



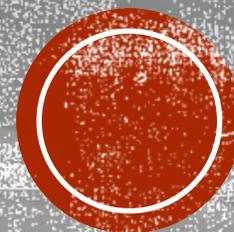
CRADLE TO PRISON PIPELINE (C2P) PROJECT

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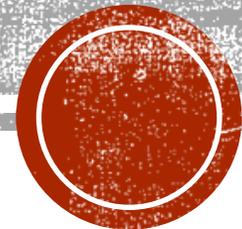
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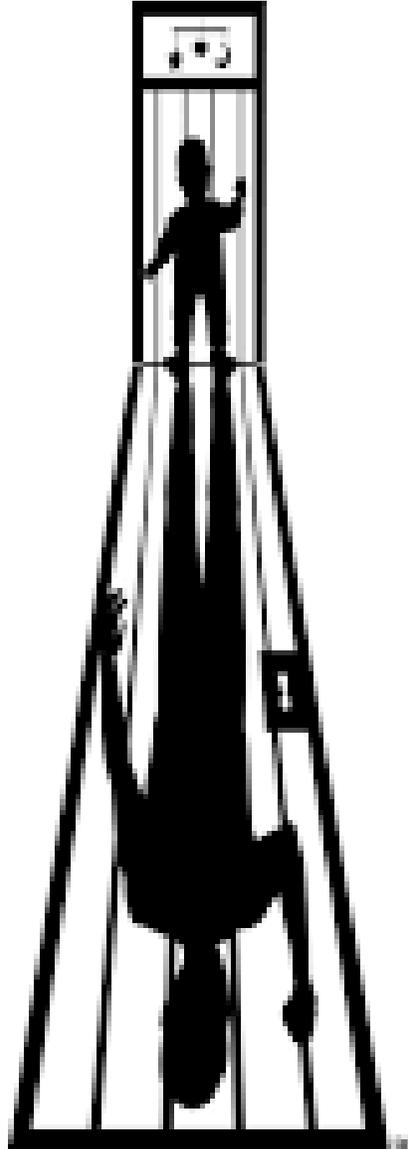


Northeastern University
Research Team Launches
Resources to Dismantle the
Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline

THE PROJECT

Interdisciplinary
Research &
Collaboration





C2P PROJECT: PURPOSE

- Understand the C2P pipeline in MA
- Support Interventions to dismantle the pipeline



mapping the cradle to prison pipeline



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“The judge said to me, ‘If I was to let you go, the tax payers of this state would shun down on me. But if I was to incarcerate you, you might come out as a better criminal.’”

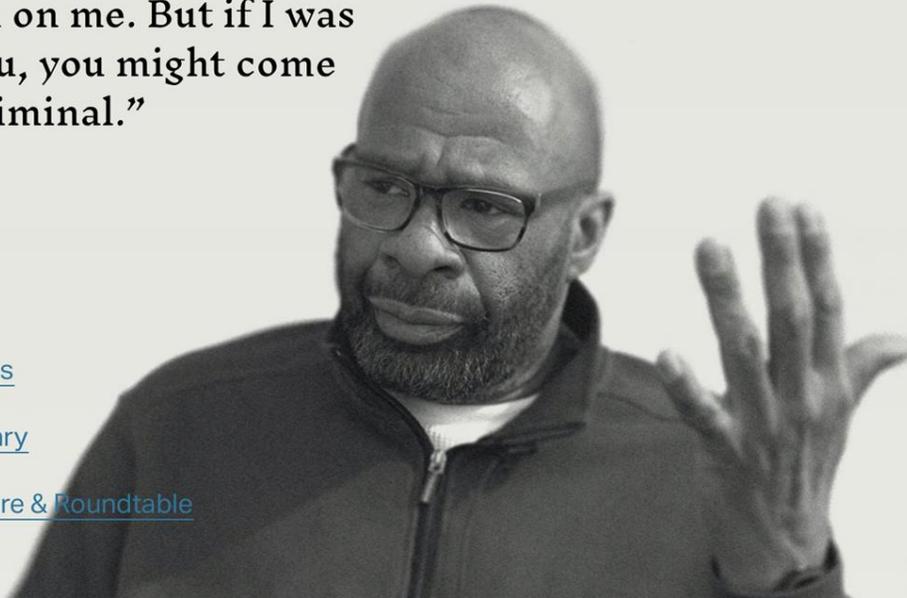
— Kent, Returning Citizen

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[Returning Citizen Narratives](#)

