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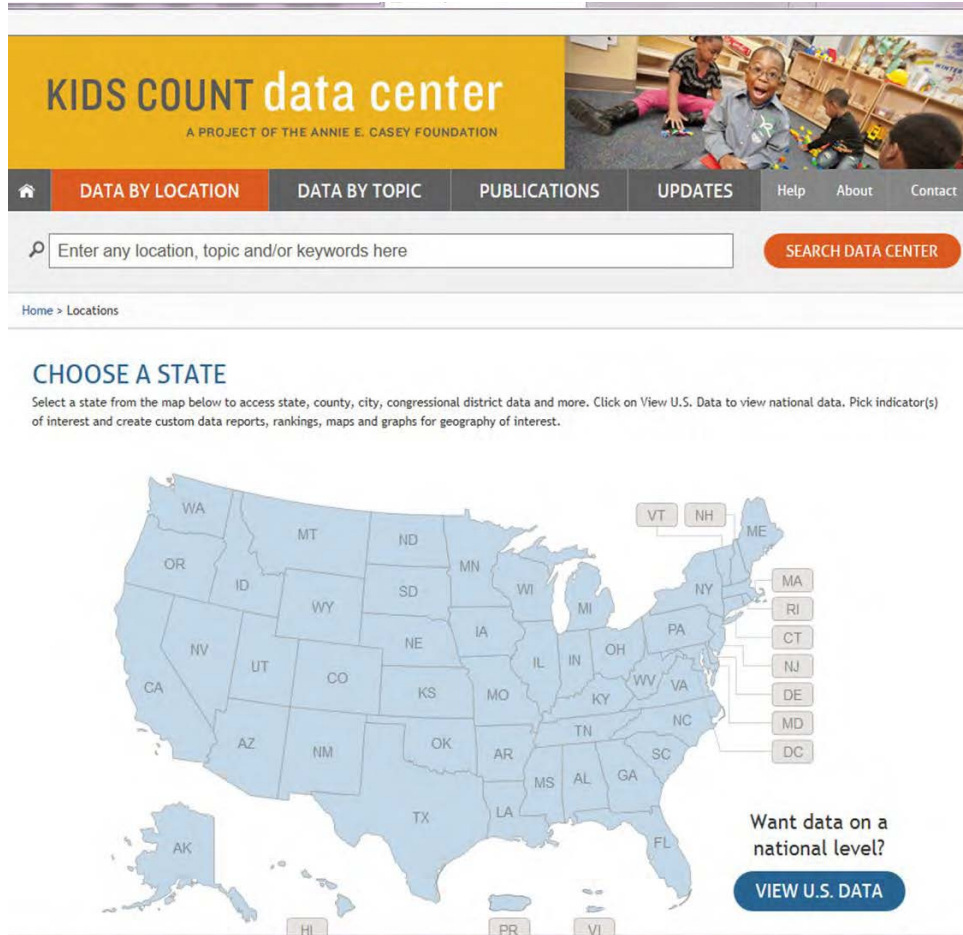
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# Kids Count Data Center



The screenshot shows the Kids Count Data Center website. At the top, there is a yellow banner with the text "KIDS COUNT data center" and "A PROJECT OF THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION". Below this is a navigation bar with links: "DATA BY LOCATION", "DATA BY TOPIC", "PUBLICATIONS", "UPDATES", "Help", "About", and "Contact". A search bar is present with the placeholder text "Enter any location, topic and/or keywords here" and a "SEARCH DATA CENTER" button. Below the search bar, there is a link "Home > Locations". The main section is titled "CHOOSE A STATE" and includes a paragraph: "Select a state from the map below to access state, county, city, congressional district data and more. Click on View U.S. Data to view national data. Pick indicator(s) of interest and create custom data reports, rankings, maps and graphs for geography of interest." Below this is a map of the United States with state abbreviations. To the right of the map is a list of state abbreviations: VT, NH, ME, MA, RI, CT, NJ, DE, MD, DC, NY, PA, WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, AR, TX, NM, AZ, CA, NV, UT, CO, KS, MO, IL, IN, OH, MI, WI, MN, IA, NE, SD, ND, MT, WY, ID, OR, WA, AK, HI, PR, and VI. At the bottom right of the map area, there is a button that says "VIEW U.S. DATA" with the text "Want data on a national level?" above it.

