

State(s) of ECE: An Overview of Three Landscape Reports



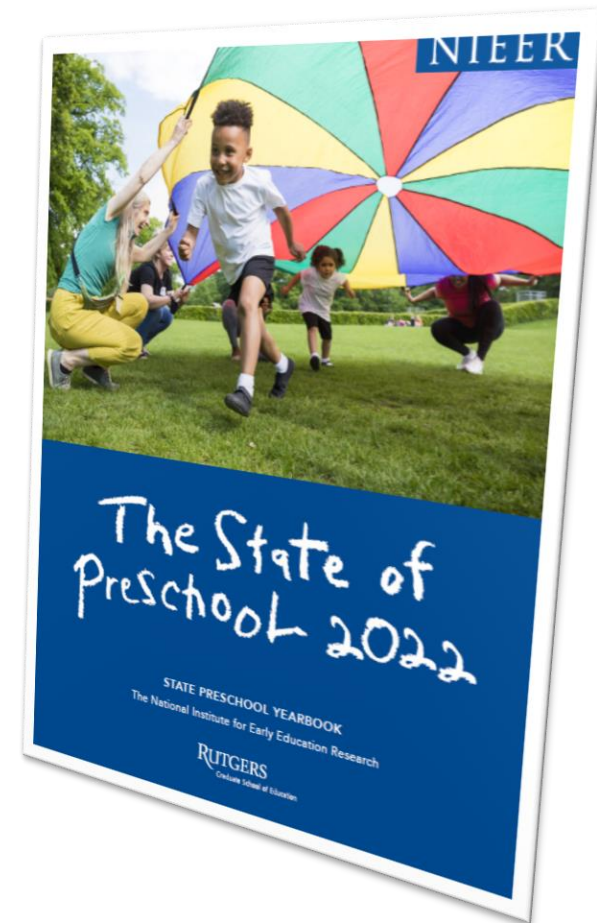
Today's Agenda

1. State of Preschool 2022
2. State(s) of Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education: Looking at Equity
3. State(s) of Head Start and Early Head Start: Looking at Equity



State of Preschool 2022

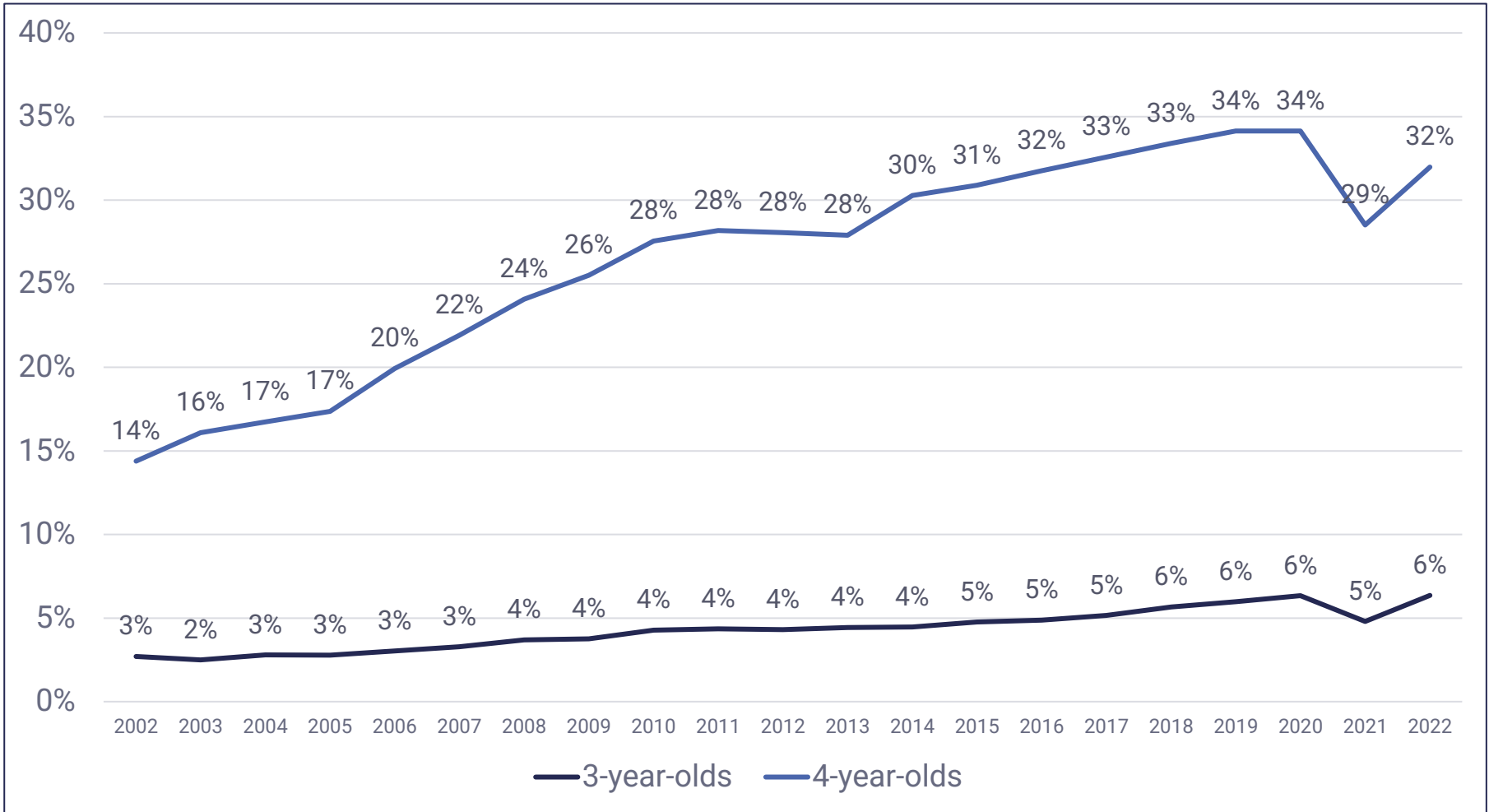
- Annual Survey since 2002 (20th report)
- Tracks State-Funded Preschool
 - Initiatives funded and administered by the state
 - Predominantly for 3- & 4-year-olds
- Focus on Enrollment, Spending, 10 Quality Standards Benchmarks, and many other policies
- 62 programs in the 50 states and D.C. plus 1 in Guam



