



# Child Welfare Data in NC: Opportunities for Human Trafficking Data

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# Overview

- At-risk populations
- Child welfare population
  - General
  - Subsets of greatest risk
- Future directions in human trafficking data collection
- Questions and discussion

# Child Trafficking Data in North Carolina

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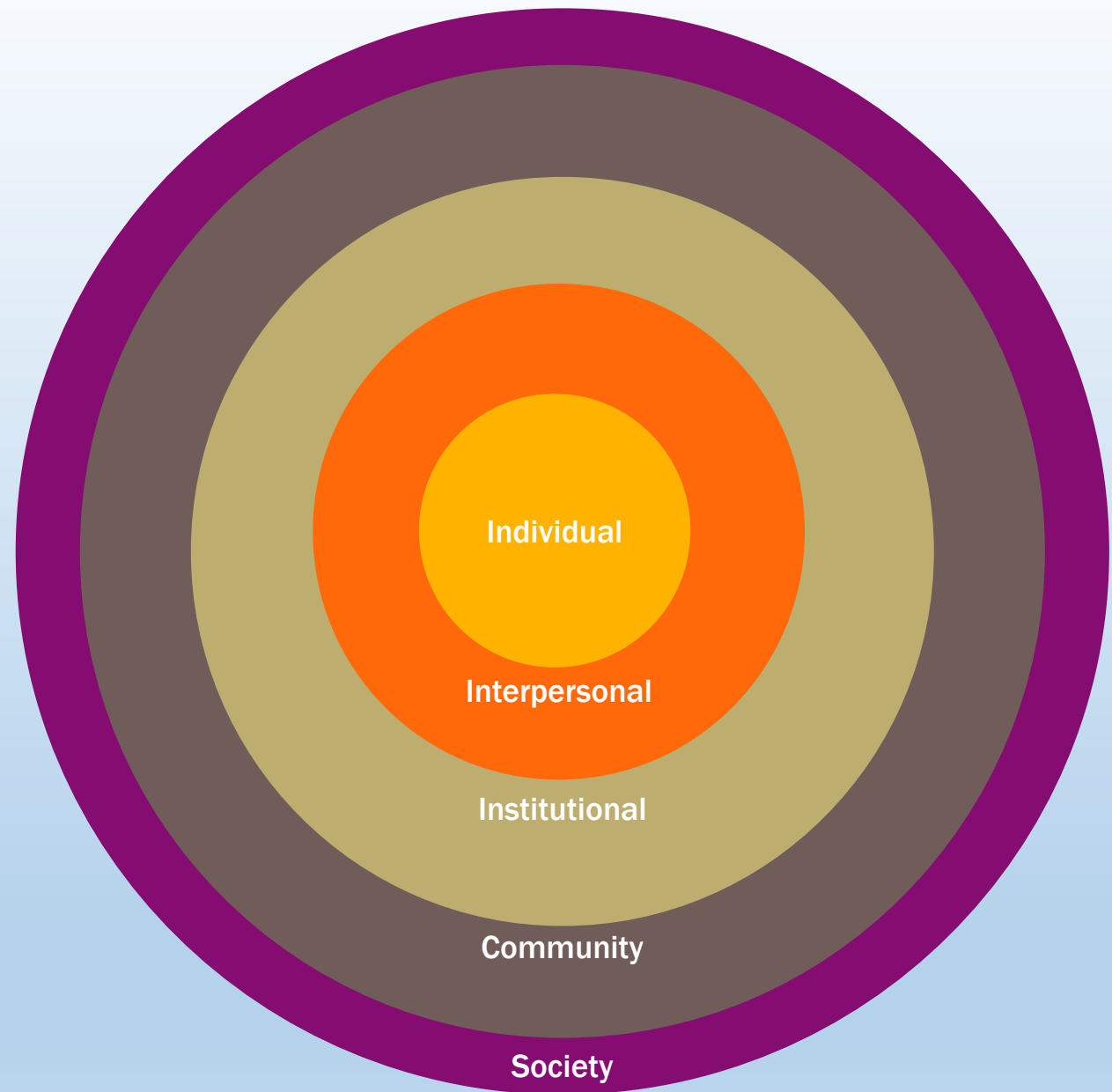
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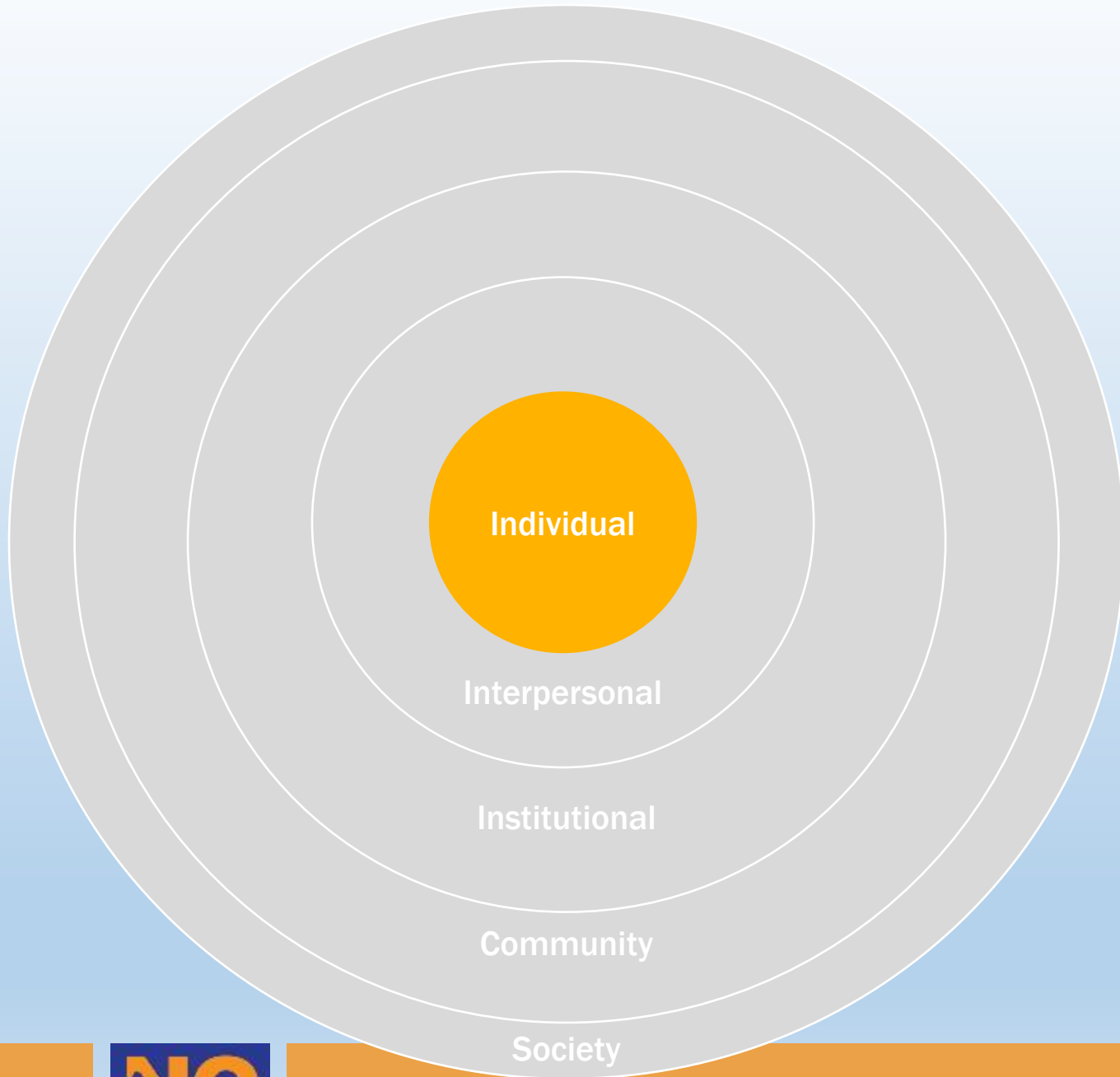
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# Demographic Profile of NC Children at Risk



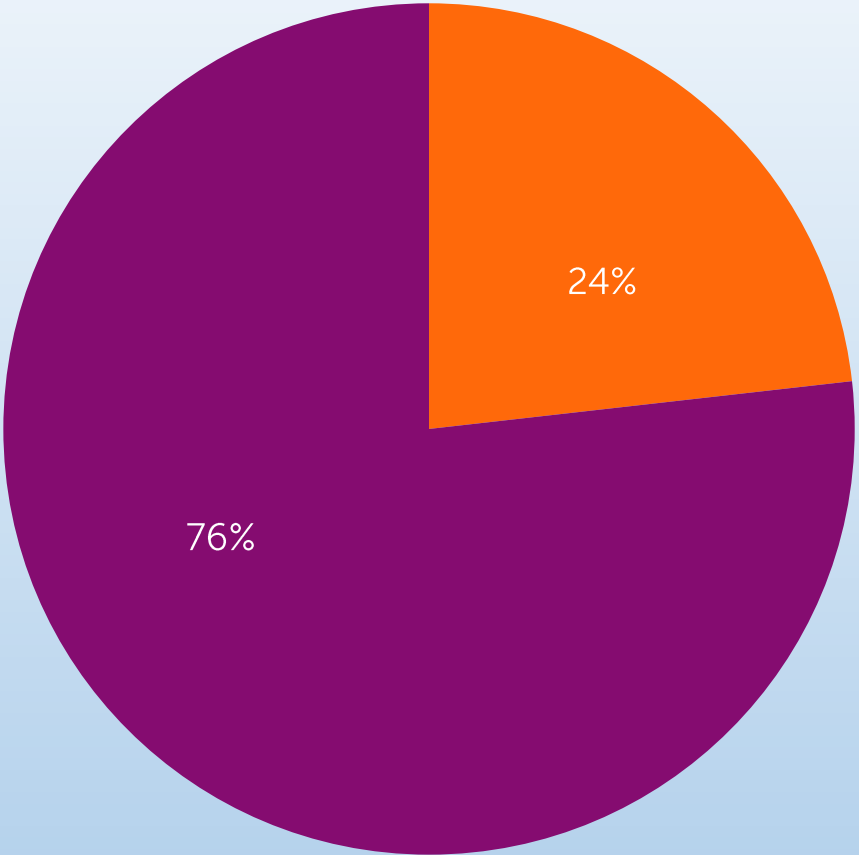


## Risk Factors

- Gender and age;
- Engaging in risk-taking behavior including gang activity, underage drinking or substance abuse;
- Psychosocial and behavioral issues;
- Adverse childhood experiences;
- Immigrant or refugee status; and
- Being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender