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# A New Kids Count Layout

- Horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- New explanations for indicators.
  - Gives indicators context and explains what each means.
- Data sources listed at the end of each section.
- Stand alone chapters
  - Available for download on our website

# Why are statistics and data so important?

- Draw attention to a problem and identify a need
- Inform decisions and develop solutions
- Make your case more persuasive
- Highlight a success
- Assess change over time and provide a baseline for future comparisons.
- Give you a “snapshot” of children and families

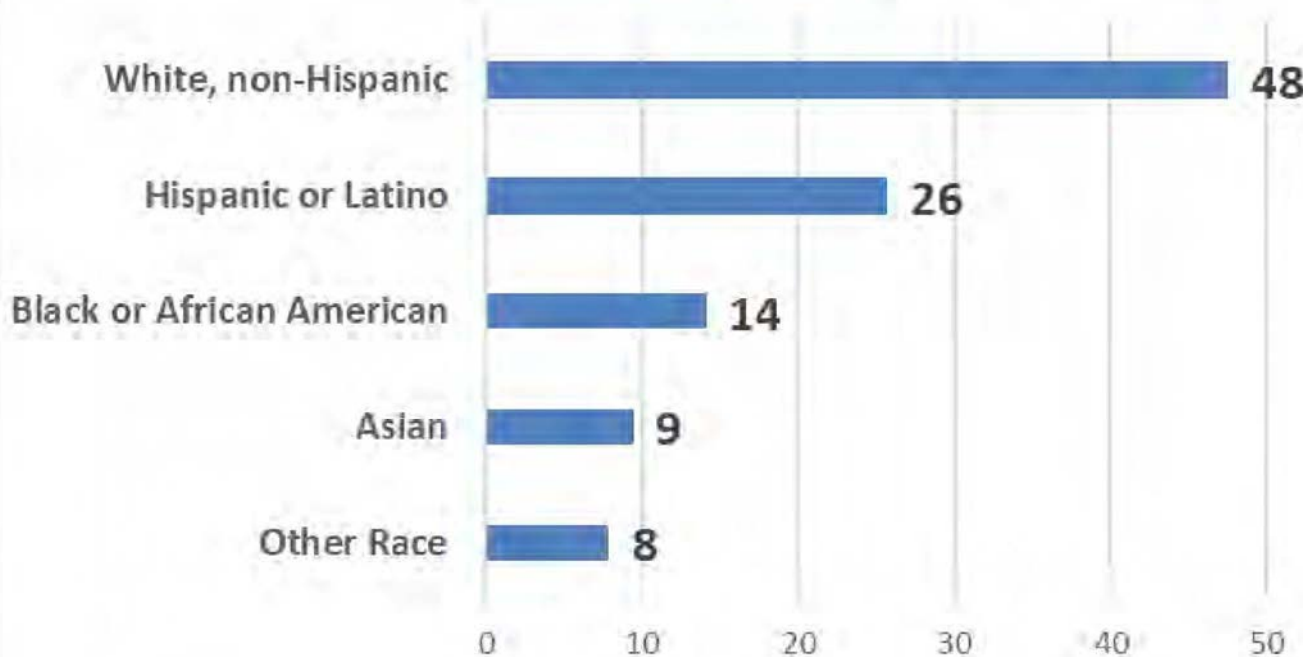




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# Demographics

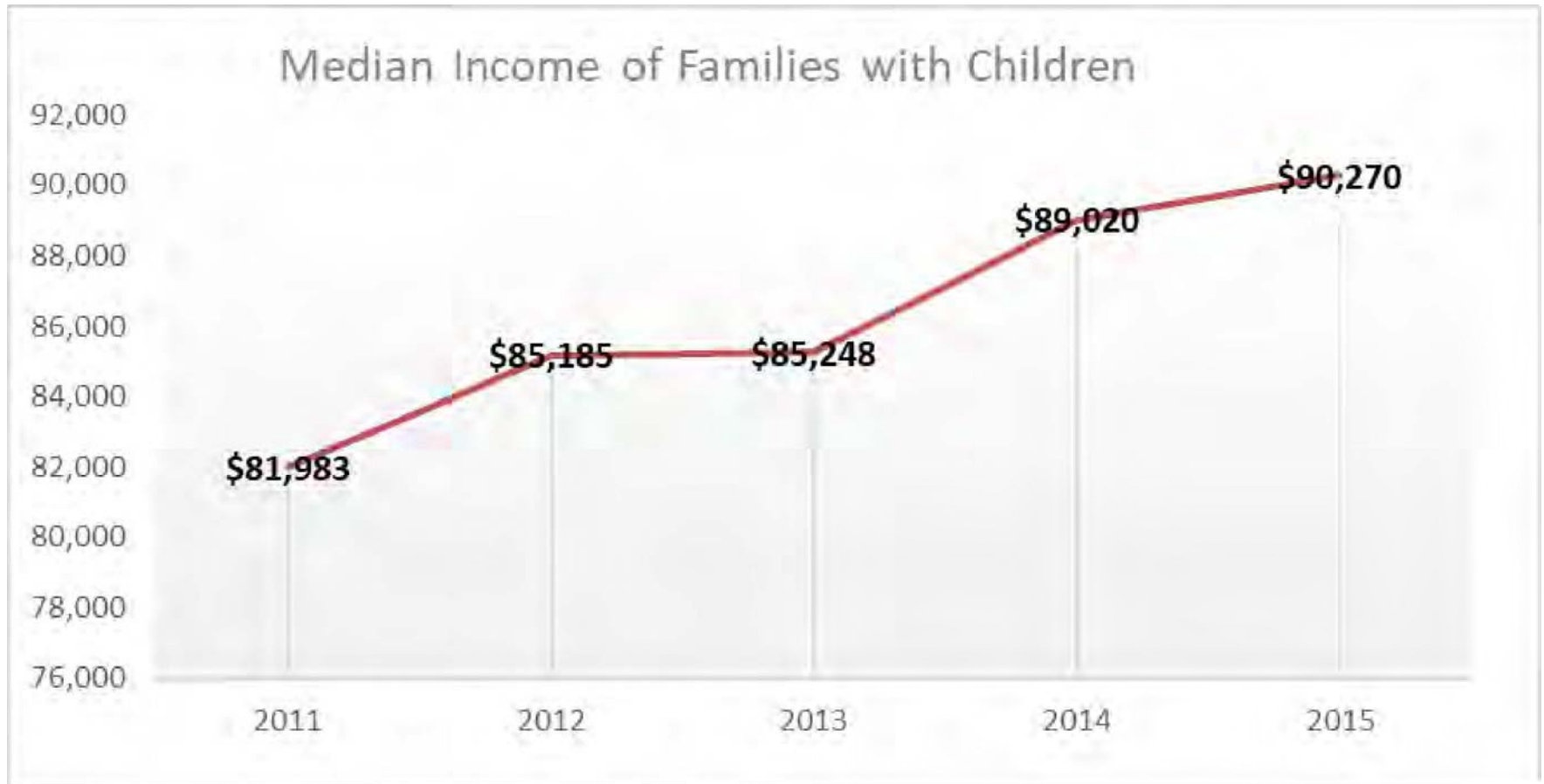
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## Federal Poverty Thresholds for a Family of Two Adults and Two Children, 2015



# Children in Poverty

- As of 2015:
  - 7 percent of children below 50% of poverty level
  - 16 percent of children below 100% of poverty level
  - 32 percent of children below 200% of poverty level
    - Compared to 43 percent of children for the U.S. as a whole.

# But racial disparities persist...

- 200% of poverty level:
  - Asian/Pacific Islander: **17 percent**
  - White, non-Hispanic: **18 percent**
  - Two or More Races: **37 percent**
  - Black/African American: **51 percent**
  - Hispanic or Latino: **56 percent**

# Housing Costs

- 81 percent of children in low-income families spend more than 30 percent of family income on housing costs.
  - Compared to 62 percent for the nation overall.
- More than half of all black or African American and Hispanic children live in families spending too much on housing.
  - Compared to 42 percent of the state overall.





# Nutritional Supports

- From 2012 to 2016:
  - 3 percent increase in the number of children receiving SNAP benefits.
  - 9 percent decrease in the number of women, infants and children receiving WIC benefits.



# Early Care and Education

- Over 51,000 3 and 4 yr. olds enrolled in state-funded preschool programs during 2015-16.
  - Continued increase in enrollments for full-day programs and decrease in half-day enrollments.
- The number of licensed child care centers dropped slightly from 2012 to 2016 (5 percent decrease)

# Public School Enrollment

- Overall N.J. public school enrollment has remained steady → roughly 1.3 million over the last 4 years.
- N.J. charter enrollment continues to climb.
  - 26,266 students during 2011-2012 school year
  - 42,117 students during 2015-16 school year
    - A 60 percent increase.



