

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE MASSACHUSETTS JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Children and youth of color are at greater risk than whites on many of the most important indicators of healthy youth development. For example, youth of color are more likely than whites to be: living in poverty; victims of abuse and/or neglect; removed from their families; unable to access adequate health and mental health services; and out of school. But these racial disparities are by far the greatest in the juvenile justice system, where minority youth make up the vast majority of youth held in our secure facilities.

% of Youth of Color in Selected Massachusetts Populations (2000)

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