



Birth to 22 Palm Beach County United for Brighter Futures

Palm Beach County Indicators of Child, Family and
Community Risk, Well-being and Access to Supports





Dear Community Advocate,

We all know the importance of having data and facts, so we can take informed action in supporting our communities' children. That's why we are proud to share the latest Birth to 22 United for Brighter Futures 2025 report: *Indicators of Child, Family and Community Risk, Well-Being and Access to Supports*.

This comprehensive, data-focused analysis looks deeply at children's health and wellness in Palm Beach County. While data cannot tell the whole story, it can illuminate our communities' strengths, challenges and gaps. This goes a long way in advancing our collective-impact purpose - that all Palm Beach County children have a real opportunity to thrive from cradle to career.

As we move forward together, this report acts as an important resource in helping us identify successes and continued challenges, especially related to issues highlighted by youth and families. These challenges include addressing persistent economic barriers, educational needs, a decreased sense of safety and increased mental health concerns.

We value your interest in this data and appreciate your continued support of our collective mission.

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This compilation of information is intended to illustrate the landscape for Palm Beach County children and families. Information is organized and presented to align with the Birth to 22 Palm Beach County Steps to Success. Data was obtained and prepared by Child Youth & Community Data Team of the Birth to 22 Palm Beach County Initiative and contributing partners.



Steps to Success

The Steps to Success represent six domains of child and youth development – physical health, behavioral health, academic readiness, social-emotional well-being, and connection and contribution to community and society. As children and youth make their way up these stairs, we track their progress or lack thereof. The indicators in green show things we are trying to promote and red for things we are trying to prevent.



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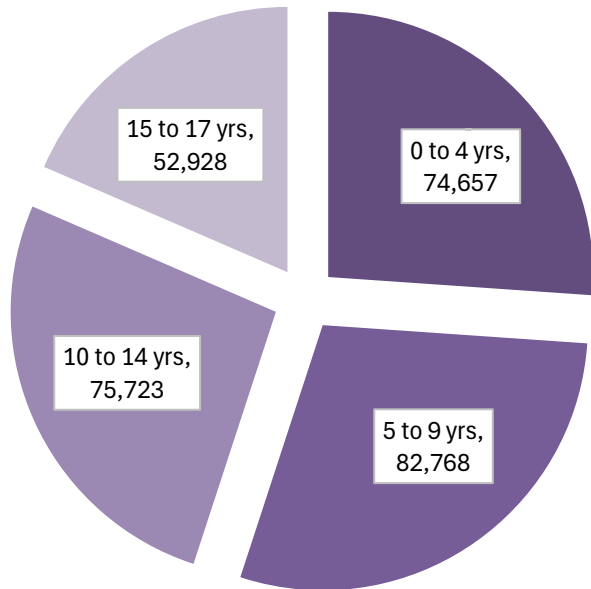


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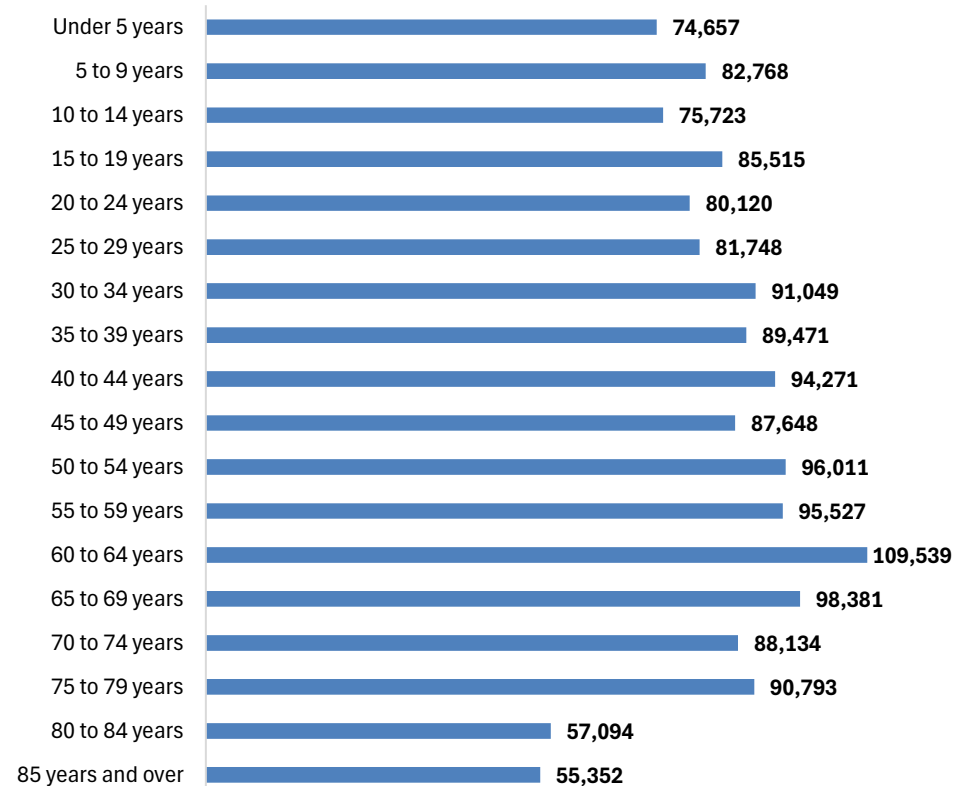
Palm Beach County, Florida is home to **1.5 million residents**.

Nearly one in five Palm Beach County residents are **children under 18 years old**.

Palm Beach County Child Population, 2023



Palm Beach County Population by Age, 2023



Community Context

The three most prevalent racial identities of residents include **White (57%)**, **Black or African American (18%)**, and **Multiracial (15%)**. For ethnicity, almost one quarter of the population identified as **Hispanic or Latino (24%)**. Slightly over half of residents are **White, non-Hispanic (51%)**.

2023 Palm Beach County Overall Population by Race and Ethnicity

Race	Estimate	Percent
White	864,974	57%
Black or African American	278,621	18%
Two or More Races	218,936	15%
Some Other Race	97,780	6%
Asian	42,754	3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,715	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	673	<1%
Ethnicity	Estimate	Percent
Hispanic or Latino of Any Race	358,640	24%
White, non-Hispanic or Latino	766,229	51%
Total Population	1,507,453	100%



Community Context

Among children the top three most prevalent racial groups are **White (43%)**, **Black or African American (25%)**, and **Multiracial (21%)**. Almost one third of Palm Beach County children are **Hispanic or Latino (31%)**. Slightly over a third of children in Palm Beach County are **White, non-Hispanic (34%)**.

2023 Palm Beach County Child Population by Race and Ethnicity

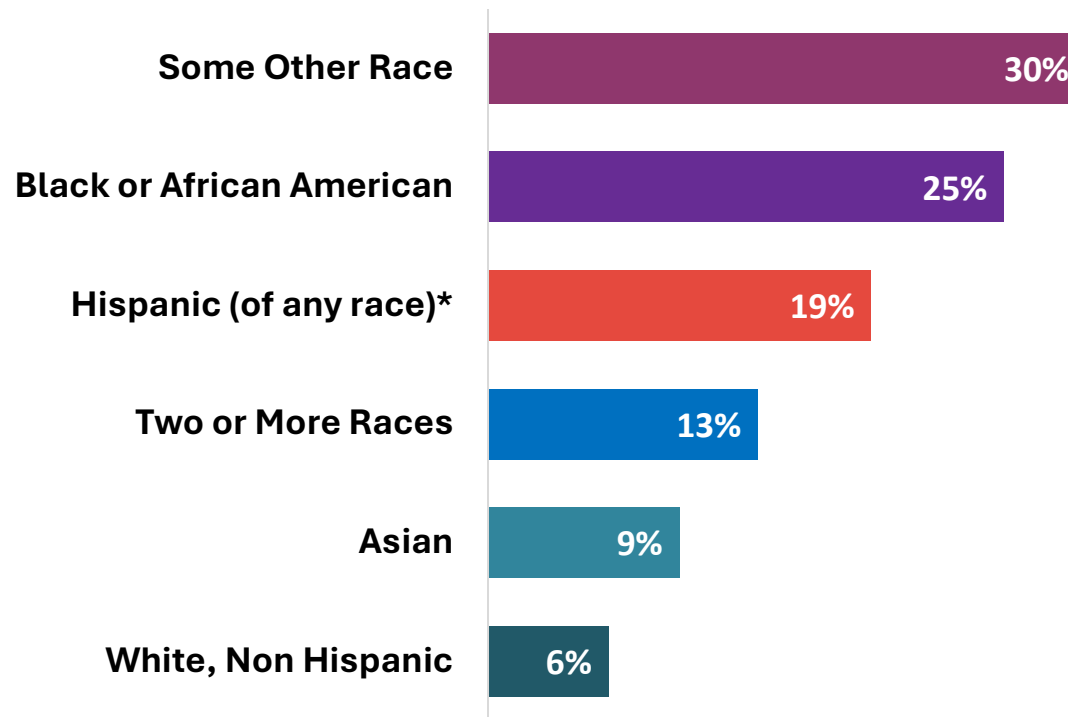
Race	Estimate	Percent
White	122,217	43%
Black or African American	71,589	25%
Two or More Races	58,553	21%
Some Other Race	23,767	8%
Asian	7,774	3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	694	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	218	<1%
Ethnicity	Estimate	Percent
Hispanic or Latino of Any Race	88,287	31%
White, non-Hispanic or Latino	97,986	34%
Total Child Population	284,812	100%



Community Context

Overall, **15%** of Palm Beach County **children** are **living in poverty**. Children from the following racial groups are more apt to be living in poverty: **Some Other Race (30%)**, **Black or African American (25%)**, and **Hispanic or Latino (19%)**.

2023 Palm Beach County Children Living in Poverty By Race



* Hispanic or Latino is collected as an ethnicity by the U.S. Census Bureau, while White, Black or African American, Asian, Two or More Races, and Some Other Race are considered racial groups. Individuals with Hispanic identities also are identified in racial groups, which will cause percentages equal over 100. US Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimate (B17020A-I). Providing this data requires downloading tables individually by race, which is indicated above by identification of tables A-I



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2023 Comparison of State and County SNAP Participation By Selected Household Characteristics

	Florida		Palm Beach County	
Subject	Total Households	Households Receiving SNAP Benefits	Total Households	Households Receiving SNAP Benefits
Households	8,550,911	12.6%	597,053	10.0%
With Children under 18 years	2,269,215	45.2%	152,052	46.3%
Below Poverty Level	12.6%	36.7%	11.0%	33.1%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	65.9%	43.2%	66.6%	32.1%
Black or African American	13.5%	27.2%	14.5%	36.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
Asian	2.5%	1.3%	2.3%	1.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	4.4%	7.5%	4.8%	11.4%
Two or More Races	13.4%	20.3%	11.5%	17.3%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any Race)	22.8%	36.8%	18.9%	34.7%
White Alone, Non-Hispanic	58.5%	32.3%	61.1%	24.7%



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2023 Child Population by Age Group, Poverty Level and Geographic Area

Geographic Area	Primary Municipality	Total Population 0 - 5	Percent 0 - 5 in Poverty	Total Population 6 - 11	Percent 6 - 11 in Poverty	Total Population 12 - 17	Percent 12 - 17 in Poverty	Total Population 0 - 17	Percent 0 - 17 in Poverty
Florida		1,315,633	18.1%	1,409,646	17.1%	1,511,305	15.6%	4,236,584	16.9%
Palm Beach County		87,386	16.3%	92,629	16.6%	99,636	13.5%	279,651	15.4%
33476	Pahokee	723	34.9%	448	41.1%	842	68.8%	2,013	50.4%
33493	South Bay	217	15.7%	313	67.4%	297	30.0%	827	40.4%
33407	West Palm Beach	1,854	43.7%	2,609	43.1%	2,505	28.3%	6,968	37.9%
33430	Belle Glade	2,382	28.2%	1,610	50.6%	1,281	28.3%	5,273	35.1%
33401	West Palm Beach	1,917	27.9%	1,561	27.8%	1,449	44.4%	4,927	32.7%
33460	Lake Worth	2,671	25.9%	3,300	37.4%	2,908	30.4%	8,879	31.6%
33417	West Palm Beach	2,341	25.7%	2,098	34.6%	1,301	35.5%	5,740	31.2%
33435	Boynton Beach	2,011	24.1%	1,980	38.7%	2,368	23.0%	6,359	28.2%
33403	West Palm Beach	1,015	32.5%	904	30.3%	1,006	15.5%	2,925	26.0%
33461	Lake Worth	3,361	19.3%	3,362	31.9%	3,570	22.2%	10,293	24.4%
33404	Riviera Beach	2,305	23.5%	1,779	24.0%	1,960	23.7%	6,044	23.7%
33409	West Palm Beach	2,826	26.4%	2,242	20.0%	1,976	22.9%	7,044	23.4%
33463	Lake Worth	4,363	20.9%	5,915	24.7%	5,946	23.4%	16,224	23.2%
33444	Delray Beach	1,733	27.5%	1,138	17.0%	993	21.8%	3,864	22.9%
33415	West Palm Beach	4,524	22.0%	4,547	22.9%	3,874	20.2%	12,945	21.8%
33445	Delray Beach	1,841	24.9%	755	2.0%	1,217	22.1%	3,813	19.5%
33437	Boynton Beach	1,139	21.2%	1,381	27.7%	913	2.5%	3,433	18.8%
33405	West Palm Beach	1,200	24.5%	970	4.6%	1,295	22.9%	3,465	18.3%
33432	Boca Raton	712	27.4%	827	24.8%	900	4.7%	2,439	18.1%

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Food Insecurity in Palm Beach County, 2023

Insecurity Rates, Access to Nutrition Supports and Budgeting	How Much?
Food Insecurity Rate Overall	12.8%
Food Insecurity Rate for Children	17.6%
Number of Food Insecure Children	50,150
Income Eligible for Federal Nutrition Programs (incomes at or below 185% of poverty)	63%
Likely Ineligible for Federal Nutrition Programs (incomes above 185% of poverty)	37%
Annual Food Budget Shortfall	\$155,931,000
<i>"Food insecurity refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food insecure children are those children living in households experiencing food insecurity."</i>	
<i>Food Budget Shortfall: Responses from food insecure households to the Current Population Survey questions about a food budget shortfall are calculated at the individual level and then averaged to create a weekly food budget shortfall. This national average weekly shortfall can be annualized by multiplying the estimate by 52 (weeks per year) and again by 7/12 (the average number of months in a year that food-insecure households experience food insecurity per the U.S. Department of Agriculture).</i>	



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Food Pantries in Palm Beach County, 2025

Location	Number of Pantries
West Palm Beach*	47
Lake Worth / Greenacres**	40
Glades***	13
Boynton Beach	13
Riviera Beach**	9
Jupiter / Tequesta	7
Delray Beach	12
Boca Raton	6
Palm Beach Gardens	2
Wellington*****	4
Total	153

Source: United Way of Palm Beach County. Notes: West Palm Beach* includes West Palm Beach, Haverhill, Palm Springs; Lake Worth / Greenacres** includes Lake Worth, Greenacres, Hypoluxo, and Lantana; Glades*** includes Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point, and South Bay; Riviera Beach**** includes Riviera Beach and Lake Park; Wellington***** includes Wellington and Loxahatchee. Also see Palm Beach County Food Finder Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1mKqslN49CLM8bXJWXF4ZnBC47gLNrhN&femb=1&ll=26.66701948574969%2C-80.31328014525872&z=10>



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Homeless Students in Palm Beach County Public Schools By Race and Ethnicity FY2023-24 and FY2024-25

Race/Ethnicity	FY2024		FY2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Asian	54	0.9%	59	1.1%
Black	2,650	43.9%	2,273	43.1%
Hispanic	2,548	42.2%	2,214	42.0%
Native American	38	0.6%	21	0.4%
Multi-Racial	124	2.1%	115	2.2%
White	618	10.2%	590	11.2%
Total	6,032	100%	5,272	100%



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Homeless Students in Palm Beach County by Type of Living Arrangement FY2023-24 and FY2024-25

Living Arrangements of Homeless Student	FY2024		FY2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Emergency/transitional shelters, FEMA trailers, abandoned in hospitals	361	6.0%	340	6.4%
Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; doubled-up.	4,977	82.5%	4,288	81.3%
Living in cars, parks, temporary trailer parks or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings or similar settings.	280	4.6%	283	5.4%
Living in hotels or motels.	414	6.9%	361	6.8%
Total	6,032	100%	5,272	100%

Data Source: FLDOE & School District of Palm Beach County Special Request 2025

Note: Awaiting foster care –The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 removed “awaiting foster care placement” from the definition of homeless children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.



Community Context

Student Homelessness in Palm Beach County By Race and Ethnicity and Type of Living Arrangement, FY2024-25

Type of Living Arrangement	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
Emergency/transitional shelters, FEMA trailers, abandoned in hospitals	9.2%	3.6%	5.9%	7.7%
Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; doubled-up.	73.2%	90.2%	80.8%	76.4%
Living in cars, parks, temporary trailer parks or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings or similar settings.	7.7%	3.0%	4.6%	8.2%
Living in hotels or motels.	9.9%	3.2%	8.6%	7.7%



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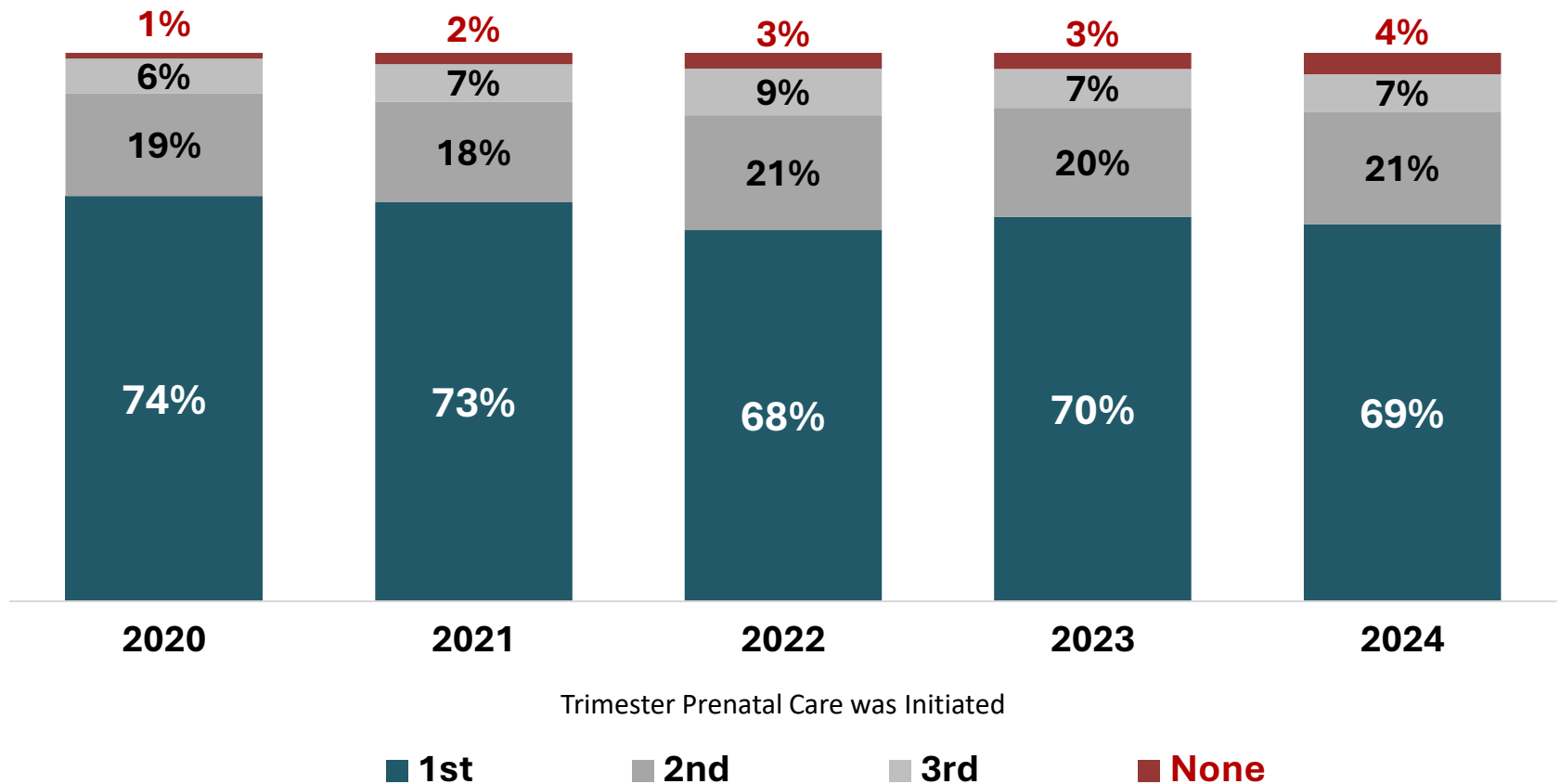
Indicators

- Births by Trimester when Prenatal Care was Initiated
- Births Receiving First Trimester Prenatal Care by Race/Ethnicity
- Low Birth Weight Babies by Race/Ethnicity
- Pre-term Births by Race/Ethnicity
- Teen Births by Race/Ethnicity
- Infant Mortality Rates by Race/Ethnicity
- Leading Causes of Infant Mortality
- Leading Causes of Infant Mortality by Race



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Births by Trimester when Prenatal Care was Initiated,
Palm Beach County 2020-2024



Trimester Prenatal Care was Initiated

■ 1st

■ 2nd

■ 3rd

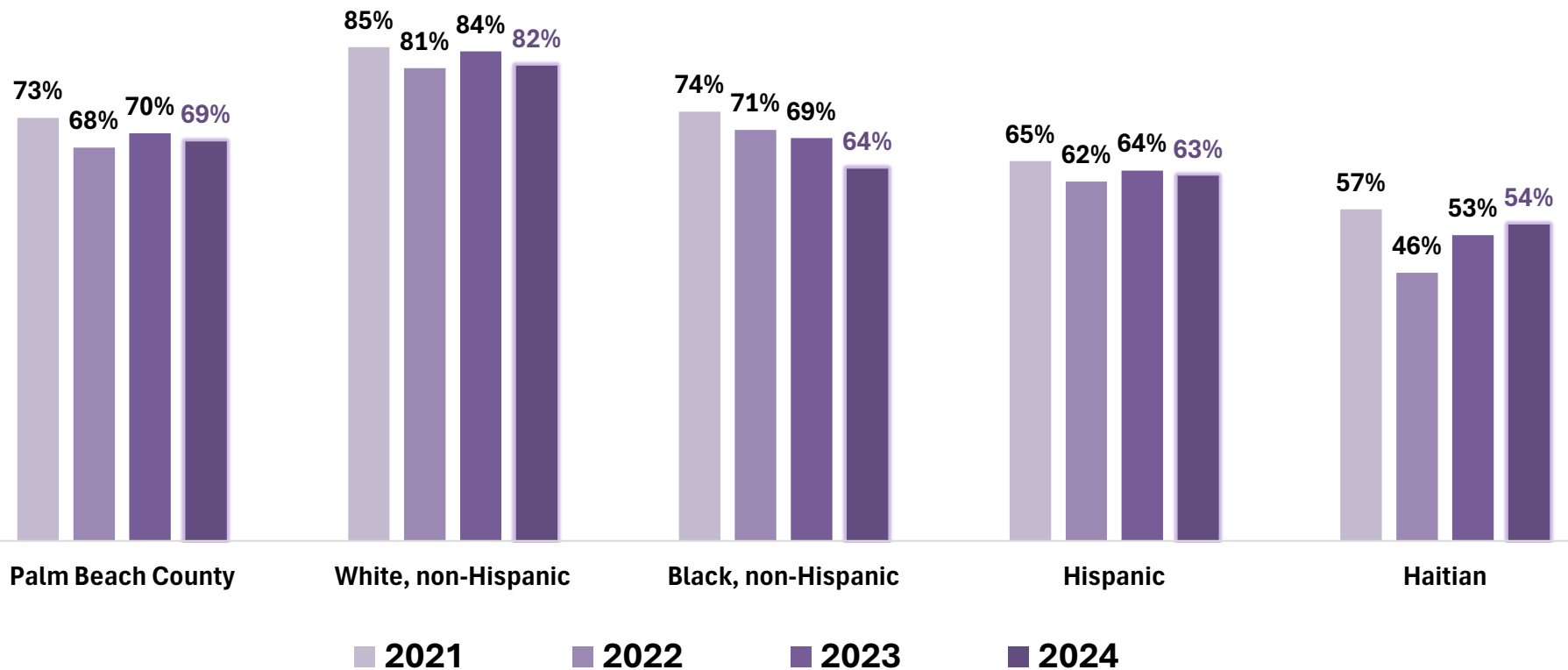
■ None

Source: Florida Department of Health; Division of Public Health Statistics & Performance Management; Florida CHARTS, accessed August 2025.

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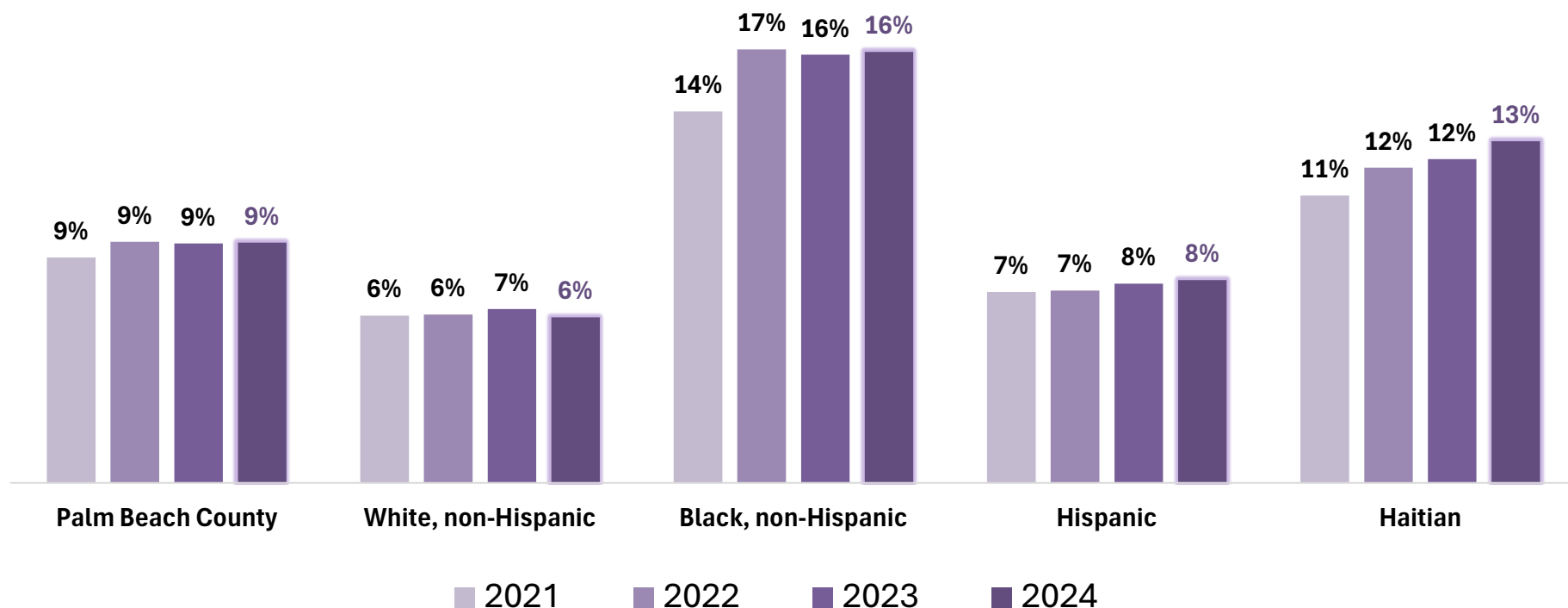
Percent of Births receiving **First Trimester Prenatal Care** in Palm Beach County by Race and Ethnicity for 2021-2024



Source: Florida Department of Health; Division of Public Health Statistics & Performance Management; Florida CHARTS, Accessed August 2025
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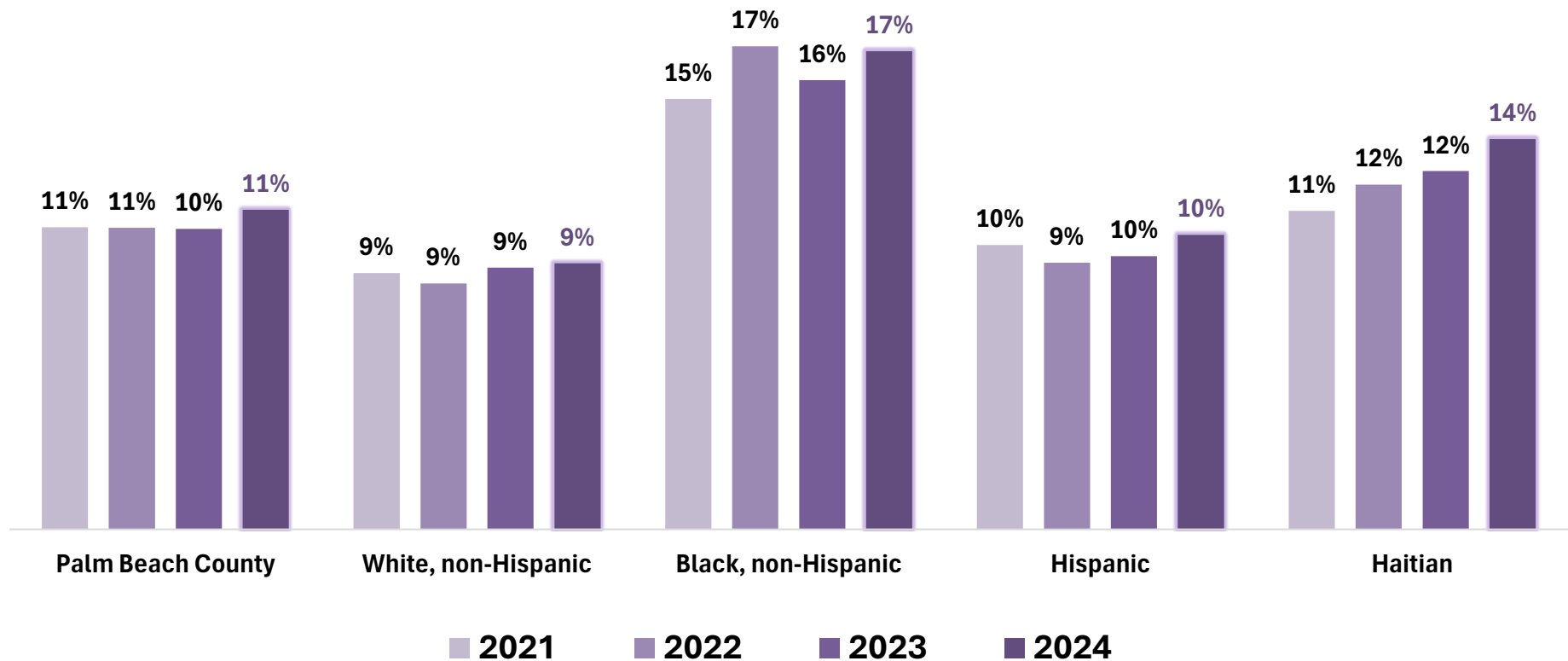
Percent of Births that were **Born Low Birth Weight** in Palm Beach County by Race and Ethnicity for 2021-2024



Source: Florida Department of Health; Division of Public Health Statistics & Performance Management; Florida CHARTS, August 2025, 2024 data was provisional when accessed. <http://www.flhealthcharts.com> Note: *Percent for low birth weight is calculated on all births where the birth weight is known. **Those with Unknown Race or Ethnicity are also counted under "Other".

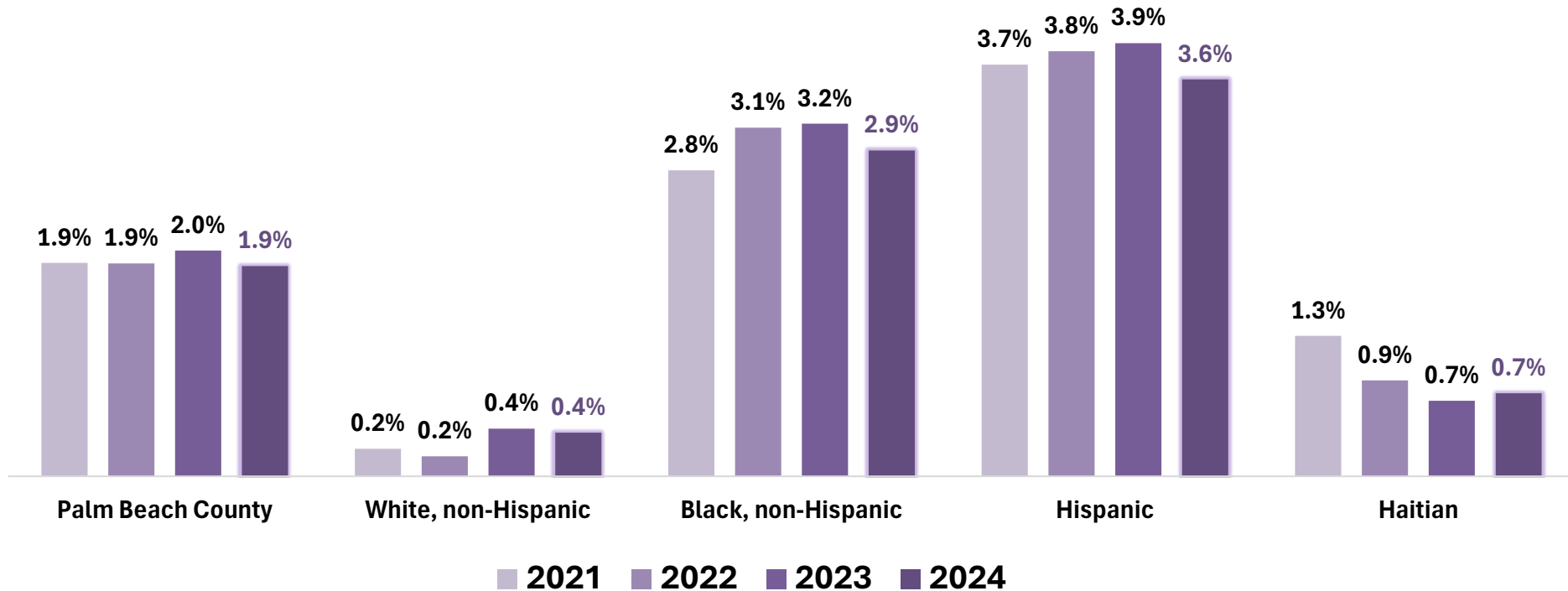
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Percent of Palm Beach County Births that were **Born Preterm** by Race and Ethnicity for 2021-2024



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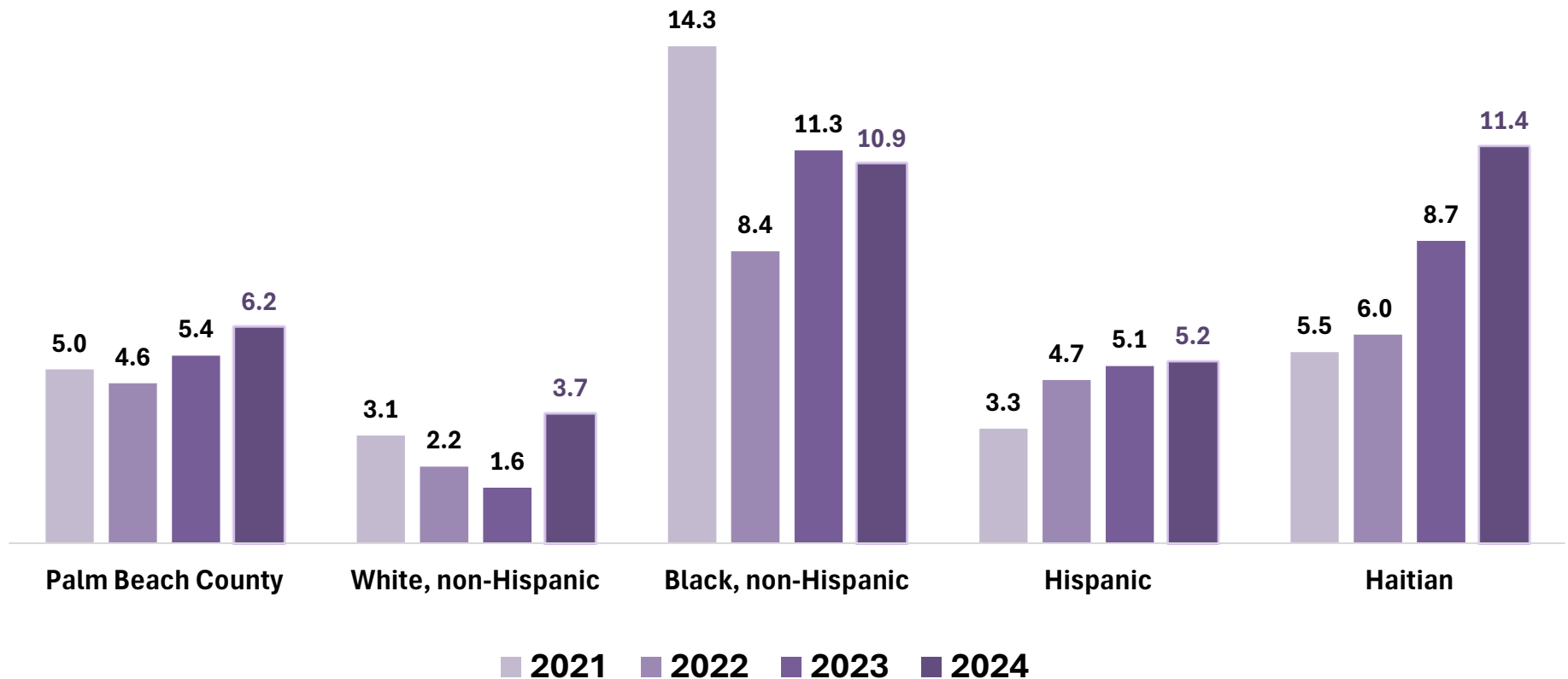
Percent of Births **Born to Teen Mothers** (18yrs and Under) in Palm Beach County by Race and Ethnicity for 2021-2024



Source: Florida Department of Health; Division of Public Health Statistics & Performance Management; Florida CHARTS, Accessed August 2025, 2024 data was provisional when accessed. <http://www.flhealthcharts.com> Note: *Percent for teen births is calculated on all births where the age of the birth mother is known.

