



DMC and the School to Prison Pipeline

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Schools are perceived to be
increasingly dangerous



Data from the U.S.
Department of Education,
however, shows that schools
are safe, when compared to
spaces outside of school



Disciplinary policies at school are increasingly modeled after those of the criminal justice corrections systems



“Why did my son miss half of his algebra class today because I guess someone was smoking in one of the bathrooms, so they made everyone take their jackets off in the classrooms, and they brought in drug sniffing dogs to check the jackets. Thank God and the ancestors that I did not have to negotiate my youth through this police state. Really Bryan ISD - drug sniffing dogs?? It can't possibly be that serious.” **Wendy Moore PhD. Posted on her Facebook status on 02/03/14**



Theories of Overrepresentation?

- ❑ 1. *Differential Involvement*- Higher crime rates committed by minority youth are the result individual traits or choices either 1) independent of social problems or 2) attributable as a result of social problems.
- ❑ 2. *Differential Treatment*- which suggests that minorities receive disproportionate punishment for crime

What Causes DMC?

Differential
Involvement

Differential
Treatment

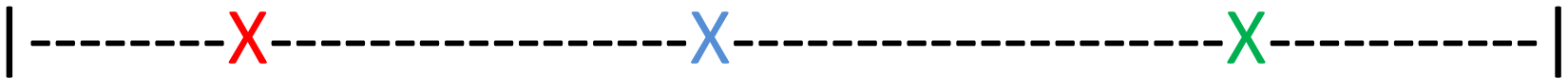




Table 03. Odds of Arrest for Race Groups Compared to Whites by Location.

Race	Lawton	Tulsa	Oklahoma City	Combined
	N=6,063	N=20,352	N=33,932	N=60,347
Black	2.12	1.98	2.14	2.06
Native American	3.41	2.43	2.50	2.57
Asian	1.04	0.68	0.30	0.62
Other/Don't Know	2.11	1.63	2.26	1.84

NOTE: Numbers are odds ratios comparing the odds of being arrested versus cited compared to Whites. Models are adjusted by gender and age.



What explanation do law enforcement, juvenile probation, juvenile court judges and attorneys offer for minority overrepresentation?

(White, Male, Police)

- ...the Hispanic culture that is from here, they have a different, in many cases they have a different set of morals than those coming here...I still believe that it comes from the parents not caring and not taking responsibility.

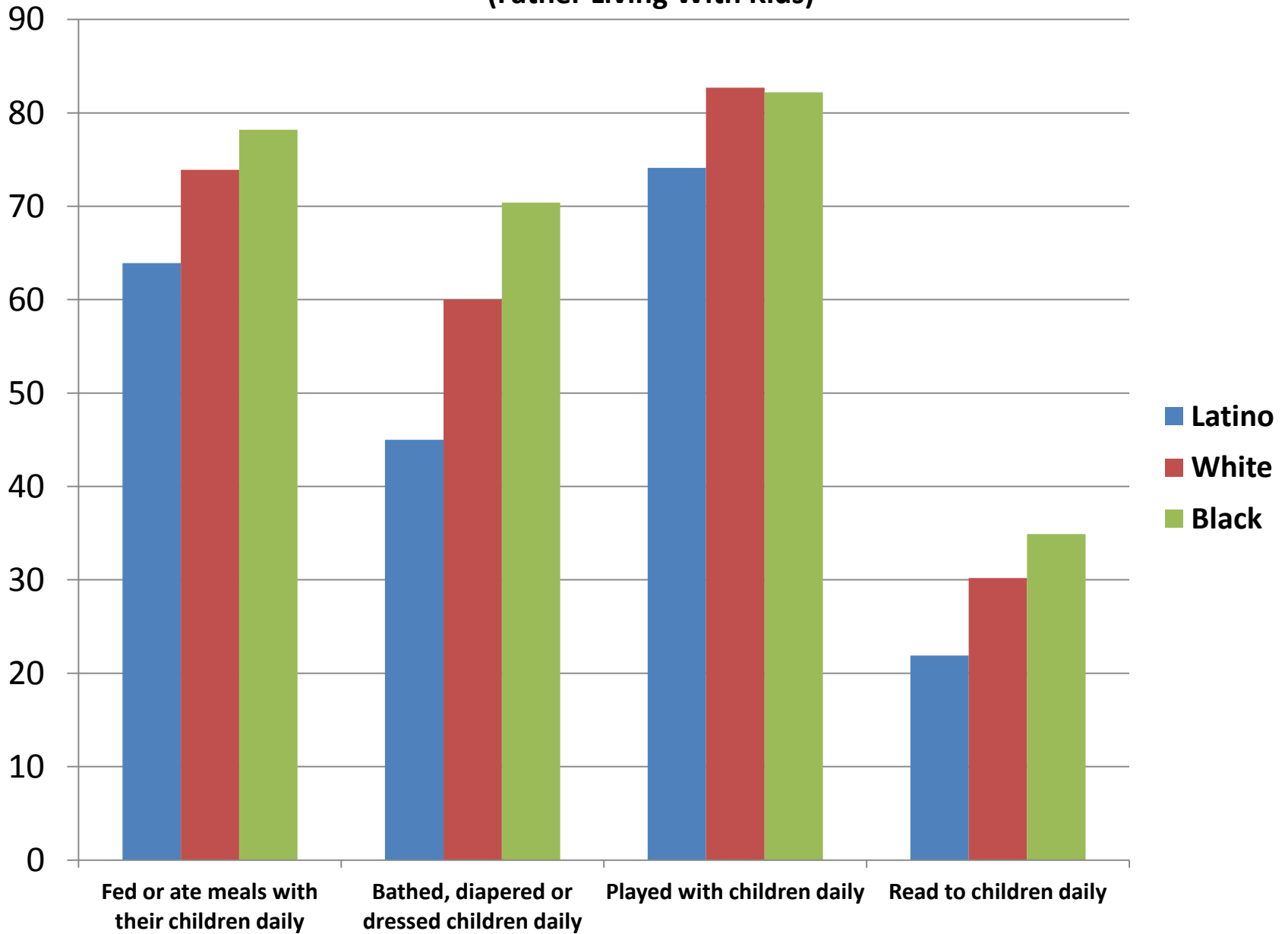
(White/Female/Police)

...if parents had more of
an idea of what their
child is doing ...if they
were more involved in
their kids life...