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C2P WEBSITE

- Narratives
- Visual Mapping
- Resources
- Addressing Data Gaps



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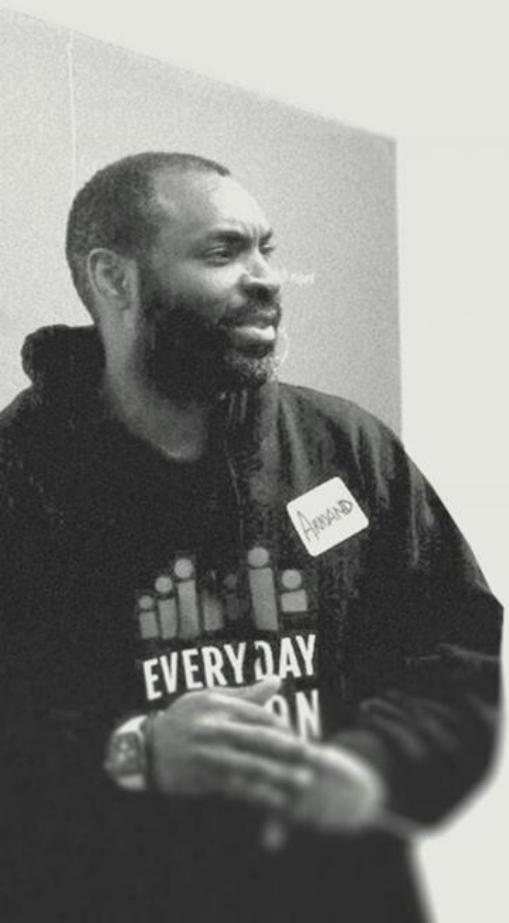
Community Partner

Everyday Boston

Early in 2020, Northeastern partnered with [Boston](#) on a story collecting project designed to center the voices of men and women who got caught in the cradle-to-prison pipeline. The project was structured to build community and understanding between a small group of law students and citizens.

C2P PROJECT: NARRATIVES

Centering lived
experiences



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Dan Losen
Director of the Center for
Civil Rights Remedies at
The Civil Rights Project UCLA

In this interview by Ulices Rodriguez,
Dan Losen, Director of the CCRR at
The Civil Rights Project at UCLA,
discusses manifestations of
structural racism and the effects of
incarceration and expulsion on
children of color.

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Marisol Garcia
Director/Managing Attorney at
Health Law Advocates, Inc.

In this interview by Ulices Rodriguez,
Marisol Garcia, Director/Managing
Attorney at Health Law Advocates
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for youth and families.

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Matt Cregor
Staff Attorney at
Mental Health Legal
Advisors Committee

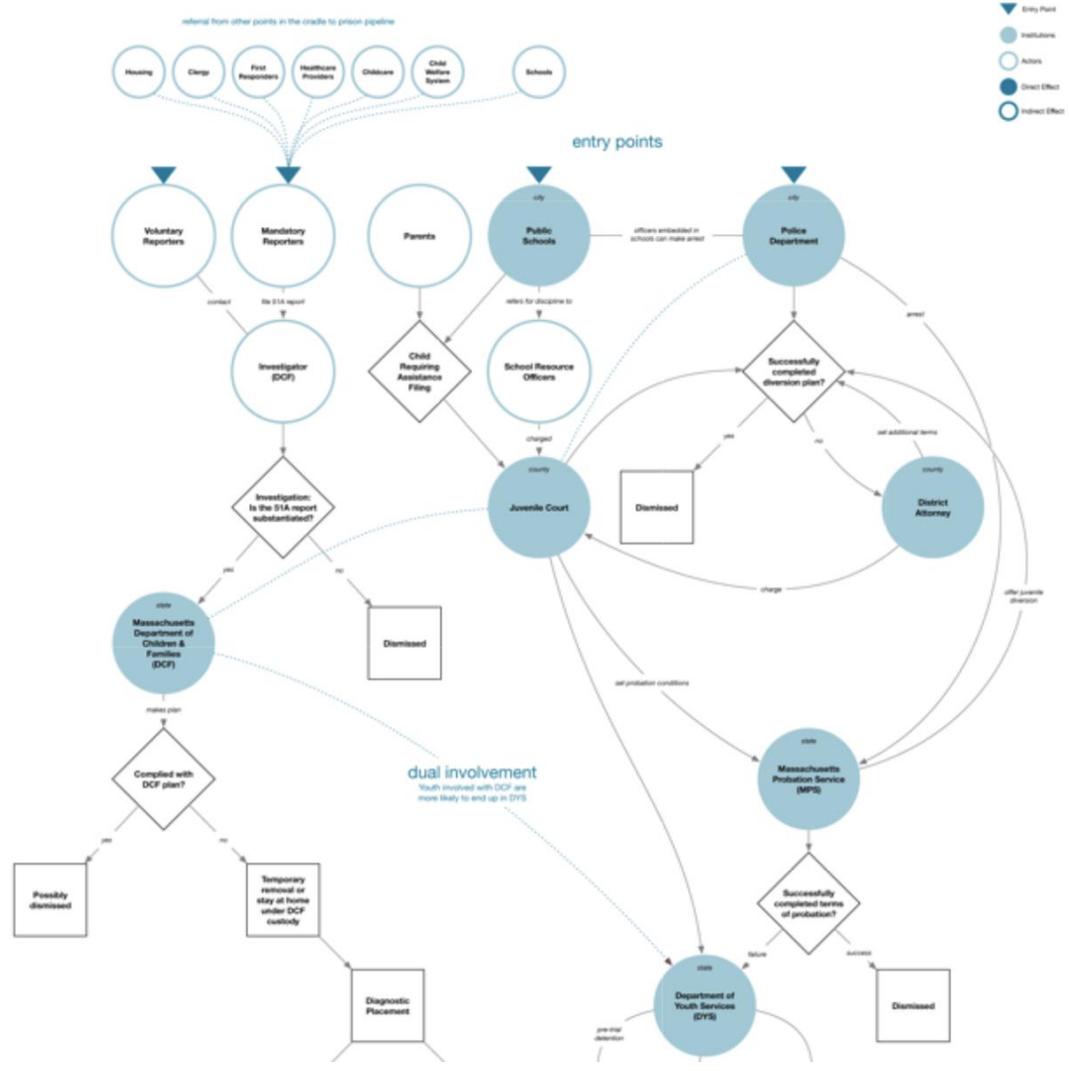
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C2P PROJECT: RESOURCES

