



# Addressing **RED** in the NC Juvenile Justice System: FY 22-23: Statewide & Buncombe County Data Review

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## What is **R/ED**?

- ▶ “Racial and Ethnic Disparity,” as defined by the JJDDPA, means that:
  - minority youth populations are involved at a decision point in the juvenile justice system at disproportionately higher rates than non-minority youth at that decision point.

34 U.S.C. § 11103(41)





## JJDPA 4 Core Protections

- ▶ Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders – 1974  
(DSO): 34 U.S.C. § 11133 (a)(11)
- ▶ Sight and Sound Separation – 1974  
(Separation): 34 U.S.C. § 11133 (a)(12)
- ▶ Adult Jail & Lock-up Removal - 1980  
(Jail Removal): 34 U.S.C. § 11133 (a)(11)(B) and (a)(13)
- ▶ Racial and Ethnic Disparities R/ED formerly (DMC) – 1988  
34 U.S.C. § 11133 (a)(15)



# Compliance with **R/ED** Core Requirement





## State Compliance

- ▶ State compliance is required for Title II funding.
  
- ▶ Compliance is achieved when states address RED through:
  - Identification (to identify and reduce racial and ethnic disparities among youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system)
  - Development of 3-year RED action plan
  - Outcome-based evaluation
  
- ▶ Requires data collection related to 5 “contact points”
  
- ▶ GCC monitors compliance as NC’s Designated State Agency (“DSA”).





# JJDPA R/ED COMPLIANCE

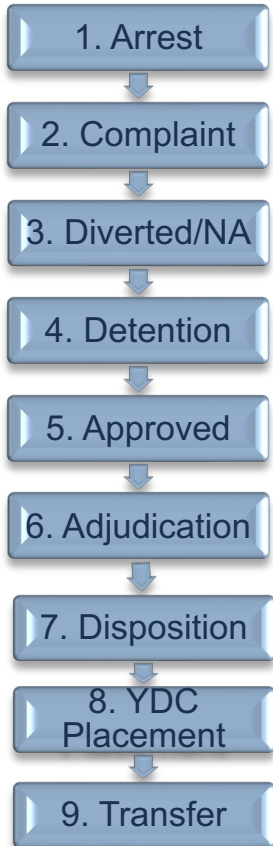
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Juvenile Justice Contact Points Data & RRI FY 22-23





## DECISION POINTS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM



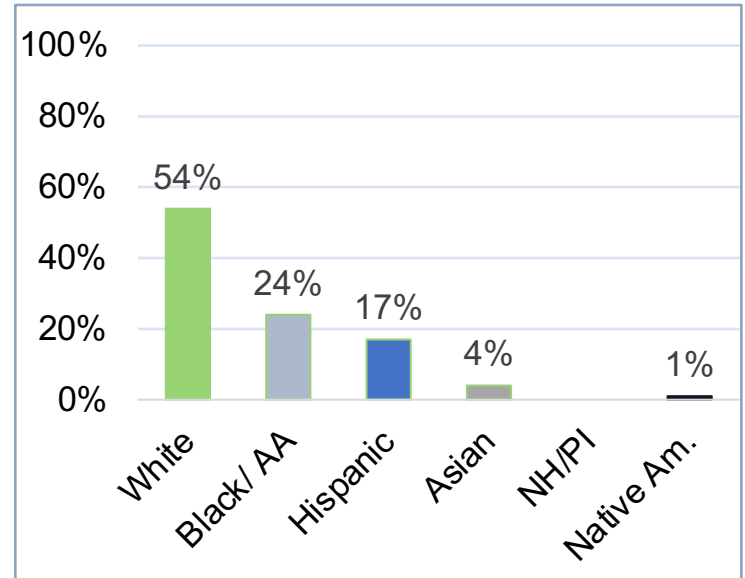


# North Carolina Youth Population

## Population by Race/Ethnicity

*Ages 6-17*

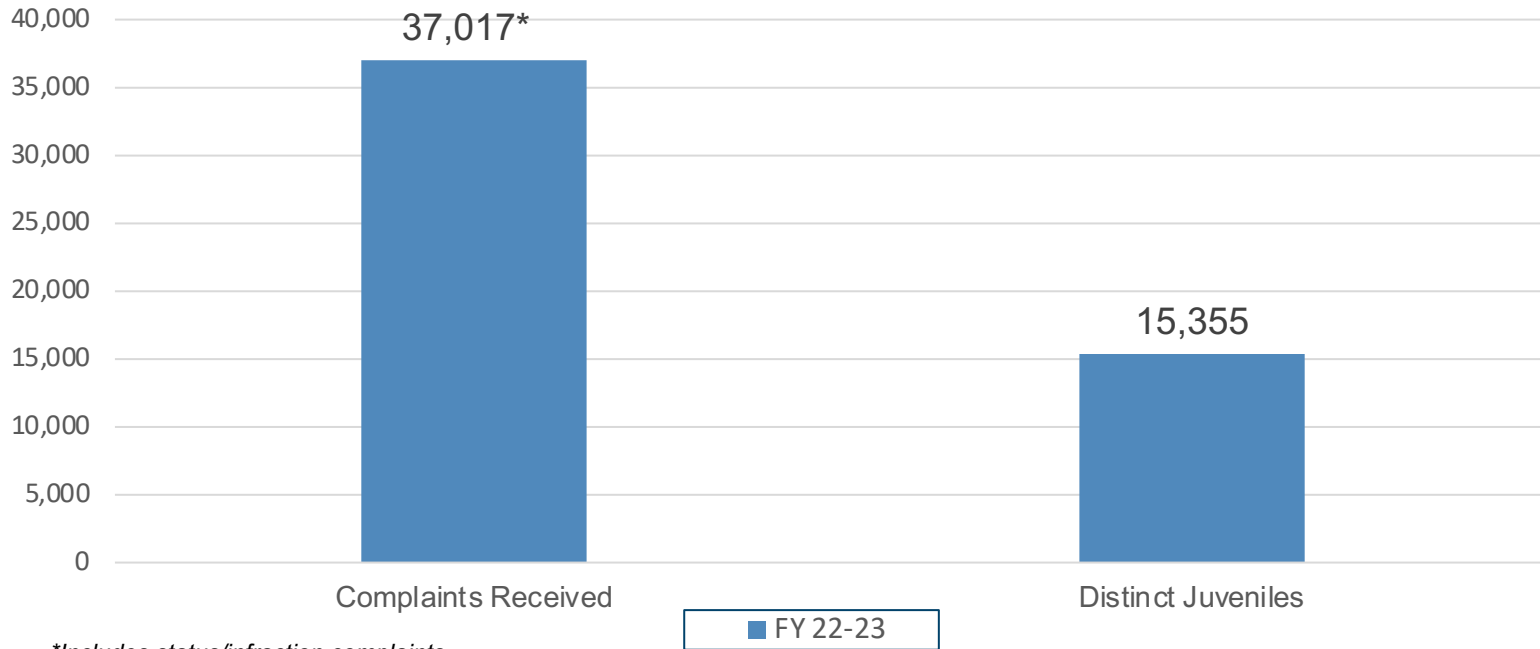
Race	Population* <small>(2020 Census Report)</small>
Total	1,573,655
White	846,392
African American	382,644
Hispanic/Latino	262,986
Asian	61,807
Native American	19,826