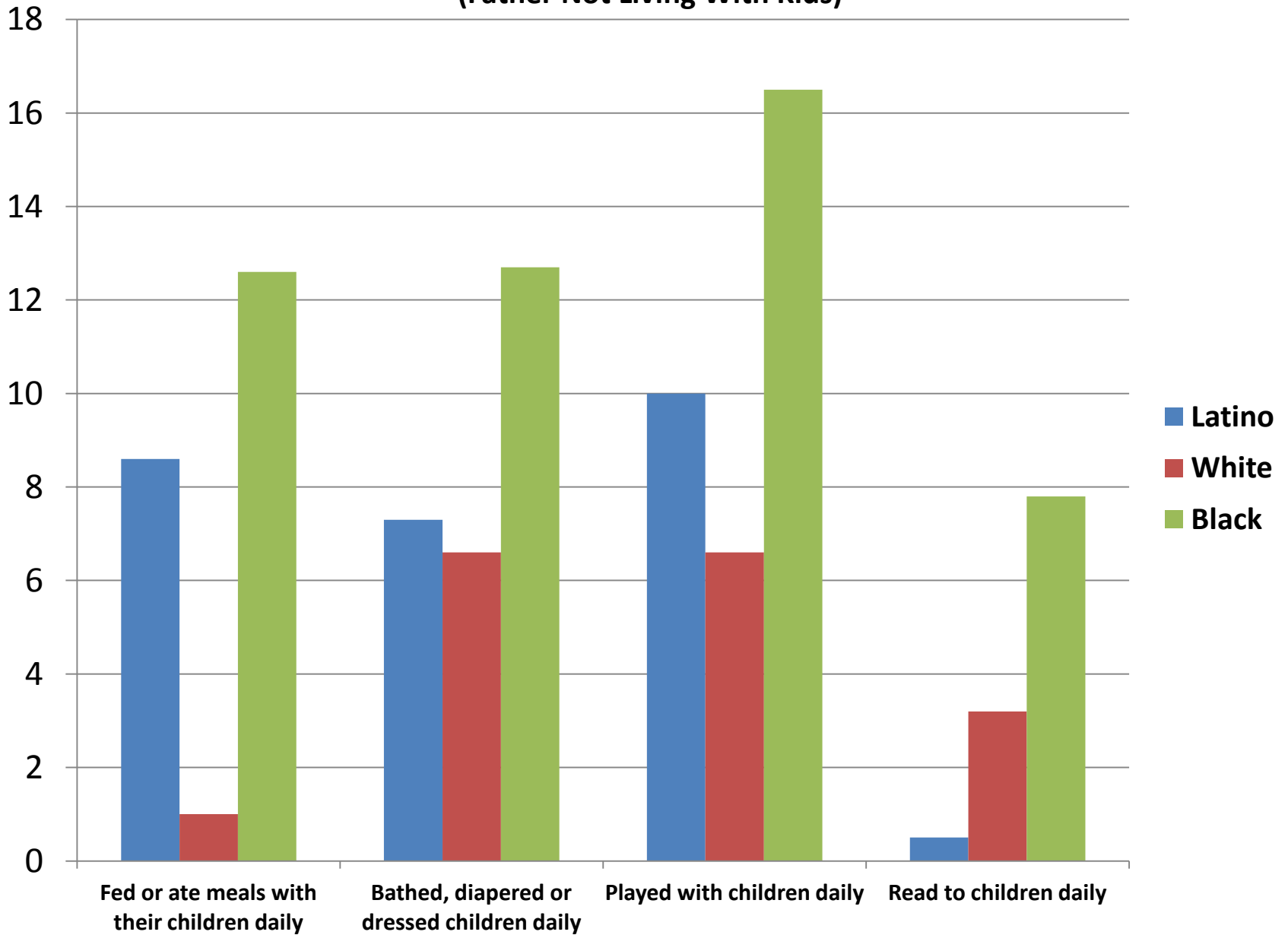


Family differences, especially less involvement of Black, Hispanic and Native American fathers was the most common explanation...mentioned by almost all of those interviewed

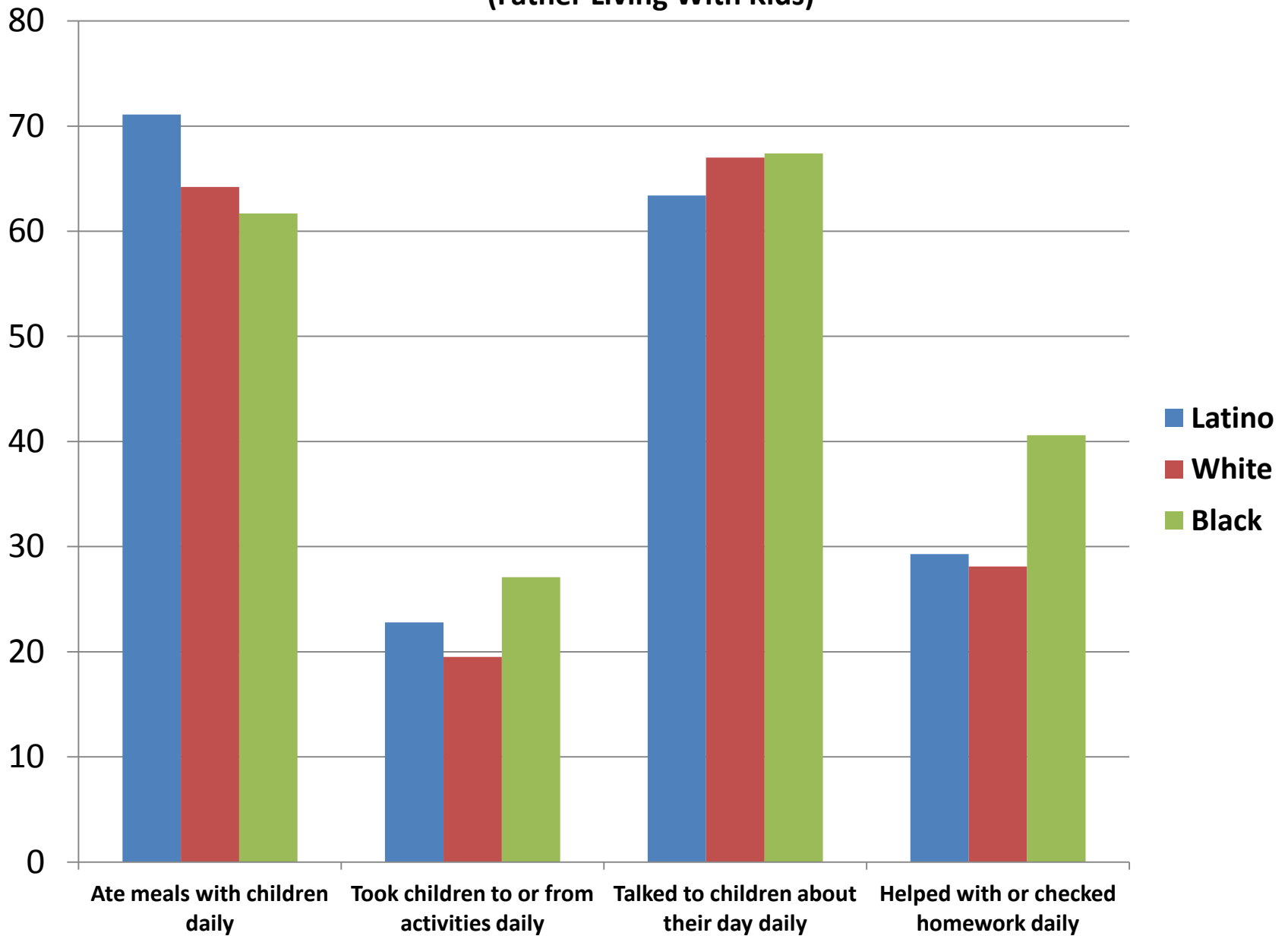
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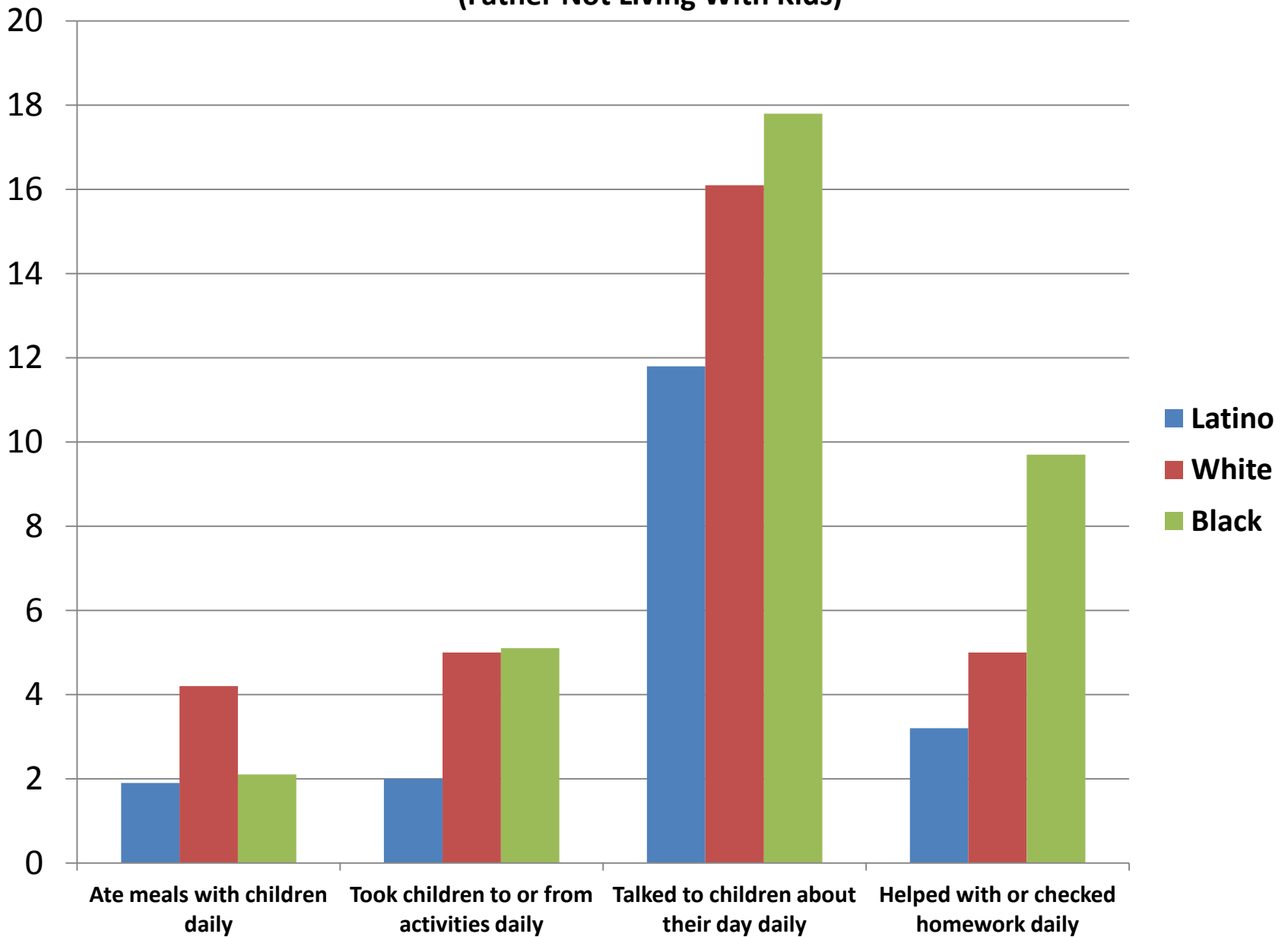
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Being An Involved Dad With Kids Ages 5-18 (Father Living With Kids)

