

# Race, Poverty and Risk of Involvement in Kalamazoo's Juvenile Justice System

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# Looking at the Criminal Justice System through the Lens of Public Health

## Primary Prevention

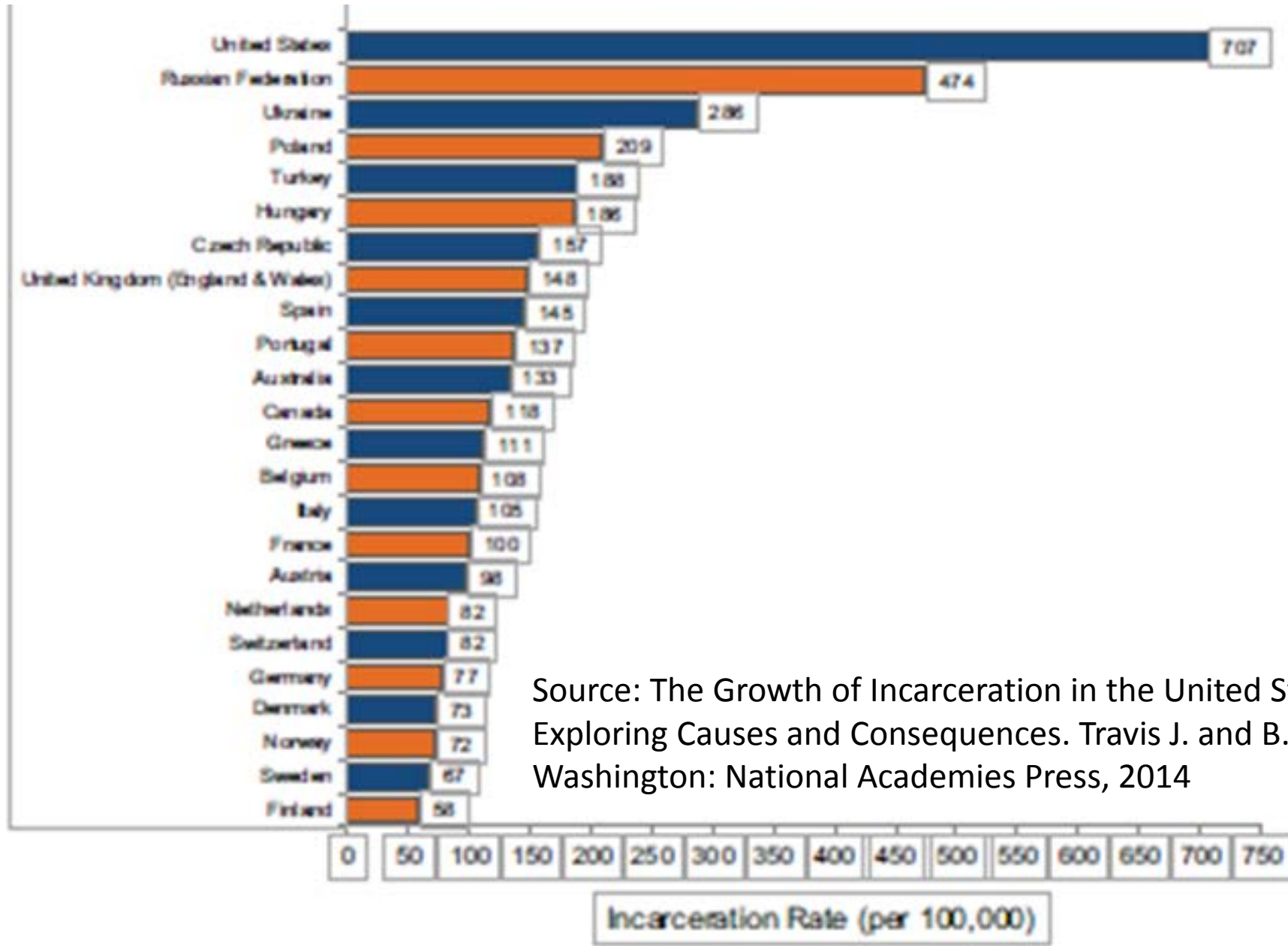
- Identifying the Root Causes of Crime
- A Focus on Inequality of Opportunity, Poverty, Racism, Family and Community Environmental Factors

## Secondary Prevention

- Identifying what happens to someone upon their arrest and at subsequent stages of involvement in the criminal justice system
- A Focus on the **Effectiveness** and **Fairness** of the Criminal Justice System