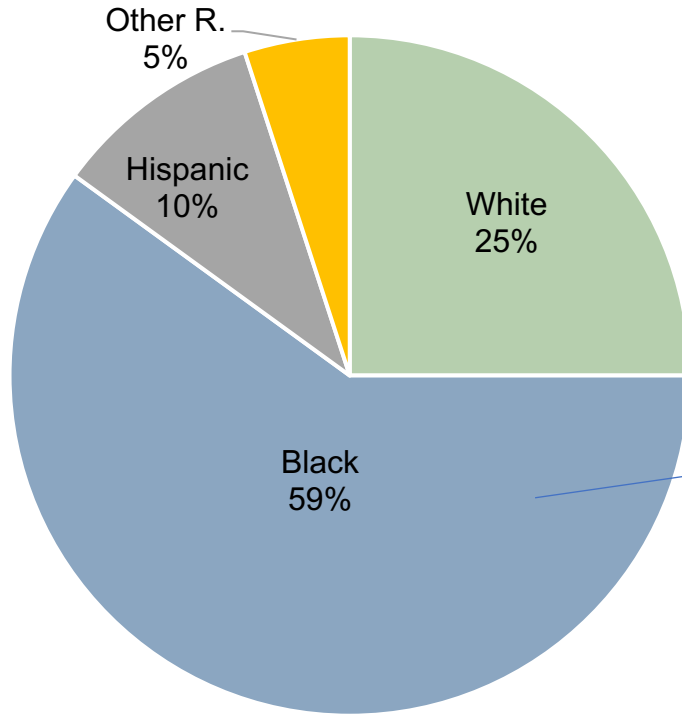




## Complaints Received & Distinct Juveniles FY'23



*\*Includes status/infraction complaints*



Total – 35,369

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage
Total	1,573,655
White	54%
Black/AA	24%
Hispanic	17%
Other Races	5%