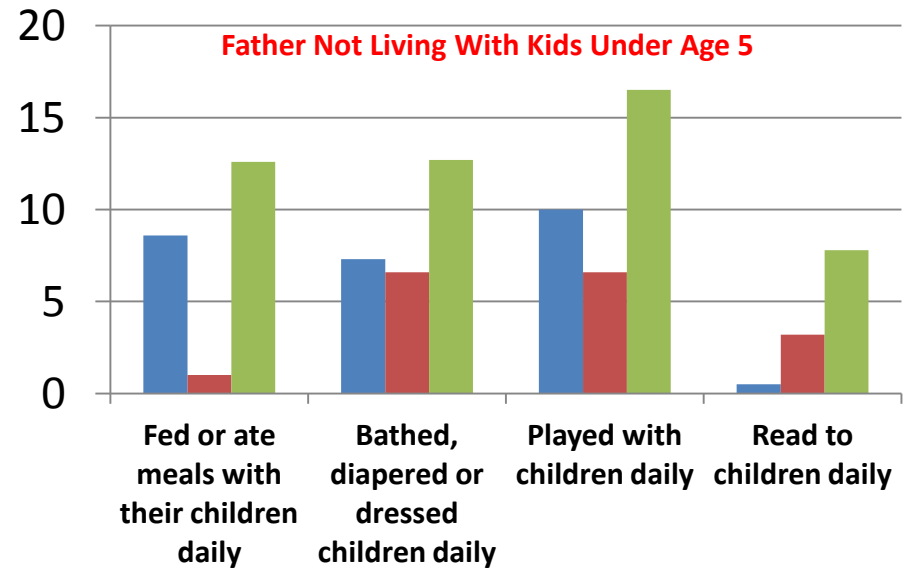
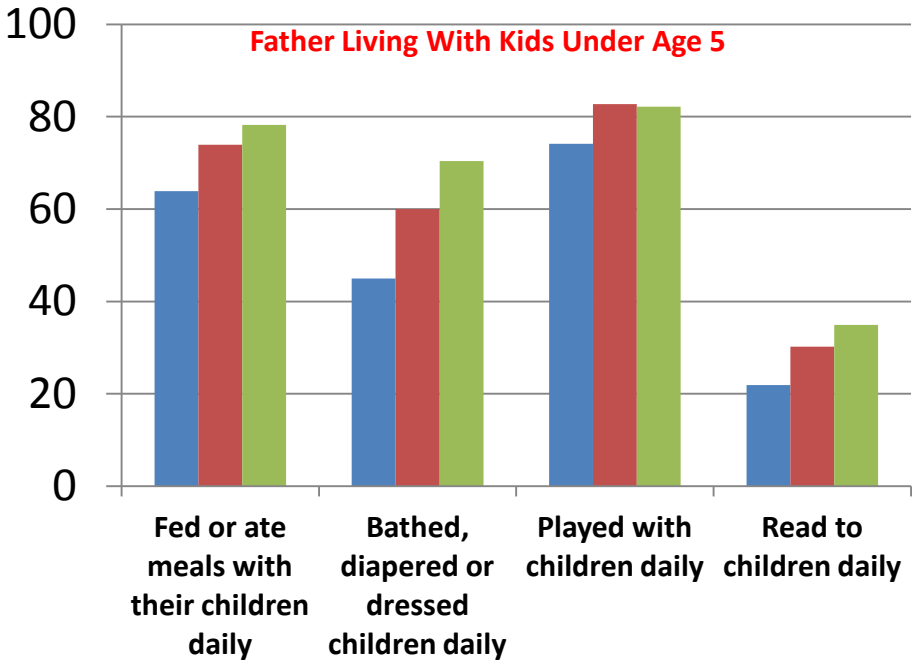


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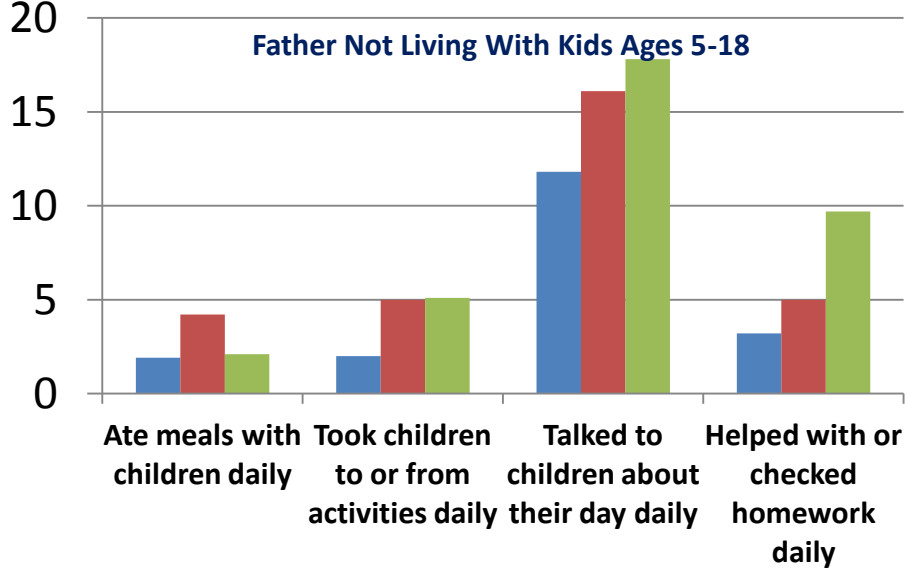
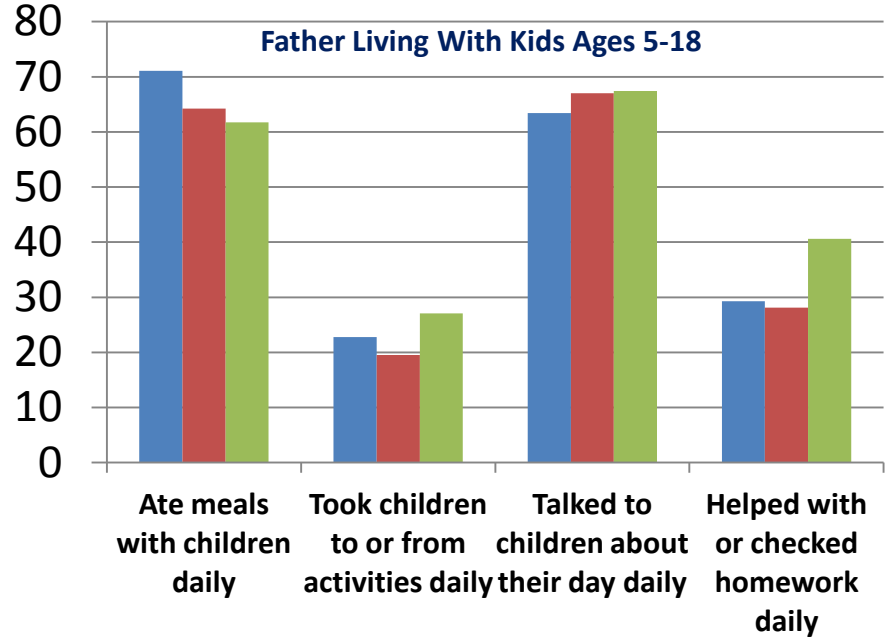