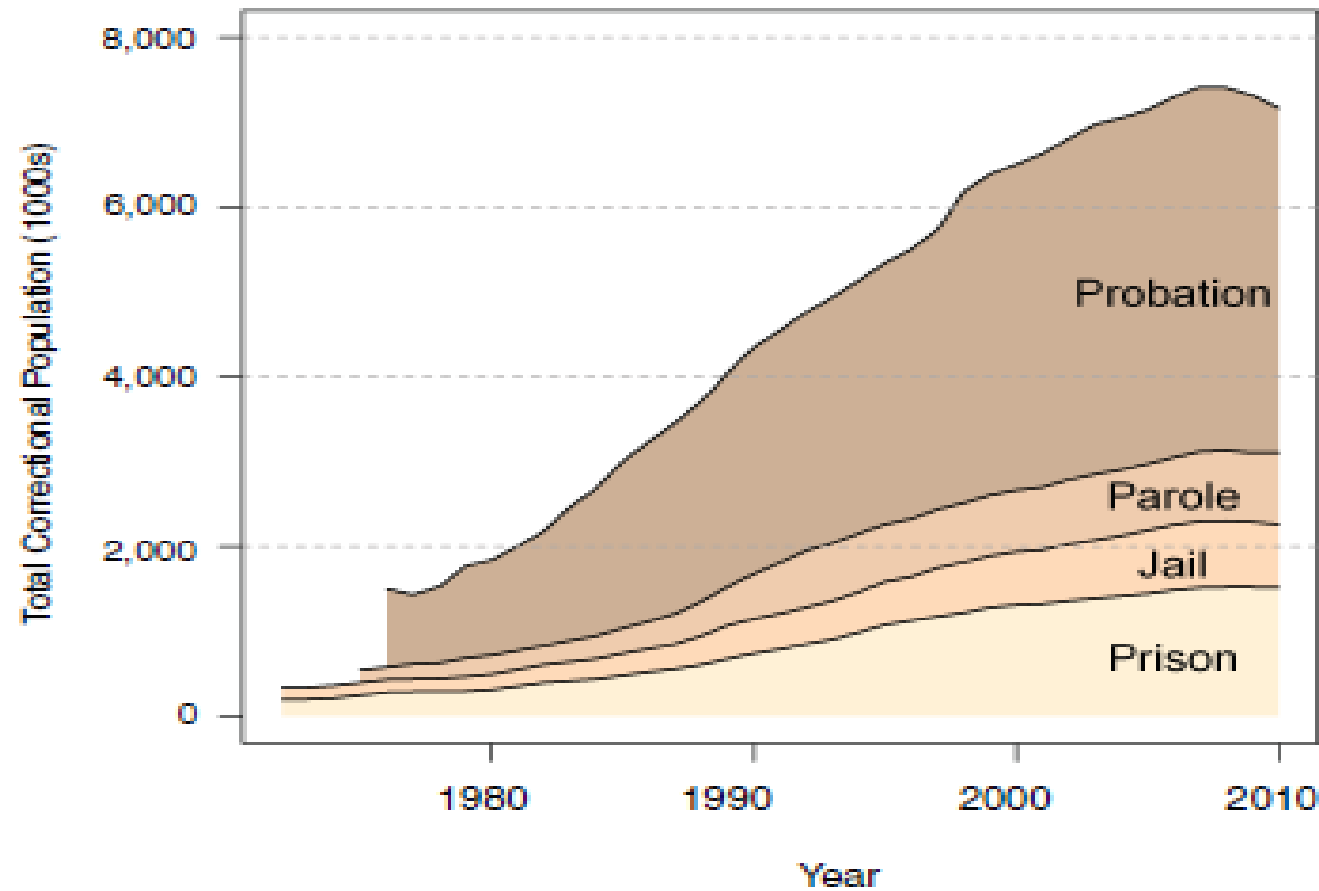
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...We Have a Problem



Source: The Growth of Incarceration in the United States: Exploring Causes and Consequences. Travis J. and B. Western, eds. Washington: National Academies Press, 2014

**FIGURE 2-2** Incarceration rates per 100,000 population of European and selected common law countries.



**FIGURE 2-4** Total adult correctional population, including state and federal prison, local jail, and probation and parole populations, 1972 to 2010.  
 SOURCE: See Appendix B.