Expert Interviews

Resources for Scholars, Advocates, and Students





C2P PPROJECT: DATA MAPPING

- Visualizing the Pipeline
- Created by Northeastern's College of Art, Media, and Design (CAMD)





IDENTIFYING DATA GAPS: THE MA CHILD “WELFARE” SYSTEM



NORTHEASTERN'S C2P JAIL & PRISON SURVEY

- Purpose
- Scope
- Methodology
- Covid-19 challenges



Phase I Survey Results: Participants

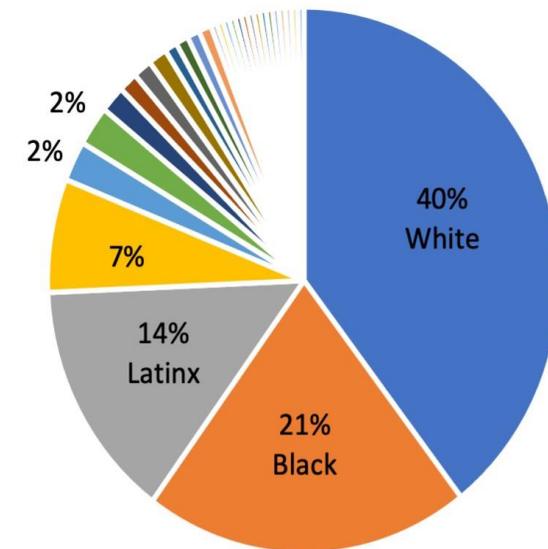
- Phase I: 253 responses from Suffolk County Jail facilities and Middlesex County Jail Facilities
- Planned Phase II: 700 responses from Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities



Phase I Race Demographics

- 40% White
- 21% Black/African American
- 14% Latinx
- 2% Multi-race
- 2% Asian
- <1% Native American, Middle Eastern, and North African

