

Suspensions and Expulsions in Public Schools



U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights

2017-18 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)

The Civil Rights Data Collection gathers and publishes key information about student access to educational opportunities and school climate from public schools (pre-K through 12th grade) in all 50 states, D.C., and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

2017-18 OVERVIEW OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE K-GRADE 12

50,922,024

STUDENTS ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS

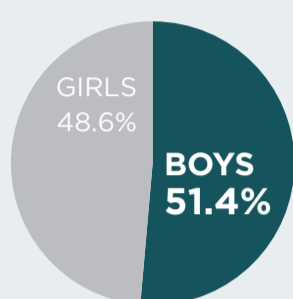
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SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

101,652

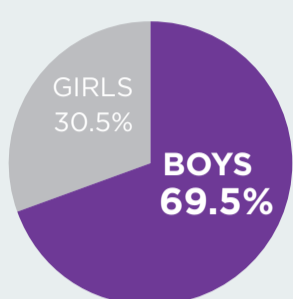
STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Enrollment



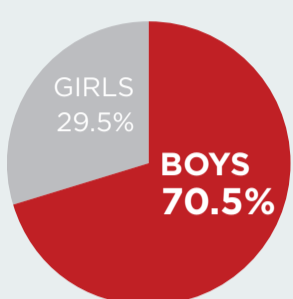
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In-School Suspensions



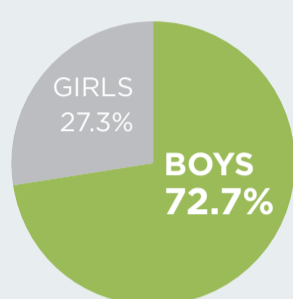
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Out-of-School Suspensions