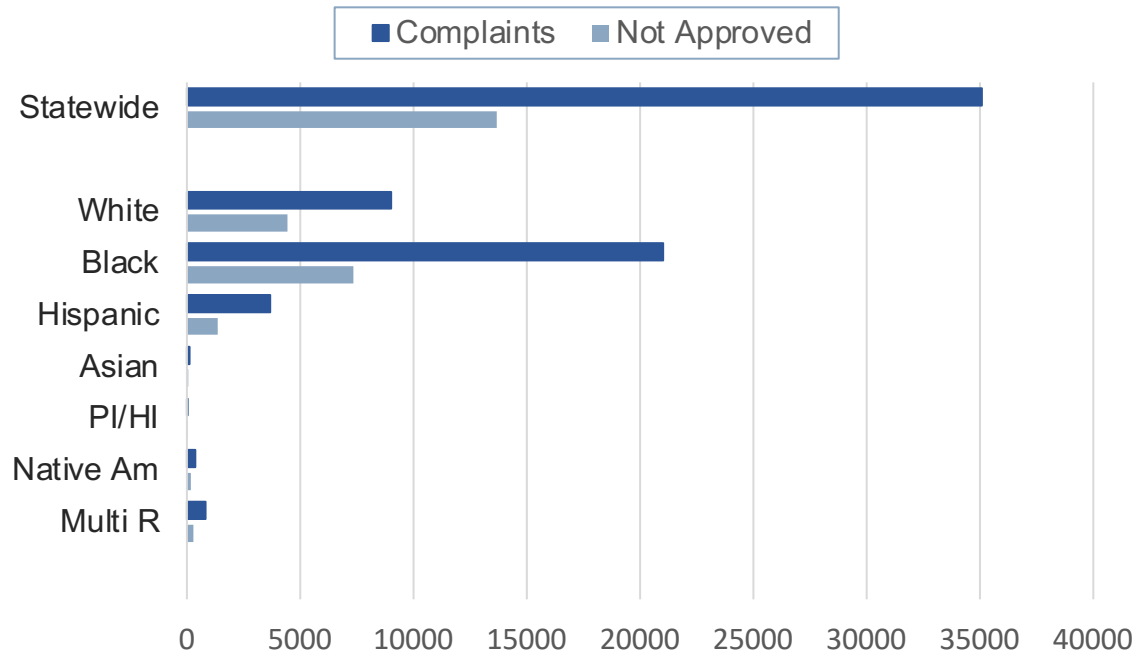
RRI – 3.37  
Black RRI – 5.16

Delinquent Complaints by Race  
**\*Juveniles – 15,355**





## Not Approved/Diverted by Race/Ethnicity



Statewide 39%

White – 49%

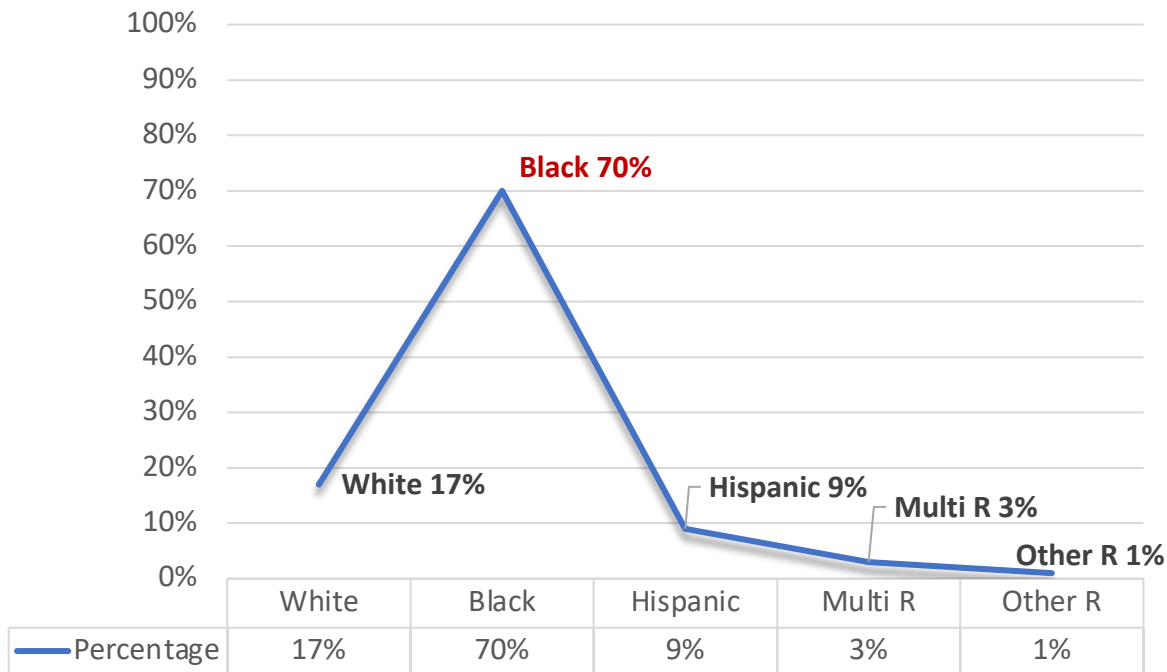
Black – 35%

Hispanic – 37%





# Detention Placement: Fiscal Year 22-23

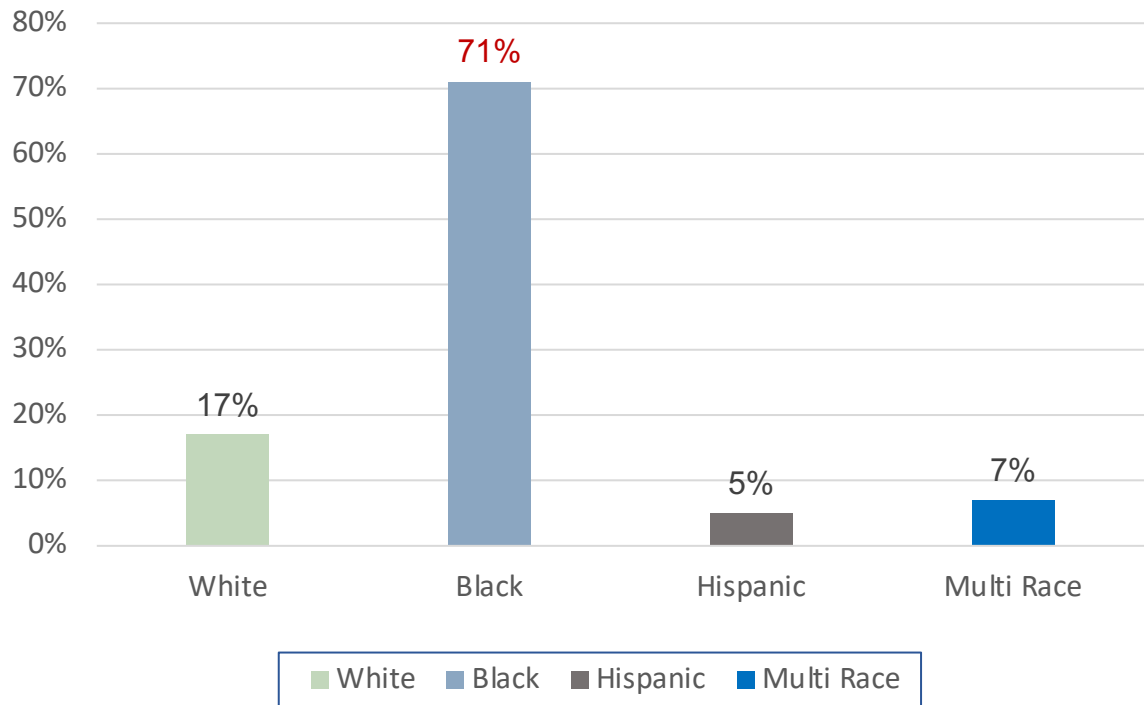


**Detention Total 2,839**

White	475	↓ 4%
Black	1,991	↑ 20%
Hispanic	256	
Multi R.	79	
Other Races	38	



## YDC Confinement FY 22-23

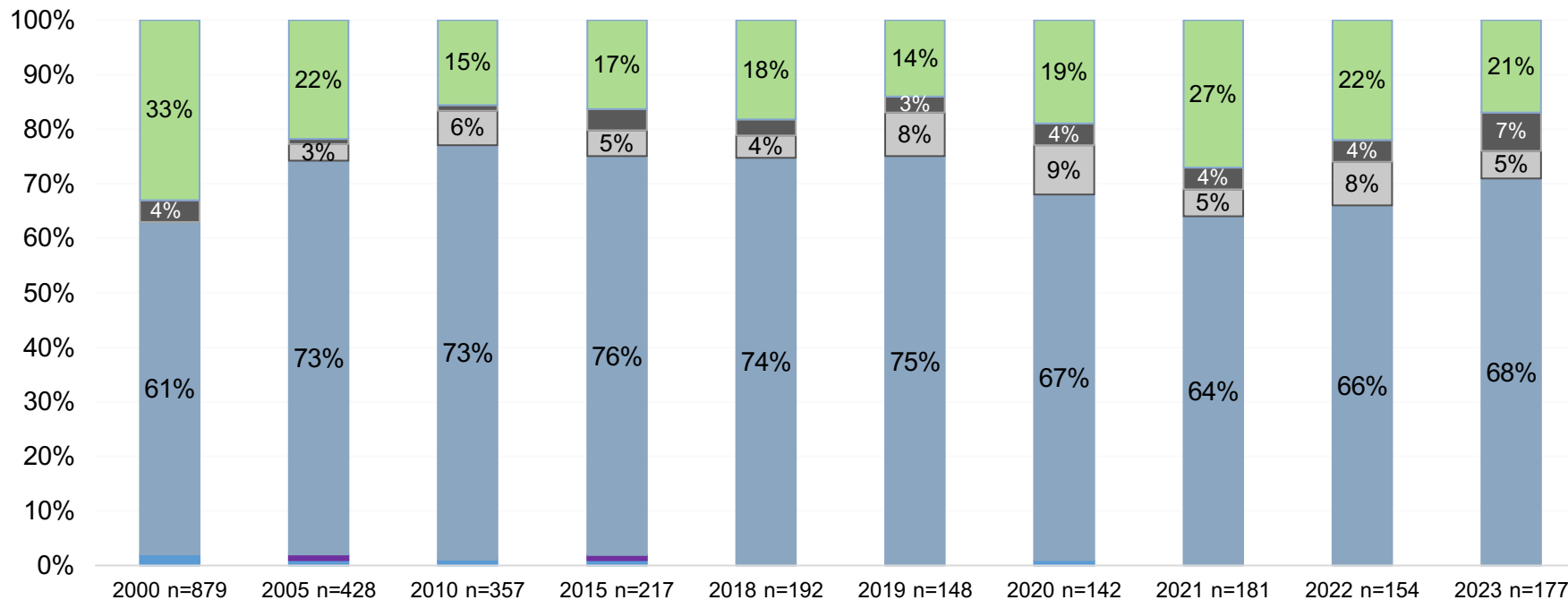


### Confinement Total 173

White	30	↓
Black	123	↑
Hispanic	8	
Multi R.	12	
Other Races	0	



# YDC CONFINEMENT TRENDS CY 2000 - 2023

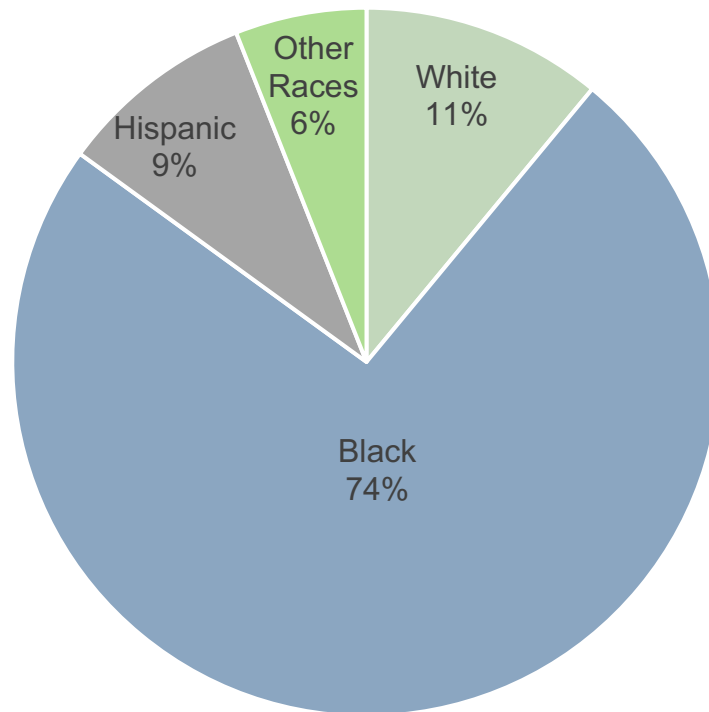


■ American Indian/Alaska Native   ■ Asian   ■ Black   ■ Hispanic/Latinx   ■ Multi-racial   ■ White



