

Minority Youth in Washington State's Juvenile Justice System

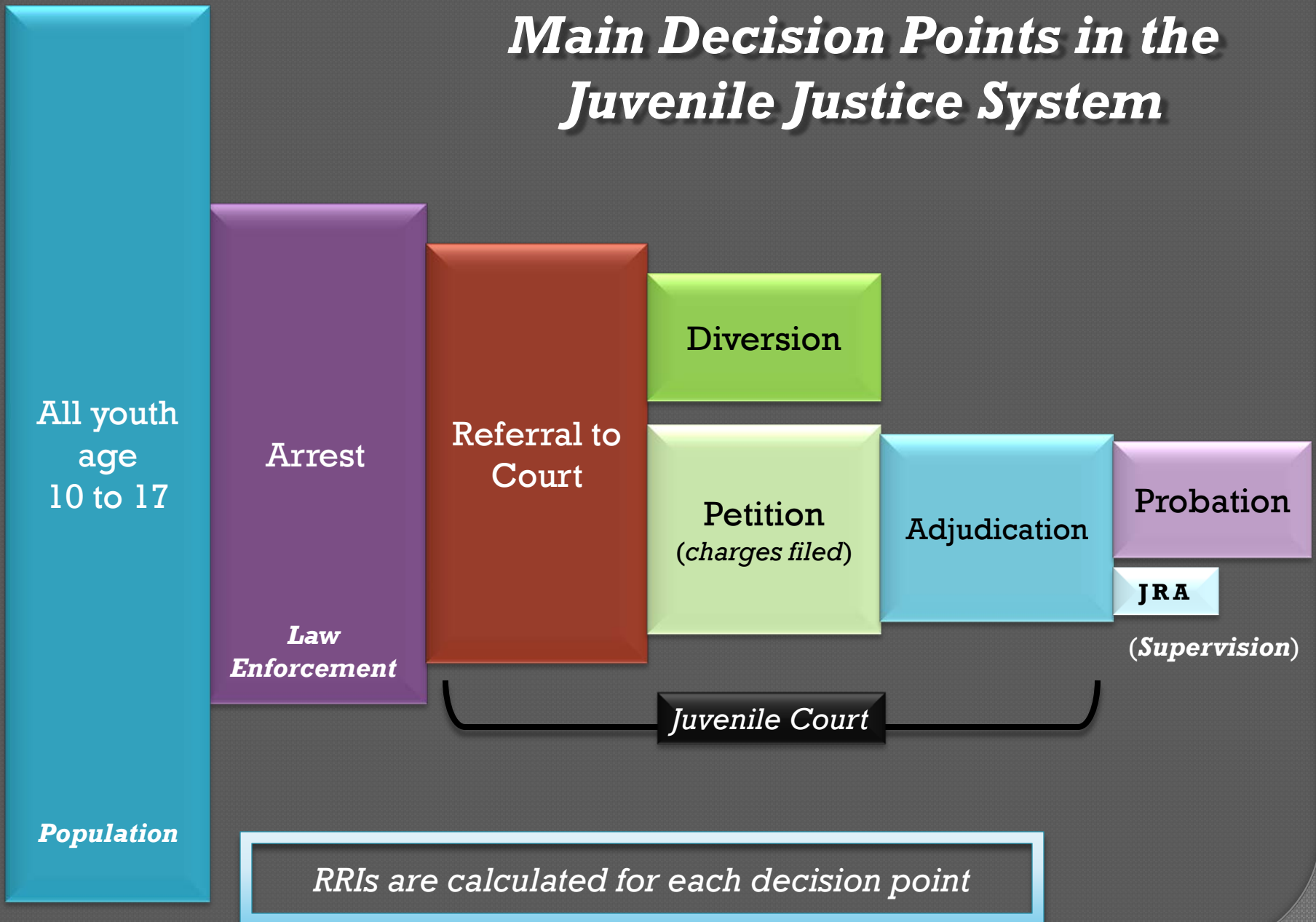
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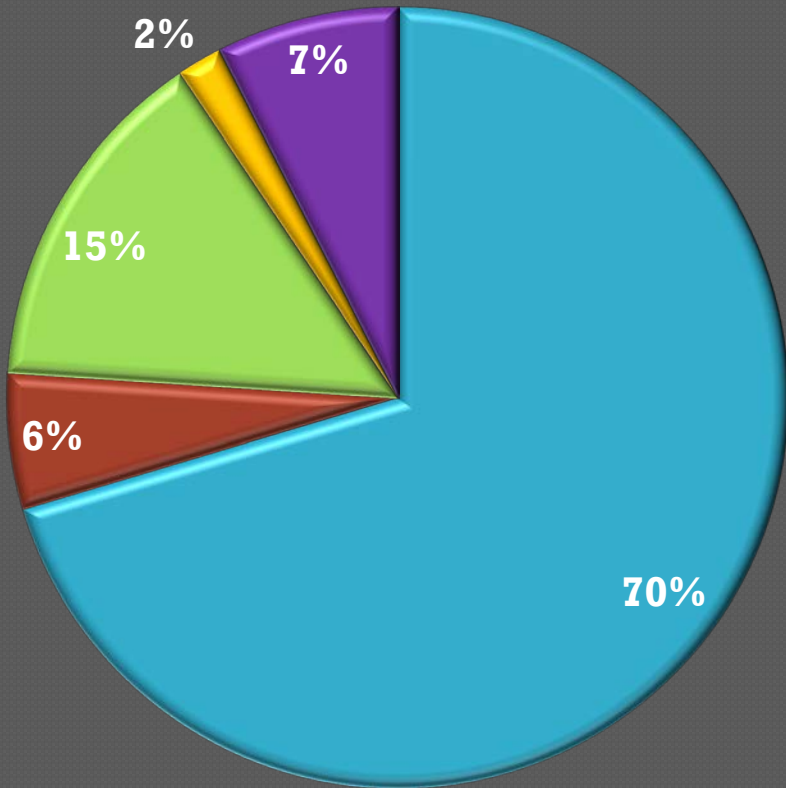
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Main Decision Points in the Juvenile Justice System

