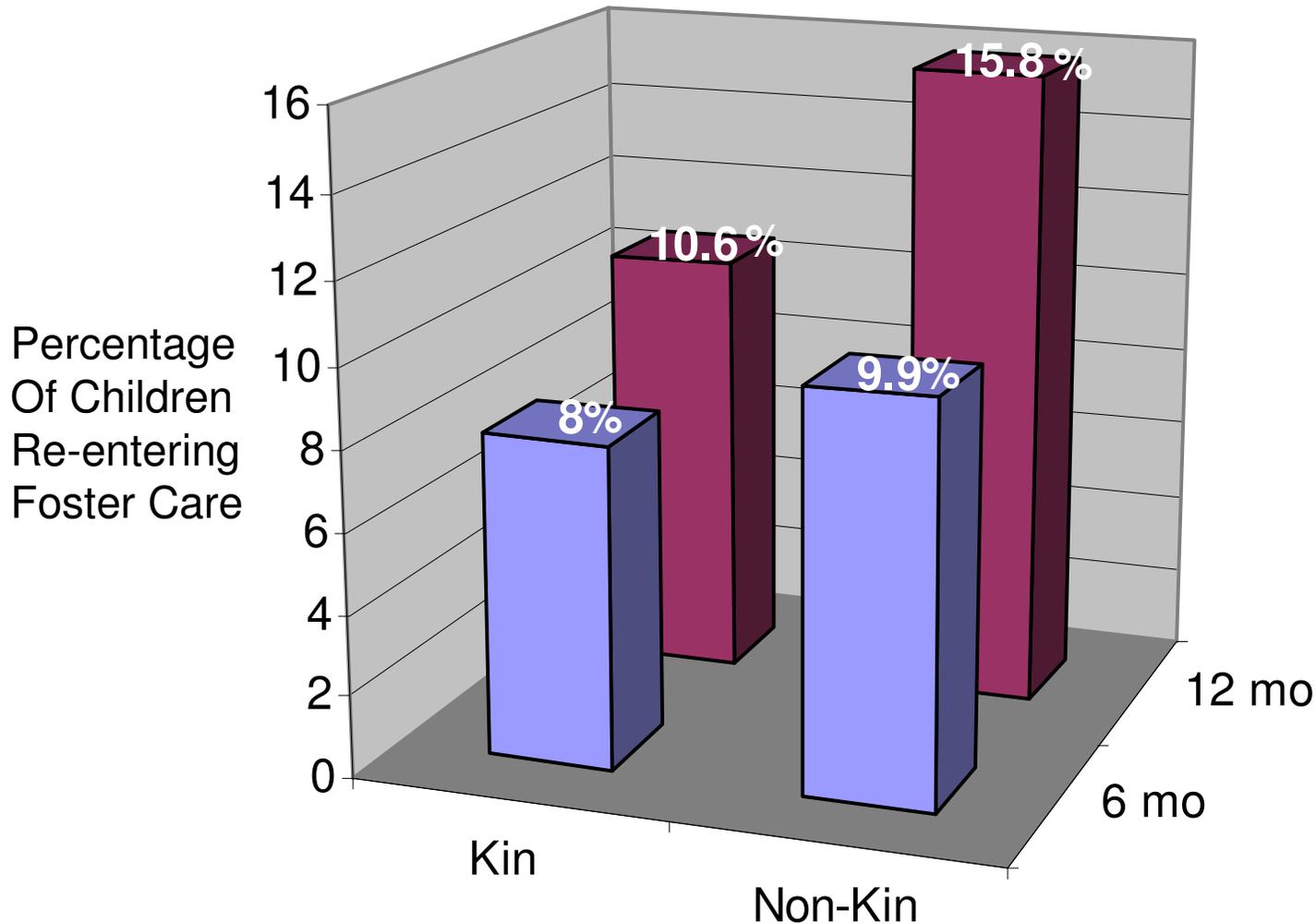
- In 2000 there were 156 children reunified within 12 months with their birth families.
- Of those, 22 children (14.1%) reentered care within 12 months after reunification.

Reentries to Care within 24 Months Summary

- ✦ From July 1999 to June 2000 there were 315 children reunified within 24 months with their families.
Of those, 44 children (14.0%) reentered care within 12 months after reunification.



July 1999 to June 2000 First Entries: Total Reunified within 24 Months--and Children Re-entering Care by 6 & 12 Months After Reunification



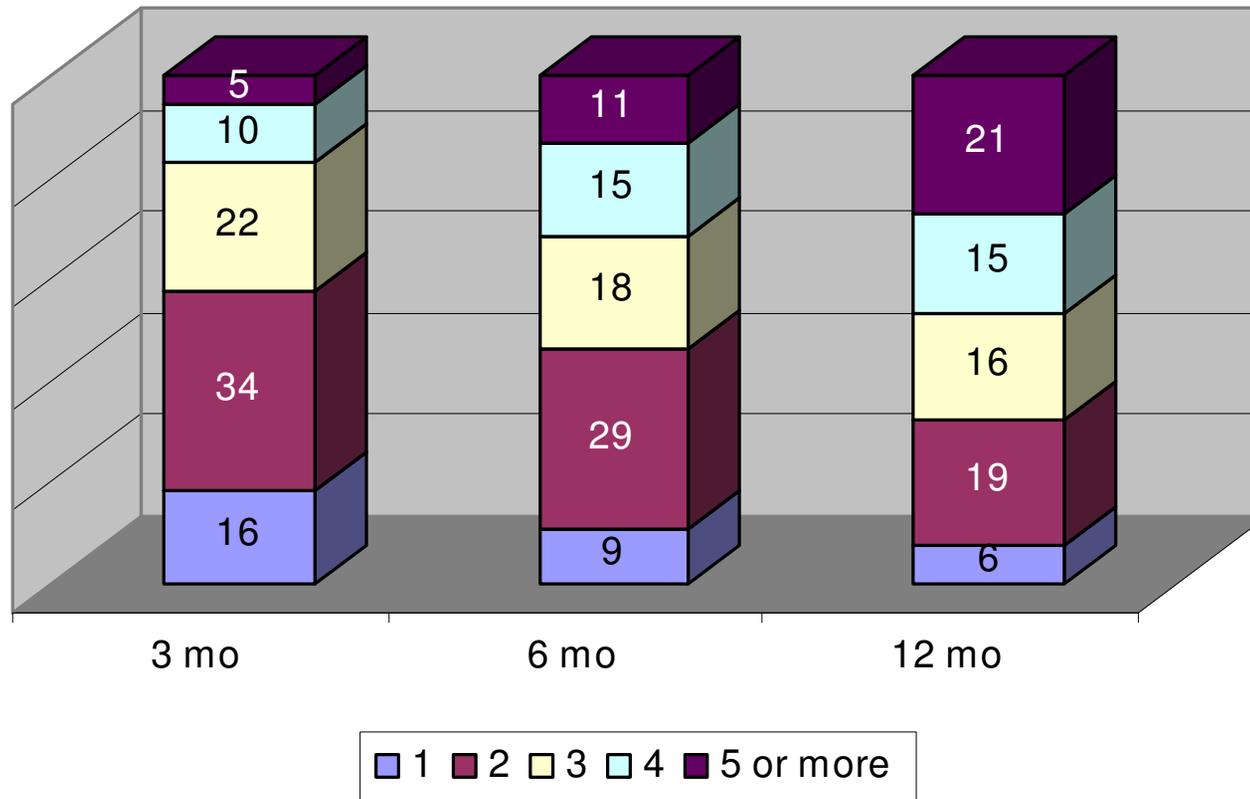
Outcome Seven: Reducing the number of placement moves children in care experience