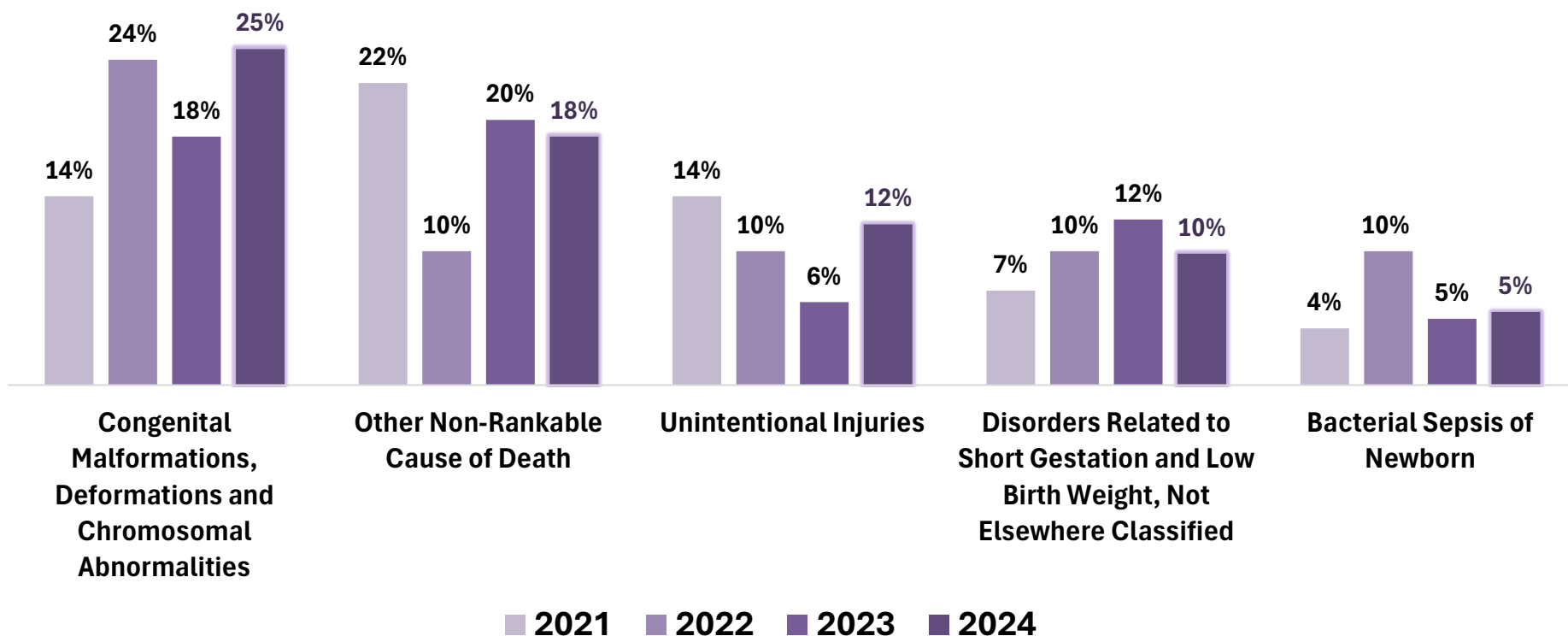
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Infant Mortality Rate in Palm Beach County by Race and Ethnicity for 2021-2024



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Top Five **Leading Causes of Infant Death**¹ in Palm Beach County during 2021-2024



¹ Percentages do not total 100 as only the top five reasons are included in the chart. Source: Florida Department of Health; Division of Public Health Statistics & Performance Management; Florida CHARTS, Accessed August 2025, 2024 data was provisional when accessed. <http://www.flhealthcharts.com>

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2024 Causes of Infant Death in Palm Beach County by Race

Cause of Death	Black	White
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities	18.6%	34.9%
Other Non-Rankable Cause of Death	14.0%	18.6%
Unintentional Injuries	11.6%	14.0%
Newborn Affected by Complications of Placenta, Cord and Membranes	16.3%	4.7%
Disorders Related to Short Gestation and Low Birth Weight, Not Elsewhere Classified	7.0%	9.3%
Bacterial Sepsis of Newborn	11.6%	0.0%
Pulmonary Hemorrhage Originating in Perinatal Period	7.0%	0.0%
Slow Fetal Growth and Fetal Malnutrition	2.3%	2.3%
Respiratory Distress of Newborn	2.3%	2.3%
Atelectasis	4.7%	0.0%
Necrotizing Enterocolitis of Newborn	2.3%	2.3%

Note: Only the top ten leading causes of death are included above.

Source: Florida Department of Health; Division of Public Health Statistics & Performance Management; Florida CHARTS, Accessed by August 2025, 2024 data was still provisional on the date it was accessed. <http://www.flhealthcharts.com>

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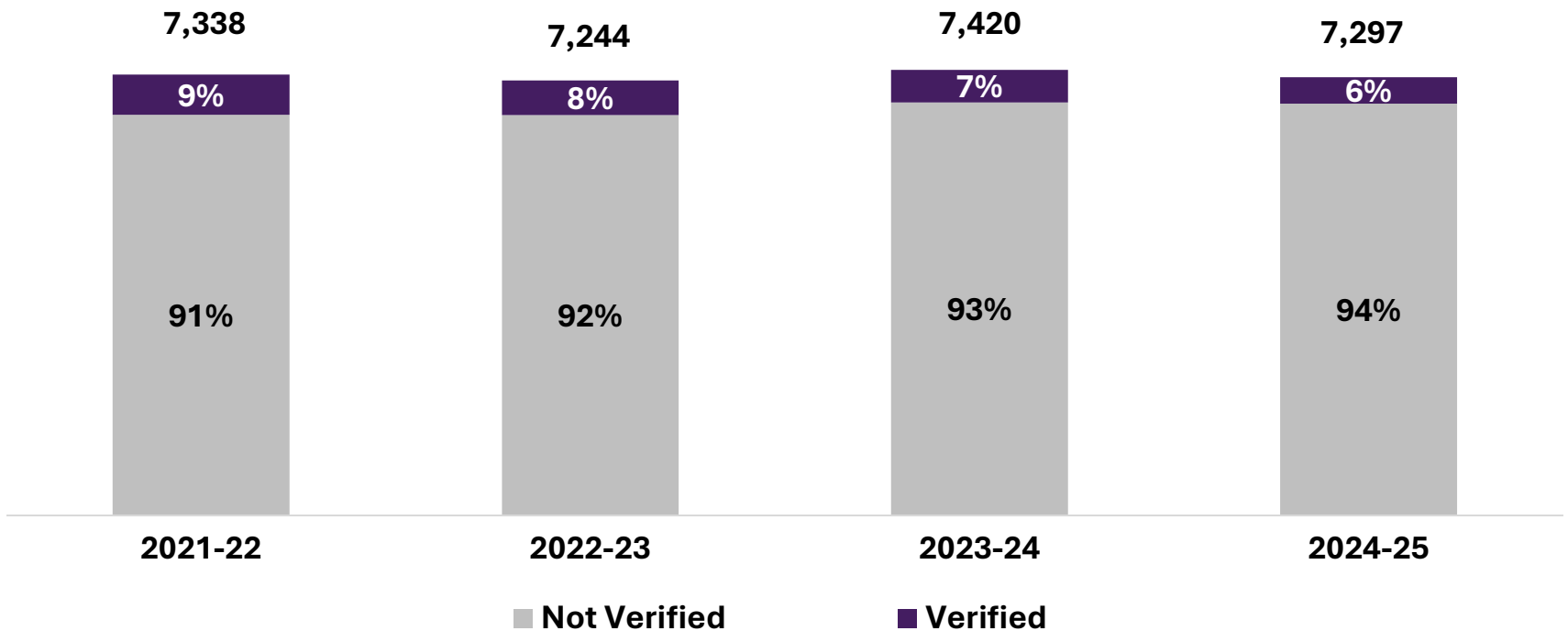
Indicators

- Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations by Finding
- Most Common Child Maltreatment Types by Finding
- Child Victims of Verified Abuse and Neglect by Age
- Children in Out of Home Care by Race
- Child Fatalities with Investigation Findings
- Adverse Childhood Experiences among High School Students



Attached to Caregivers

On average **7,325 child abuse and neglect investigations** occurred annually in Palm Beach County between FY2022 and FY2025. **Eight percent** of investigations had one or more “**verified**” allegation. “Verified” is defined where a preponderance of credible evidence results in a determination of the specific harm or threat of harm was the **result of abuse, abandonment or neglect**.



Reference: [CFOP 170-05 Chapter 22 - Determination of Findings.pdf](#)

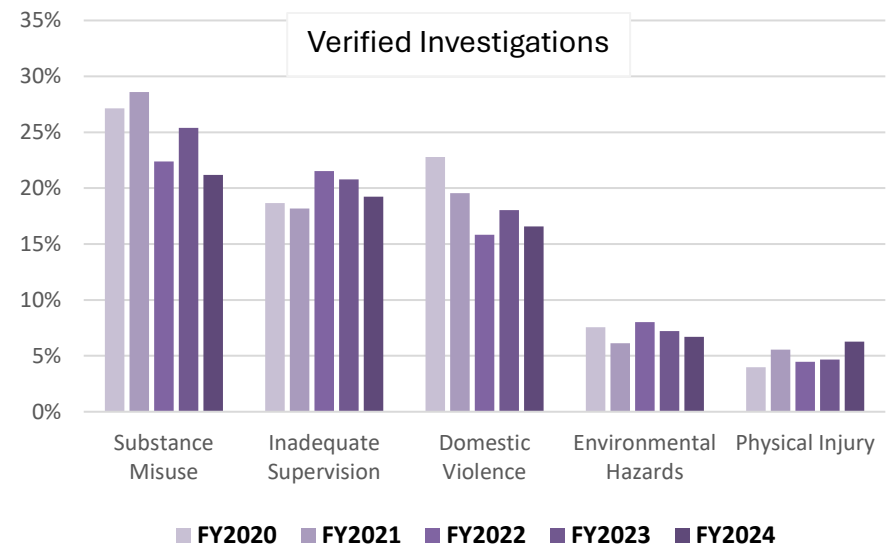
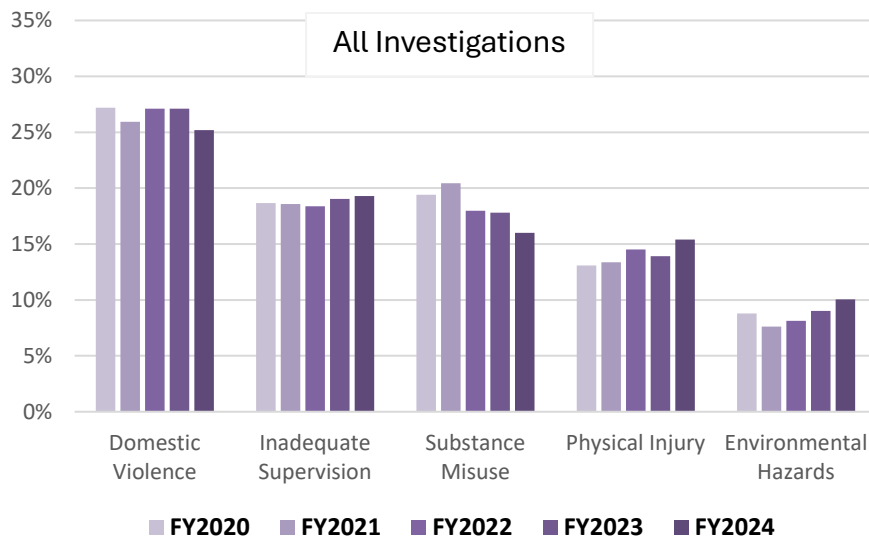
Source: Florida Safe Families Network Data Repository and Alleged Maltreatment Report accessed July 2025;

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/ocfw-dashboard>

Attached to Caregivers

The most common reasons for child maltreatment investigations between FY2020 and FY2024 in Palm Beach County were for **domestic violence** (27%), **inadequate supervision** (19%), **substance misuse** (18%), **physical injury** (14%), and **environmental hazards** (9%).

The most common verified investigations were for **substance misuse** (25%) followed by **inadequate supervision** (20%), **domestic violence** (19%), **environmental hazards** (7%), and **physical injury** (5%).



Note: Domestic Violence includes “Household Violence Threatens Child”, “Intimate Partner Violence Threatens Child”, and “Family Violence Threatens Child”. Substance Misuse includes “Substance Misuse - Illicit Drugs”, “Substance Misuse – Alcohol”, “Substance Exposed Newborn”, and “Substance Misuse”. Four percent of verified allegations were for substance exposed newborns between FY2020 and FY2024.

Source: Florida Safe Families Network Data Repository and Alleged Maltreatment Report accessed July 2025;

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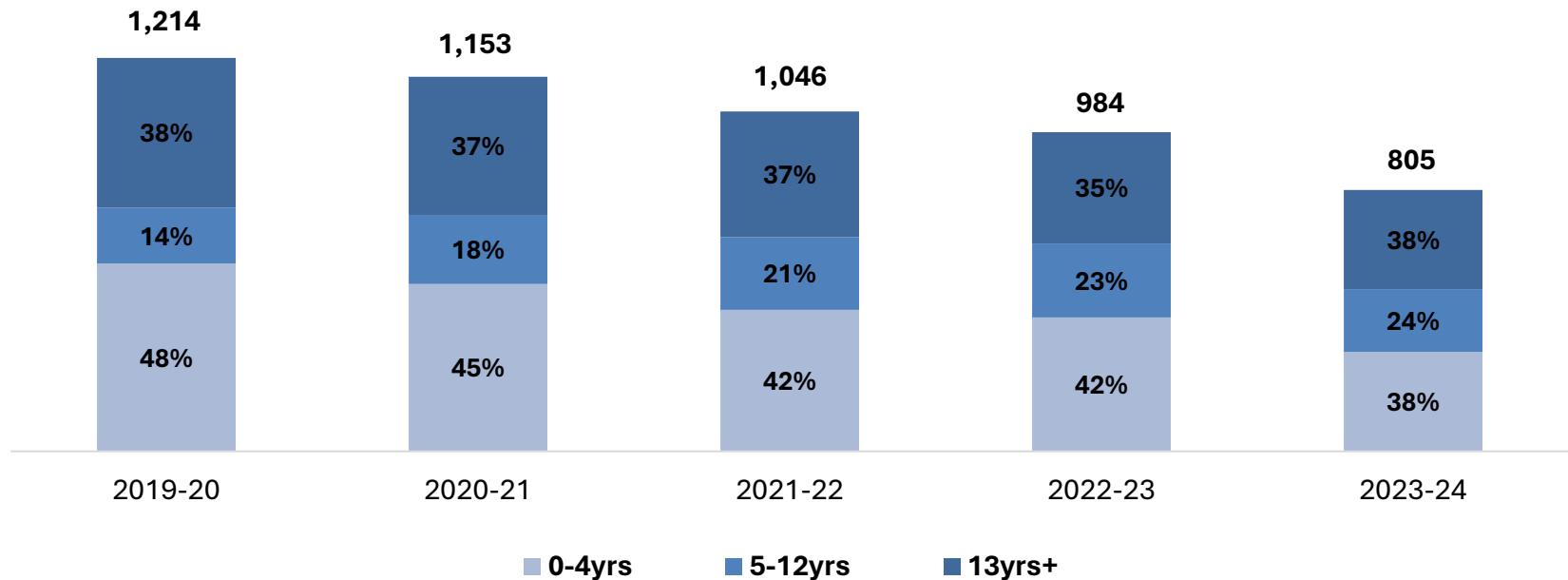


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On average **1,040 children** were **victims of verified abuse and neglect** investigations annually between FY2020 and FY2024 in Palm Beach County.

The number of child maltreatment victims has **decreased** over the last five years.

Younger children – **ages 0-4yrs** – are **most prevalent as victims** historically however this has also decreased as the percentage of elementary age child victims has increased.



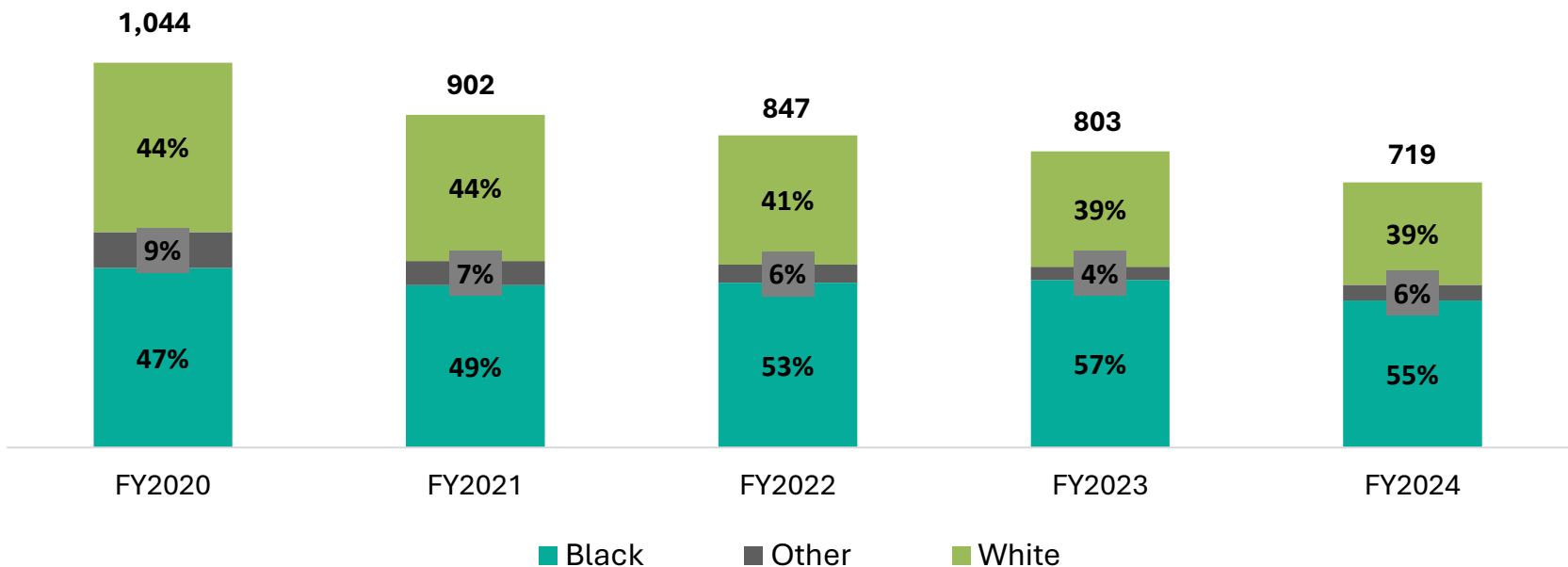
Note: This is an unduplicated, distinct child count within fiscal year.
Source: Florida Safe Families Network Data Repository and Alleged Maltreatment Report accessed on July 10, 2025;
<https://www.myflfamilies.com/ocfw-dashboard>

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On average **863 children** were in **out-of-home care placements** annually between FY2020 and FY2024 in Palm Beach County.

Children in out-of-home care has **decreased** over the last five years.

Black or African American children are disproportionately **more apt to be in out-of-home care placements** (52%) given the Black or African American child population within Palm Beach County (25%) between FY2020 and FY2024.

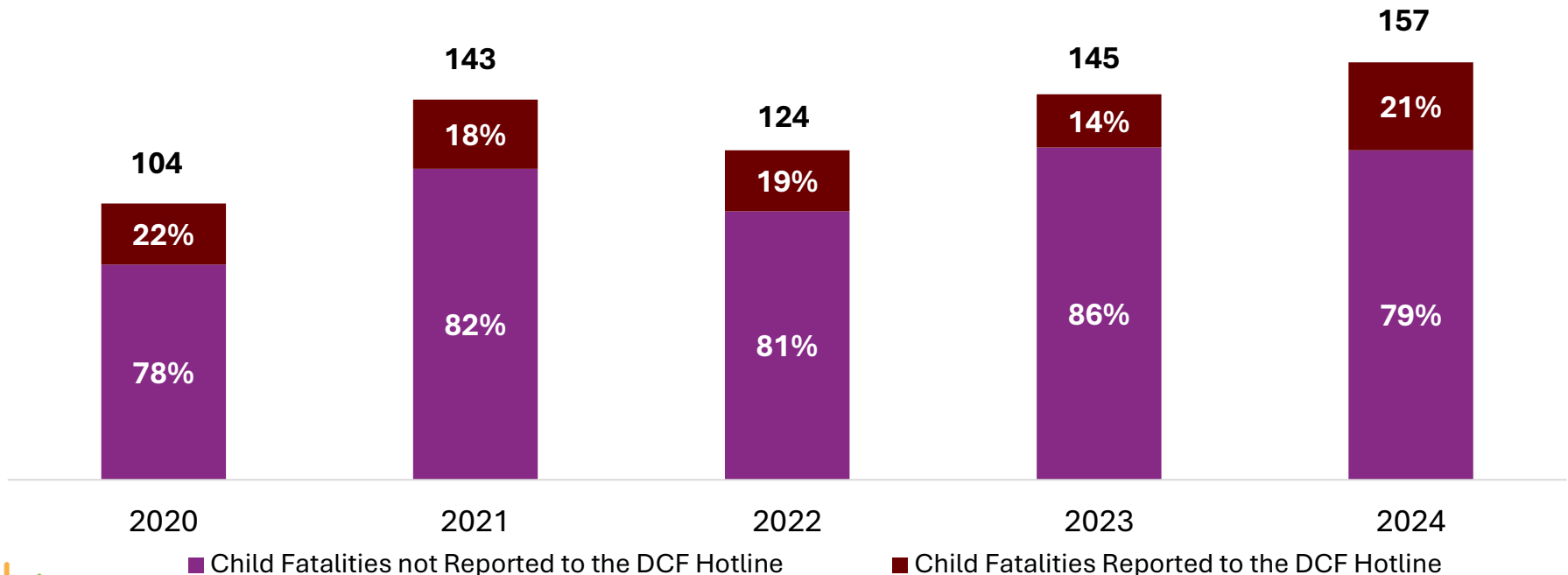


Note: This is an unduplicated, distinct child count within fiscal year. The racial categories reported on by DCF included “Black/African American”, “Other/Multi-Racial”, and “White”. Source: Florida Safe Families Network Data Repository and Alleged Maltreatment Report accessed on July 10, 2025; <https://www.myflfamilies.com/ocfw-dashboard>

Attached to Caregivers

On average there were **135 child fatalities** each year in Palm Beach County annually between 2020 and 2024 in Palm Beach County.

One in five child deaths are called into the Abuse Hotline to determine if **abuse or neglect was considered as a factor** in the child's death (19%) between 2020 and 2024. **One in eight death allegations** investigated are **"verified"** as **maltreatment** (13%). In instances where the death allegation is not verified other allegations such as "inadequate supervision" or "medical neglect" might have been.

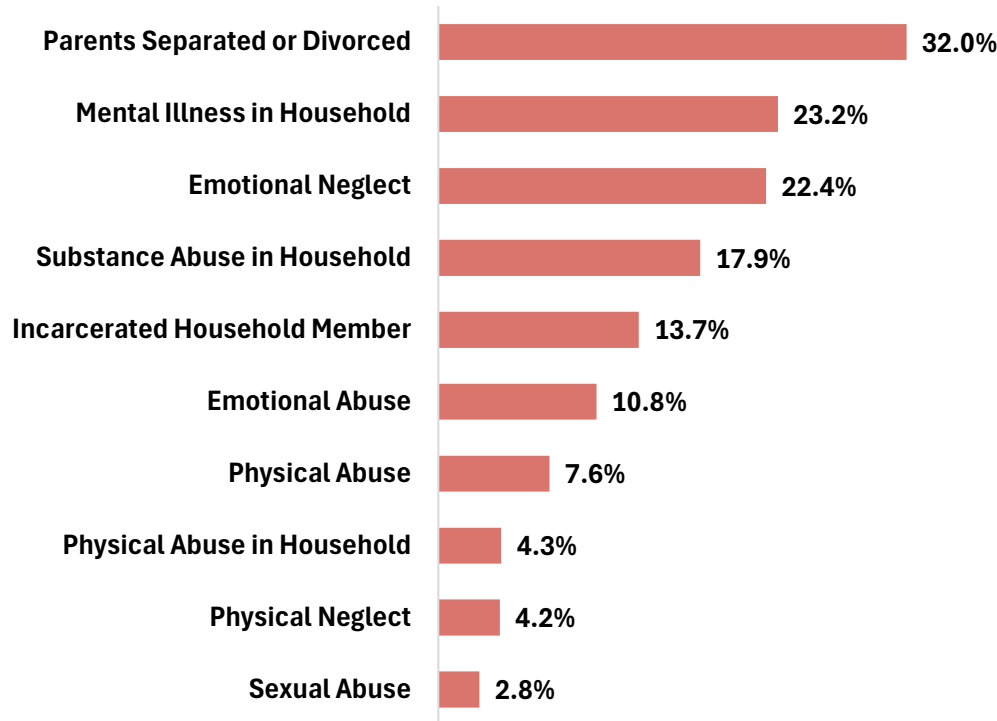


Source: Florida Department of Children and Families Child Fatality Prevention Website; <https://myflfamilies.com/childfatality> and Florida Charts Death Counts Query System: https://www.flhealthcharts.gov/FLQUERY_New/Death/Count#

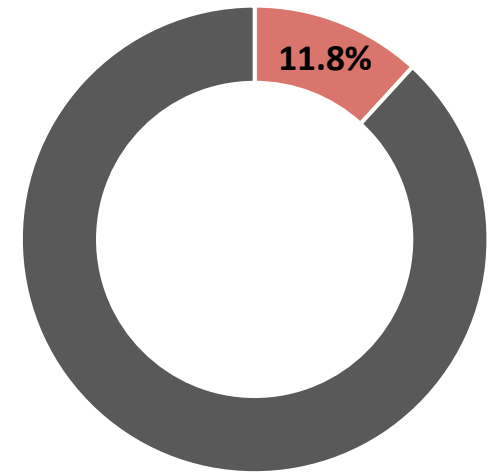
Note: Since the findings from many DCF investigations are still pending only investigations with a status of "None" or "Verified" are included in the percent of verified death allegations. Children are defined as age 0-17yrs. Accessed July 2025; 2024 data was provisional when accessed.

Attached to Caregivers

Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs, are potentially traumatic events occurring in childhood (0-17 years old) that can have profound and lasting impacts including increased risk of chronic conditions, mental illness, substance abuse, and other negative outcomes later in life. **In 2024, 11.8% of high schoolers** in Palm Beach County experienced **four or more ACEs**. The prevalence of each ACE is presented below.



High School Students who have experienced Four or More Adverse Childhood Experiences



Developmentally on Track

Indicators

- Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) Screening Conducted by Result
- Children Receiving an ASQ-3 Screening by Ethnicity
- ASQ-3 Screenings with Typical Scores by Ethnicity
- ASQ-3 Screenings with Concern Scores by Ethnicity
- Early Steps - Children by Age Evaluated for Eligibility
- Early Steps - Evaluation & Eligibility Finding by Age
- Early Steps - Children Eligible by Age
- Early Steps - Children Receiving Services by Race
- Child Find - Screening, Evaluation, & IEP Eligibility of Children 3-5 years old by Race and Gender

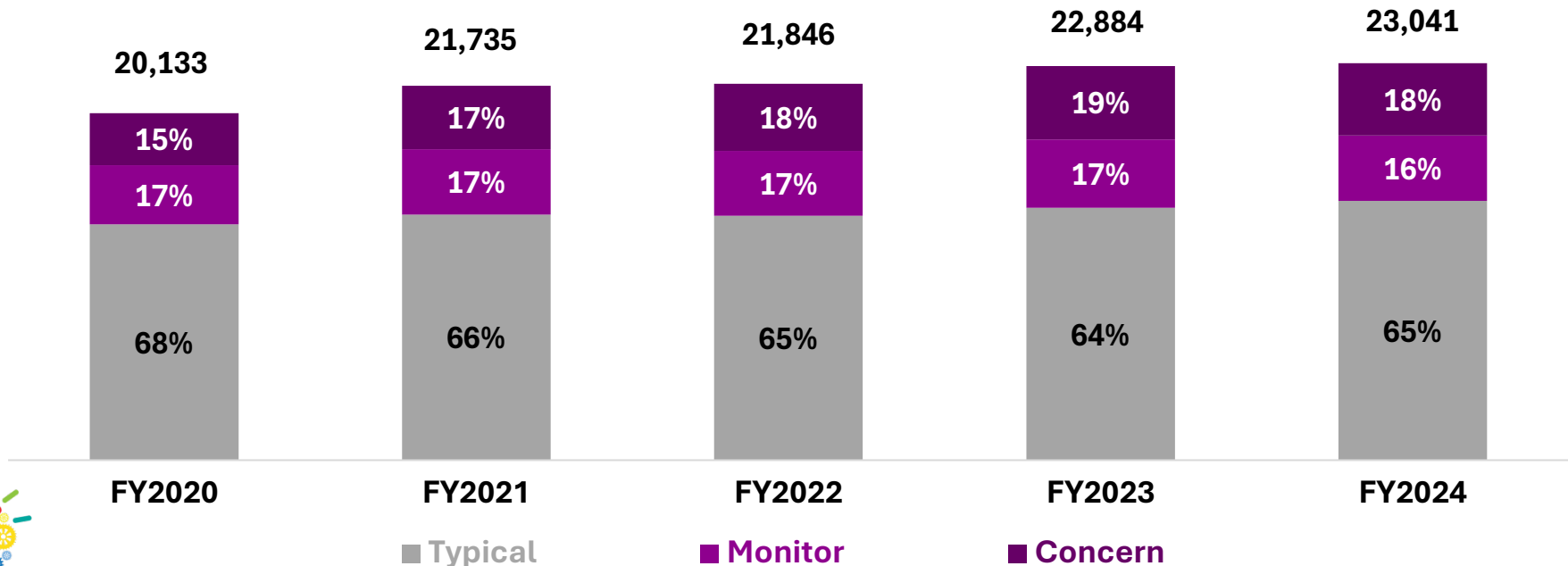


Developmentally on Track

The Children's Services Council & Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County partner to ensure children ages 0-5 years receive developmental screenings to **promote early identification of risk for developmental delays** using the Ages & Stages Questionnaire 3 (ASQ-3) as the primary risk assessment tool.

Through this partnership, on average, **nearly 22 thousand ASQ-3 screenings** were **completed annually** between FY2020 and FY2024. Among screenings, **17% demonstrated "concern" results**, suggesting possible developmental delays where further assessment is recommended.

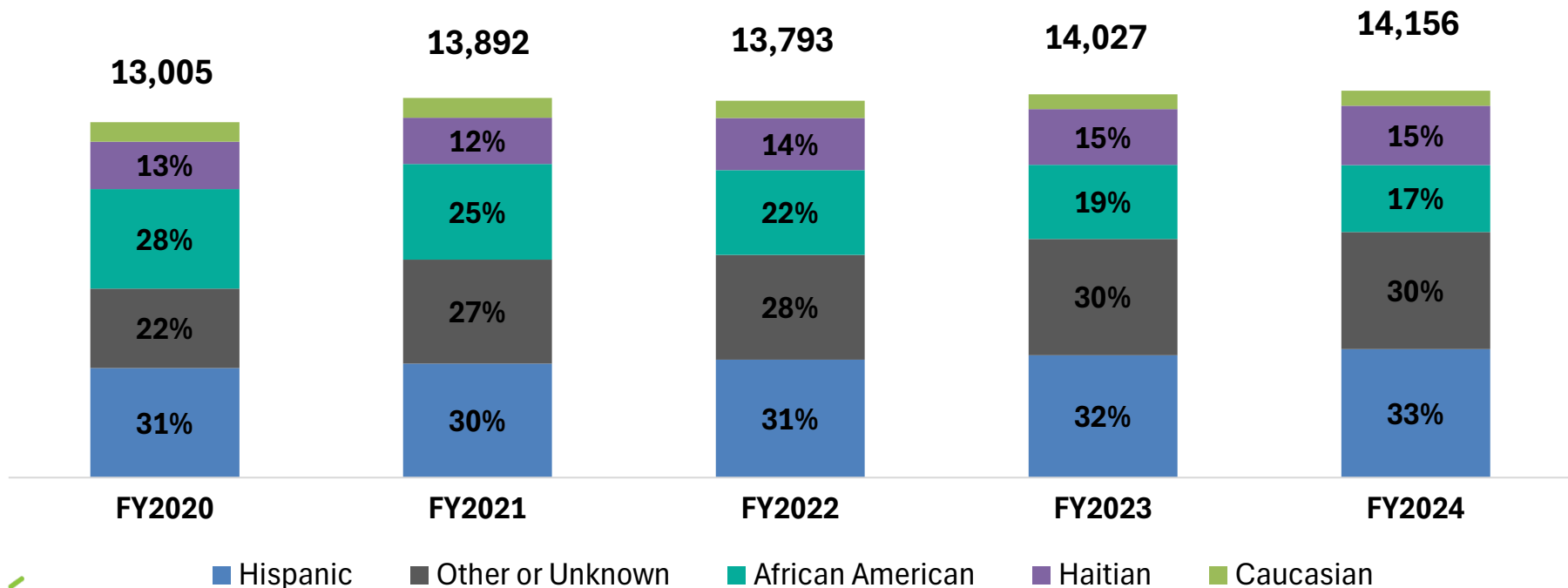
ASQ-3 Screenings and Results for FY2020 Through FY2024



Developmentally on Track

The ASQ-3 is comprised of 21 questionnaires assessing developmental skill mastery in young children ages 2 to 60 months old. A child may receive multiple screenings per year. In Palm Beach County an average of **13,774 children received one or more ASQ-3 screenings per year** between FY2020 and FY2024.

