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WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT CHILDREN 0-8 IN NORTH CAROLINA?

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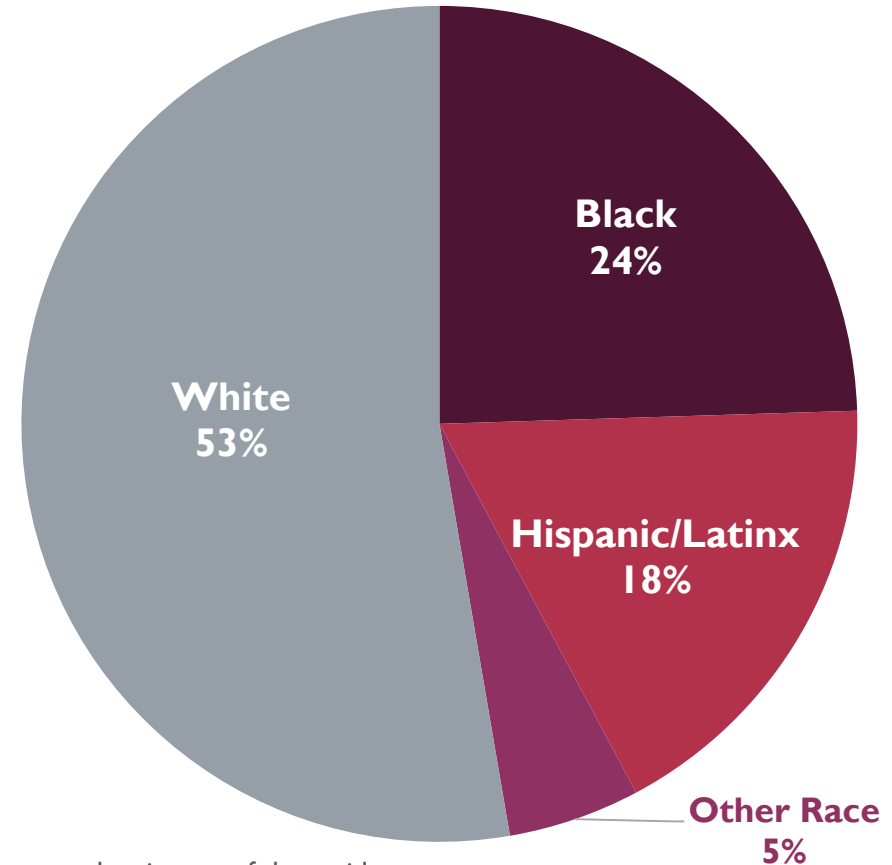
NC Child
The Voice for North Carolina's Children