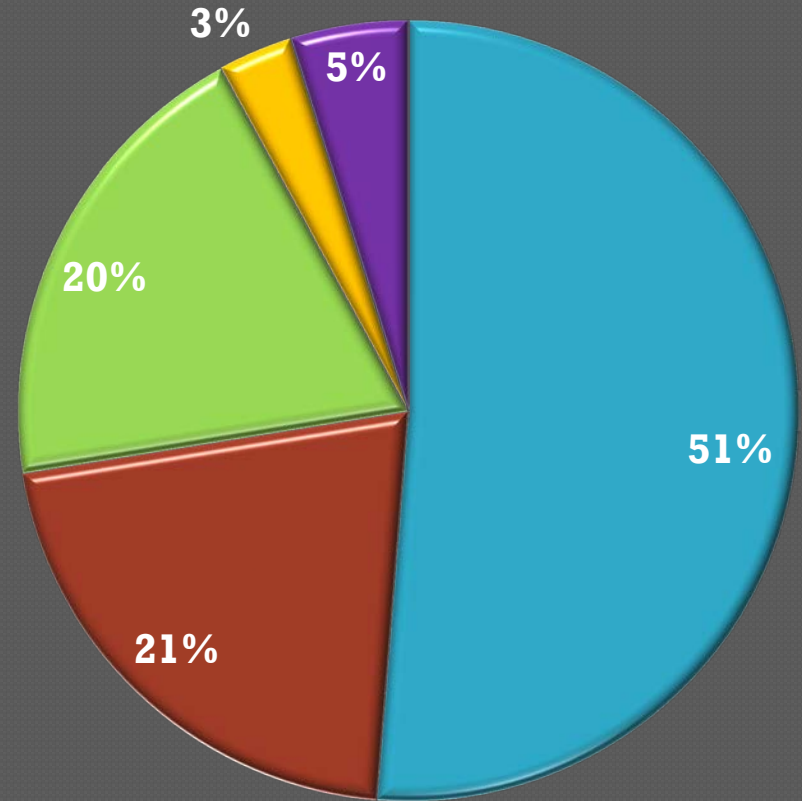


Cumulative Effect of Disproportionality

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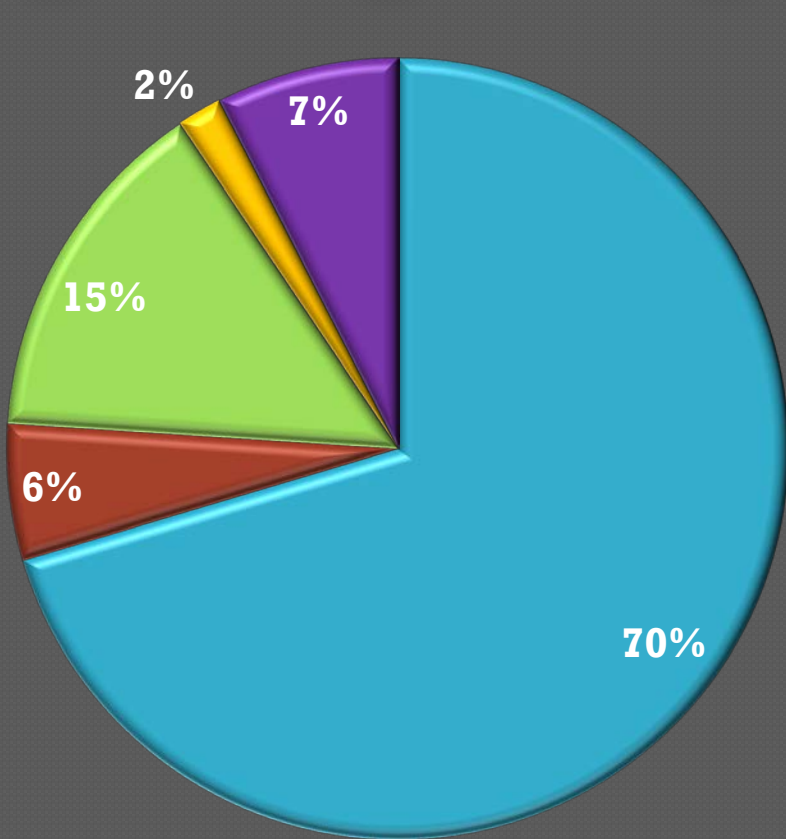
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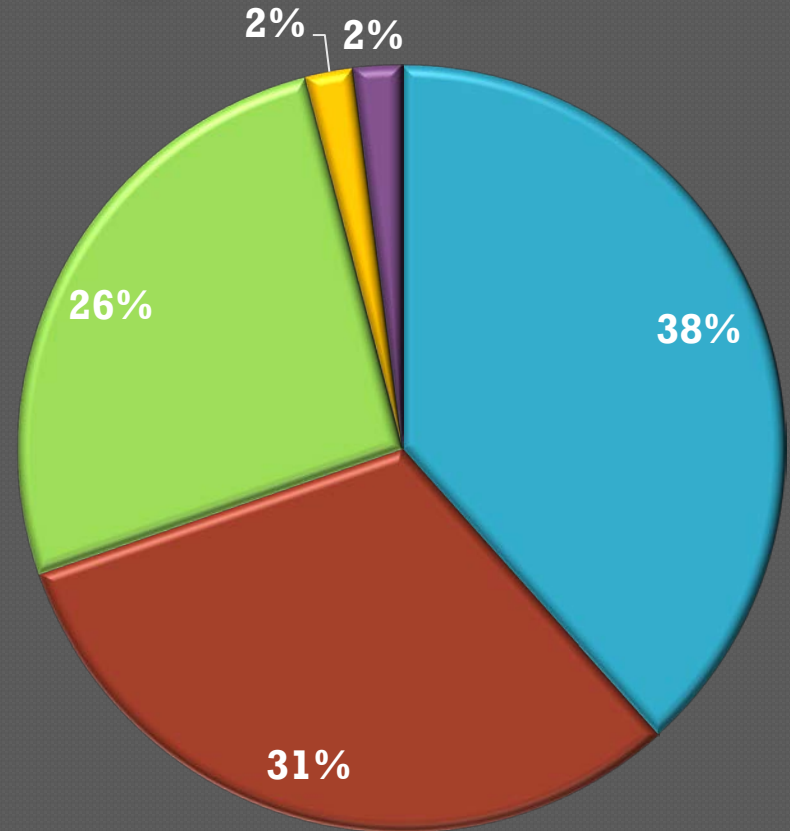
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Youth Sentenced to JRA