Children receiving ASQ-3 screening by Ethnicity and Fiscal Year



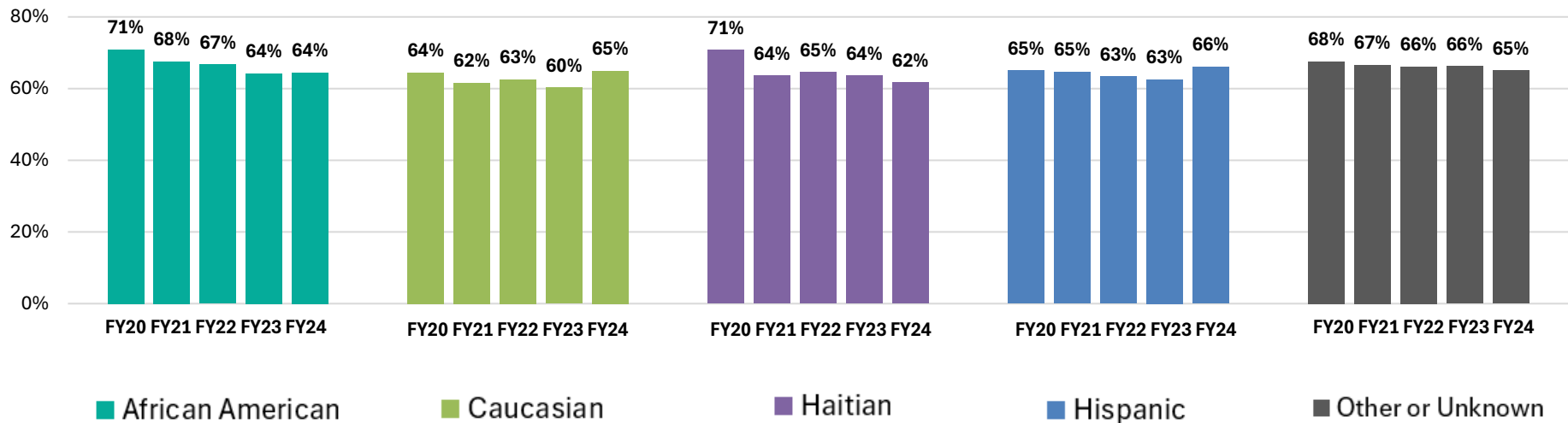
Note: Children may have more than one ASQ-3 within a given year as well as across years. The totals reflect the unduplicated number of children within the fiscal year listed screened through the Early Learning Coalition and other CSC funded programs.

Source: Children's Services Council Palm Beach County, Healthy Beginnings Data System reporting accessed July 2025

Developmentally on Track

Among **ASQ-3 screenings** completed on Palm Beach County children between FY2020 and FY2024, **66%** had **“typical” results**. Overall no large differences exist by ethnicity in the percent of typical results.

ASQ-3 Screenings with Typical Scores by Ethnicity and Fiscal Year



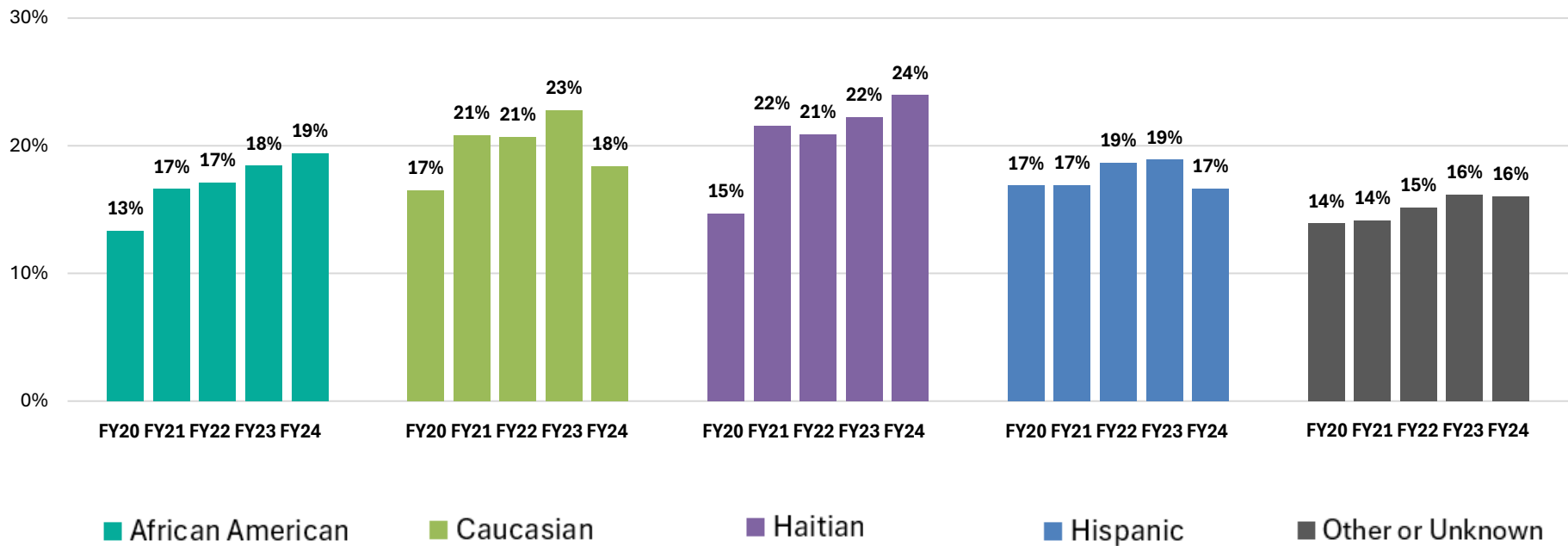
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Developmentally on Track

Among **ASQ-3 screenings** completed on Palm Beach County children between FY2020 and FY2024, **17%** had **“concern” results**, suggesting possible developmental delays and a need for further professional assessment. Examining all years combined, a higher percent of Haitian and Caucasian children demonstrate concern results compared to children overall.

ASQ-3 Screenings with Concern Scores by Ethnicity and Fiscal Year



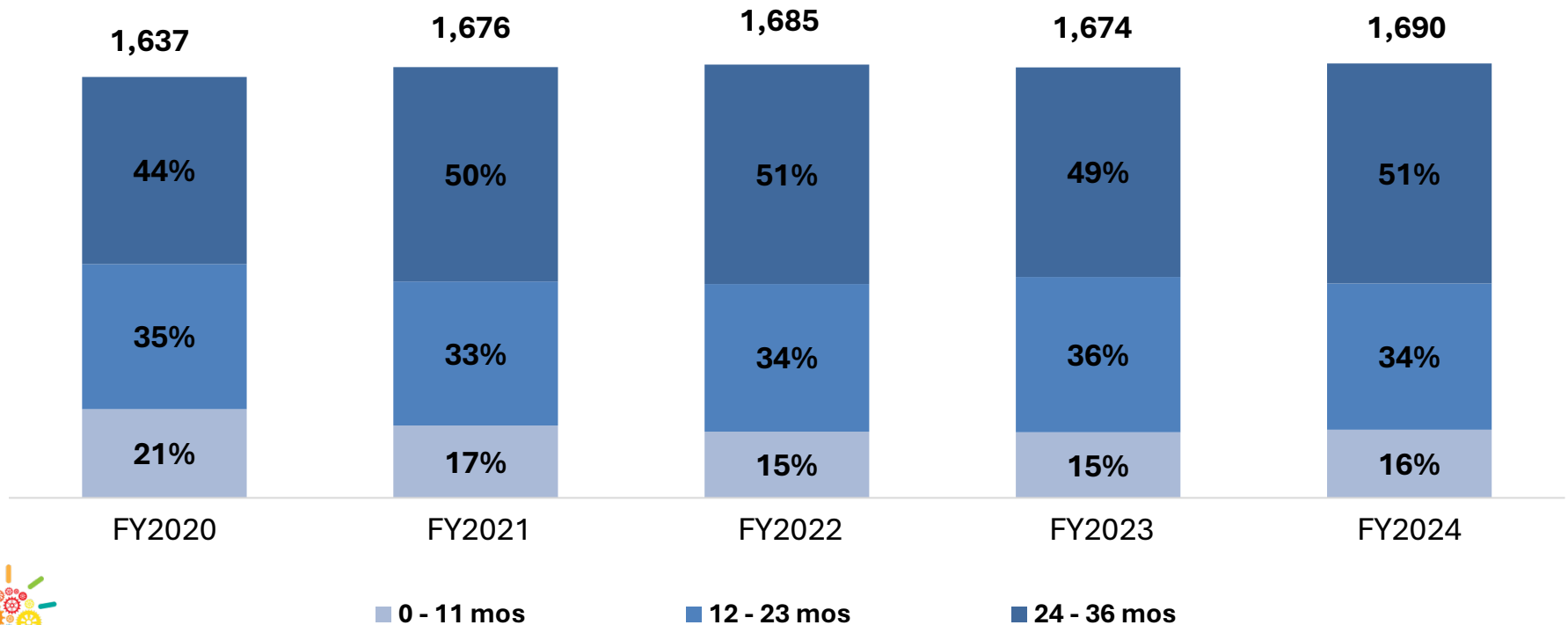
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Developmentally on Track

Early Steps is Florida's early intervention system to support infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities, providing essential services to enhance their growth and development. Over **1,600 children** were **evaluated** for **Early Steps annually** in Palm Beach County. Rates of evaluation increase as children get older. Nearly half of children evaluated were 24-36 months old, a third between 12-23 months, and 17 percent were infants 0-11 months.

Children Birth to Three evaluated for Early Steps Eligibility from FY2020 to FY2024



Developmentally on Track

Palm Beach County Children Birth to Three Years of Age Evaluated and Eligible for Early Steps in FY2023 and FY2024

Early Steps Evaluation & Eligibility Results	FY2023				FY2024			
Chronologic Months of Age:	0 - 11 months	12- 23 months	24 - 36 months	Total Children	0 - 11 months	12- 23 months	24 - 36 months	Total Children
New Children Evaluated	255	604	815	1,674	265	569	856	1,690
Children Eligible due to Established Condition	44	24	33	101	53	29	37	119
Children Eligible based on Developmental Delay with scores meeting criteria	72	334	394	800	69	306	453	828
Children Eligible based on Clinical Judgment	37	90	102	229	31	86	97	214
Total Eligible	153	448	529	1,130	153	421	587	1,161
Total Children Not Eligible	102	156	286	544	112	148	269	529

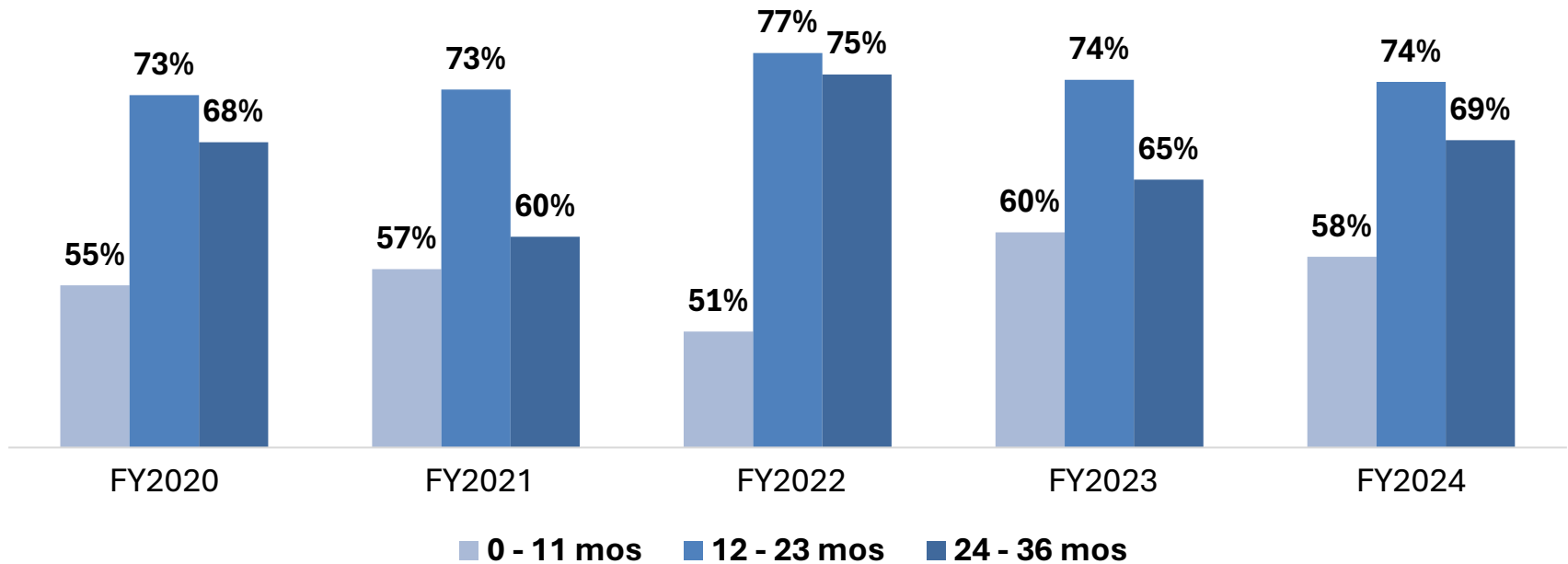


Source: Treasure Coast Early Steps; Palm Beach County Special Data Request, 2025

Developmentally on Track

Among all children evaluated from FY2020 and FY2024, **68%** were **eligible for Early Steps**. Children between 12 and 36 months old were more apt to be found eligible for services.

Children evaluated who are Eligible for Early Steps by Age from FY2020 to FY2024



Note: "Other" sources are reported when a child's formal evaluation scores do not clearly meet Florida's criteria for developmental delay and documented sources beyond scores support the existence of developmental delay)
Source: Treasure Coast Early Steps; Palm Beach County Special Data Request, 2025

Developmentally on Track

Children Receiving Services from Early Steps in Palm Beach County FY2020 to FY2024

Race	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Asian	52	45	53	69	63
Black	603	599	931	1,017	1,088
Hispanic	933	871	1,299	1,375	1,319
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	7	15	14	10
Multi Racial	76	75	99	101	97
Pacific Islander	2	1	4	6	5
Unknown	1	1	124	114	121
White	816	784	1,077	1,105	1,148
Grand Total	2,487	2,383	3,602	3,801	3,851



Developmentally on Track

Child Find – Screening, Evaluation, and IEP Eligibility of Children ages 3-5 years old

Race	American Indian or Alaskan Native		Asian		Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		Black or African American		White		Other		Total
Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M & F
FY2022-2023													
Screenings	11	3	25	9	3	0	381	188	840	367	104	55	1,986
Evaluations	8	6	23	8	3	0	353	170	780	351	94	56	1,852
Eligible/IEP	8	6	24	7	3	0	345	156	721	322	86	52	1,730
FY2023-2024													
Screenings	6	2	24	8	1	1	494	237	848	372	110	65	2,168
Evaluations	10	2	20	6	2	0	416	196	784	312	99	58	1,905
Eligible/IEP	8	1	19	5	2	0	401	187	716	269	92	54	1,754
FY2024-2025													
Screenings	4	5	11	9	2	0	579	313	854	422	123	49	2,371
Evaluations	5	3	17	7	2	0	425	205	688	344	97	33	1,826
Eligible/IEP	5	2	17	6	2	0	409	193	636	303	83	29	1,685



Access to Early Care and Education

Indicators

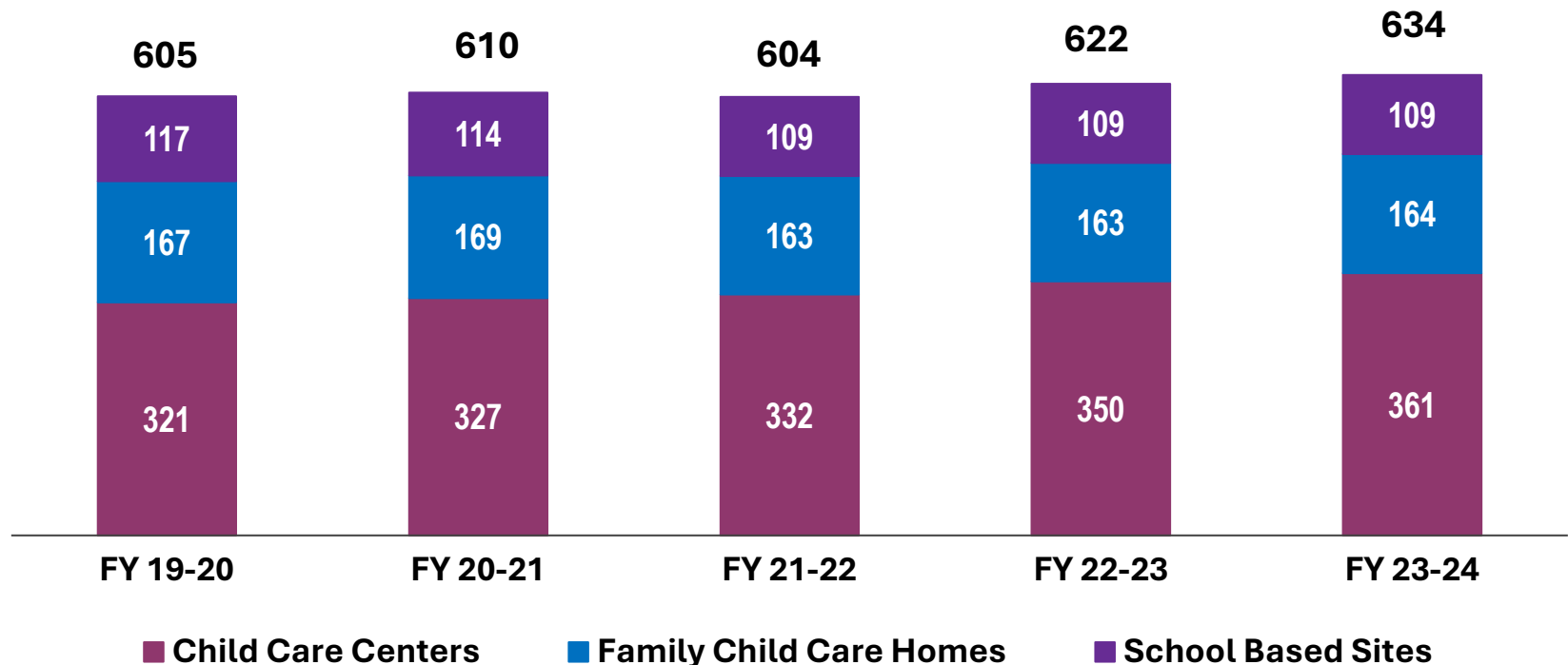
- Child Care Providers Receiving Subsidies by Type of Care
- Number of Children in Subsidized Care by Age Group
- Percent of Children in Subsidized Care by Age Group
- Subsidized Children Served by Zip Code
- Subsidized Children Served by Gender, Race & Hispanic Origin
- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Participation



Access to Early Care and Education

In FY2024, there were **634 subsidized child care** providers in **Palm Beach County**. Subsidized child care providers receive government financial assistance to enable economically disadvantaged children to afford care so parents can work or attend school. These providers are inspected and must meet health, safety, and quality standards to receive funds.

Subsidized Child Care Providers by Type, FY2019-20 to FY2023-24



Access to Early Care and Education

In FY2024, nearly **25 thousand children received subsidized child care in Palm Beach County**. Slightly over half of the children receiving subsidized care are birth to five who have not yet entered kindergarten; the other half are school age children between 5 and 12 years old.

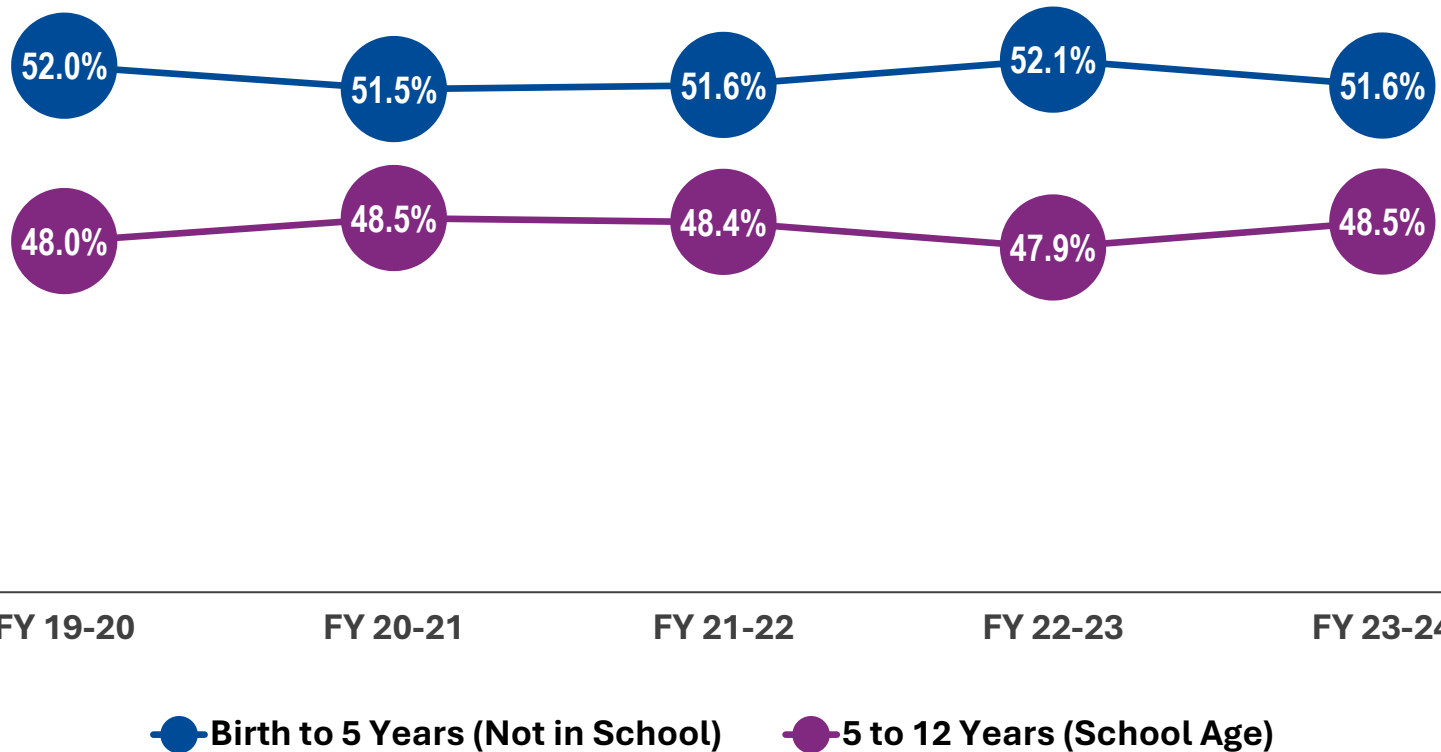
Number of Subsidized Children Served by Age Group, FY2019-20 to FY2023-24

Age Range	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Birth to 5 years (Not in School)	12,874	13,503	12,451	12,890	12,878
5 to 12 years (School Age)	11,877	12,734	11,697	11,738	12,097
Total	24,751	26,237	24,148	24,628	24,975



Access to Early Care and Education

Percent of Subsidized Children Served by Age Group



Access to Early Care and Education

Top Zip Code Areas of Subsidized Children Served by Percentages

Zip Code	City	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY 22-23	FY23-24
33404	RIVIERA BEACH	7.5%	7.6%	7.6%	7.8%	7.9%
33407	WEST PALM BEACH	7.3%	7.1%	7.1%	7.2%	7.4%
33415	WEST PALM BEACH	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.8%	5.9%
33435	BOYNTON BEACH	5.2%	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.3%
33460	LAKE WORTH	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	4.9%
33461	LAKE WORTH	4.6%	4.7%	4.5%	4.6%	4.5%
33463	LAKE WORTH	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	5.4%	5.2%
33430	BELLE GLADE	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%
33401	WEST PALM BEACH	4.1%	3.6%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%
33417	WEST PALM BEACH	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%	4.4%	4.4%
33409	WEST PALM BEACH	3.7%	3.8%	3.7%	4.8%	4.9%
33463	GREENACRES	3.5%	3.3%	3.3%	3.7%	3.8%
33436	BOYNTON BEACH	2.8%	3.1%	3.1%	3.5%	3.4%
33476	PAHOKEE	2.3%	2.6%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
33462	LANTANA	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%
33444	DELRAY BEACH	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%
33411	WEST PALM BEACH	2.8%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%

Source: Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, Special Data Request 2025 – Provided by Jose Abreu.
Includes zip codes with 500 or more children served



Access to Early Care and Education

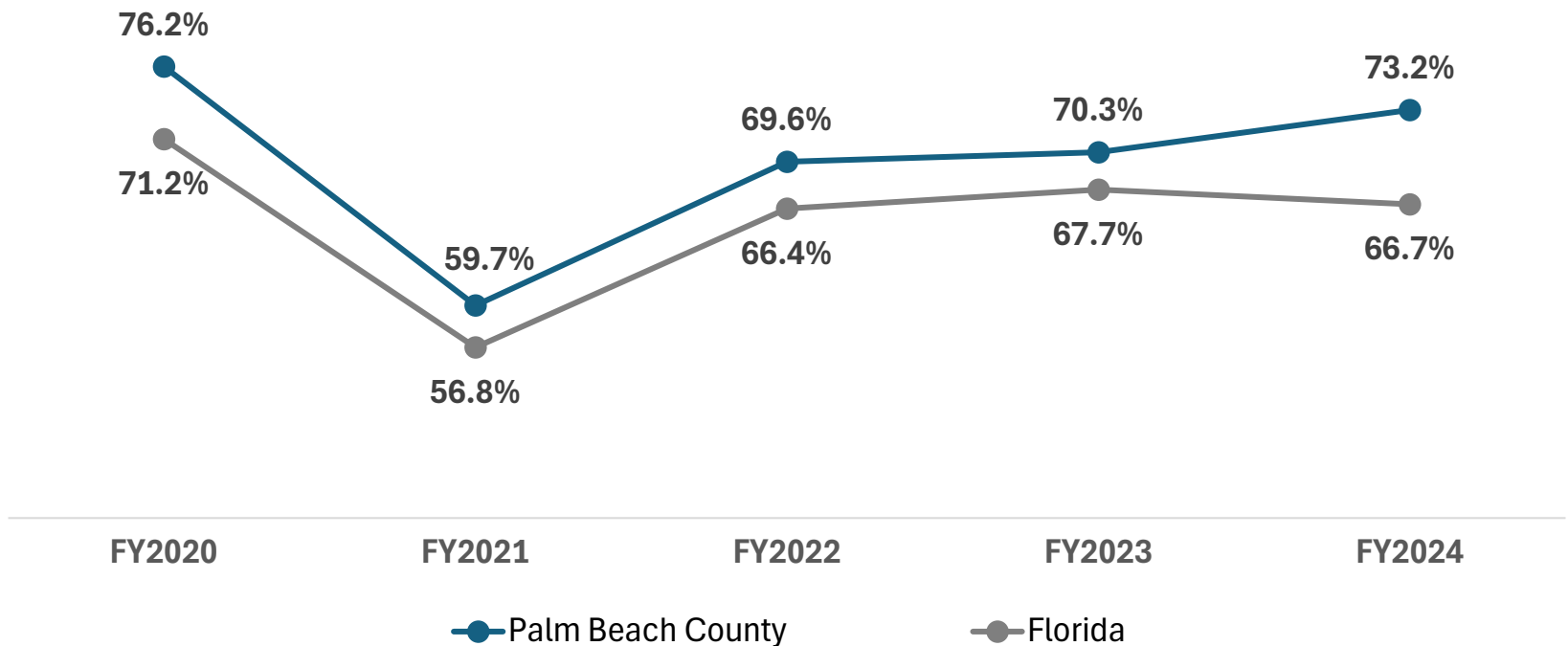
Subsidized Children Served by Gender, Race & Hispanic Origin

Subcategories	Percentages of Subsidized Children Served by Subcategories				
	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Male	50.6%	50.7%	49.9%	50.1%	50.4%
Female	49.4%	49.3%	50.1%	49.9%	49.6%
Black	64.3%	64.8%	64.3%	64.7%	64.9%
White	31.8%	31.2%	31.7%	31.3%	31.1%
Multi-Race	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%
Other Race	1.1%	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Hispanic Ethnicity	25.9%	26.0%	27.0%	27.6%	28.0%



Access to Early Care and Education

In FY2024, **73%** of **4-year-olds participated** in a **voluntary prekindergarten (VPK) program in Palm Beach County**. The VPK program prepares children for kindergarten by offering free, high-quality educational programs to all 4-year-old children who reside in the state of Florida. Palm Beach County children's VPK participation consistently outpaced the participation in the state overall.



Ready for School

Indicators

- Children who are “Kindergarten Ready” based on STAR Early Literacy by Gender, Race, Disability and English Language Learner Status
- Percent of Kindergarteners on Grade Level based on iReady Performance: Fall to Spring



Ready for School

FY2024 – FY2025 Percent of Children Entering Kindergarten Ready to Learn Based on STAR Early Literacy

Sub Groups	FY24	FY25
Male	39.3%	42.8%
Female	43.6%	47.4%
English Language Learner	14.9%	33.0%
Students With Disabilities	28.3%	32.6%
White	58.8%	64.8%
Black	32.6%	37.0%
Hispanic	31.3%	34.4%
Overall	41.4%	45.0%

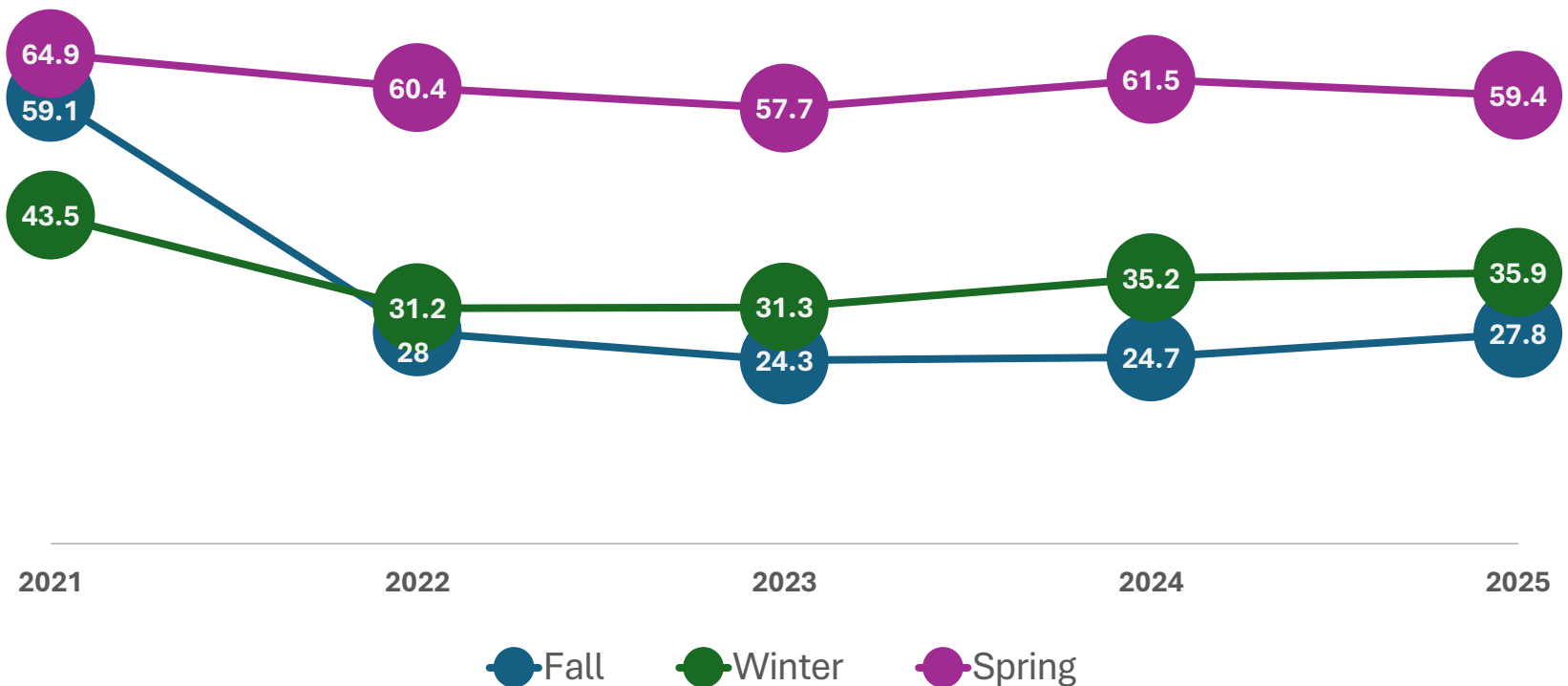


Data Source: SDPBC FY25 FAST Dashboard

Note: The FLDOE changed the Kindergarten Readiness criteria to score of 707 for the fall of 2025. The present summary used the 707 criteria for both FY24 and FY25 to enable comparisons.

Ready for School

Kindergarten iReady % on Grade Level Performance
Fall, Winter, Spring from FY2021 to FY2025



Healthy and Active

Indicators

- Children and Youth without Health Insurance
- Middle and High School Students Who Are Obese
- Middle and High School Students Who Are Obese by Gender, Grade, and Race/Ethnicity
- Middle and High School Students Who Are Overweight or Obese
- Middle and High School Students Who Are Overweight or Obese by Gender, Grade, and Race/Ethnicity
- Middle and High School Students Who Are Trying to Lose Weight
- Middle and High School Students Who Are Trying to Lose Weight by Gender, Grade, and Race/Ethnicity
- Middle and High School Students Physically Active at Least 60 Minutes Each Day during the Last Week
- Middle and High School Students Physically Active by Gender, Grade and Race/Ethnicity
- Middle and High School Students Who Used an Electronic Vapor Product
- Middle and High School Students Who Used an Electronic Vapor Product by Gender, Grade and Race/Ethnicity
- Middle and High School Students Who Smoked Cigarettes in the Past 30 days
- Middle and High School Students Who Smoke Cigarettes by Gender, Grade and Race/Ethnicity
- Middle and High School Students Who Drank Alcohol in the Past 30 days
- Middle and High School Students Who Drank Alcohol in the Past 30 days by Gender, Grade and Race/Ethnicity
- Child Deaths Investigated by the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner
- Manner and Cause of Palm Beach County Child Deaths



Healthy and Active

The U.S. Census estimates nearly **thirty thousand children 0-18** years old **lack health insurance** in Palm Beach County. Proportionally, **one in ten** children 0-18yrs are without health insurance (10%).

For our **young adults** ages **19-25** years old, or nearly **one in four** (25%) and over **twenty-seven** thousand **without health insurance**.

