

Permanency Enhancement Project:
Southern Region
MT. VERNON ACTION TEAM
FY 2018 Report

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Goals of Permanency Enhancement Project

1. Improve permanency
2. Reduce racial disproportionality
3. Reduce racial disparities
4. Reduce overrepresentation of African Americans in the child welfare system

University Partnership

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)

- University Partner consists of Faculty and research personnel (*e.g. Research assistants/Community Liaisons*) who help supervise and monitor efforts of each Action Team in the Southern Region
- Ongoing consults and engagement to
 - ✓ Review service data trends and assist teams in using data for action team goal development
 - ✓ Provide ‘Technical Support’ (i.e. assistance) with action team activity and development, as needed
 - ✓ Evaluate progress on action team goals/outcomes.

Southern Region Action Teams

Cairo (Alexander & Pulaski)

Carbondale (Jackson, Franklin, Perry, Williamson)

Carlyle (Bond, Clinton)

Sparta (Monroe, Randolph, Washington)

Effingham (Effingham, Fayette, Jasper)

Madison (Madison)

Metropolis (Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope)

Mt. Vernon (Jefferson, Marion)

Olney (Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash)

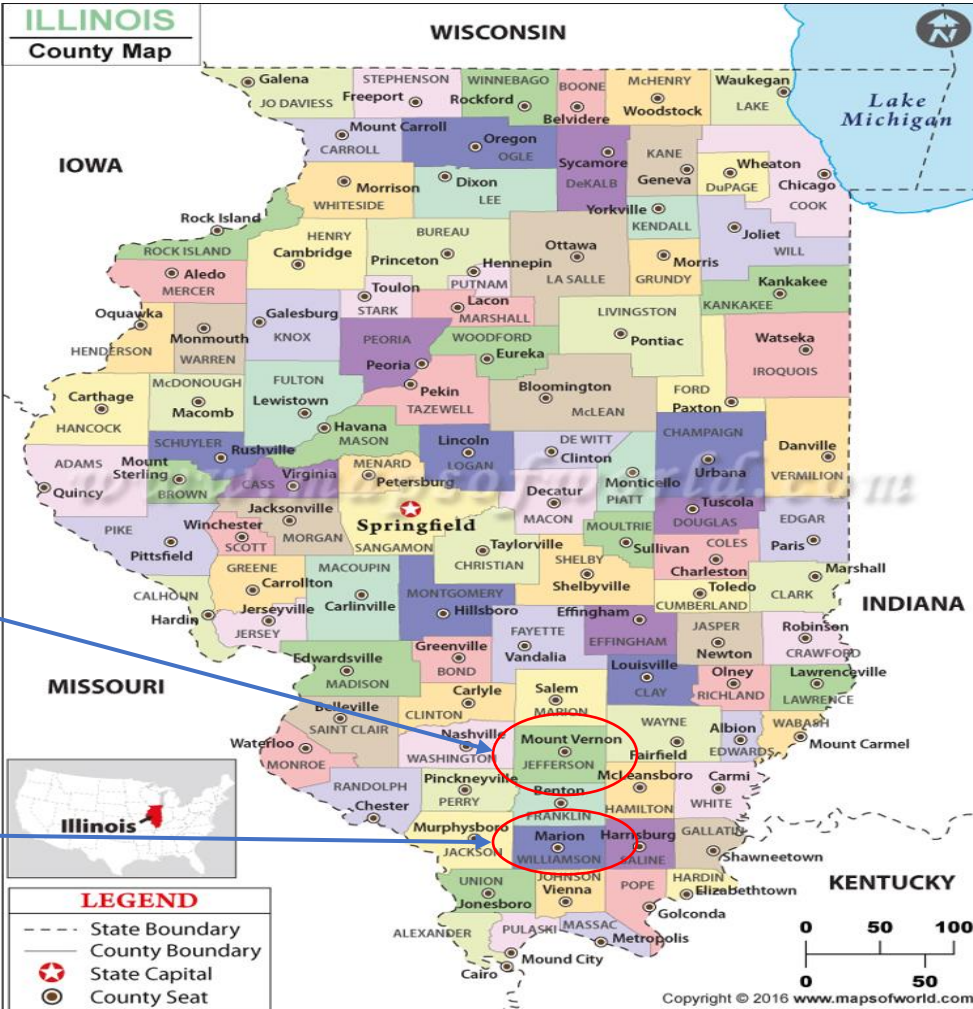
St. Clair (St. Clair)

Mt Vernon Action Team

Geographic Location

Mount Vernon Action Team consist of the following:

- Jefferson
- Marion



Mt Vernon Action Team

Chair-Jay Reeves

- He has been the chair for over a year now

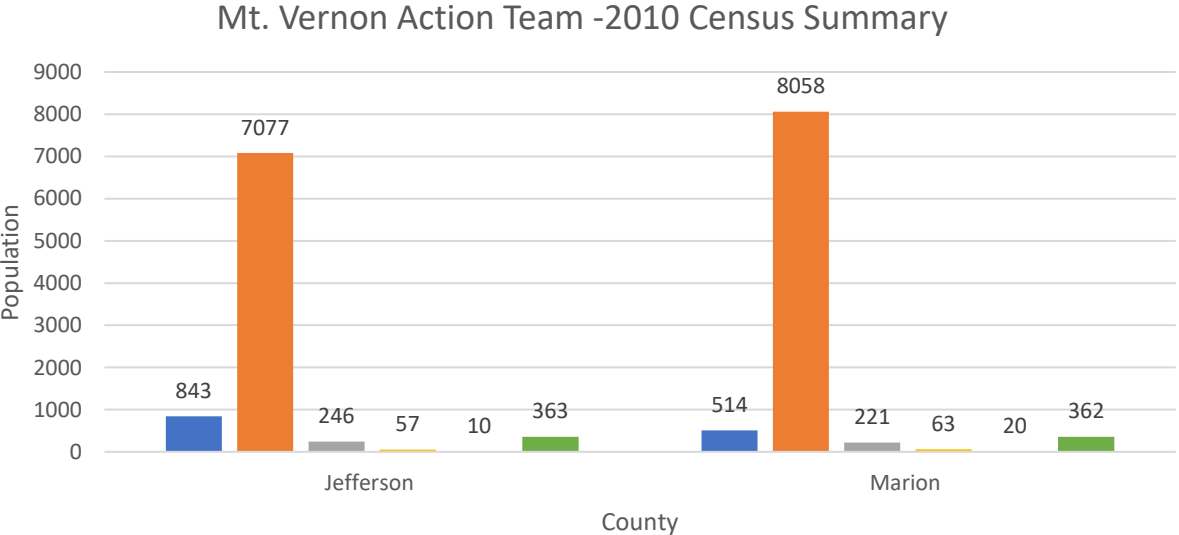
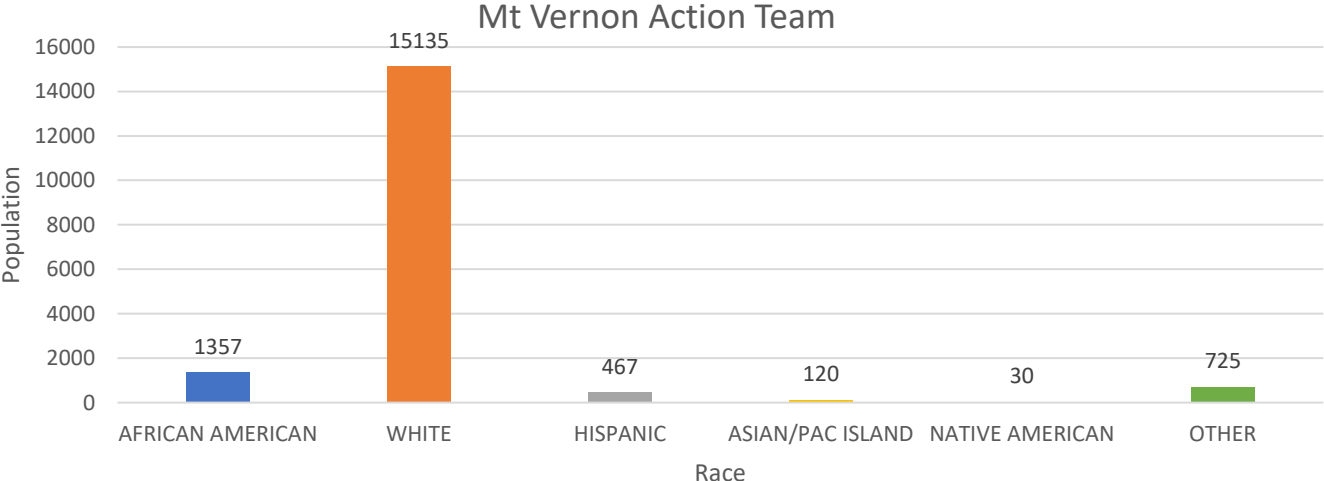
Mt Vernon Action Team

This Presentation solely focuses on goals, outcomes, and activities of the **Mt Vernon Action Team**.