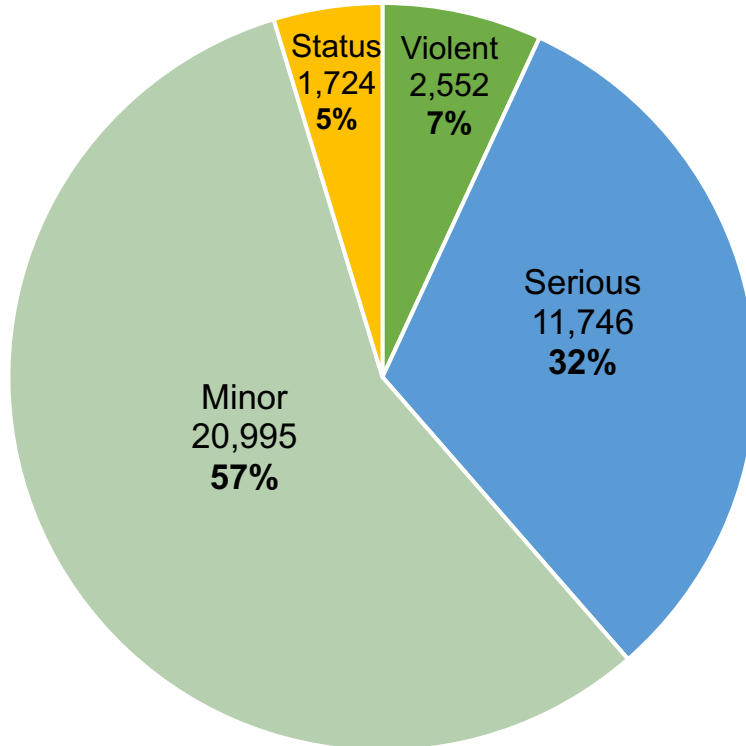
## Transfers to Adult Court FY 22-23

Race	Volume
Statewide Total	381↑ 11%
White	41↓ 23%
Black	280↑ 21%
Hispanic/Latino	35
Other Races	25





## Statewide Complaints Received by Offense Class Group



Complaints Comparison by Offense Class Group:  
FY 21-22 and FY 22-23

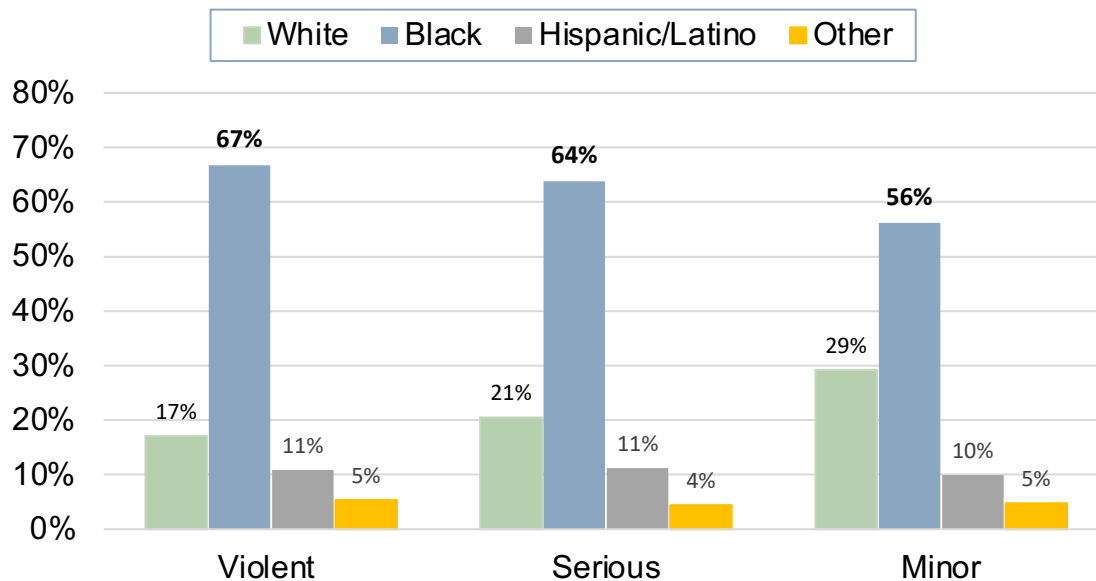
Group	FY 22-23	FY 21-22	% Change
<b>Violent</b> (Felony Class A-E)	2,532	2,214	15%
<b>Serious</b> (Felony Class -- F, G, H, I, and Misdemeanor A1)	11,746	10,951	7%
<b>Minor</b> (Misdemeanor Class 1,2, and 3)	20,995	19,984	5%
<b>Status/Infraction</b>	1,724	2,089	-17%
<b>Total</b>	37,017	35,238	