# ONE IN FOUR NORTH CAROLINIANS IS A CHILD UNDER AGE 18

Total and child population, 2013



■ Less than age 18 ■ Age 18 and over

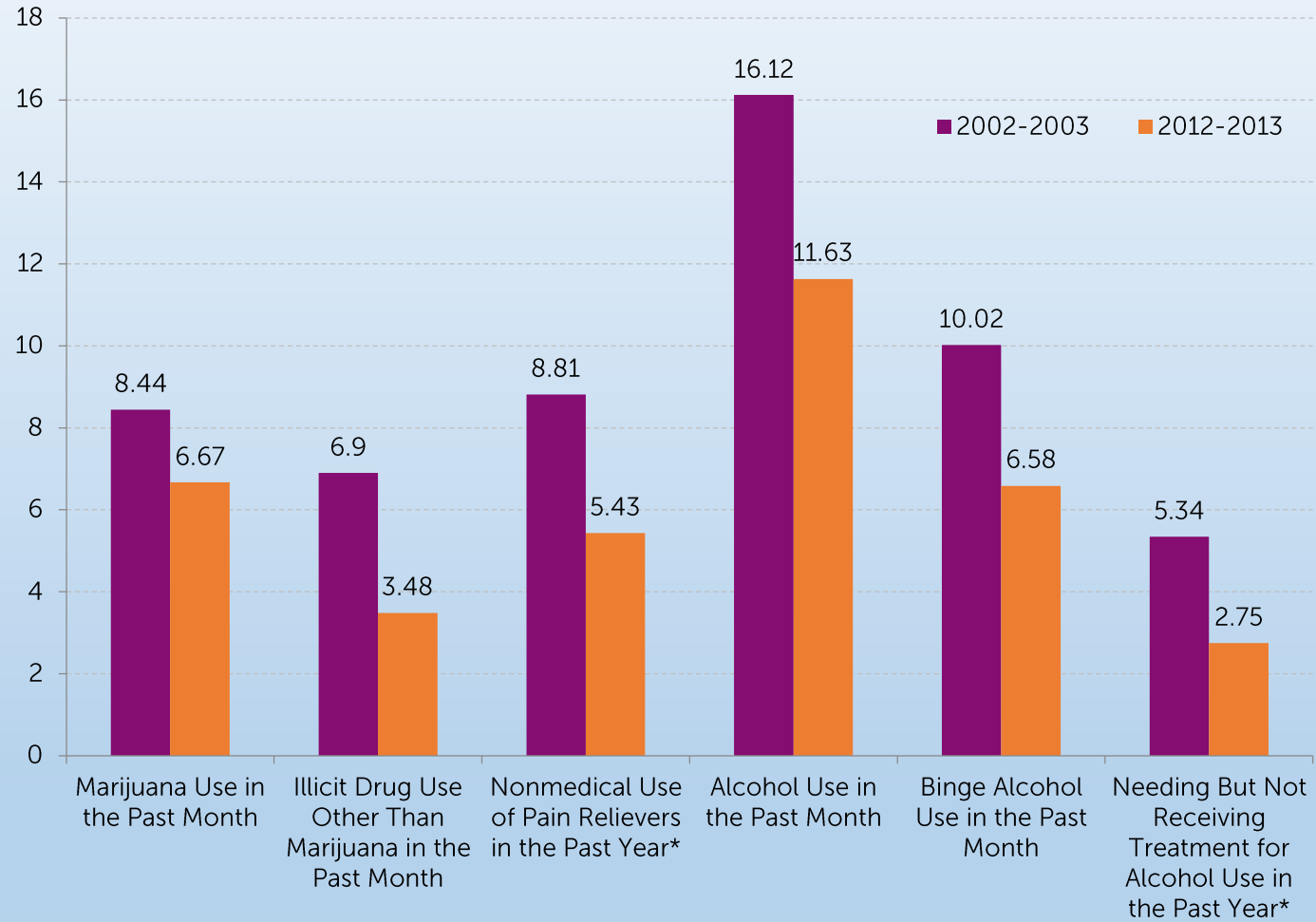
160,426  
Girls between the ages  
of 10-14

U.S. Census Bureau. 2013 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates



# RISK BEHAVIORS

Percent of children age 12-17, 2002-2003 and 2012-2013



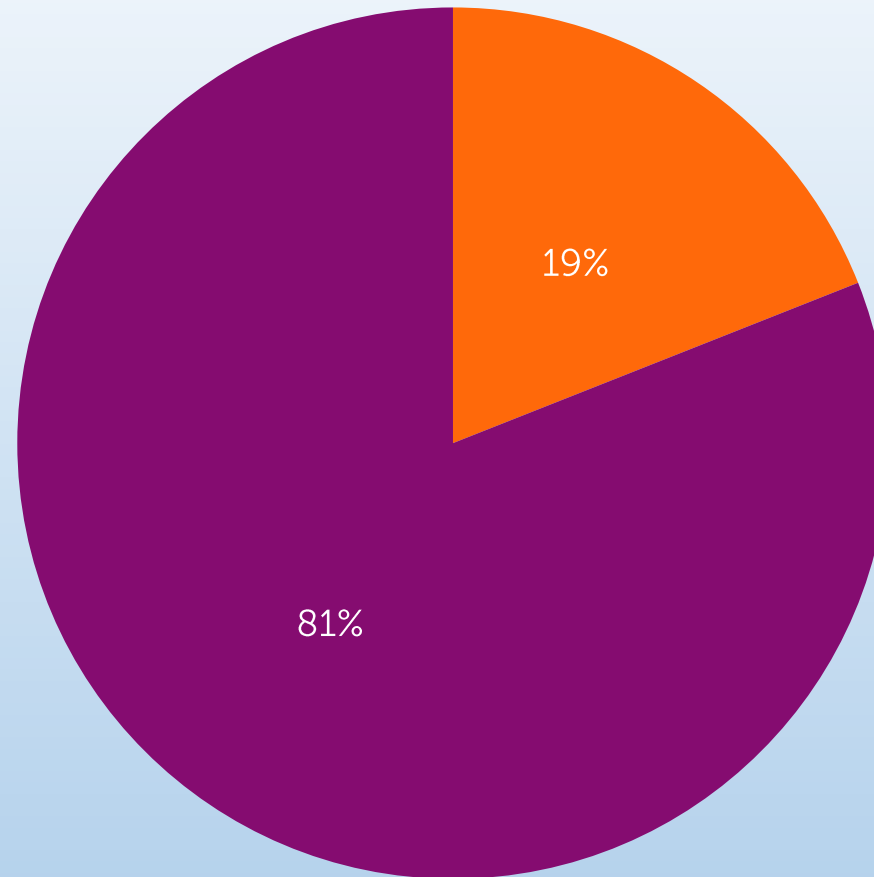
U.S. SAMHSA. National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2013. Available online at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUHsaeLongTermCHG2013/NSDUHsaeLongTermCHG2013.pdf>





# ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN HAVE ONE OR MORE EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL, OR DEVELOPMENTAL CONDITIONS

Children ages 2-17, 2011-2012



■ Identified Need

Includes: autism, developmental delays, depression or anxiety, ADD/ADHD, or behavioral/conduct problems.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, National Survey of Children's Health.

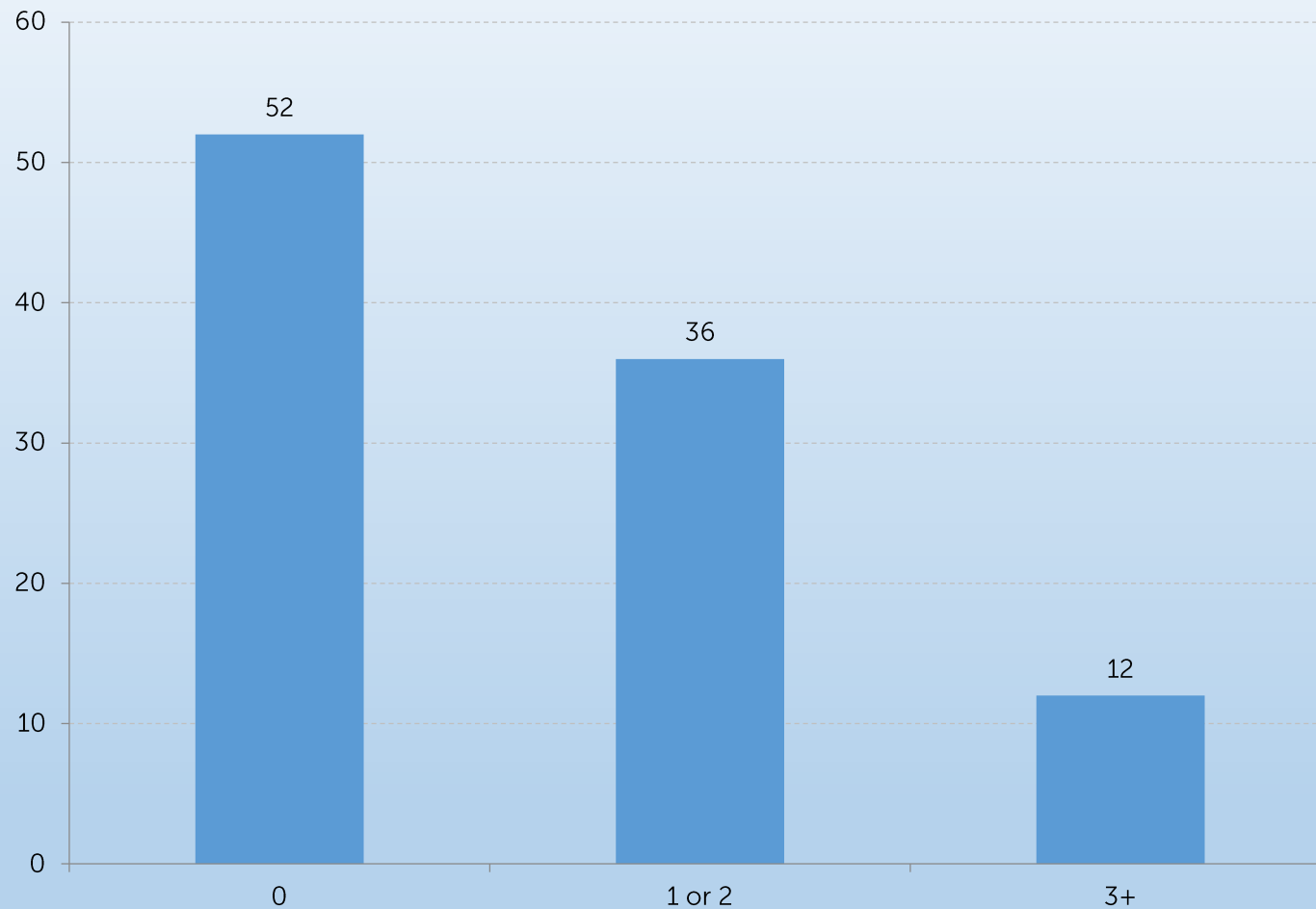


# What are ACEs?

1. Lived with a parent or guardian who got divorced or separated;
2. Lived with a parent or guardian who died;
3. Lived with a parent or guardian who served time in jail or prison;
4. Lived with anyone who was mentally ill or suicidal, or severely depressed for more than a couple of weeks;
5. Lived with anyone who had a problem with alcohol or drugs;
6. Witnessed a parent, guardian, or other adult in the household behaving violently toward another (e.g., slapping, hitting, kicking, punching, or beating each other up);
7. Was ever the victim of violence or witnessed any violence in his or her neighborhood; and
8. Experienced economic hardship “somewhat often” or “very often” (i.e., the family found it hard to cover costs of food and housing).