- This action team is comprised of the following counties:
 1. **Jefferson County**
 - ✓ *Population 38179*
 - ✓ *Family/Child 8576*
 - ✓ *Person in Poverty 6643 (17.4%)*
 2. **Marion County**
 - ✓ *Population 37902*
 - ✓ *Family/Child 9238*
 - ✓ *Person in Poverty 6102 (16.1%)*

Mt Vernon Action Team

'Census 2010 - Race Data'



- The total population of Jefferson is 8596
- The total population of Marion is 9238
- In both Jefferson and Marion Counties the predominant race is White (84.9% of population);
- The next largest ethnic racial group is African American (7.6%)
- There are negligible numbers of persons of Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander, or Native American background
- * Other race is not qualified.

■ AFRICAN AMERICAN ■ WHITE ■ HISPANIC ■ ASIAN/PAC ISLAND ■ NATIVE AMERICAN ■ OTHER

Child Poverty Rates by County

(Southern Region)

Illinois Child Poverty Rate = 17.7%



County & Child Poverty Rate	County & Child Poverty Rate	County & Child Poverty Rate
Hardin – 35%	Washington – 13.3%	Randolph – 19.4%
Pope – 29.3%	White – 23.3%	Effingham – 15.0%
Franklin – 27.2%	Richland – 19.7%	Clinton – 12.2%
Massac – 28.1%	Lawrence – 24.8%	Jefferson – 25.4%
Gallatin – 31%	Union – 24.7%	Marion – 25.1%
Pulaski – 33.5%	Bond – 18.4% (2016)	Franklin – 27.2%
Edwards – 15.8%	Wayne – 21.6%	Jackson – 27.5%
Alexander – 48.6%	Crawford – 20.1%	Williamson – 22.3%
Hamilton – 21.9%	Fayette – 22.9%	Madison – 18%
Massac – 28.1%	Perry – 21.9%	St. Clair – 23%
Johnson – 18.1%	Saline – 30.5%	Wabash-18.6%
Clay – 21.1%	Monroe – 5.3%	

Service Data & Child Permanency Trends

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The following Slides will highlight service data trends for **Mt Vernon Action Team**

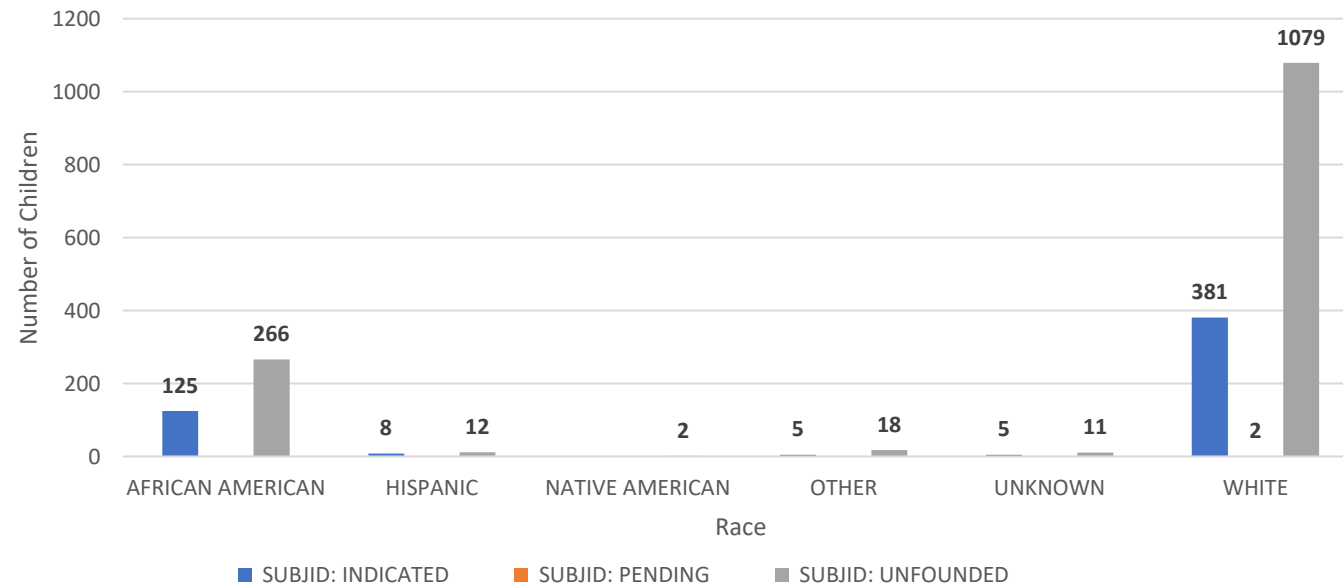
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Indicated-Unfounded Cases

Race	SUBJID: INDICATED	SUBJID: PENDING	SUBJID: UNFOUNDED	Total	Percentage Indicated
AFRICAN AMERICAN	125	0	266	391	32.00%
HISPANIC	8	0	12	20	40.00%
NATIVE AMERICAN	0	0	2	2	0.00%
OTHER	5	0	18	23	21.70%
UNKNOWN	5	0	11	16	31.30%
WHITE	381	2	1079	1462	25.50%
Grand Total	524	2	1388	1914	27.40%

- Whites dominated the total number of unfounded cases followed by African-American .
- The rest had a significantly low cases

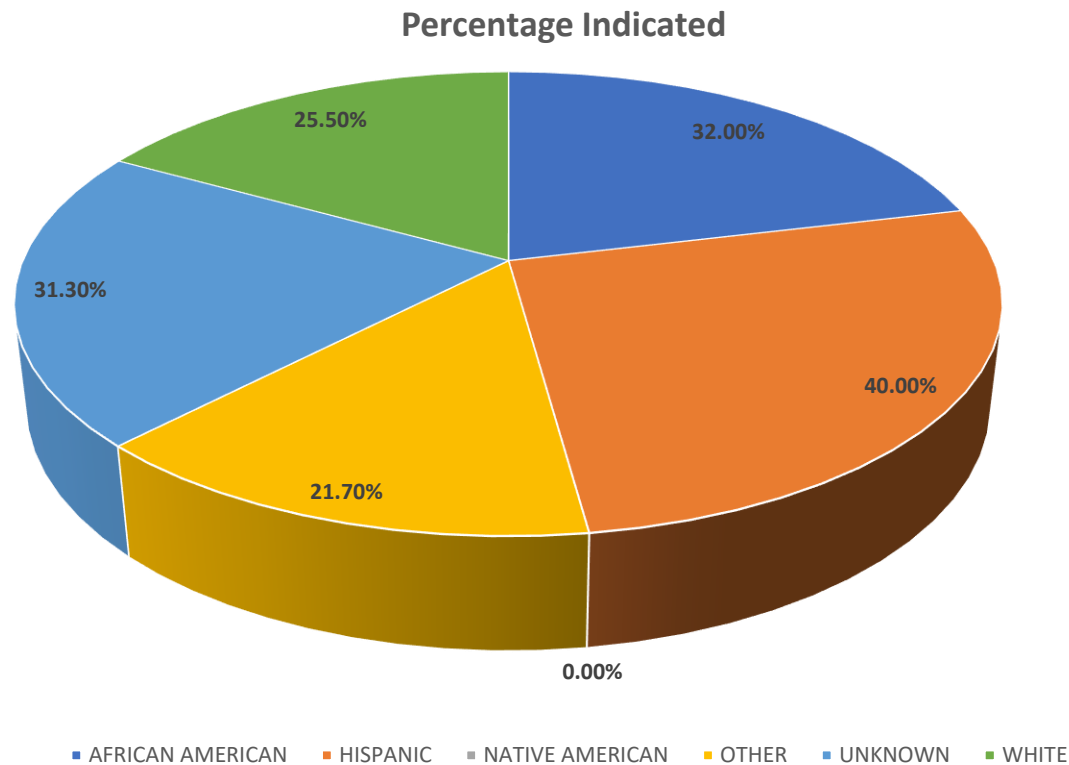
Mt. Vernon Action Team -Case Status



Indicated-Unfounded Cases

Race	Percentage Indicated
AFRICAN AMERICAN	32.00%
HISPANIC	40.00%
NATIVE AMERICAN	0.00%
OTHER	21.70%
UNKNOWN	31.30%
WHITE	25.50%