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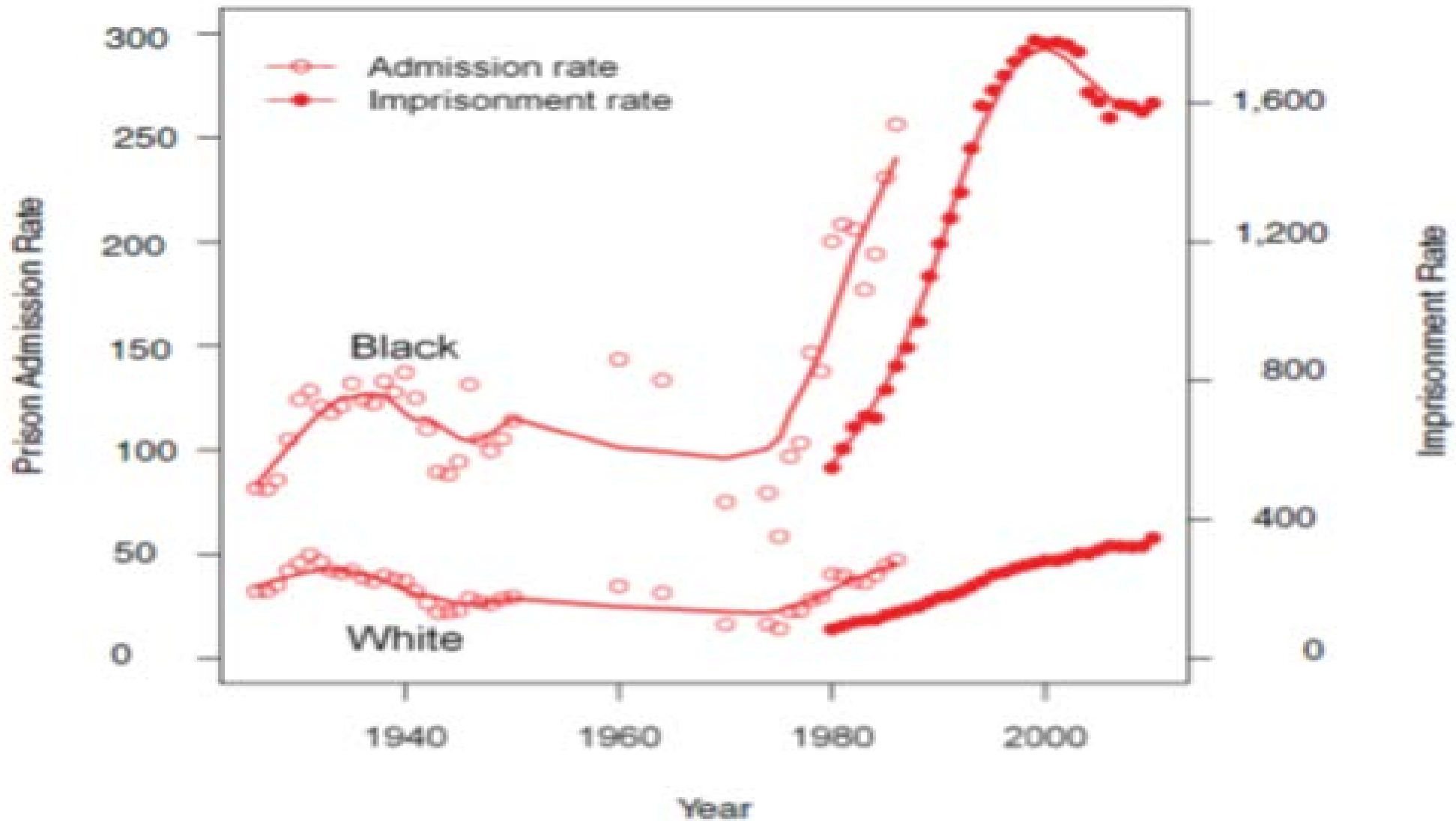
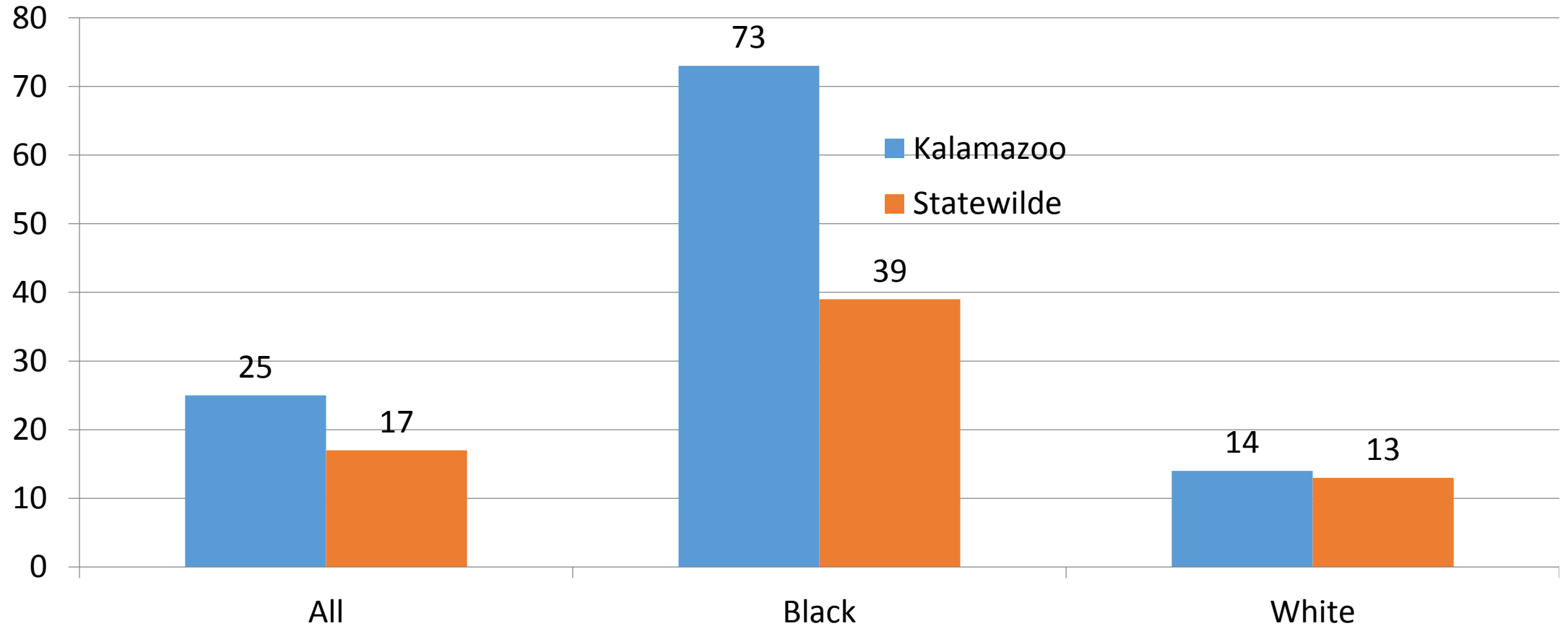


FIGURE 2-11 State and federal prison admission rates, 1926 to 1986, and state and federal imprisonment rates, 1980 to 2010, for blacks and whites.

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# Arrest Rate per 1,000 Juveniles, 2012