Youth of Color Over-Represented in Transfers to Adult Court

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Cases Transferred to
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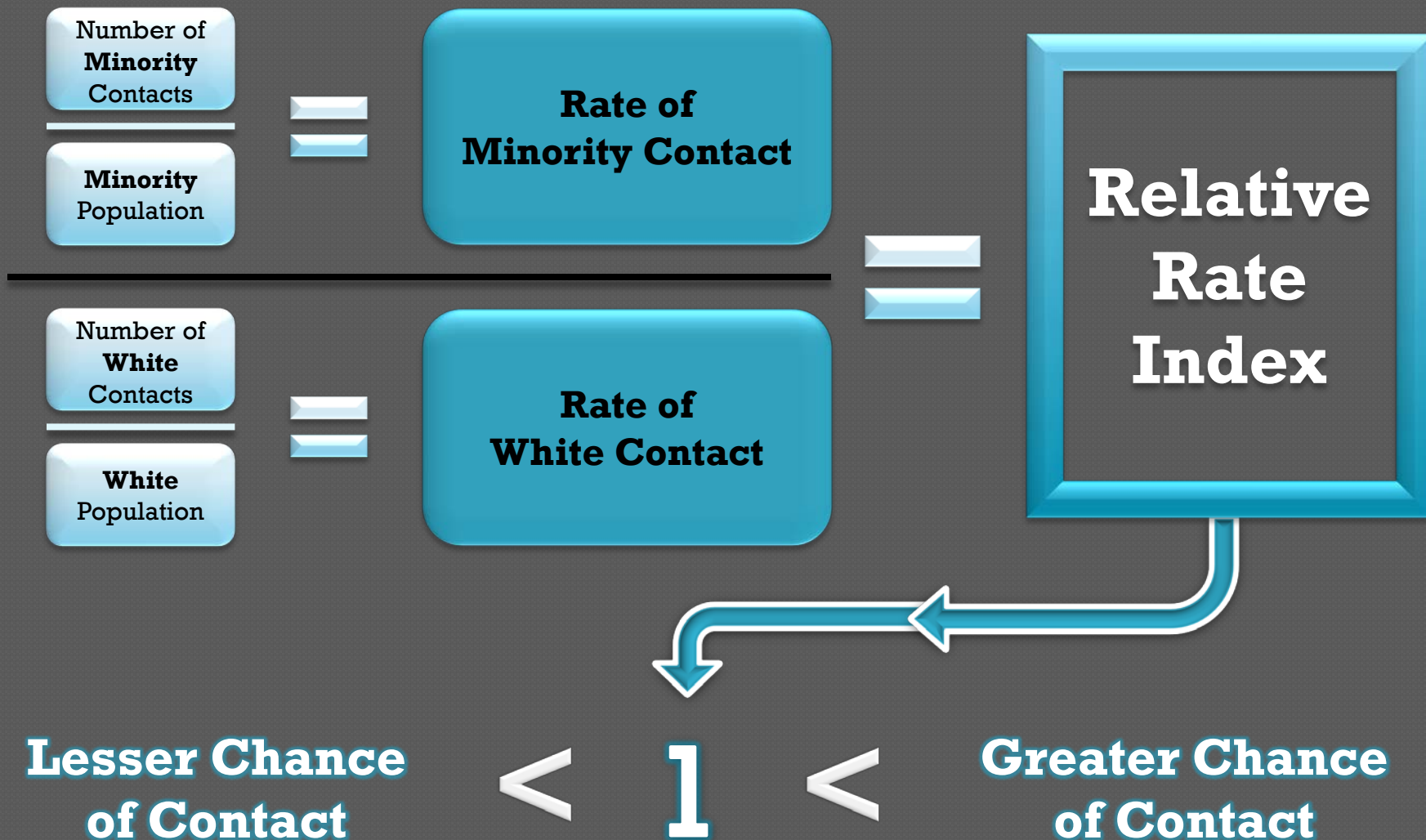