❁ Placement Stability

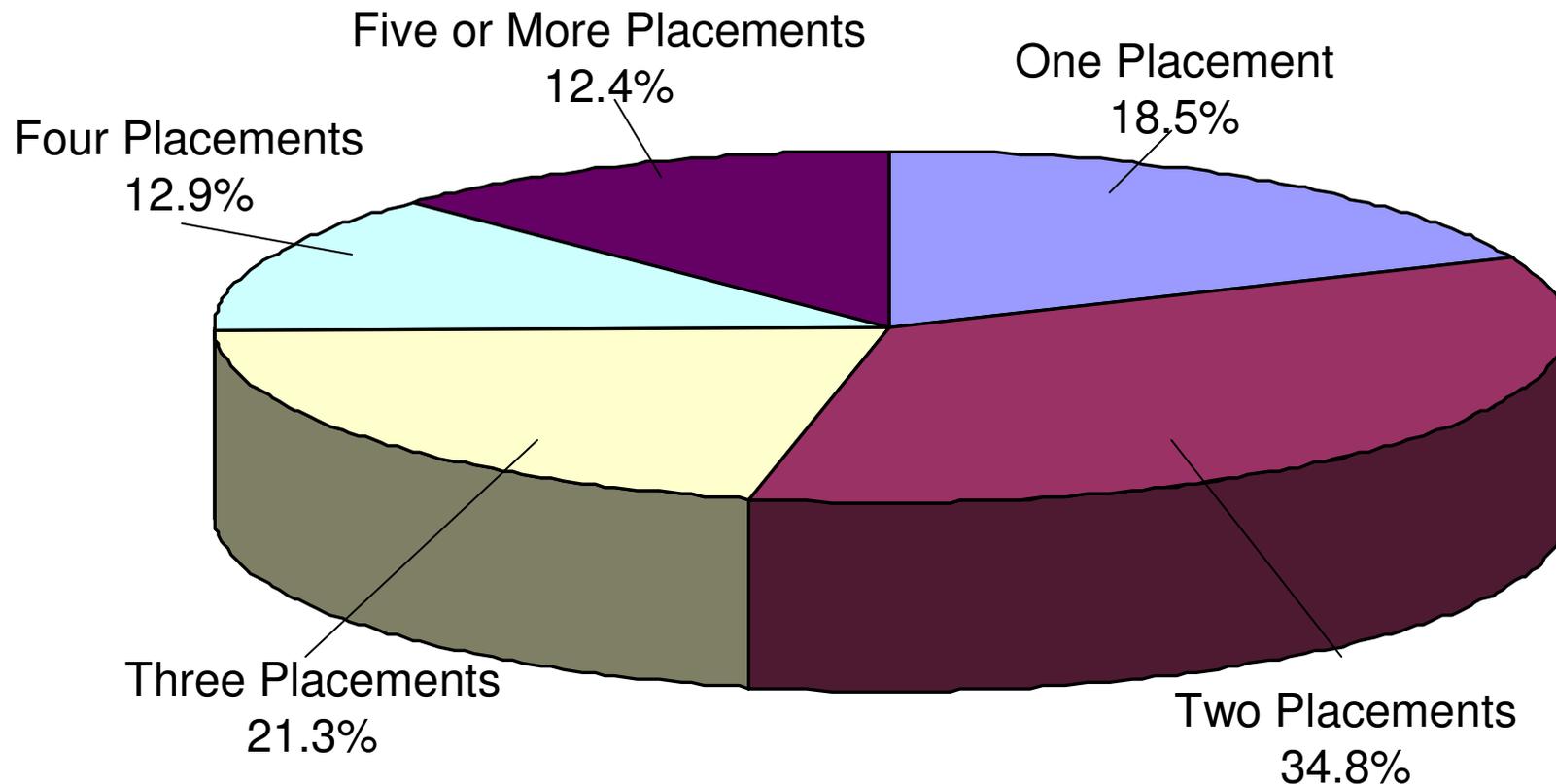
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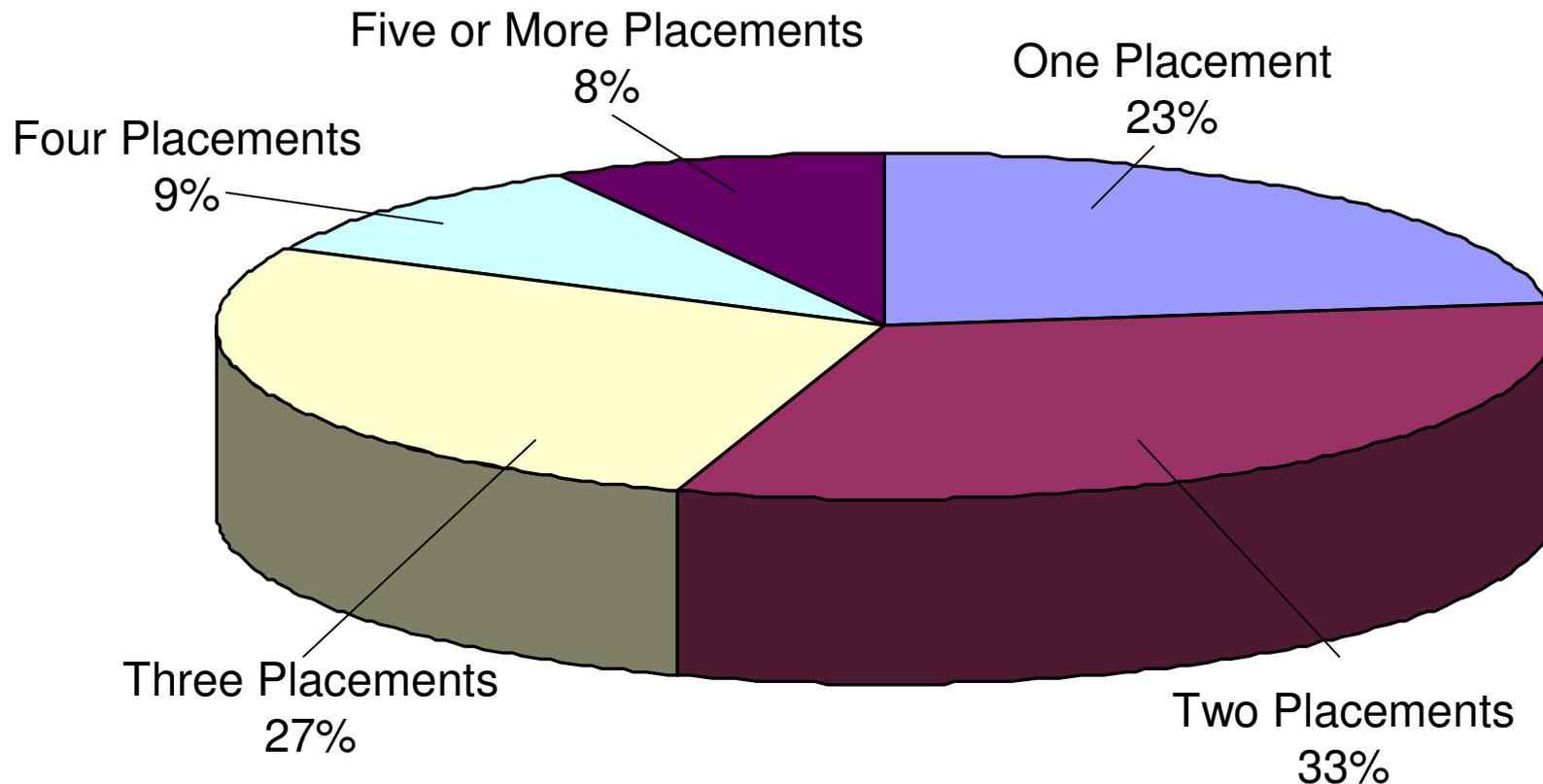
Number of Placements in First Episode for Children Still in Care at 3, 6, and 12 Months by 11-15 Years Old