Being An Involved Dad

(Source: National Center for Health Statistics)



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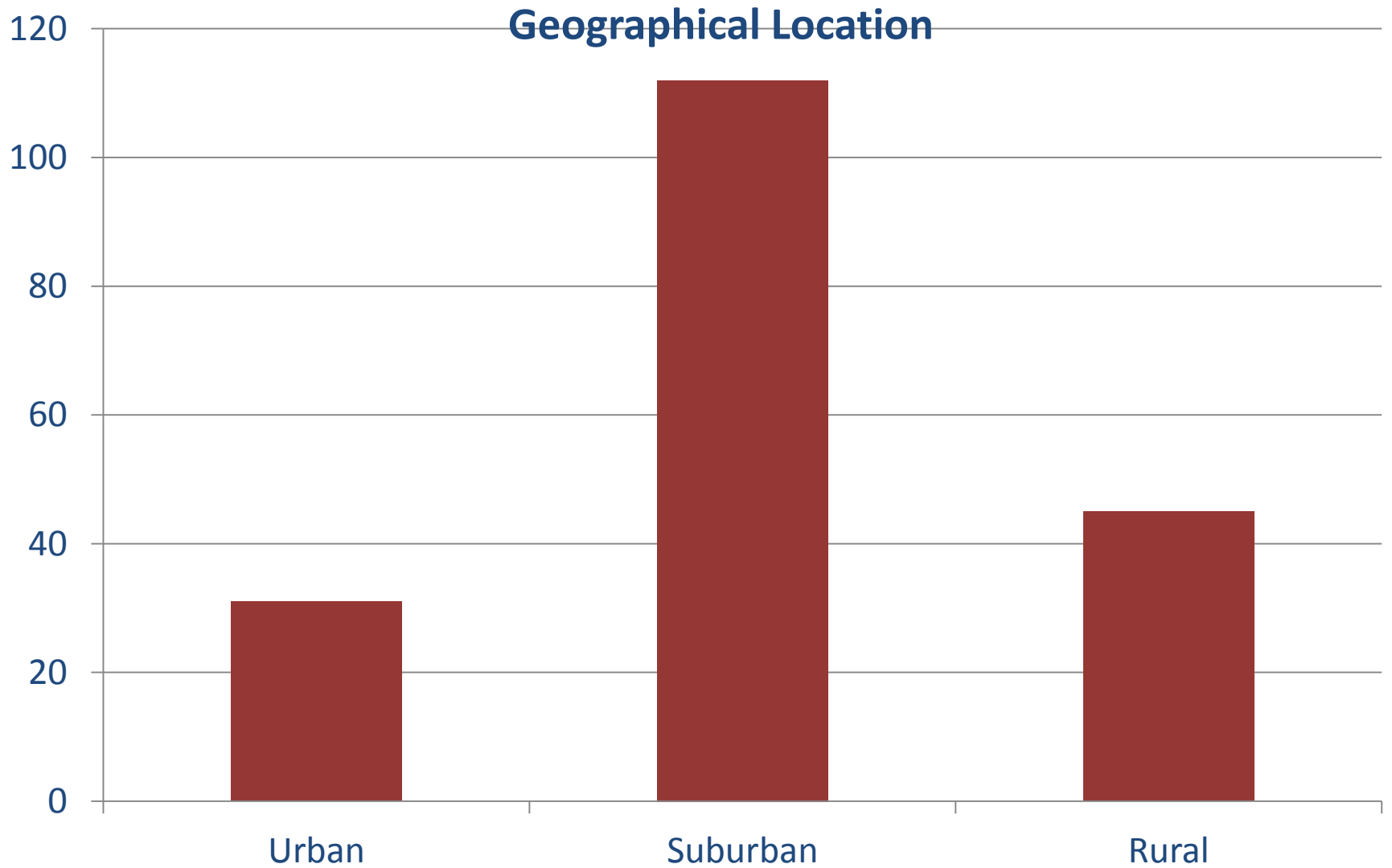




We conducted an
anonymous survey of high
school students in 2013

Characteristics of the Sample (n=188)

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Gender

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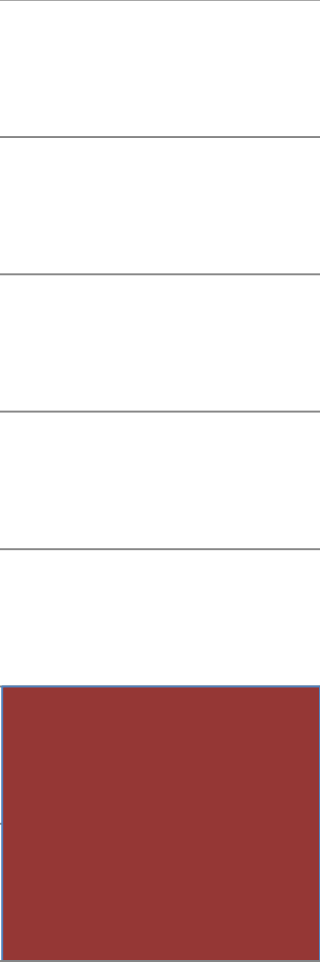
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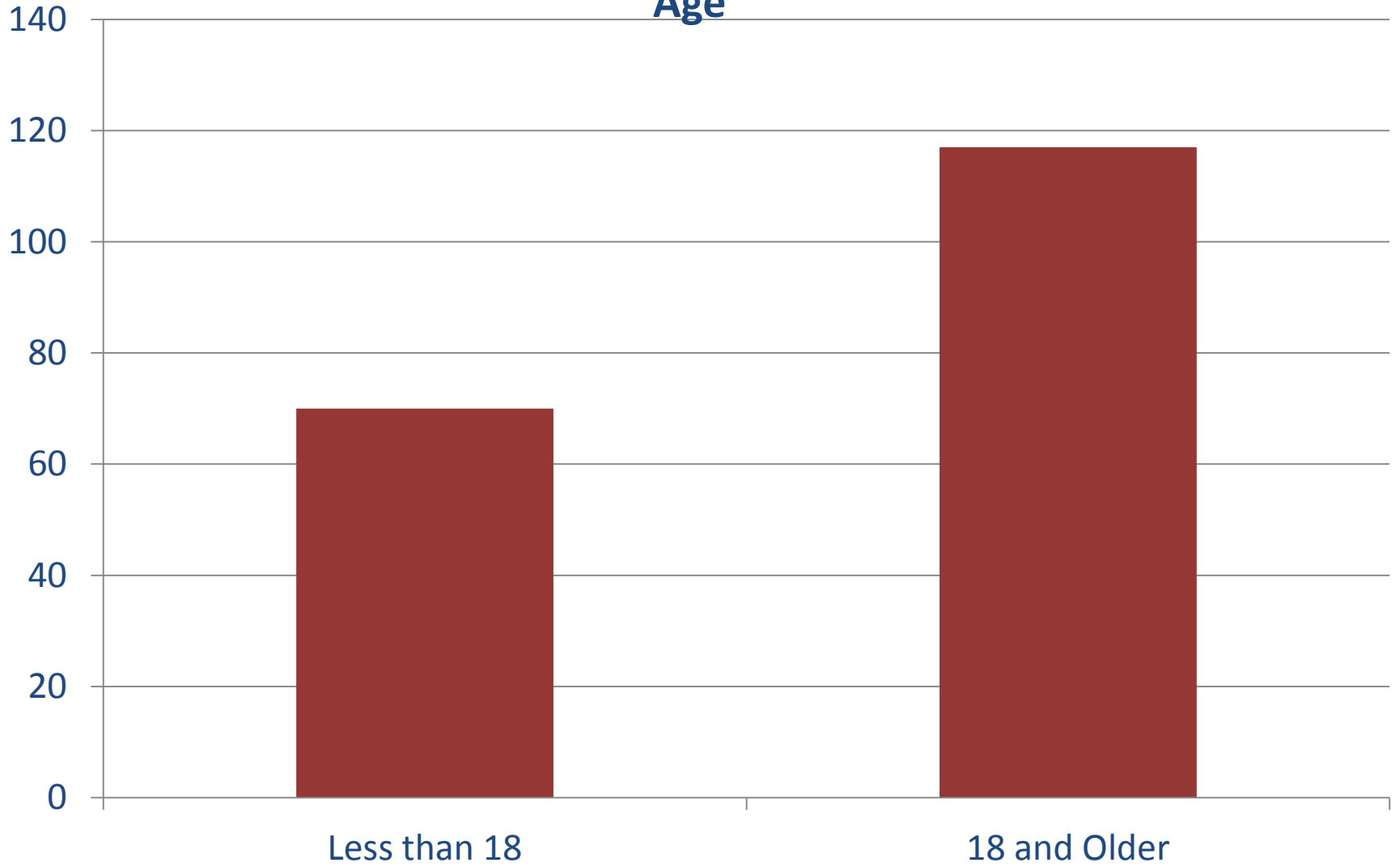