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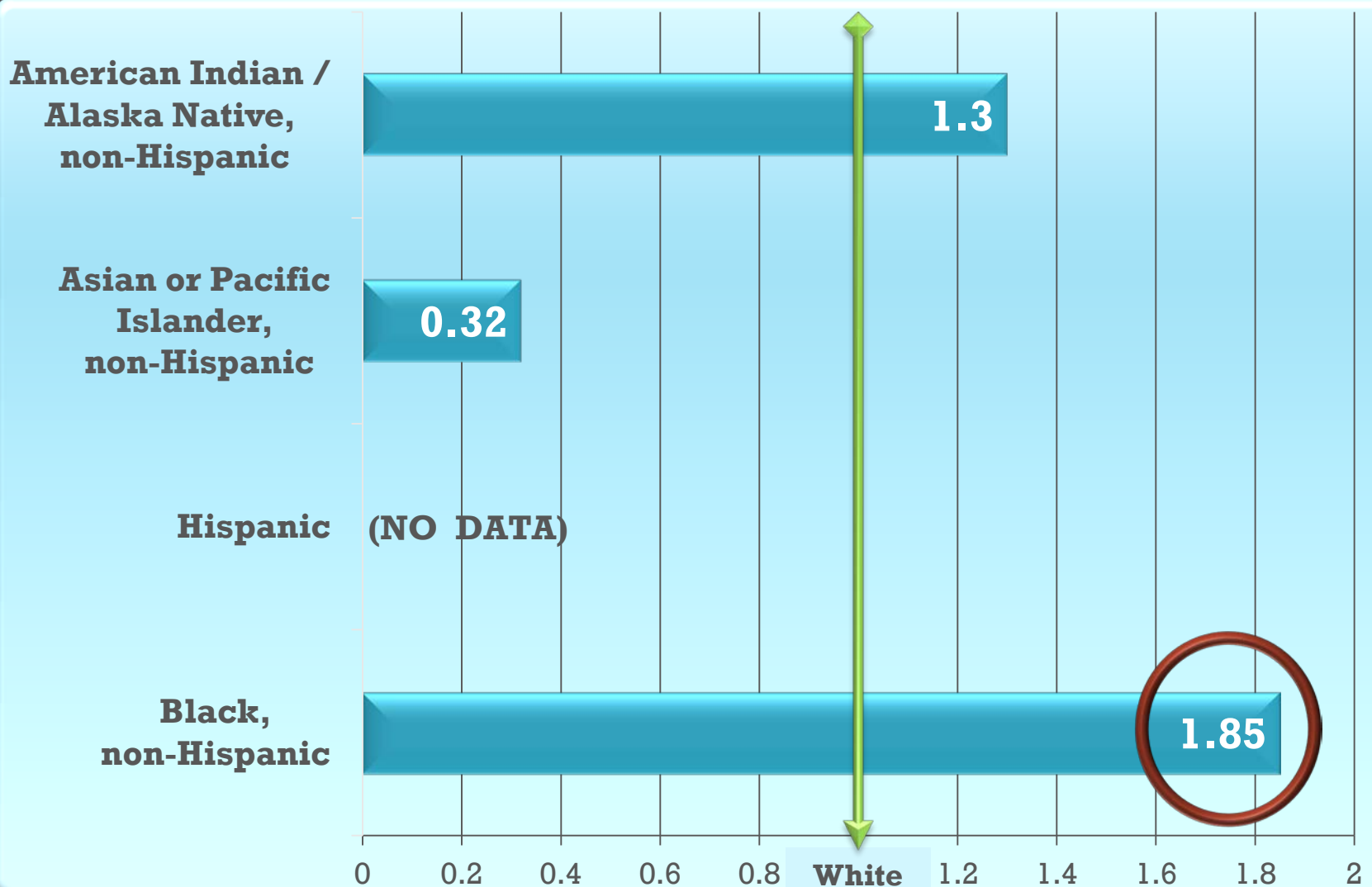
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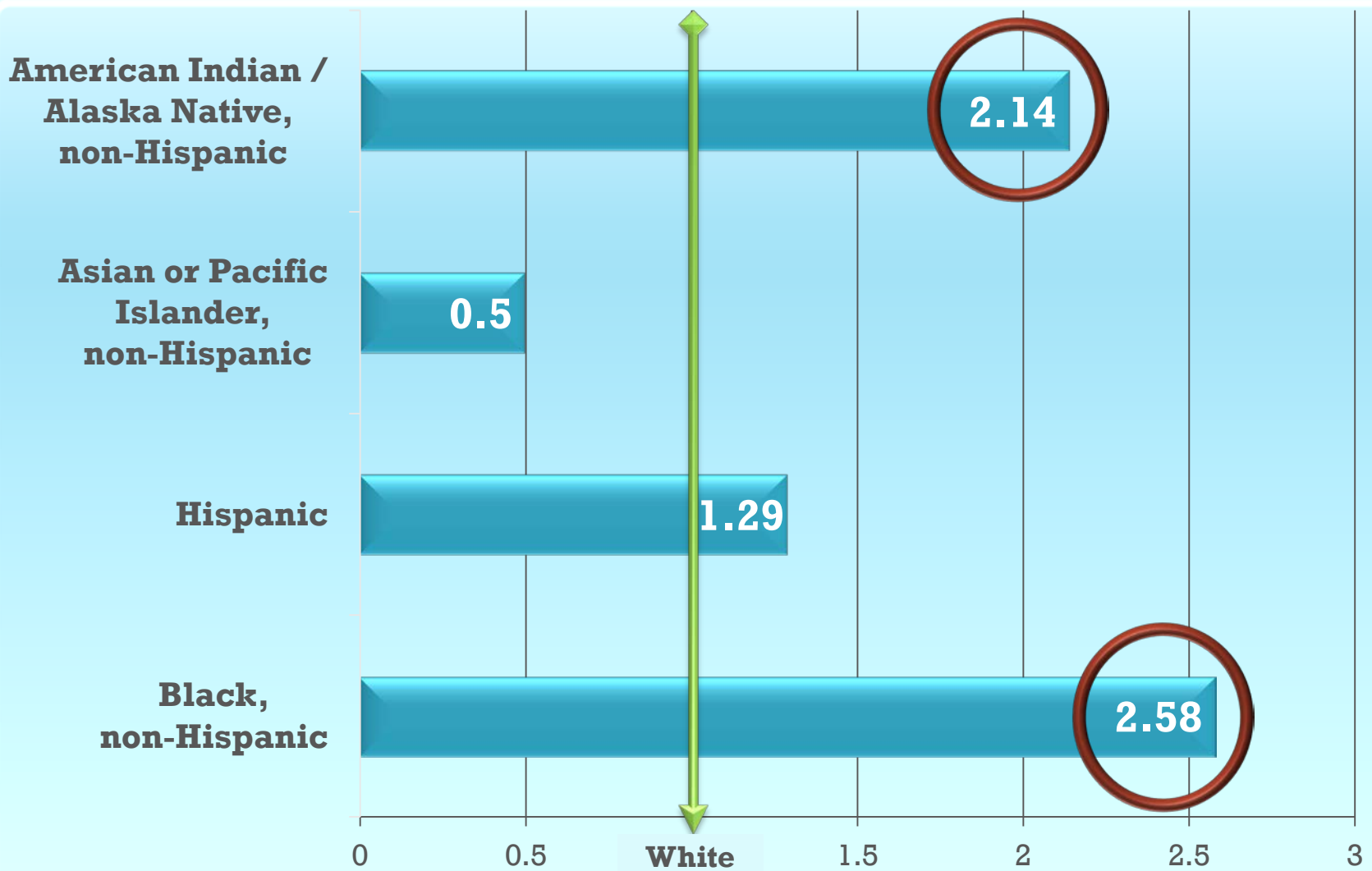
What is a Relative Rate Index (RRI)?