Estimates of Palm Beach County
Children and Youth Uninsured CY2023



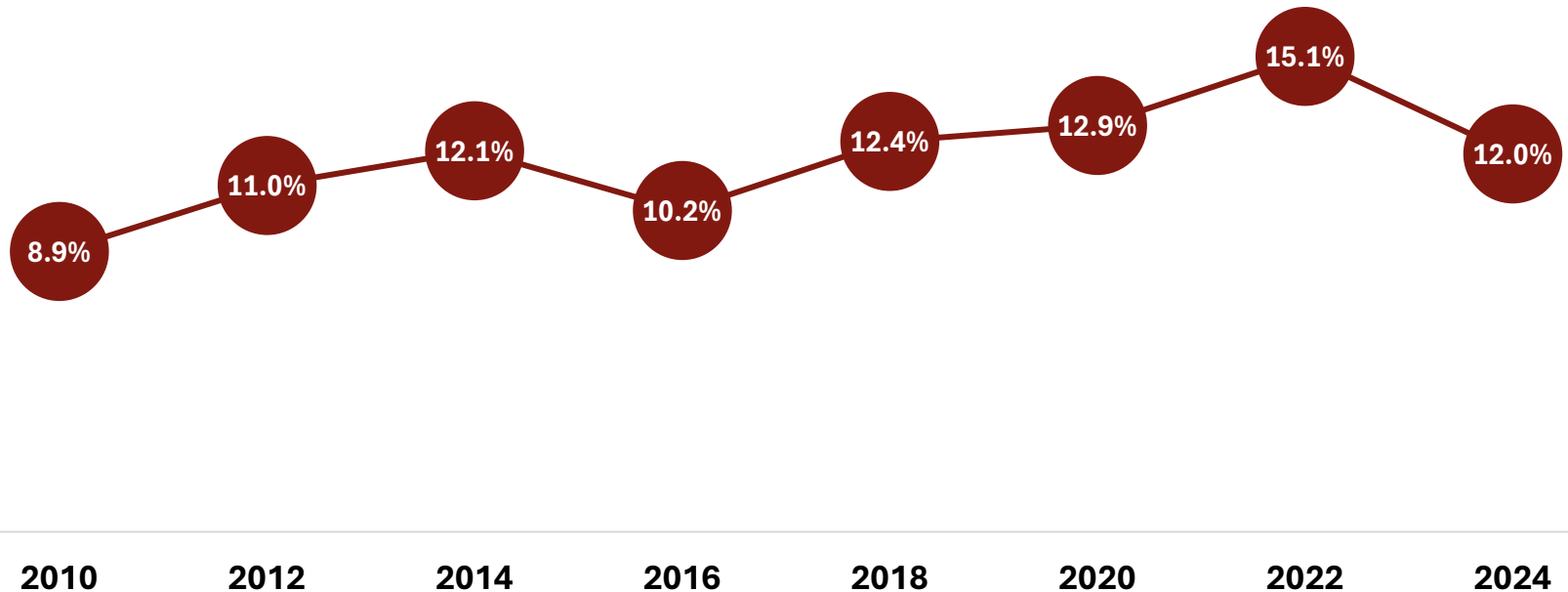
Age of Child or Youth	0-5	6-18	19-25
% without Health Insurance	7.3%	10.8%	24.6%
# without Health Insurance	6,565	22,944	27,418
Total # of Children or Youth	89,744	212,142	111,331



Healthy and Active

In 2024, **12%** of **Middle** and **High Schoolers** are estimated to be **Obese** in Palm Beach County. A child is considered obese if their BMI is at or above the 95th percentile for their age and sex. Rates of obesity among middle and high schoolers are increasing.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Who Are Obese in Palm Beach County, 2010-2024



Source: Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS), 2010-2024

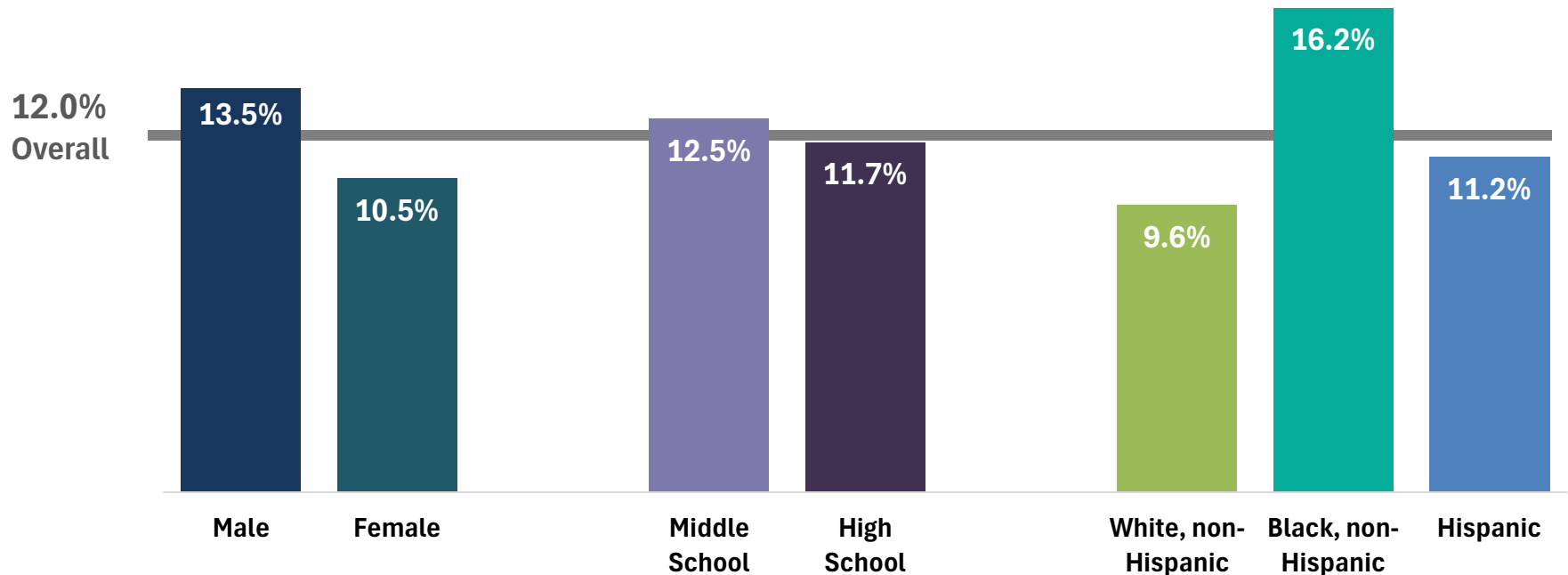
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Percent of **Middle** and **High School Students** Who Are **Obese** in Palm Beach County by Gender, Grade Level, and Race/Ethnicity in 2024



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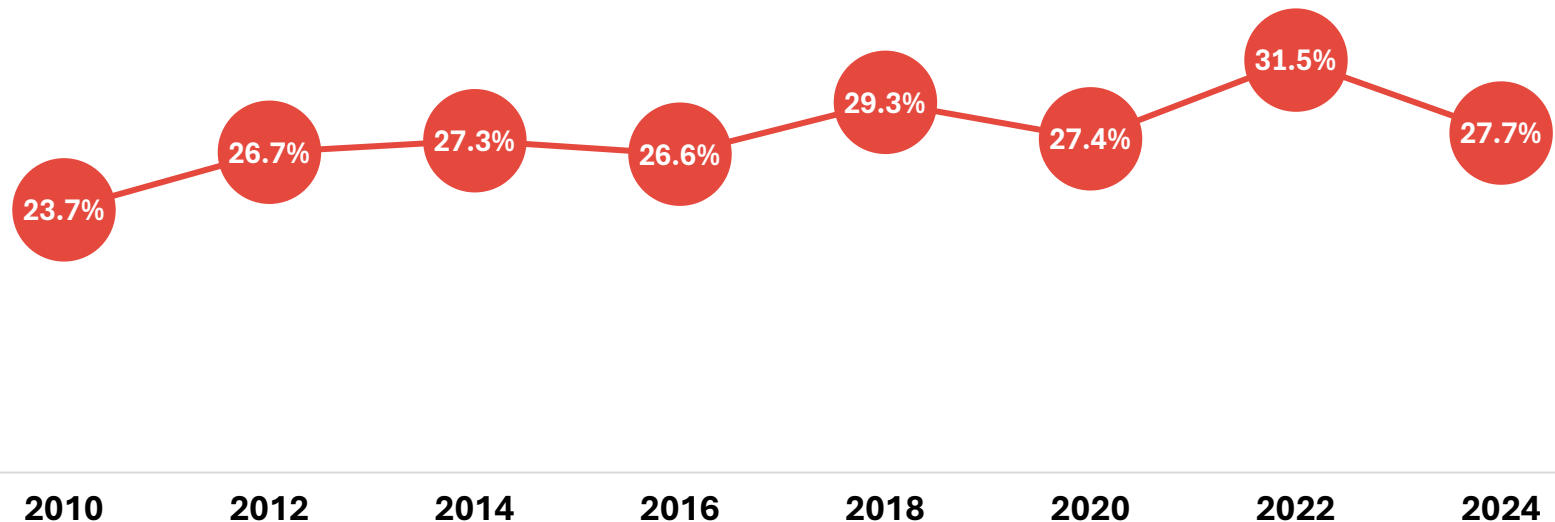
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Healthy and Active

In 2024, **28%** of **Middle** and **High Schoolers** are **Overweight** or **Obese** in Palm Beach County. A child is considered overweight if their BMI is at or above the 85th percentile for their age and sex and obese at or above the 95th percentile.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Who Are Overweight or Obese in Palm Beach County, 2010-2024



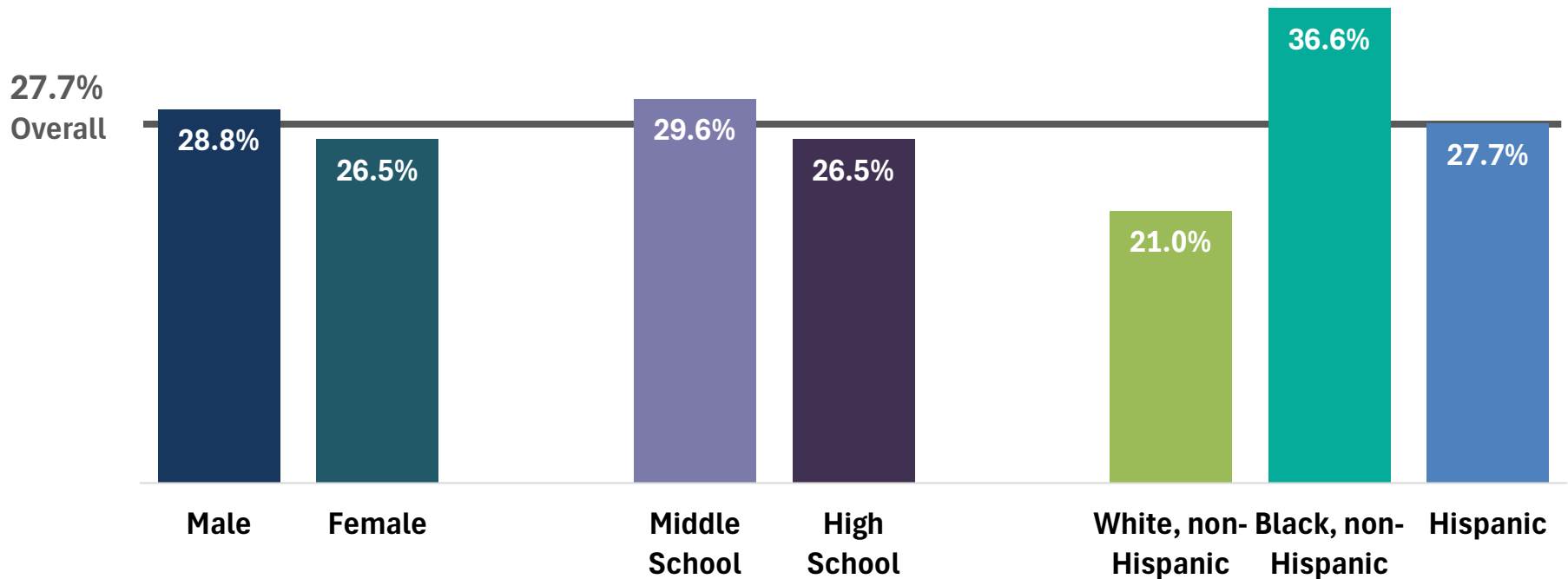
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Healthy and Active

Percent of **Middle** and **High School** Students Who Are **Overweight** or **Obese** in Palm Beach County by Gender, Grade Level, and Race/Ethnicity in 2024



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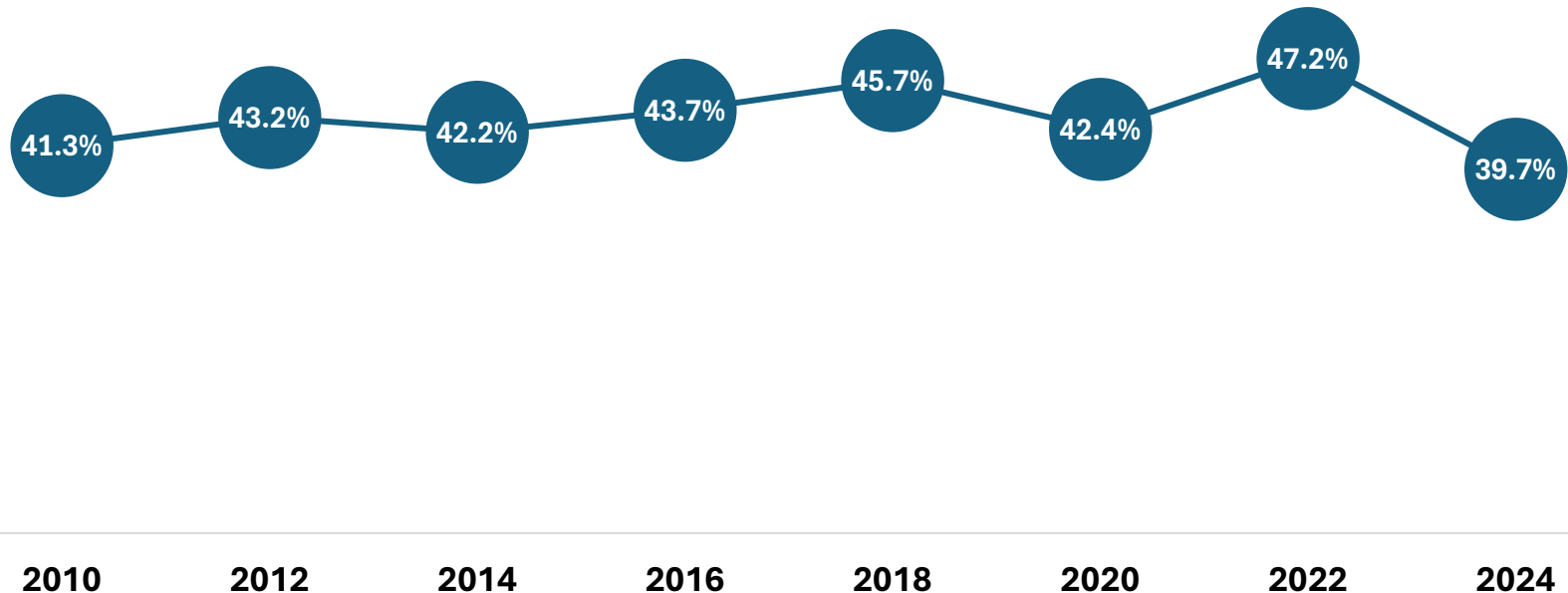
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Healthy and Active

In 2024, **40%** of **Middle** and **High Schoolers** are **Trying to Lose Weight** in Palm Beach County.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Who Are Trying to Lose Weight in Palm Beach County, 2010-2024



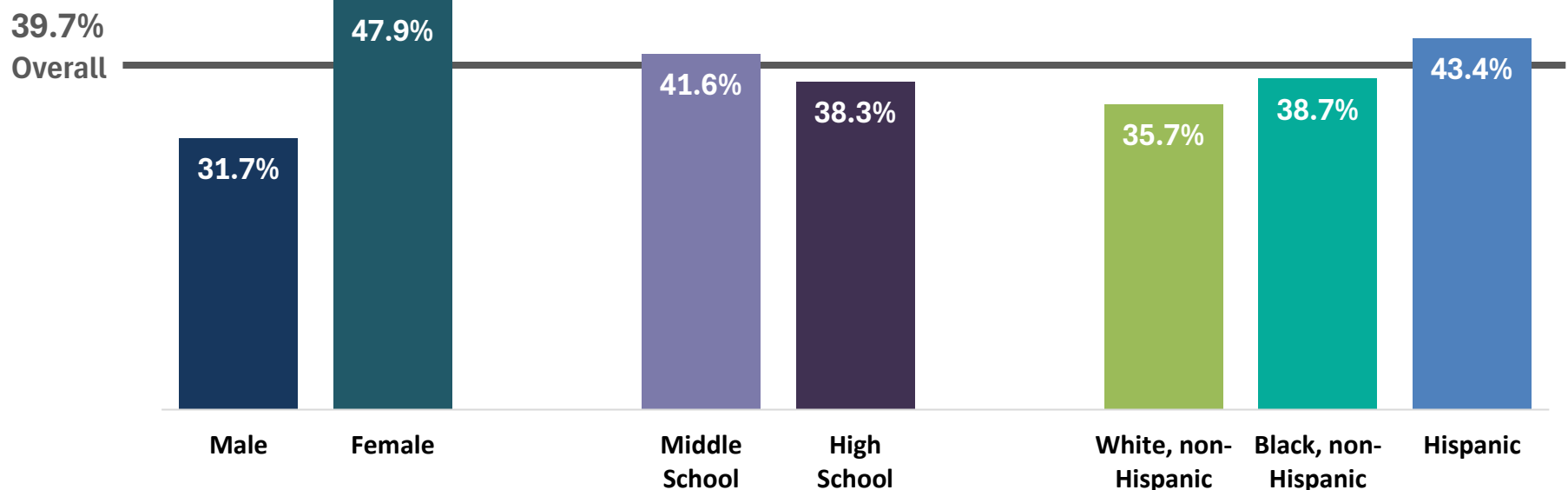
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Healthy and Active

Percent of **Middle** and **High School** Students Who Are **Trying to Lose Weight** in Palm Beach County by Gender, Grade Level, and Race/Ethnicity in 2024



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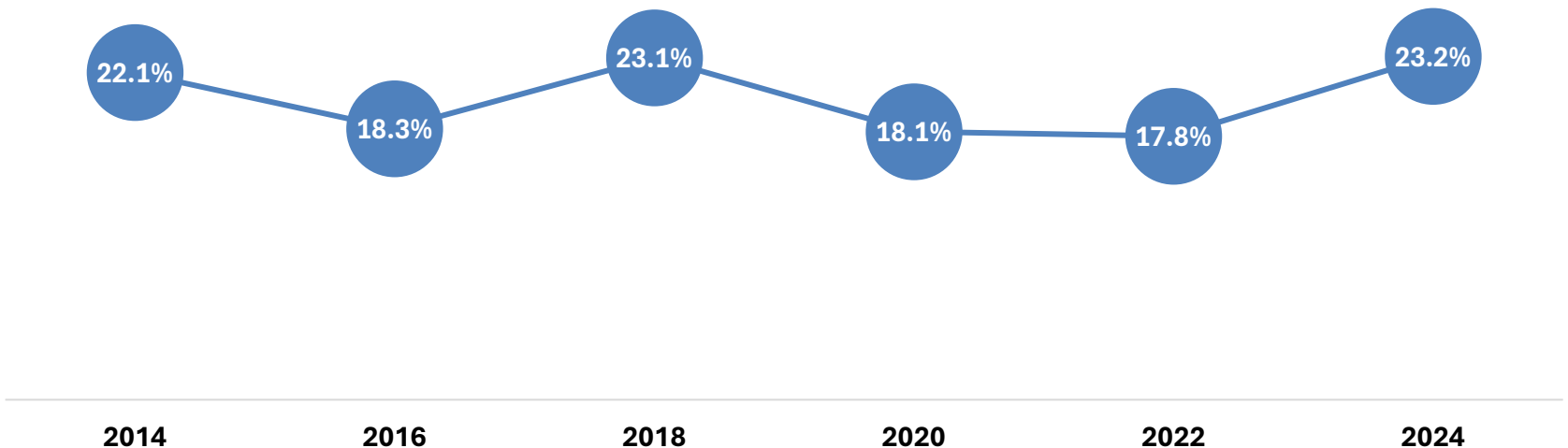
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Healthy and Active

In 2024, **23%** of **Middle** and **High Schoolers** report being **Physically Active** for an **Hour Each Day** within the last week in Palm Beach County.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Physically Active for an Hour each Day within the Last Week in Palm Beach County, 2014-2024



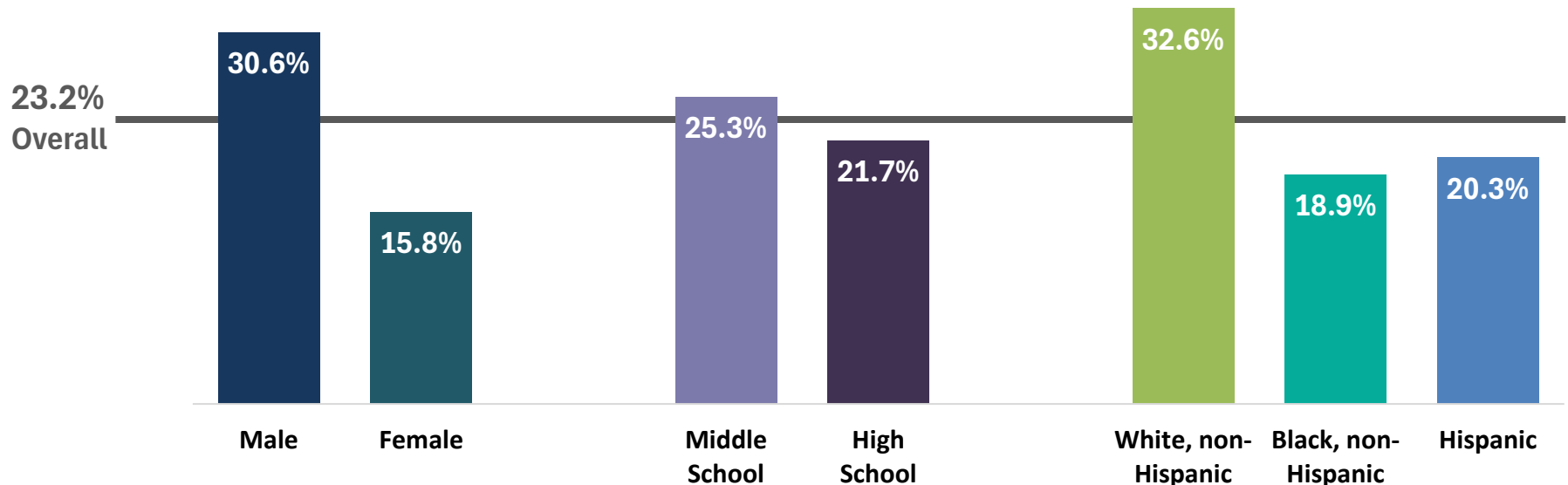
Source: Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS), 2014-2024

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Note: Students Who Were Physically Active for at Least 60 Minutes on All Seven of the Past Seven Days was added in 2014. In Florida, the FYTS data is collected at the county level every other year. FYTS is a survey, and all estimates of prevalence are subject to random sample errors.

Healthy and Active

Percent of **Middle** and **High School** Students **Physically Active** for an **Hour Each Day** within the Last Week in Palm Beach County by Gender, Grade, and Race/Ethnicity in 2024



Source: Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS), 2014-2024

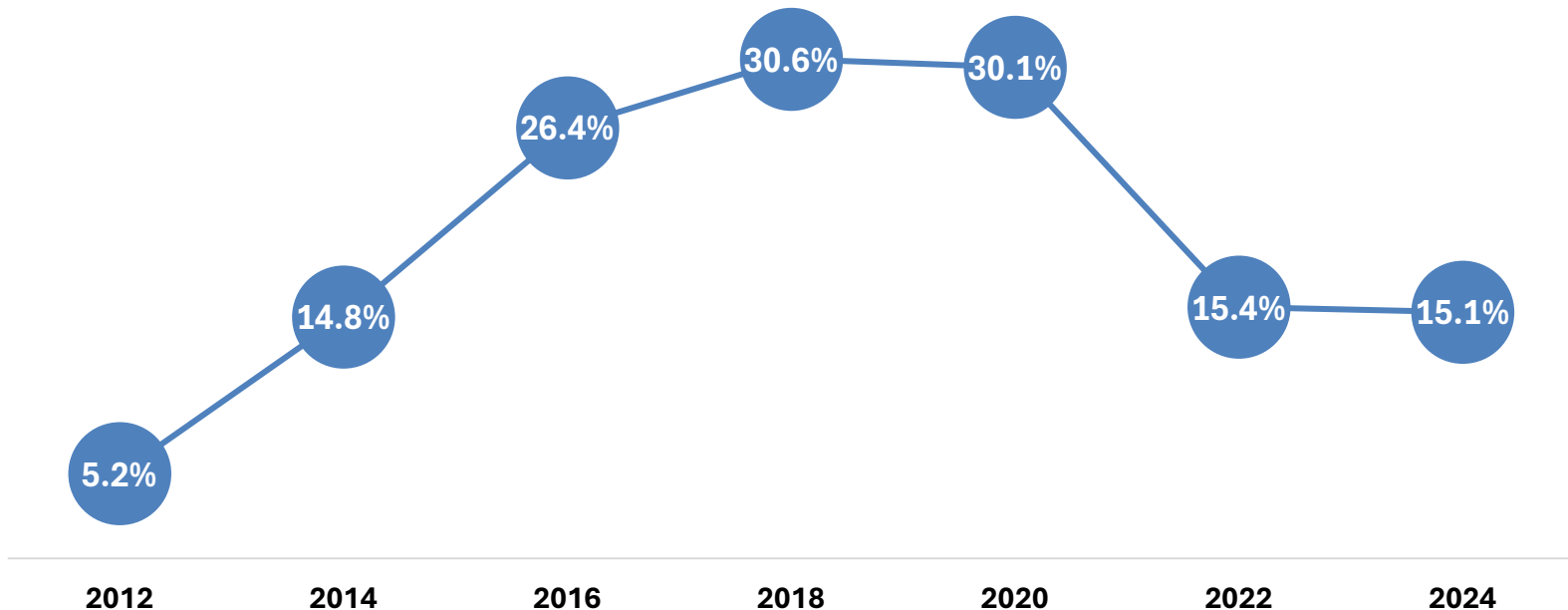
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Healthy and Active

In 2024, **15%** of **Middle** and **High Schoolers** report having ever used an **Electronic Vapor Product** in Palm Beach County.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Who Used an Electronic Vapor Product in Palm Beach County, 2012-2024



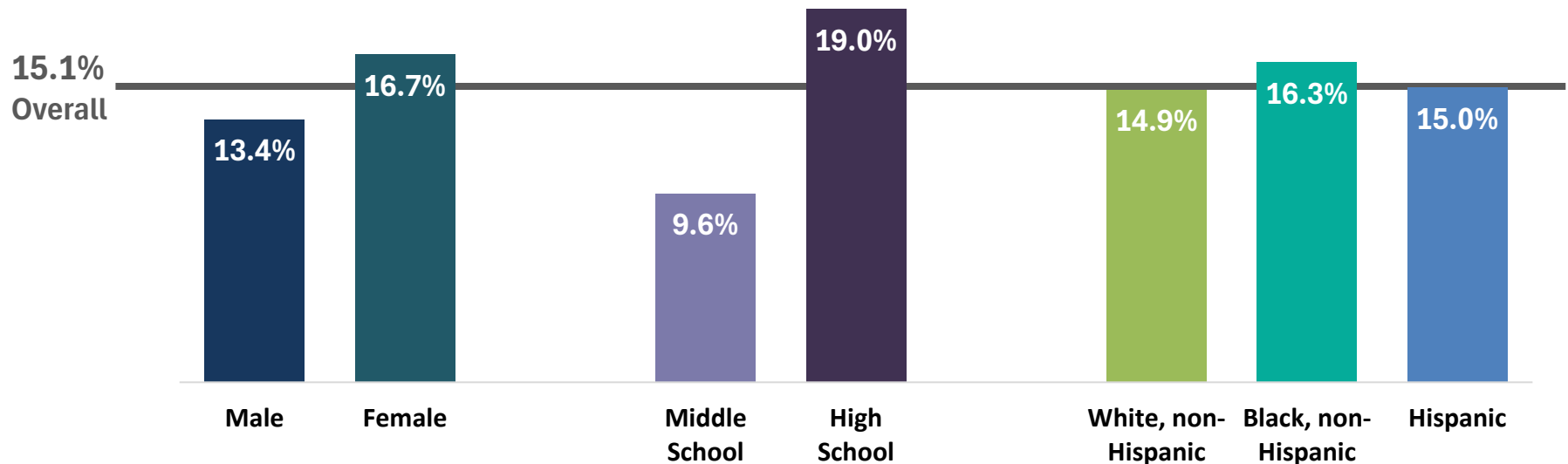
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Healthy and Active

Percent of **Middle** and **High School** Students Who Have Ever Used an **Electronic Vapor Product** in Palm Beach County by Gender, Grade, and Race/Ethnicity in 2024



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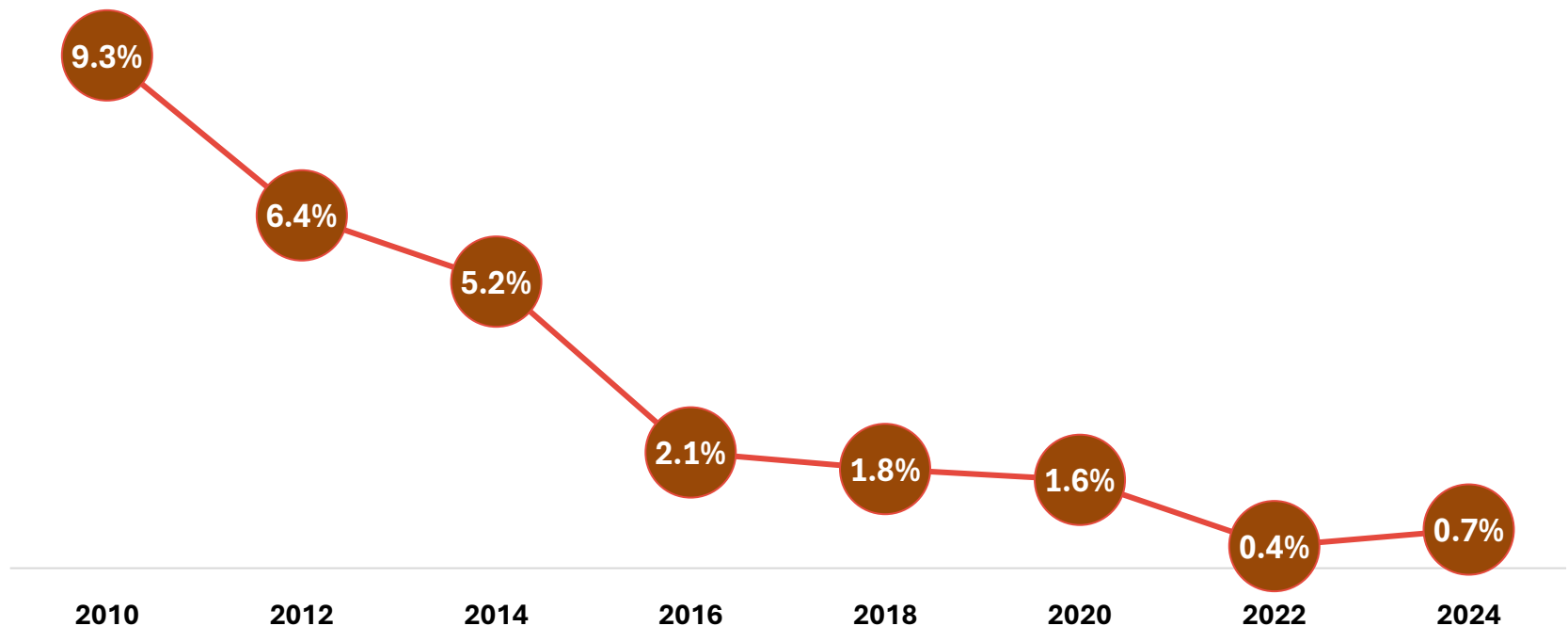
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Healthy and Active

In 2024, **less than 1%** of **Middle** and **High schoolers** report **Smoking Cigarettes** in the **past 30 Days** in Palm Beach County. Middle and high schoolers who report smoking cigarettes has decreased substantially.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Who Smoke Cigarettes* in Palm Beach County, 2010-2024



Source: Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS), 2010-2024

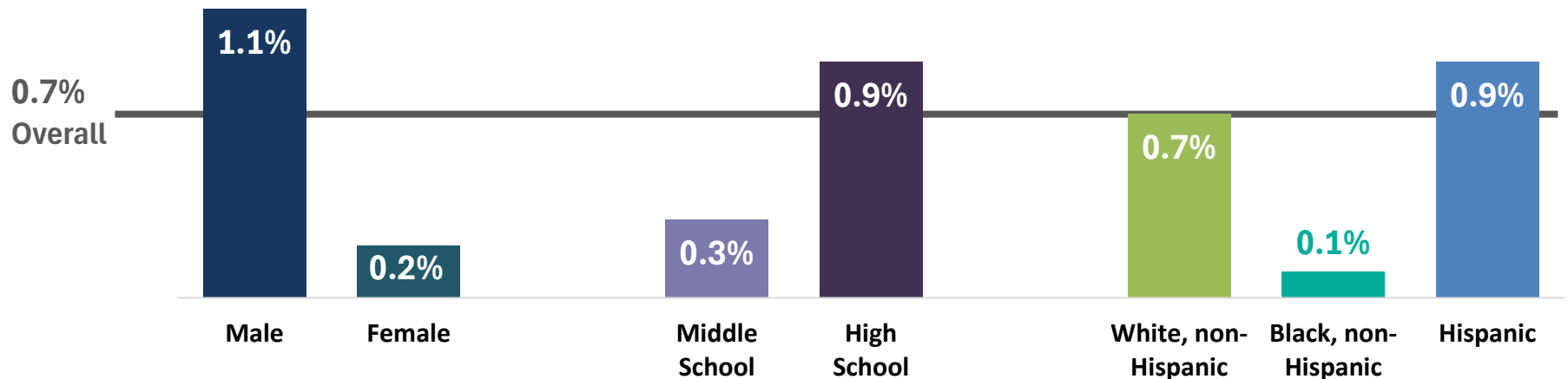
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Note: *Being a smoker is defined as smoking cigarettes on at least one day in the last 30 days. In Florida, the FYTS data is collected at the county level every other year. FYTS is a survey, and all estimates of prevalence are subject to random sample errors.