# Adverse Childhood Experiences

Among Children Aged Birth to 17, Percentage Reported to Have Had Zero, One or Two, or Three or More Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), 2011-2012



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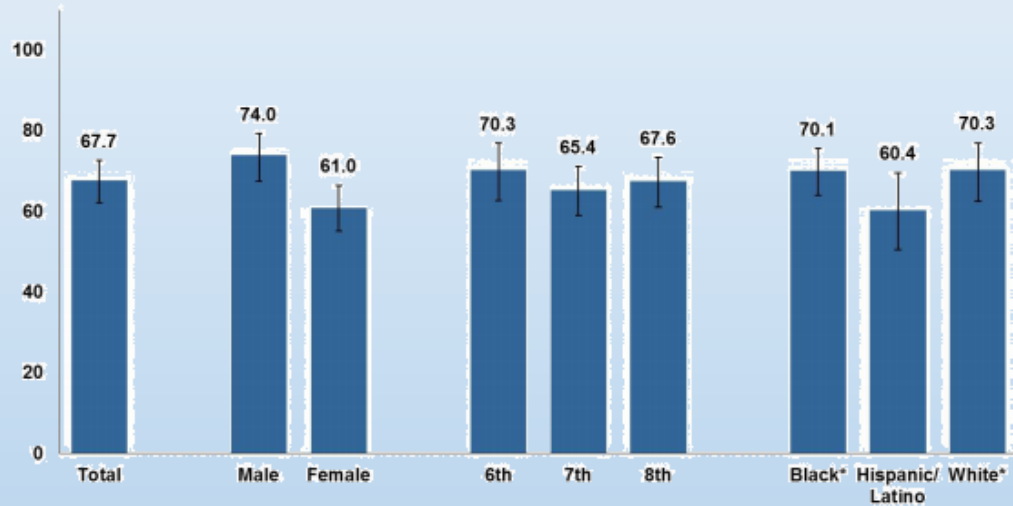
## Risk Factors

- **Drug use by parents;**
- **Lack of a stable or protective family structure; and**
- **Social disconnection such as running away from home or homelessness;**

# Stable, Nurturing Relationships

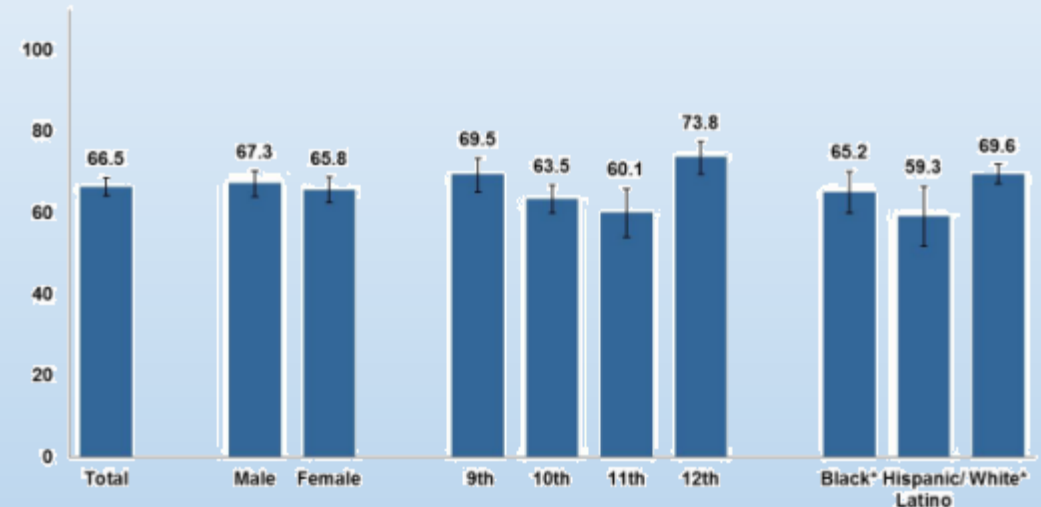
Percent of students who disagree or strongly disagree that they feel alone in their life, 2013

## Middle School



\*Non-Hispanic

## High School



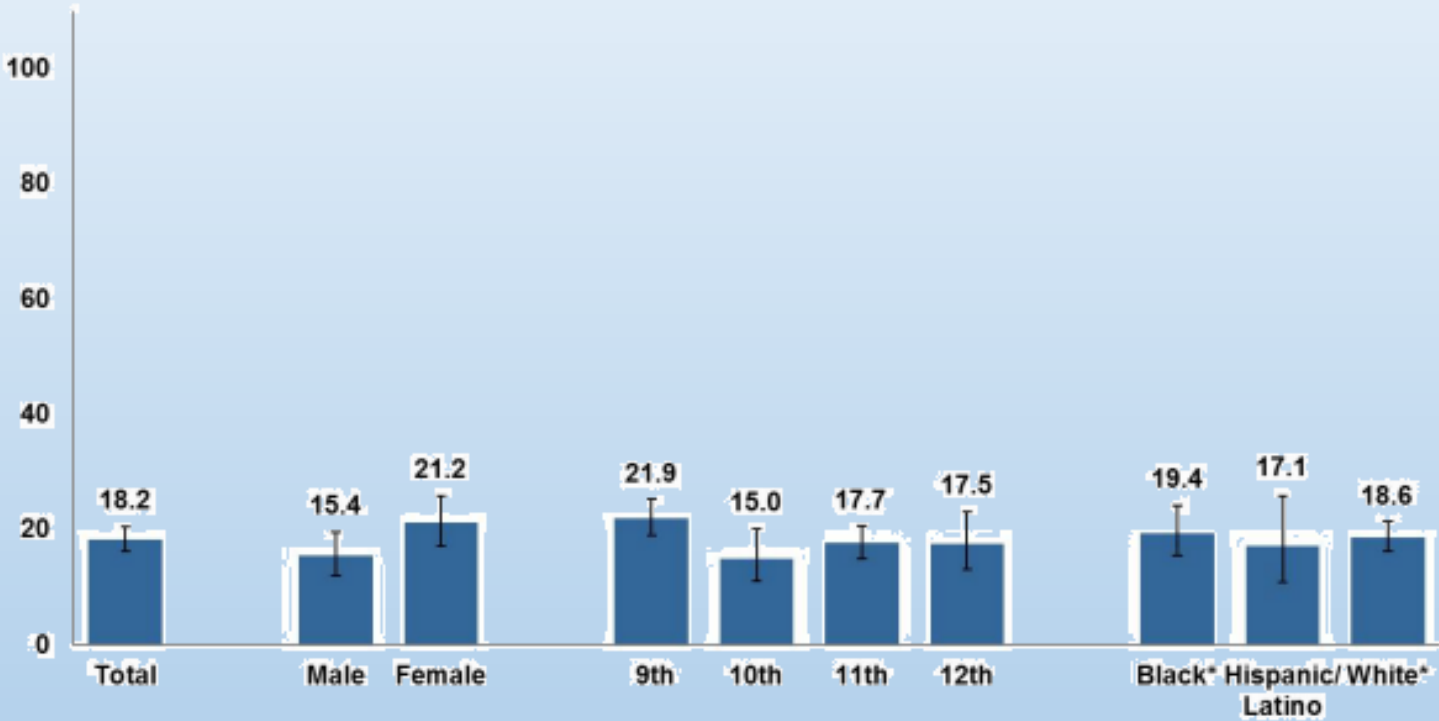
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NC DHHS. Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Available online at: <http://www.nhealthyschools.org/data/yrbs/>



# Stable, Nurturing Relationships

Percent of High School students who would most likely talk with their parent or other adult family member about their feelings when they feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious, 2013



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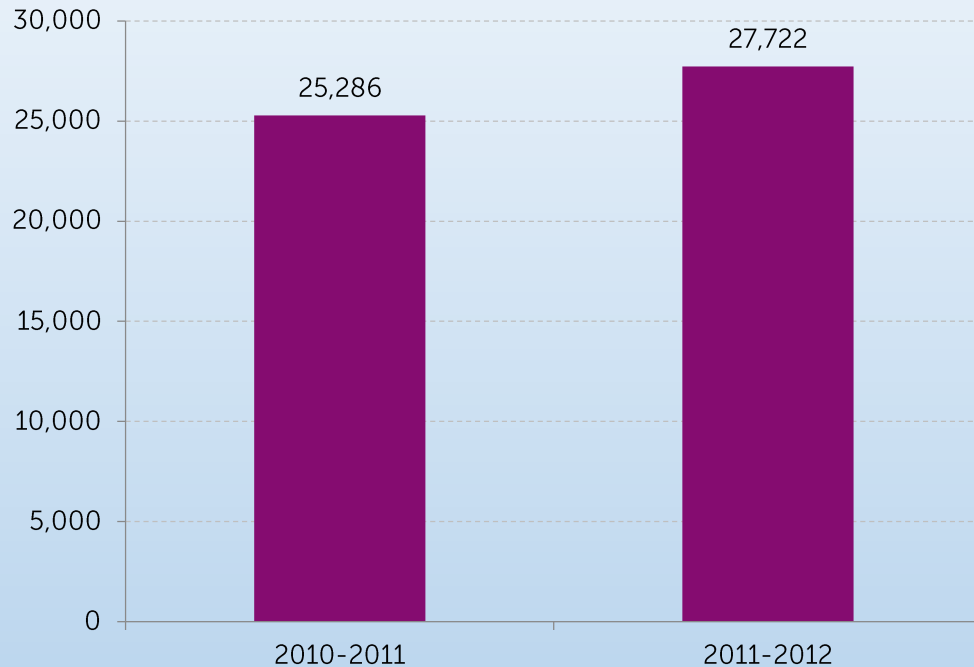
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# Homeless and Runaway Youth

1 (best) to 50 (worst)

Students experiencing homelessness, SY 2011 –SY 2012



NC Child, KIDS COUNT Data Center and The National Center on Family Homelessness at American Institutes for Research. *America's Youngest Outcasts: A Report Card on Child Homelessness*. Available online at: <http://www.homelesschildrenamerica.org/>