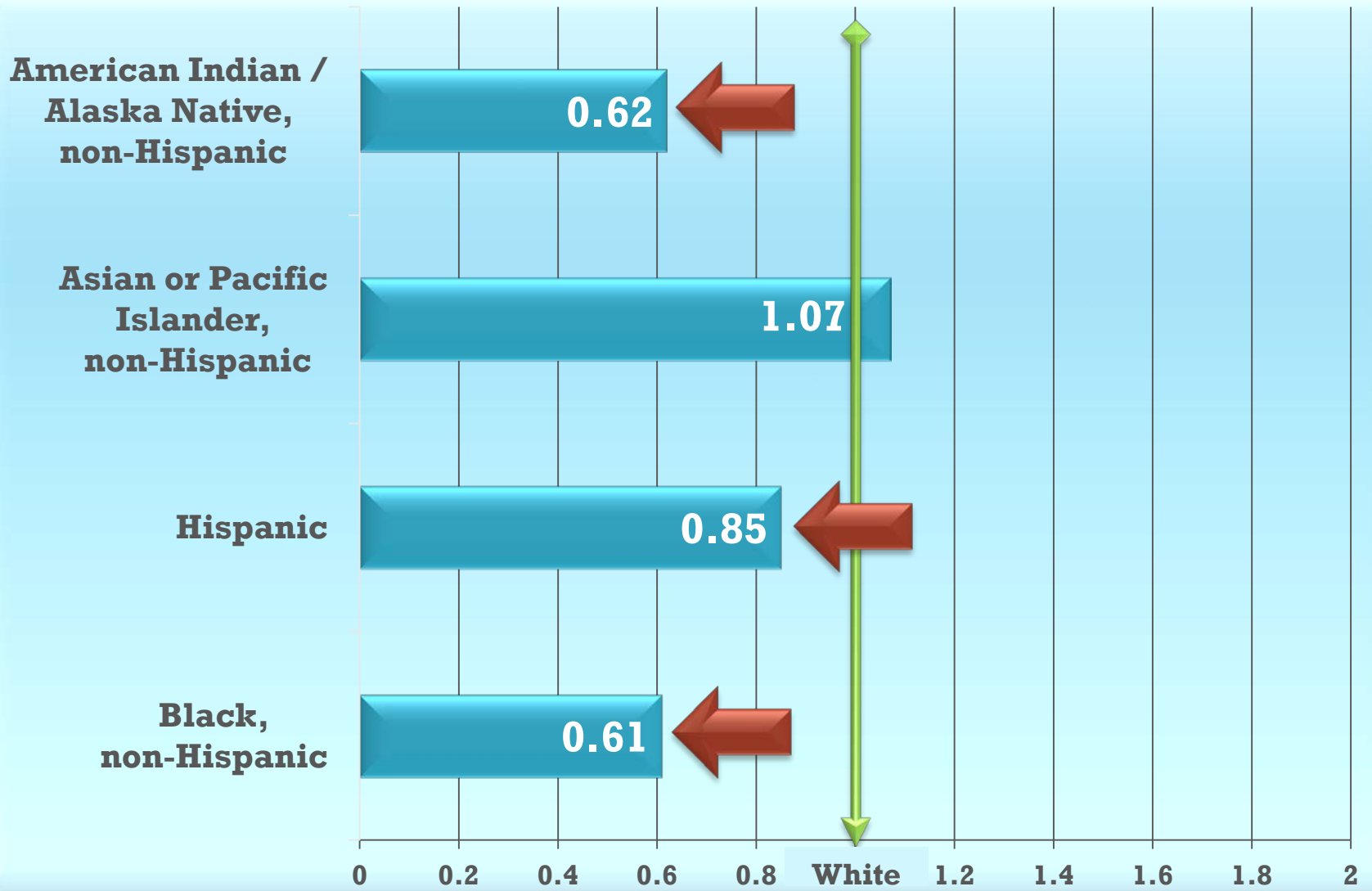
Black youth almost twice as likely to be arrested



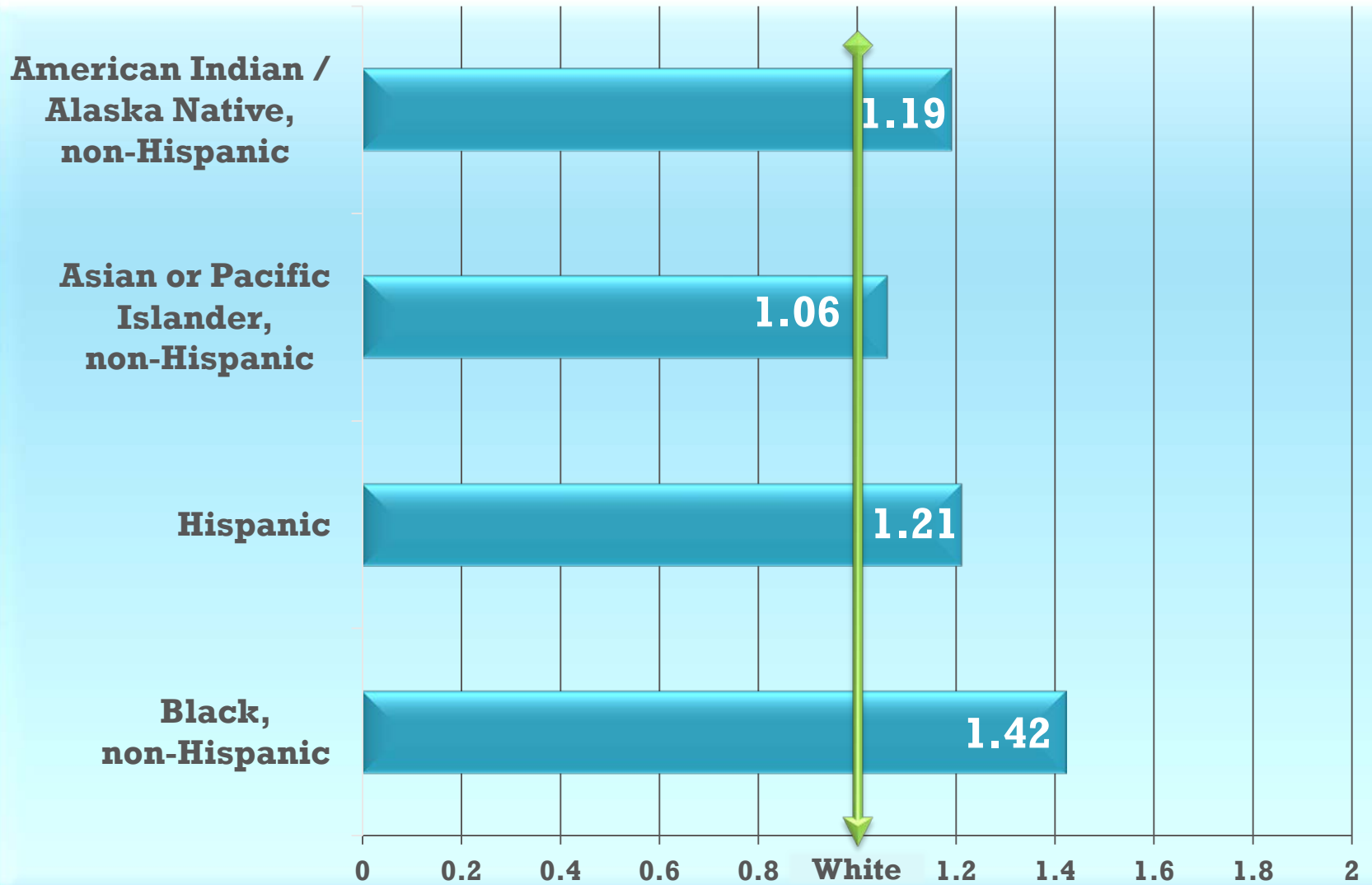
Black and American Indian youth are **more than 2X** more likely to be referred to court