A relatively low percentage of cases were indicated as compared to the number of cases with whites dominating followed by African-Americans

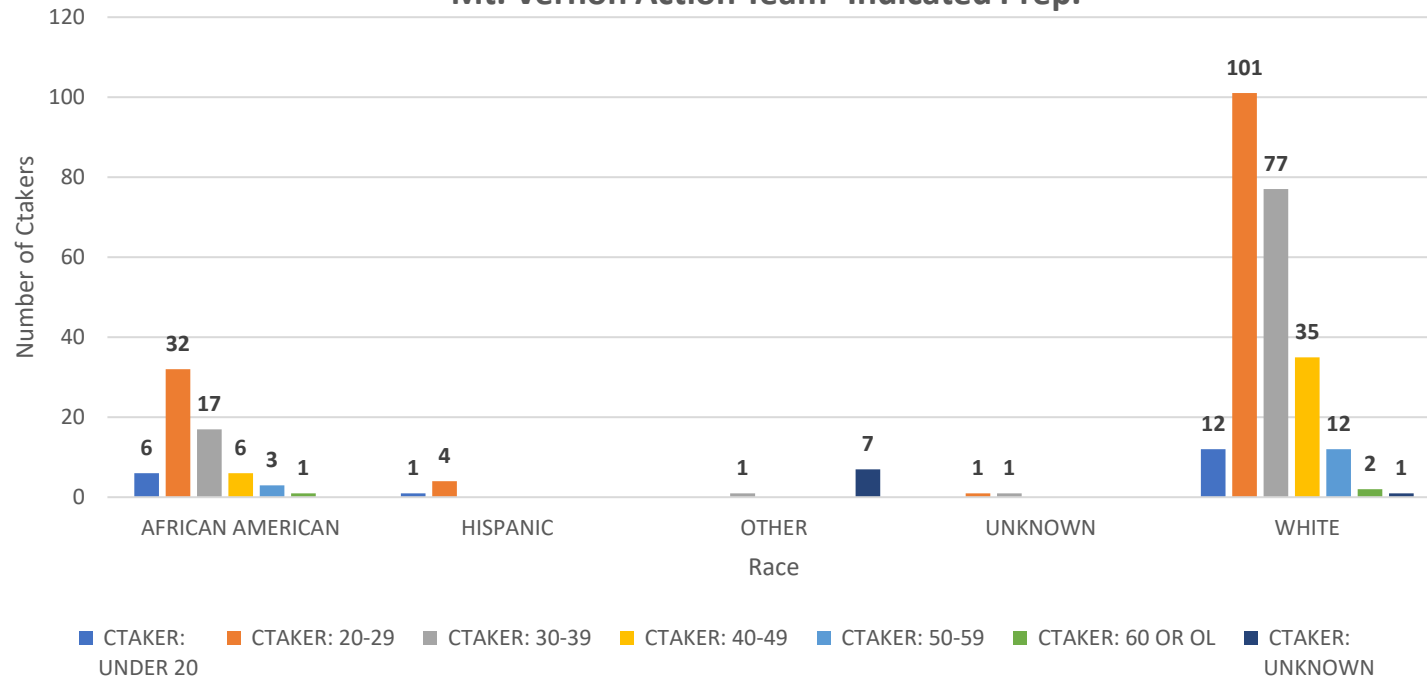


Indicated-Perp

Race	CTAKER: UNDER 20	CTAKER: 20-29	CTAKER: 30-39	CTAKER: 40-49	CTAKER: 50-59	CTAKER: 60 OR OL	CTAKER: UNKNOWN
AFRICAN AMERICAN	6	32	17	6	3	1	0
HISPANIC	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
UNKNOWN	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
WHITE	12	101	77	35	12	2	1
Grand Total	19	138	96	41	15	3	8

- Whites dominated the number Ctakers with a significant number between 20-29 and 30-39 followed by African-Americans.
- The rest had a negligible number of Ctakers

Mt. Vernon Action Team -Indicated Prep.

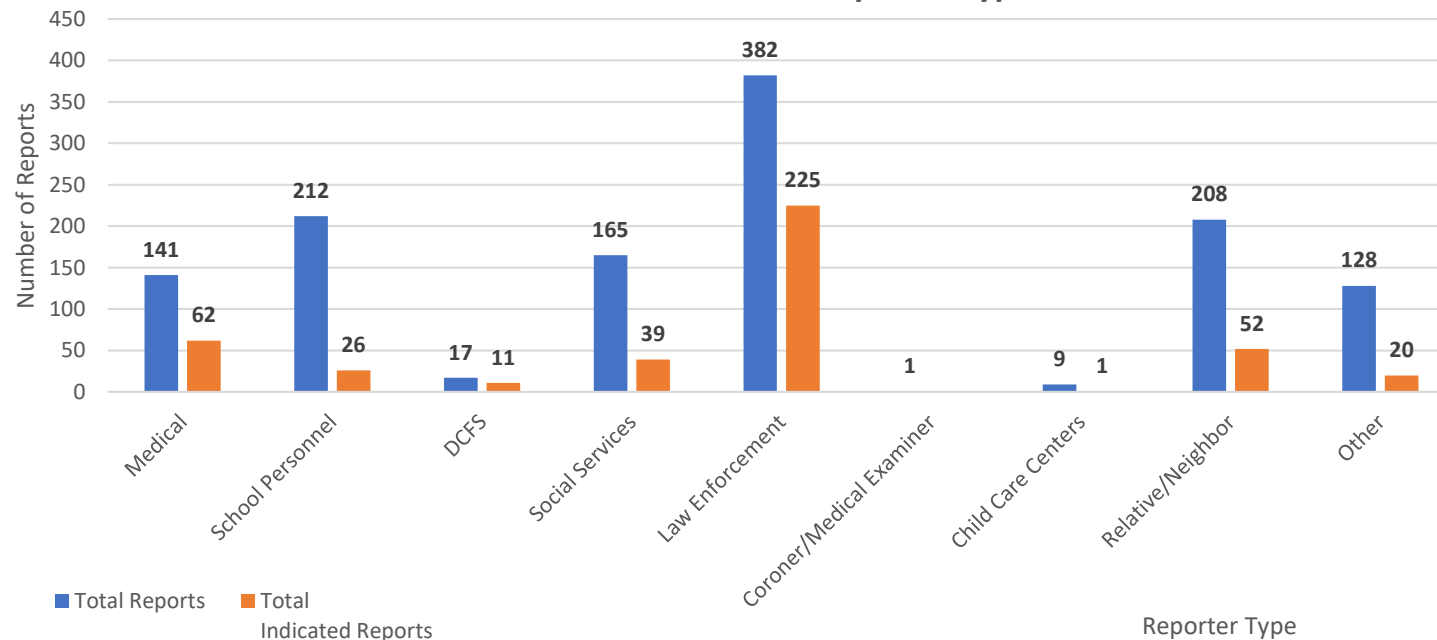


Reporter Type

Reporter Type	Total Reports	Total Indicated Reports	Percentage Indicated
Medical	141	62	44%
School Personnel	212	26	12%
DCFS	17	11	65%
Social Services	165	39	24%
Law Enforcement	382	225	59%
Coroner/Medical Examiner	1	0	0%
Child Care Centers	9	1	11%
Relative/Neighbor	208	52	25%
Other	128	20	16%
Total	1263	436	35%

- Law Enforcement dominated the number reports with 59% of their cases being indicated followed by Medical personnel with 44% of total their cases indicated .
- However, the percentage indicated was derived from the Total number cases reported as against the Total number cases indicated for each reporter type. Thus, the percentage indicated is relative to each reporter type.