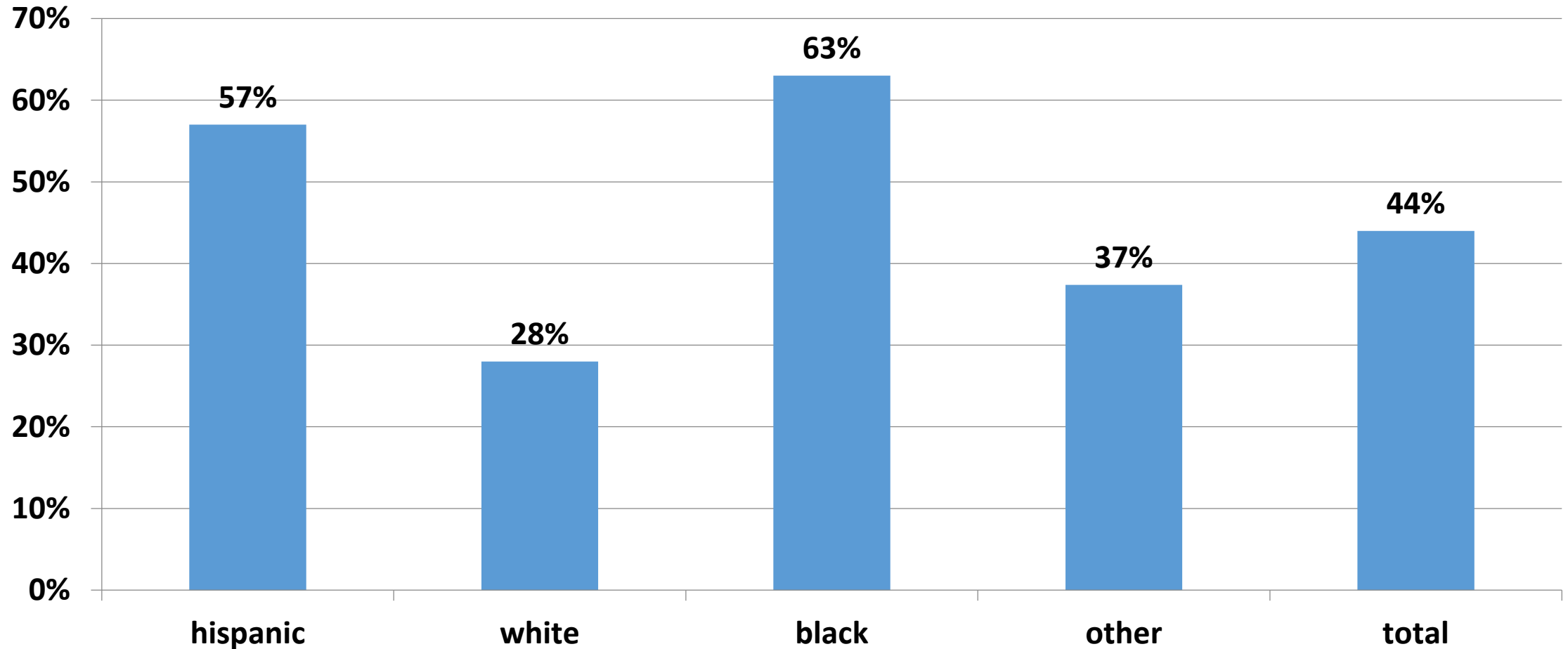
## Kalamazoo and Statewide



Source: Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice  
[Michigancommitteeonjuvenilejustice.com](http://Michigancommitteeonjuvenilejustice.com)

# A Look at Risk of Involvement in the Criminal Justice System through the Lens of Primary Prevention

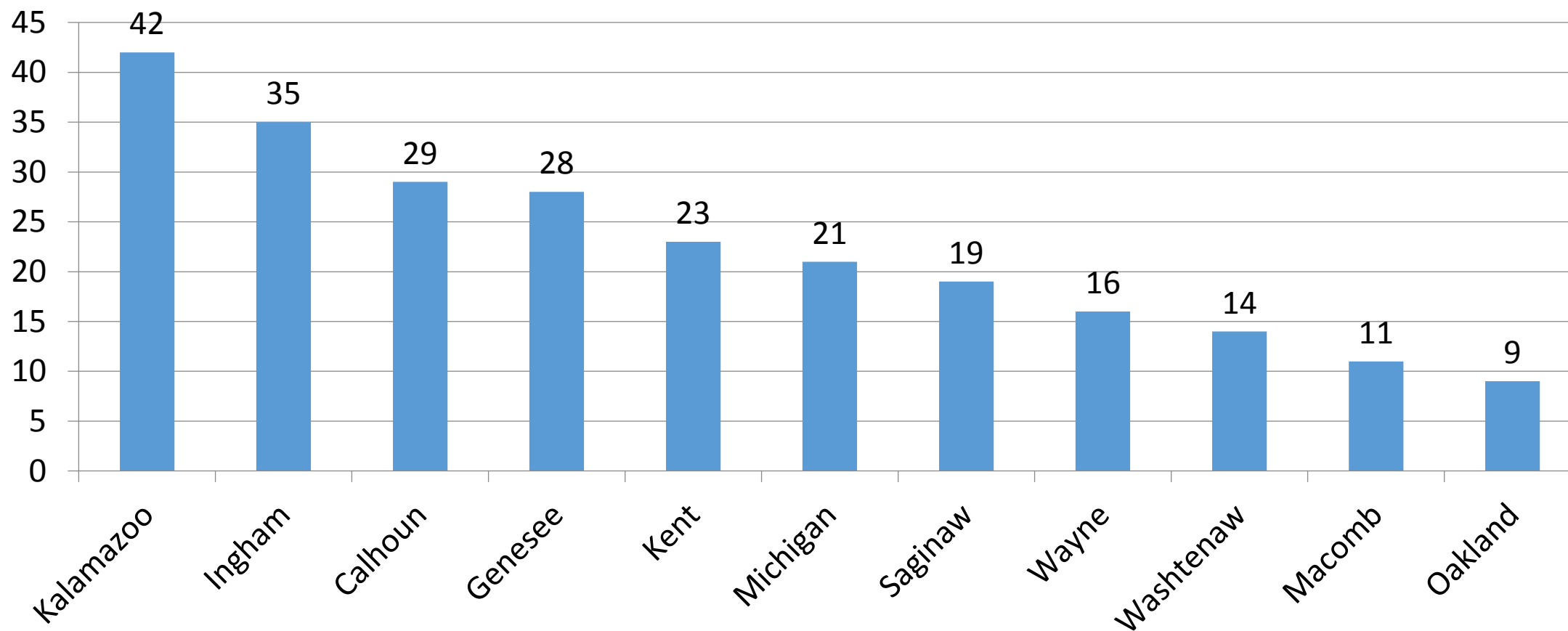
# Child Poverty Rate in City of Kalamazoo, by Race and Ethnicity, 2010-2012



\*Source: American Community Survey, 2010-12

Kalamazoo's child  
poverty rate is  
higher than all but  
10% of U.S. cities of  
at least 65,000  
people.