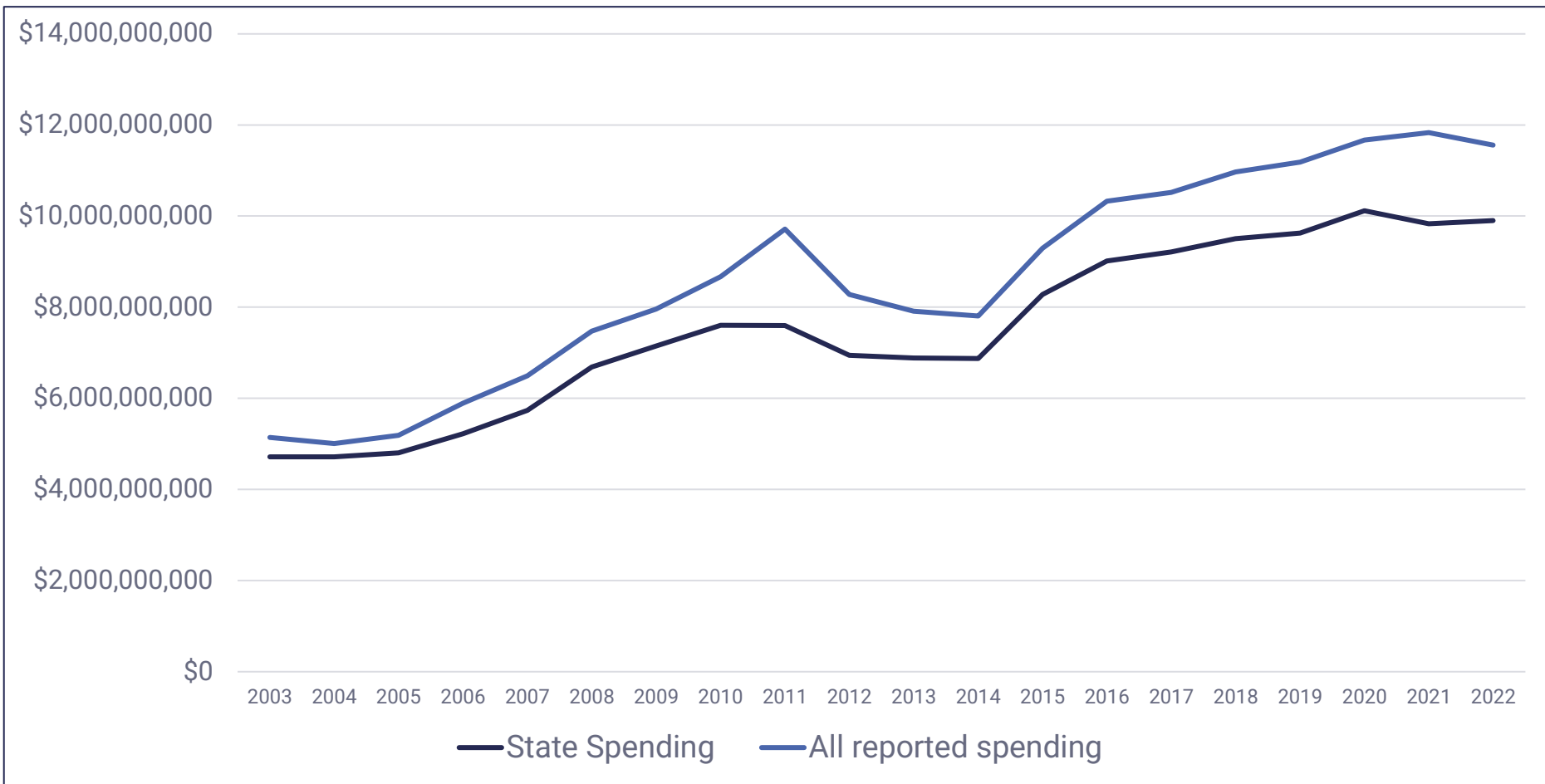
2 decades of the State of Preschool

	2002	2022
States with Pre-K	38	45
# children enrolled	695 K	1.5 M
% 3-year-olds	3%	6%
% 4-year-olds	14%	32%
Spending (2022 \$s)	\$4.5 B	\$9.9 B
Spending/child (2022 \$s)	\$6,532	\$6,571
# School-Day programs	9	20
# States meeting 10 benchmarks	0	5