Healthy and Active

% of **Middle** and **High School** Students Who **Smoked Cigarettes** in the **Past 30 Days** in Palm Beach County by Gender, Grade, and Race/Ethnicity in 2024



Source: Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS), 2010-2024

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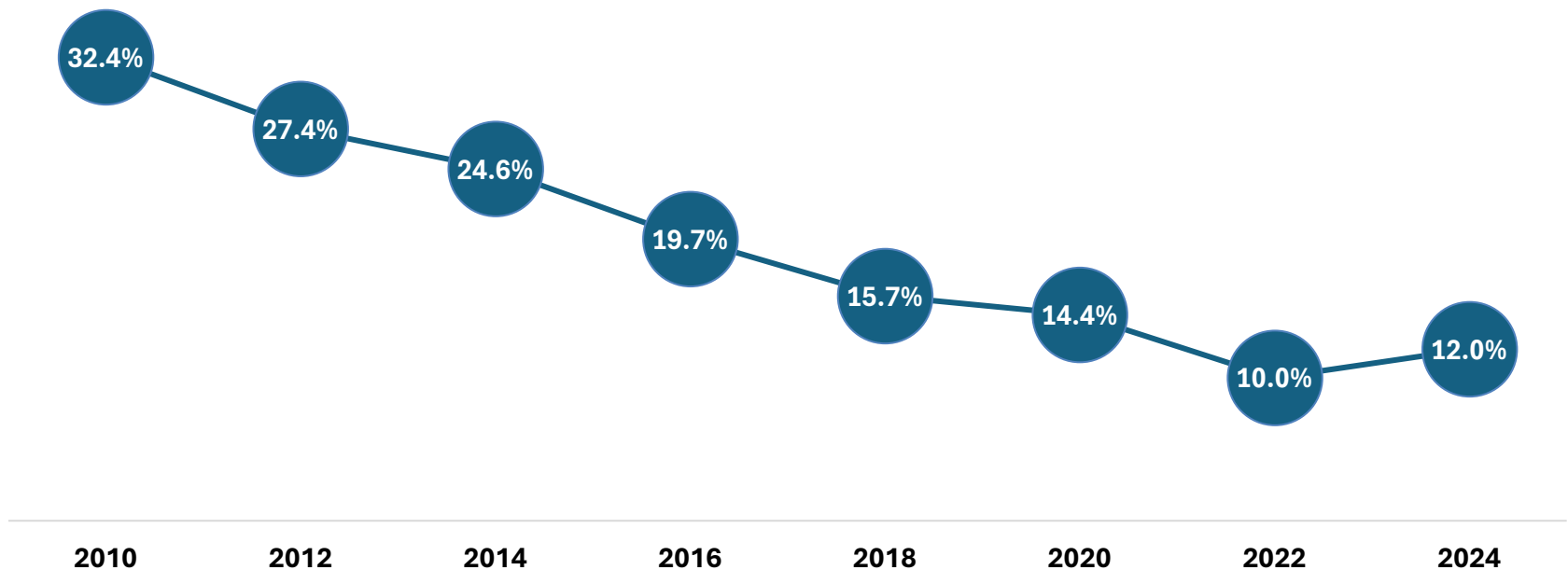
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Healthy and Active

In 2024, **12%** of **Middle** and **High schoolers** report **Drinking Alcohol** in the **past 30 Days** in Palm Beach County. The percentage of middle and high schoolers who report drinking alcohol has decreased.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Who Drank Alcohol in the Past 30 Days in Palm Beach County, 2010-2024



Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS), 2010-2024

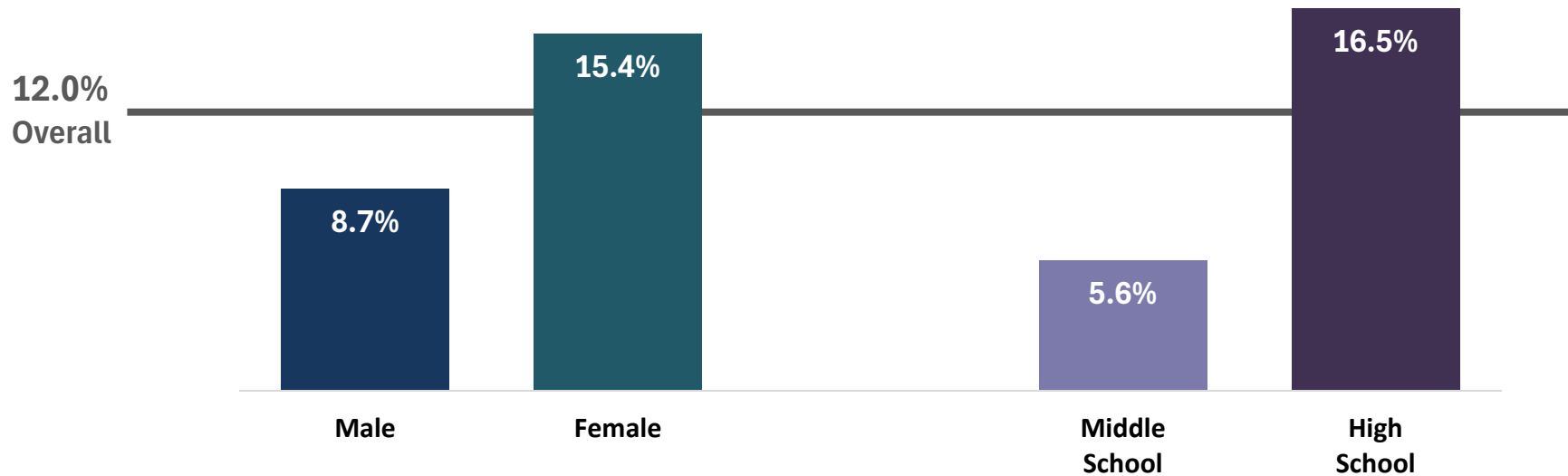
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Healthy and Active

Percent of **Middle** and **High Schoolers** Who **Drank Alcohol** in the **Past 30 Days** in Palm Beach County by Gender and Grade Level, 2024



Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS), 2024

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Note: The FYSAS does not provide for county-level breakdown of percentages by race and ethnicity.



Healthy and Active

Child Deaths Investigated by the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner

Child Age Range	2017	2018	*2019*	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1 – 2 years old	4	6		9	1	6	5	10
3 – 5 years old	4	2		3	5	2	7	11
6 – 9 years old	4	5		3	6	1	2	2
10 – 14 years old	11	5		3	7	6	8	6
15 years old	3	1		4	3	5	4	4
16 – 17 years old	8	8		10	13	14	7	13
Total	34	27		32	35	34	33	46

All Child Deaths	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1 – 17 years old	52	41	46	50	71	53	63	64

Note: Child Deaths include years > one year and < eighteen years and includes those meeting criteria for investigation by the medical examiner's office by Florida Statute. This is a sub-set of actual child deaths. * An annual report was not published for 2019. The Medical Examiner's Office conducts investigations of violent, sudden, unexpected, and suspicious deaths occurring within the County, or any death where there is no doctor in attendance, in accordance with the parameters established by Florida State Statutes. Source: Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office 2024 Annual Report <https://discover.pbcgov.org/medicalexaminer/Forms%20Statistics/2024%20PBCMEO%20Annual%20Report.pdf>



Healthy and Active

Manner and Cause of Death for Palm Beach County Child Deaths Investigated by the Medical Examiner in 2024

Manner of Death	% of Deaths
Accident	65%
Natural	13%
Homicide	11%
Suicide	11%

Cause of Death	% of Deaths
Drowning	29%
Blunt Injury	24%
Gunshot	13%
Asphyxia	9%
Infection	9%
Drug Toxicity	7%
Sharp & Blunt Force	5%
Hanging	2%
Natural Disease	2%

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Access to Afterschool Programming

Indicators

- Children with Scholarships Attending Afterschool and/or Summer Programs
- Afterschool Programs receiving Children with Subsidies by ZIP Code
- Summer Camps receiving Children with Scholarships by ZIP Code
- Afterschool Programs participating in Quality Improvement via Prime Time



Access to Afterschool Programming

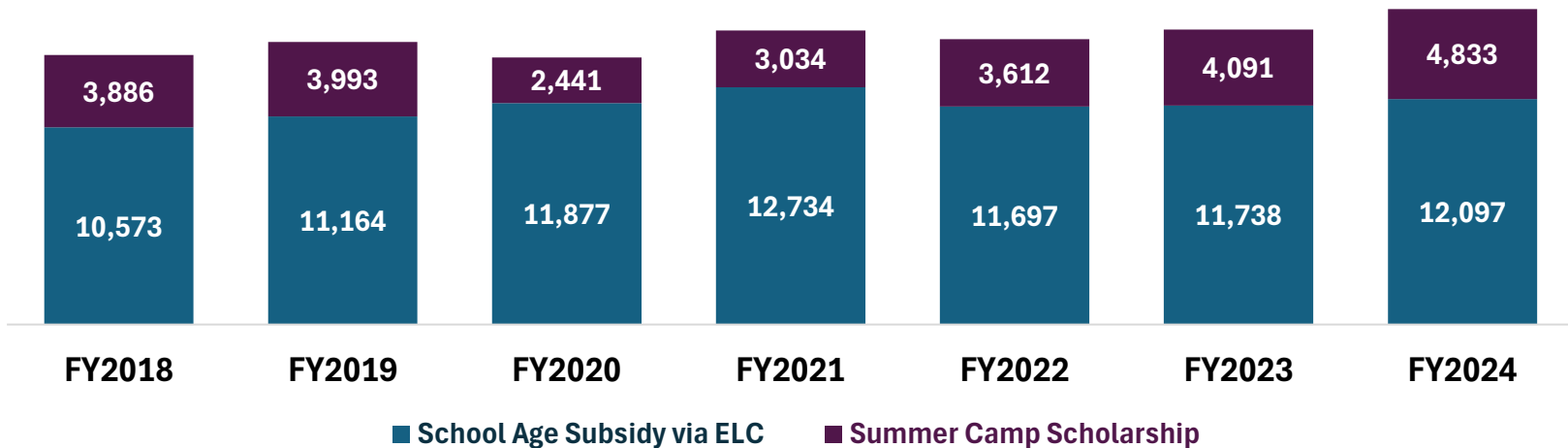
Quality afterschool and summer programs **keep kids safe** and **meaningfully engaged** alongside caring adults. Afterschool and summer programs, or more broadly referred to as “out-of-school” time (OST) programs, also provide access to **expanded learning opportunities**, which **inspire, enrich, and develop** our youth.

Some families face *financial barriers* that *would prohibit* their children from being able to participate in OST program. To ensure all children can participate subsidies and scholarships are available. Data below presents the number of children who participate in an OST program via subsidies or scholarship funds. On average, over **16 thousand youth benefit annually**.



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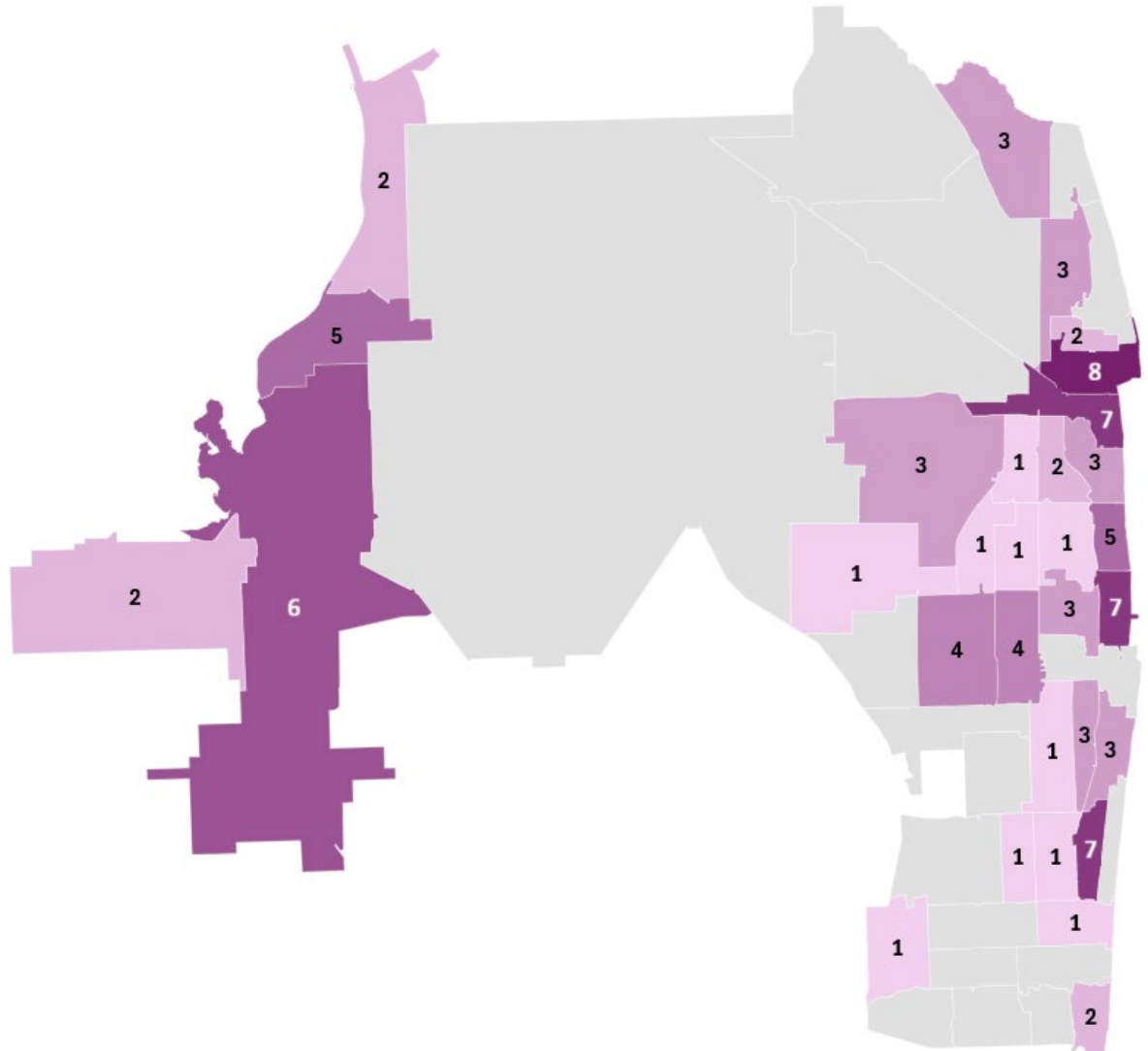
Children participating in Afterschool or Summer Camp thru Subsidies or Scholarships



Access to Afterschool Programming

ZIP Codes with 3 or more **Summer Camp Programs** that Accept Scholarships, 2025

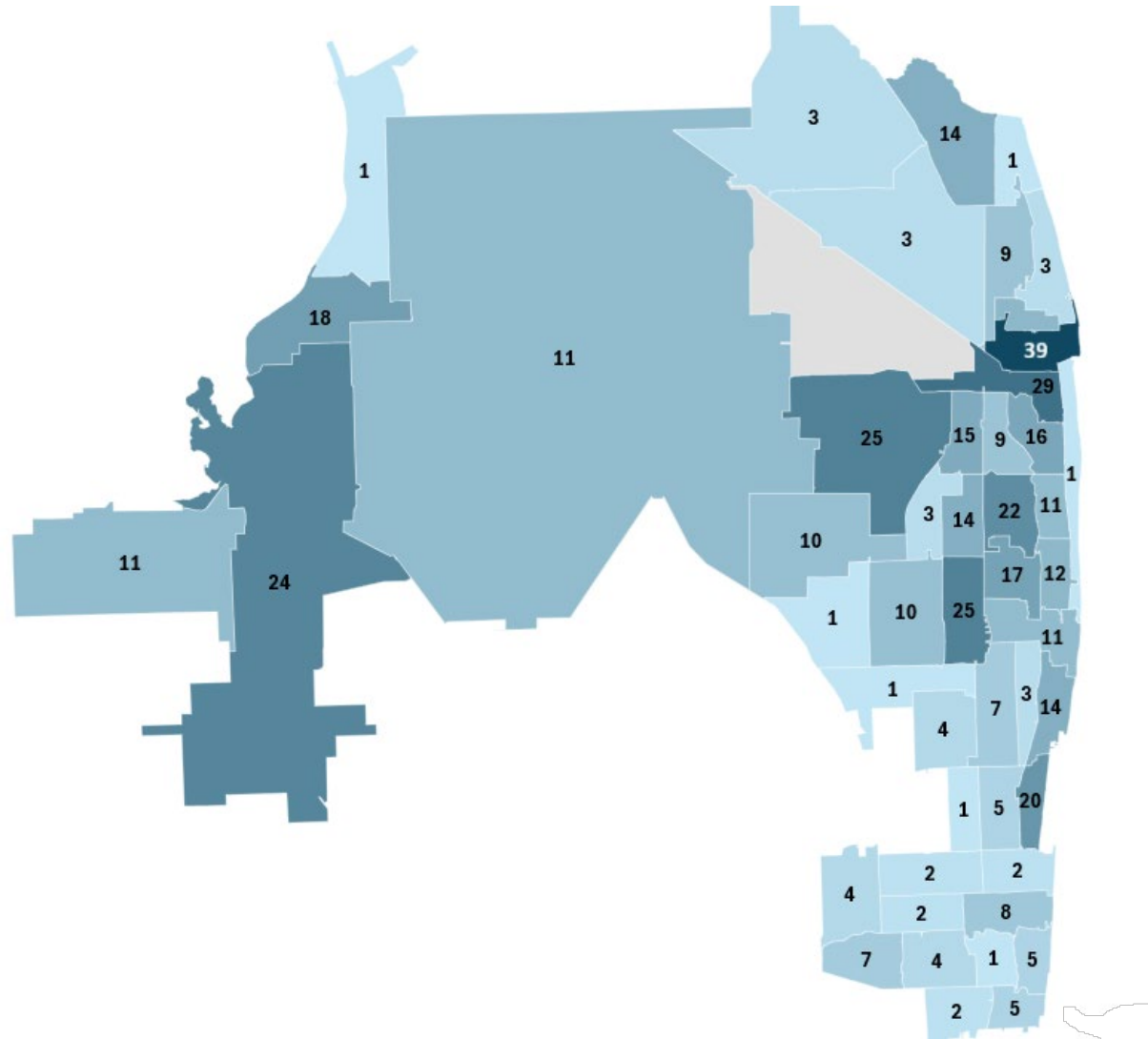
ZIP Code	# of Summer Camps
33404	8
33407	7
33444	7
33460	7
33430	6
33405	5
33476	5
33463	4
33467	4
33401	3
33410	3
33411	3
33426	3
33435	3
33458	3
33461	3



Access to Afterschool Programming

ZIP Codes with 12 or more **Afterschool Programs** that Accept Subsidies, 2025

ZIP Code	# of Afterschool Programs
33404	39
33407	29
33411	25
33463	25
33430	24
33406	22
33444	20
33476	18
33461	17
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33460	12

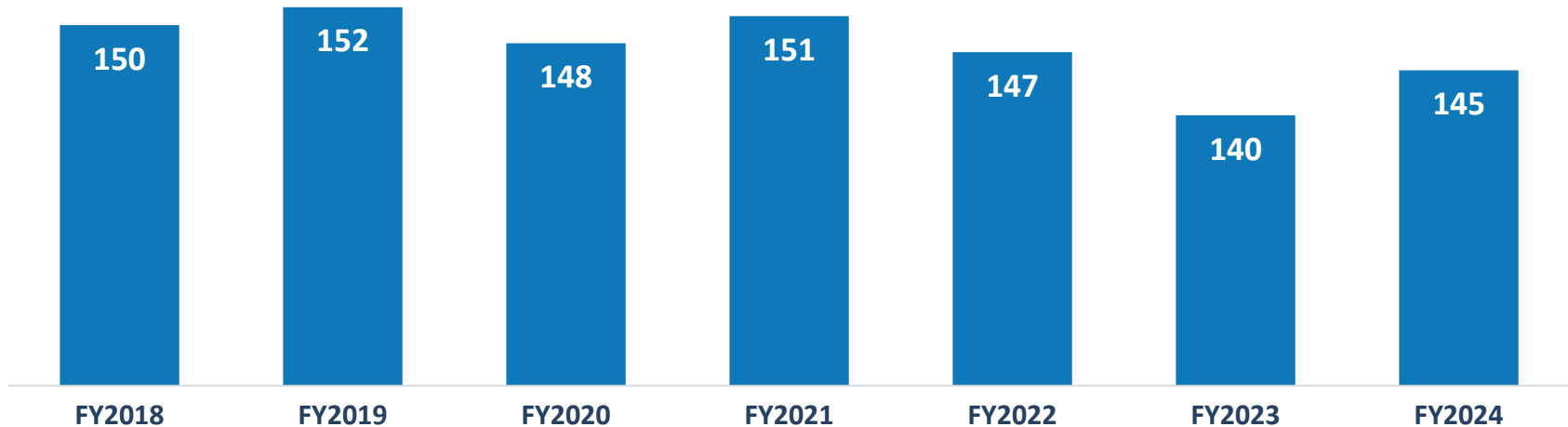


Access to Afterschool Programming

Through the *Palm Beach County Quality Improvement System*, afterschool programs receive **coaching, training** and **other Prime Time supports** designed to improve quality. High quality programs provide a **supportive and engaging environment for youth**. A wide body of research demonstrates that **quality OST programs lead to substantial academic, social, and emotional benefits for youth**. These benefits include higher grades, improved standardized test scores, on-time grade promotion, reduced dropout rates, and increased school day attendance in programs throughout the country. Programs that attend to the social and emotional needs of youth lead to skill development, well-being, prosocial behavior, as well as improved academic performance.



Afterschool Sites participating in the Palm Beach County Quality Improvement System



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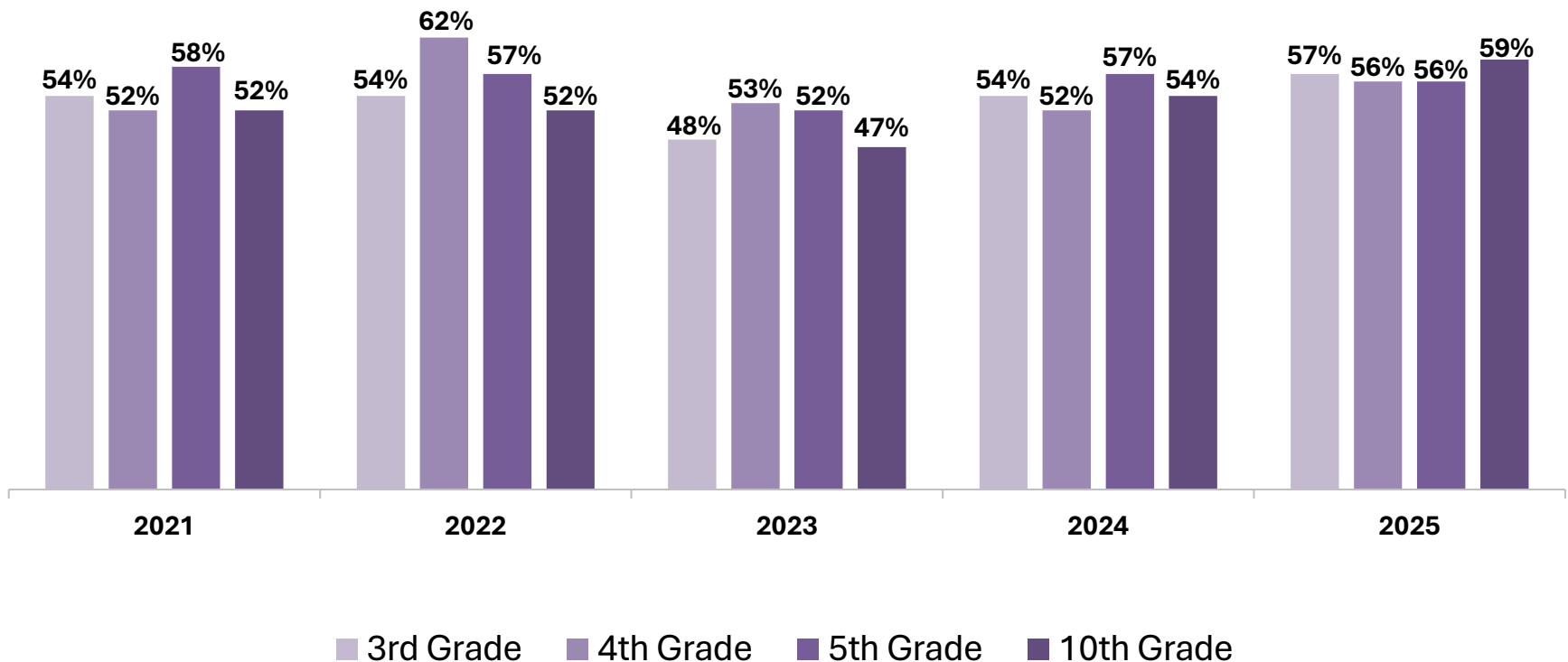
Indicators

- Palm Beach County Student Reading Level 3 or Above in Selected Grades
- Proficiency in FAST English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in Grade 3 by Ethnicity
- Proficiency in FAST English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in Grade 8 by Ethnicity
- Palm Beach County School Absences By School Level
- Palm Beach County Elementary Age Youth with Absences by Race/Ethnicity and Gender
- Palm Beach County Middle School Age Youth with Absences by Race/Ethnicity and Gender
- Palm Beach County High School Age Youth with Absences by Race/Ethnicity and Gender
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- Comparison of Palm Beach County and Florida Graduation Rates
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- Palm Beach Graduation Rates by Ethnicity
- Palm Beach Federal Graduation Rates by Free/Reduced Price Lunch (FRL), Ethnicity and Gender
- Palm Beach Federal Graduation Rates by English Language Learner (ELL), Ethnicity and Gender
- Palm Beach Federal Graduation Rates by Students With Disabilities (SWD), Ethnicity and Gender



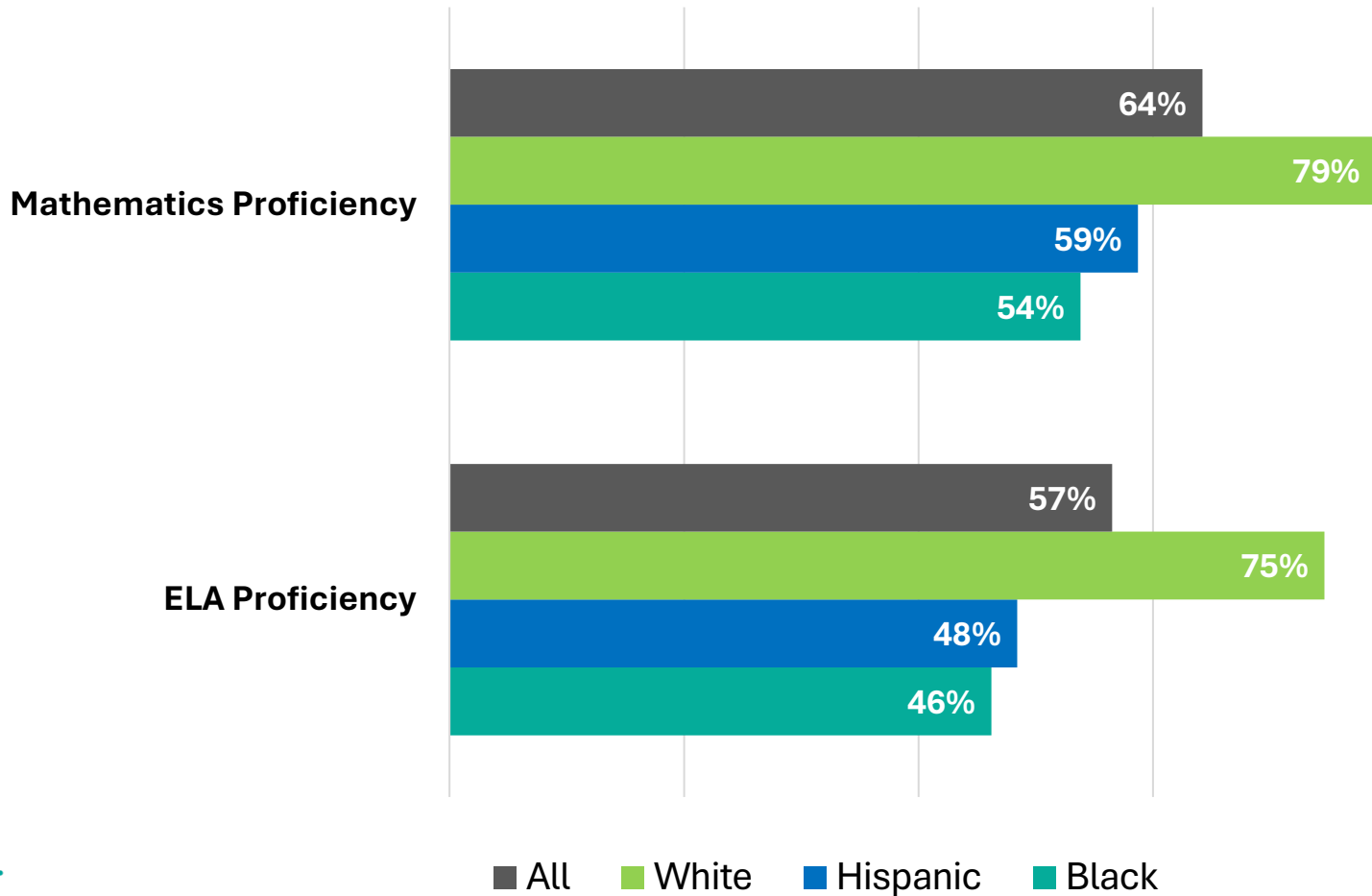
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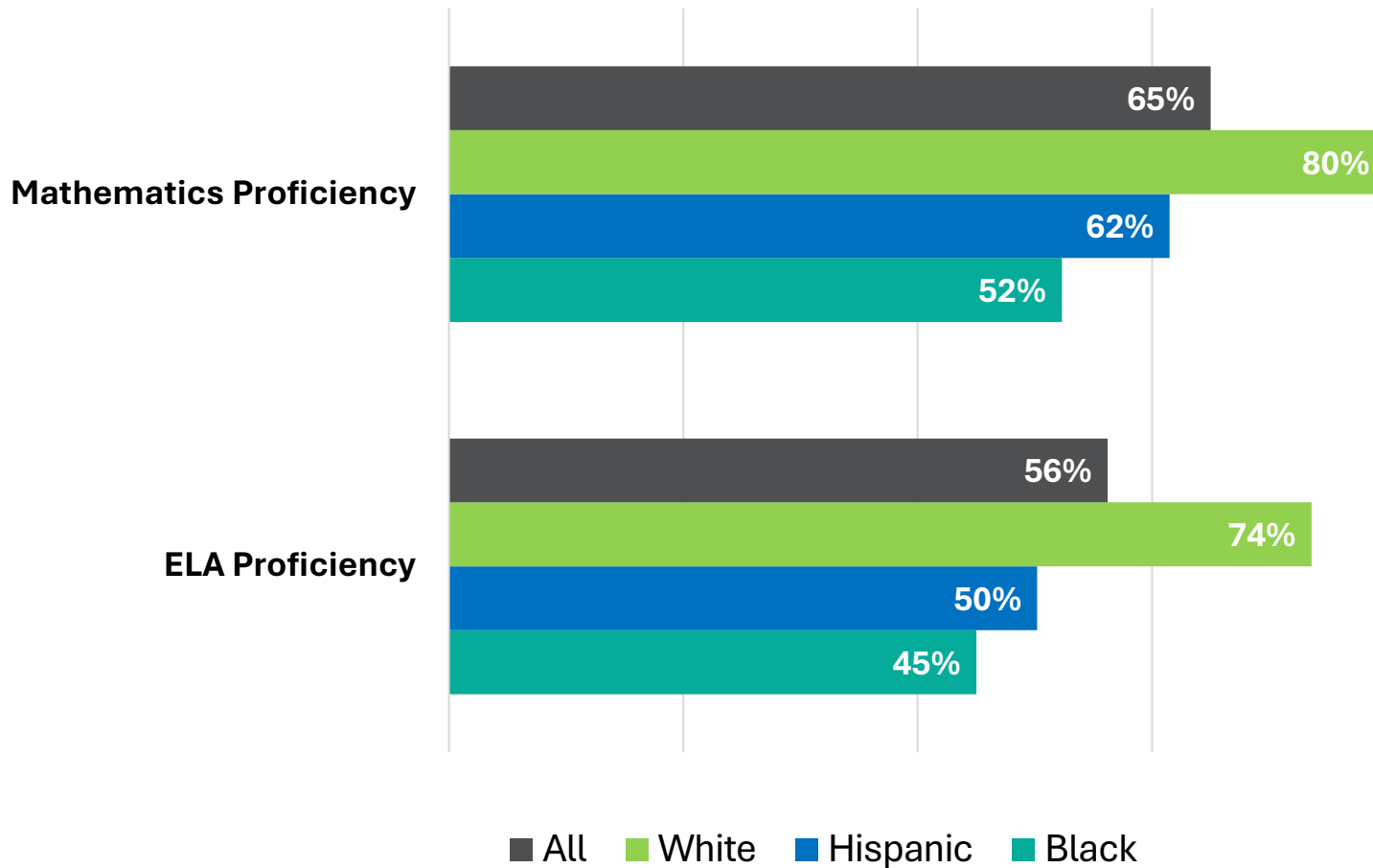
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FY2025 Level 3 and Above FAST English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in **Grade 03** by Race/Ethnicity



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FY2025 Level 3 and Above in FAST English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in **Grade 8** by Race/Ethnicity



Meeting Educational Standards

FY2019-FY2025 Palm Beach County School Absences By School Level Students Absent 11 Days or More Annually

School Level	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Elementary	27%	31%	30%	44%	43%	44%	38%
Middle	18%	16%	11%	34%	34%	36%	35%
High School	17%	17%	15%	32%	31%	34%	37%



Meeting Educational Standards

FY2025 Palm Beach County **Elementary School** Youth with Absences by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Sub-Groups	Number of students with more than 10 days absent	Number of Children Enrolled	Percent of students with more than 10 days absent
Black Female	3,999	11,887	33.6%
Hispanic Female	6,898	15,960	43.2%
White Female	4,122	11,661	35.3%
Other Female	823	2,721	30.2%
Black Male	4,481	12,347	36.3%
Hispanic Male	7,560	17,013	44.4%
White Male	4,467	12,479	35.8%
Other Male	879	2,729	32.2%
Total	33,229	86,797	38.3%



Meeting Educational Standards

FY2025 Palm Beach County **Middle School** Youth with Absences by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Sub-Groups	Number of students with more than 10 days absent	Number of Children Enrolled	Percent of students with more than 10 days absent
Black Female	1,667	6,027	27.7%
Hispanic Female	3,339	8,357	40.0%
White Female	1,916	5,754	33.3%
Other Female	381	1,445	26.4%
Black Male	1,920	6,316	30.4%
Hispanic Male	3,763	8,963	42.0%
White Male	2,210	6,143	36.0%
Other Male	429	1,523	28.2%
Total	15,625	44,528	35.1%



Meeting Educational Standards

FY2025 Palm Beach County **High School** Youth with Absences by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Sub-Groups	Number of students with more than 10 days absent	Number of Children Enrolled	Percent of students with more than 10 days absent
Black Female	3,185	8,973	35.5%
Hispanic Female	5,453	11,925	45.7%
White Female	2,871	8,553	33.6%
Other Female	626	2,008	31.2%
Black Male	3,031	9,159	33.1%
Hispanic Male	5,444	12,531	43.4%
White Male	2,741	8,795	31.2%
Other Male	604	2,047	29.5%
Total	23,955	63,991	37.4%



Meeting Educational Standards

FY2025 Palm Beach County **Elementary Youth** with Suspensions by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Sub-Groups	In-School	Out-of-School	Number of Children Enrolled	Percent of Children With In-School Suspension	Percent of Children With Out-of-School Suspension	Total Suspensions
Black Female	54	356	11,839	0.5%	3.0%	410
Hispanic Female	13	73	15,883	0.1%	0.5%	86
White Female	18	55	11,509	0.2%	0.5%	73
Other Female	8	17	2,685	0.3%	0.6%	25
Black Male	165	957	12,281	1.3%	7.8%	1,122
Hispanic Male	109	374	16,935	0.6%	2.2%	483
White Male	100	231	12,274	0.8%	1.9%	331
Other Male	20	52	2,695	0.7%	1.9%	72
Total	487	2,115	86,101	0.6%	2.5%	2,602