Mt Vernon Action Team-Reporter Type

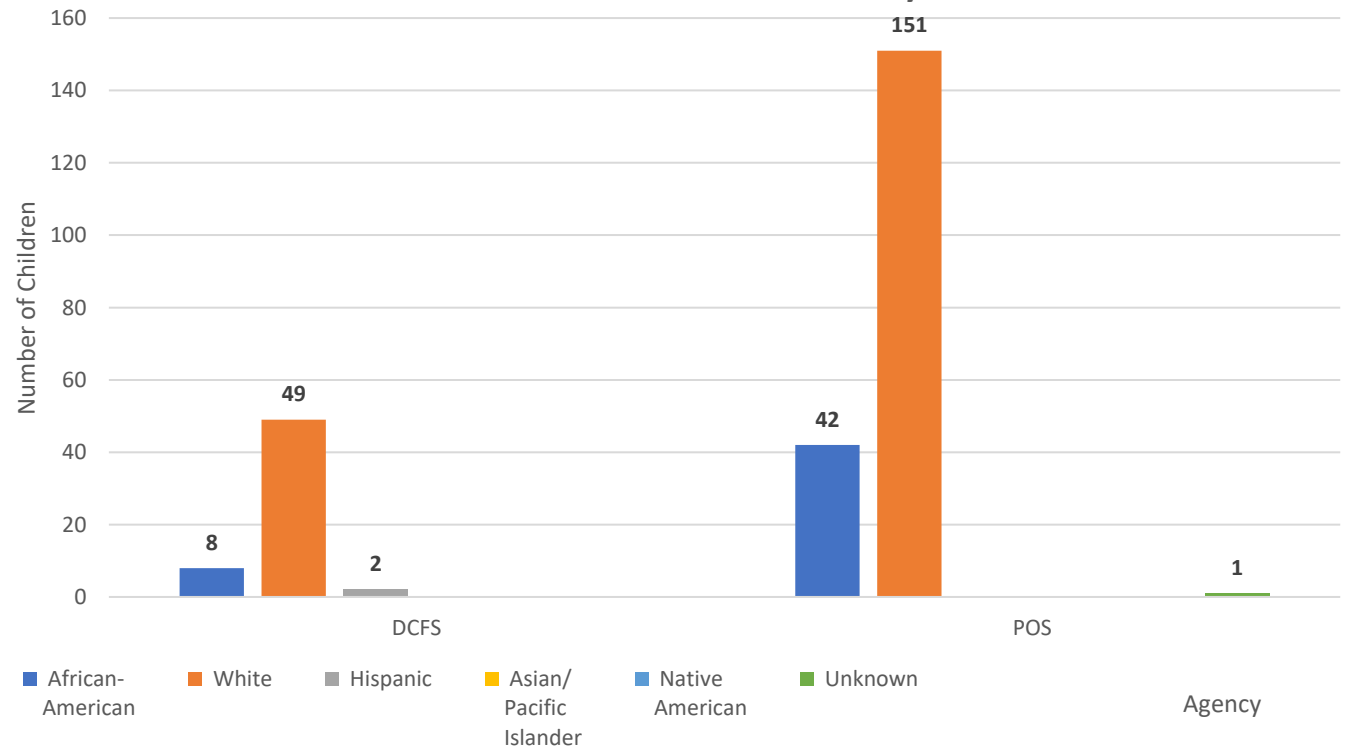


Child Data, by Race

Agency	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
DCFS	8	49	2	0	0	0	59
POS	42	151	0	0	0	1	194
Grand Total	50	200	2	0	0	1	253

- POS had 42 African- American and 151 Whites race.
- DCFS on the other hand had 8 African- American and 49 whites children
- The rest of the race had low representation.

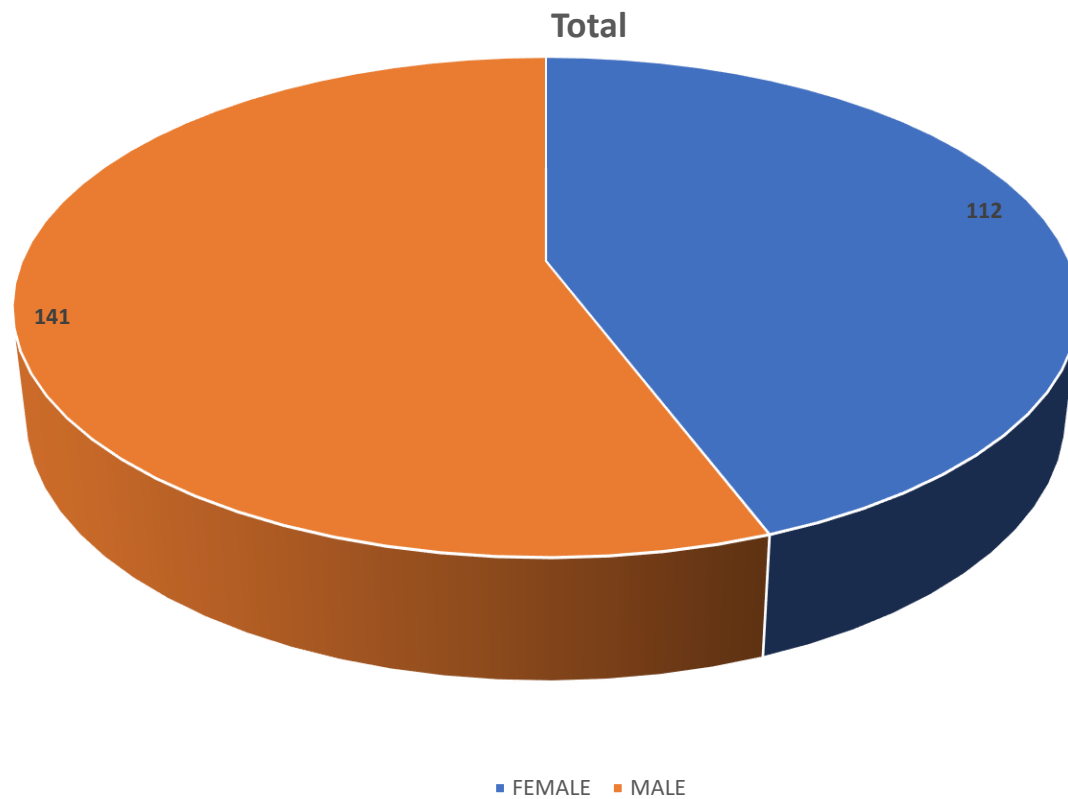
Mt. Vernon Action Team -Child Data by Race