Percent of State Population Enrolled in Pre-K



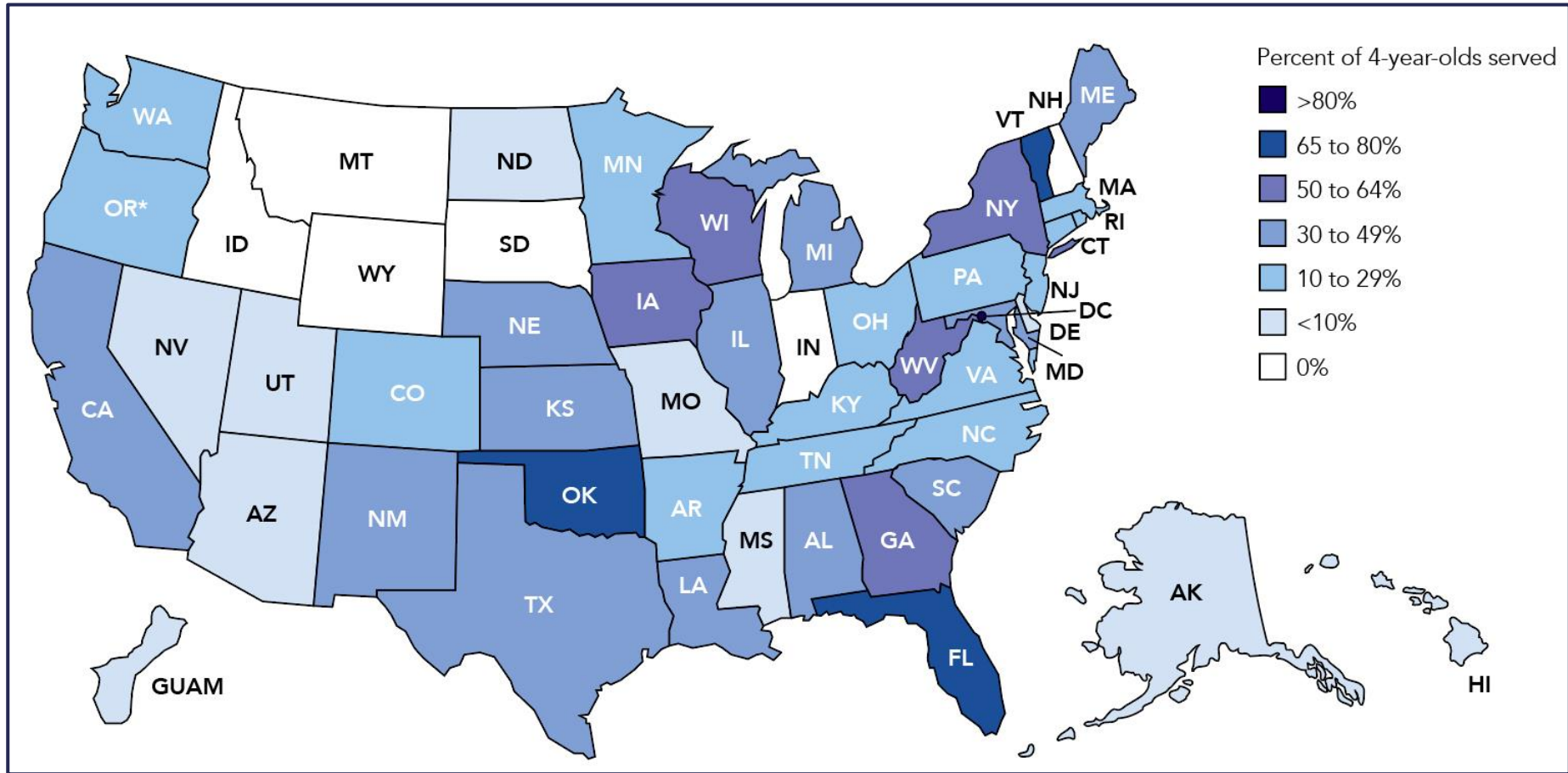
Total Spending on Preschool (2022 Dollars)



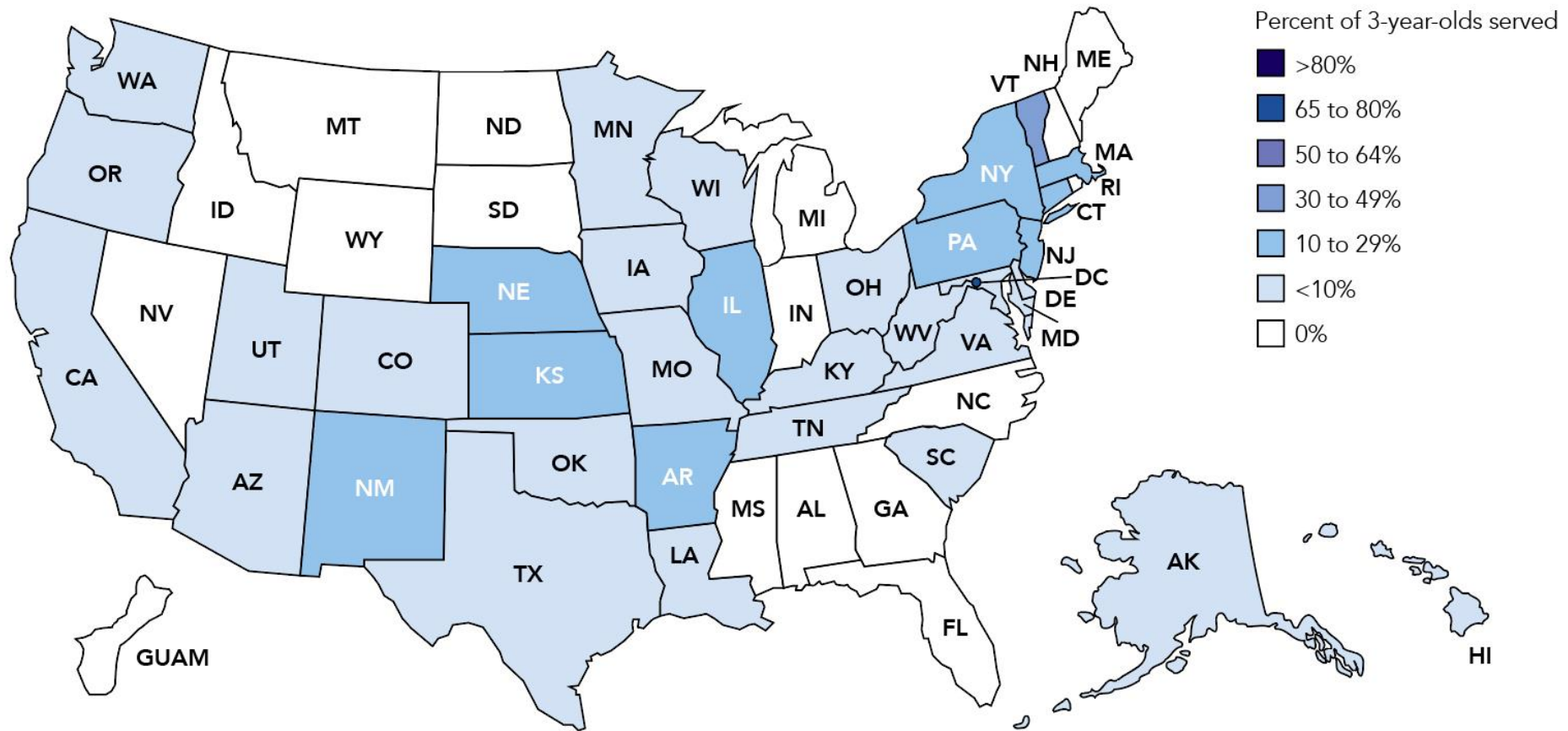
State spending per child enrolled in pre-K (2022 Dollars)



Pre-K Access for 4-Year-Olds Varies Across States



Pre-K Access for 3-Year-Olds Is Low in Every State



Quality Standards Benchmarks

Comprehensive Early Learning Standards

Curriculum Supports

Lead Teacher Degree (BA)

Lead Teacher Specialized Training

Assistant Teacher Degree (CDA)