Number of Non-Kin Placements in First Episode for Children Still in Care at 12 months - *July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002* Entries



Number of Kin Placements in First Episode for Children Still in Care at 12 months - *July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002* Entries



Outcome Eight: Increasing the number and rate of brothers and sisters placed together

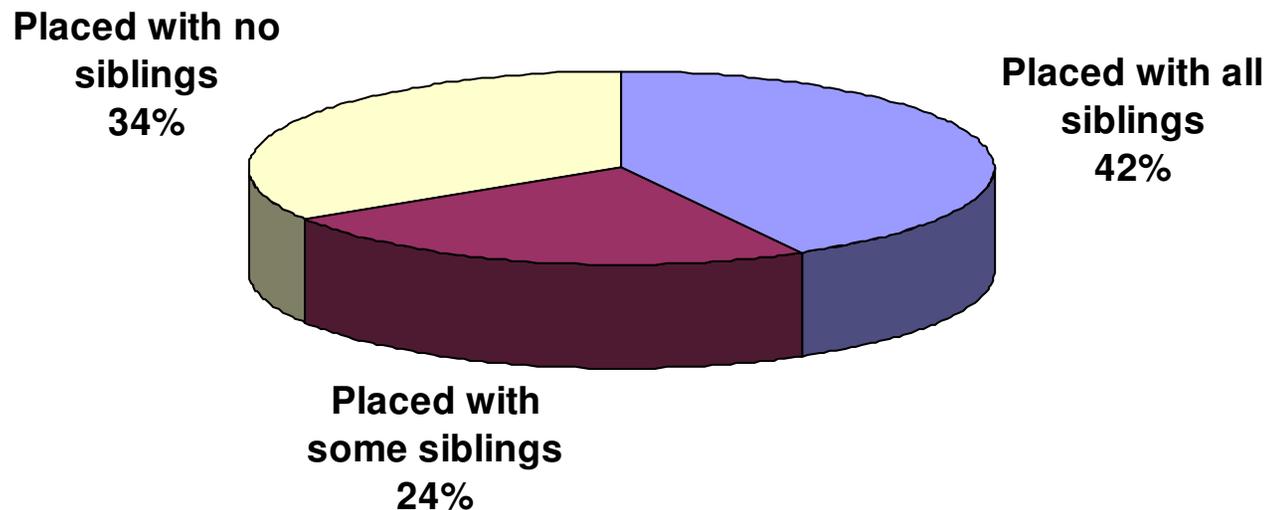
✦ Siblings in Child Welfare Supervised Foster Care

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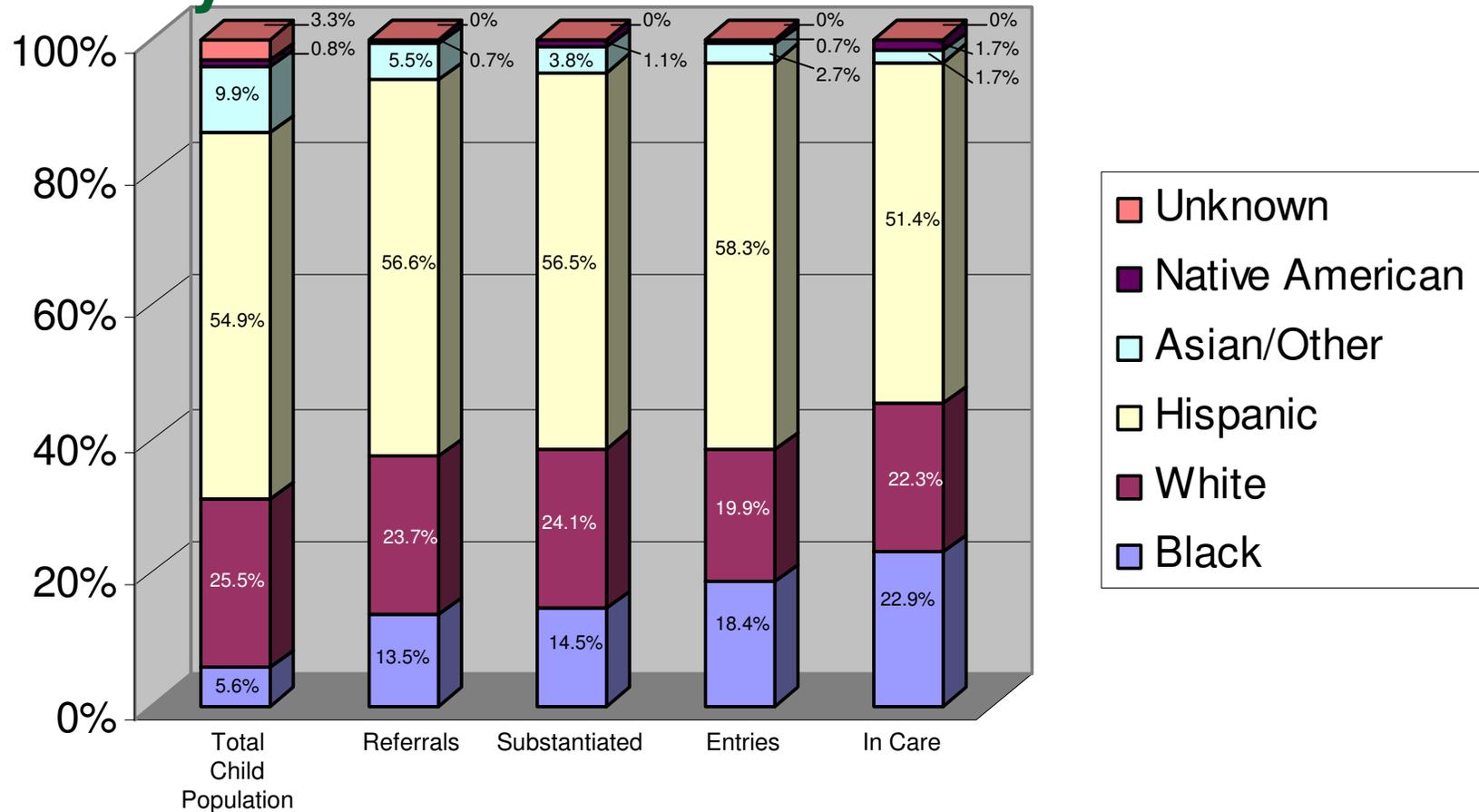
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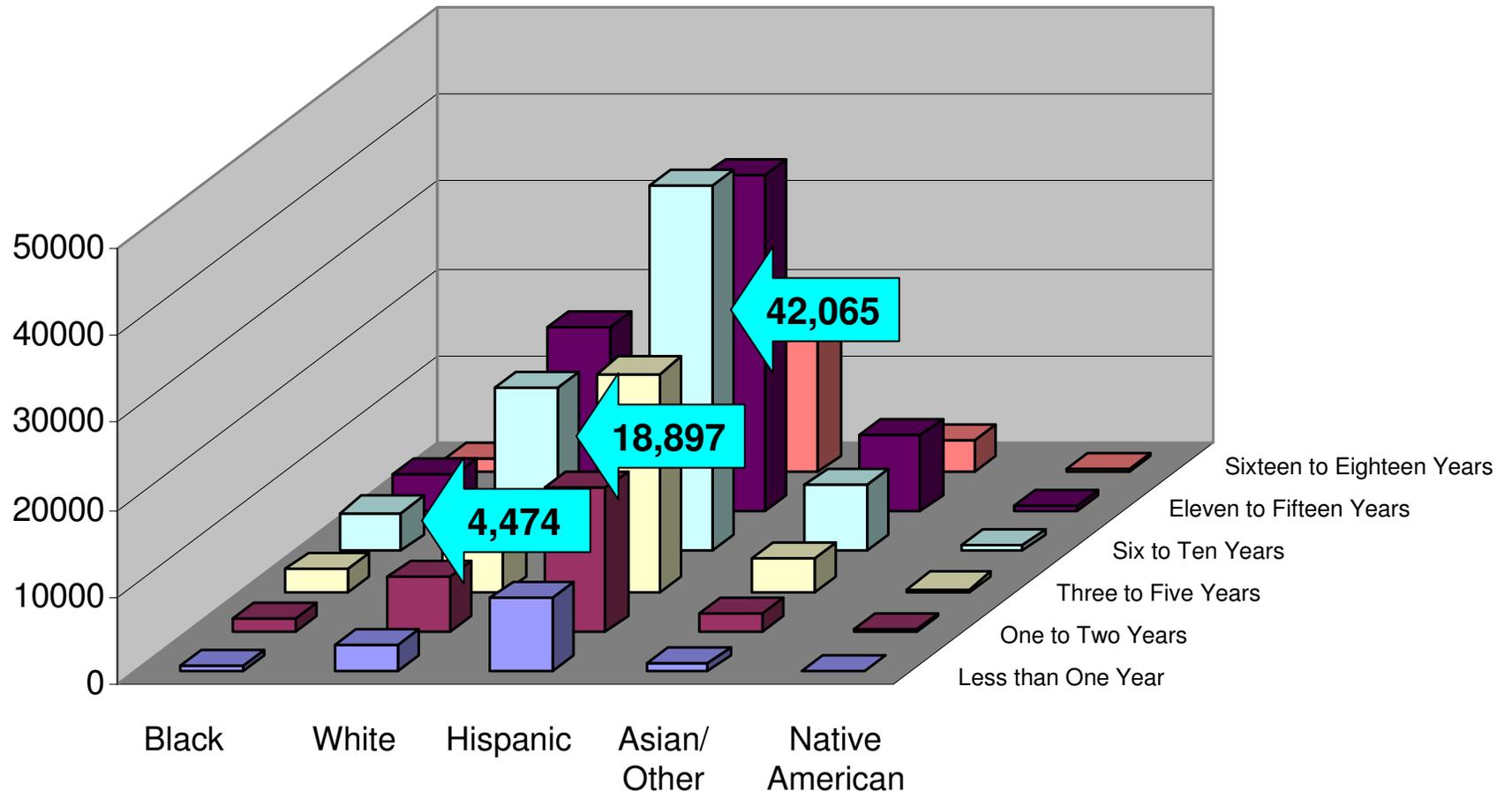
Outcome Nine: Reducing any disparities associated with race/ethnicity, gender or age in each of these outcomes