Child Gender

Gender	Total
FEMALE	112
MALE	141

Male dominated the number of children in the system

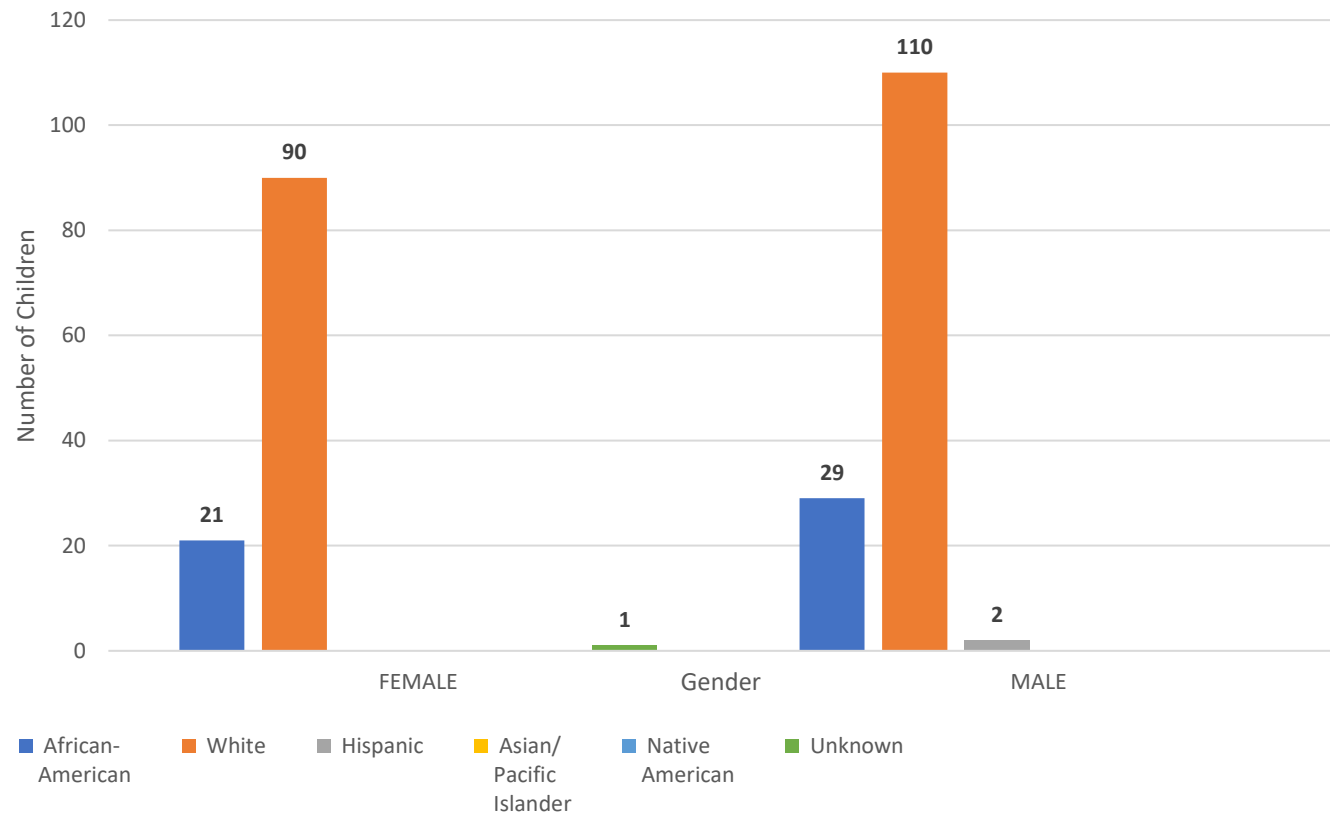


Child Gender, by Race

Gender	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
FEMALE	21	90	0	0	0	1	112
MALE	29	110	2	0	0	0	141
Grand Total	50	200	2	0	0	1	253

- White male (110). dominated the race followed by Male African American (29)
- The rest of the race had a low representation.

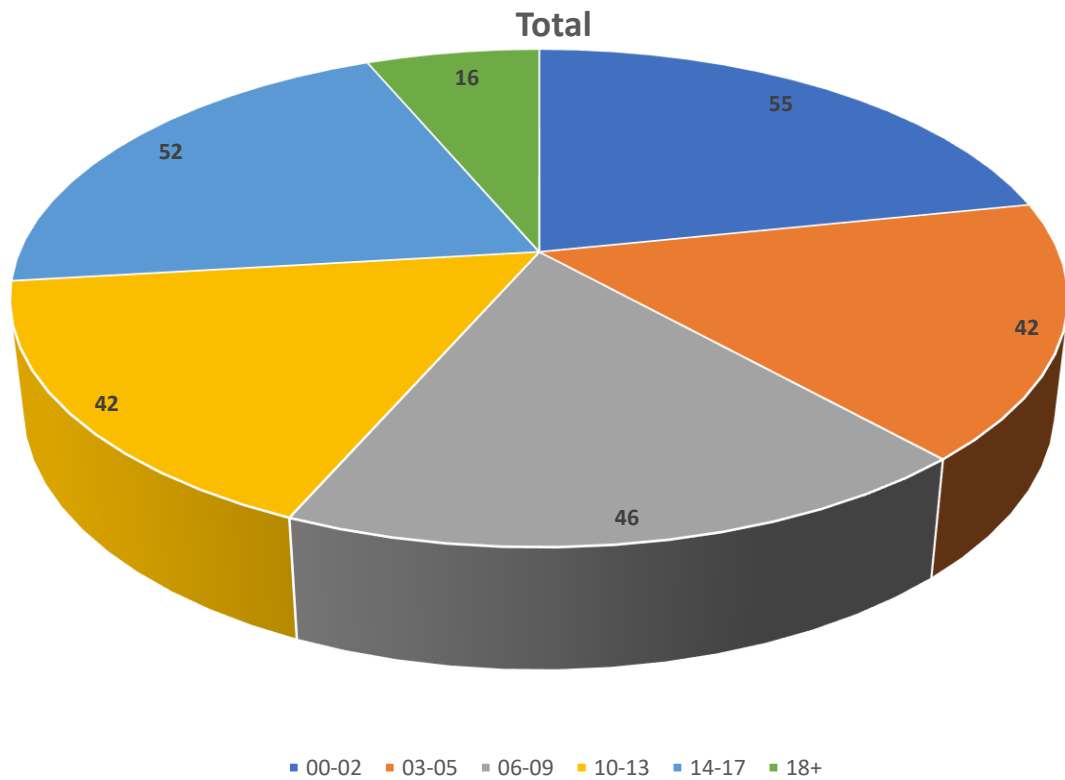
Mt. Vernon Action Team -Child Gender by Race



Child Age

Age Group	Total
00-02	55
03-05	42
06-09	46
10-13	42
14-17	52
18+	16

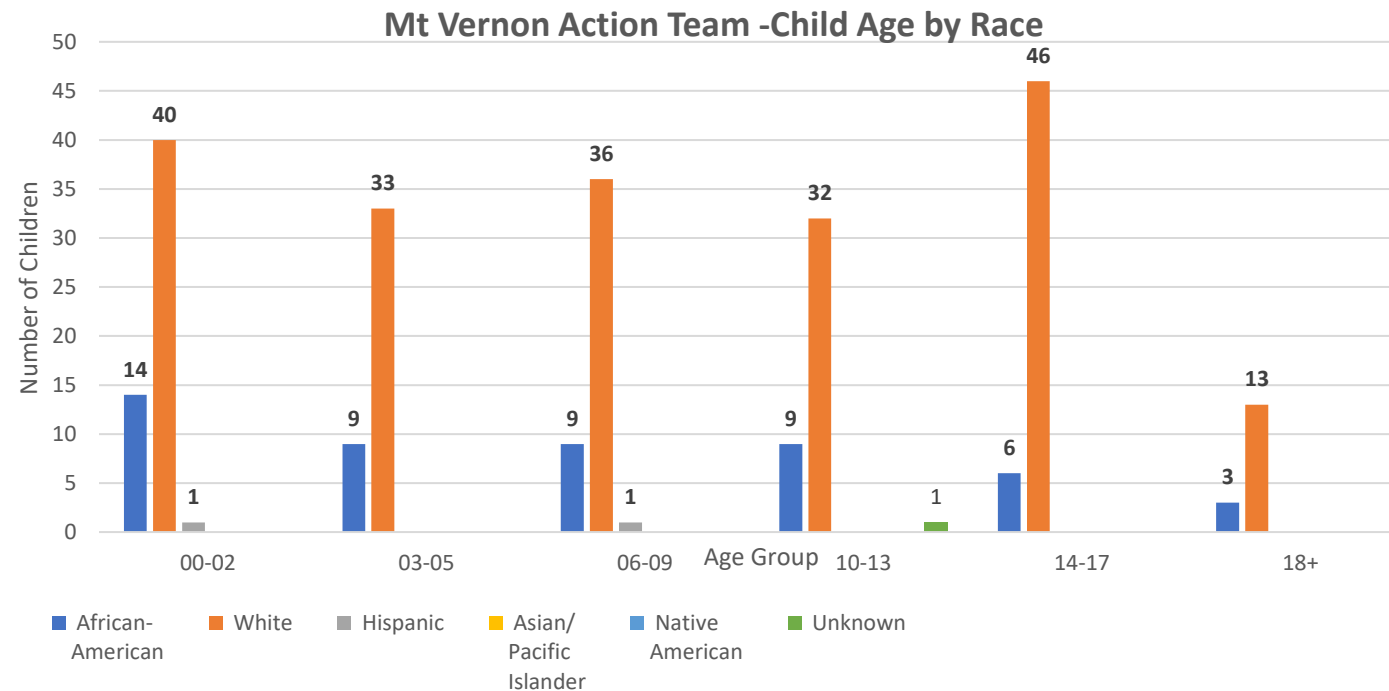
Age range between 00-02 dominated with a total of 55 cases followed closely by age 14-17 and rest.