Meeting Educational Standards

FY2025 Palm Beach County **Middle School** Youth with Suspensions by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Sub-Groups	In-School	Out-of-School	Number of Children Enrolled	Percent of Children With In-School Suspension	Percent of Children With Out-of-School Suspension	Total Suspensions
Black Female	383	886	5,984	6.4%	14.8%	1,249
Hispanic Female	258	570	8,272	3.1%	6.9%	828
White Female	113	191	5,553	2.0%	3.4%	304
Other Female	31	53	1,428	2.2%	3.7%	84
Black Male	756	1,515	6,270	12.1%	24.2%	2,271
Hispanic Male	667	1,136	8,888	7.5%	12.8%	1,803
White Male	418	624	5,930	7.0%	10.5%	1,042
Other Male	80	125	1,483	5.4%	8.4%	205
Total	2,706	5,100	43,808	6.2%	11.6%	7,806



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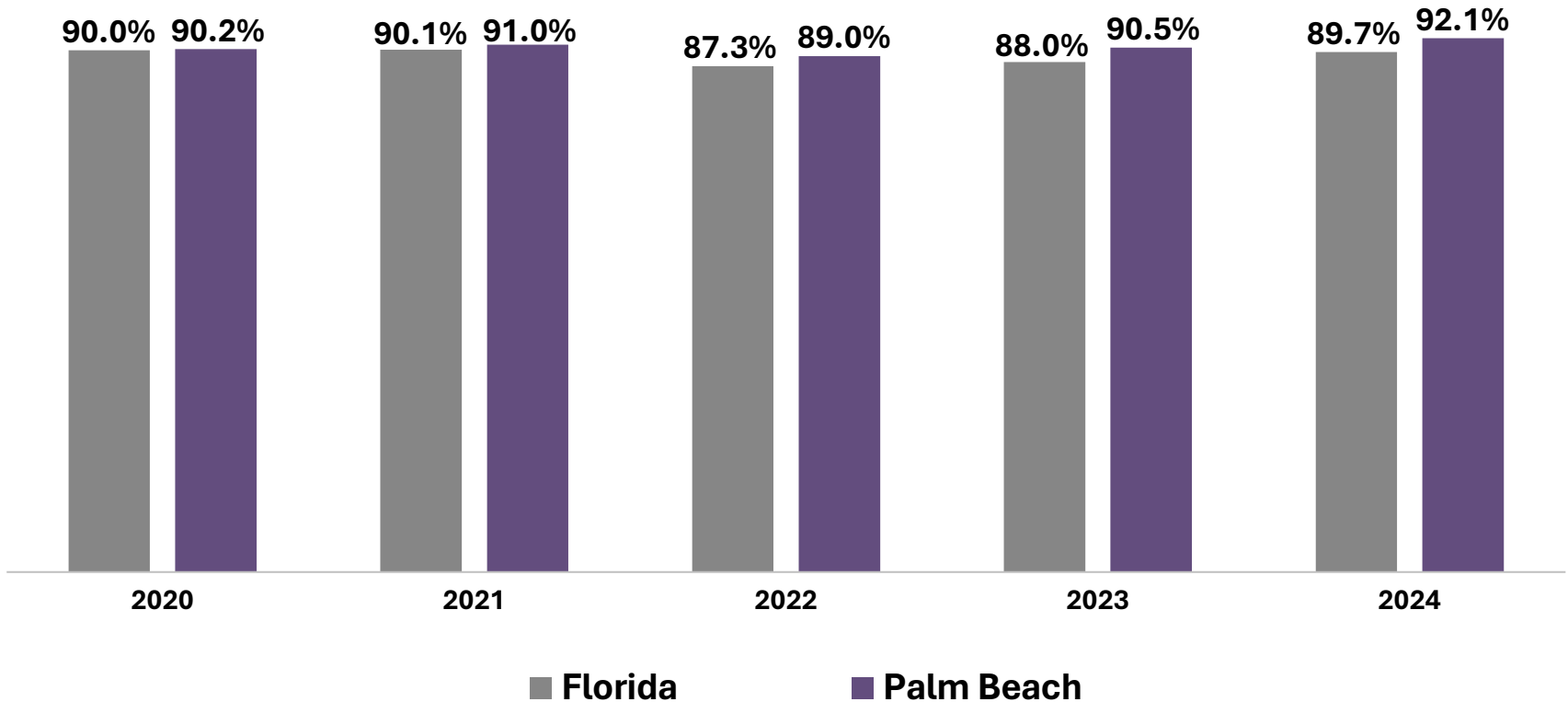
FY2025 Palm Beach County **High School** Youth with Suspensions by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Sub-Groups	In-School	Out-of-School	Number of Children Enrolled	Percent of Children With In-School Suspension	Percent of Children With Out-of-School Suspension	Total Suspensions
Black Female	444	780	8,962	4.9%	8.7%	1,224
Hispanic Female	288	395	11,872	2.4%	3.3%	683
White Female	158	224	8,377	1.9%	2.7%	382
Other Female	38	50	2,002	1.9%	2.5%	88
Black Male	699	1,227	9,082	7.7%	13.5%	1,926
Hispanic Male	504	863	12,464	4.0%	6.9%	1,367
White Male	309	455	8,595	3.6%	5.3%	764
Other Male	62	92	2,030	3.1%	4.5%	154
Total	2,505	4,086	63,384	4.0%	6.4%	6,591



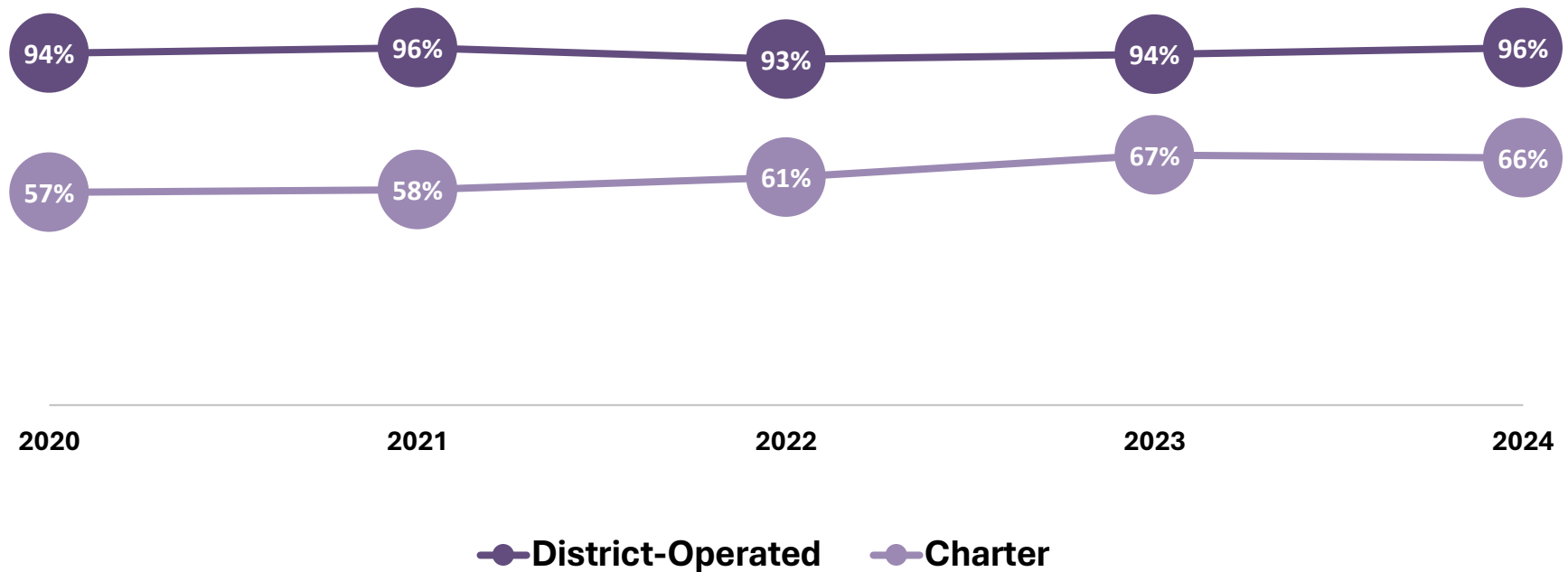
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FY2020-2024 Comparison of Palm Beach County and Florida Graduation Rates



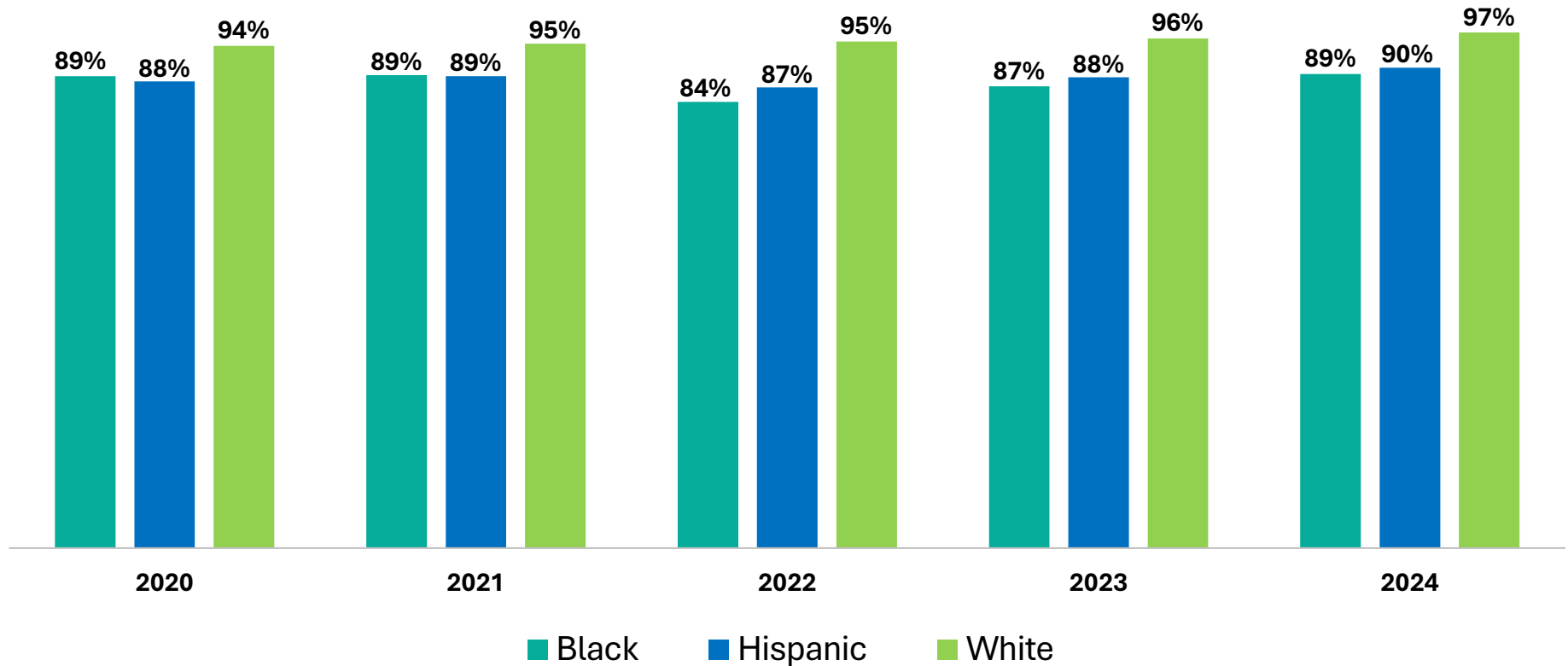
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Comparison of FY2020-FY2024 Graduation Rates Between District-Operated and Charter Schools in Palm Beach County



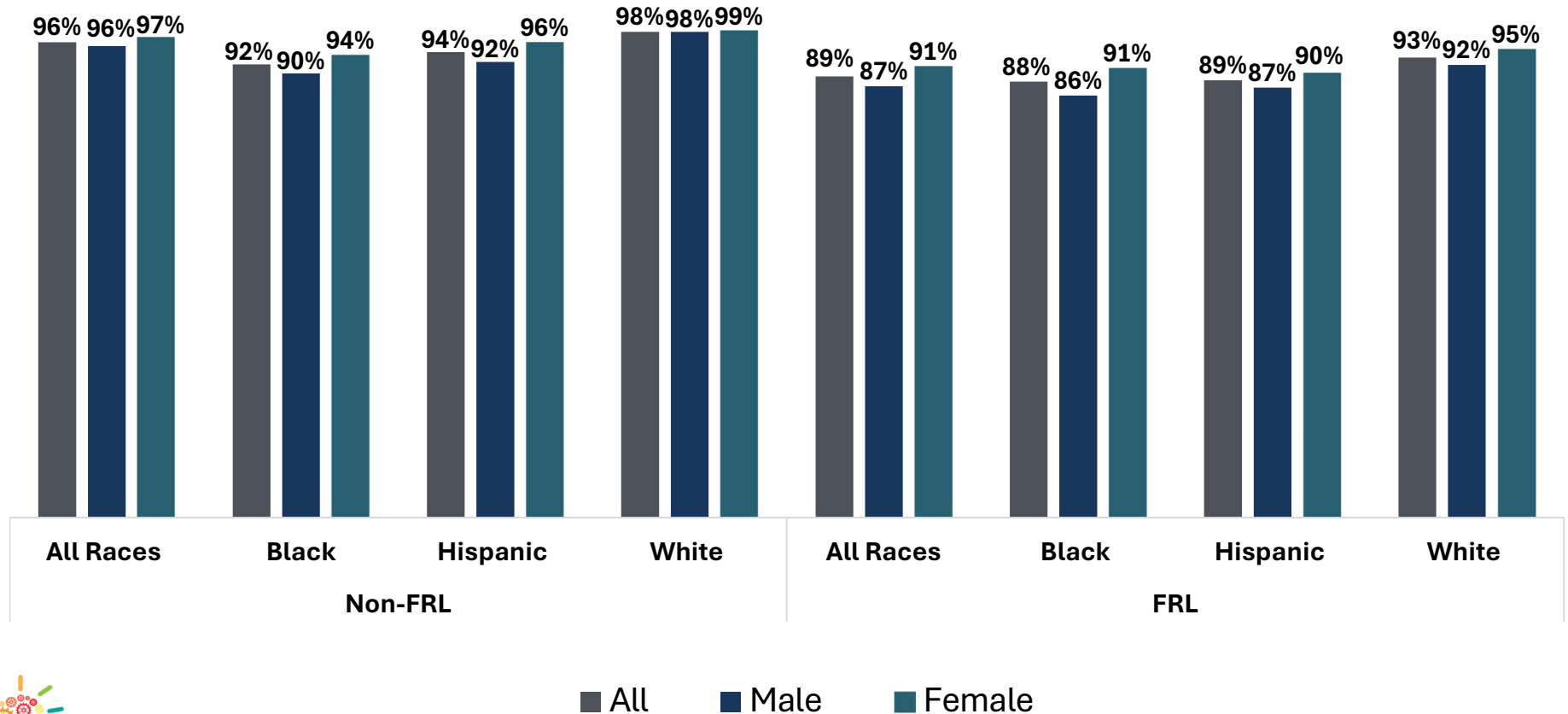
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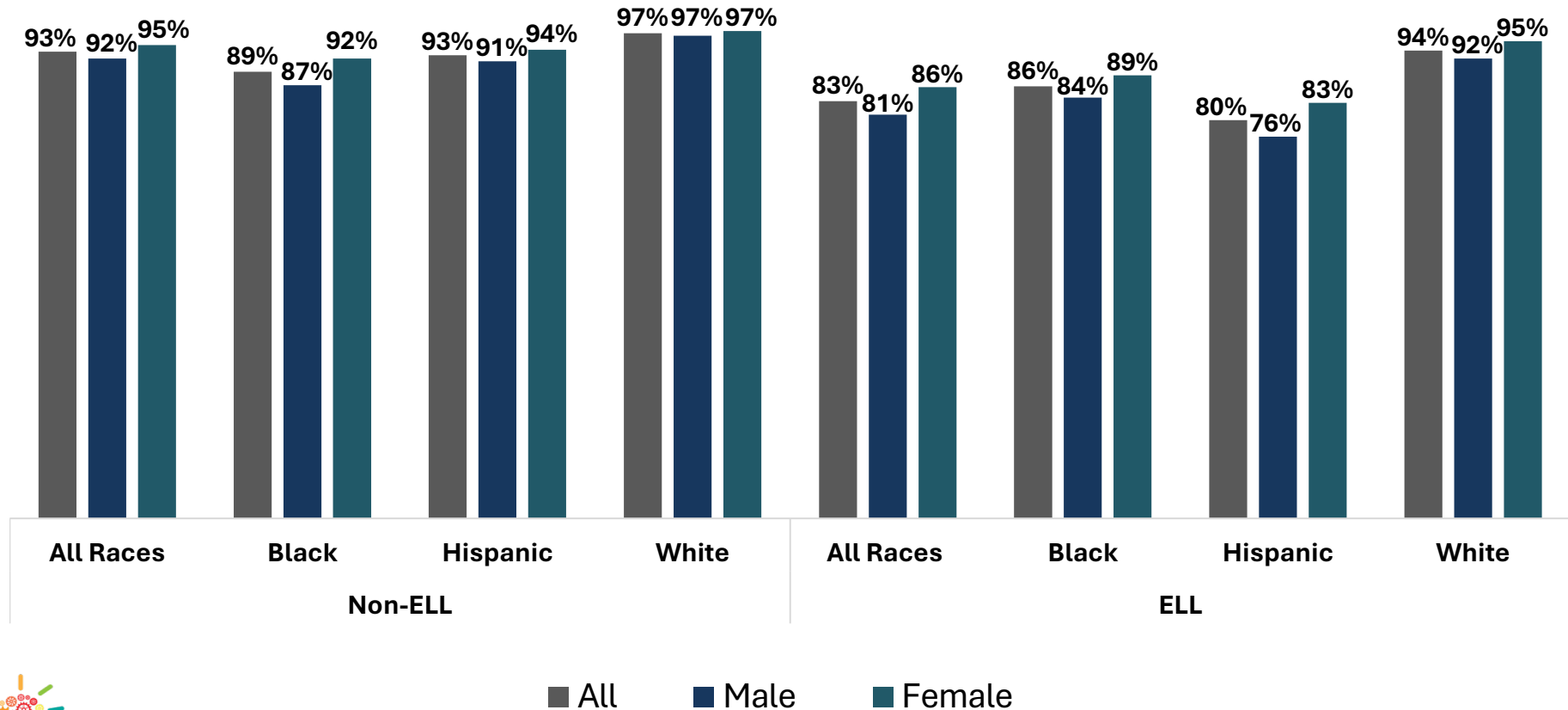
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FY2024 Palm Beach County Federal Graduation Rates by Free/Reduced Price Lunch (FRL), Race/Ethnicity and Gender



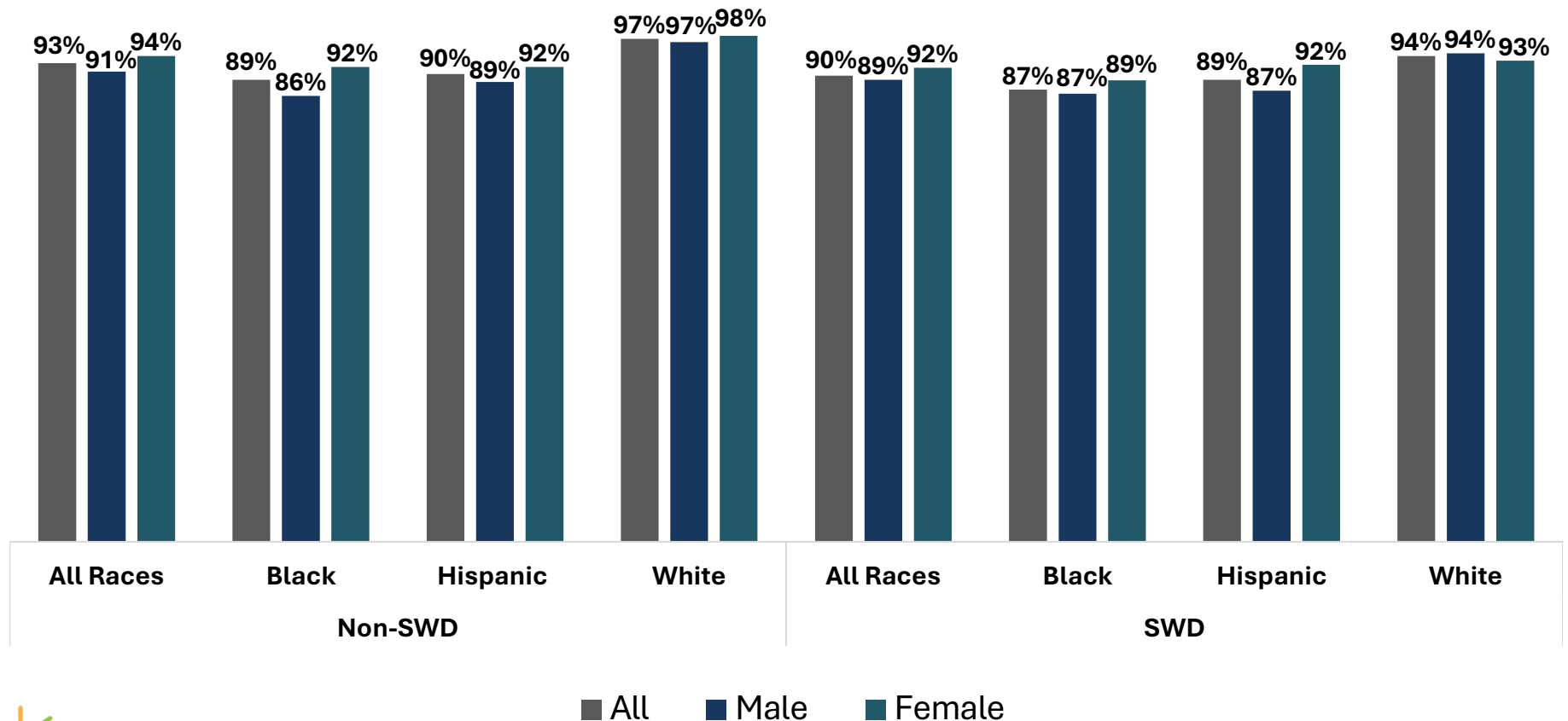
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FY2024 Palm Beach County Federal Graduation Rates by English Language Learner (ELL), Race/Ethnicity and Gender



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FY2024 Palm Beach County Federal Graduation Rates by Students With Disabilities (SWD), Race/Ethnicity and Gender



Connected and Contributing

Indicators

- Youth Participation in Extracurricular Activities, Palm Beach County versus Florida
- Youth Participating in Sports in or outside of School
- Youth Participating in School Clubs, Community Clubs, or School Band
- Student and Parent Perceptions on the Availability of a Caring Adult
- Youth Experiences with Bullying Behavior
- Youth who Experienced Verbal or Emotional Bullying
- Youth who Experienced Physical Bullying
- Youth who Experienced Cyber-Bullying
- Youth Who Felt Sad or Hopeless for Two or More Weeks
- Youth Who Felt Sad or Hopeless for Two or More Weeks by Gender, Grade Level, and Race & Ethnicity
- Youth who Purposely Hurt Themselves
- Youth who Purposely Hurt Themselves by Gender, Grade Level, and Race & Ethnicity
- Youth Hospitalizations for Self-Inflicted Injuries
- Suicides in Youth and Young Adults



Connected and Contributing

Youth Participation in Extracurricular Activities, 2024 Palm Beach County compared to Florida Overall

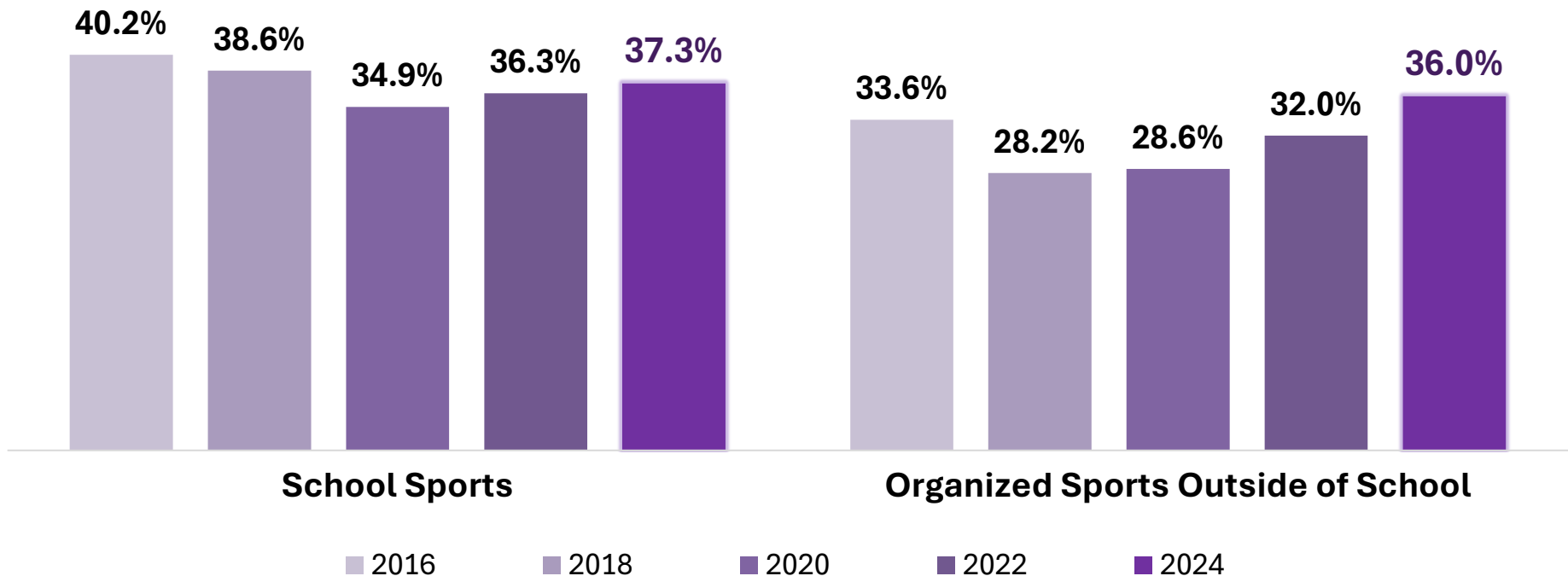
Percent Reporting	Palm Beach County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
School Sports	34.7	39.2	36.1	38.7	35.2	40.7	37.3	38.2	38.2	35.6	40.9	38.4	38.4	38.2
Organized Sports Outside of School	45.0	29.6	30.0	41.9	43.9	29.8	36.0	43.6	25.7	29.5	37.0	42.0	25.9	33.3
School Band	16.4	6.3	10.0	11.0	15.0	6.4	10.5	16.7	8.1	11.7	11.7	15.8	8.1	11.7
School Club(s)	23.8	45.4	46.2	27.0	24.6	45.7	36.4	22.3	33.2	35.8	21.6	23.1	32.8	28.6
Community Club(s)	9.9	17.1	16.8	11.5	9.8	17.3	14.1	9.1	12.8	13.6	9.0	9.1	12.6	11.2



Source: Data from the 2024 Florida Substance Abuse Survey Report (page 23) accessed September 2025.
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Connected and Contributing

Middle and High School Students Participating in
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Palm Beach County, 2016-2024



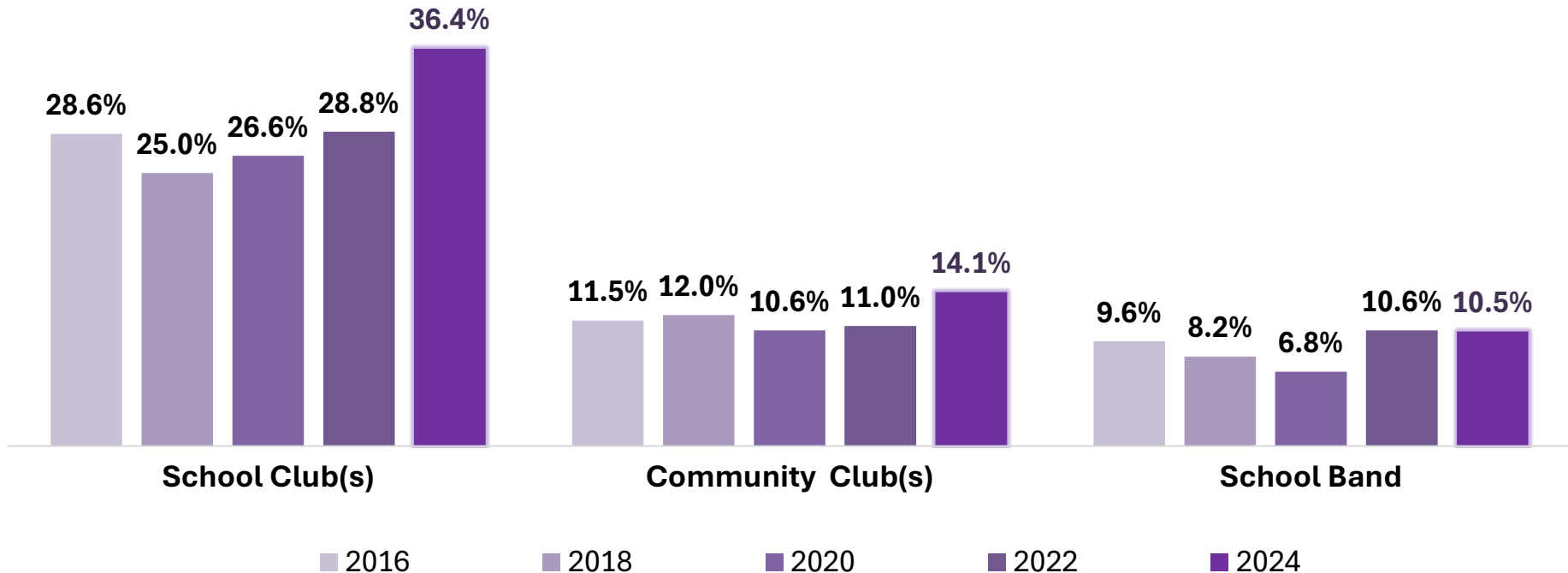
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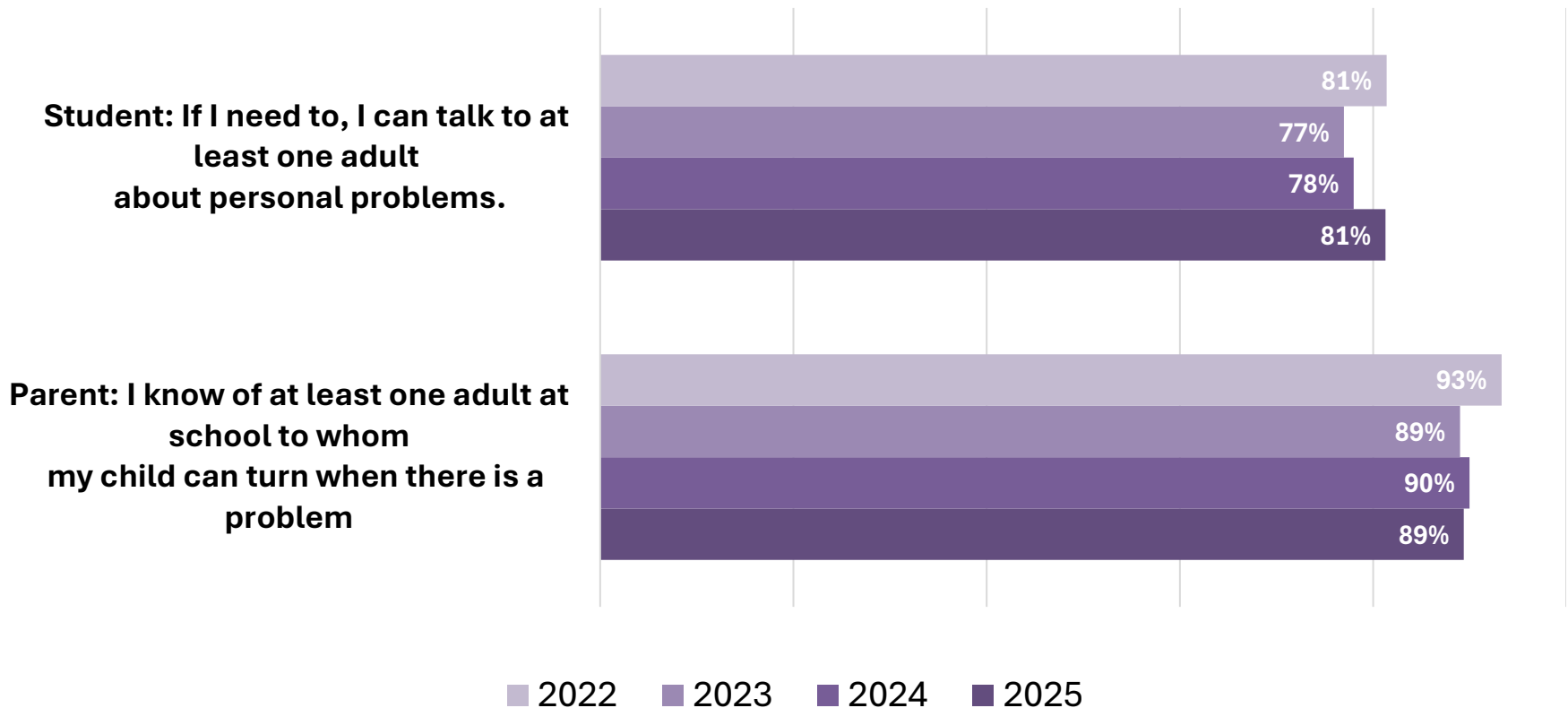
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Connected and Contributing

Student and Parent Perceptions of Availability of a Caring Adult Palm Beach County, FY2022 – FY2025



Connected and Contributing

Youth Experiences with Bullying Behavior, 2024 Palm Beach County compared to Florida Overall

Percent Reporting	Palm Beach County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Skipped school because of bullying	5.9	7.2	9.2	4.2	6.1	7.5	6.7	10.0	8.6	13.7	4.7	9.6	8.9	9.2
Was ever hit, kicked or shoved	46.5	26.2	35.0	34.2	44.5	26.5	34.6	46.6	27.4	36.6	34.3	45.0	27.6	35.5
Was ever taunted, teased, excluded	62.6	47.9	59.0	49.1	61.1	48.4	54.0	67.9	51.7	64.0	53.2	66.7	51.9	58.5
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	27.0	26.1	32.3	20.8	26.4	27.1	26.5	29.6	28.6	36.7	21.6	29.4	29.0	29.0
Ever physically bullied others	22.6	10.0	12.5	17.8	21.1	10.4	15.2	24.1	12.6	15.9	18.9	22.9	13.2	17.5
Ever verbally bullied others	34.7	21.8	27.2	27.1	33.2	22.2	27.1	37.4	26.2	30.0	31.8	36.3	26.7	30.9
Ever cyber bullied others	13.4	12.4	13.4	12.3	13.6	13.0	12.8	14.6	12.5	14.6	12.2	14.4	12.8	13.4