Staff Professional Development

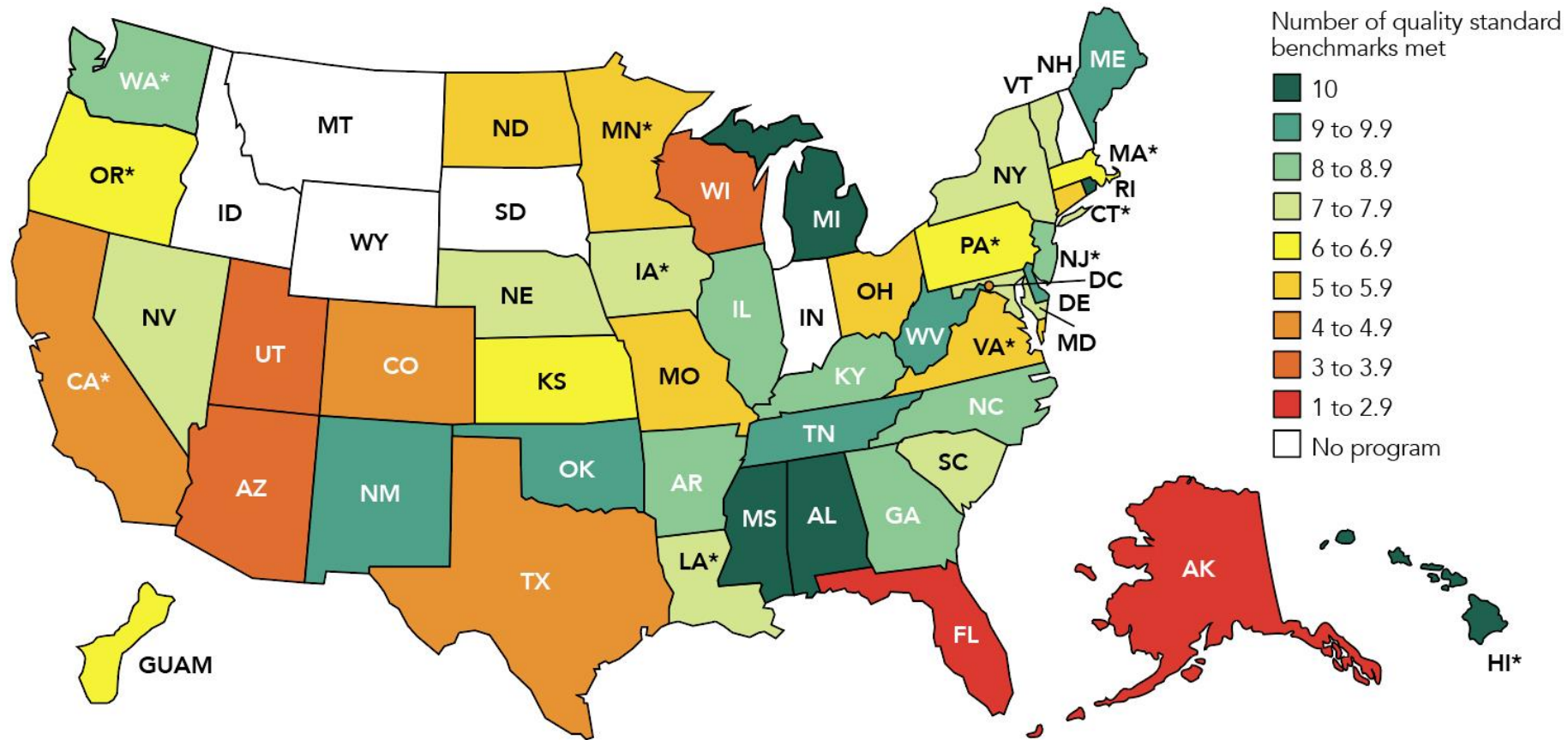
Maximum Class Size (20)

Staff to Child Ratio (1:10)