# Confirmed Cases\* of Abuse and/or Neglect, Ages 0 to 8, for Michigan Urban Counties, 2013



\* Rate per 1,000

Source: Child Protective Services, Michigan Dept. of Human Services, as reported by Michigan League for Public Policy

# Child Poverty as Related to the American Ideal of Equal Opportunity for All

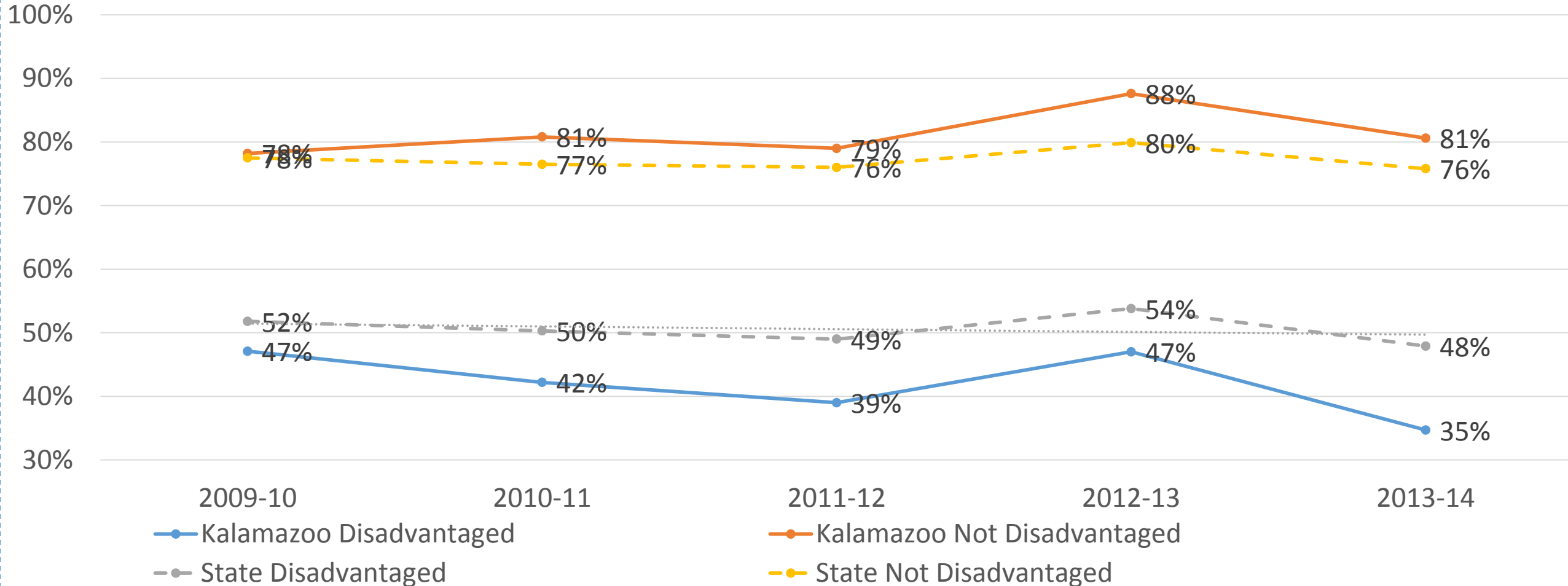
TABLE 1 Adult outcomes by poverty status between the prenatal year and age five

	Income below the official U.S. poverty line	Income between one and two times the poverty line	Income more than twice the poverty line
	<i>Mean or %</i>	<i>Mean or %</i>	<i>Mean or %</i>
<b>Completed schooling</b>	11.8 yrs	12.7 yrs	14.0 yrs
<b>Earnings (\$10,000)</b>	\$17.9	\$26.8	\$39.7
<b>Annual work hours</b>	1,512	1,839	1,963
<b>Food stamps</b>	\$896	\$337	\$70
<b>Poor health</b>	13%	13%	5%
<b>Arrested (men only)</b>	26%	21%	13%
<b>Nonmarital birth (women only)</b>	50%	28%	9%

Note: Earnings and food stamp values are in 2005 dollars.