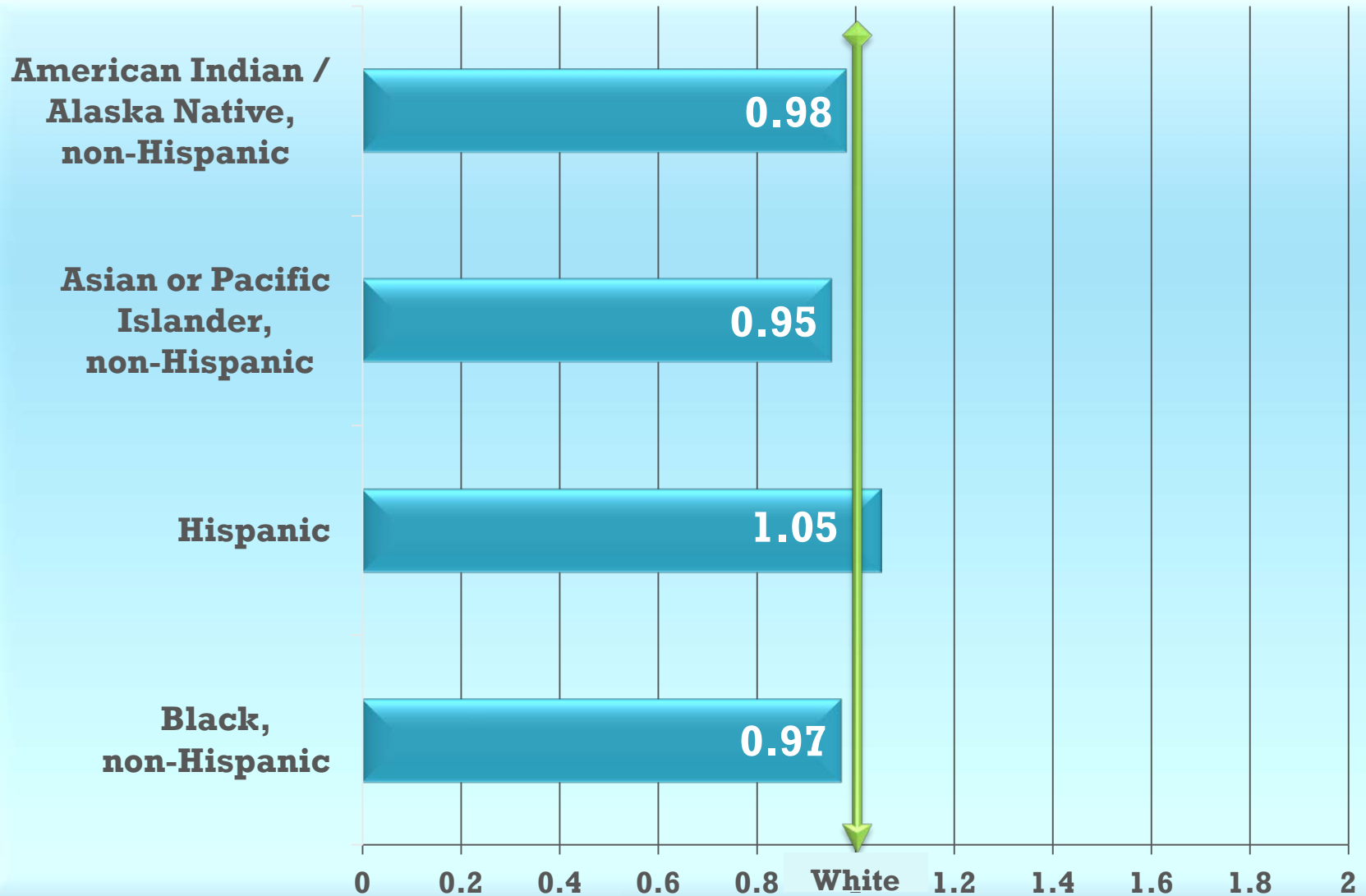
Minority youth less likely to receive diversion