Health Screenings and Referrals

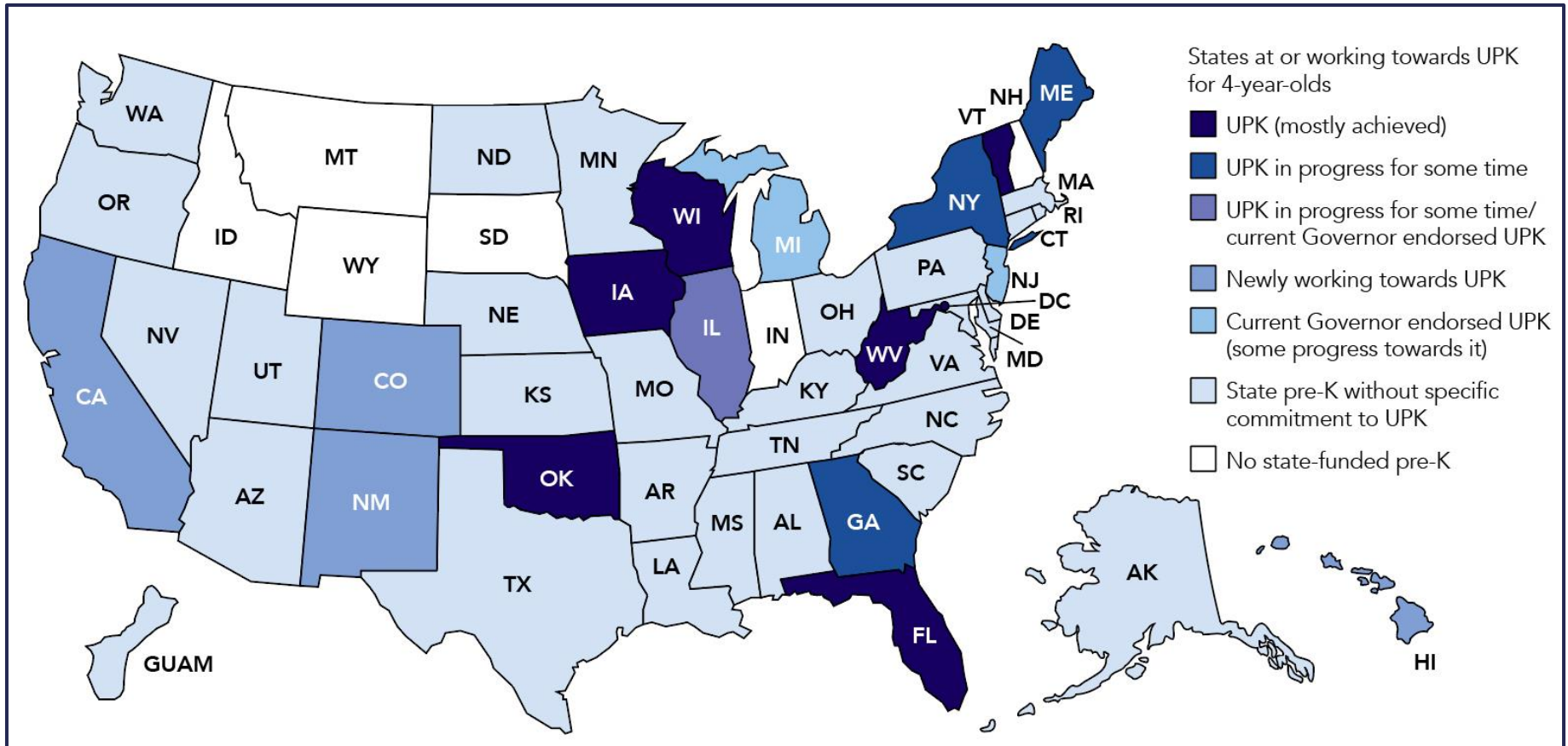
Continuous Quality Improvement System

Only 11% of children in programs meeting 9 or 10 benchmarks



*For states with more than one state-funded preschool program, the weighted average number of quality standards met is shown on the map.



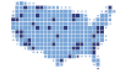
On the move to Universal Pre-K



State(s) of EI & ECSE

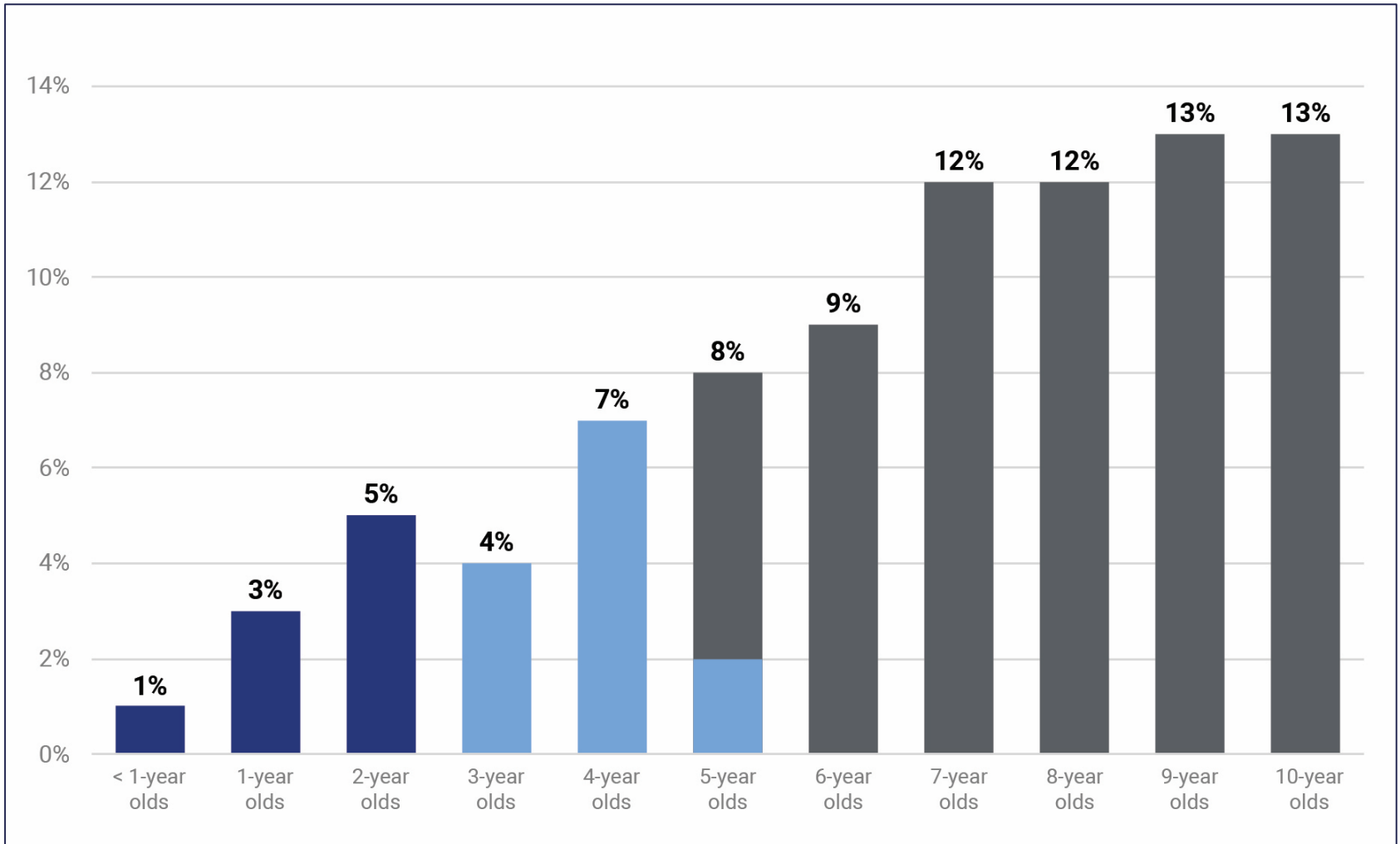


Four themes:

-  Covid-19 impacts
-  Race/Ethnicity
-  Gender
-  State variation



EI & ECSE Services by Single Year of Age



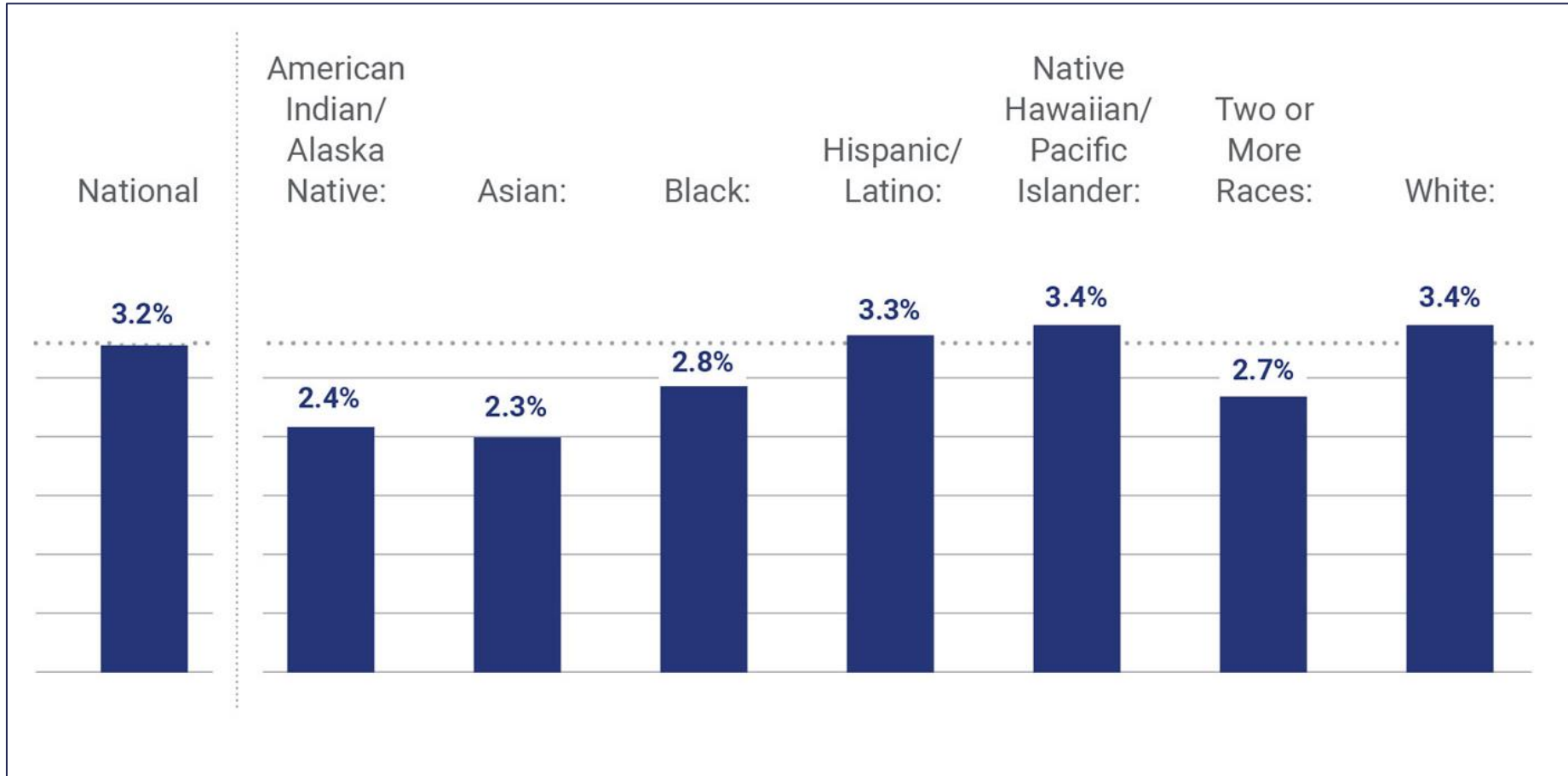


Enrollment over the last 15 years





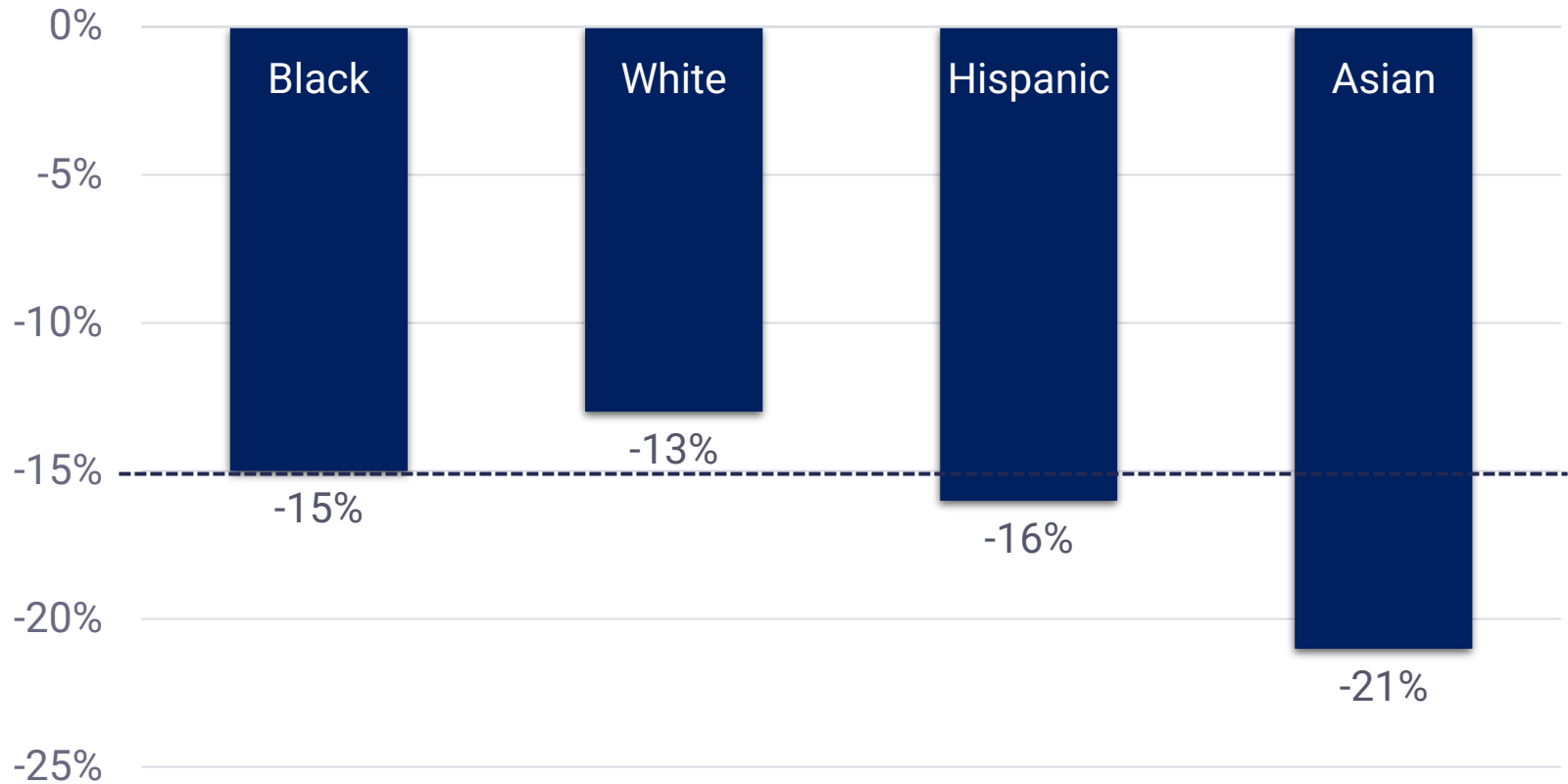
Access to Early Intervention Varies by Race/Ethnicity