# Chronic Absenteeism 2014-15

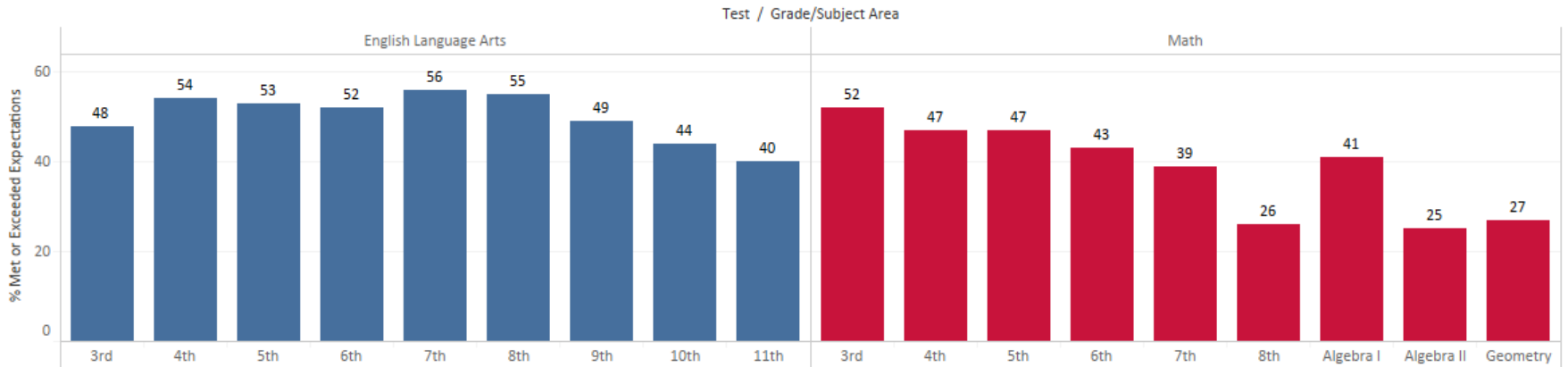
Demographic	Students Chronically Absent	Percentage Chronically Absent
STATE TOTAL PRE-K-12	165,019	12
Economically Disadvantaged	89,602	17
Limited English Proficiency	9,840	13
Special Education	41,096	18

# PARCC 2015-16

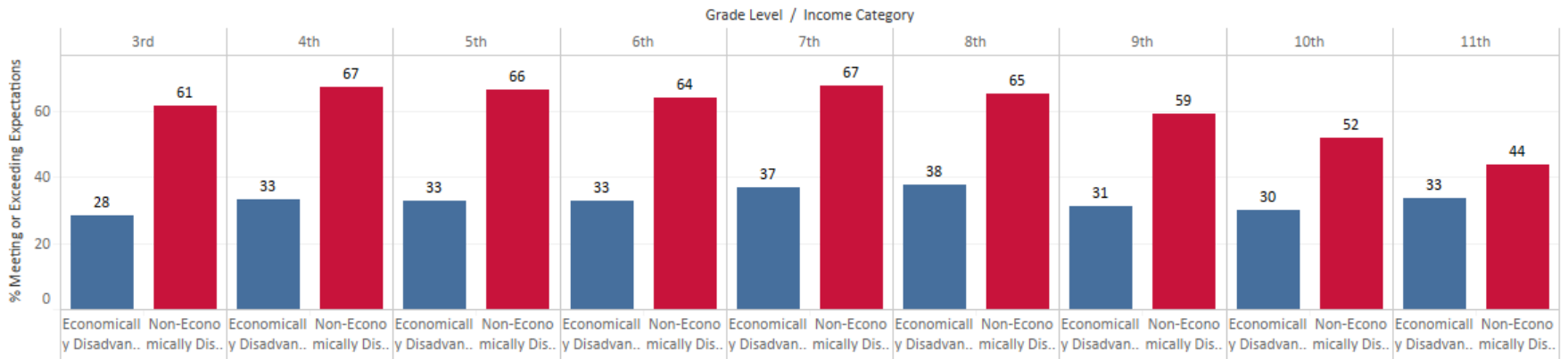
- Improved scores over 2014-15 testing, fewer untested students.
  - Still higher number of untested students for high school level tests.
- Significant differences between state average scores and scores from economically disadvantaged students, LEP students, and certain racial/ethnic groups



## PARCC Meeting or Exceeding Expectations 2015-16



## PARCC English Language Arts Meeting/Exceeding Expectations by Income Category 2015-16







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# Graduation Rates

	2011-2012	2015-2016
White	93	94
Black	75	82
Hispanic	77	83
Asian	95	97
American Indian	84	83
Native Hawaiian	91	94
Two or More Races	90	92
Limited English Proficiency	73	75
Economically Disadvantaged	75	83
Students with Disability	74	79
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>90</b>

# Gains in Health

- Uninsured children at a low of 3.7 percent.
- More than 780,000 children enrolled in NJ Family Care as of March 2016.
- More:
  - Children receiving immunizations by age 2.
  - Infants being breastfed.