Phase I Race Demographics



Phase I Age Demographics

Average age: 37 years old

Maximum age: 96 years old

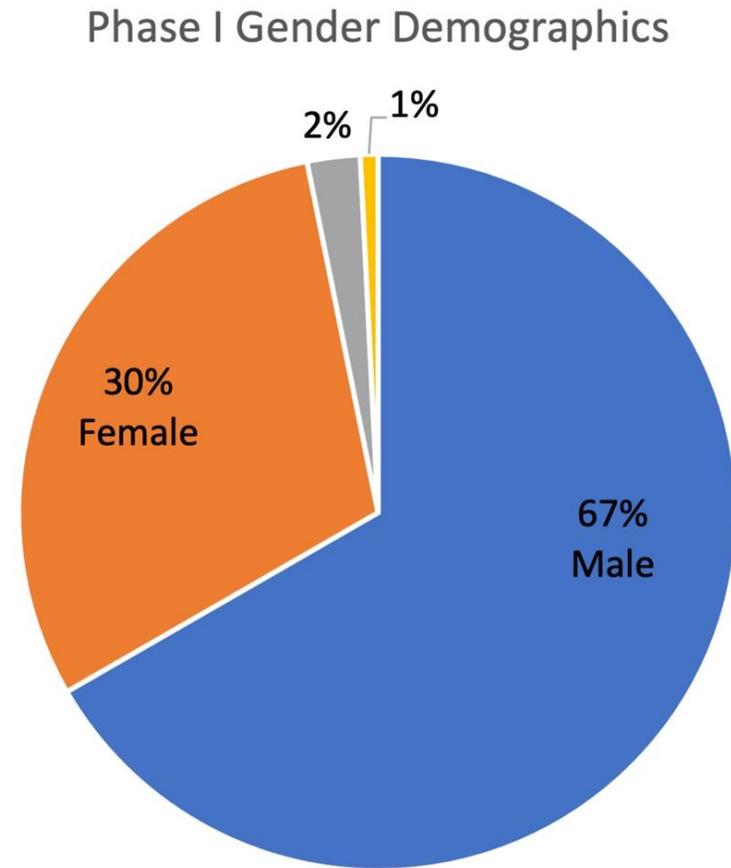
Minimum age: 18 years

Range of ages: 78 years



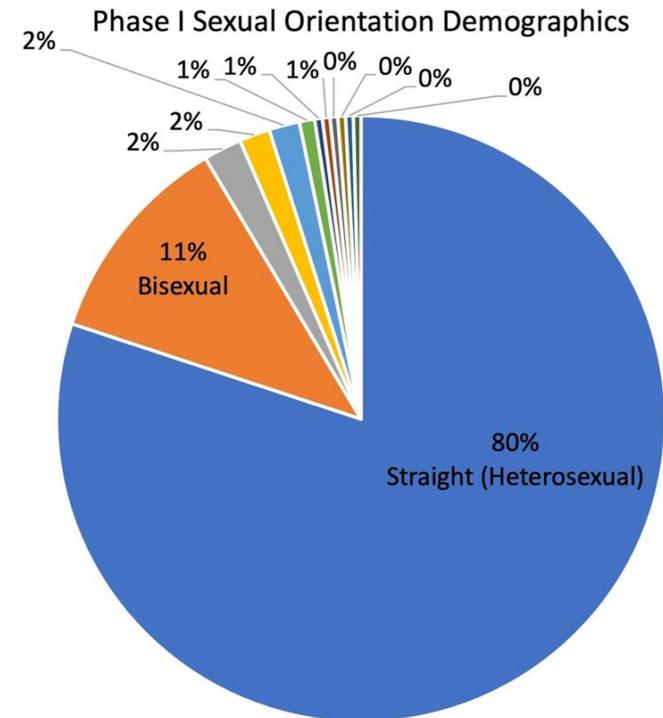
Phase I Gender Demographics

- 67% Male
- 30% Female



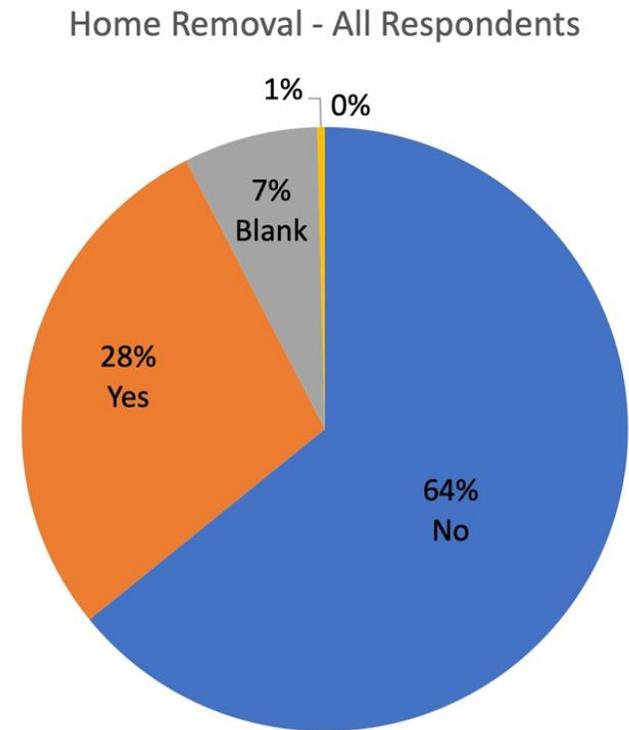
Phase I Sexual Orientation Demographics

- 80% straight (heterosexual)
- 11% bisexual
- 2% lesbian
- 1% gay
- <1% asexual



Survey Question: Were you ever removed from your home by a social services agency?