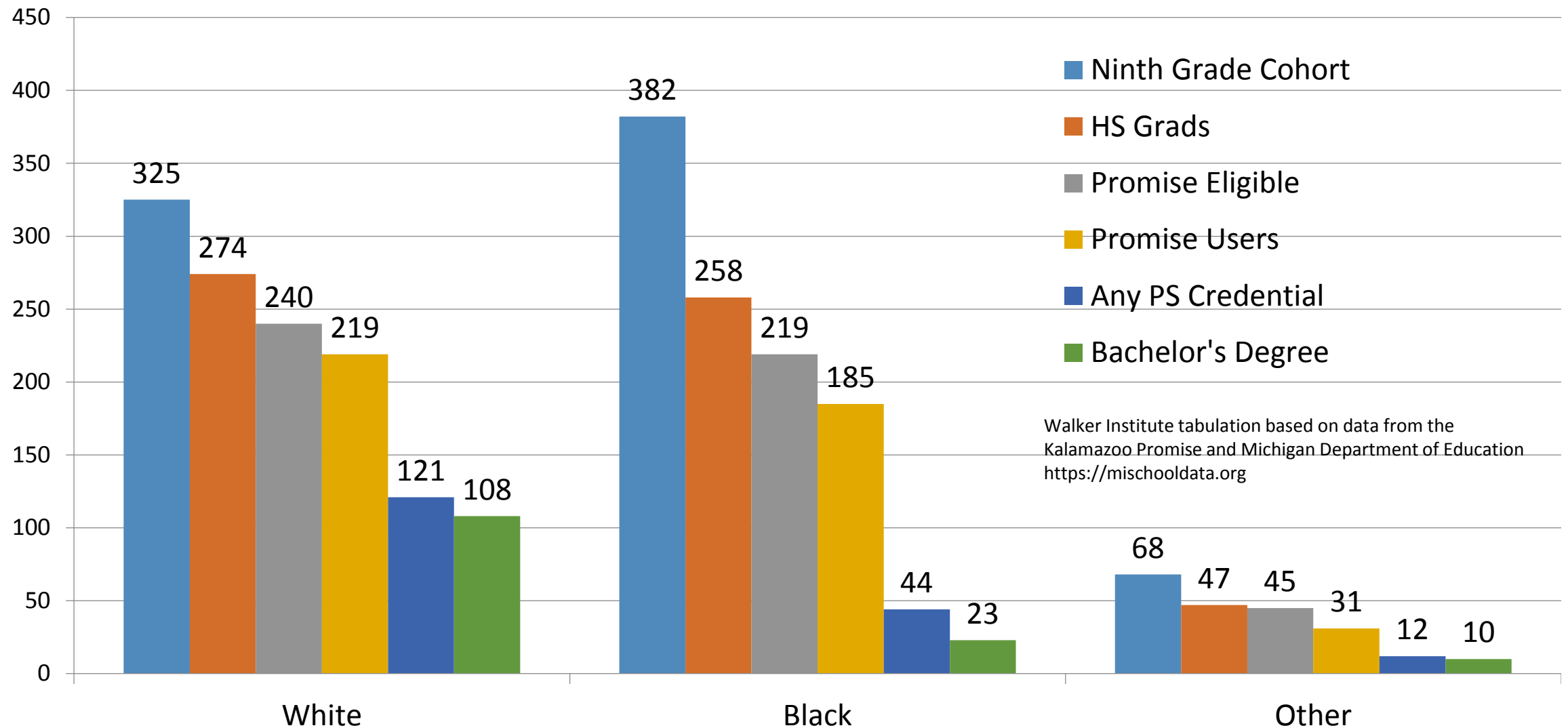
Source:  
Greg Duncan,  
Stanford University  
Pathways, winter, 2011

# Third Graders in Kalamazoo and Statewide who are Proficient in Reading by Economic Status\*, 2009-10 to 2013-14

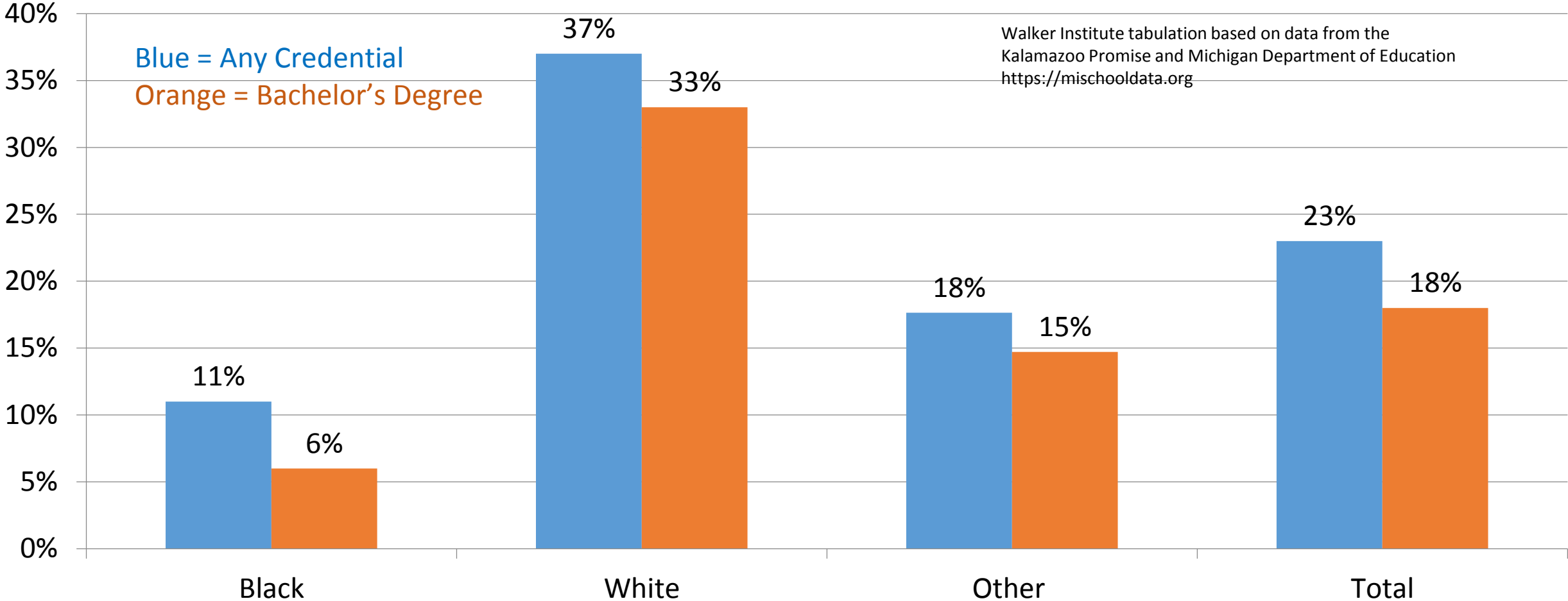


- In 2013-14, 74% of KPS third graders \* were economically disadvantaged, compared to 51% statewide.
- Walker Institute tabulation based on data from : Michigan Department of Education <https://mischooldata.org>

# Continuum from Ninth Grade Cohort of 2007 to Post-Secondary Degree Completion, as of December, 2013



# Percent of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort for Kalamazoo Public School's Graduating Class of 2007 that Attained a Post-Secondary Degree within Six Years, by Race, Ethnicity