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# Healthy Starts 2014

	Infant Mortality Rate, per 1,000 Live Births	% Low Birthweight Babies	% Mothers Receiving Early Prenatal Care
<b>State Average</b>	→ <b>4.4</b>	→ <b>8.0</b>	→ <b>79%</b>
White, non-Hispanic	2.6	6.7	84%
Black, non-Hispanic	8.7	12.6	70%
Hispanic	4.7	7.5	75%
Asian, non-Hispanic	1.9	9.4	82%

# Child Welfare

- 48,049 children under state supervision
  - 6,663 in out-of-home placements
  - 41,386 receiving in-home services
- Higher percentage of black or African American children in out-of-home placement (or foster care).
- Decrease in percentage of children with established/substantiated abuse or neglect from 2014 to 2015.

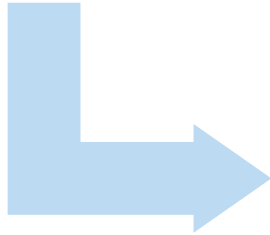
# Teens Making Progress

- Decrease in idle youth for ages 16-19 and 18-24.
  - Dropping by 12 percent for 18-24 year olds and 13 percent for 16 to 19 year olds.
- Significant decrease in 19-24 year olds living without health insurance.
  - In 2011, 24 percent without insurance
  - In 2015, 14 percent without insurance

# Continued Declines in Teen Births

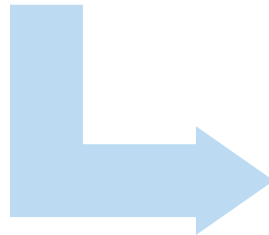
5.5% of all  
live births

• **2010**



4.2% of all  
live births

• **2013**



3.6% of all  
live births

• **2014**



# Juvenile Justice

- Statewide: juvenile arrests are down 40 percent.
  - In 2014:
    - 54 percent of arrests were to white youth.
    - 45 percent of arrests were to black youth.
    - 23 percent of all arrests were to Hispanic youth—77 percent were to non-Hispanics.
- Currently, (in 2015) African American youth made up **67 percent of detention facilities.**

# Immigrant Families

- Approximately 108,649 foreign-born children live in New Jersey (about 5 percent of all children)
- 89 percent of children in immigrant families are citizens
- Only 11 percent of children 5-17 in immigrant families report difficulty speaking English
  - 5 percent of 2015-2016 N.J. school enrollment was to LEP students