- 28% experienced a home removal
- 64% have *not* experienced a home removal

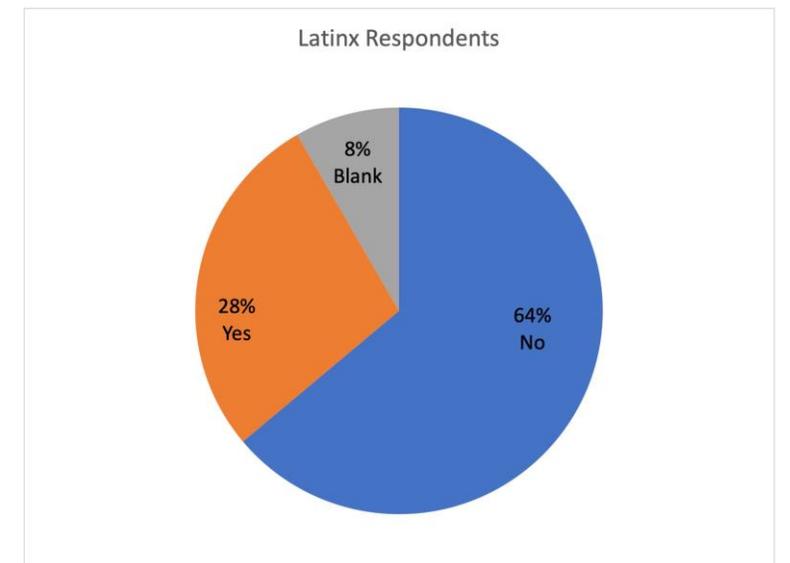
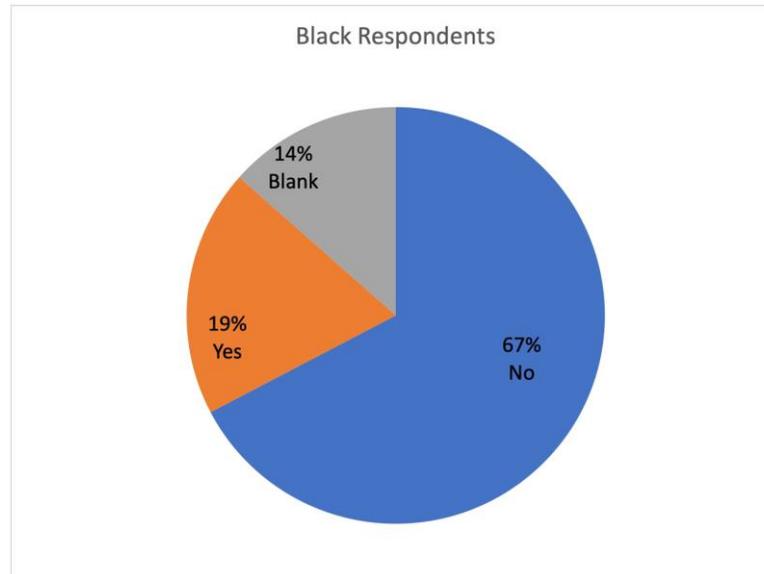
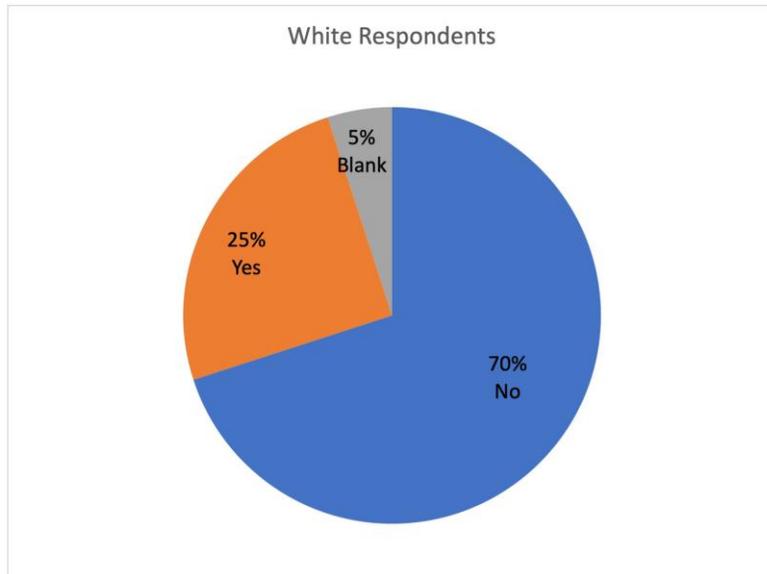


Home Removals Analyzed by Race

25% of **White** respondents have experienced a home removal

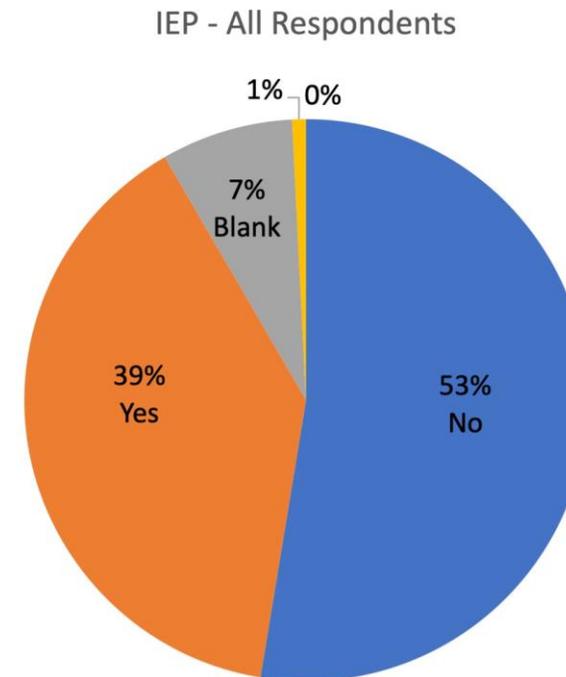
19% of **Black** respondents have experienced a home removal

28% of **Latinx** Respondents have experienced a home removal



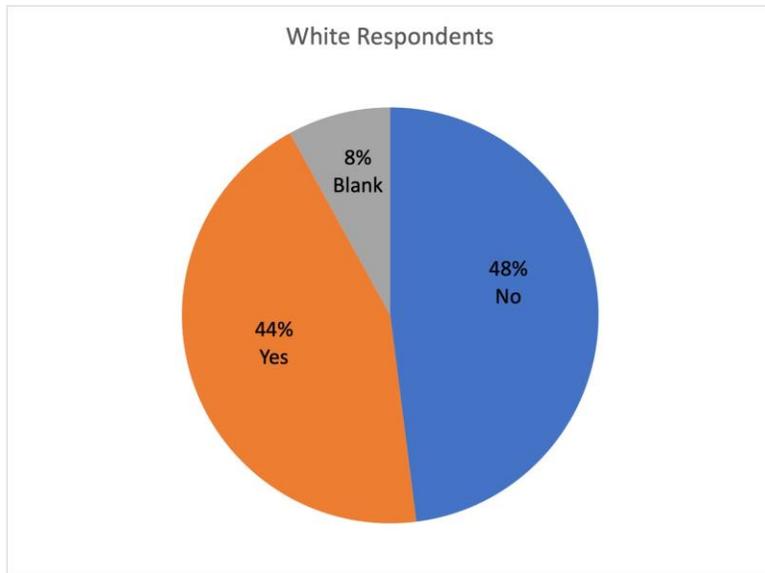
Survey Question: Were you ever on an IEP (individualized education plan) while in school?