45% OF NC CHILDREN ARE UNDER AGE 9

NC CHILD POPULATION, 0-10*

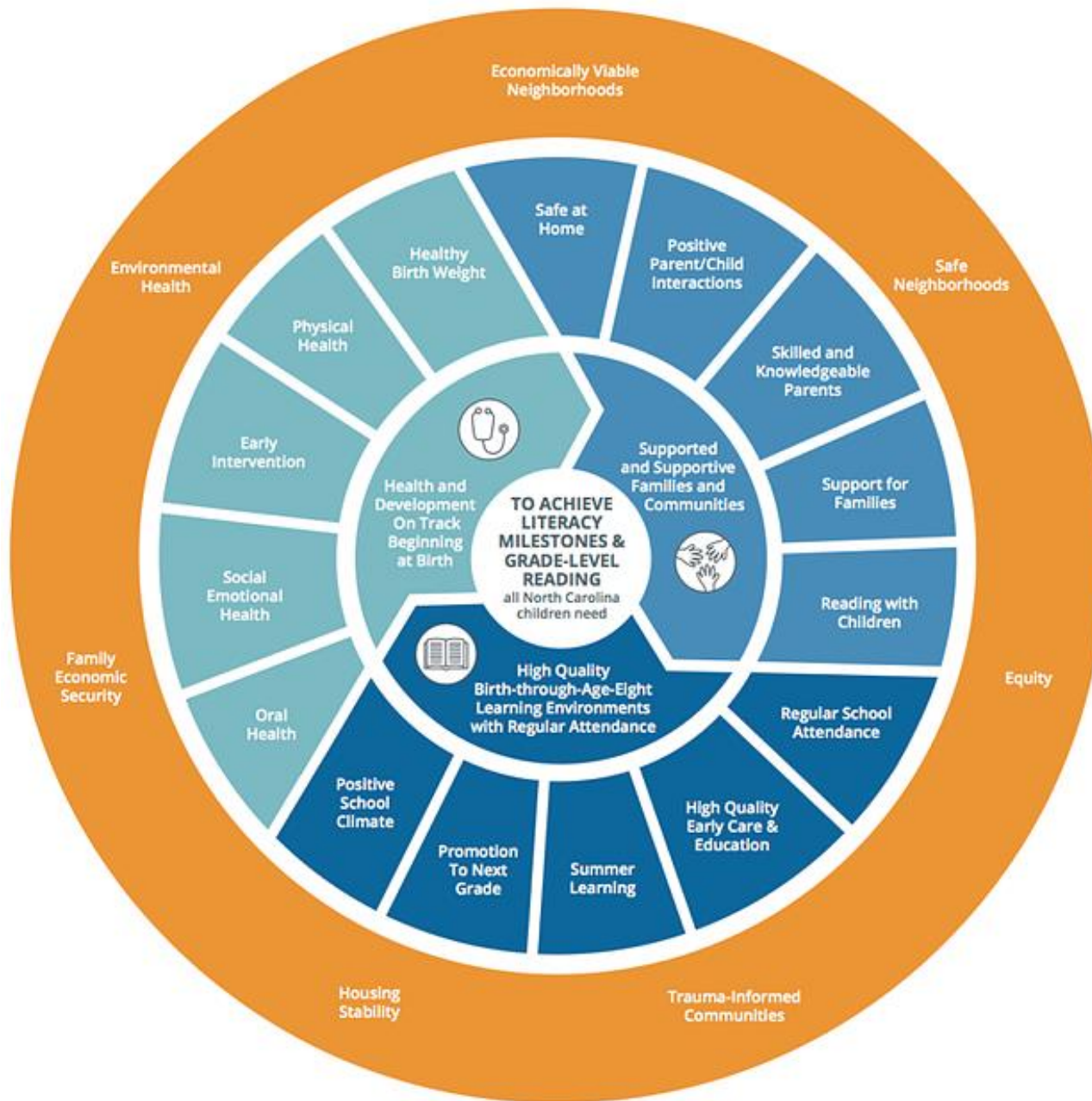
Total Child Population: 2,442,881

Population Ages 0-8: 1,109,257



SOURCE (Population Under 9): US Census Bureau, Population Division

SOURCE (Population Under 10, by Race): CDC, National Center for Health Statistics. Vintage 2018 postcensal estimates of the resident population of the United States; *Racially disaggregated population estimates for 0-9-year-olds are unavailable