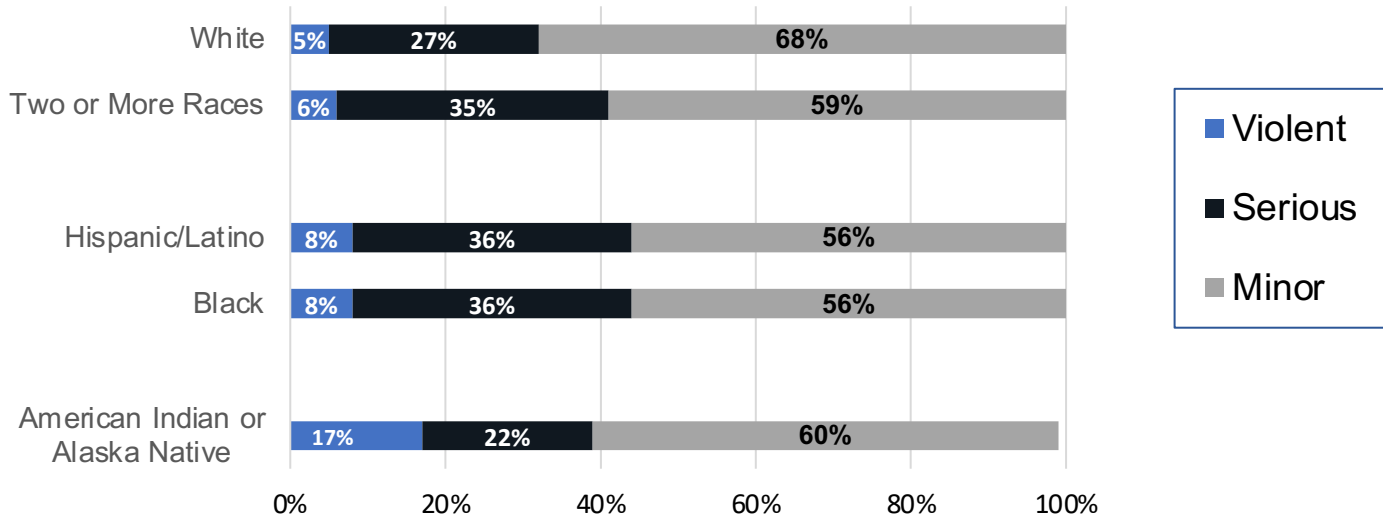


## FY 22-23 Offense Class Group Comparison by Race/Ethnicity





## FY 22-23 Statewide Offense Class Group for Each Race/Ethnicity



*Delinquent Complaints Only*





# North Carolina School-Based Complaints

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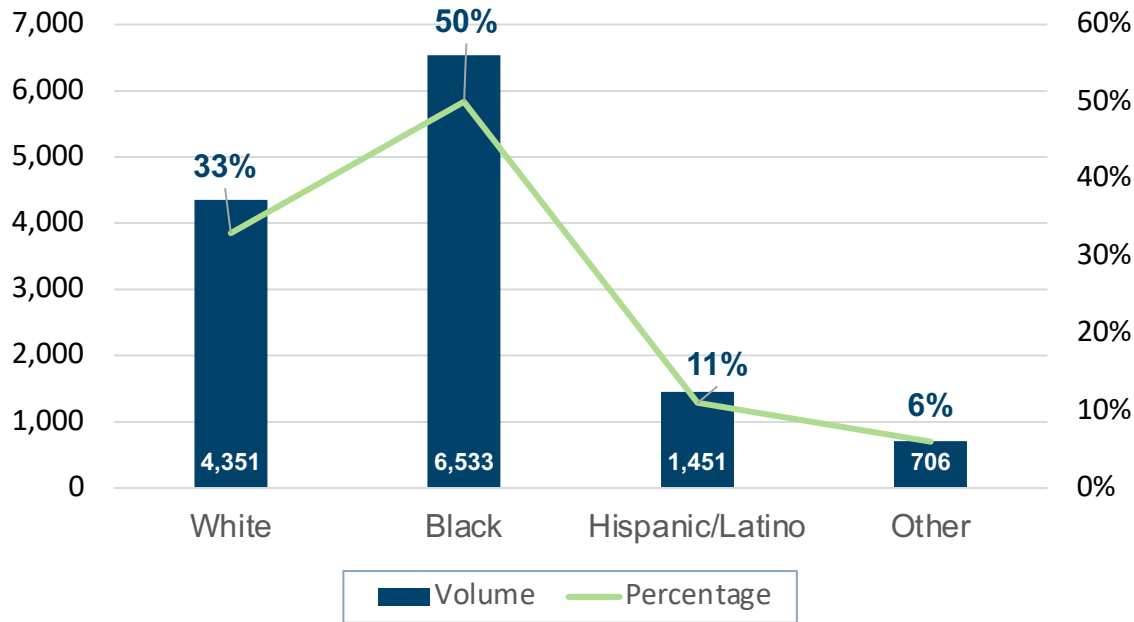
School-Based Offenses By Race & Ethnicity FY 22-23





# FY22-23 Statewide School-Based Offenses by Race/Ethnicity

SBO\* Total = 13,011 (35%)  
Total Complaints – 37,017



**SBO Juveniles – 8,477**

\* (includes delinquent & undisciplined complaints)





## Top 10 SBO Complaints Statewide

Rank	Charged Offense	SBO Complaints	Percent
1	Simple assault	2,440	18.75
2	Disorderly Conduct at School	1,317	10.12
3	Simple affray	1,285	9.88
4	Communicating threats	694	5.33
5	Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds	684	5.26
6	Truant < 16	652	5.01
7	Communicating Threat of Mass Violence on Educational Property	406	3.12
8	Simple possession schedule VI-controlled substance	392	3.01
9	Assault government official / employee	320	2.46
10	Assault school employee / volunteer	305	2.34





# Buncombe County Juvenile Justice **R/ED** Data FY22-23

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Contact Points, Percentages & Relative Rate Index





# JJDPA COMPLIANCE

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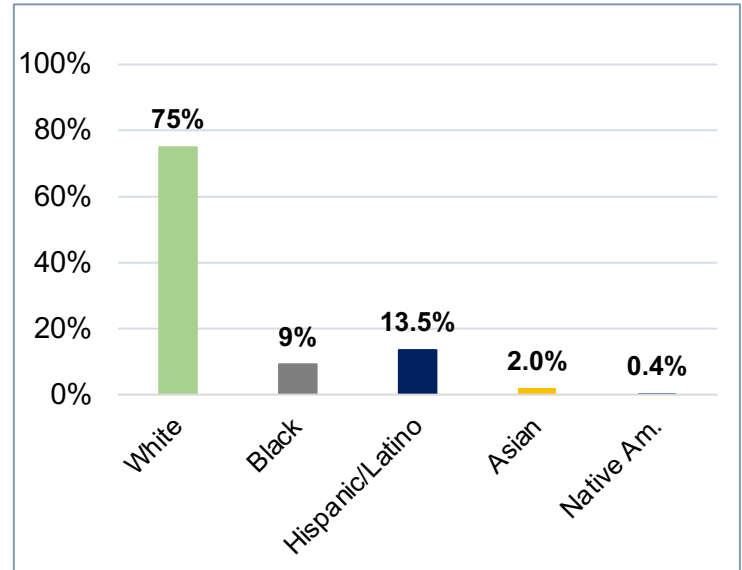
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# Buncombe County Youth Population

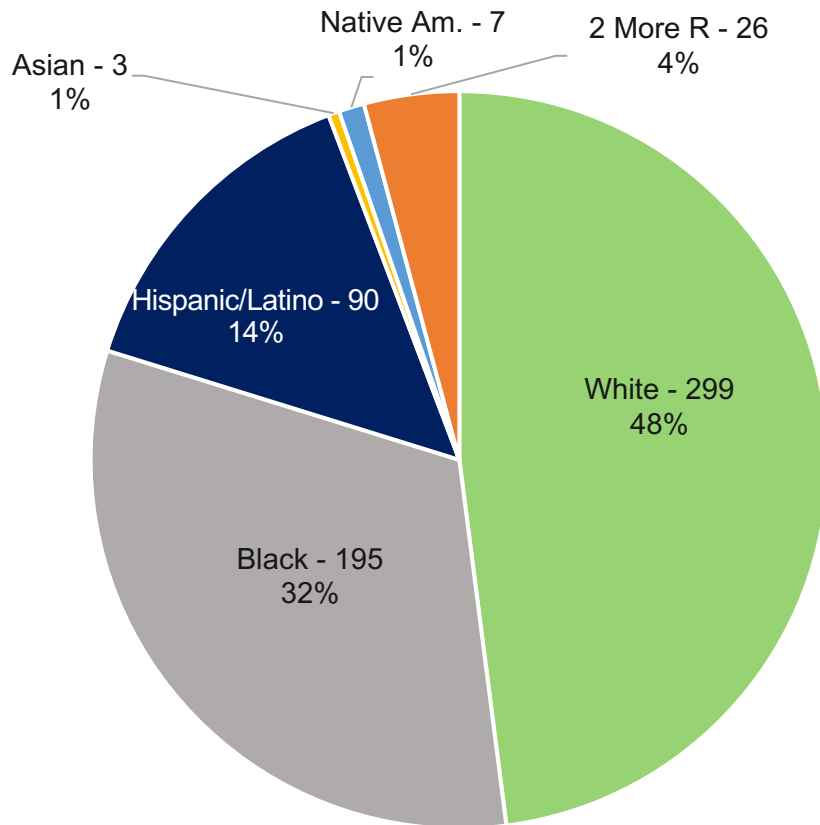
Population by Race/Ethnicity*	
Ages 6-17	
Race	Population*
(2020 Census Report)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,367</b>
White	24,256
African American	2,972
Hispanic/Latino	4,365
Asian	656
Native American	118