- 39% on an IEP
- 53% never been on an IEP

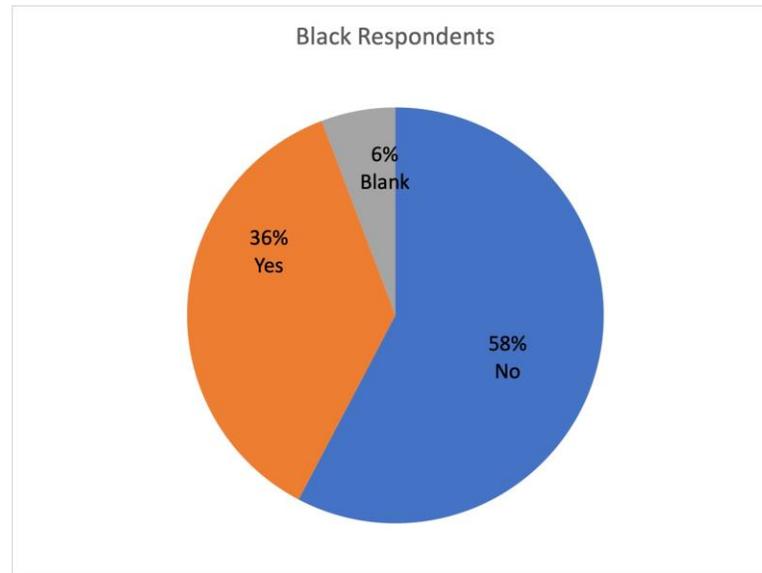


IEP Rates Analyzed by Race

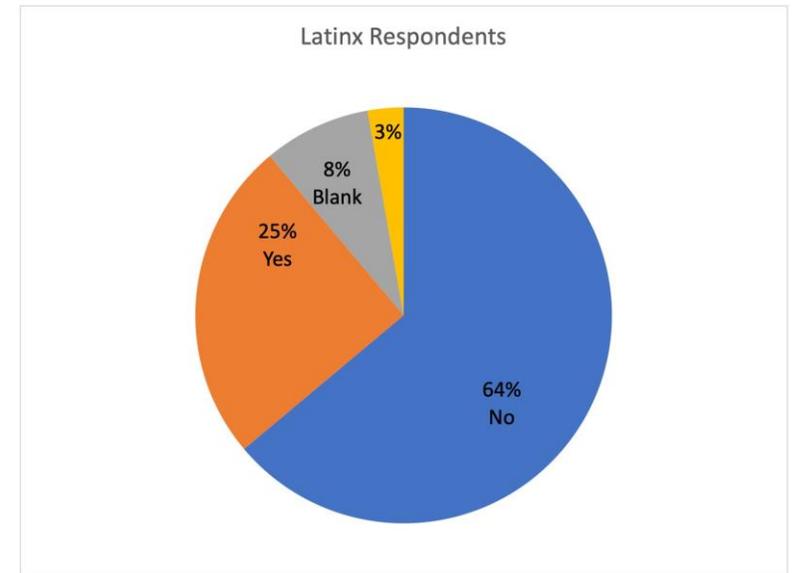
44% of **White** respondents were on an IEP in school



36% of **Black** respondents were on an IEP in school



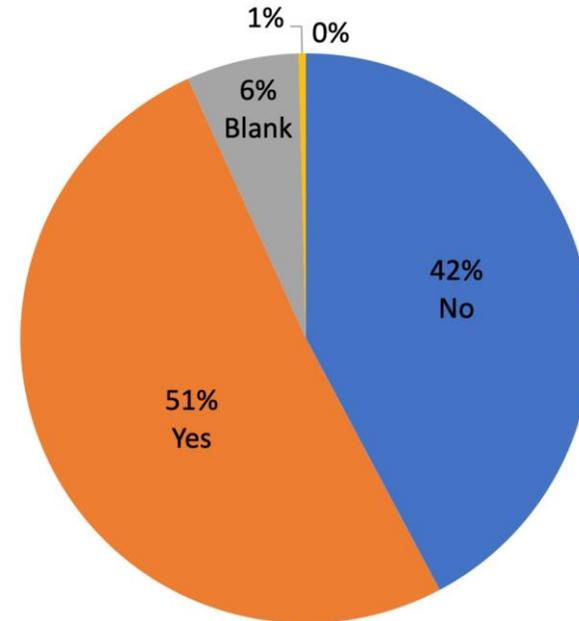
23% of **Latinx** respondents were on an IEP in school



Survey Question: Were you ever arrested under the age of 18?