NC PATHWAYS TO GRADE-LEVEL READING

MEASURES OF SUCCESS FRAMEWORK

GOALS

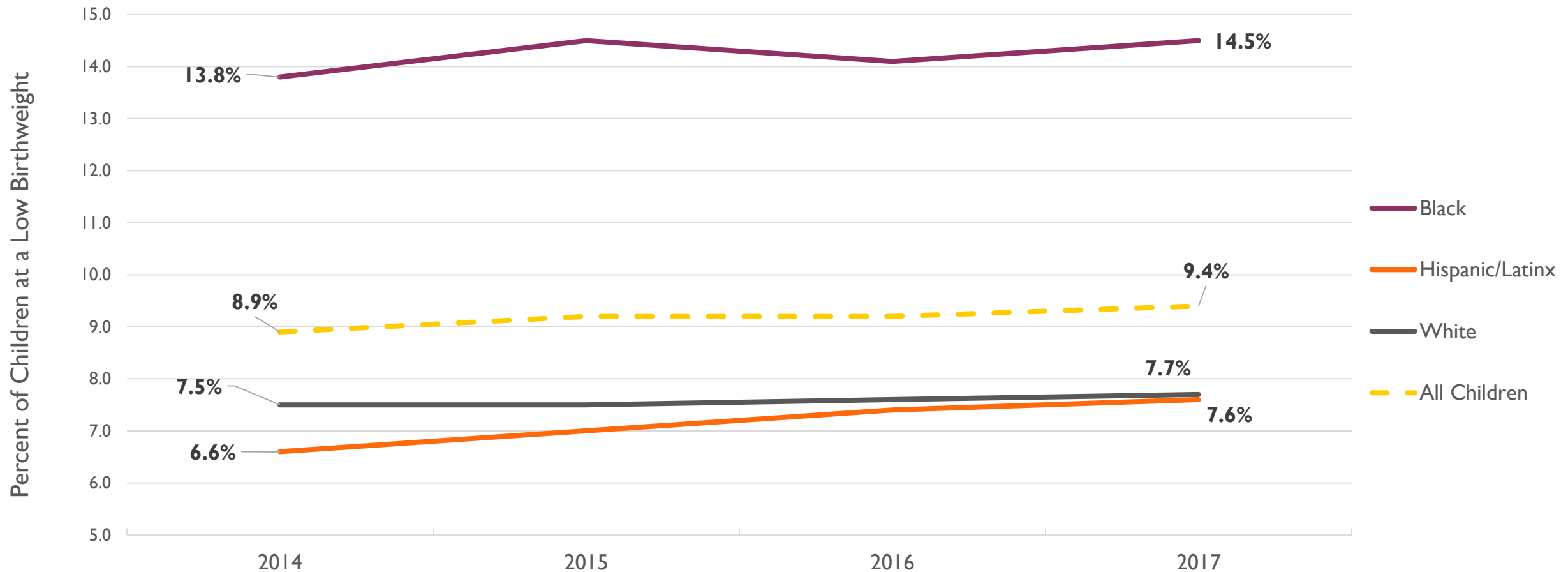
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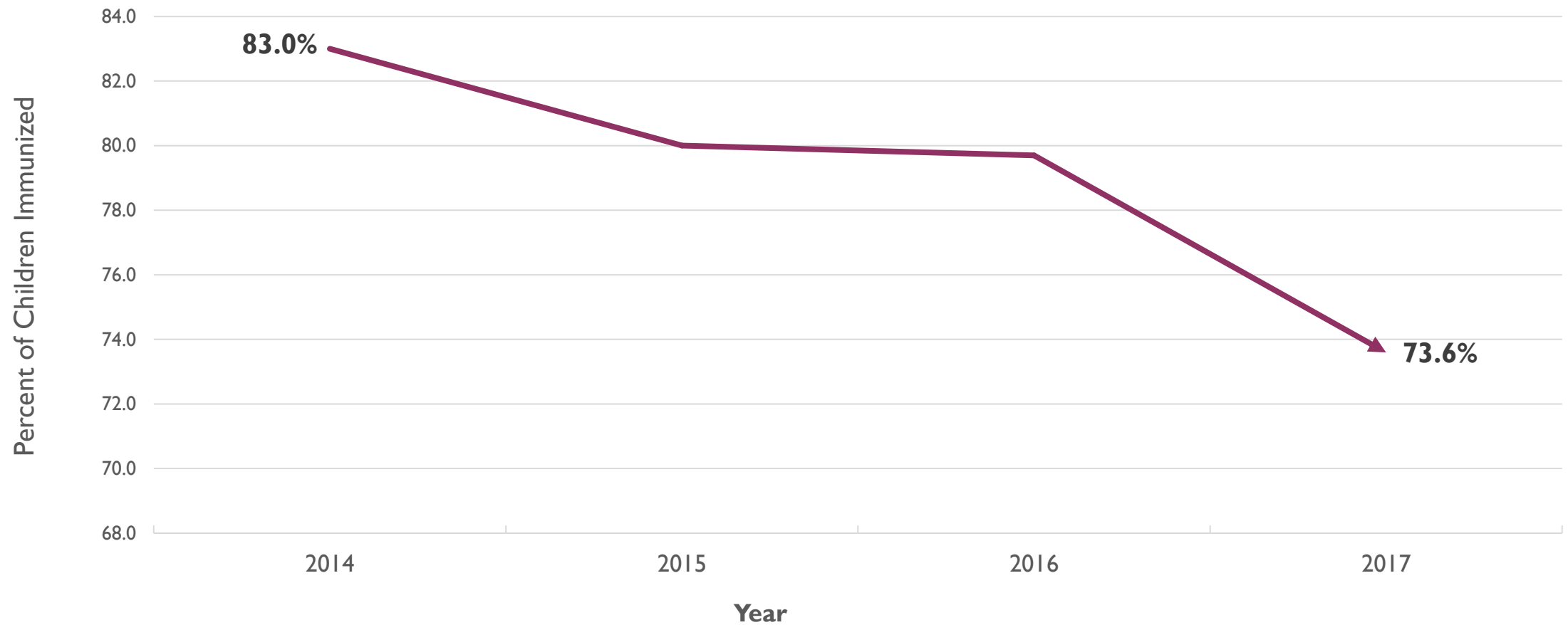
PATHWAYS GOAL:

Health and Development on
Track Beginning at Birth

An increasing number of children are being born at a low birthweight, and Black infants remain at particular risk.

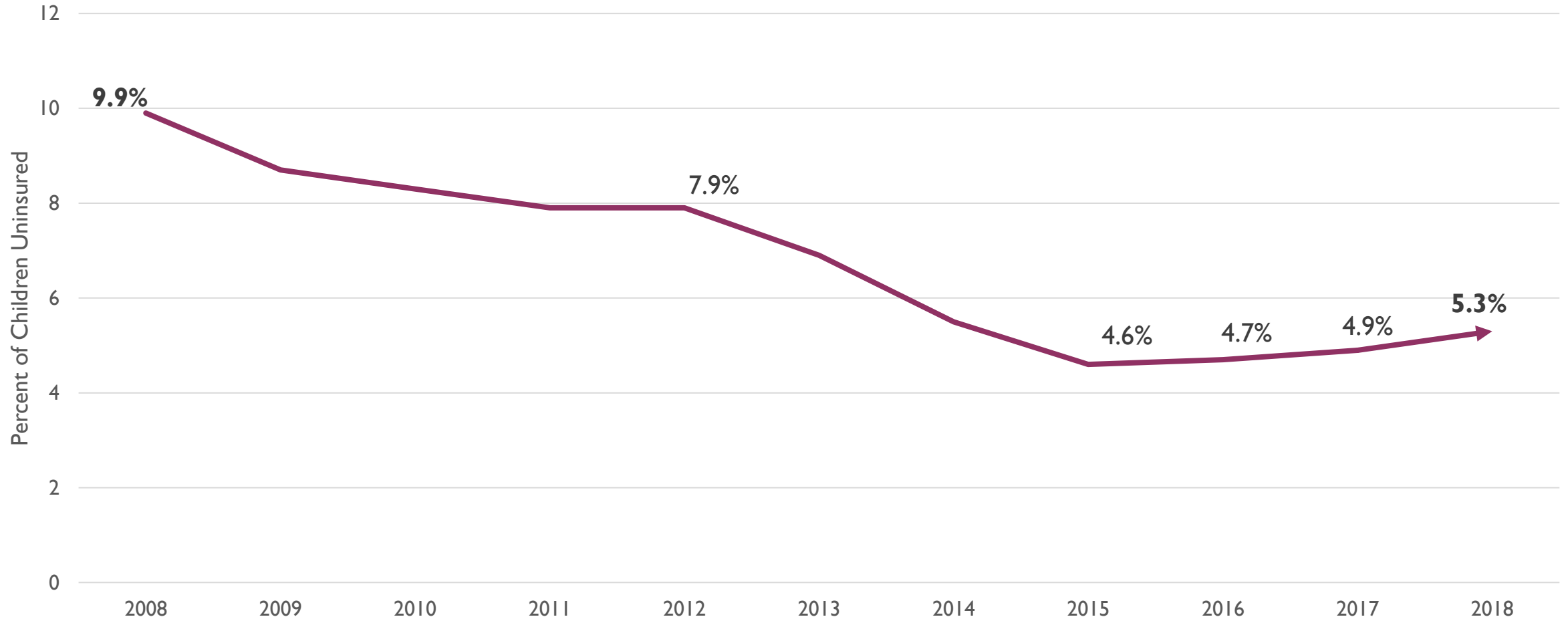


Immunization of children (19-35mo) has decreased dramatically in recent years.