Child Age, by Race

Age Group	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
00-02	14	40	1	0	0	0	55
03-05	9	33	0	0	0	0	42
06-09	9	36	1	0	0	0	46
10-13	9	32	0	0	0	1	42
14-17	6	46	0	0	0	0	52
18+	3	13	0	0	0	0	16
Grand Total	50	200	2	0	0	1	253

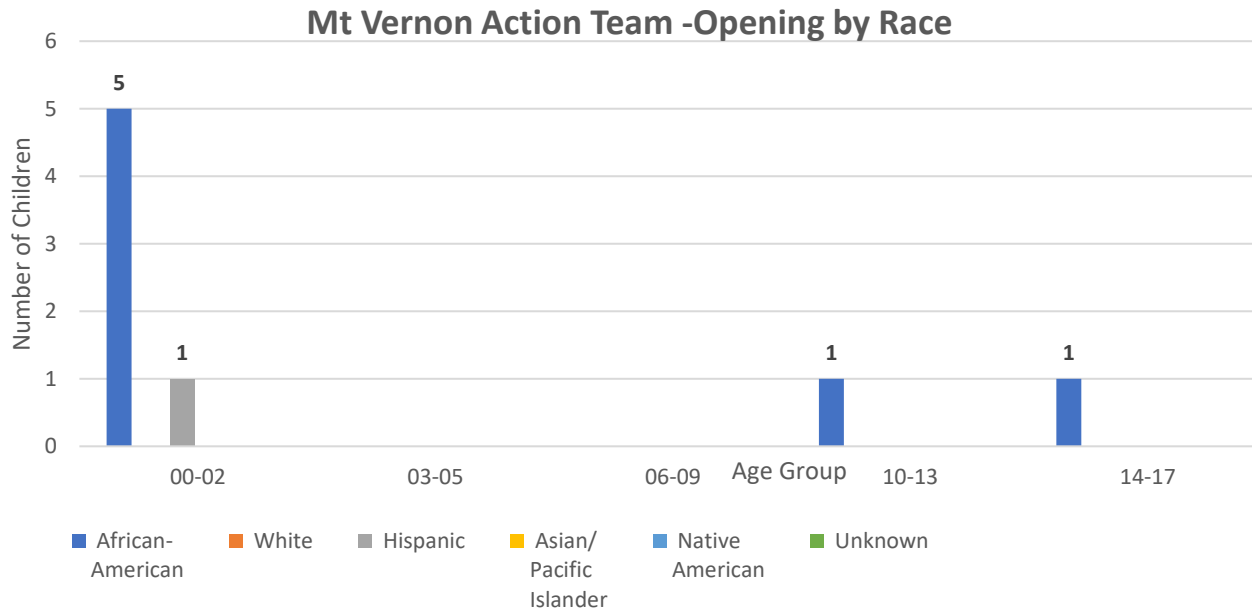
White children dominated age by race followed by African- American. The rest of the race had a low representation.



Openings, by Race

Age Group	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
00-02	5	0	1	0	0	0	34
03-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
06-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
10-13	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
14-17	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
Grand Total	7	0	1	0	0	0	92

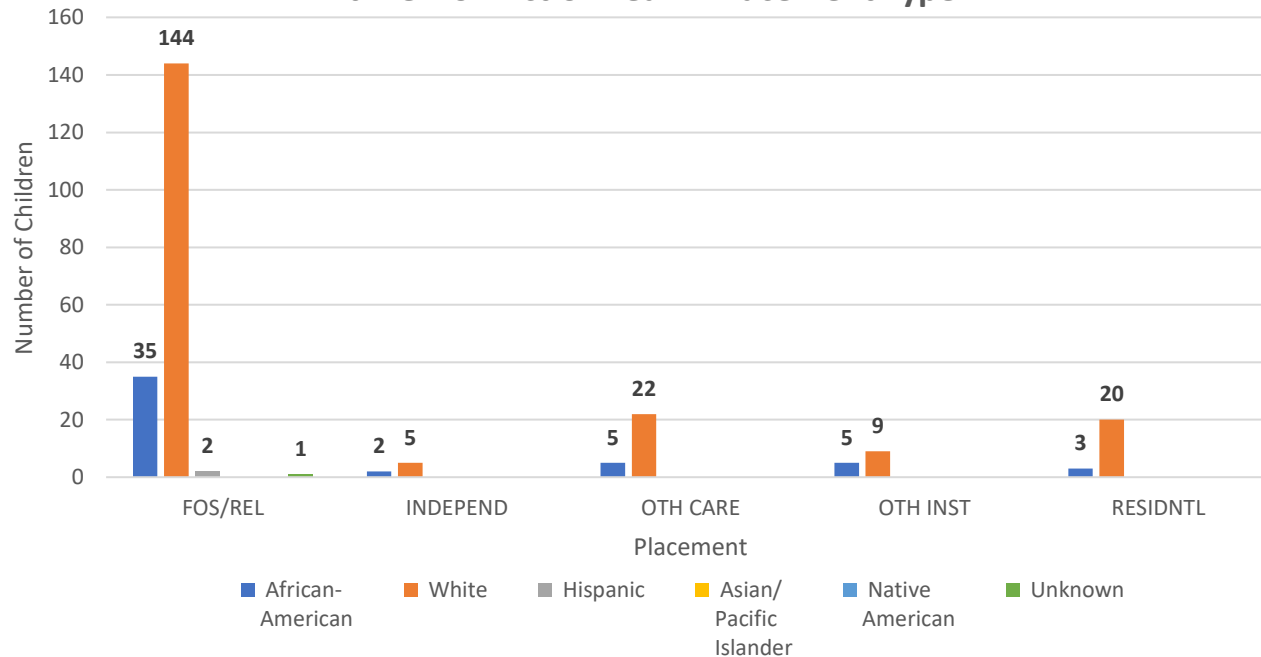
African-American largely dominated opening by race with 7 cases. The rest of the race had negligible representation.



Placement Type

Placement	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
FOS/REL	35	144	2	0	0	1	182
INDEPEND	2	5	0	0	0	0	7
OTH CARE	5	22	0	0	0	0	27
OTH INST	5	9	0	0	0	0	14
RESIDNTL	3	20	0	0	0	0	23
Grand Total	50	200	2	0	0	1	253