- ❁ Referral and Substantiation Rates by Age and Ethnicity.
- ❁ Incidence Rates by Age and Ethnicity.
- ❁ Prevalence by Age and Ethnicity.
- ❁ <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/1996/nis.htm>

2002 Child Population, Referrals, Substantiations, First Entries to Care, and In Care by Race



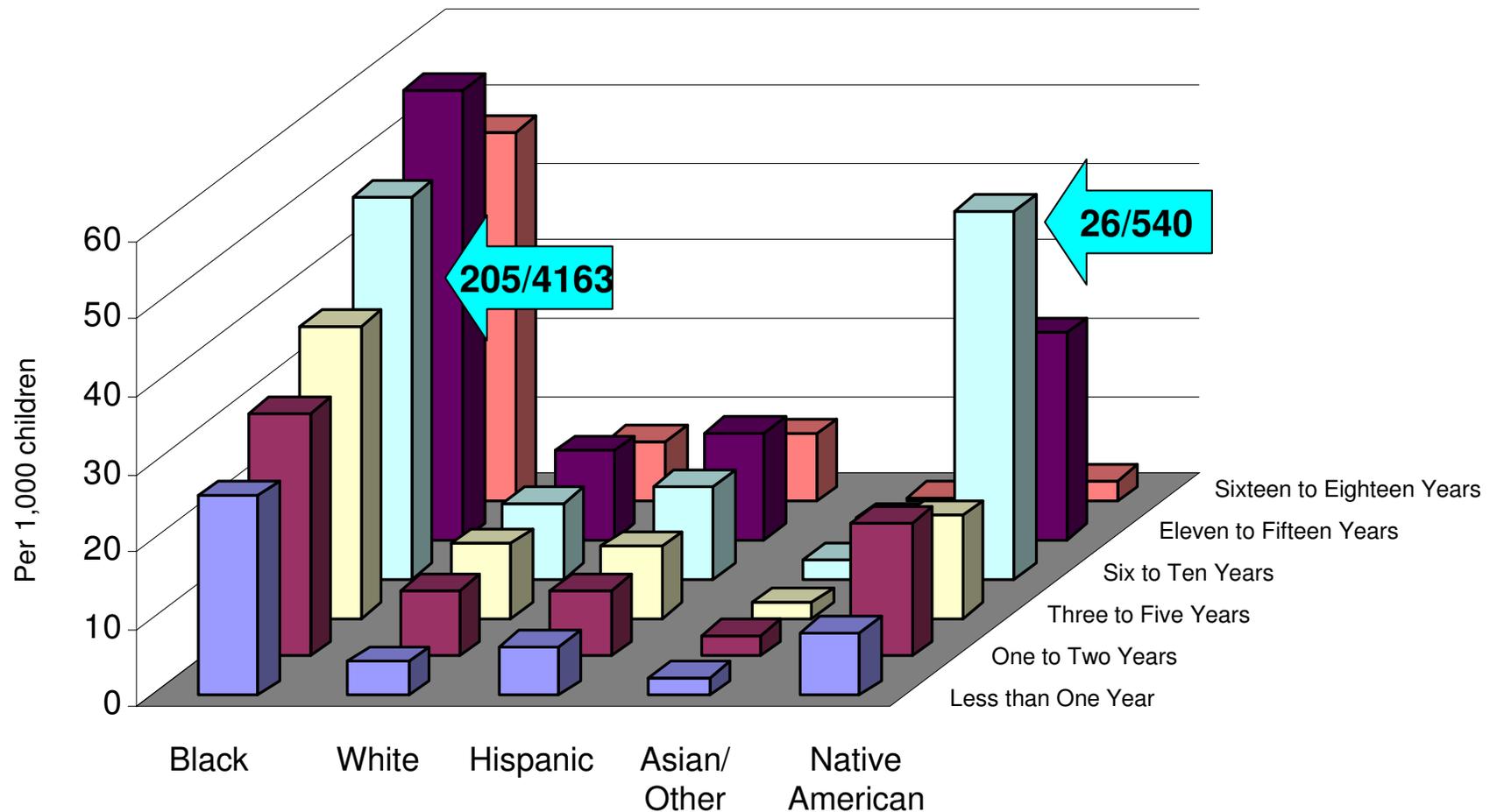
2000 Census - Children Population by Age and Ethnicity