SOURCE: CDC, National Immunization Survey 2017, Combined 6-series vaccine coverage, 2014-2017.

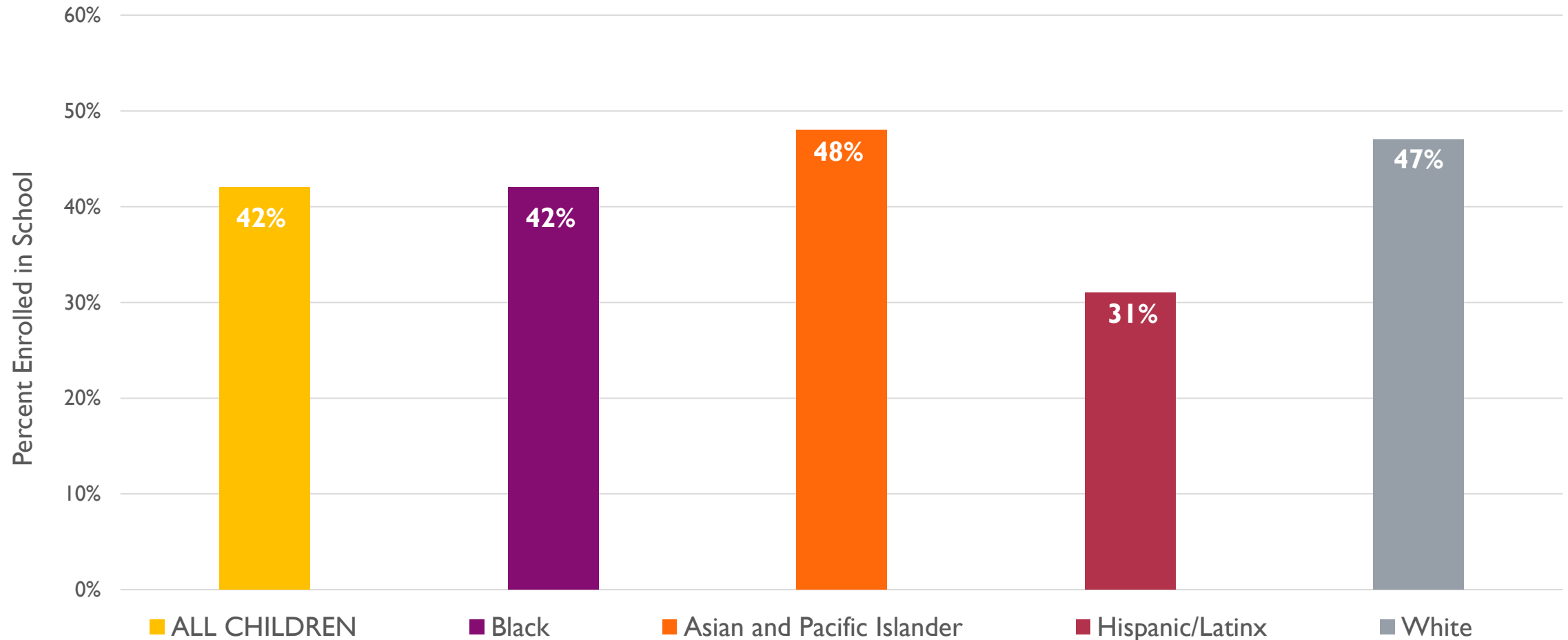
After years of decline, an increasing number of children now lack health insurance.