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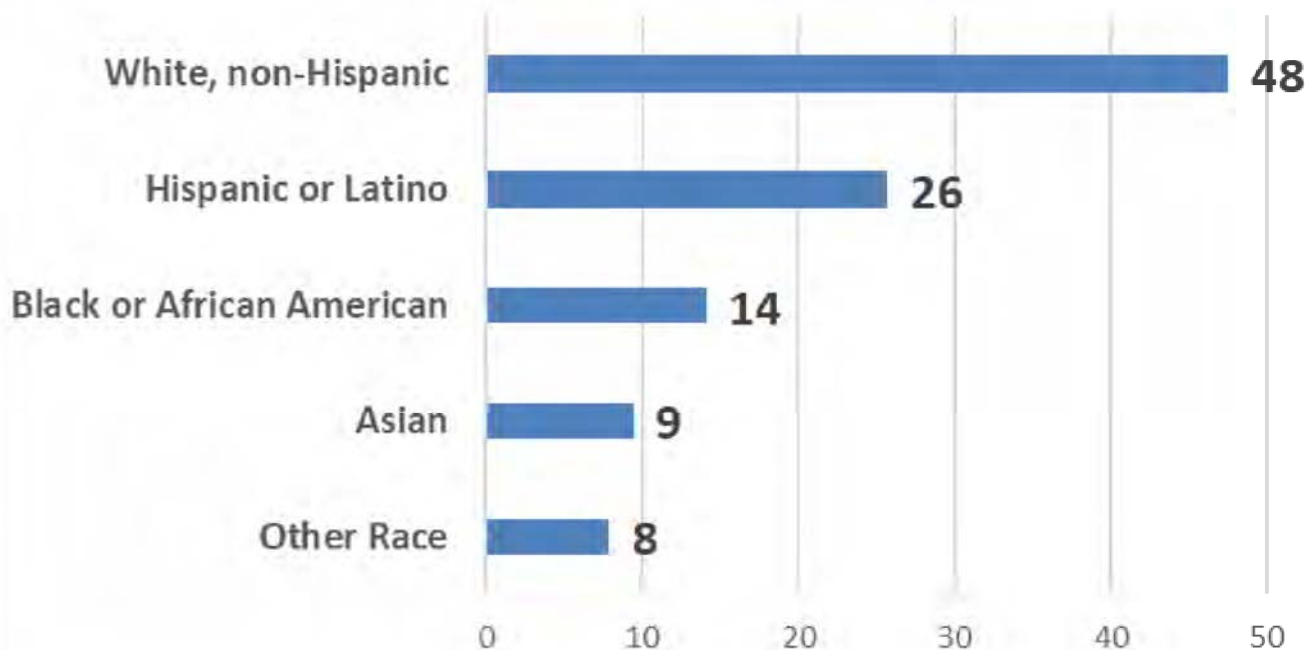
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