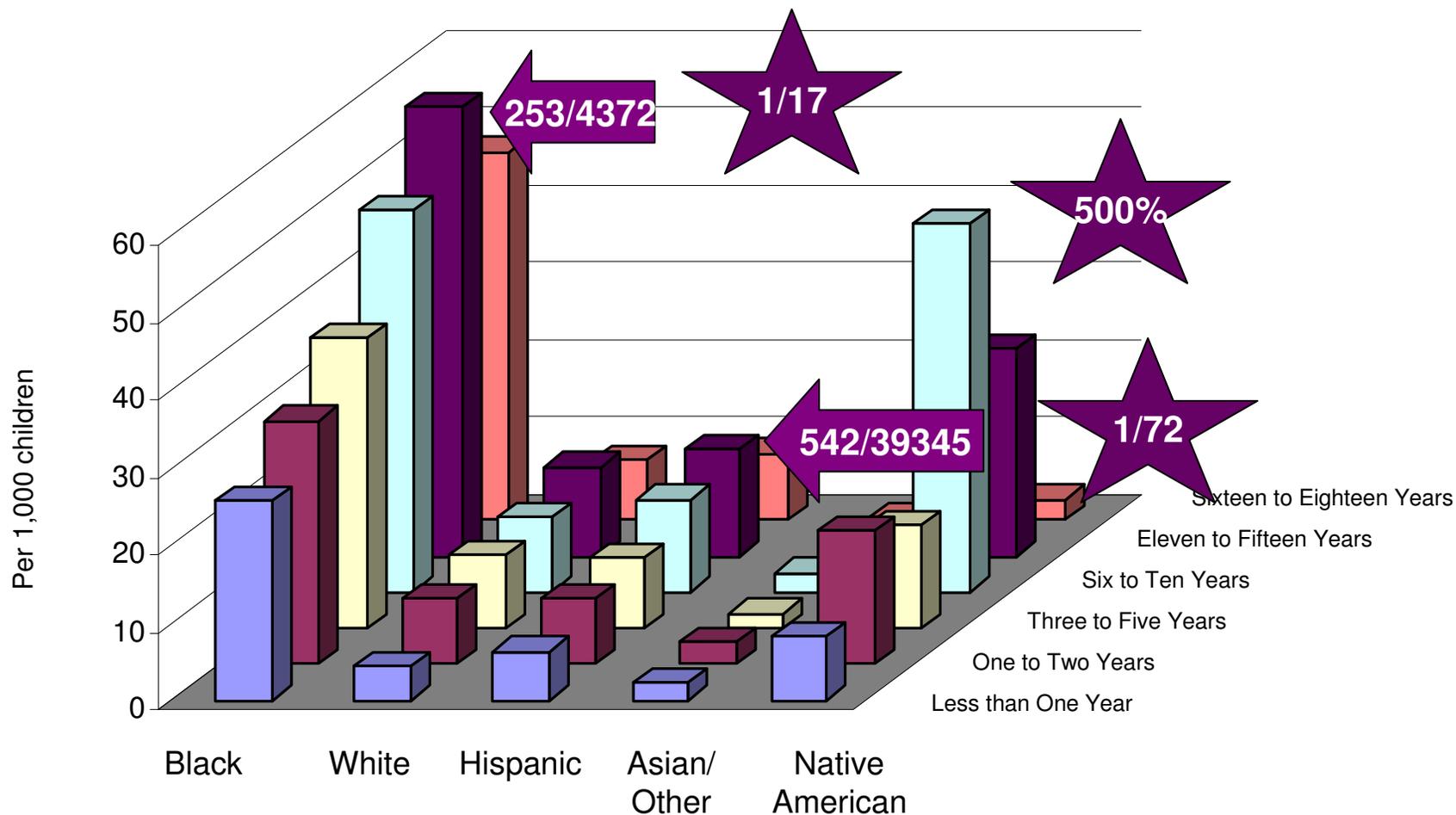
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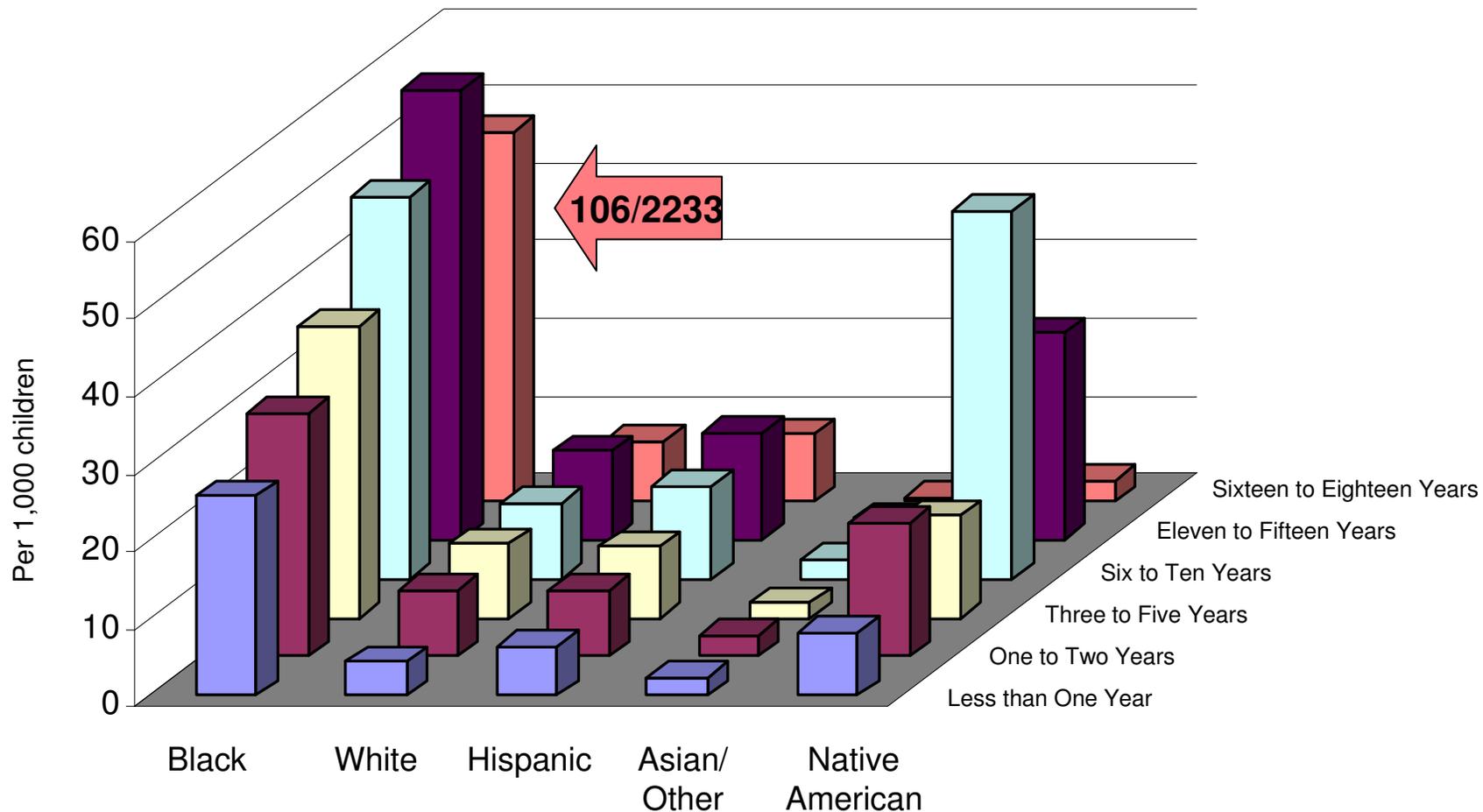
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