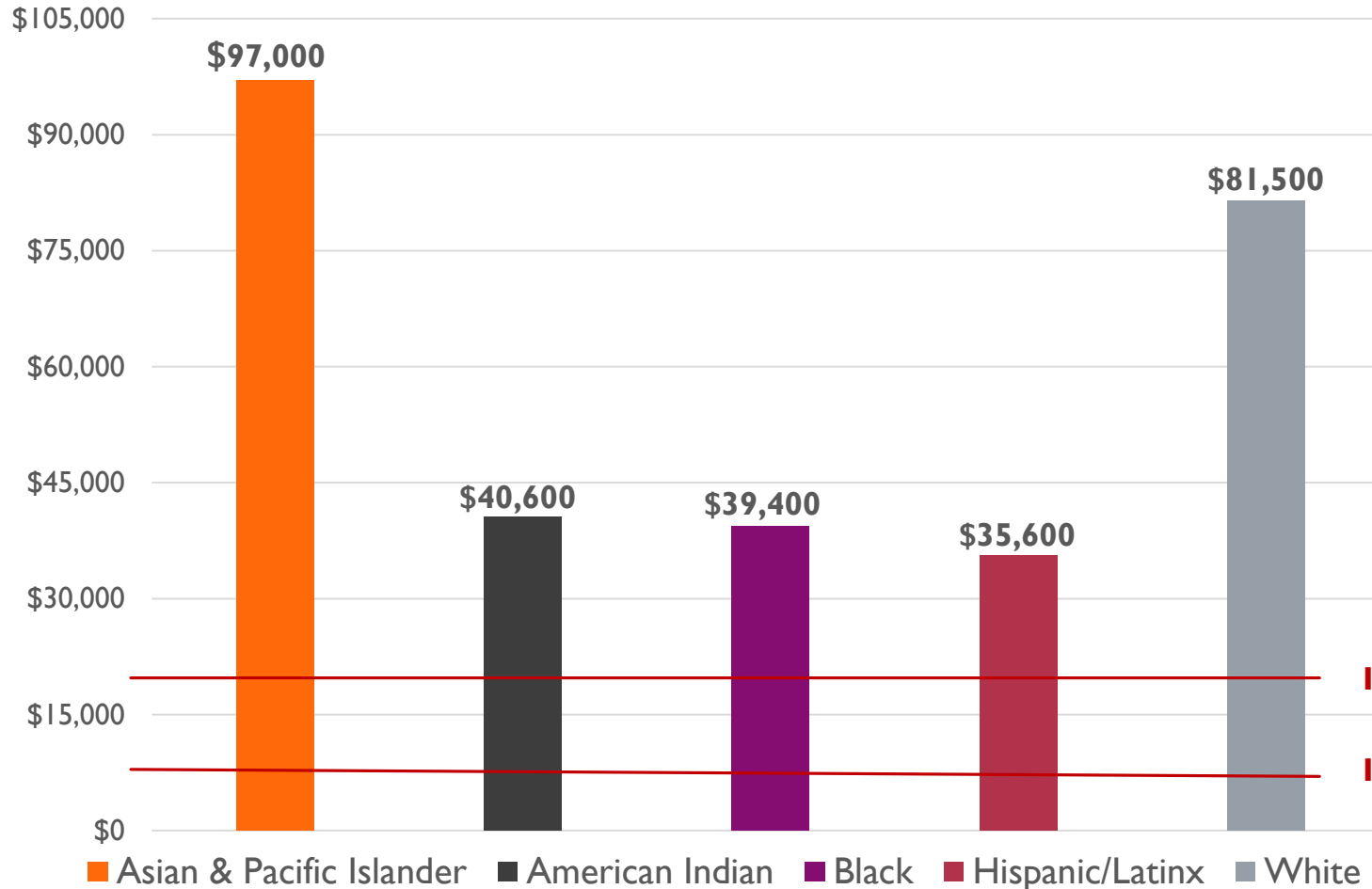
PATHWAYS GOAL:

High Quality Birth-through-Age-Eight Learning Environments with Regular Attendance

Fewer than half of all 3-and 4-year-olds are enrolled in school.



Child care is a cost burden for families, with a very disparate impact by race.

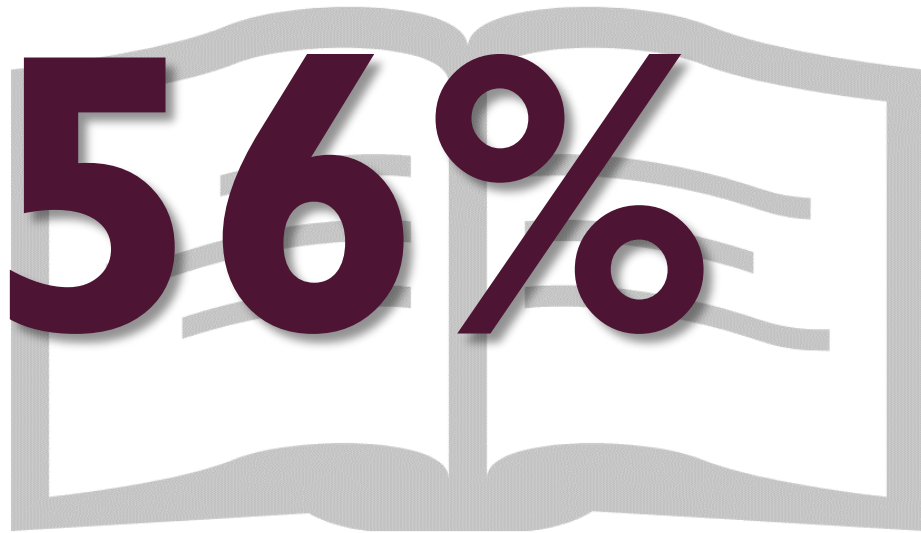


State median income for households with children in 2018:
\$66,100

Affordable childcare is federally defined as **less than 7%** of annual household income.

SOURCE (income): KIDS COUNT NC, Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey
SOURCE (child care costs): Child Care Aware of America, 2018 State Child Care Facts – North Carolina

LITTLE OVER HALF OF 3RD GRADERS READ PROFICIENTLY



**of 3rd graders scored proficient
in reading in 2017-18**

Irregular school attendance may be a contributing factor. In the last reported year (2015-16):

- 11% of elementary school students were chronically absent
- Nearly 3 in 4 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) reported 5-15% of their elementary students as chronically absent
- In some districts, chronic absence was as high as 23%

PATHWAYS GOAL:

Supported and Supportive
Families and Communities

1 in 5 children lived in homes that were food insecure at some point in 2018, with wide variances by county.