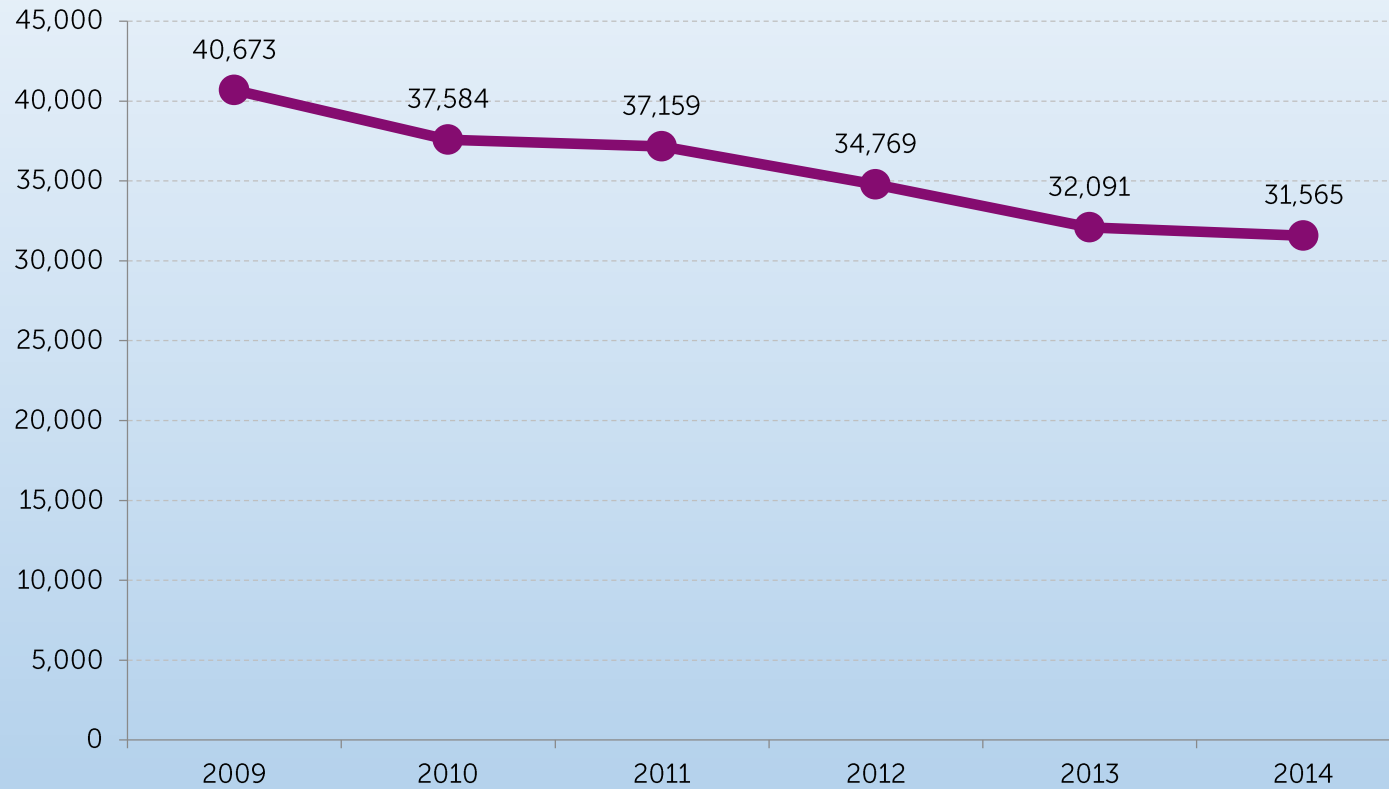
## Risk Factors

- **Juvenile justice system involvement;**
- **History of involvement with child protective services; and**
- **Law enforcement, health care, school, and social service agencies' ability to identify and respond effectively to risk of trafficking.**



# Juvenile Justice System Involvement

Complaints Filed Against Juveniles under age 15, 2009-2014



NC DPS. 2014 County Data Book. Available online at: <https://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000003,002476,002483,002482,002506,002523>



## Child Protective Services

**MORE  
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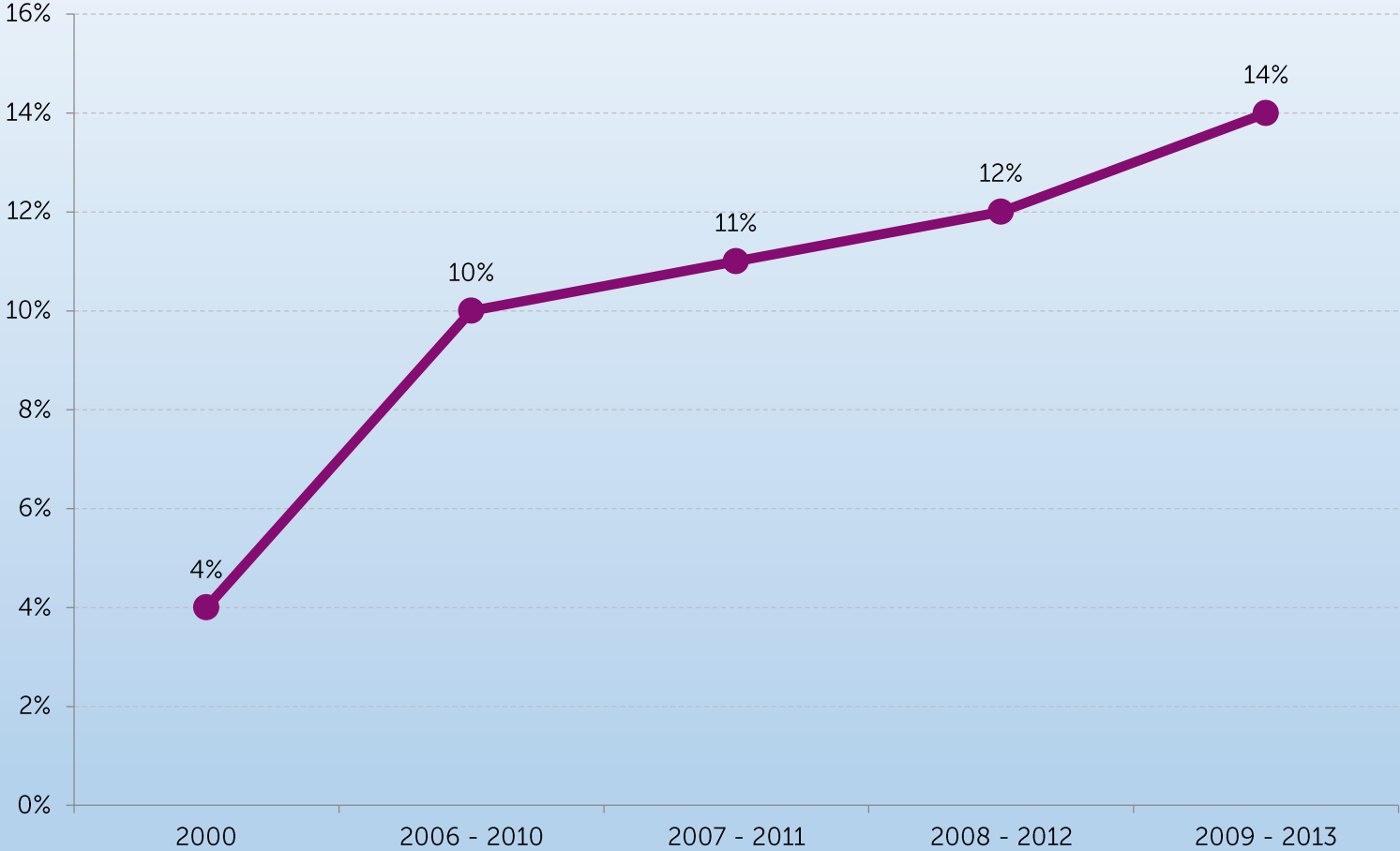


## Risk Factors

- **Concentrated poverty;**
- **Exposure to community violence; and**
- **Access to supportive resources.**

# Concentrated Poverty

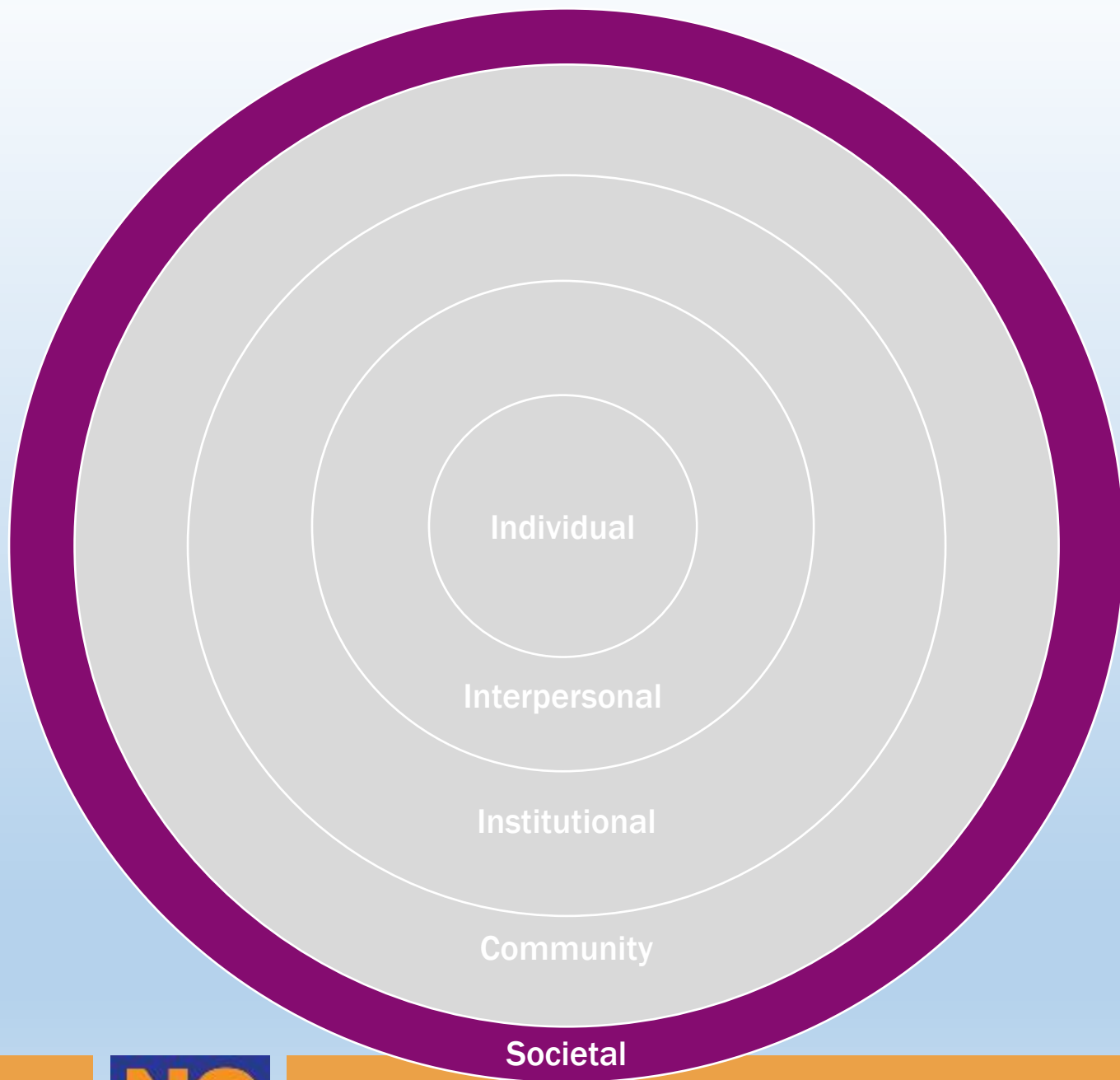
Children living in census tracts with poverty rates of 30 percent or more, 2000 through 2009-2013



n=324,000

U.S. Census Bureau. 2013 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates





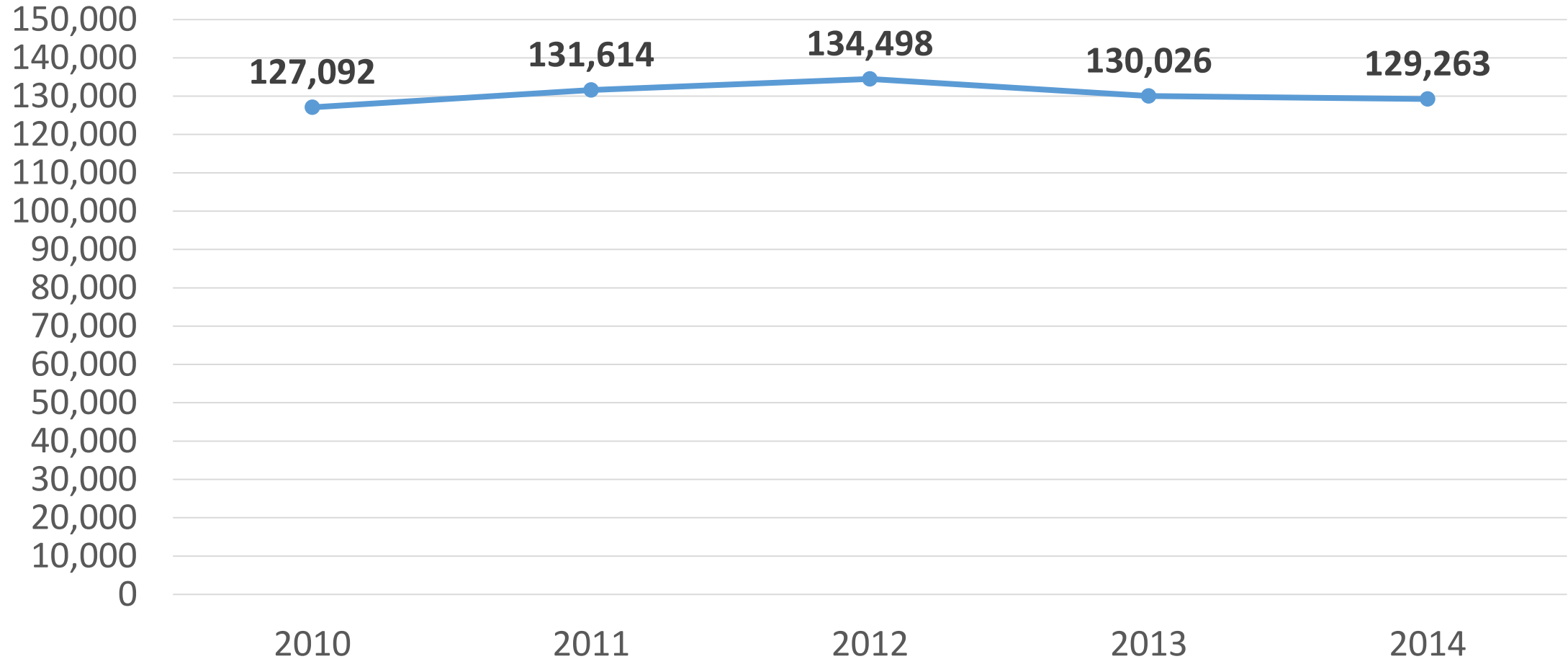
## Risk Factors

- **Gender-based violence and a culture of tolerance for sexual exploitation;**
- **Economic instability and widespread poverty; and**
- **Conflicting public policies.**