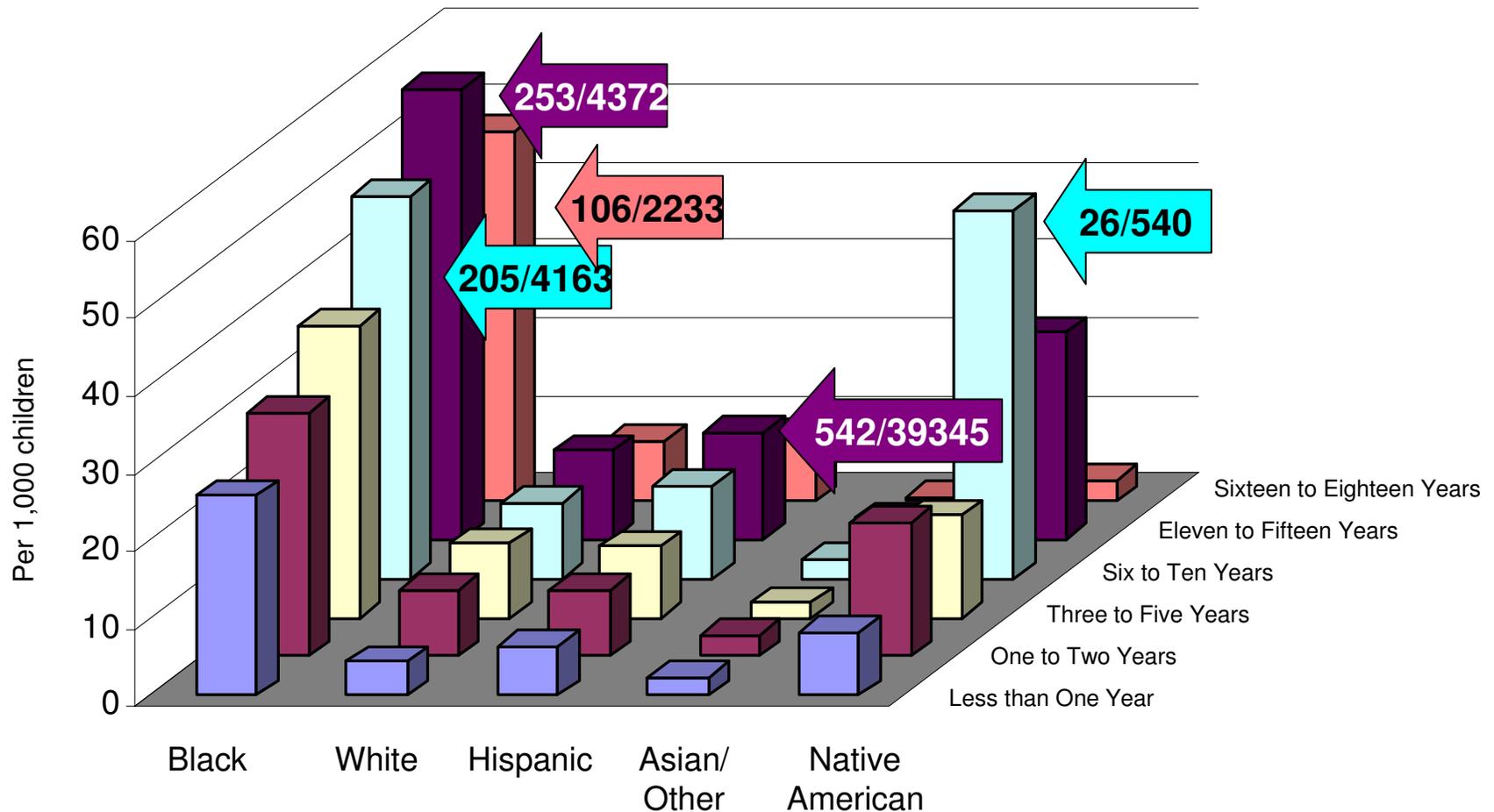
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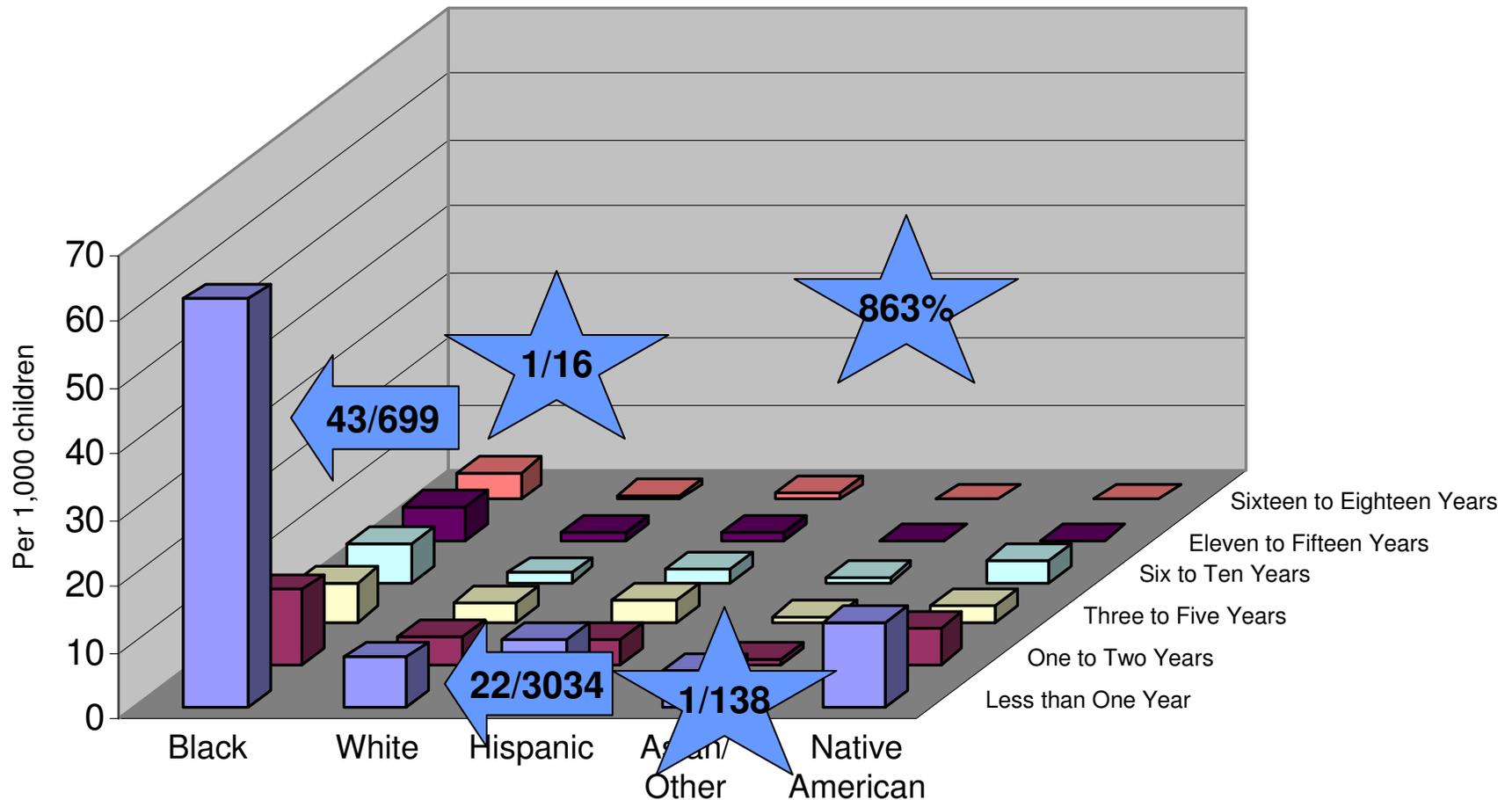
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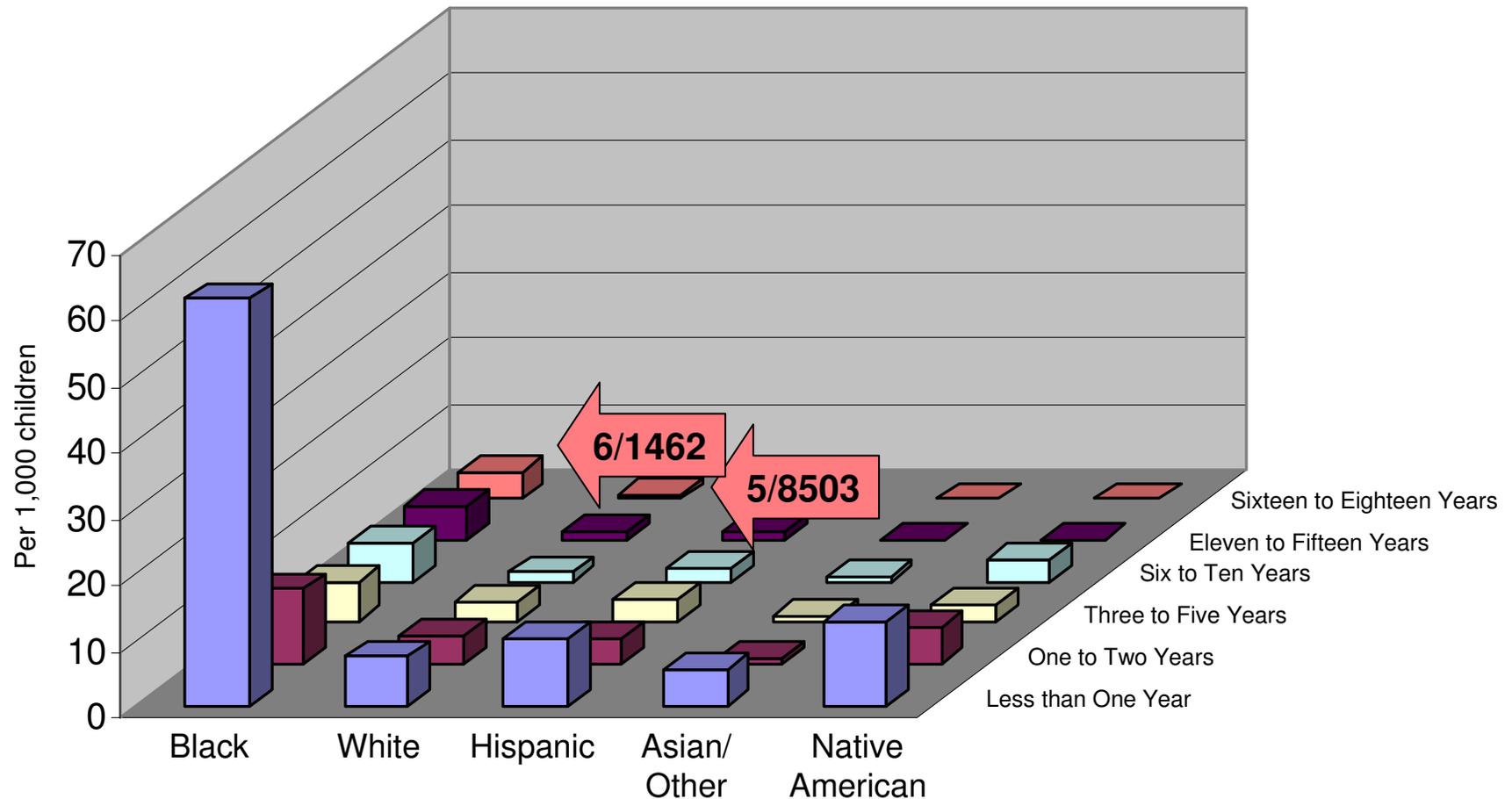