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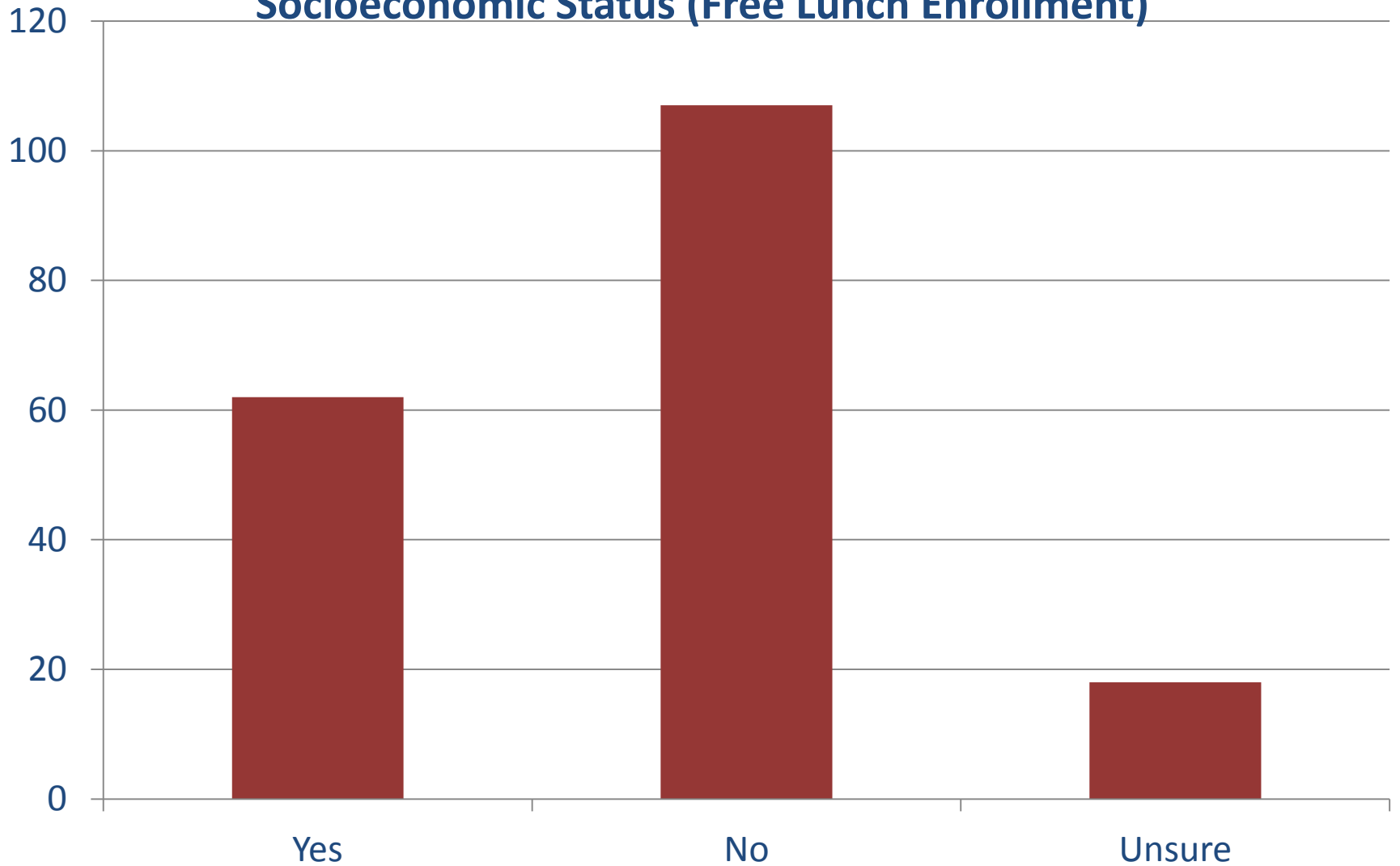