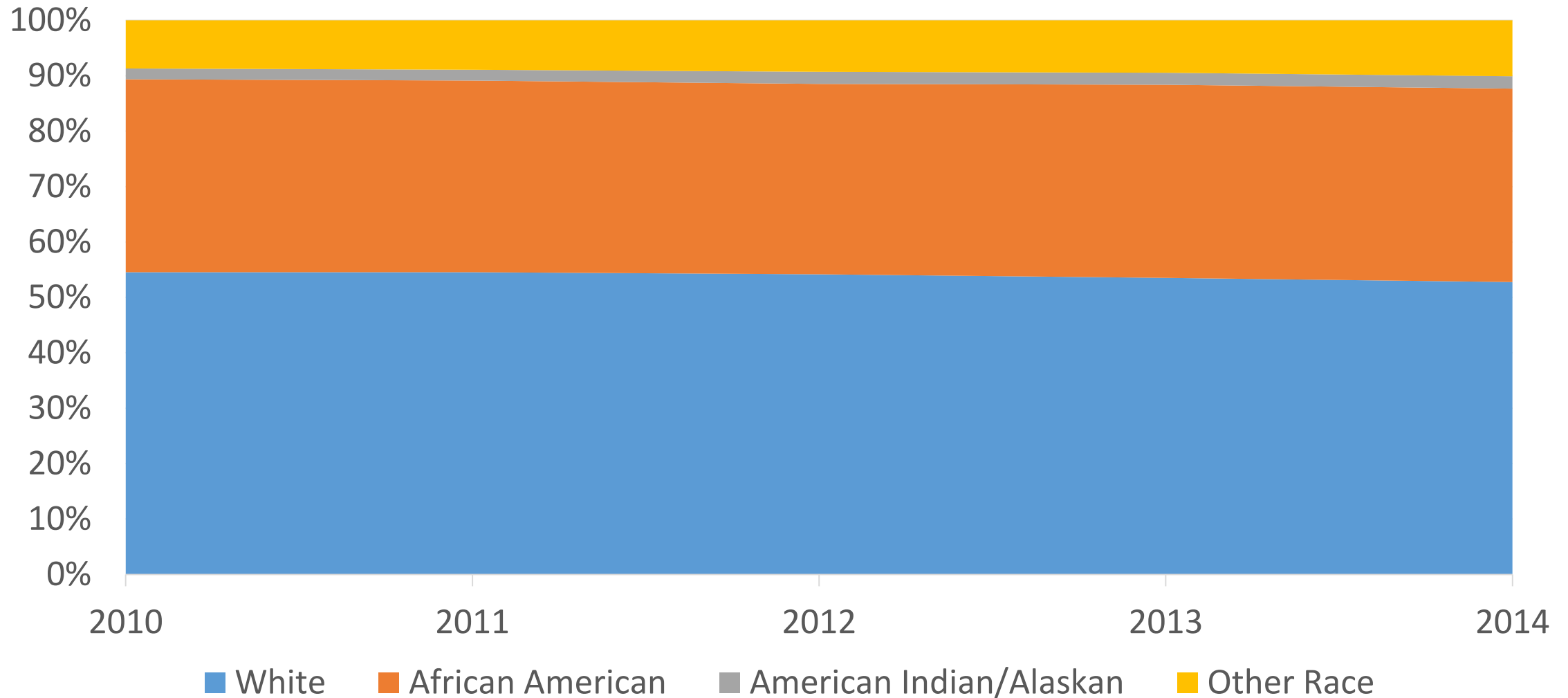


# Child Welfare Population Overview

## Unique Number of Children Assessed for Abuse and Neglect by State Fiscal Year - North Carolina

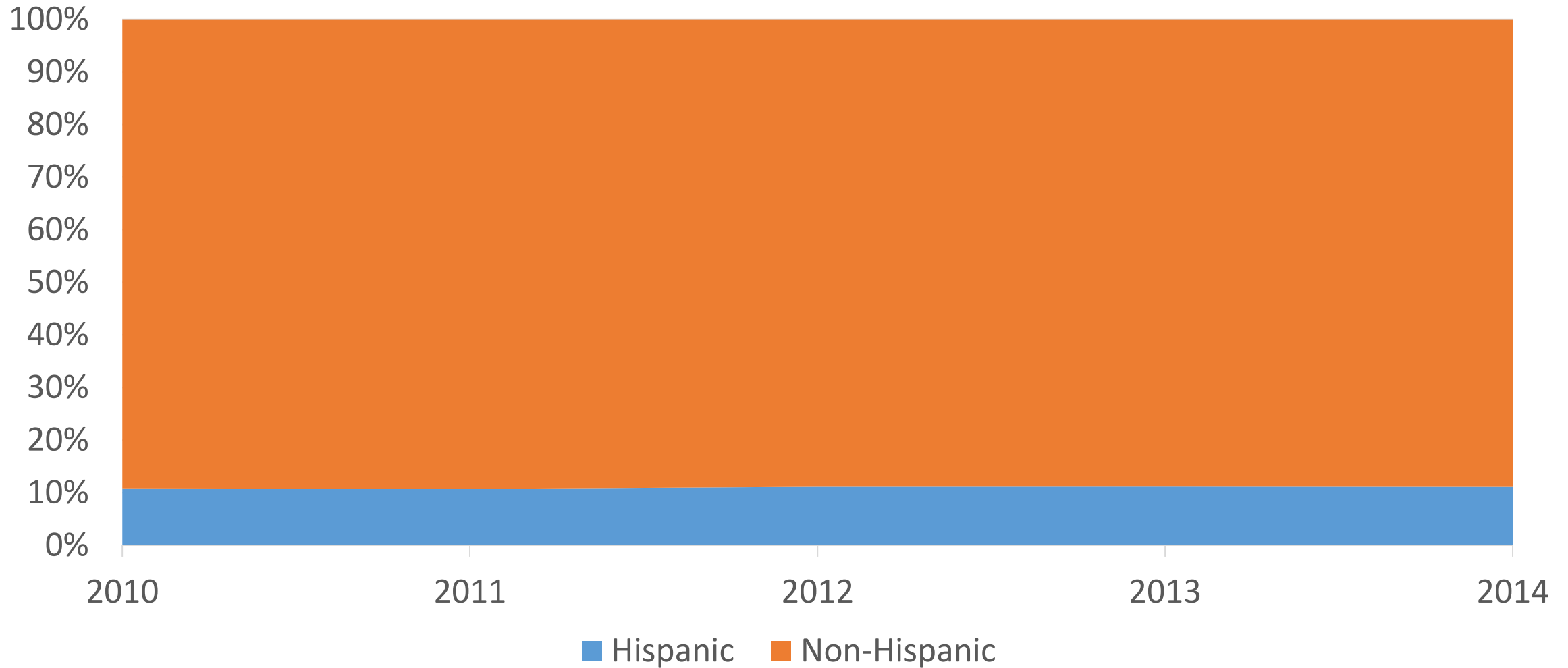


# Unique Number of Children Assessed for Abuse and Neglect by Race by SFY - North Carolina

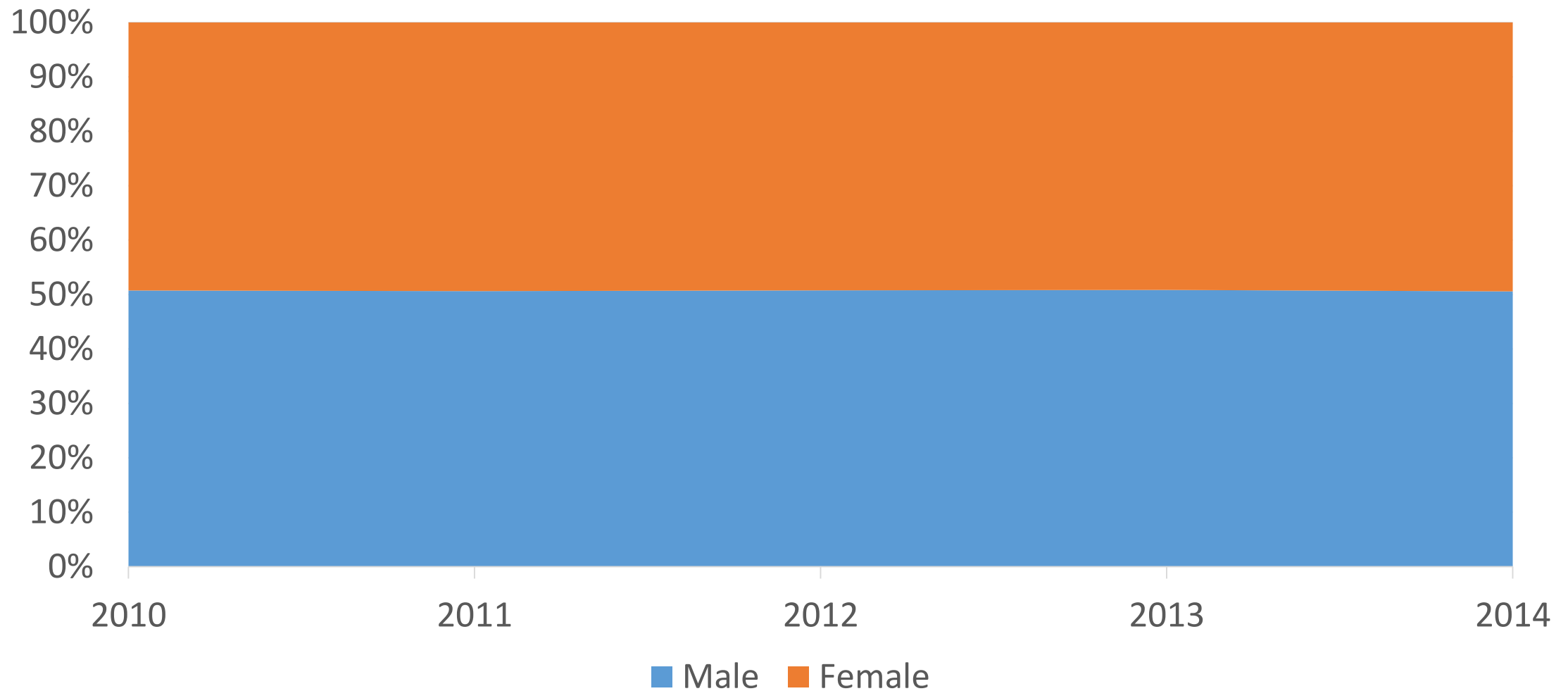




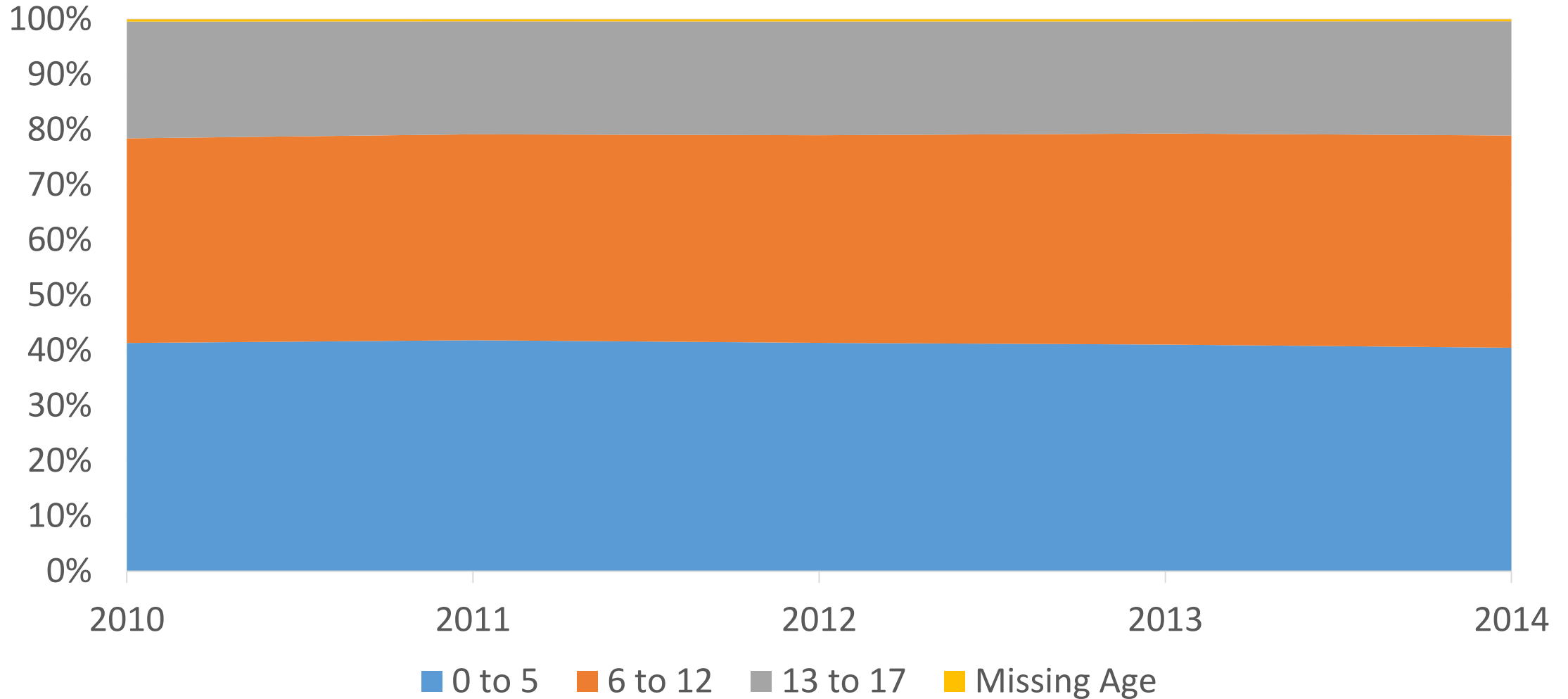
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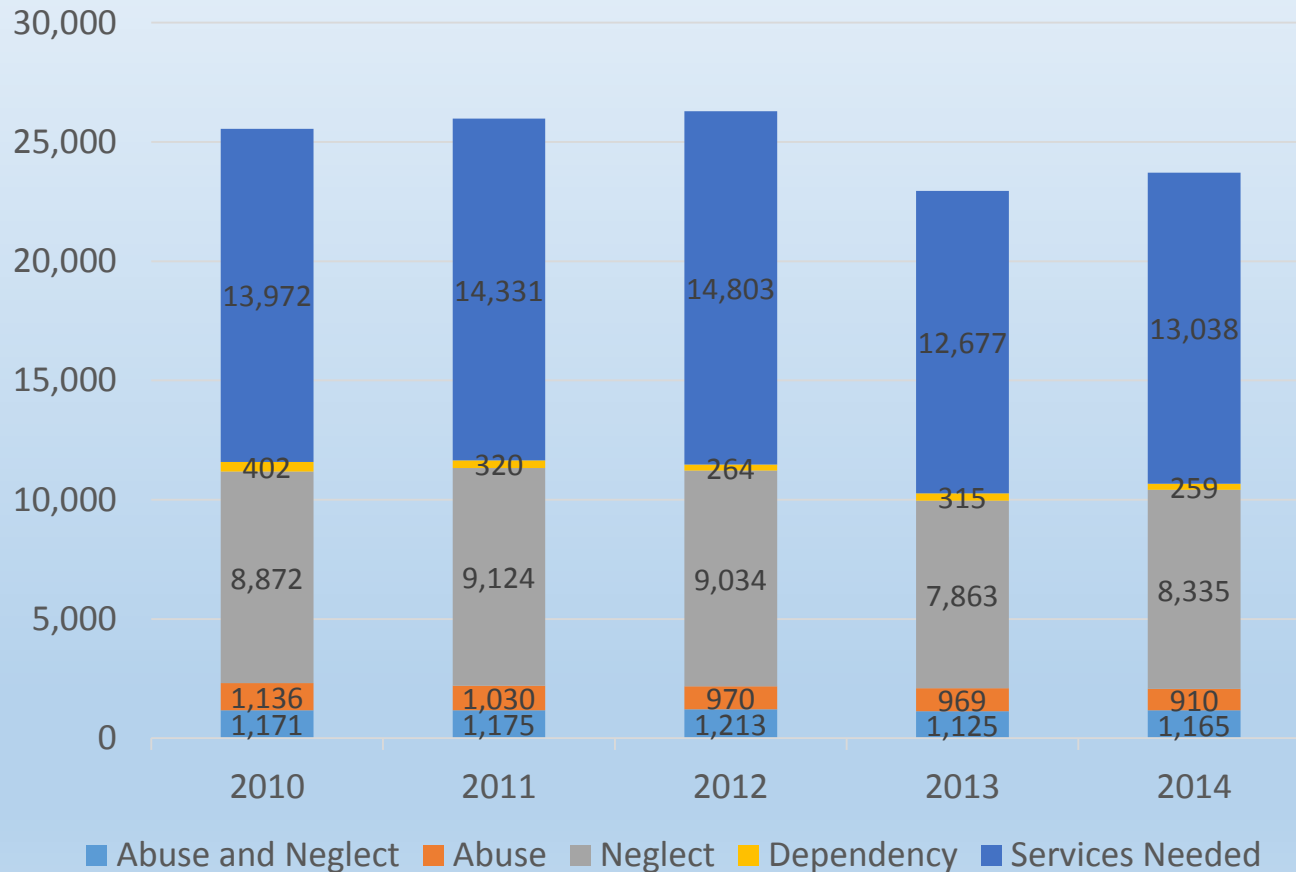