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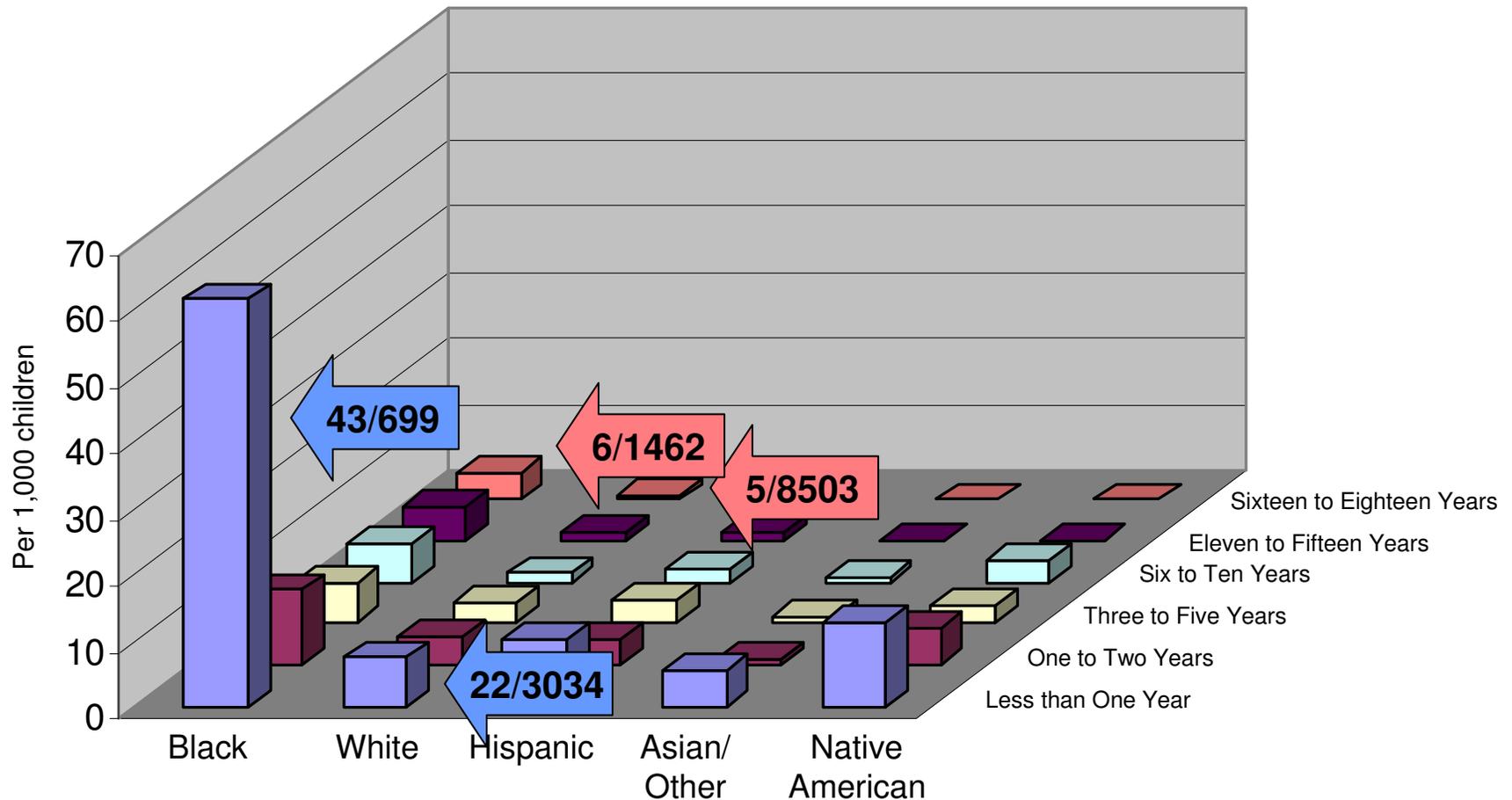
2002 First Entries to Foster Care, Child Population, & Incidence by Age & Race