*The youth population is from the 2020 census; last published.*





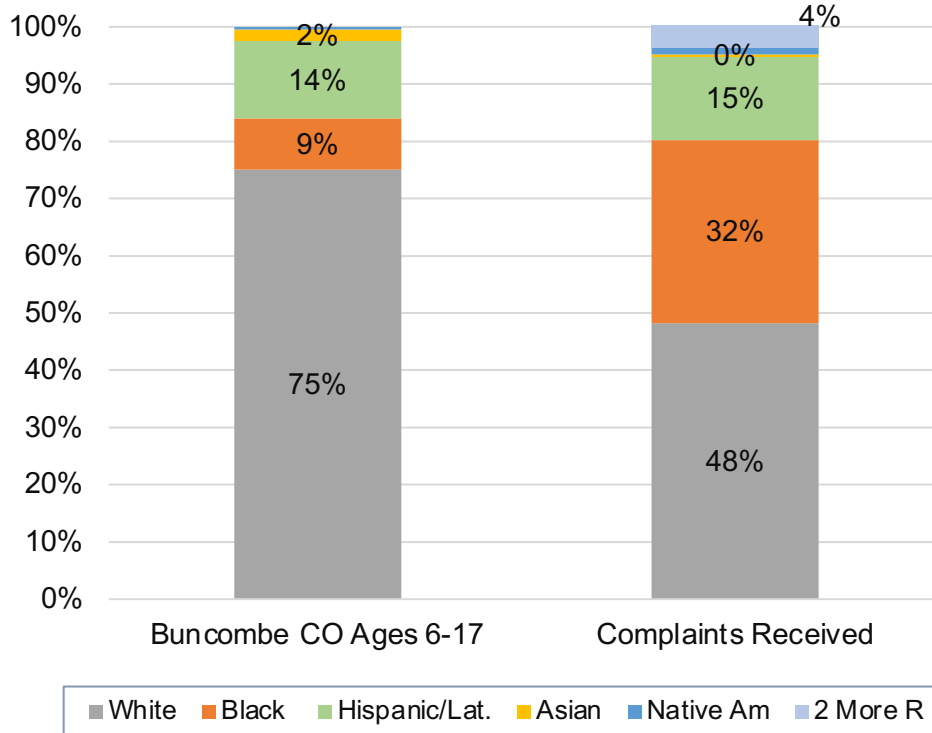


**Total Complaints – 620**  
*(Delinquent Only)*

**RRI – 3.21**  
**Black RRI – 5.32**

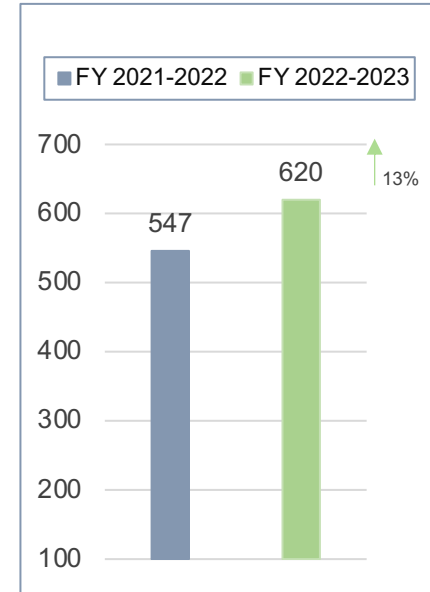


# Buncombe County Youth Population\* & Delinquent Complaints Received: FY 22-23



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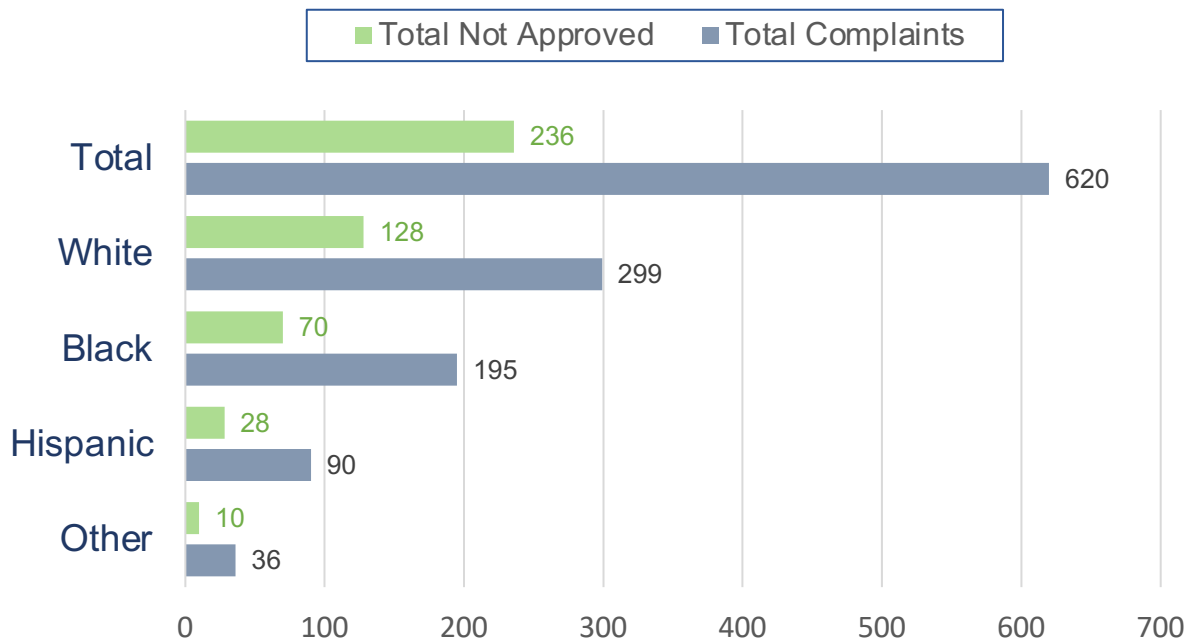
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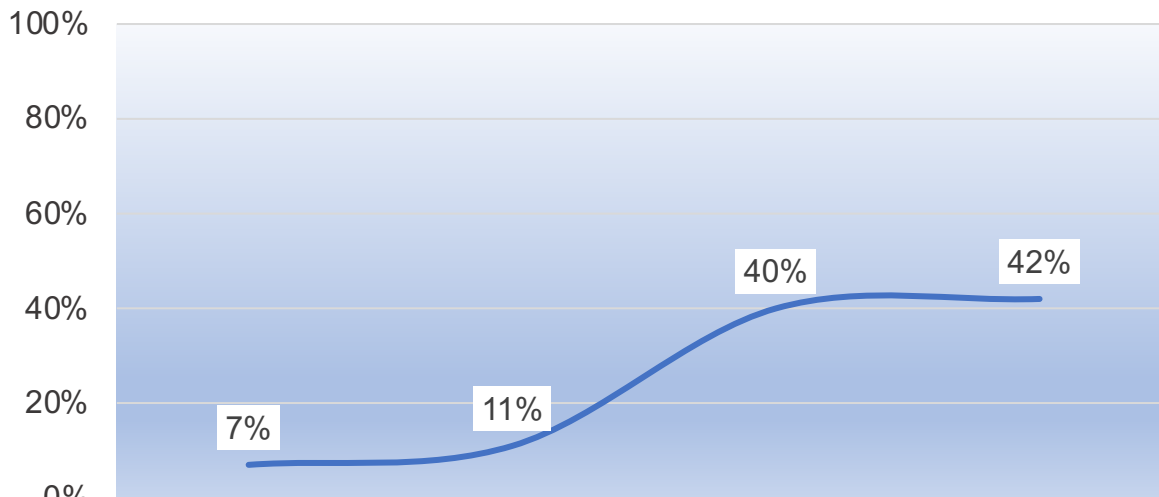
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% of Complaints Not Approved/Diverted	
White	43%
Black	36%
Hispanic	31%
Other R.	28%
Buncombe County	38%

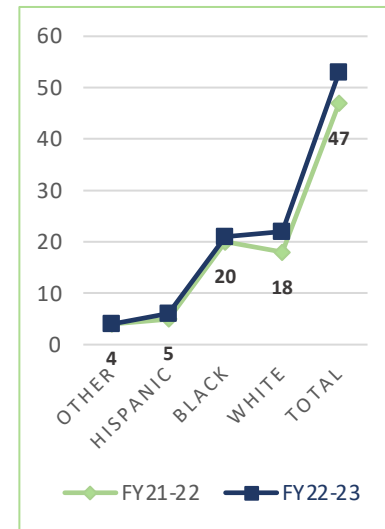


## Detention Placements FY 22-23



	Other	Hispanic	Black	White
Percentage	7%	11%	40%	42%
Volume	4	6	21	22

Total – 53



RRI – 1.31

Black RRI – 1.46



## Buncombe County YDC Confinement FY 23

Total - 1

### YDC Confinement by Race

<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>
White	0
African American	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other R.	0