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Expulsions

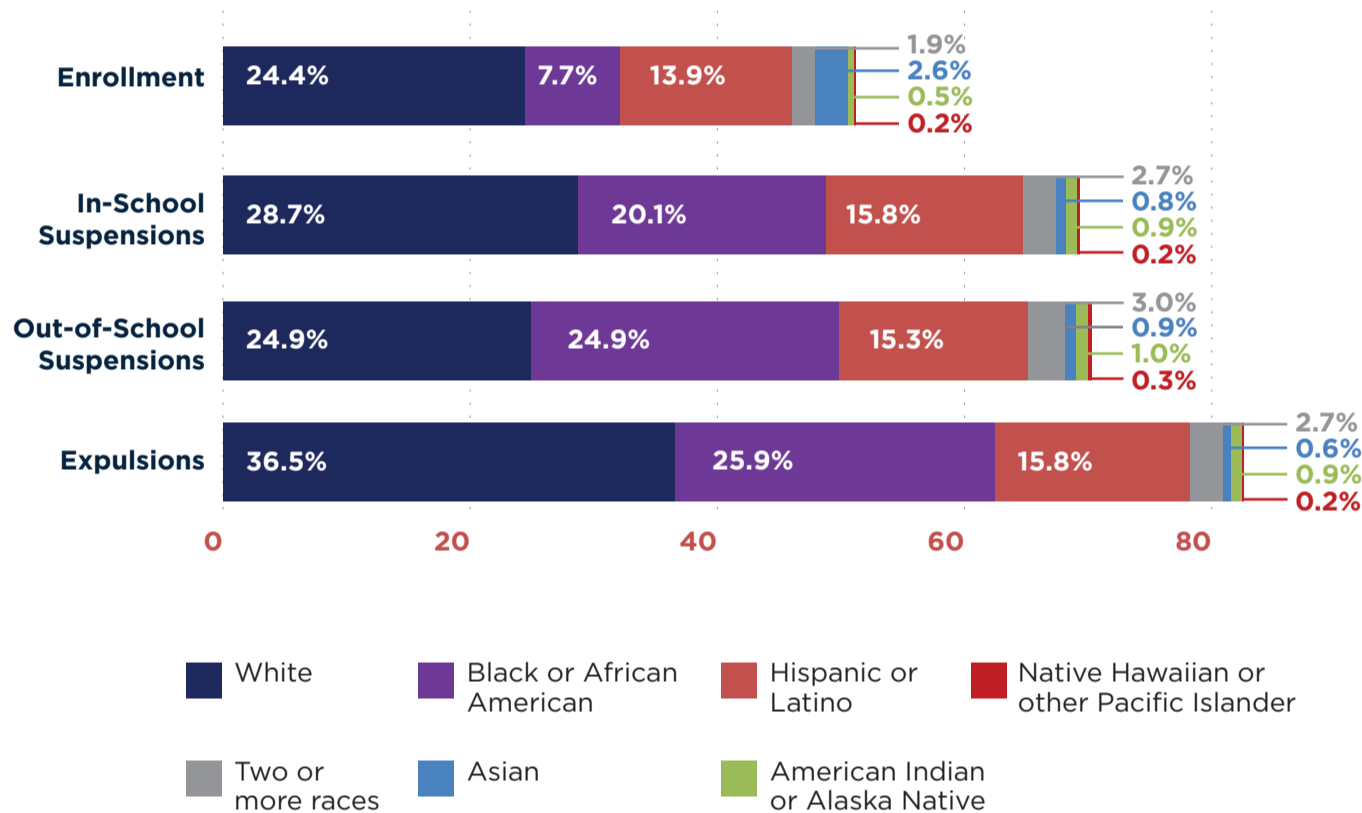


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STUDENT DISCIPLINE BY RACE/ETHNICITY & SEX

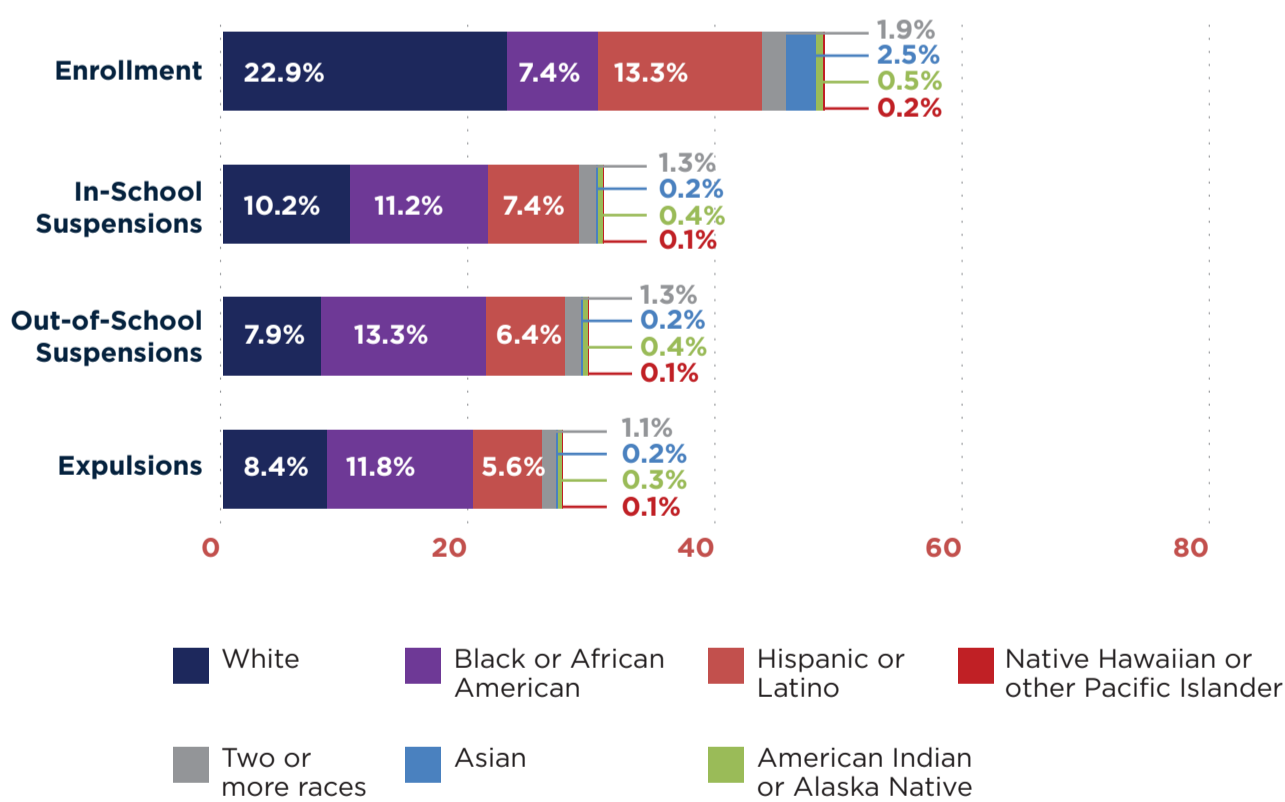
BOYS

Boys of nearly all races were disproportionately disciplined, but Black boys were suspended and expelled at proportions that were 3 times their enrollment.



GIRLS

Overall, girls received fewer suspensions and expulsions in comparison to boys. Among girls, Black girls were the only group across all races/ethnicities who disproportionately received suspensions and expulsions.



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 2017-18 Civil Rights Data Collection, released October 2020, updated May 2021, available at <https://ocrdata.ed.gov>.



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