Mt. Vernon Action Team -Placement Type

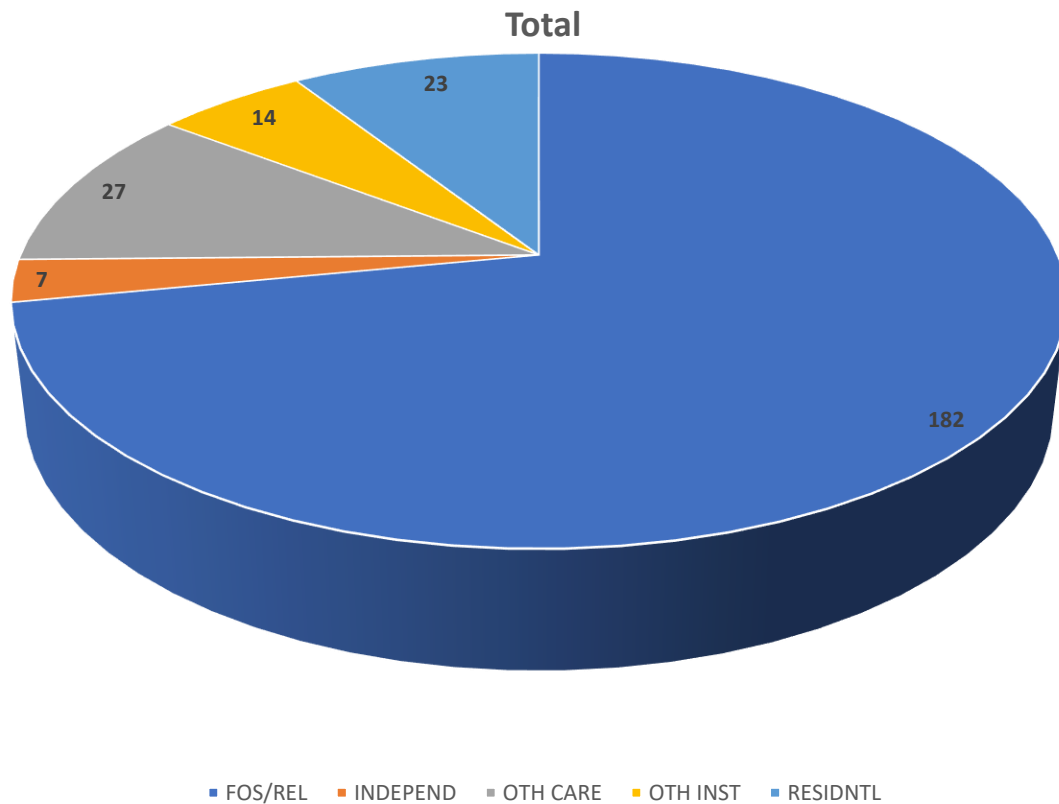


- African-American and white had 35 and 144 respectively in FOS/REL.
- OTH CARE had 5 African American and 22 white
- RESIDNTL placement type had 3 African-American and 20 whites
- OTH INST had only 5 African-American and 9 whites.
- The rest of the race had low representation

Placement Type

Placement	Total
FOS/REL	182
INDEPEND	7
OTH CARE	27
OTH INST	14
RESIDNTL	23

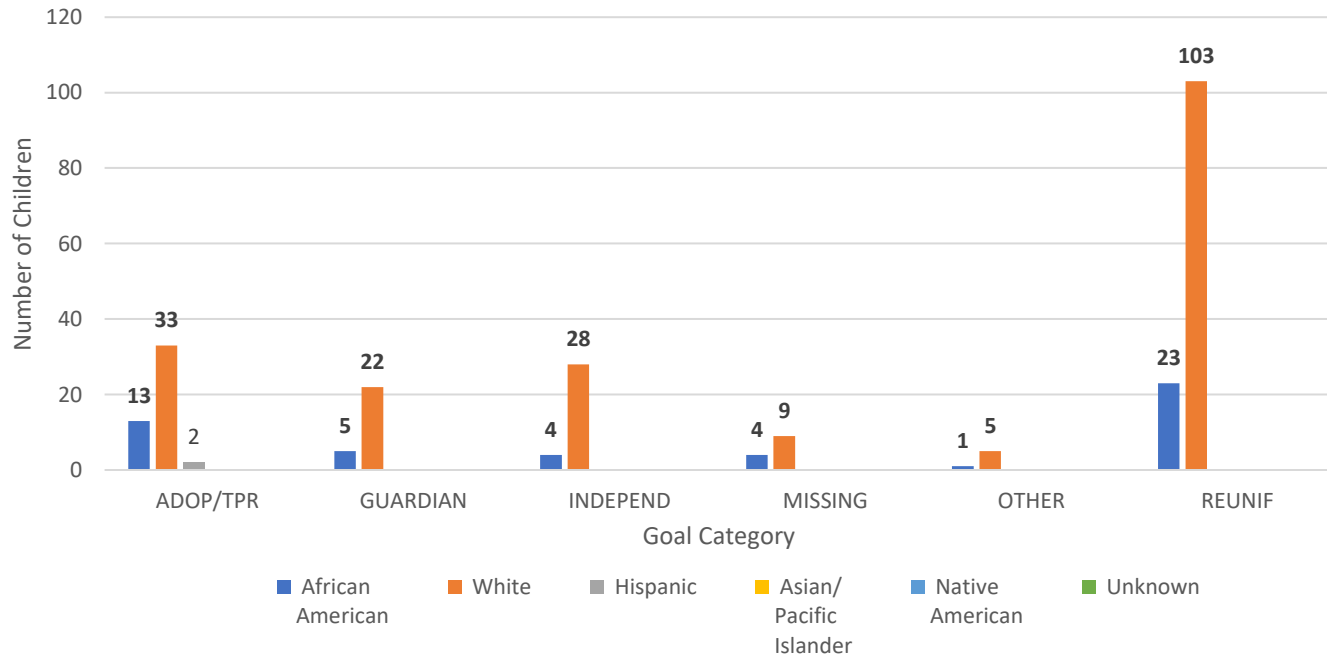
FOS/REL dominated with 182 total placement. The rest of the placement type had significantly low representation.



Child Goal

Goal Category	African American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
ADOP/TPR	13	33	2	0	0	0	48
GUARDIAN	5	22	0	0	0	0	27
INDEPEND	4	28	0	0	0	0	32
MISSING	4	9	0	0	0	0	14
OTHER	1	5	0	0	0	0	6
REUNIF	23	103	0	0	0	0	126
Grand Total	50	200	2	0	0	0	253

Mt Vernon Action Team -Child Goal

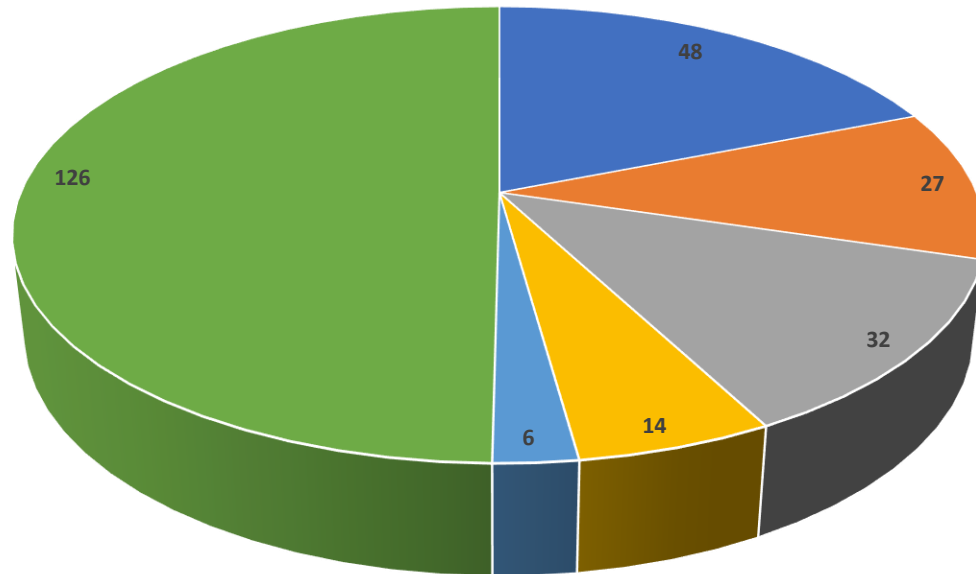


- African-American 23 and 103 White were REUNIF
- 13 African-American and 33 White were ADOPT/TPR under the goal category
- 4 African American and 28 Whites went independent
- The rest of the race had zero representation

Child Goal

Goal Category	Total
ADOP/TPR	48
GUARDIAN	27
INDEPEND	32
MISSING	14
OTHER	6
REUNIF	126

Total



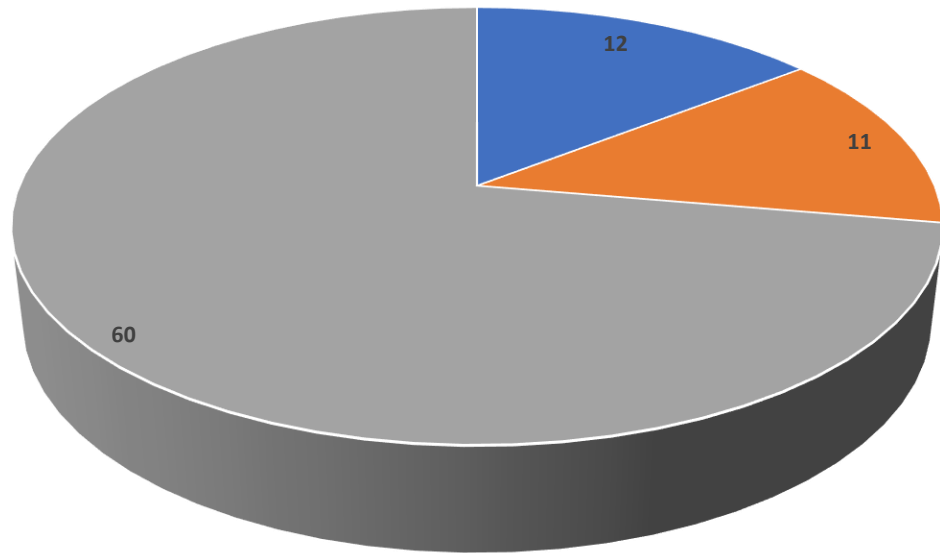
■ ADOP/TPR ■ GUARDIAN ■ INDEPEND ■ MISSING ■ OTHER ■ REUNIF

REUNIF dominated the goal category followed by ADOPT/TPR ,
INDEPEND, GUARDIAN, AND MISSING .