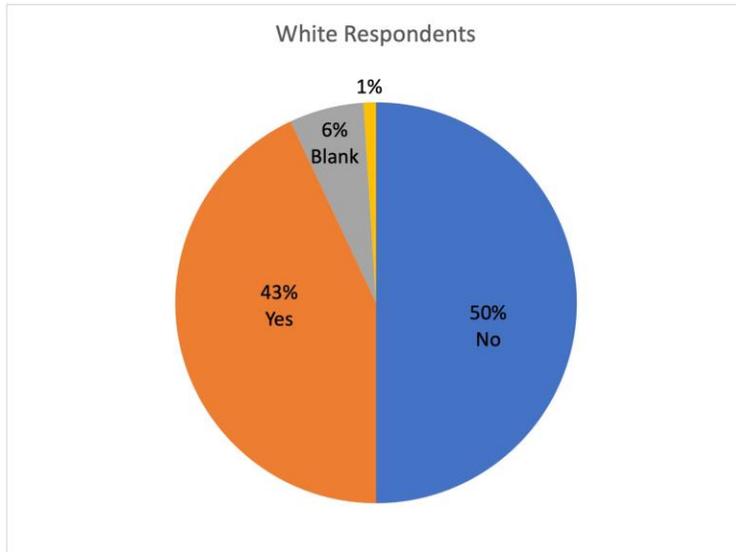
- 51% arrested under the age of 18
- 42% not arrested under the age of 18

Arrest Under 18 - All Respondents

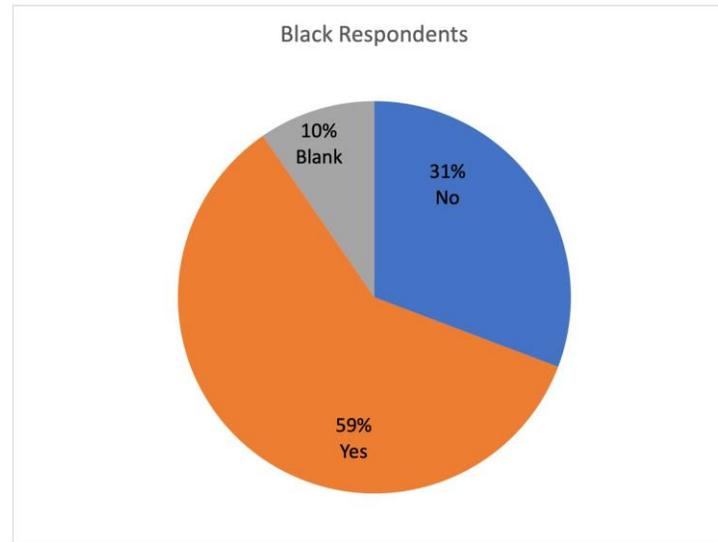


Arrests Under 18 Analyzed by Race

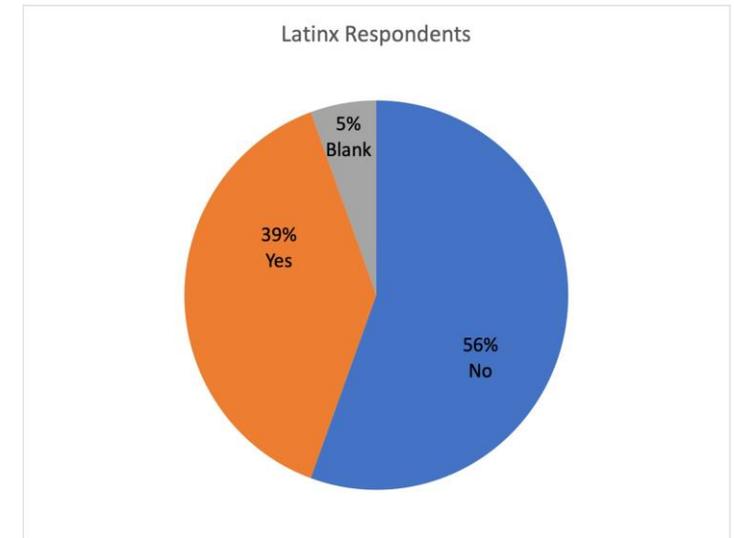
43% of **White** respondents were arrested under age 18



59% of **Black** respondents were arrested under age 18



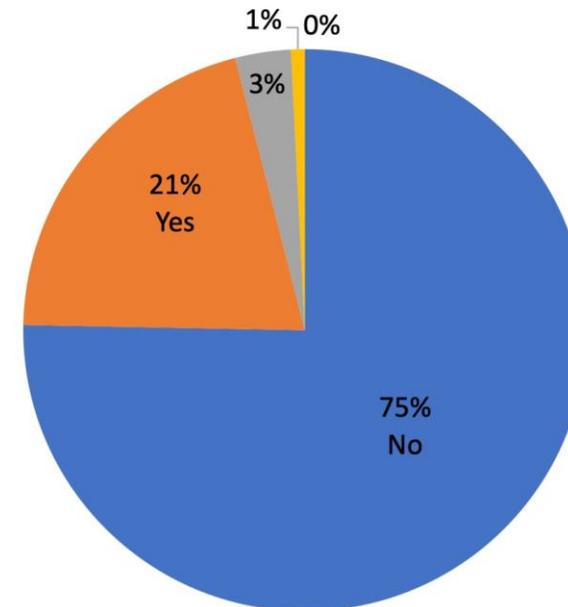
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Survey Question: Were you ever arrested or charged because of something that happened at school?