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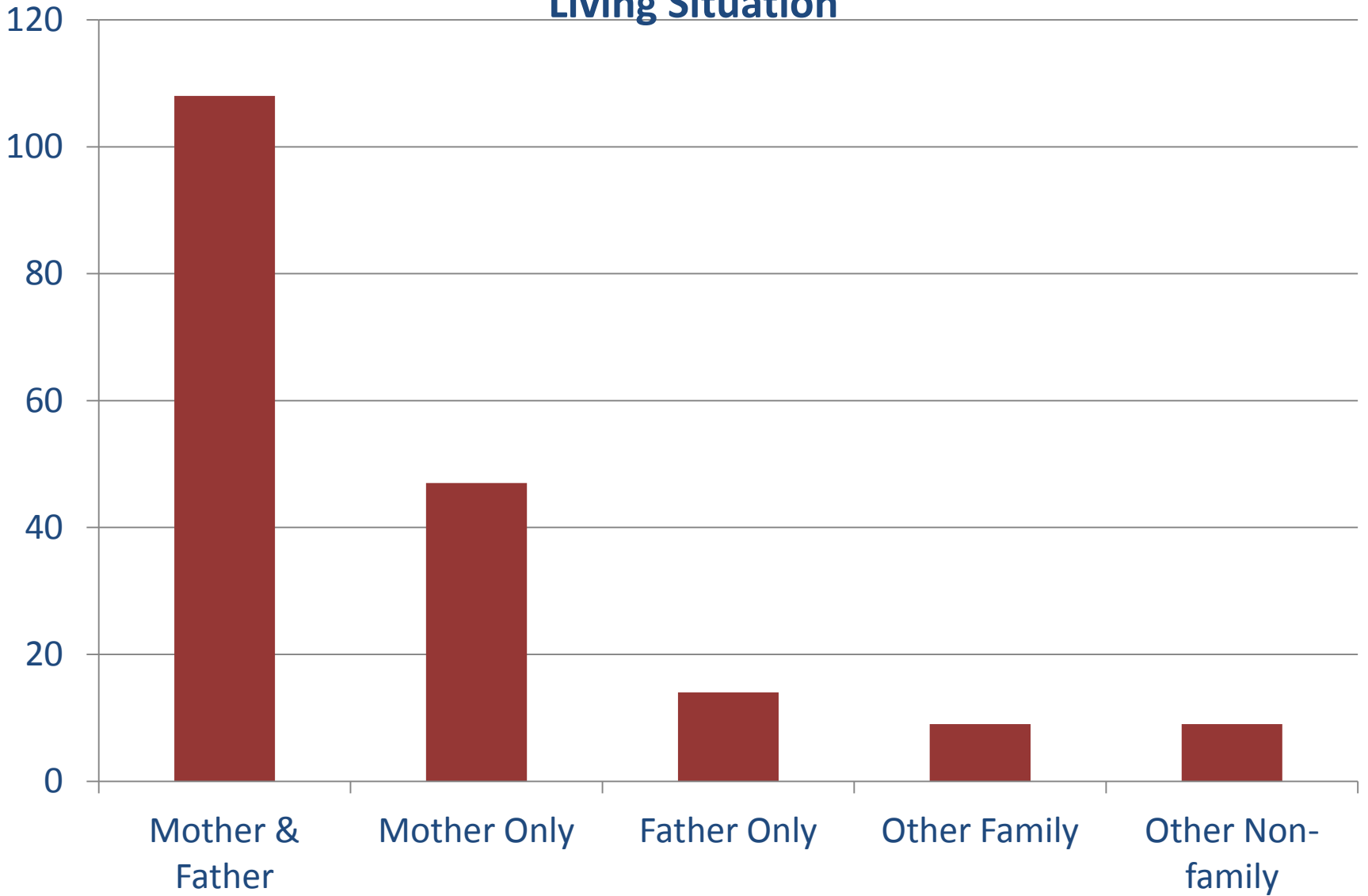
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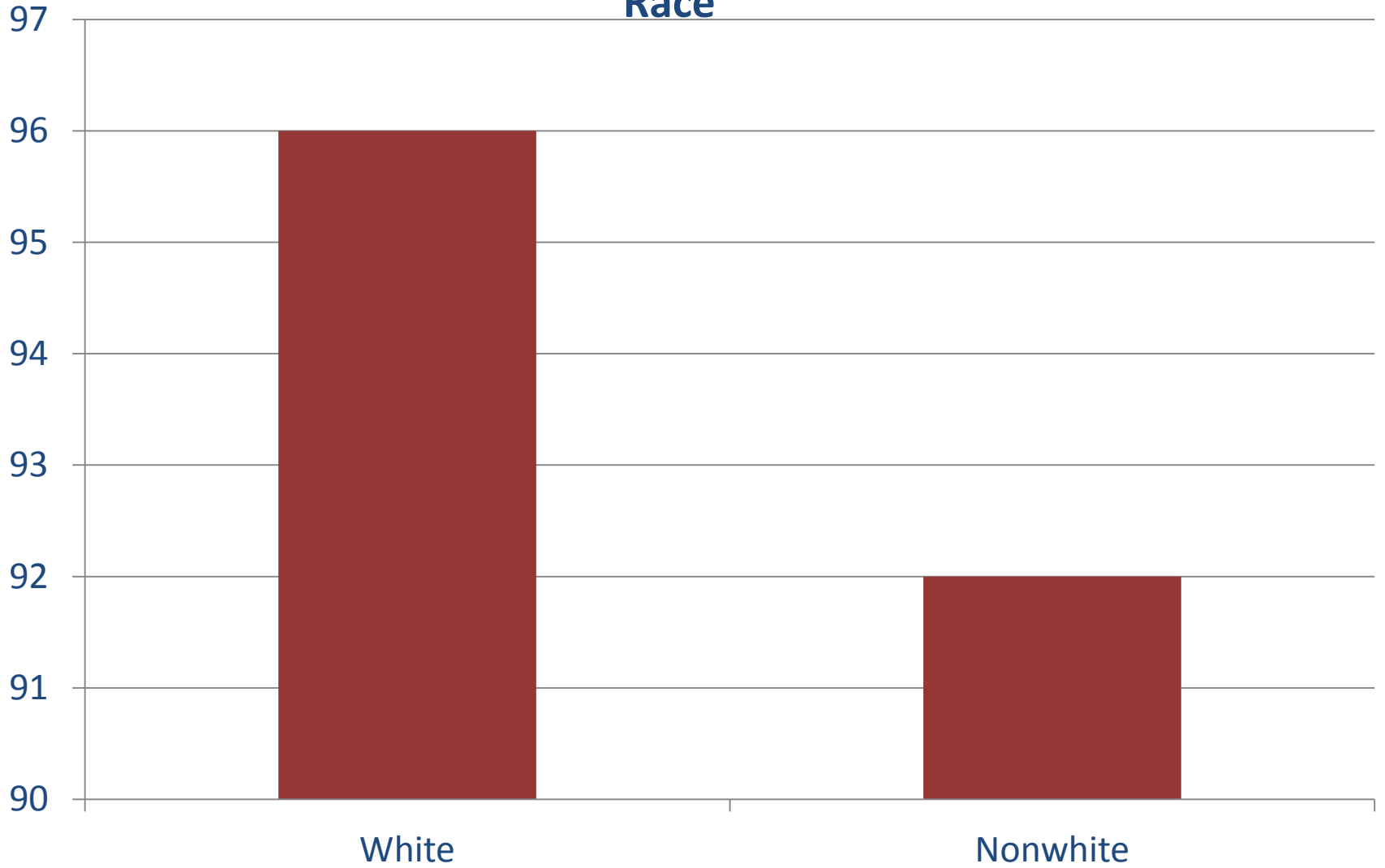
Socioeconomic Status (Free Lunch Enrollment)