Permanency Placement Type

Permanency	Total
ADOPTION	12
GUARDIAN	11
REUNIF	60
Total	

REUNIF had 60 permanency followed by Adoption and Guardian.

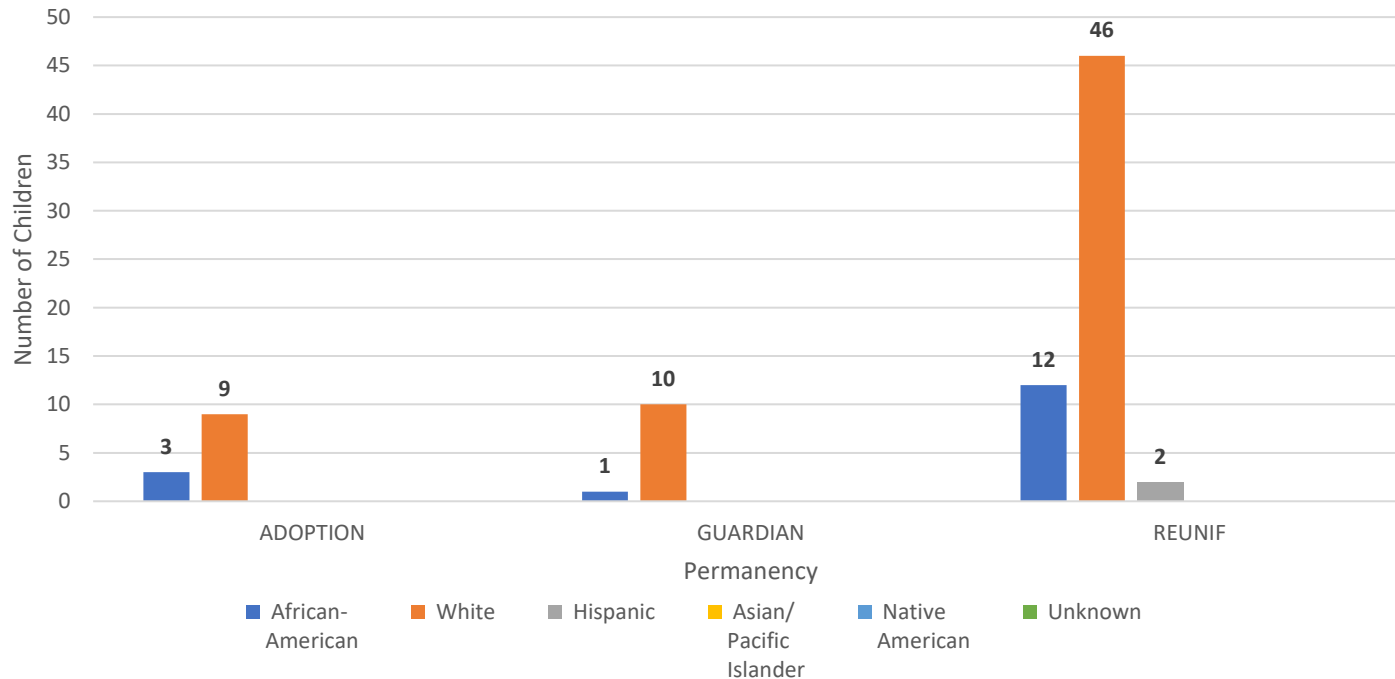


■ ADOPTION ■ GUARDIAN ■ REUNIF

Permanency, by Race

Permanency	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
ADOPTION	3	9	0	0	0	0	12
GUARDIAN	1	10	0	0	0	0	11
REUNIF	12	46	2	0	0	0	60
Grand Total	16	65	2	0	0	0	83

Mt Vernon Action Team -Permanency by Race



- African-American 12 and 46 White were REUNIF.
- 3 African-American and 9 white were adopted.
- 1 African American and 10 White went a Guardian
- The rest of the race had low representation in all the permanency type.

Disproportionality & Disparity

Disproportionality –

Occurs when the percentage of a group of children in a population is different from the percentage of the same group in the child welfare system.

For example, if 25% of the children in a county were African American, then 25% of those in foster care should be African American, all things being equal. That would be proportional. If these percentages differ there is disproportionality.

Disparity –

Unequal treatment or outcomes when comparing children of color to non-minority children.

For example, if 30% of Hispanic children who are indicated are then placed into care, but only 15% of White children who are indicated are then placed into care, there is a disparity in the risk of entering placement, with Hispanic children at twice the risk to be placed into care outside their homes after indications.

Disparity & Disproportionality examined at 4 critical points:

- Indicated Cases
- Entries into Care (Child Data, by race)
- Child Goal
- Permanencies

Racial Disparity: Case Indications

Disparity Ratio* for Indications [FY 15-16]

Action Team	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17
Mt Vernon				1.23	No data

Mt Vernon has low disparity with regards to the number of Indicated Cases of African American Children

Racial Disparity: Child Goal

Disparity Ratio* for Indications [FY 15-16]					
Permanency	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17
Adoption				1.20	No data
Guardian				0.69	No data
Independent				0.43	No data
Reunification				0.68	No data
Other				0.61	No data

Mt Vernon Action Team has :

- ✓ Low disparity with regards to “ Adoption” of African –American Children
- ✓ No disparity with regards to “ Guardian” of African –American Children
- ✓ No disparity with regards to “ Independency” of African –American Children
- ✓ No disparity with regards to “ Reunification” of African –American Children
- ✓ No disparity with regards to “ Other” permanency of African –American Children

Racial Disparity: Permanency

Disparity Ratio* for Indications [FY 15-16]					
Action Team	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17
Mt Vernon				0.75	No data

Mt Vernon has no disparity with regards to the number Permanency of African American Children

Action Team Development: *Activities, Goals, Outcomes*

About Mt Vernon Action Team (FY19)

- Chairs/Co-Chairs *(as of June 30th)*
 - Jay Reeves

Goals (FY19)

- Assist families in accessing proper hygiene/skin care/hair care for kids
- gain community support for access to dress clothes for teens and parents in need of proper interview attire
- DCFS will work toward targeted recruitment for foster parents that would accept older Youth in Care as well as homes that are from minority cultures
- Attempt to develop a format for writing summaries for youth in care that puts weight on the child's present and more recent history rather than creating an image of the child from the past that is not accurate to the present.

Annual Activities (FY19)

- Team meetings are held quarterly

Concerns/Barriers (FY19)

Concerns/Barriers

- Maintain current level of action team engagement and leadership
- No Current data supplied by Division to assess current service data trends and updates on permanency numbers for region
- Identification of community partners to help enhance action team efforts



RESPONSE to Concerns/Barriers

- Network and partner with area community partners
- Refine action team goals and plans of address
- Team is addressing needs identified by action team members

Outcomes (FY19)

- Where are they now with their goals or work
- Add
- Add
- Add

Future Directions (FY19)

- Sustain Action Team Membership as well as attendance
- Continue to identify action team partners
- Implement survey to assess support needs of 'Action Team' to garner ongoing specified support from University partner which will further specify work with local community
- Solicit and await the arrival of updated data to continue to assess area permanency trends