HIGHEST RATES OF CHILD FOOD INSECURITY

Tyrrell	29.3%
Scotland	28.3%
Washington	28.2%
Robeson	27.2%
Jones	26.8%

LOWEST RATES OF CHILD FOOD INSECURITY

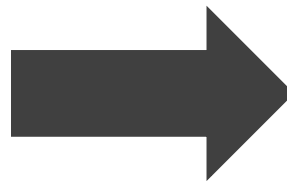
Cabarrus	17.5%
Currituck	17.2%
Union	16.5%
Wake	16.4%
Orange	15.5%

43% OF CHILDREN LIVE IN POOR OR LOW-INCOME HOMES



of North Carolina's children live
in poor or low-income homes

(**<200% FPL**)



29% of white children

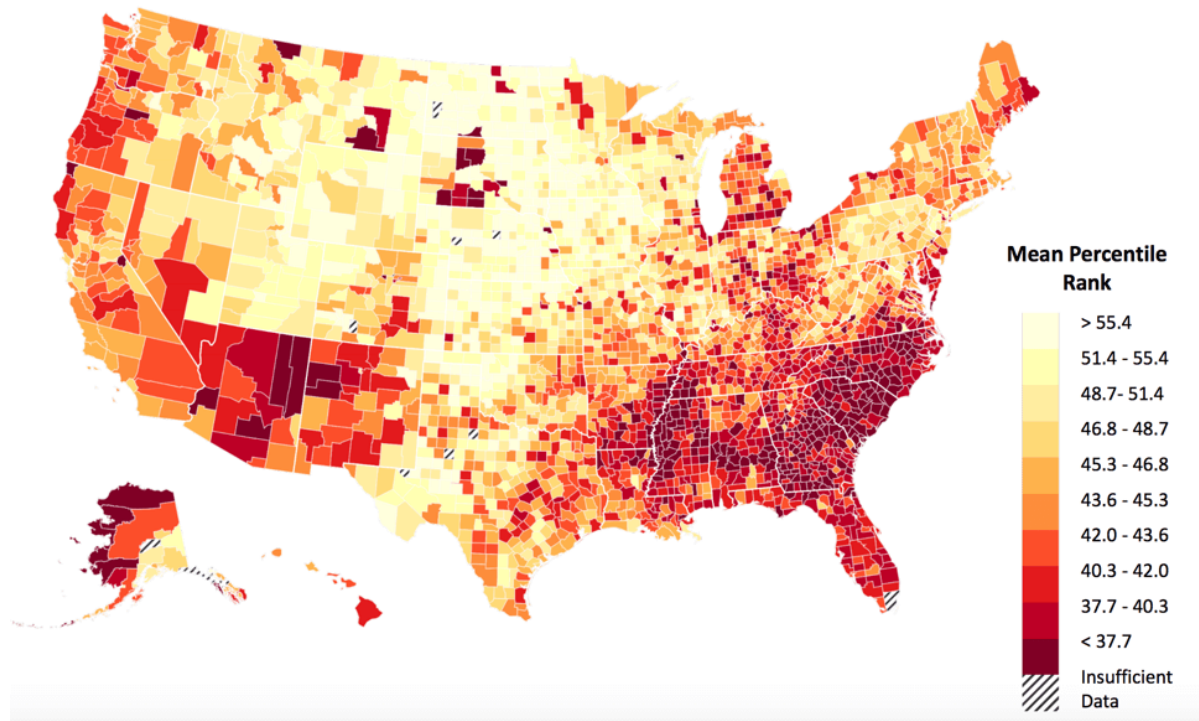
34% of Asian & Pacific Islander
children

60% of Black children

69% of Hispanic/Latinx children

Only 1 in 3 children born into NC families making <\$25,000 annually manage to climb into middle and upper income levels as adults.

Predicted Income Rank at Age 30 for Children with Parents at 25th Percentile



Markers of Low Economic Mobility:

Income Inequality

Low Quality Schools

Racial Segregation

Single-Parent Households

Limited Social Capital