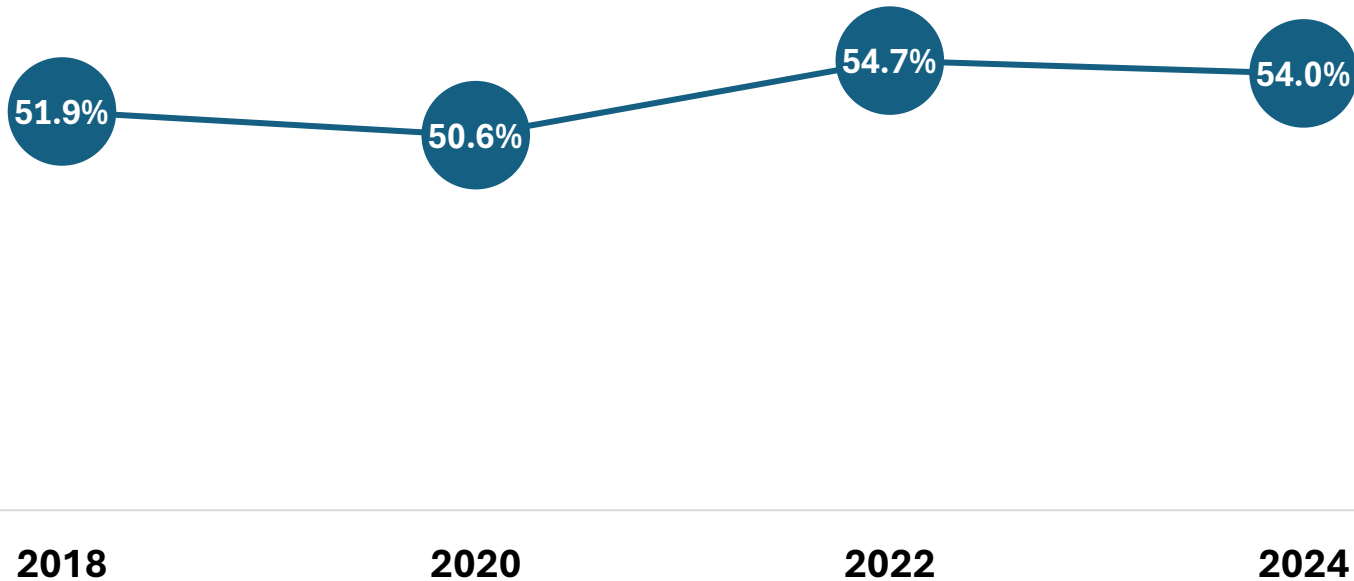


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Connected and Contributing

In 2024, **54%** of **Middle** and **High** schoolers report having been **Taunted, Teased, Experienced Name-Calling** or Been **Excluded** or **Ignored** in a **Mean Way** in Palm Beach County.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Verbally or Emotionally Bullied in Palm Beach County, 2018-2024



Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS), 2018-2024

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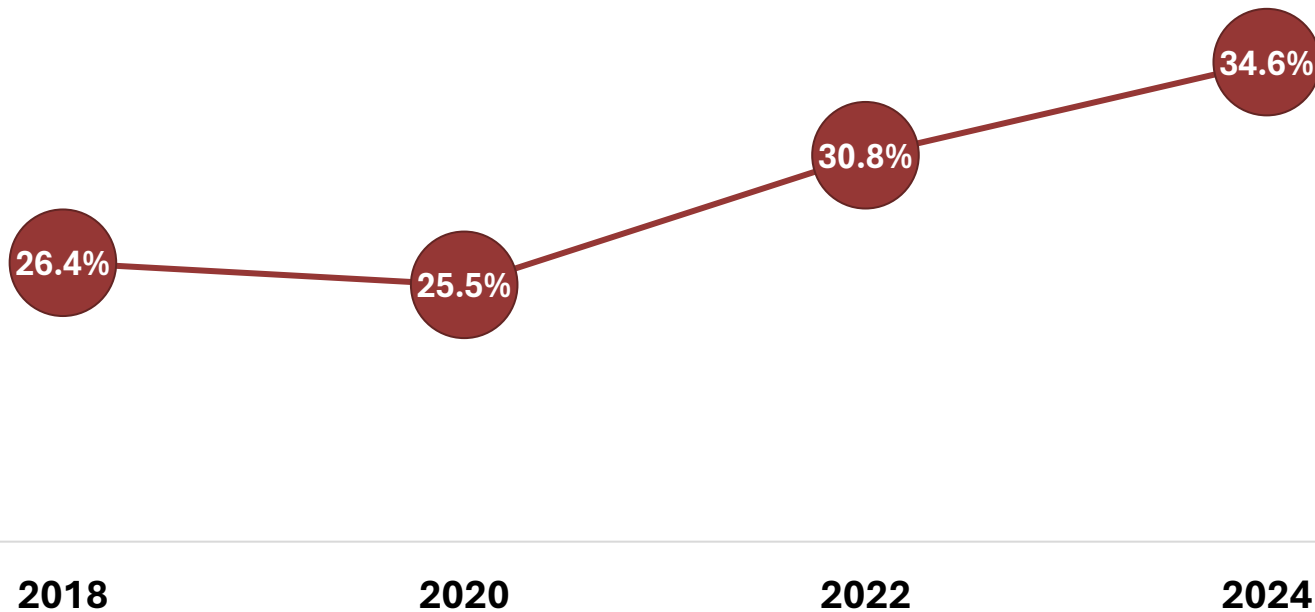
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Connected and Contributing

In 2024, **35%** of **Middle** and **High** schoolers report having someone **Hit, Kick, Shove, Cause Physical Harm/Injury** or **Taken** their **Money** or **Belongings** in Palm Beach County.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Physically Bullied in Palm Beach County, 2018-2024



Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS), 2018-2024

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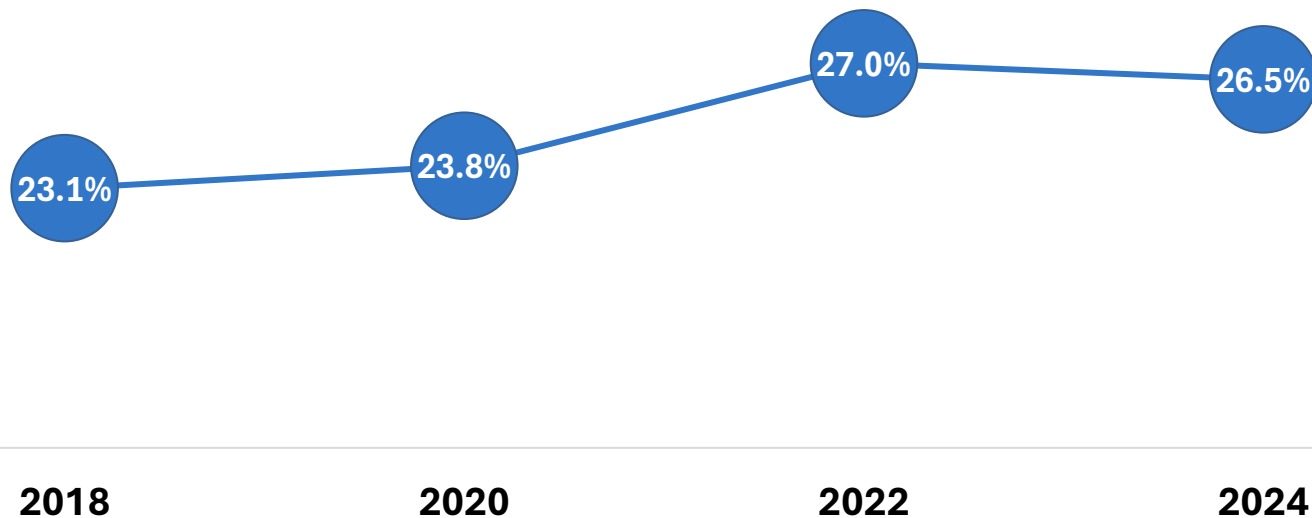
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Connected and Contributing

In 2024, **27%** of **Middle** and **High schoolers** report having been the Victim of **Cyber-Bullying** in Palm Beach County.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Who Have Ever Been Cyber-Bullied in Palm Beach County, 2018-2024



Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS), 2018-2024

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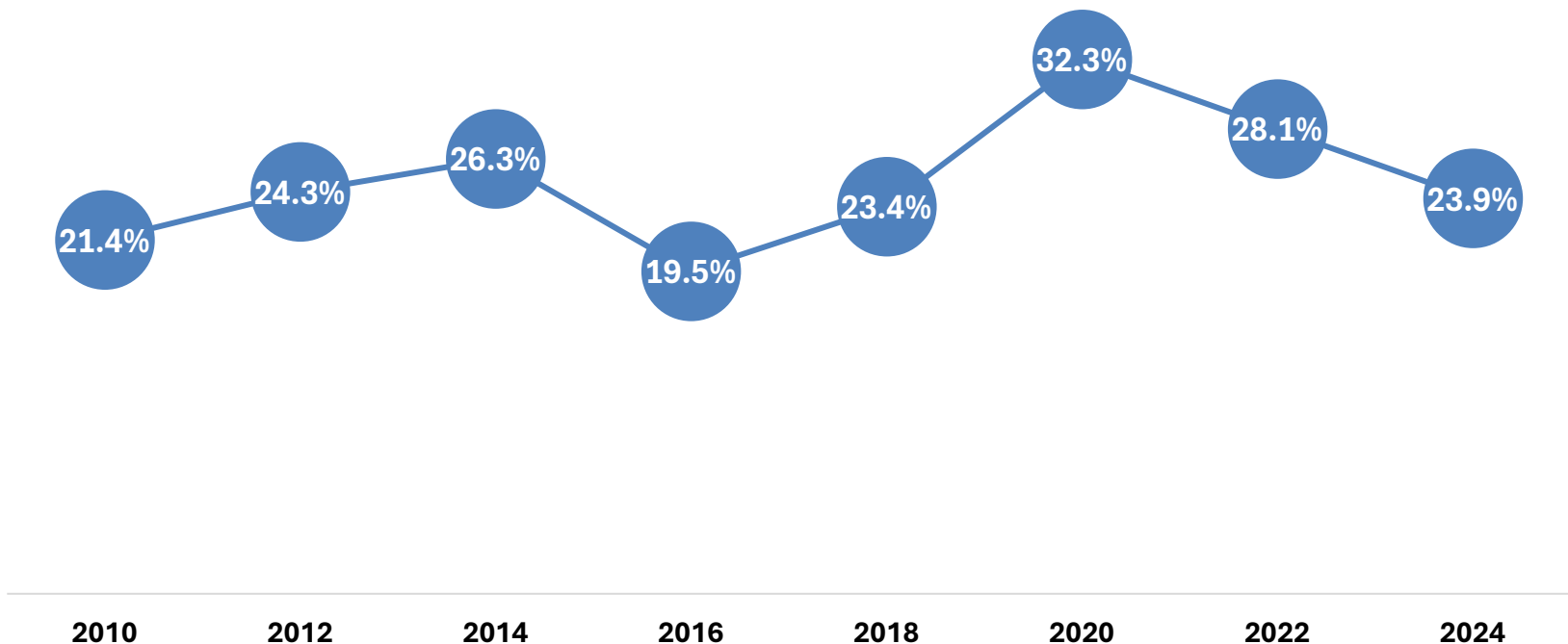
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Connected and Contributing

In 2024, **24%** of **middle** and **high schoolers** who felt **sad** or **hopeless** for **two** or **more weeks** in a row and stopped doing usual activities in the past year in Palm Beach County.

Percent of Middle and High School Students Sad or Hopeless for Two or More Weeks in Palm Beach County, 2010-2024



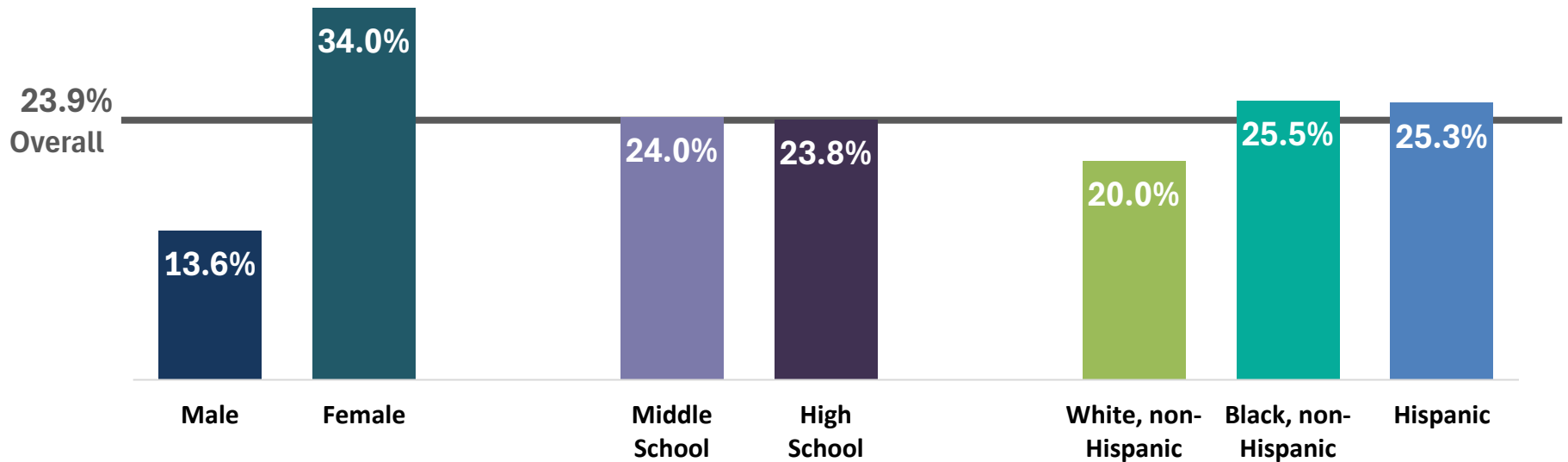
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Note: In Florida, the FYTS data is collected at the county level every other year. FYTS is a survey, and all estimates of prevalence are subject to random sample errors.

Connected and Contributing

Percent of **Middle** and **High School** Students Who Felt **Sad or Hopeless** for **Two or More Weeks** in Palm Beach County by Gender, Grade, and Race/Ethnicity in 2024



Source: Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS), 2024

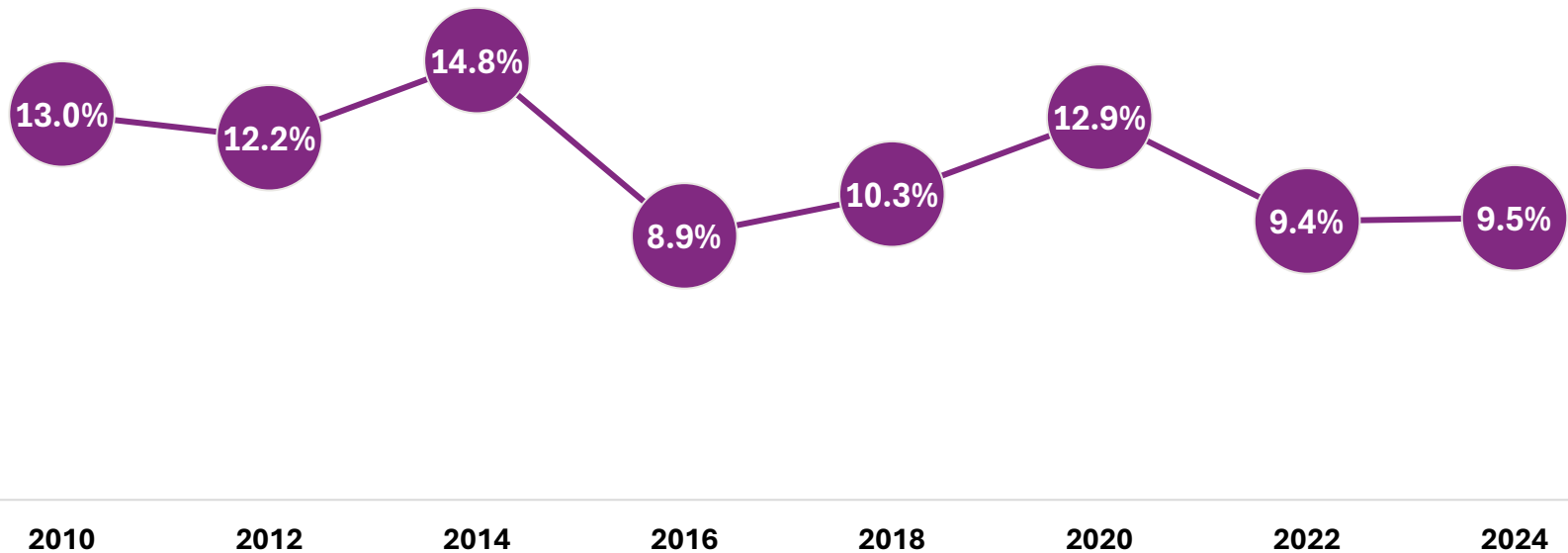
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Connected and Contributing

In 2024, **9.5%** of **middle** and **high schoolers** did something to **purposely hurt themselves without wanting to die** in the past year in Palm Beach County.

Percent of Middle and High School Students who Purposely Hurt Themselves in Palm Beach County, 2010-2024



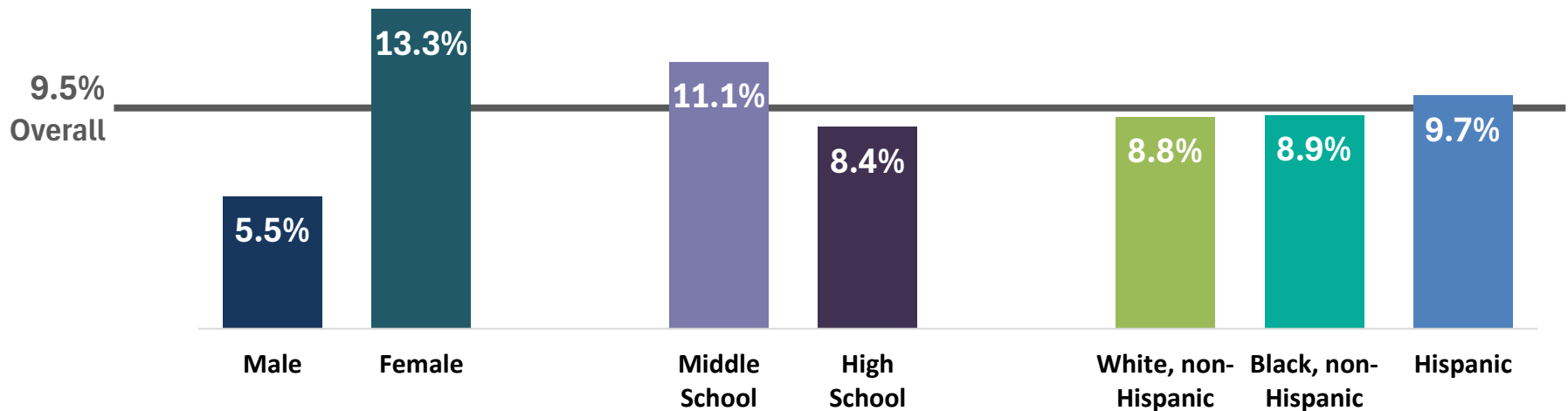
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Connected and Contributing

Percent of **Middle** and **High School** Students Who **Purposely Hurt Themselves** Without Wanting to Die in Palm Beach County by Gender, Grade, and Race/Ethnicity in 2024



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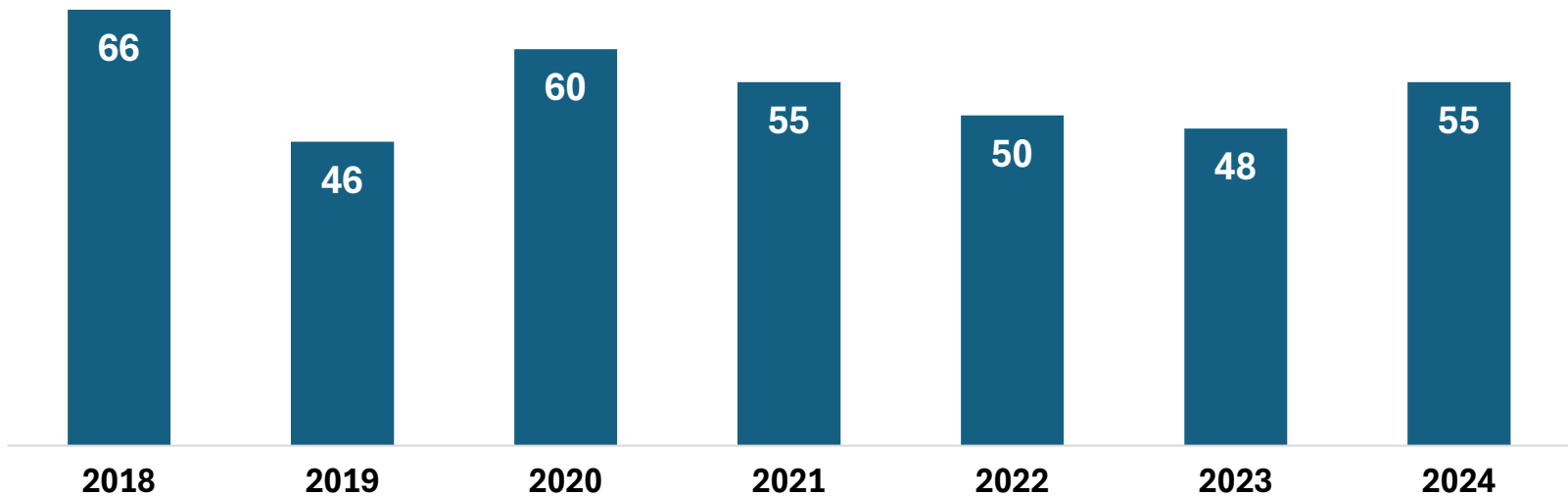
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Connected and Contributing

In 2024, there were **55** hospitalizations resulting from non-fatal self-harm injuries in children ages 12-18 years. The rate per 100,000 of **hospitalizations** from **non-fatal self-harm injuries** among **children age 12-18 years** in Palm Beach County was **43.9** compared to Florida at **61.2**.

Number of **Hospitalizations** due to **Self-Inflicted Injuries** among Children ages 12-18yrs in Palm Beach County, 2018-2024



Data Source: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA); Retrieved from Florida Charts.

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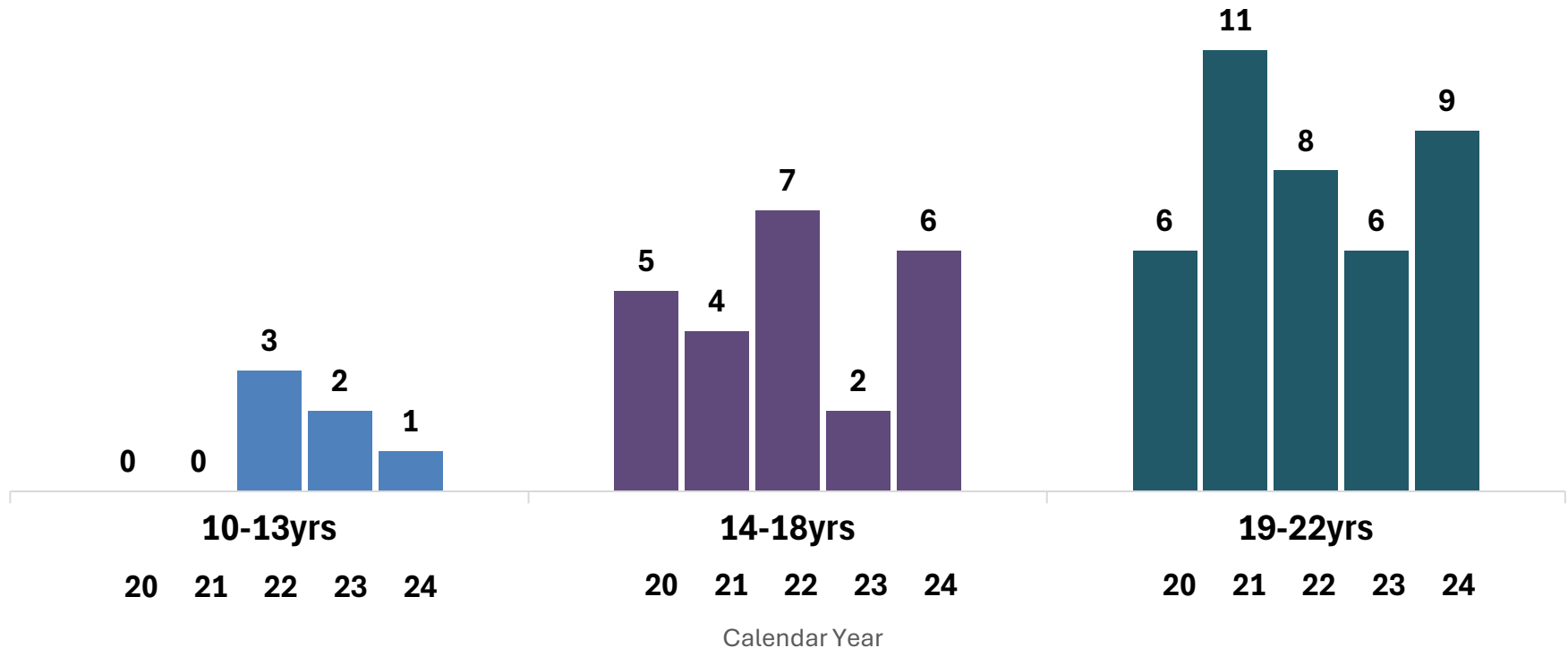
Notes: Data are based on county of residence.



Connected and Contributing

In 2024, there were **16 suicide deaths** of individuals **0–22-years-old** in Palm Beach County. Suicide is classified as a death caused by injuring oneself with intent to die.

Number of **Suicide Deaths** in Palm Beach County **by Age Group**, 2020-2024



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics
https://www.flhealthcharts.gov/FLQUERY_New/Death/Count
Note: 2024 data was marked provisional when accessed on 9/25/2025

Prosocial Behavior

Indicators

- Youth Protective Factor Prevalence Rates in Palm Beach County compared to Florida and National Norms
- Youth Protective Factor Prevalence among Middle Schoolers
- Youth Protective Factor Prevalence among High Schoolers
- Middle and High Schoolers Who Carried a Handgun in the Past Year
- Middle and High Schoolers Who Carried a Handgun in the Past Year by Gender and Grade Level
- Youth Arrested in Palm Beach County
- Age of Youth at Time of Arrest
- Race and Ethnicity of Youth Arrested
- Gender of Youth Arrested
- Top 10 Zip Code Areas for Youth Arrests
- Top 5 Zip Codes for Youth Arrests, 2017-18 through 2023-24
- Youth Arrests by Offense Category
- Youth Transferred to Adult Court by Race and Ethnicity



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Youth Protective Factor Prevalence Rates for Palm Beach County compared to Florida Statewide and National Norms, 2024

Domain	Scale	Palm Beach County		Florida Statewide		National Norms	
		Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	55	60	55	58	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	50	56	49	52	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	49	68	49	62	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	46	59	45	57	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	41	56	43	54	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		48	60	48	57	53	58



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families; 2024 Florida Substance Abuse Survey

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/sites/default/files/2025-06/2024%20Palm%20Beach%20County%20Tables.pdf> (page 26)

Note: Because risk is with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have proactive factors scale scores with high values.

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Youth **Protective Factor Prevalence** Rates Among Middle Schoolers in Palm Beach County, 2014-2024

		Palm Beach County					
Domain	Scale	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	60	64	58	56	61	55
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	57	60	51	52	52	50
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	52	60	62	55	58	49
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	48	51	47	39	50	46
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	47	49	43	40	36	41
Average Prevalence Rate		53	57	52	48	51	48



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families; 2024 Florida Substance Abuse Survey

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Youth **Protective Factor Prevalence** Rates Among High Schoolers in Palm Beach County, 2014-2024

		Palm Beach County					
Domain	Scale	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	56	57	59	61	55	60
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	54	55	53	56	51	56
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	58	65	68	59	65	68
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	57	60	55	52	59	59
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	58	57	59	50	55	56
Average Prevalence Rate		57	59	59	56	57	60



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families; 2024 Florida Substance Abuse Survey

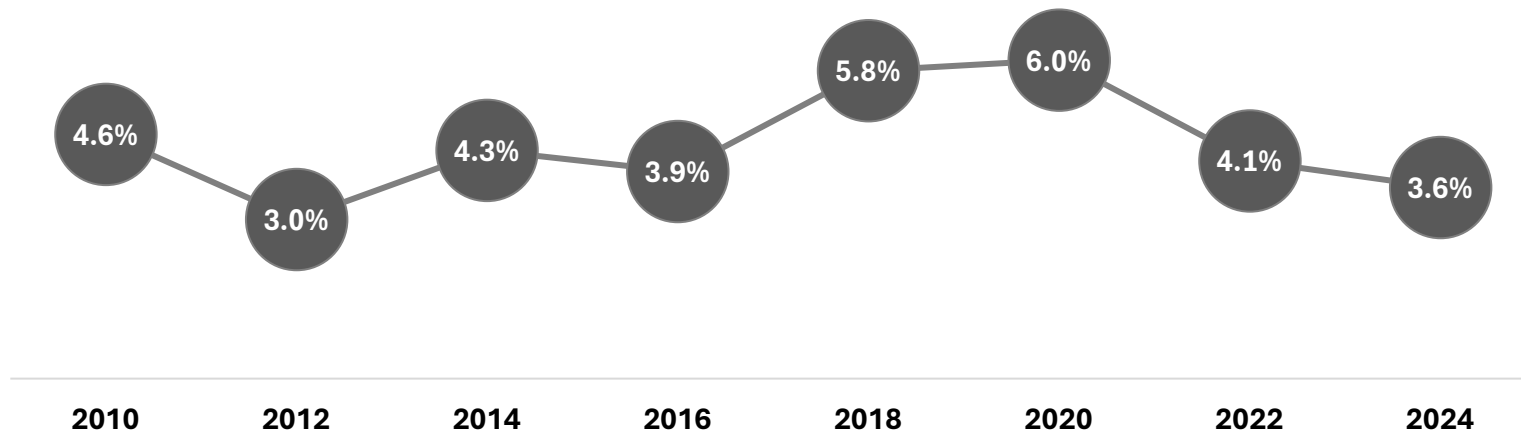
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Note: Because risk is with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have proactive factors scale scores with high values.

Prosocial Behavior

In 2024, **3.6%** of **middle** and **high schoolers** have **carried a handgun** in the past year. Possession of firearm by minors under 18 is prohibited though with some exceptions under Florida law, such as when they are engaged in lawful activities like hunting or shooting sports with adult supervision, or if the firearm is unloaded at home.

Percent of Middle and High Schoolers Who Carried a Handgun in the Past 12 Months, 2010-2024



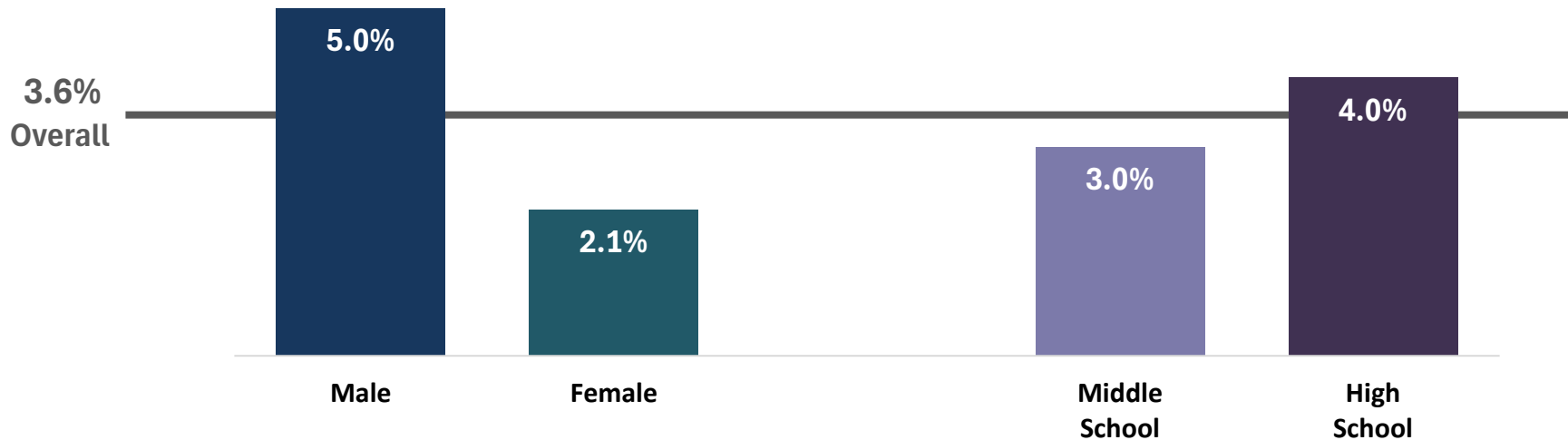
Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS), 2010-2024

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Reference: Florida Statutes 790.22 Weapons and Firearms. <https://www.flsenate.gov/laws/statutes/2018/790.22>

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Percent of **Middle** and **High Schoolers** Who **Carried a Gun** in the **Past 12 Months** by Gender and Grade Level, 2024



Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS), 2024

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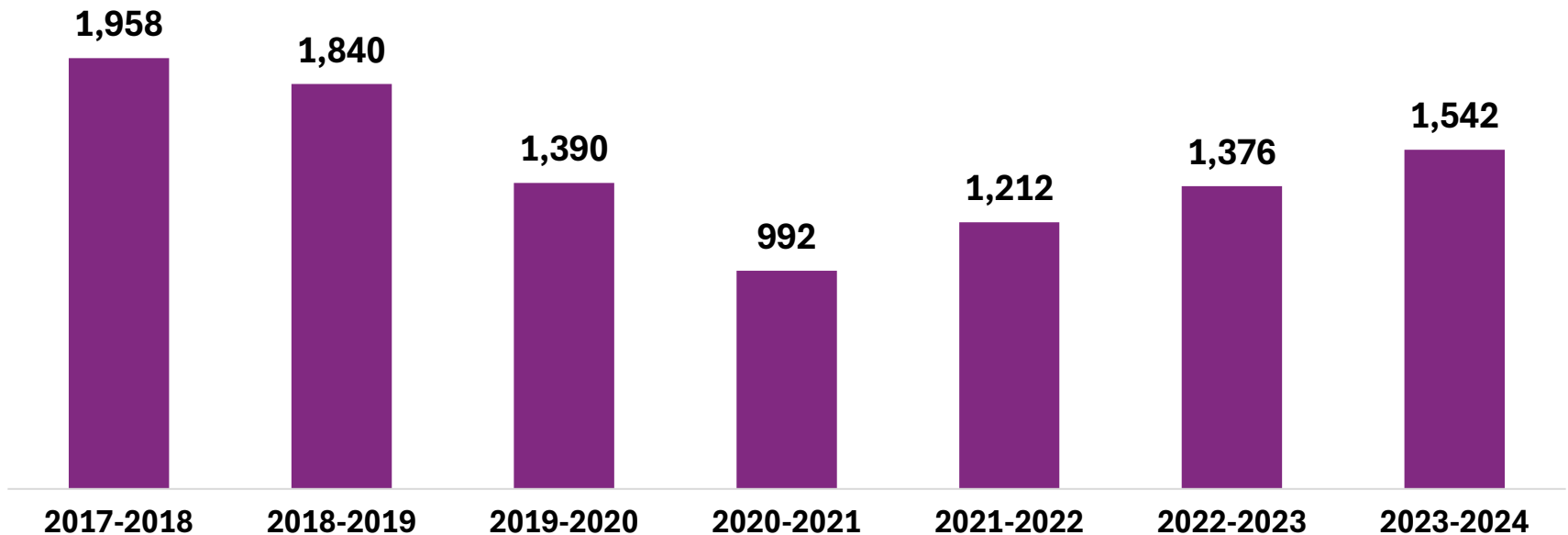
Note: The FYSAS does not provide for county-level breakdown of percentages by race and ethnicity.