## Transfers to Adult Court FY 23

### Transfers to Adult Court by Race

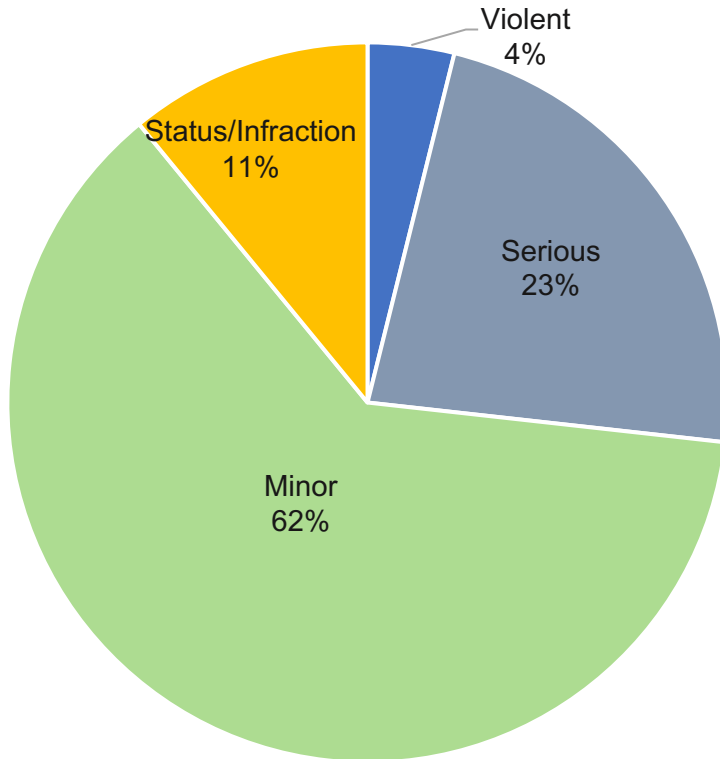
Total	2
White	0
African American	0
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other R.	0

Total - 2





# Buncombe County Complaints Received by Offense Class Group



Complaints by Offense Class Group:  
FY 22-23

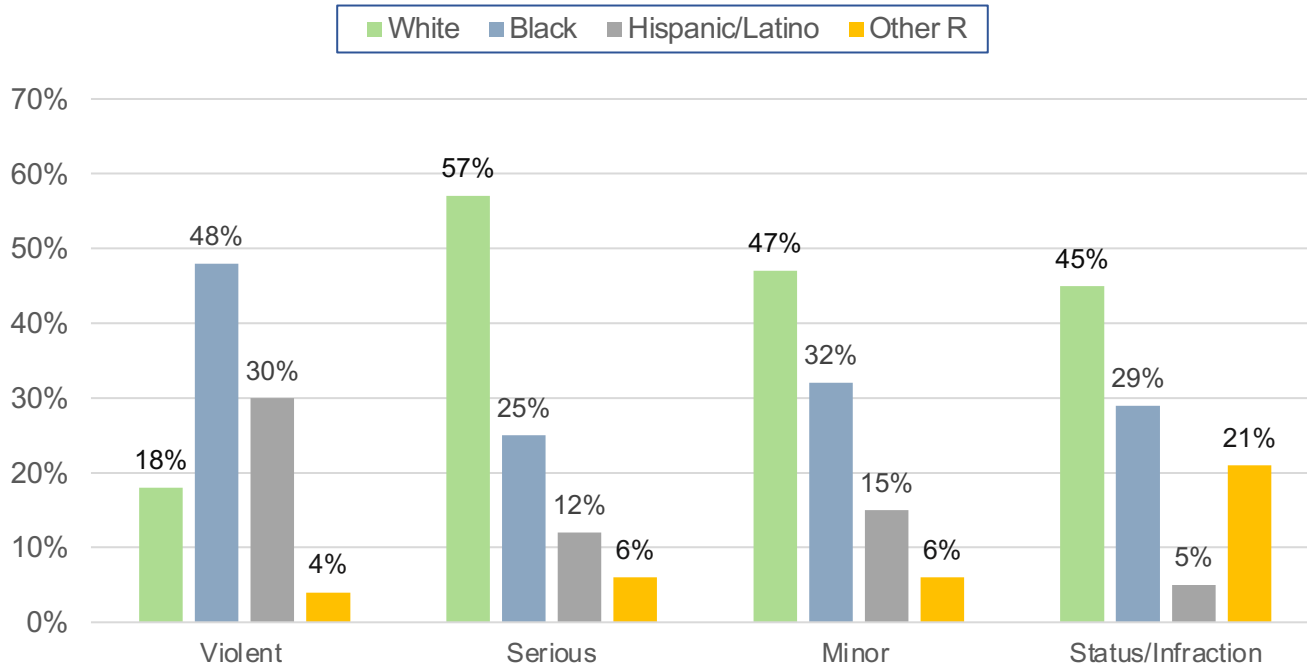
Group	FY 22-23
Violent (Felony Class A-E)	27
Serious (Felony Class - F, G, H, I, and Misdemeanor A1)	159
Minor (Misdemeanor Class 1,2, and 3)	433
Status/Infraction	76

\*Includes status/infraction complaints





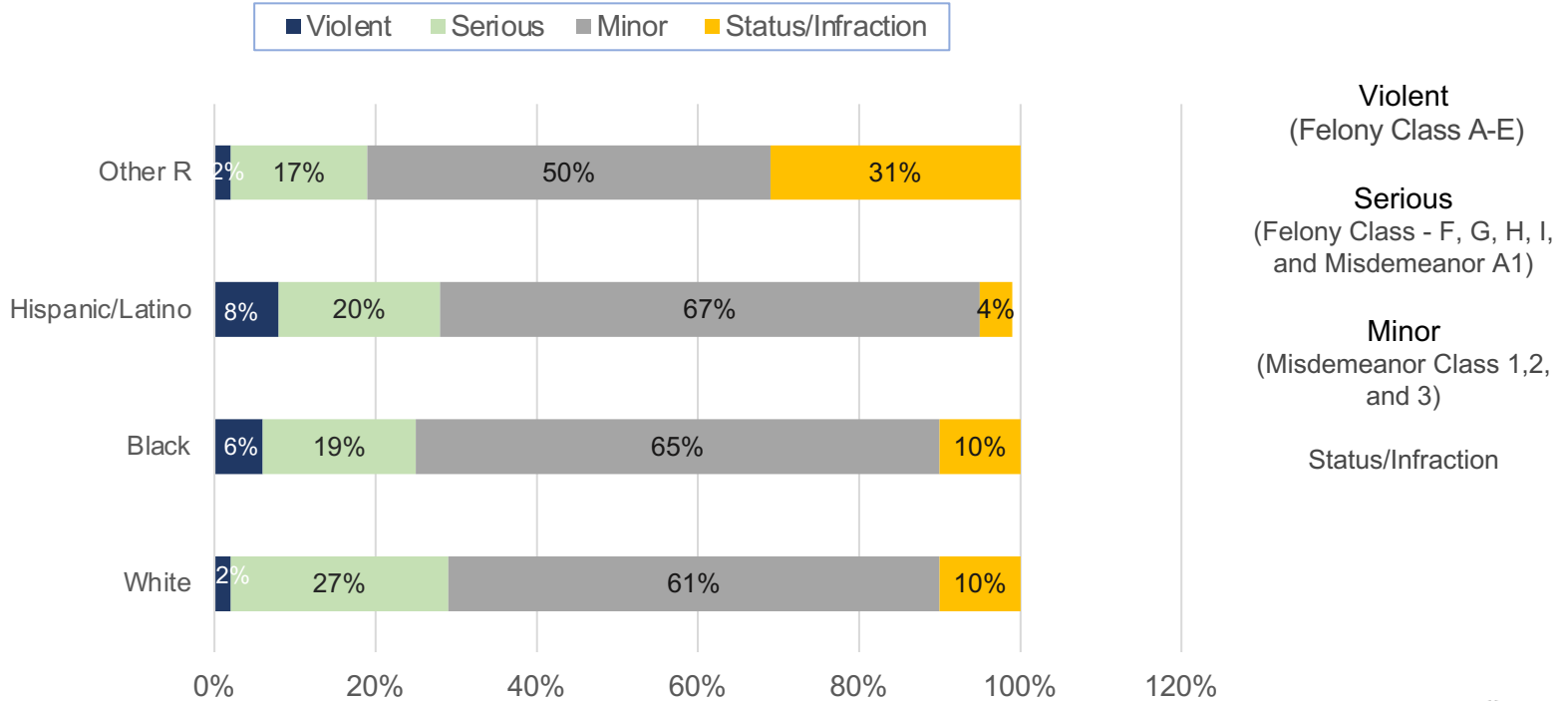
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# Buncombe County School-Based Complaints