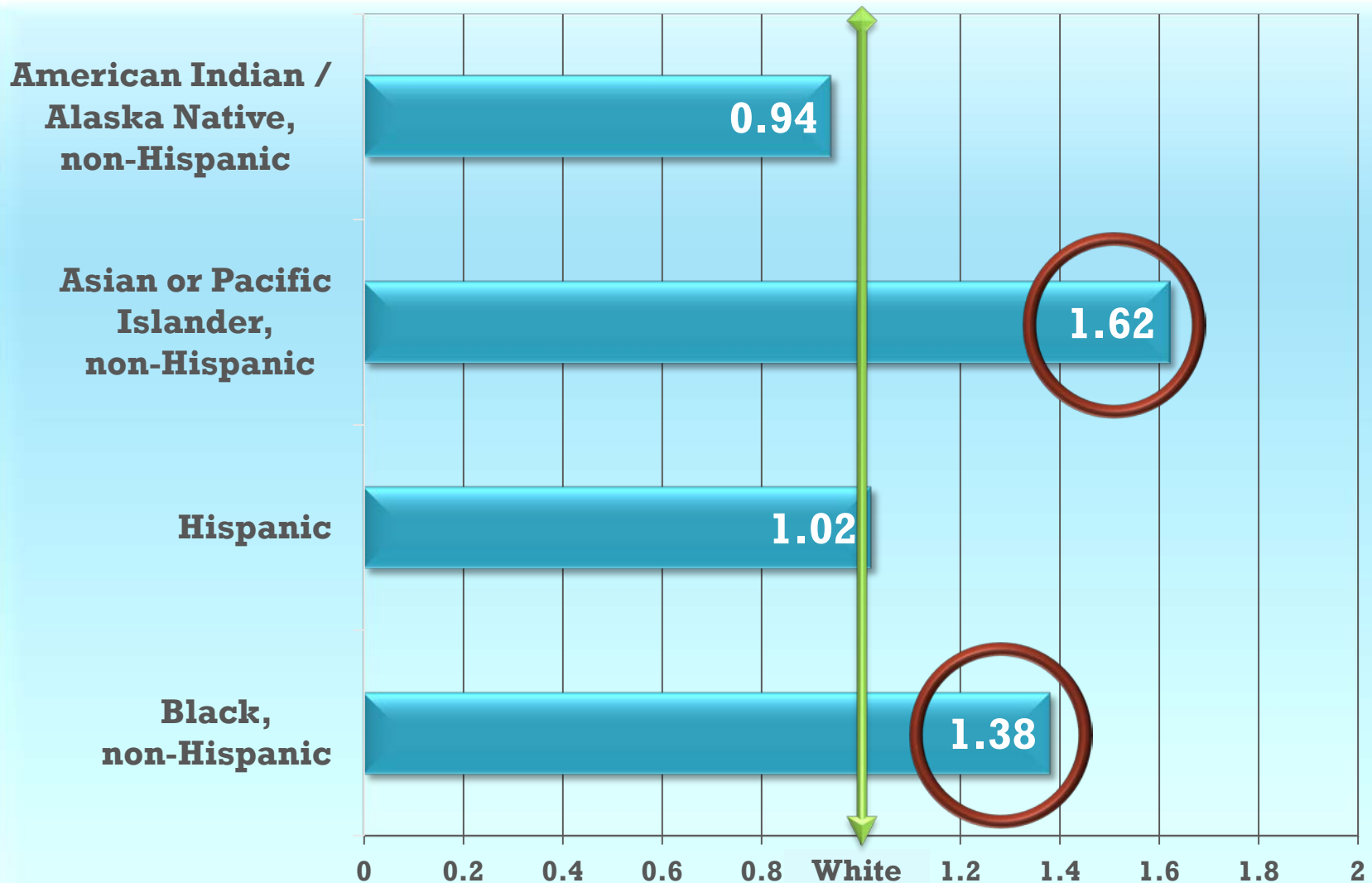
Minorities more likely to have petition filed



Adjudication of guilt does not add to DMC



Black and Asian youth **more likely** to go to JRA



Overlap Among Delinquency, Truancy, and Dependency



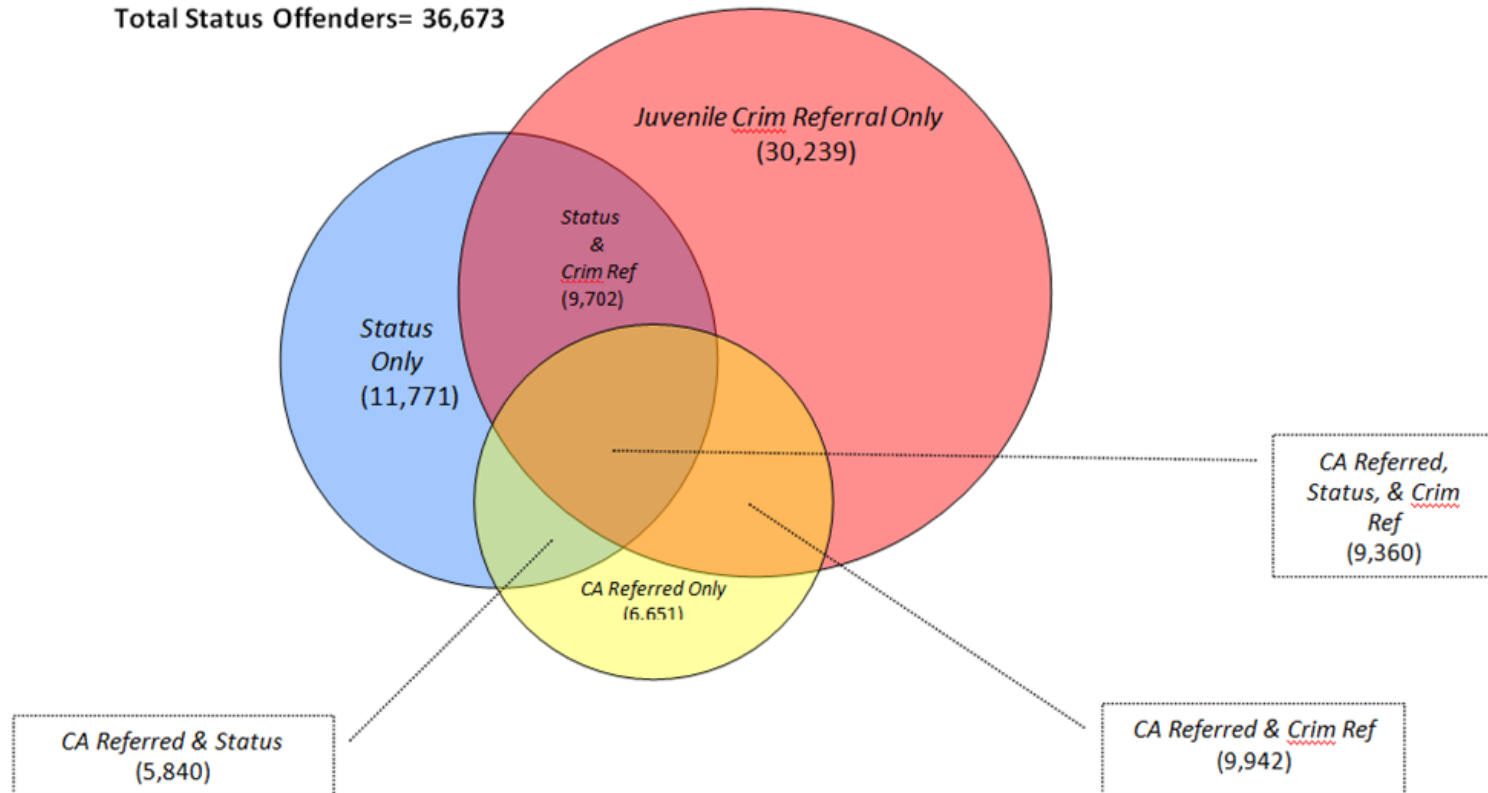
Differences in
Overlap by
Race & Ethnicity