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How Does Family to Family Make a Difference?

Some changes have begun or are ready to put into place:

- Team Decision Making.
- Recruitment Training and Support
- Building Community Partnerships
- Communication
- Foster Youth Transitions Project
- Self-Evaluation



How Does Family to Family Make a Difference?

By each one of us embracing the challenge before us, working together, in order to improve the lives of children:

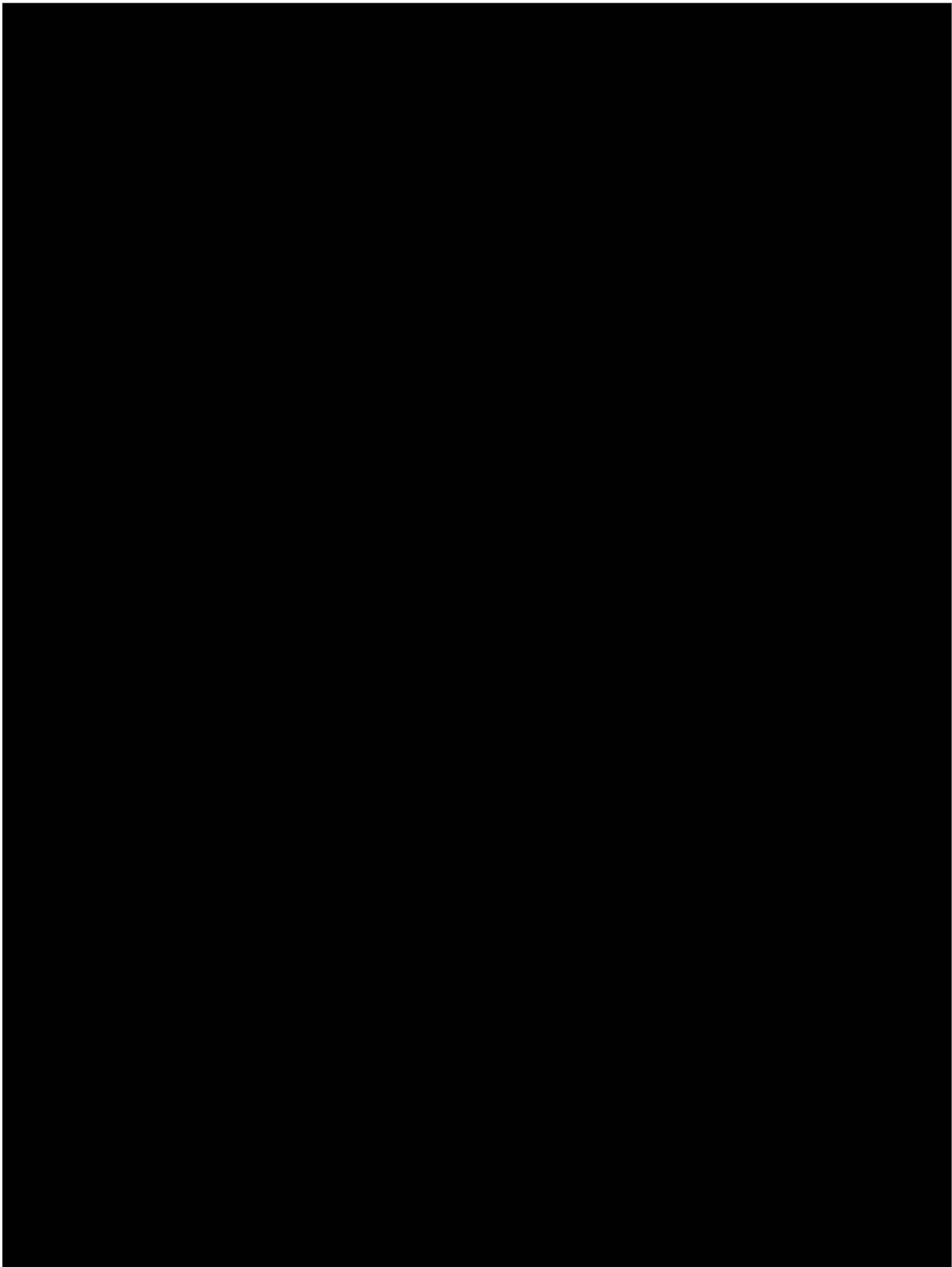
- One Child at a Time
- One Family at a Time
- One Neighborhood at a Time
- One City at a Time



The Fresno Self Evaluation Team

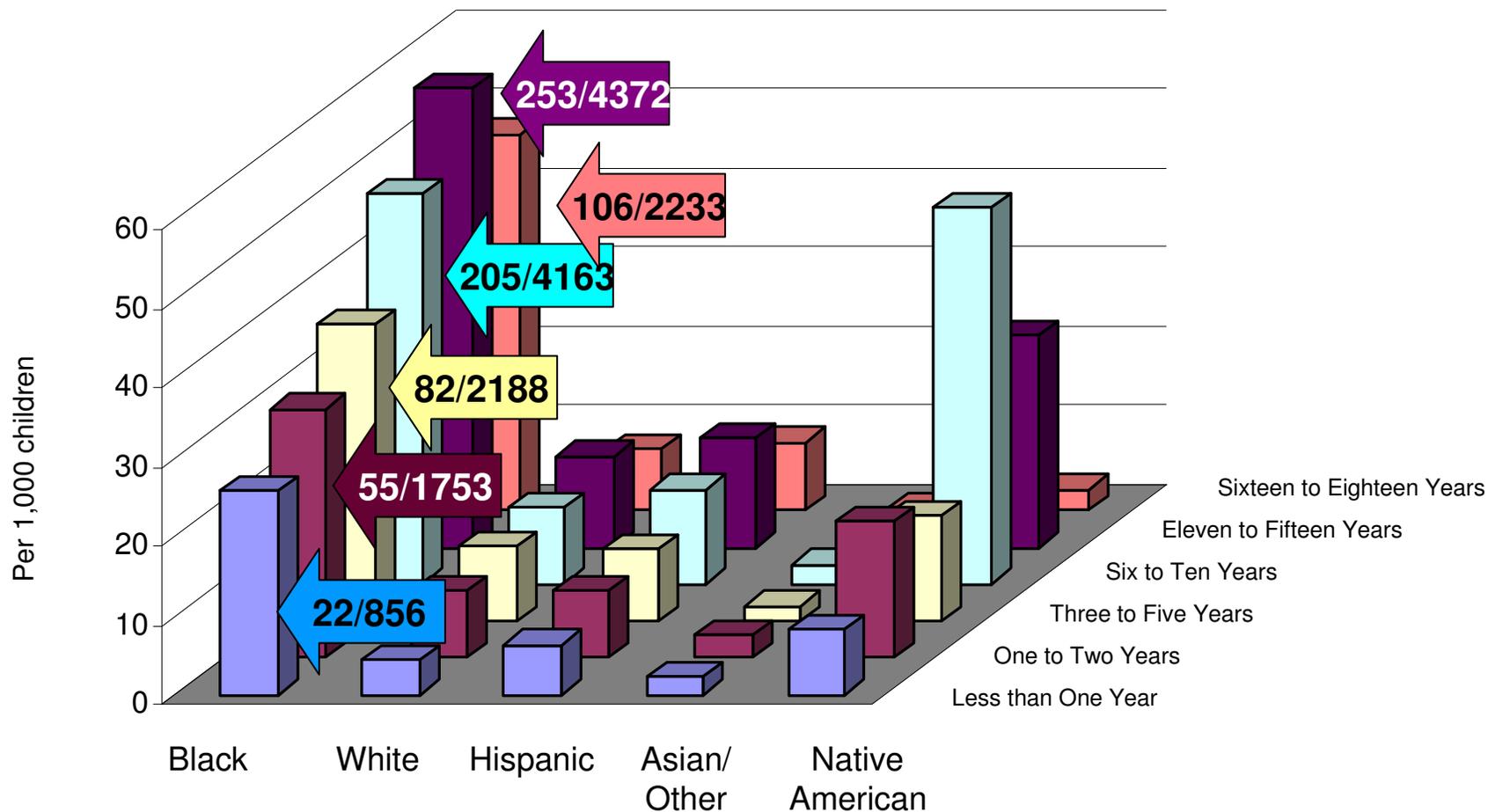
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These last two slides are for any post presentation discussions that may arise regarding the issue of disproportionality. They provide number arrows for all of the bars on the chart regarding black children

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2002 First Entries to Foster Care, Child Population, & Incidence by Age & Race