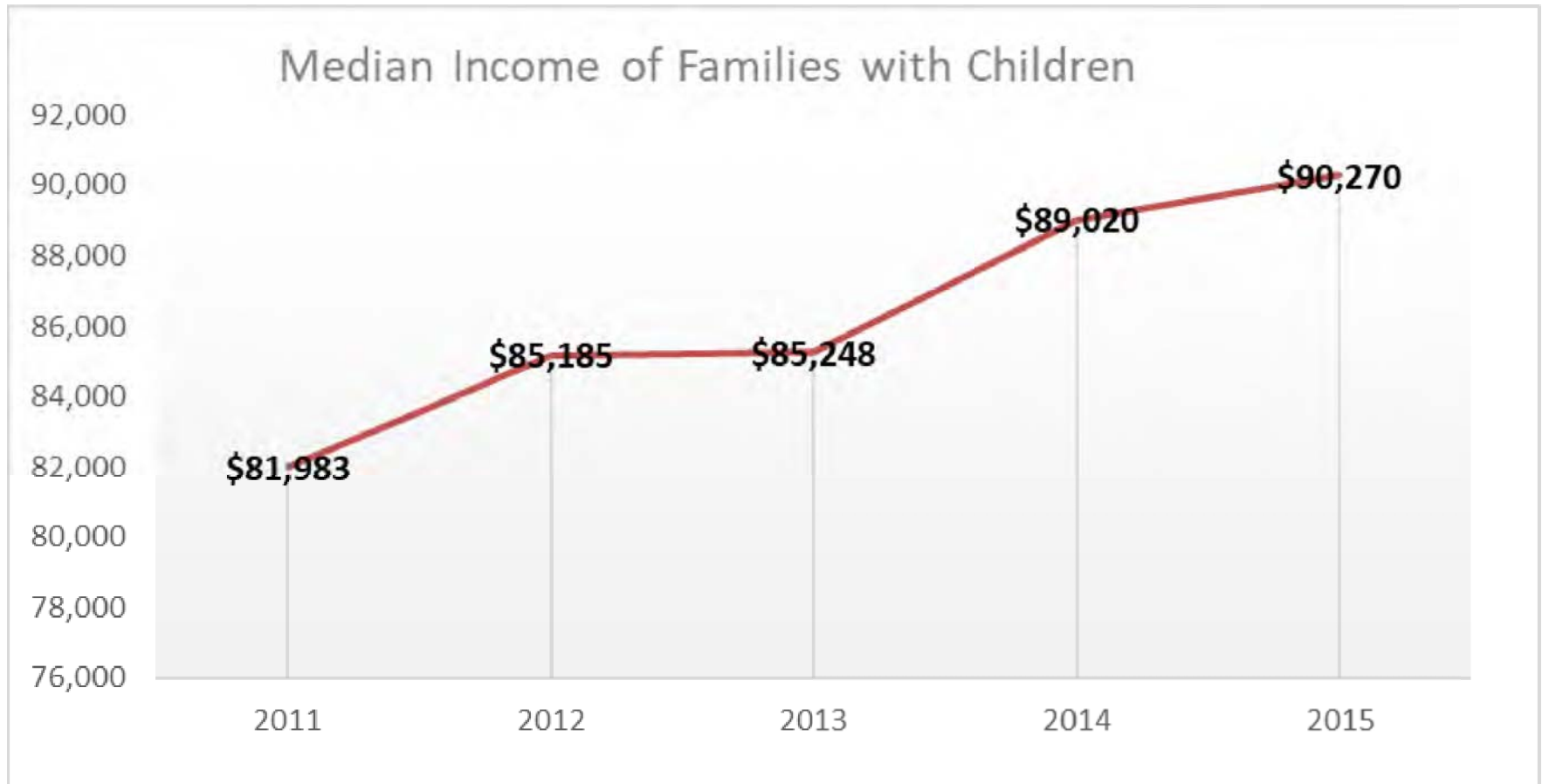
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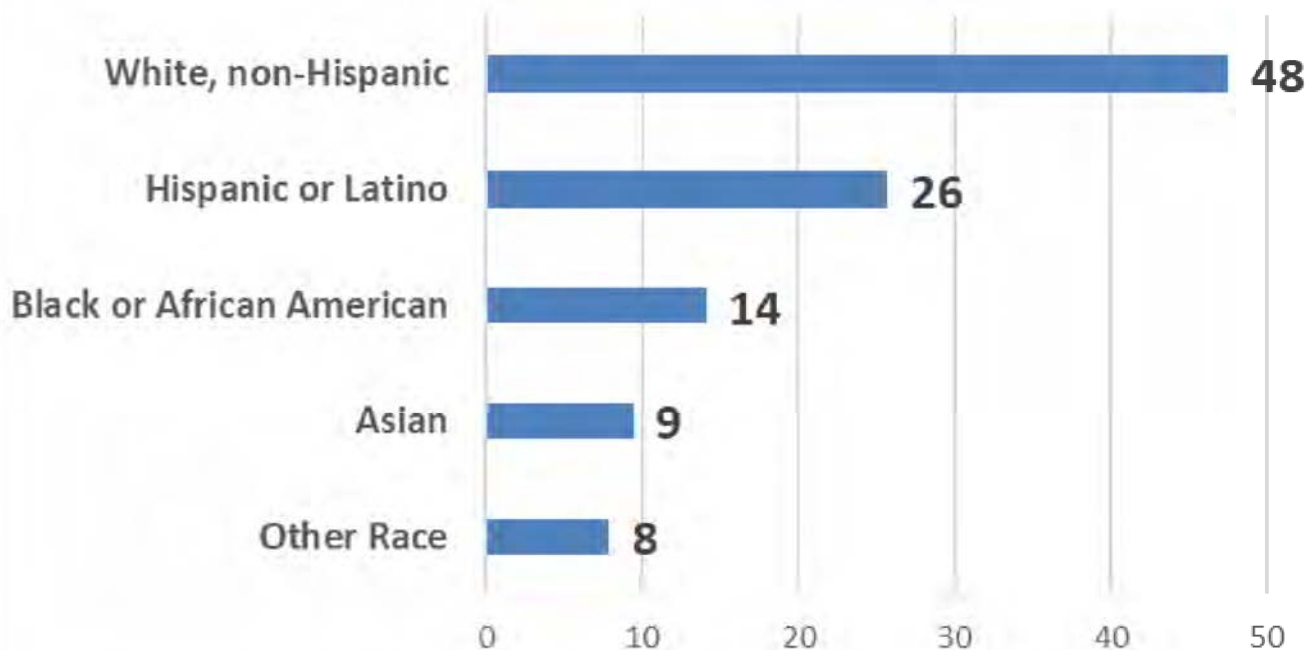