Living Situation



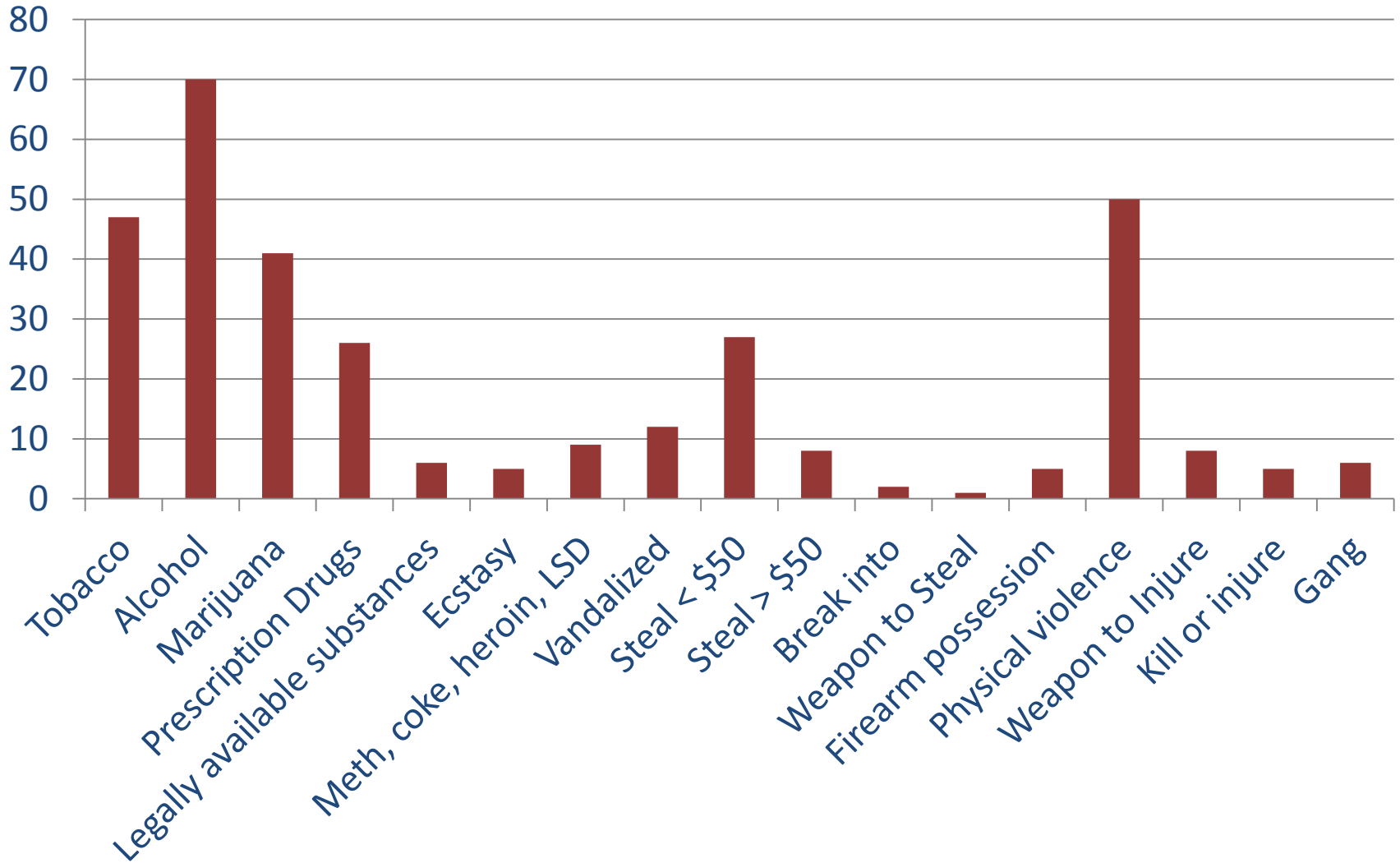
Race



Criminal Activity

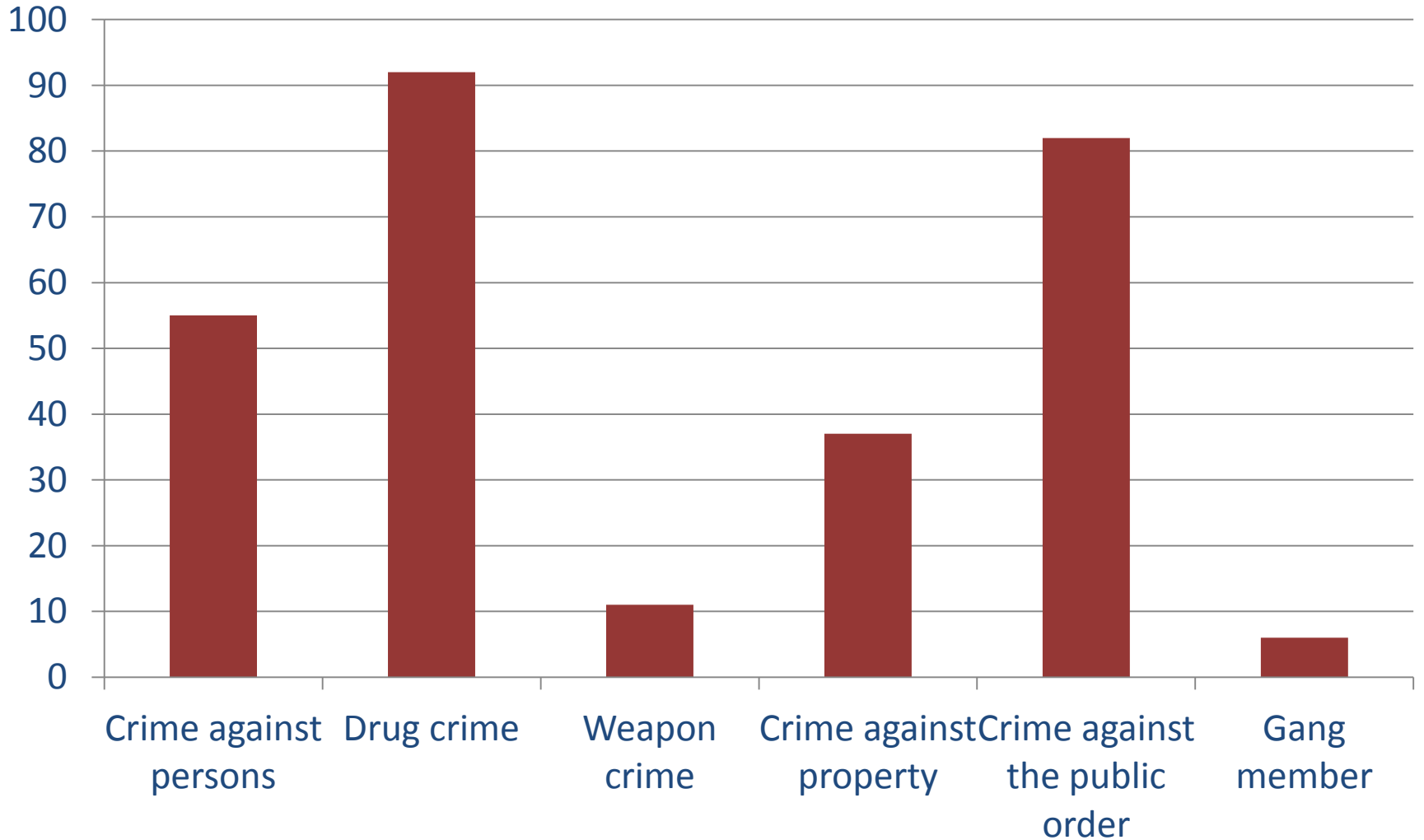
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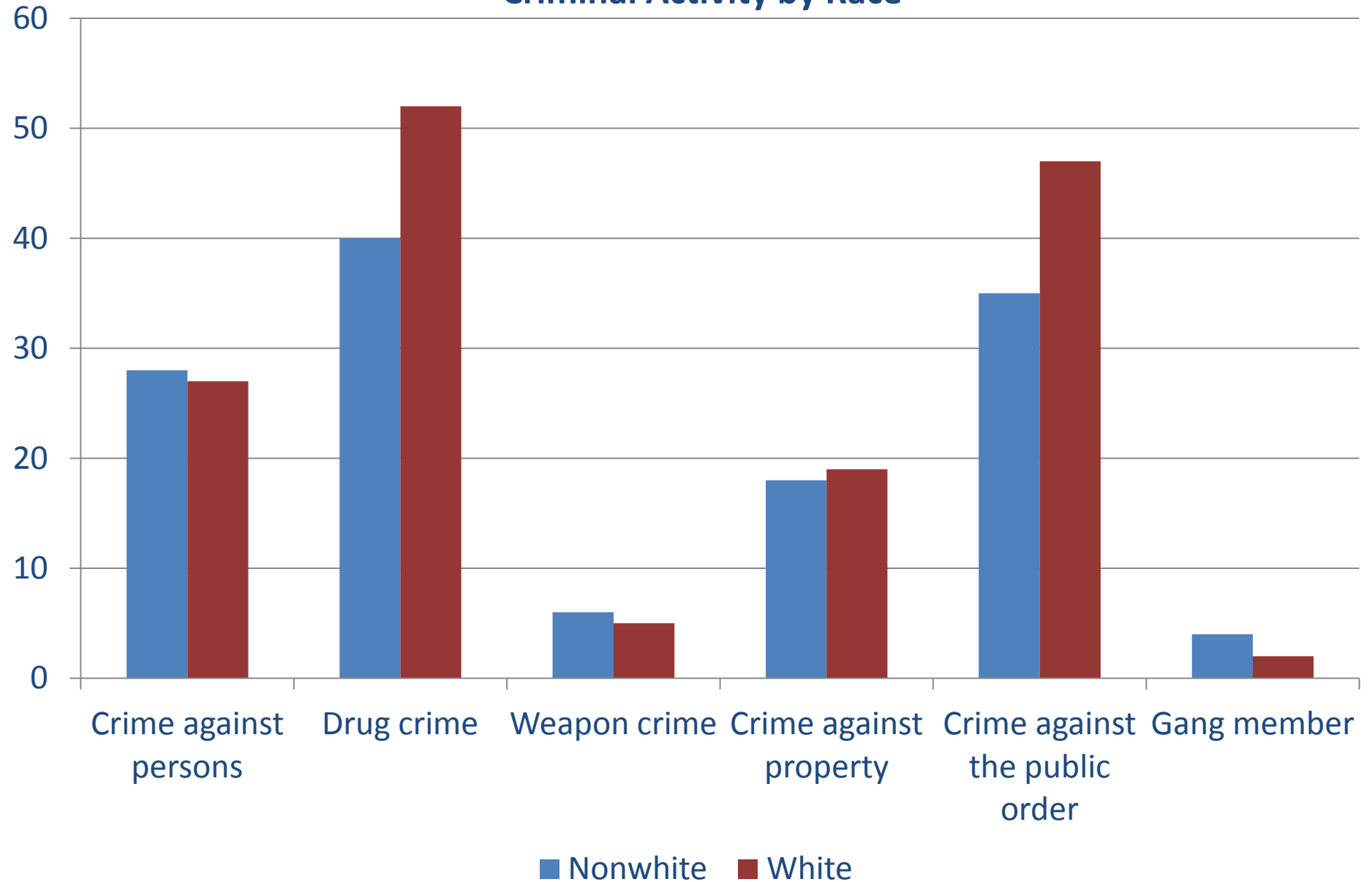
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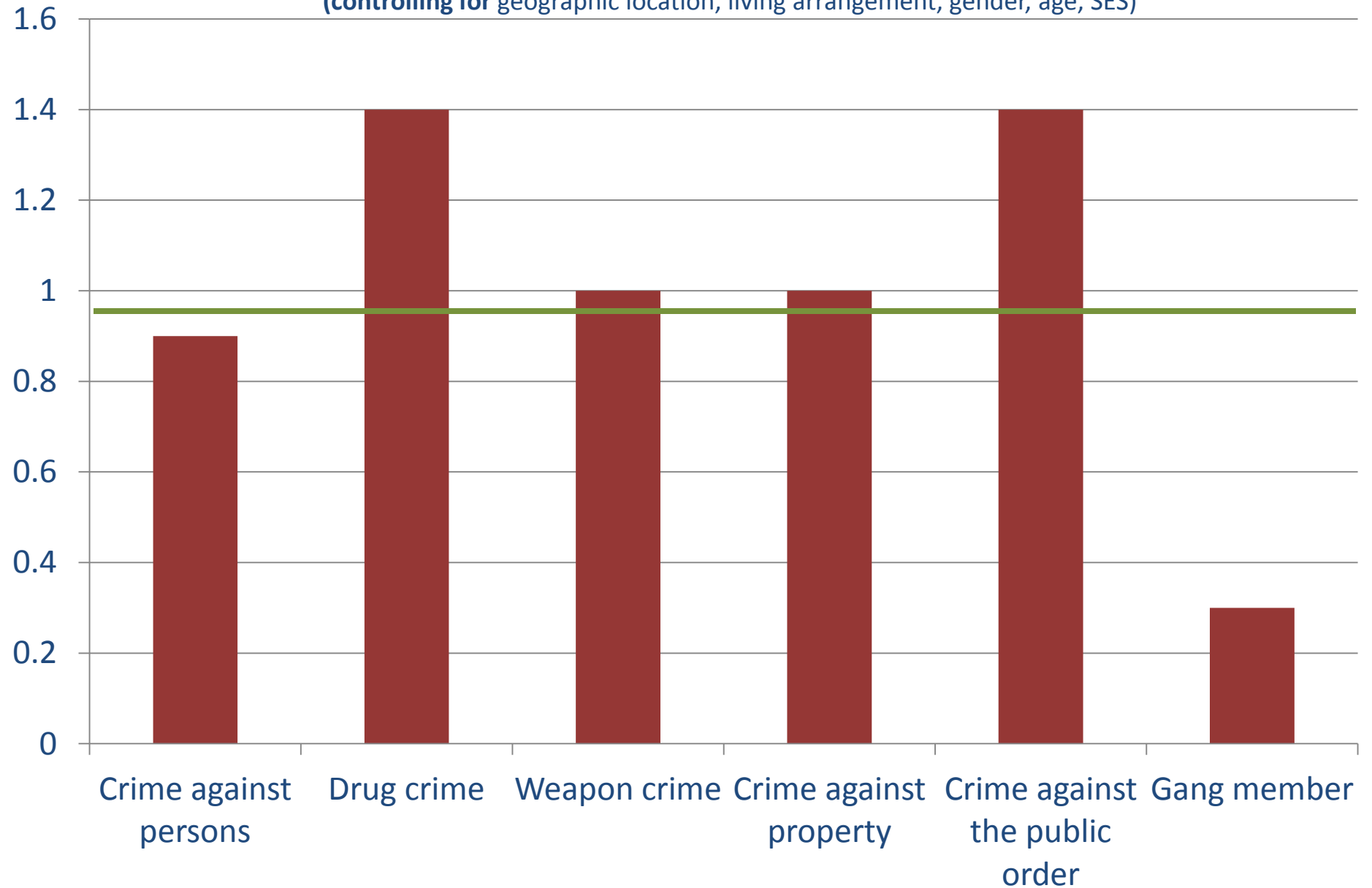
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Criminal Activity by Race