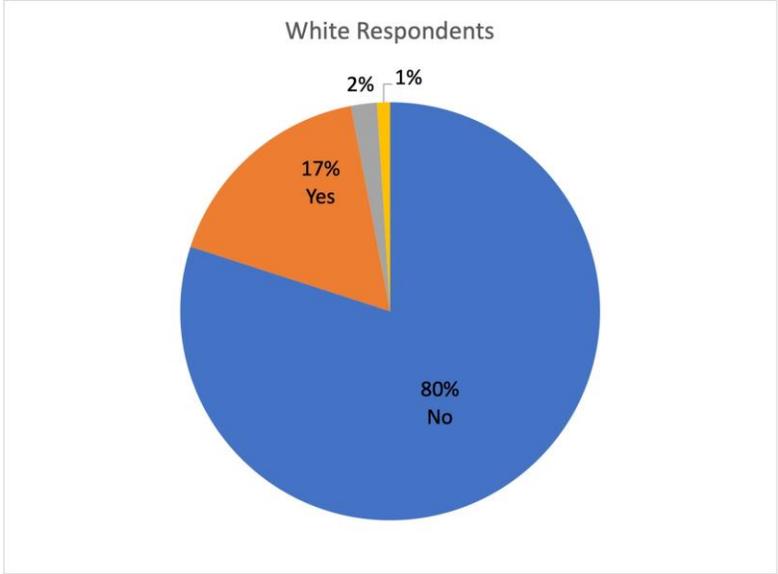
- 21% experienced a school-based arrest
- 75% have not experienced a school-based arrest

School-Based Arrest/Charge - All Respondents

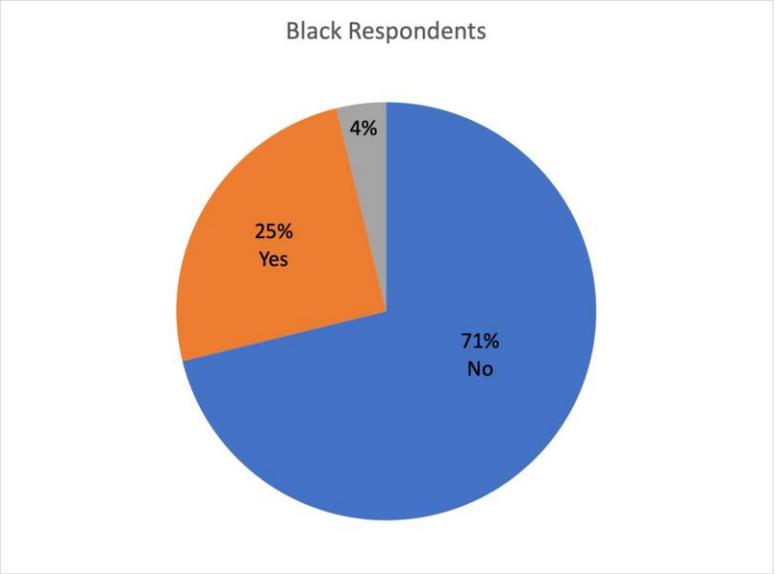


School-Based Arrests Analyzed by Race

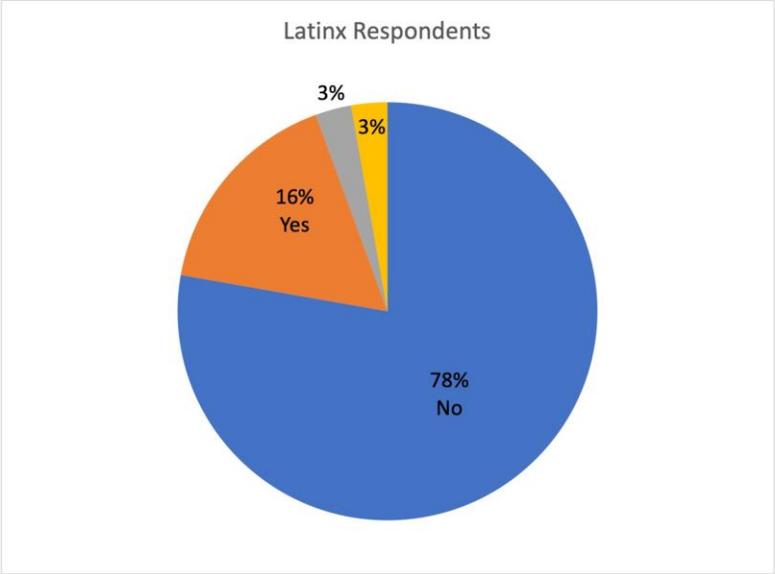
17% of **White** respondents have experienced a school-based arrest



23% of **Black** respondents have experienced a school-based arrest



16% of **Latinx** respondents have experienced a school-based arrest



Preliminary Survey Results: Takeaways & Interventions

- * Need for greater data transparency
- * Overrepresentation at key entry points along the pipeline
 - Black and Latinx
 - People with disabilities
- * Promising Interventions
 - Preventing home removals
 - Supporting kinship placements
 - School discipline reform