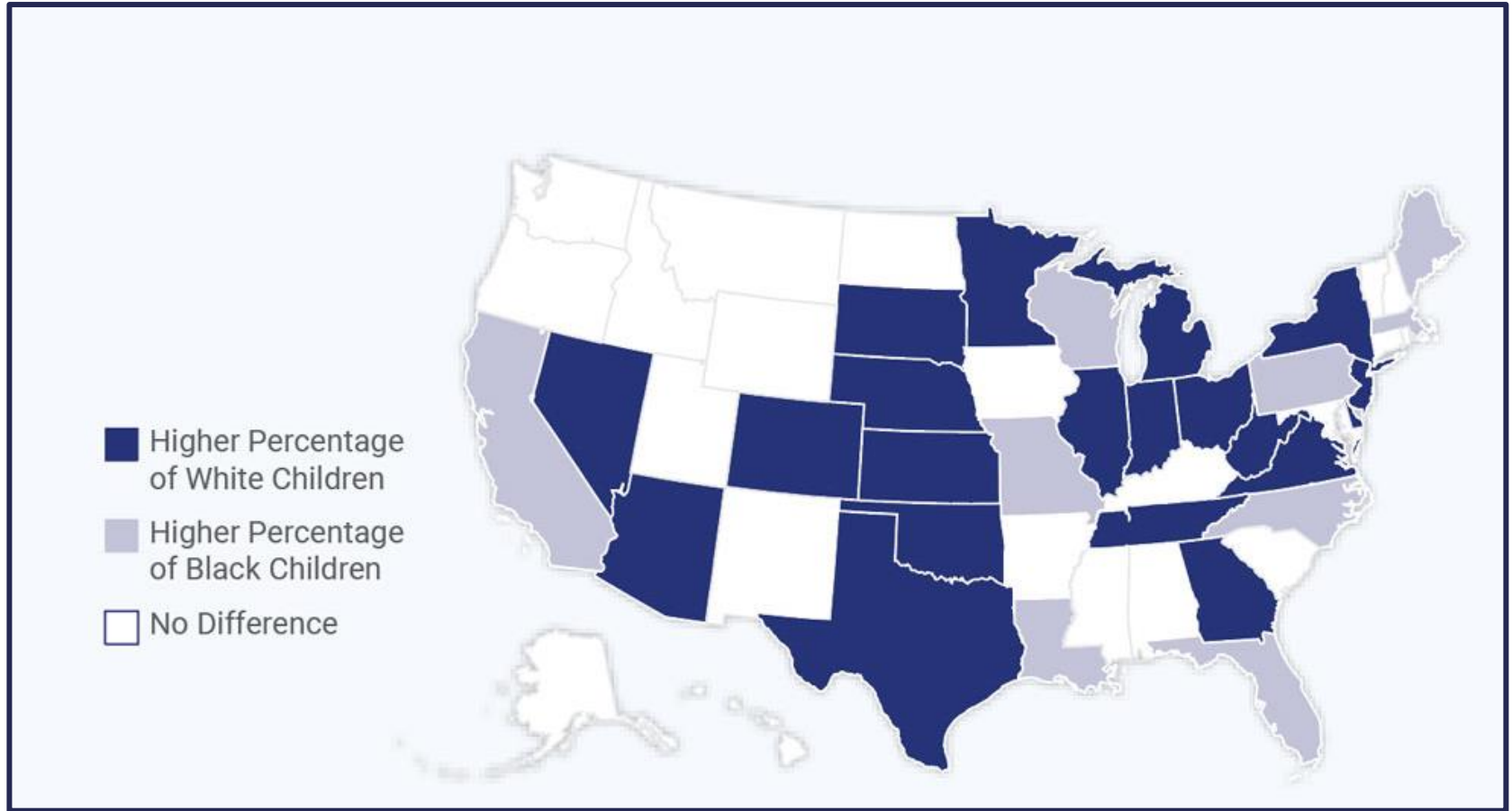
Pandemic reduced services for EI and did so disproportionately