Prosocial Behavior

In 2023-24, **1,542** Palm Beach County **youth** were **taken into custody by law enforcement** based on probable cause and charged with a law violation.

Number of **Youth Arrested** in Palm Beach County, 2017-18 to 2023-24



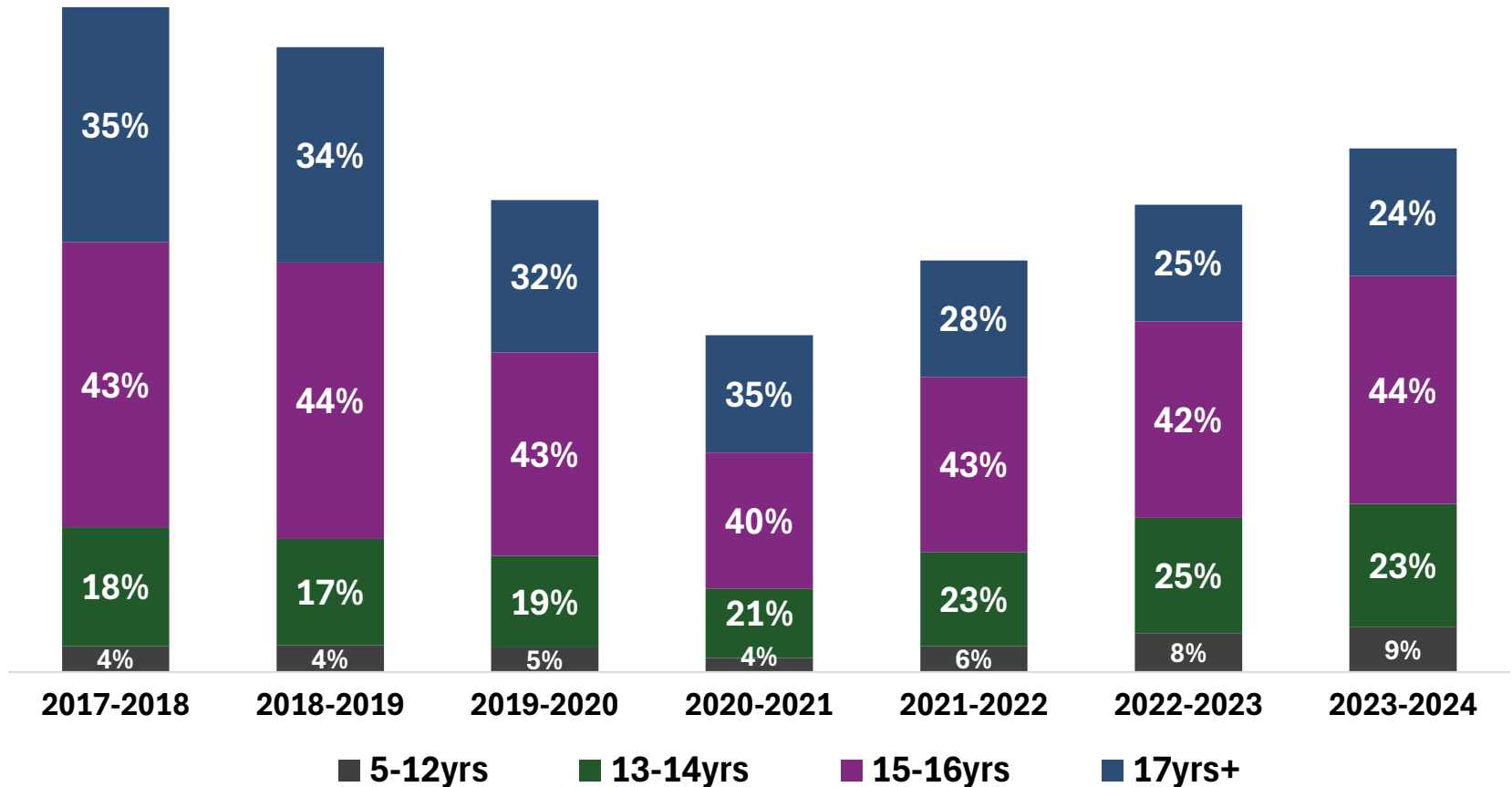
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Age of Youth at Time of Arrest, Palm Beach County Youth Arrests,
FY2017-18 to FY2023-24

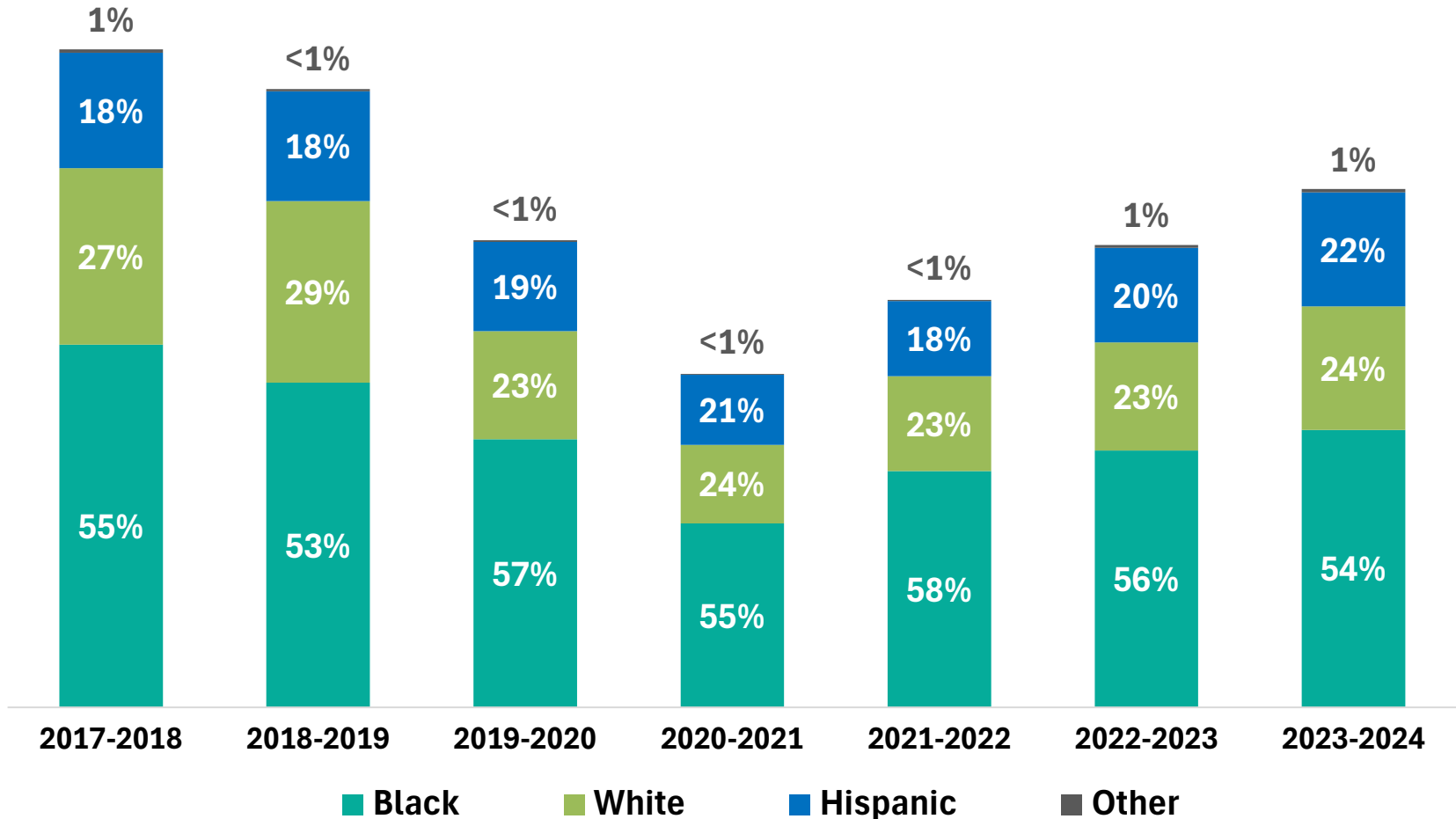


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Race and Ethnicity of Youth Arrested, Palm Beach County Youth Arrests, FY2017-18 to FY2023-24

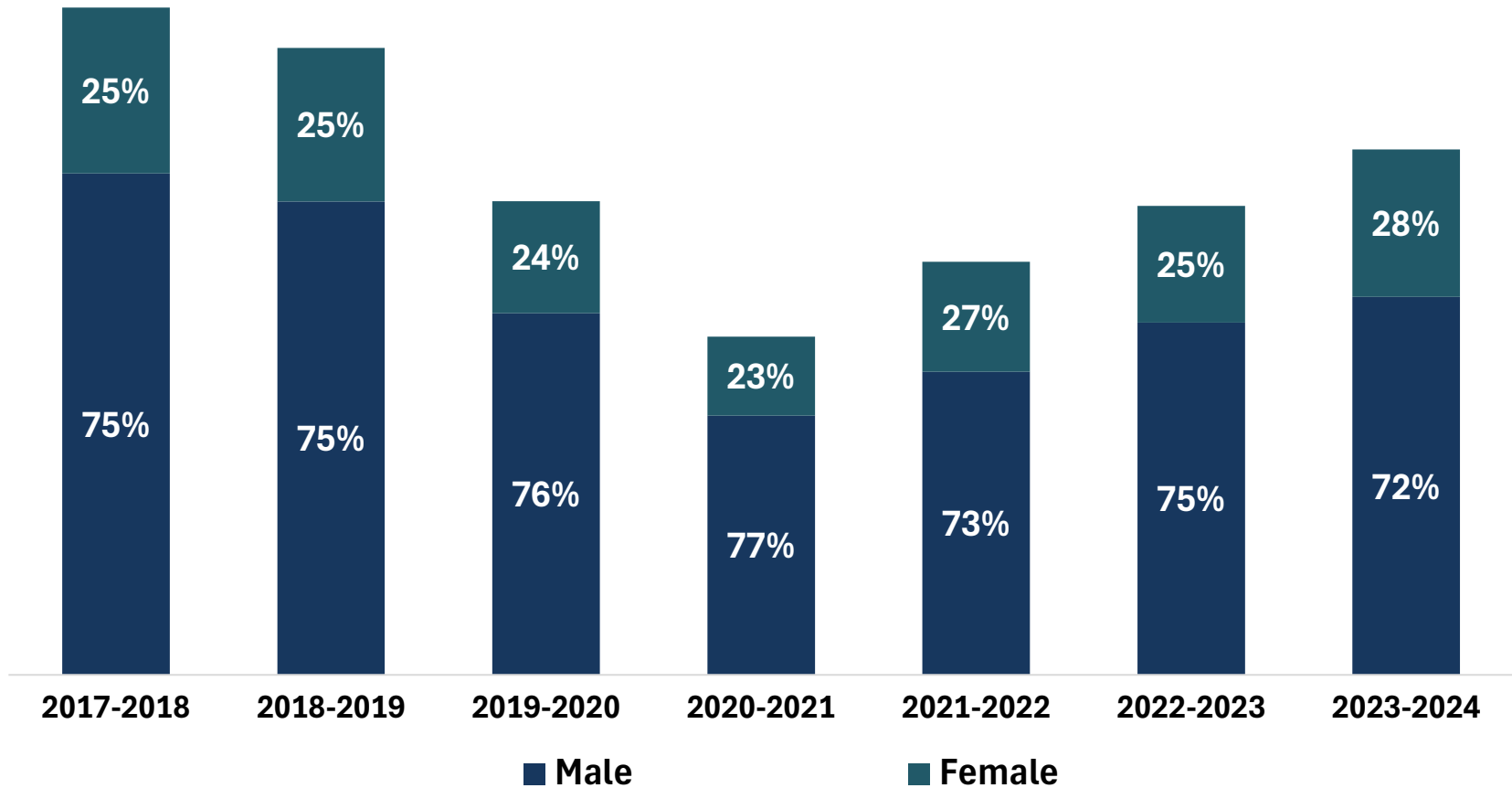


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Gender of Youth Arrested, Palm Beach County Youth Arrests,
FY2017-18 to FY2023-24



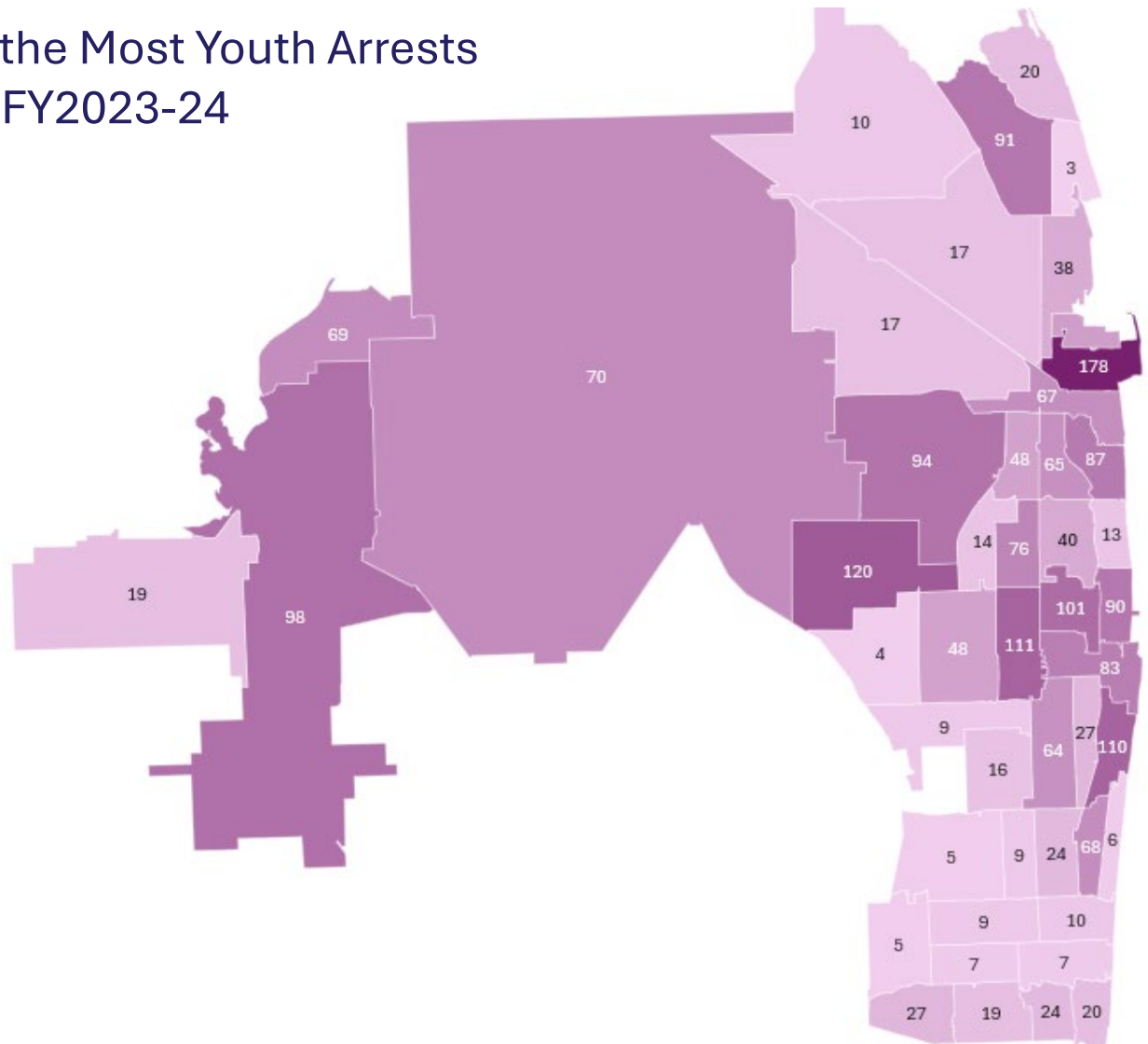
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Prosocial Behavior

Top 10 ZIP Codes with the Most Youth Arrests in Palm Beach County FY2023-24

ZIP Code	Total Arrests
33404	178
33414	120
33463	111
33435	110
33461	101
33430	98
33411	94
33458	91
33460	90
33401	87



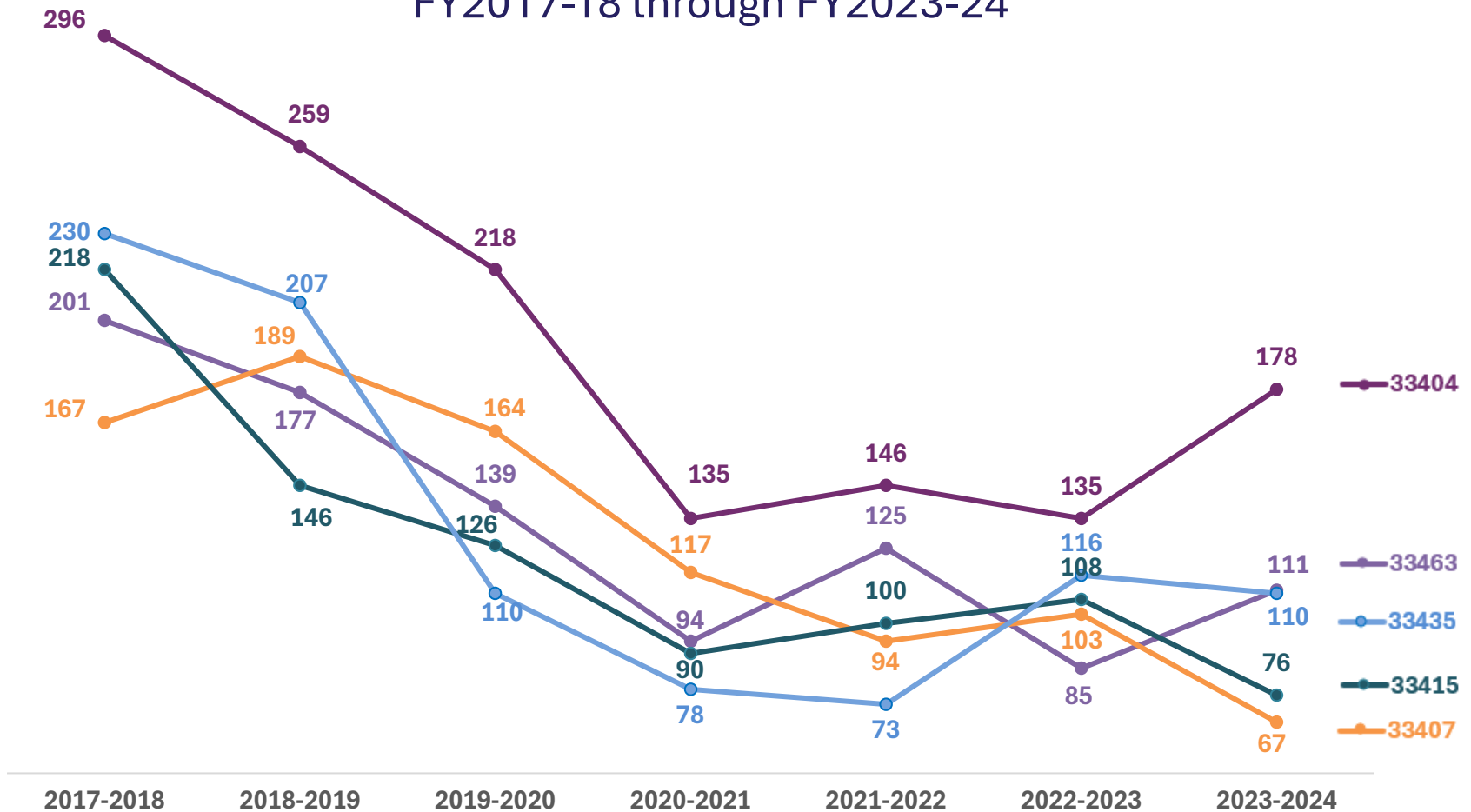
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Note: Youth arrested under the care of DCF are omitted because the associated ZIP code will reflect the address of the local DCF office. Counts are based on the youth's residence, not where the arrest occurred.

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Top 5 Zip Codes for Palm Beach County Youth Arrests
FY2017-18 through FY2023-24



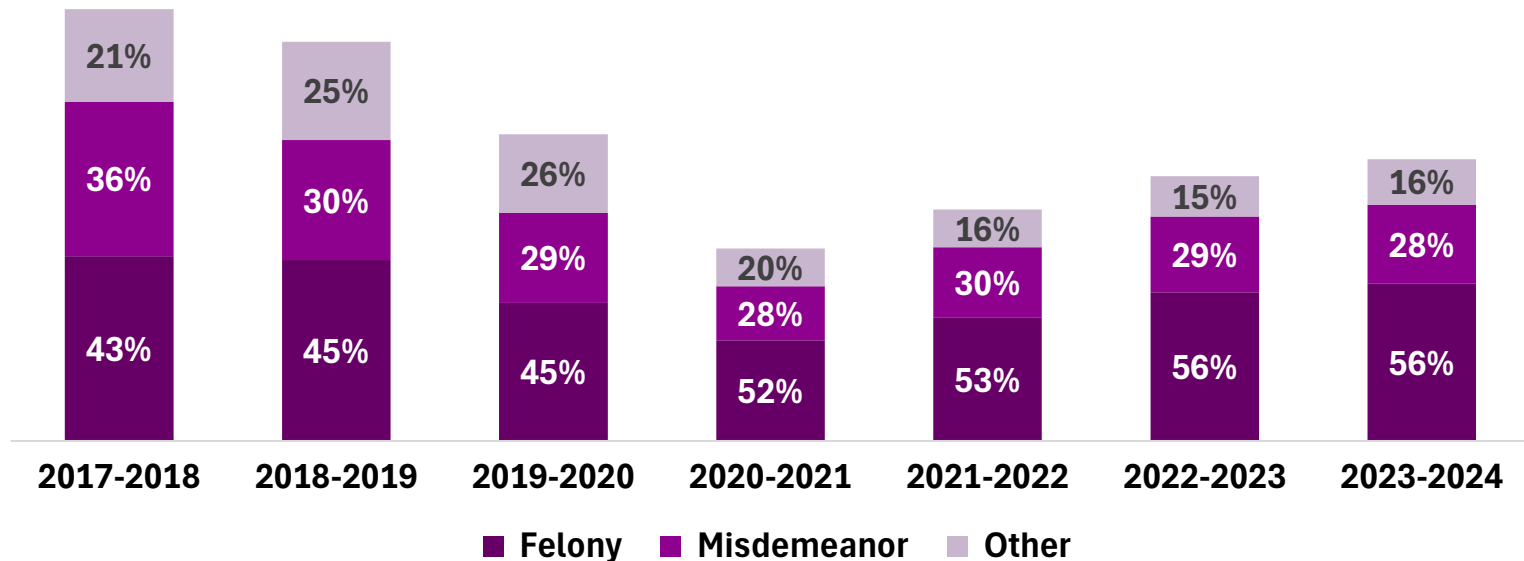
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Palm Beach County Youth Arrests by Offense Category FY2017-18 through FY2023-24



Offense Category	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Felony	1,591	1,559	1,191	868	1,066	1,281	1,354
Misdemeanor	1,333	1,033	773	466	604	652	681
Other	797	849	680	324	325	350	394
Total	3,721	3,441	2,644	1,658	1,995	2,283	2,429

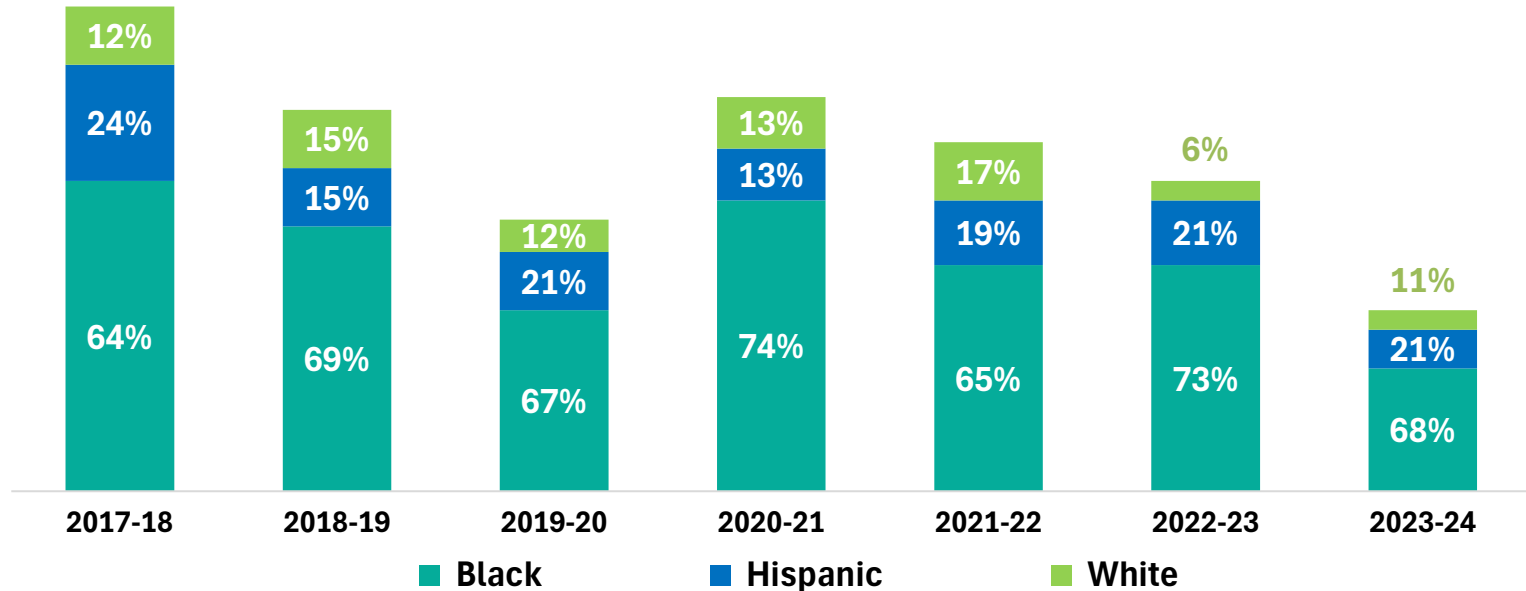
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Palm Beach County Youth Transferred to Adult Court FY2017-18 through FY2023-24



Race & Ethnicity	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Black	48	41	28	45	35	35	19
Hispanic	18	9	9	8	10	10	6
White	9	9	5	8	9	3	3
Total	75	59	42	61	54	48	28

Data Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Delinquency Profile 2024, Accessed September 2025.

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Career Ready

Indicators

- Youth Served by CareerSource Palm Beach County by Gender and Closure Reason
- Palm Beach County Youth Served by CareerSource Palm Beach County by Age
- Palm Beach County Youth Served by CareerSource Palm Beach County by Race
- Palm Beach County Youth Served by CareerSource Palm Beach County by Selected Zip Code Areas
- Unemployment for U.S., Florida, Palm Beach County and Select Municipalities by Age Group Relative to Overall Unemployment
- Idle Youth (16-19 Year Olds) By Race Not working and Not in School for U.S. and Palm Beach County, By Race/Hispanic Ethnicity
- School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Graduates Enrolled in Postsecondary Institutions in the Fall after Graduation
- School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Graduates Enrolled in Two Year and Four-Year Postsecondary Institutions in the Fall after Graduation
- School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Graduates Enrolled in Postsecondary Institutions in the Fall after Graduation by Race/Ethnicity
- School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Graduates Enrolled in Postsecondary Institutions for the First Time in the Fall and in the Following Four Years
- Palm Beach County School District Graduates Achieving Degrees from Postsecondary Institutions



Career Ready



CareerSource Palm Beach County's Young Adult Program empowers residents aged 16 to 24 through training, career, and professional development opportunities through tracks such as Career Prep, Internships, and a Summer Youth Program. The goal is to help young adults develop educational, occupational, and leadership skills that will prepare them for the world of work.

Palm Beach County Youth Served by CareerSource by Gender and Closure Reason FY2019 Through FY2025

CareerSource Youth	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
Number of Participants	224	197	112	146	108	249	99
Number of Applicants	244	171	113	150	103	162	40

Youth Gender	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
Male	81	80	50	57	38	104	49
Female	143	117	62	89	70	143	50

Closure Reason	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
Employed	0	65	21	15	28	37	17
Post Secondary	0	26	10	5	0	29	14



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Palm Beach County Youth Served by CareerSource by Age FY2019 Through FY2025

Age Range	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
Less than 18	20	30	8	14	24	43	11
18	38	52	24	31	27	50	20
19	43	35	24	32	17	43	19
20	50	31	17	26	13	30	10
21	23	17	9	14	8	22	9
22	21	10	15	11	6	24	12
23	11	11	8	10	6	24	10
24	7	9	6	6	7	12	8
25	8	0	1	1	0	1	0
26	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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Palm Beach County Youth Served by CareerSource by Race FY2019 Through FY2025

Race	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
African American/Black	179	166	83	111	81	206	85
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	0	0	1	0	2	1
Asian	1	2	1	0	3	2	1
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
White	32	20	18	25	17	20	8
I do not wish to answer	9	9	8	9	7	19	4



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Palm Beach County Youth Served by CareerSource by Selected Zip Code Areas FY2019 Through FY2025

Zip Code	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
33404	5	4	9	8	4	15	11
33406	4	2	1	1	2	2	n/a
33407	10	4	4	6	5	13	5
33409	3	4	1	2	2	5	3
33411	8	7	3	4	3	9	1
33414	n/a	3	1	7	3	4	2
33415	8	6	4	6	2	6	3
33417	8	n/a	3	3	2	6	n/a
33430	67	80	32	41	43	71	38
33436	2	3	n/a	2	2	5	1
33437	2	3	n/a	1	2	1	n/a
33458	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	2	1	n/a
33462	4	1	1	n/a	3	6	2
33463	3	7	1	7	2	8	1
33476	19	16	7	15	8	23	12
33493	12	15	10	15	10	23	10

Note: Zip Codes selected were those with greatest number served.
Source: CareerSource Palm Beach County Special, July 2025 provided by Steven Gustafson.



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2023 Unemployment for Palm Beach County and County Subdivisions by Age Group Relative to Overall Unemployment

Location	Total Population 16 Years of Age or Older	Unemployment Rate 16 Years of Age or Older	Total Population 16-19 Years of Age	Unemployment Rate 16-19 Years of Age	Total Population 20-24 Years of Age	Unemployment Rate 20-24 Years of Age
United States	267,393,519	5.2%	17,415,920	14.3%	21,542,938	9.1%
Florida	18,129,301	4.8%	1,009,567	14.4%	1,269,435	8.5%
Palm Beach County	1,255,736	5.4%	65,603	17.6%	78,533	10.4%
Belle Glade – Pahokee	25,255	12.7%	1,669	21.1%	1,539	23.6%
Boca Raton	125,764	5.4%	7,898	15.6%	9,743	11.5%
Boynton Beach – Delray Beach	297,219	5.8%	11,279	16.0%	16,596	6.9%
Jupiter	78,538	4.1%	4,144	8.5%	4,131	11.8%
Lake Worth	191,504	6.0%	12,524	17.3%	13,962	12.3%
Riviera Beach	93,435	6.0%	4,708	7.9%	5,557	15.7%
Royal Palm Beach – West Jupiter	99,260	3.5%	5,405	11.8%	5,381	9.6%
Sunshine Parkway	177,621	4.0%	9,627	17.4%	9,465	10.6%
Western Community	26,157	3.3%	1,762	18.1%	1,711	3.6%
West Palm Beach	140,538	6.4%	6,587	31.8%	10,448	8.6%



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2023 Idle Youth (16-19 Year Olds) By Race Not Working and Not in School Palm Beach County, By Race and Hispanic Ethnicity

	Overall Population 16 – 19 years old		White, Non-Hispanic		Black, Non-Hispanic		Hispanic or Latino of Any Race	
	US	PBC	US	PBC	US	PBC	US	PBC
Population 16-19 years old	17,415,920	65,603	8,785,448	24,549	2,349,669	15,579	4,297,792	19,888
Idleness (No School or Work)	5.1%	5.1%	4.2%	3.1%	7.1%	5.4%	6.3%	5.4%



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Number & Percent of School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Graduates Enrolled in Postsecondary Institutions in the Fall after Graduation, FY2017-FY2024

Year	Number of SDPBC Graduates	Number of Graduates Enrolled in College	Percent of Graduates Enrolled in College
2024	13,740	7,939	58%
2023	12,898	7,539	58%
2022	12,506	7,401	59%
2021	13,126	7,419	57%
2020	13,469	7,500	56%
2019	13,302	8,470	64%
2018	12,811	8,251	64%
2017	11,173	7,549	68%



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Number & Percent of School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Graduates Enrolled in Two-Year and Four-Year Postsecondary Institutions in the Fall after Graduation FY2017-FY2024

Year	Number of SDPBC Graduates	Number Enrolled in a Two-Year College	Percent Enrolled in a Two-Year College	Number Enrolled in a Four-Year College	Percent Enrolled in a Four-Year College
2024	13,740	283	2%	7,656	56%
2023	12,898	257	2%	7,282	56%
2022	12,506	239	2%	7,162	57%
2021	13,126	242	2%	7,177	55%
2020	13,469	237	2%	7,263	54%
2019	13,302	287	2%	8,191	62%
2018	12,811	285	2%	7,971	62%
2017	11,173	220	2%	7,332	66%



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FY2019-FY2024 Number & Percent of School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Graduates Enrolled in Postsecondary Institutions in the Fall after Graduation by Ethnicity

Race	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Black	3,655	59%	3,697	46%	3,528	49%	3,235	55%	3,463	54%	3,623	52%
Hispanic	4,087	58%	4,338	48%	4,310	48%	4,120	51%	4,407	49%	4,978	50%
White	4,712	72%	4,529	69%	4,308	69%	4,324	68%	4,173	70%	4,244	69%



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FY2018-FY2024 Percent of School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Graduates² Enrolled in Postsecondary Institutions for the First Time in the Fall and in the Following Four Years³

Year	Percent Enrolled In Fall	Percent Enrolled in First Year	Percent Enrolled in Second Year	Percent Enrolled in Third Year	Percent Enrolled in Fourth Calendar Year	Total Percent
2024	58%	NA	NA	NA	NA	58%
2023	58%	65%	3%	NA	NA	67%
2022	59%	66%	4%	1%	NA	71%
2021	57%	62%	5%	2%	1%	69%
2020	56%	62%	5%	2%	1%	70%
2019	64%	69%	3%	1%	1%	74%
2018	64%	70%	4%	2%	1%	77%

²Graduates are defined as twelfth-graders who earned a standard diploma in the state four-year federal cohort (which does not include special diplomas or GEDs). College enrollment does not include students who joined the military after graduation.

³Fall is defined as anytime during the calendar year of graduation (e.g., May to December); the first year is the graduated year's May to next year July; the second year is August to next July, etc.

Data Source: School District of Palm Beach County FY25 District High School Graduates' College Matriculation Summary



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FY2015-FY2020 District High School Graduates Enrolled in Postsecondary Institutions and Degree Completion Rate

Cohort Year	Count	Percent for MA, BA or AA Degree or Other*	Percent for Highest Degree with Other	Percent for Highest Degree with AA	Percent for Highest Degree with BA	Percent for Highest Degree with MA and Above
2020	7,769	51%	1%	15%	34%	1%
2019	8,610	57%	2%	14%	38%	2%
2018	8,456	61%	2%	13%	41%	5%
2017	8,113	64%	2%	15%	42%	4%
2016	7,524	64%	2%	15%	42%	5%
2015	7,504	67%	2%	16%	45%	4%



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* Other- Received Certificate or other Diplomas as the Highest Degree