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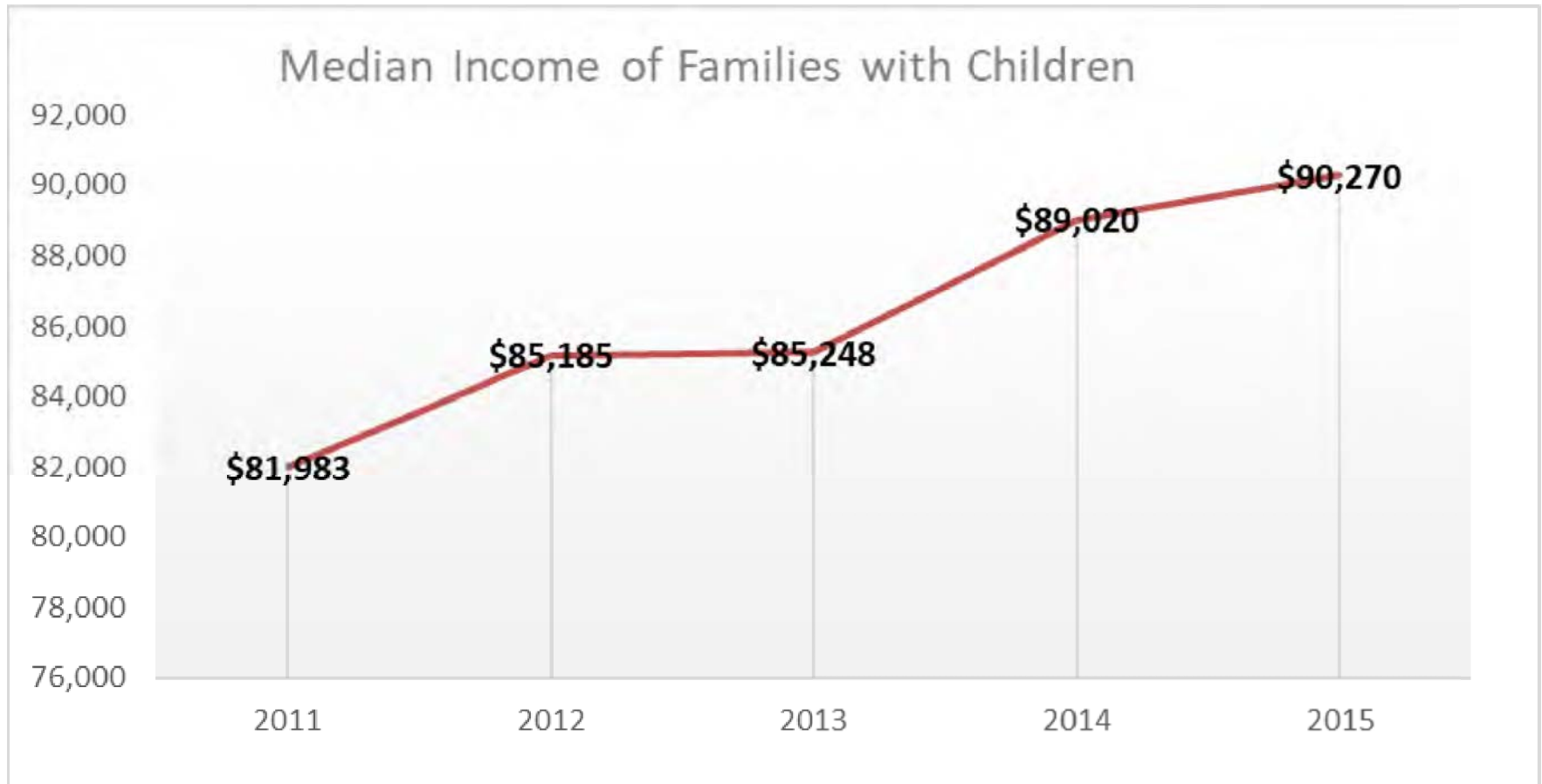