## Unique Number of Children Assessed for Abuse and Neglect by Age on First Report by SFY - North Carolina



# Findings and Maltreatment Types

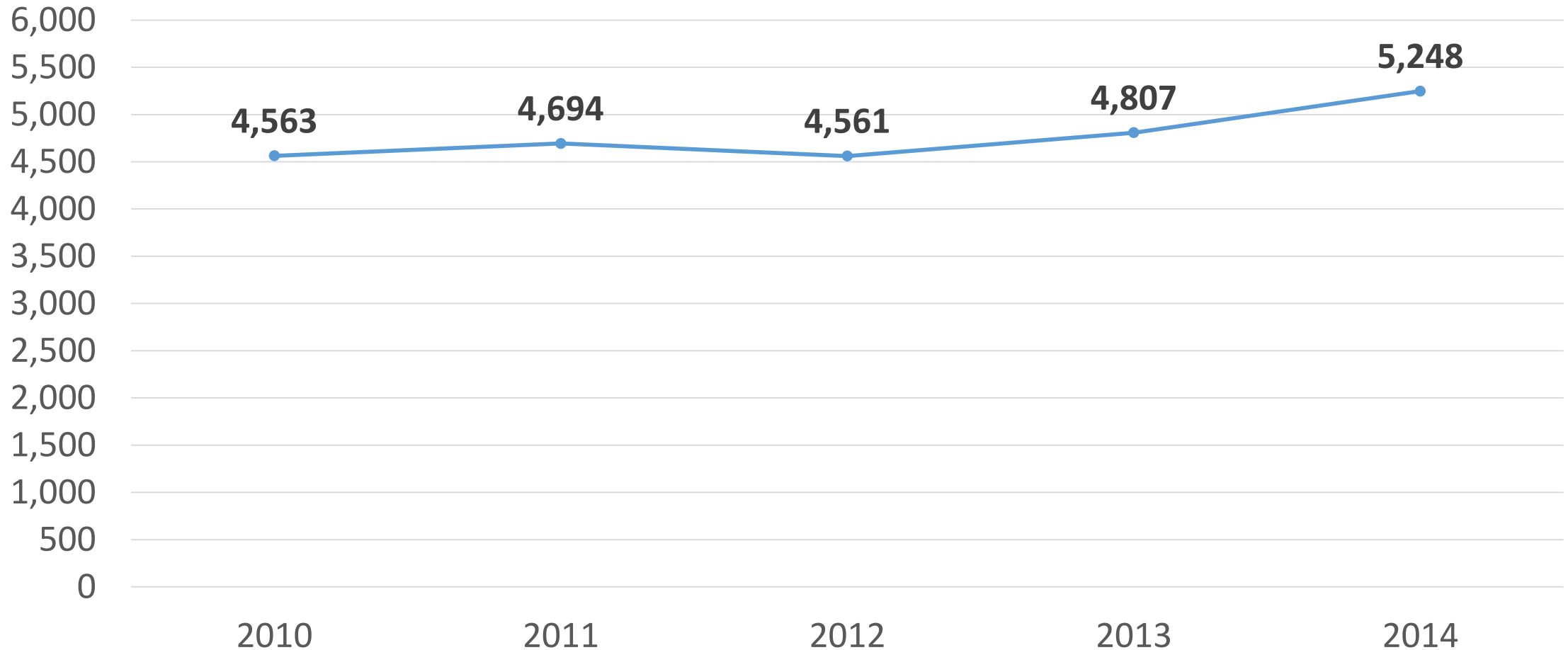
Substantiated Findings and Services Needed  
by SFY - North Carolina



- Abuse Related Maltreatment Types (findings may have more than one type):
  - 52% sexual abuse
  - 43% physical abuse
  - 6% emotional abuse
  - 4% delinquent acts