Multisystem Involvement

Multisystem Involvement of Juveniles (Born 1990-1992; Total = 83,505 juveniles)

Total Juveniles Referred on Criminal Matter* = 59,243

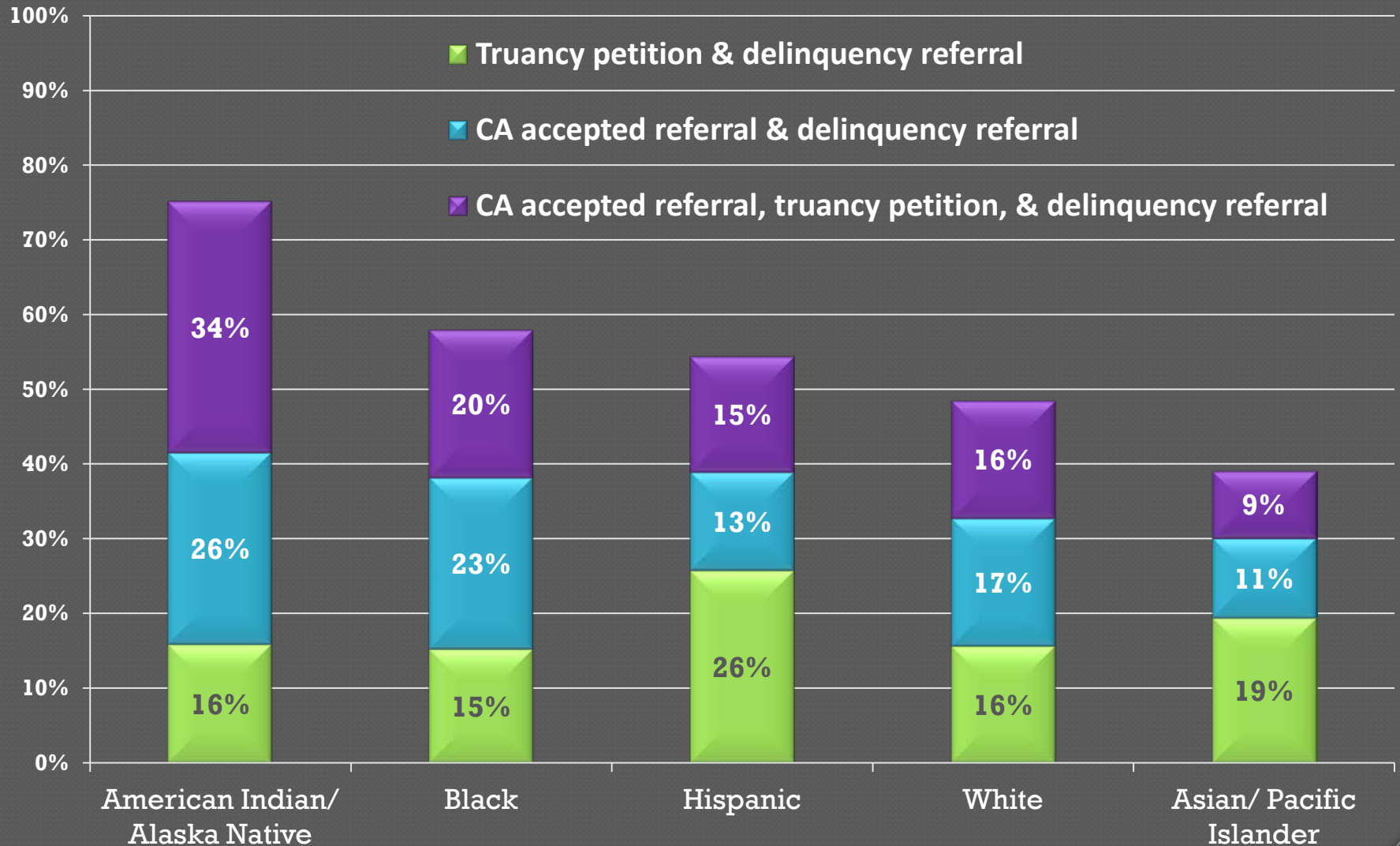
Total Status Offenders= 36,673



Total with Accepted CA Referral = 31,793

*Includes Referrals for Misdemeanors, Felonies, Criminal Traffic, Criminal Non-Traffic, and Criminal Miscellaneous

Multisystem involvement by race and ethnicity



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