

The State of African - American Girls

Statistics

57% of Black girls report watching three-five hours of television on an average school day.



"There is a pervasive focus in media on the most extreme characterizations of black women and a glaring lack of authentic, inspirational images."

- Essence Magazine Study

Facts

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Of the 500 top-grossing movies made between 2007-2012, only 2 were directed by black women.

Fewer black girls have access to electronic technology than other girls in this country

Did You Know?

School-age black girls experience a high incidence of interpersonal violence.

Black girls are more likely to be perceived by adults as "loud, defiant and precocious" and in need of "social correction" than girls of any other racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Black girls experience the highest rates of criminalization and incarceration and are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system.

Black girls spend more hours at home, unsupervised, compared to their peers. They also have lower levels of participation in out-of-school time.

The commercial sexual exploitation of children is a \$32 billion global industry. The average age of entry for a girl is 12-14 years old. 40% of the victims of sex trafficking are black girls.

The Good News!

* From 2009 to 2012, the graduation rate at four-year colleges and universities increased by 0.9 percentage points for Black women

* Teen pregnancy rates for girls of color have plummeted, and high school and college graduation rates have risen.

* Since 2009, the high school dropout rate has fallen by 16 percent for Black girls

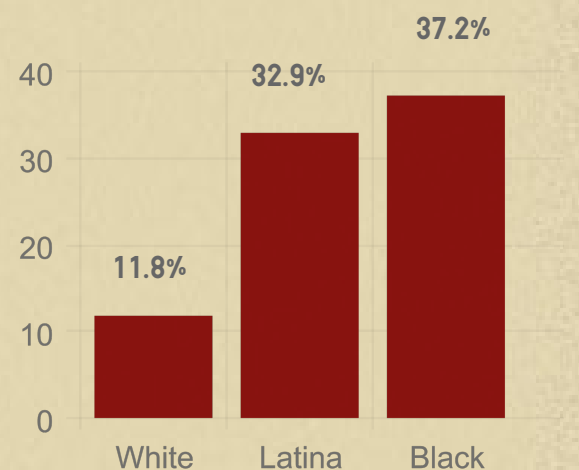
* 53% of African American express a desire to be leaders versus 50% of Hispanic girls and 34% of Caucasian girls.

12% Of Black girls received at least one in-school suspension. The rate for white girls is 2% and for white boys it is 6%.

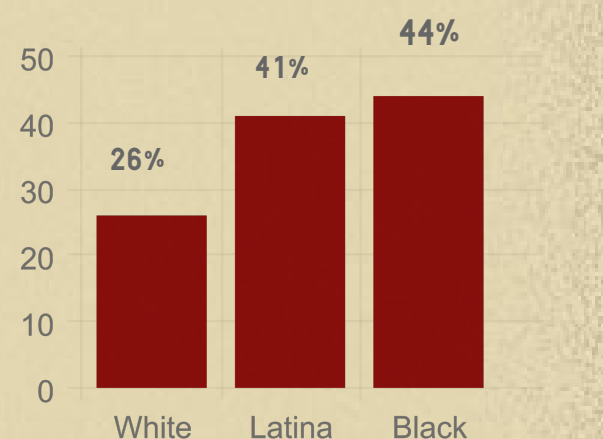
57% Of new HIV infections are found amongst teens and young adults, ages 13-24.

60% Of Black girls have experienced sexual abuse before the age of 18.

67% Of black teen girls reported feeling sad or hopeless for 2 or more weeks in a row in the past 12 months compared to the national average of teen girls (34 %t).



Girls Ages 5 - 17 Living in Poverty



Obesity Rates Amongst Girls Ages 6 - 19

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