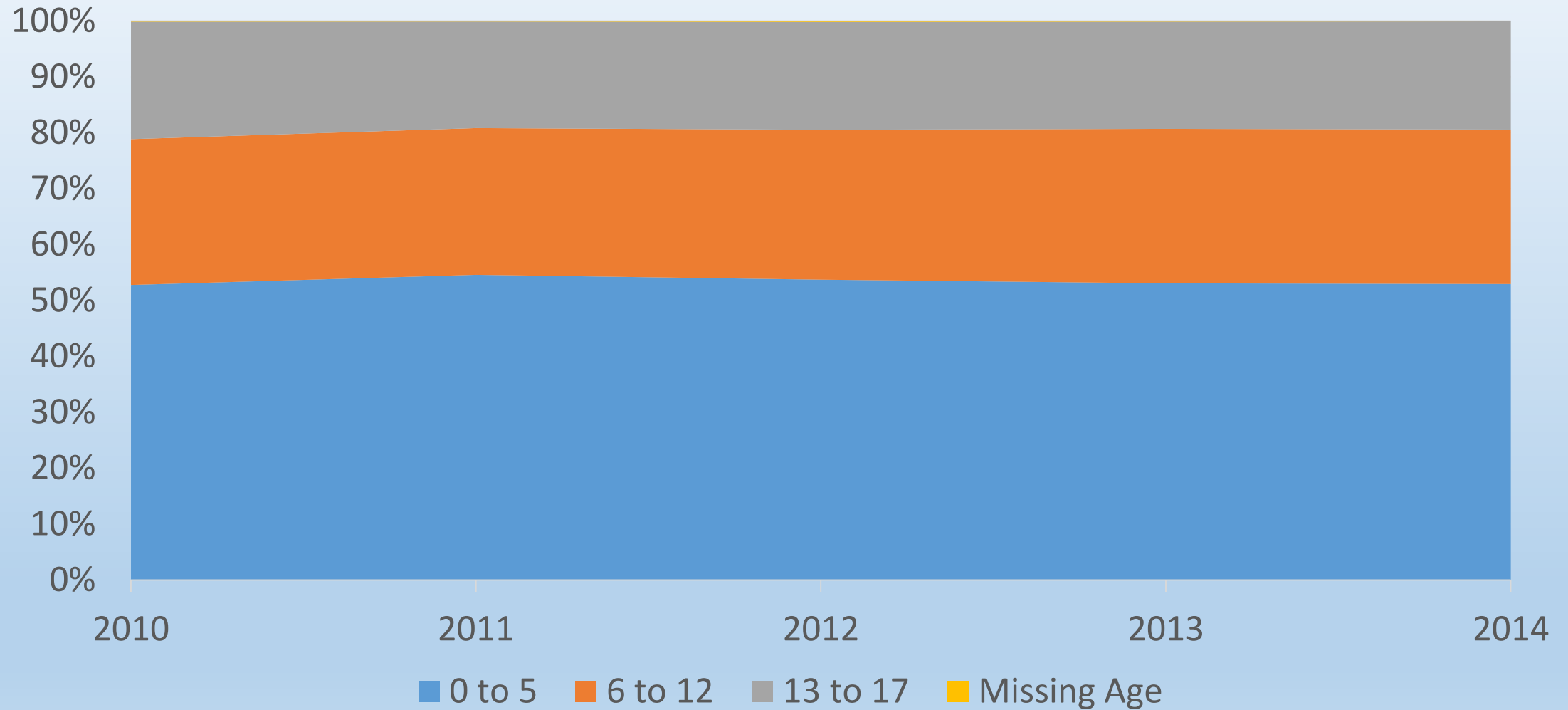


## Number of Children First Entering Foster Care\* by SFY - North Carolina

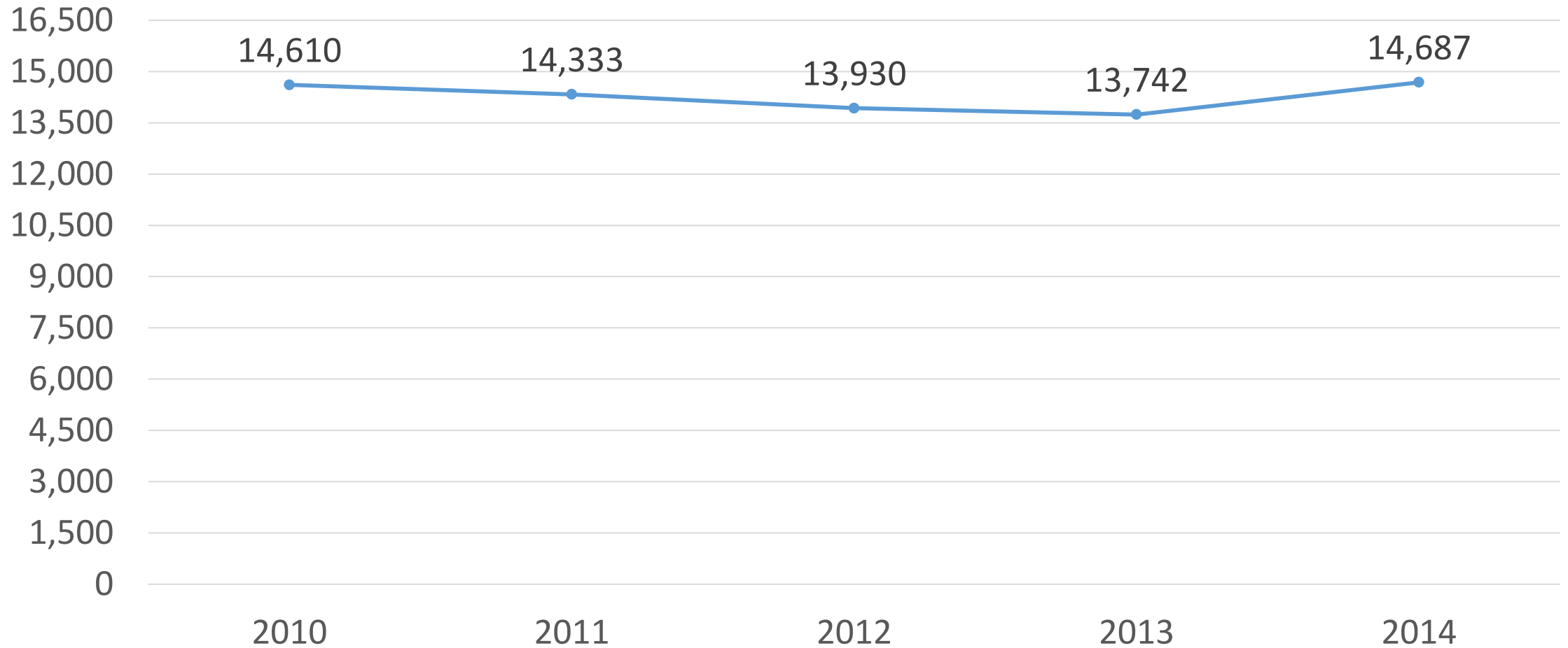


\*Foster Care: Under DSS custody/placement authority

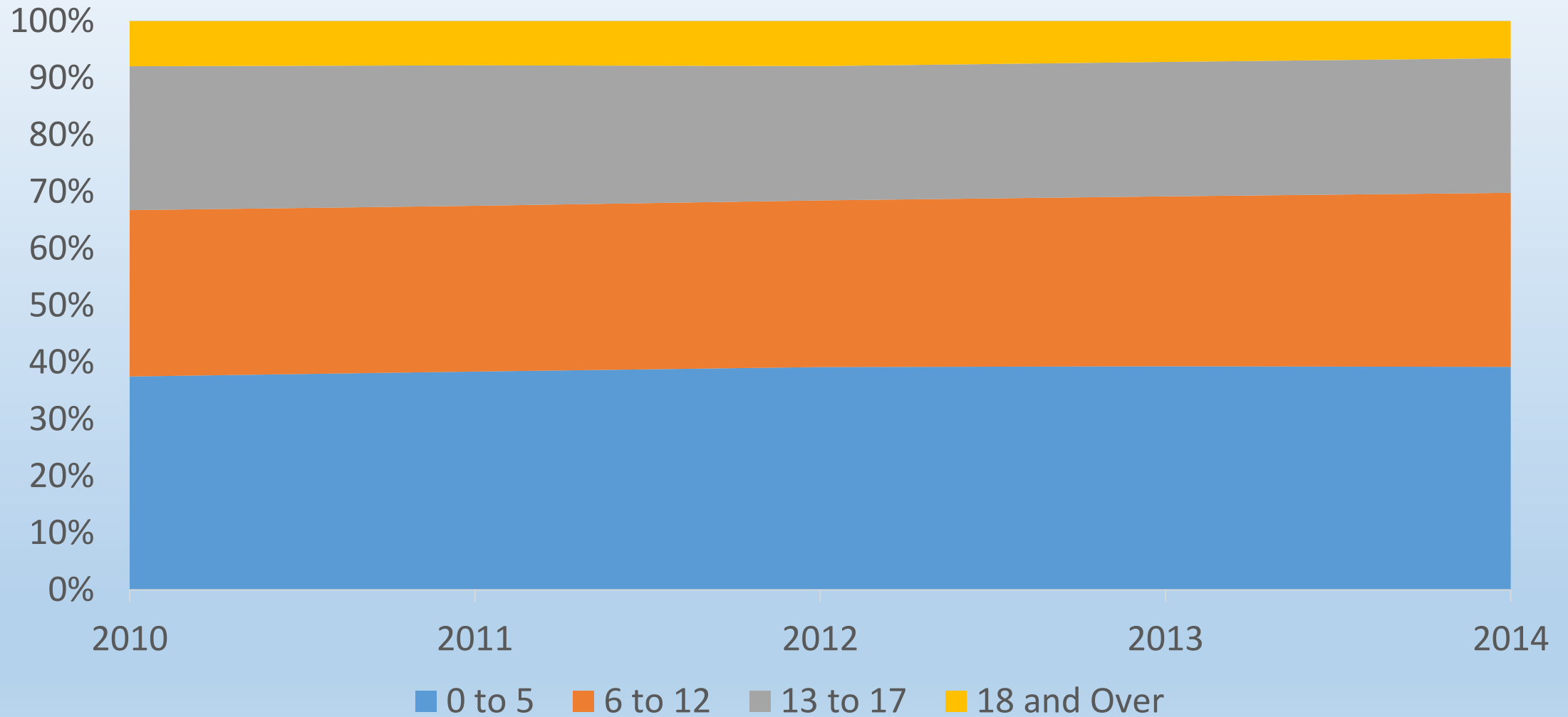
## Number of Children First Entering Foster Care by Age by SFY - North Carolina



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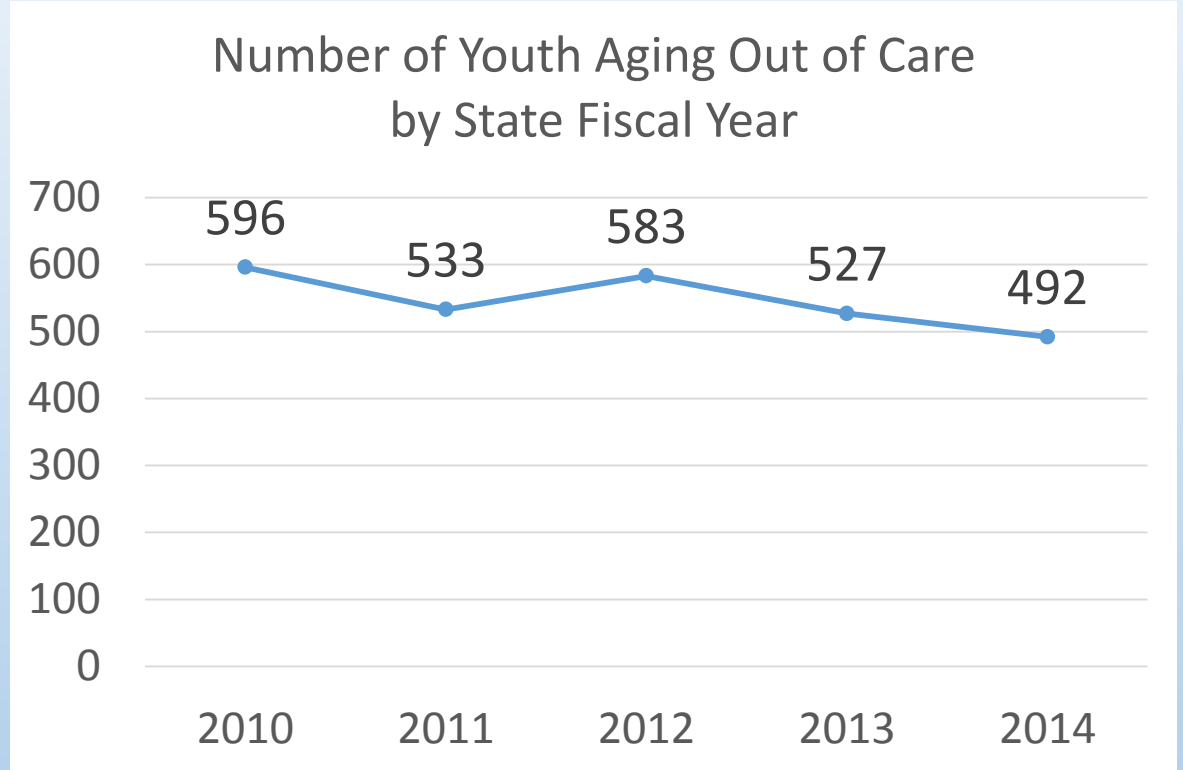


# Jail/Detention/Runaway

- As of February 28, 2015, 192 foster care youth were in jail/detention or on runaway status
- Of youth who first entered care from SFY 2010 to SFY 2014, 1143 youth were in jail/detention or runaway status at some point during their time in care.
  - 436 jail/detention only
  - 430 runaway only
  - 277 both jail/detention and runaway

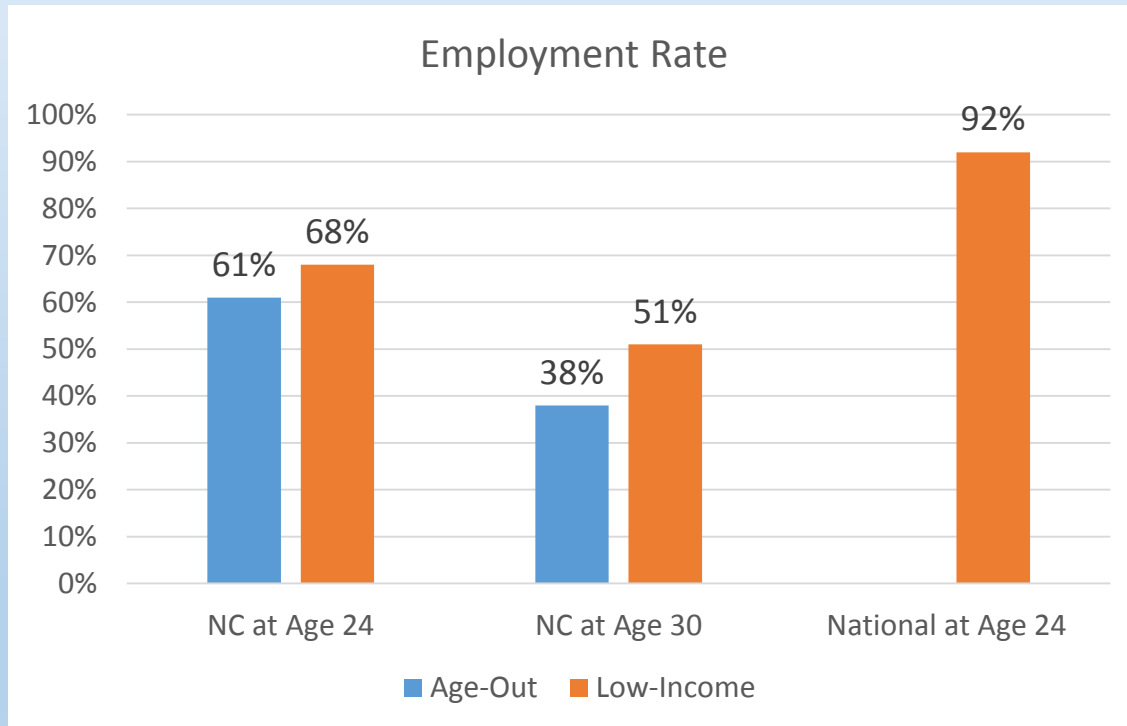
# Aging Out

- Reaching 18 years or older and no longer under DSS supervision or legally emancipated
- Over 2,700 youth in the past five years



# Aging Out cont.

- Poor employment outcomes (1)



- Felony charges for a sample of NC youth leaving care before age 19: 30% (2)
- Numerous studies document challenges for youth who age out in successfully transitioning to adulthood

1. Stewart, C. J., Kum, H., Barth, R. P., & Duncan, D. F. (2014). Former foster youth: Employment outcomes up to age 30. *Children and Youth Services Review, 36*, 220-229.

2. Barth, R.P., Duncan, D.F., Hodorowicz, M.T., Kum, H. (2010) Felonious arrests of former foster care and TANF-involved youth. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research, 1*, 104-123.

# Future Directions in Human Trafficking Data Collection – Data Inventory

Data Source	Description	Human Trafficking (HT) Indicator	HT At-Risk Indicator	Child Welfare Status	Access Level	Coverage
NC DSS - Central Registry	Reports of abuse, neglect, and dependency assessed by county department of social services(DSS)	X	X	X	Individual	Statewide
NC DSS - Project Broadcast (Trauma Screen)	Trauma screening of youth involved with DSS in Project Broadcast counties	X	X	X	Individual	9 counties
NC Coalition Against Human Trafficking Rapid Response Team (RRT)	RRTs organize emergency response and resources for trafficking cases in regions across the state	X		X	Aggregate	Regional
NC DSS - CPPS	Placement information for children in DSS custody/placement authority		X	X	Individual	Statewide



# Data Inventory cont.

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SBI	Cybertips - internet child exploitation	X			Aggregate	Statewide
Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)	Law enforcement data collection system	X	X		Aggregate	Statewide
National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS) 2013	Law enforcement data collection system	X	X		Aggregate	Statewide
NEO-RHYMIS	National Extranet Optimized Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System		X	X	Aggregate	Regional
NC Center for Missing Persons	Information about missing persons reported to the center		X		Aggregate	Statewide



# Future Directions cont.

- SBI Cybertips:
  - Reported cases of *possible* child trafficking (Backpage):
    - 2014 – 182
    - 2015 to date – 39
  - Note: Some reported child victims were identified as over age 18
- Social Media
- Data collection in the pilot sites



# Thank you!

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