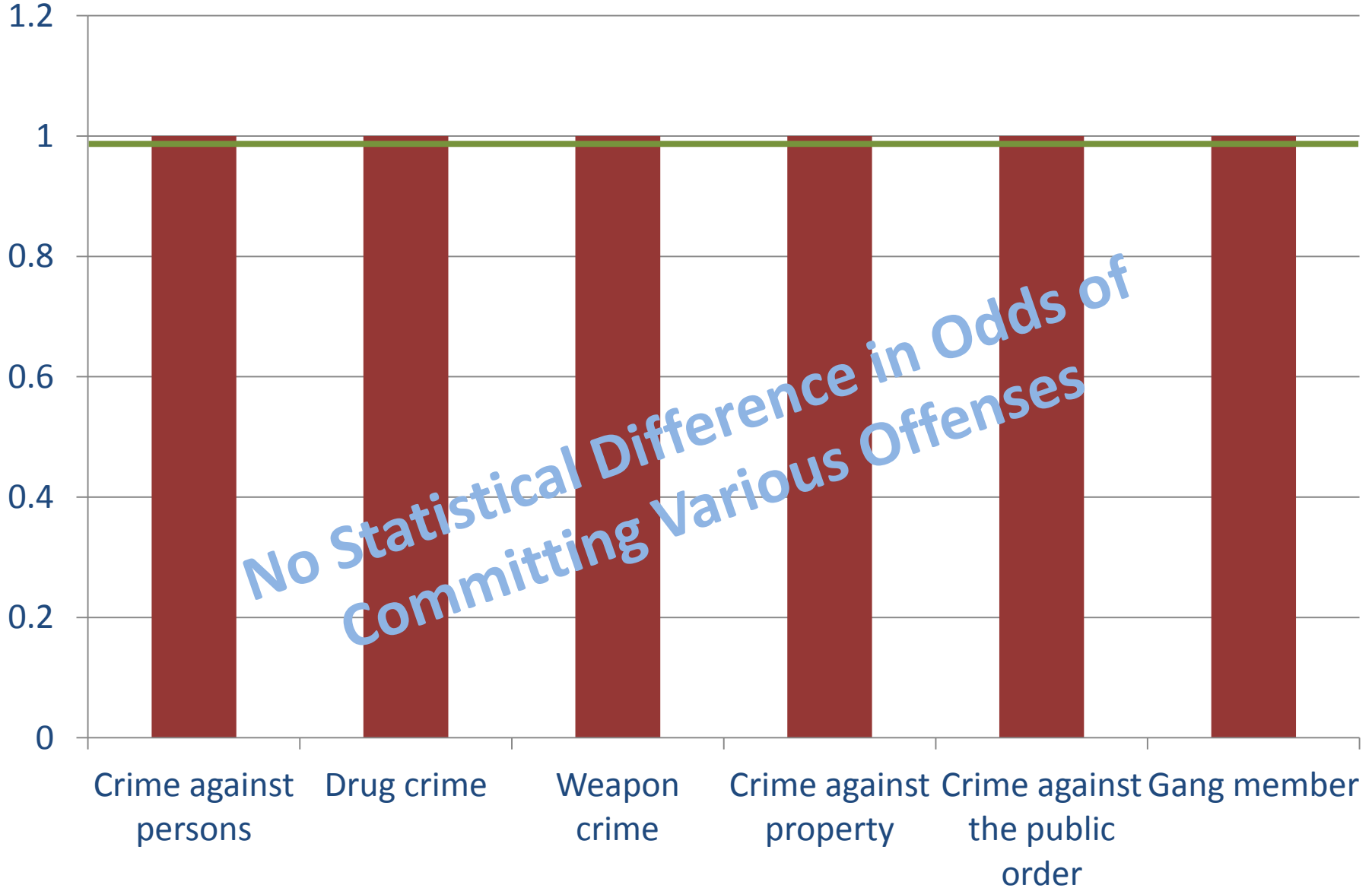
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Odds of Whites Committing Offense Compared to Nonwhites
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Recommendations:

1) Measure

2) If necessary, develop an objective, anonymous program for discipline