# A Look at Risk of Involvement in the Criminal Justice System through the Lens of Secondary Prevention

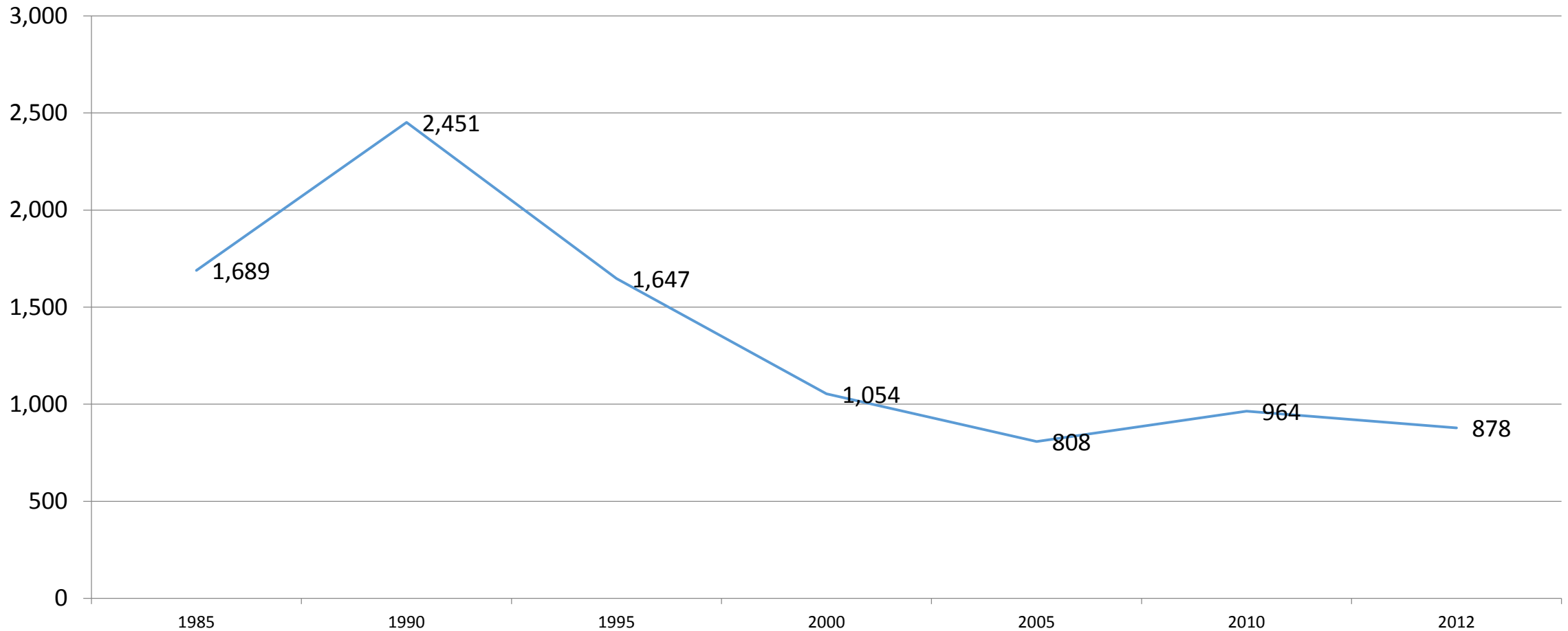
# Black to White Ratio of Involvement at Different Stages of Juvenile Justice System, 2012

## Black to White Ratio

• Arrests	5.1
• Refer to Juvenile Court	1.1
• Cases Diverted	.88
• Cases Involving Secure Detention	1.35
• Cases Petitioned	1.21
• Cases resulting in Delinquent Findings	0.96
• Cases resulting in Probation	.79
• Cases Resulting in Confinement	1.05

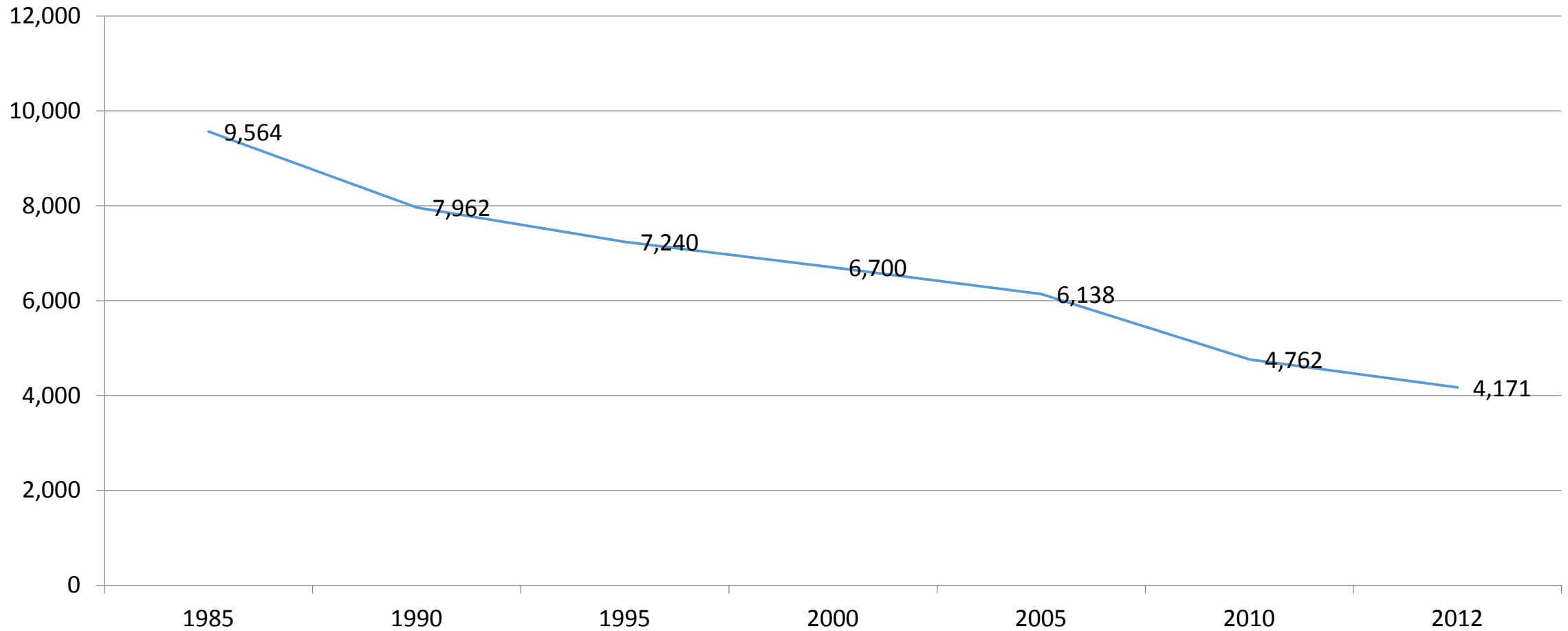
Source: Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice

# Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 in City of Kalamazoo : 1985 - 2012



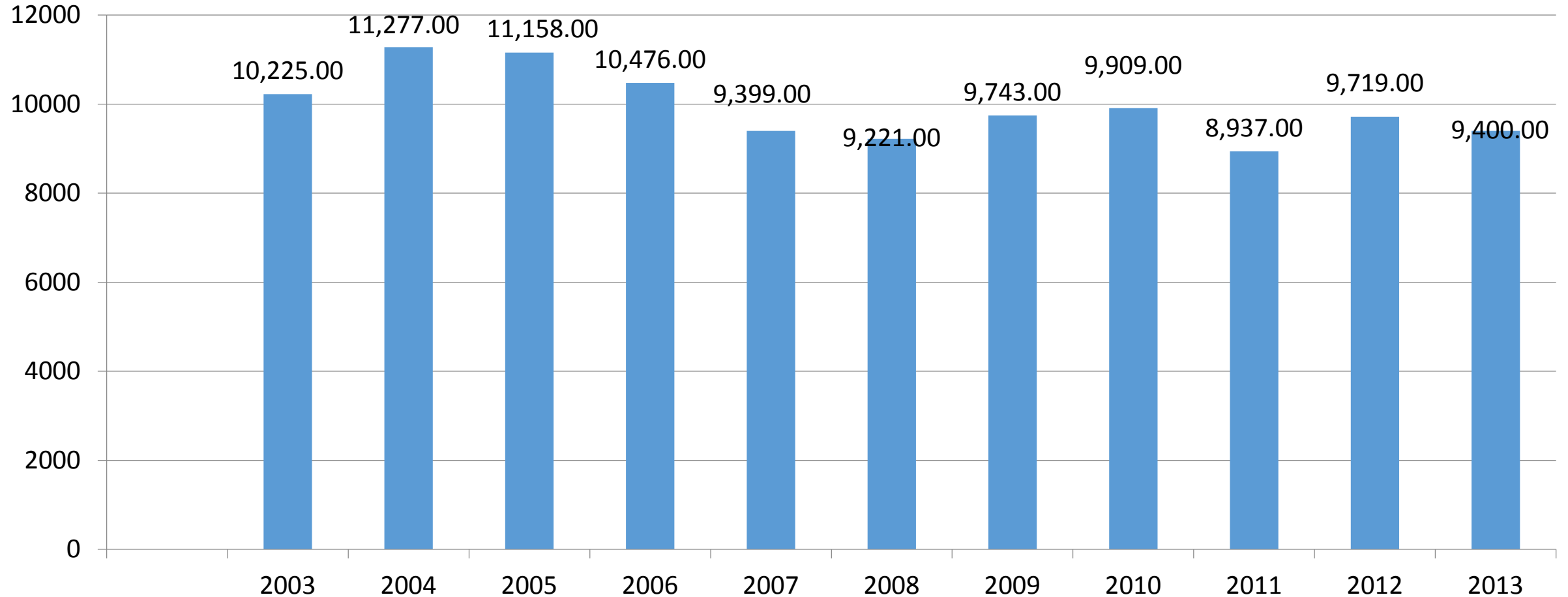
Source: Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics, as provided by Kalamazoo Department Of Public Safety

# Property Crime Rate per 100,000 in City of Kalamazoo: 1985 - 2012



Source: Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics, as provided by Kalamazoo Department Of Public Safety

# Criminal Caseload of Kalamazoo Courts, 2003 to 2013



Source: Annual Report, Kalamazoo County Courts, 2013

# Unequal Justice: Race, Class and the Criminal Justice System

March 30	7pm	James Forman, Jr., From Fear and Vengeance to Mercy and Forgiveness,	Fetzer Center
April 14	7pm	Juvenile Justice: Disrupting the Pipeline to Prison	Kalamazoo Juvenile Home
April 28	7pm	Challenges Facing Ex-Offenders,	Bethany Reformed Church
May 12	7pm	Reimagining Kalamazoo with Justice for All	Mt. Zion Baptist Church

## Also of Interest

April 30 7pm **Richard Reeves, The Opportunity Ecosystem**

Mr. Reeves will explore the following questions

- Are we providing an equal chance for success for all our children?
- What makes some communities more successful than others at promoting social mobility?
- What more can Kalamazoo do to make equal opportunity for all a reality?

This is the Inaugural Event of **Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo**, a new initiative launched by the Kalamazoo City Commission to promote:

- Increased access to well-paying jobs
- Strong, economically secure families
- Healthy growth, development and learning of all our kids