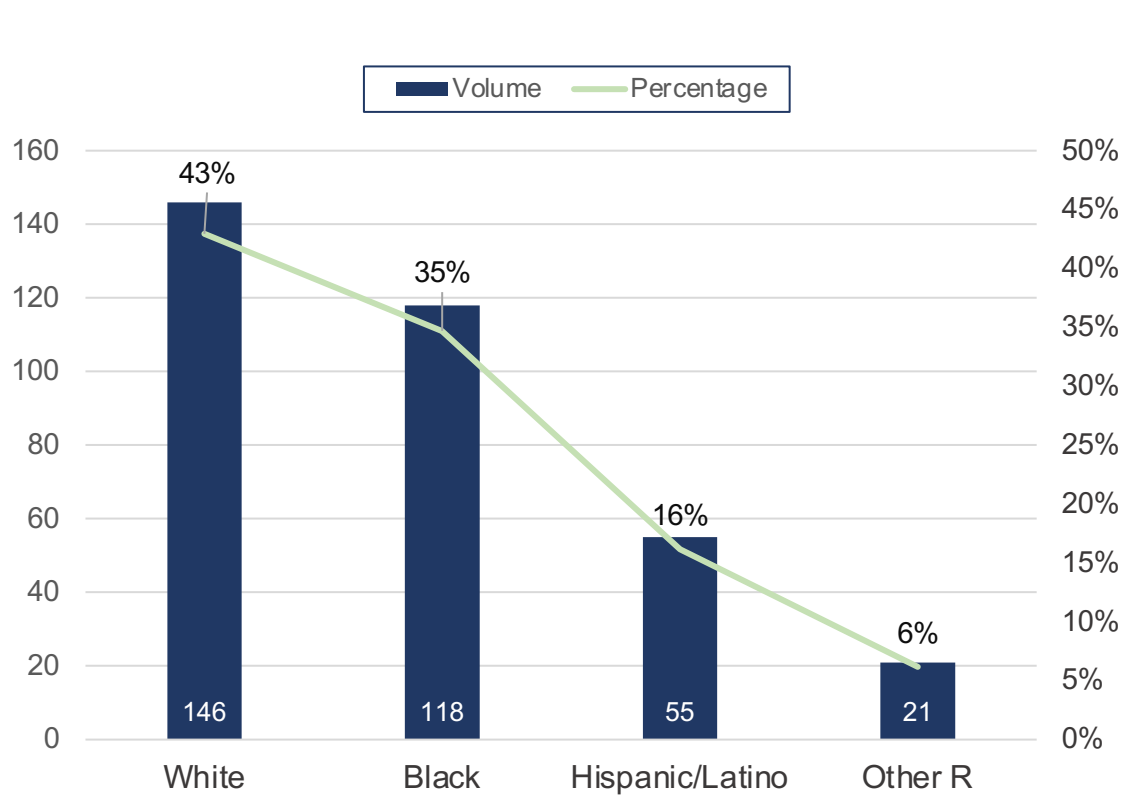
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School-Based Offenses By Race & Ethnicity FY 22-23





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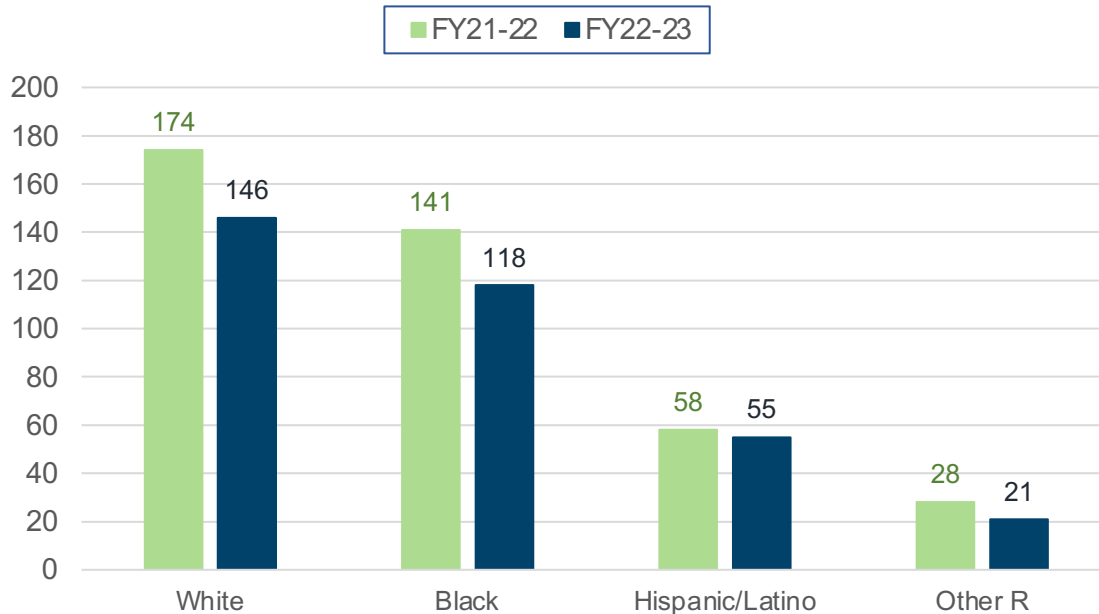
Total SBO\* 340 (49%)  
Total Complaints\* 695

\* (includes delinquent & undisciplined complaints)





## School-Based Offenses\* by Race/Ethnicity FY's 22 and 23



Total SBOs FY22 - 401  
Total SBOs FY23 - 340 ↓ 15%

\* (includes delinquent & undisciplined complaints)





## Top 10 School-Based Complaints (SBO) in Buncombe County FY 2022-2023

Rank	Charged Offense	# of SBOs
1	Disorderly Conduct by engaging in fighting or other violent conduct or in conduct creating the threat of imminent fighting or other violence	70
2	Possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia.	50
3	Simple assault	46
4	Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds	21
5	Simple Possession of Marijuana	15
6	Communicating threats	14
7	Assault school employee / volunteer	12
8	Simple possession schedule VI-controlled substance	10
9	Disorderly Conduct at School	9
10	Assault government official / employee	9
	Total	256





- ▶ Use data to help law enforcement, judges, community leaders, and other decision-makers understand racial and ethnic disparities within their jurisdictions.
- ▶ Discuss the data with JCPCs to assist them in their annual planning.
- ▶ Utilize data to determine the best way to allocate funding dollars.
- ▶ Analyze available resources and use data to ensure that all youth have equal access to opportunities.
- ▶ Talk to law enforcement officials to share data, understand their policies, and inquire about diversion programs for youth.
- ▶ Seek community and family input on the matter and listen to what young people have to say.



**ANY  
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