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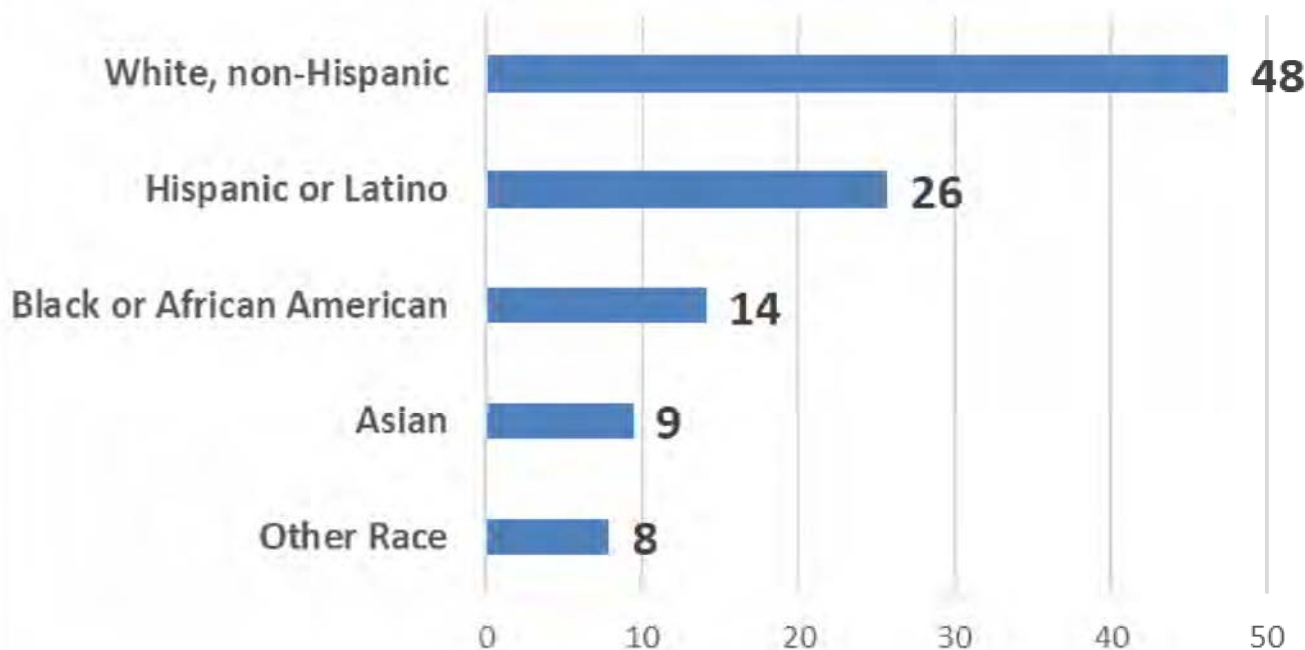
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