Percent Decrease in EI from Fall 2019 to Fall 2020



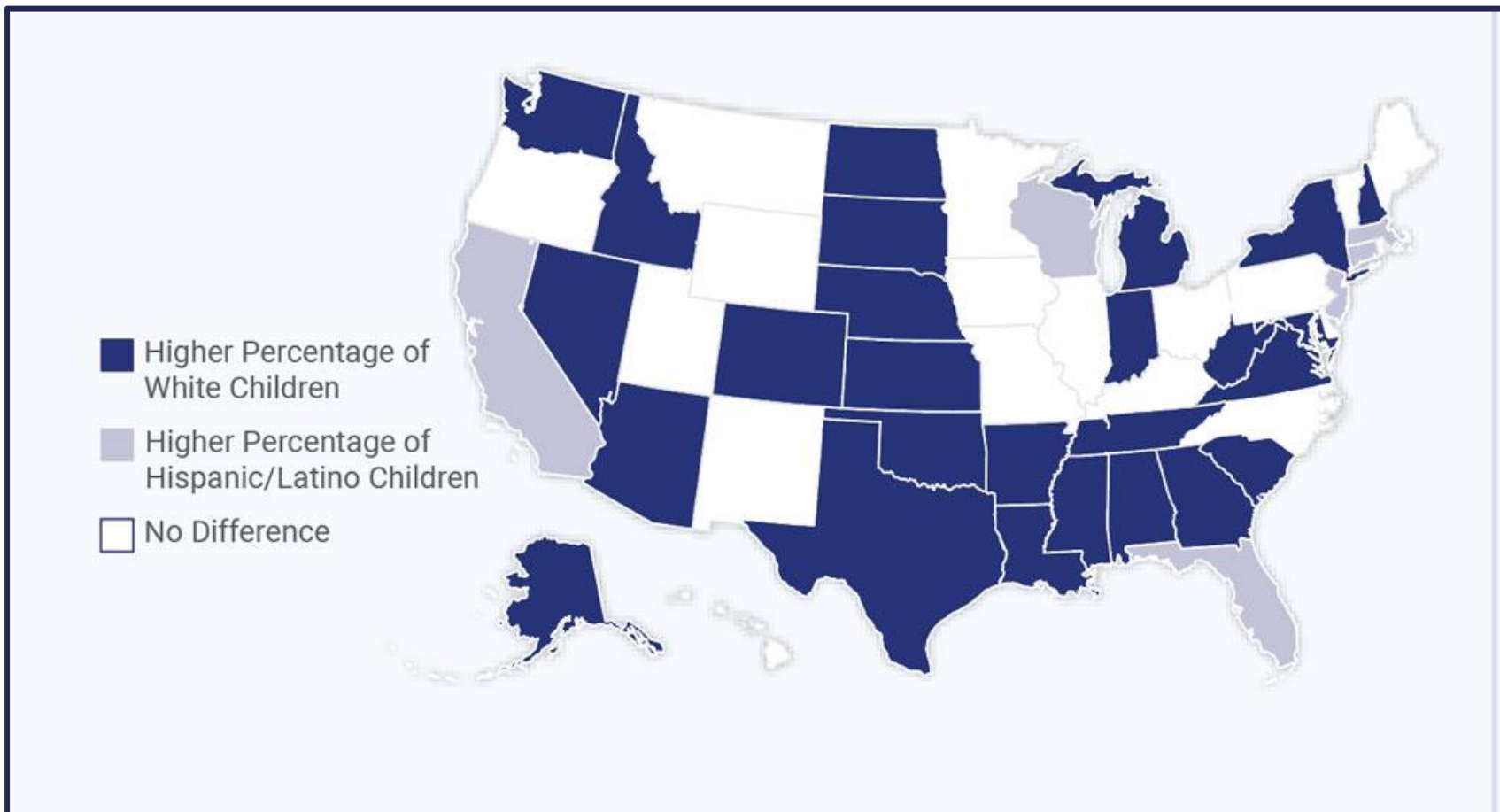


EI Enrollment for Black & White Children



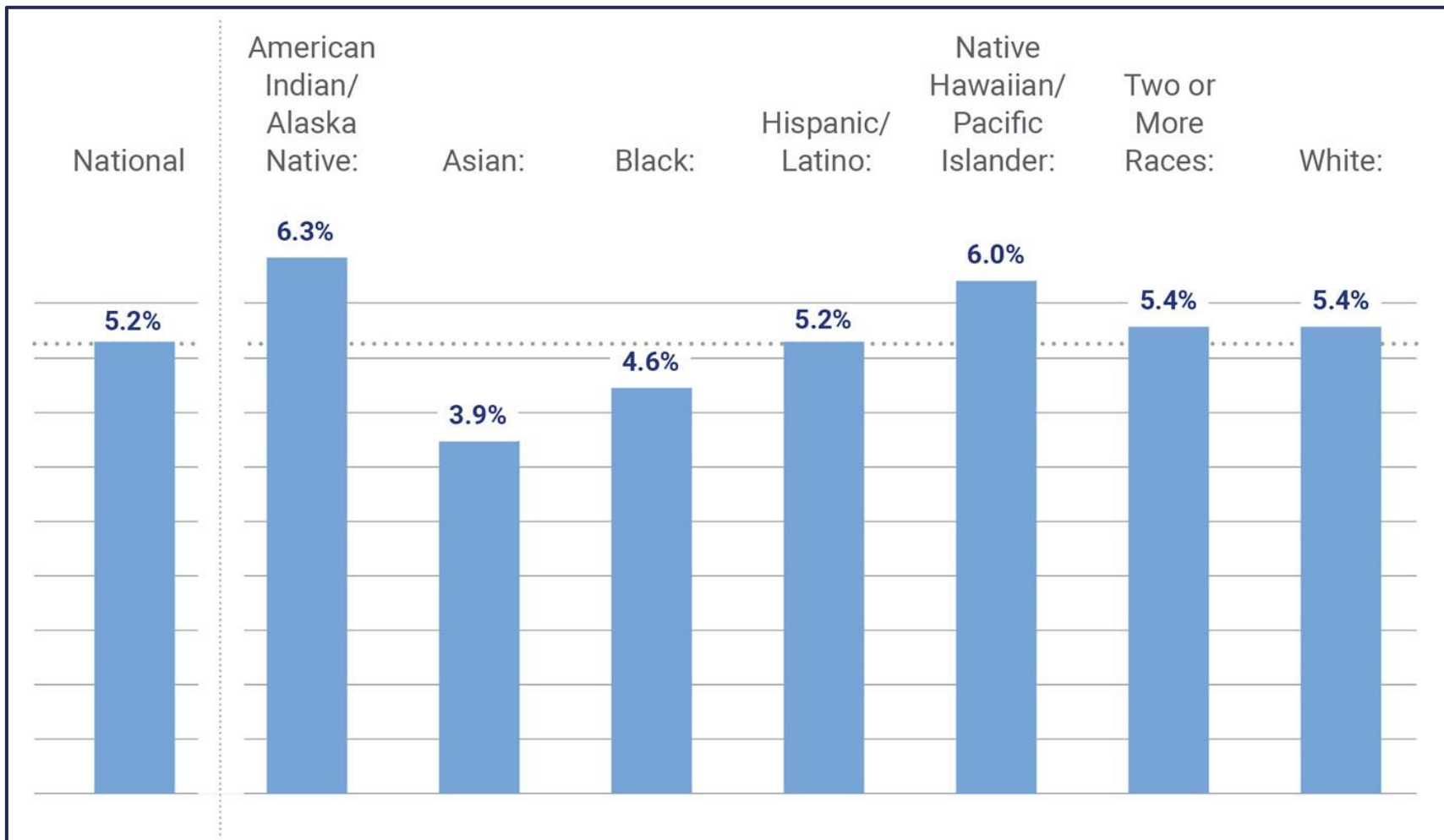


EI Enrollment for Hispanic & White Children





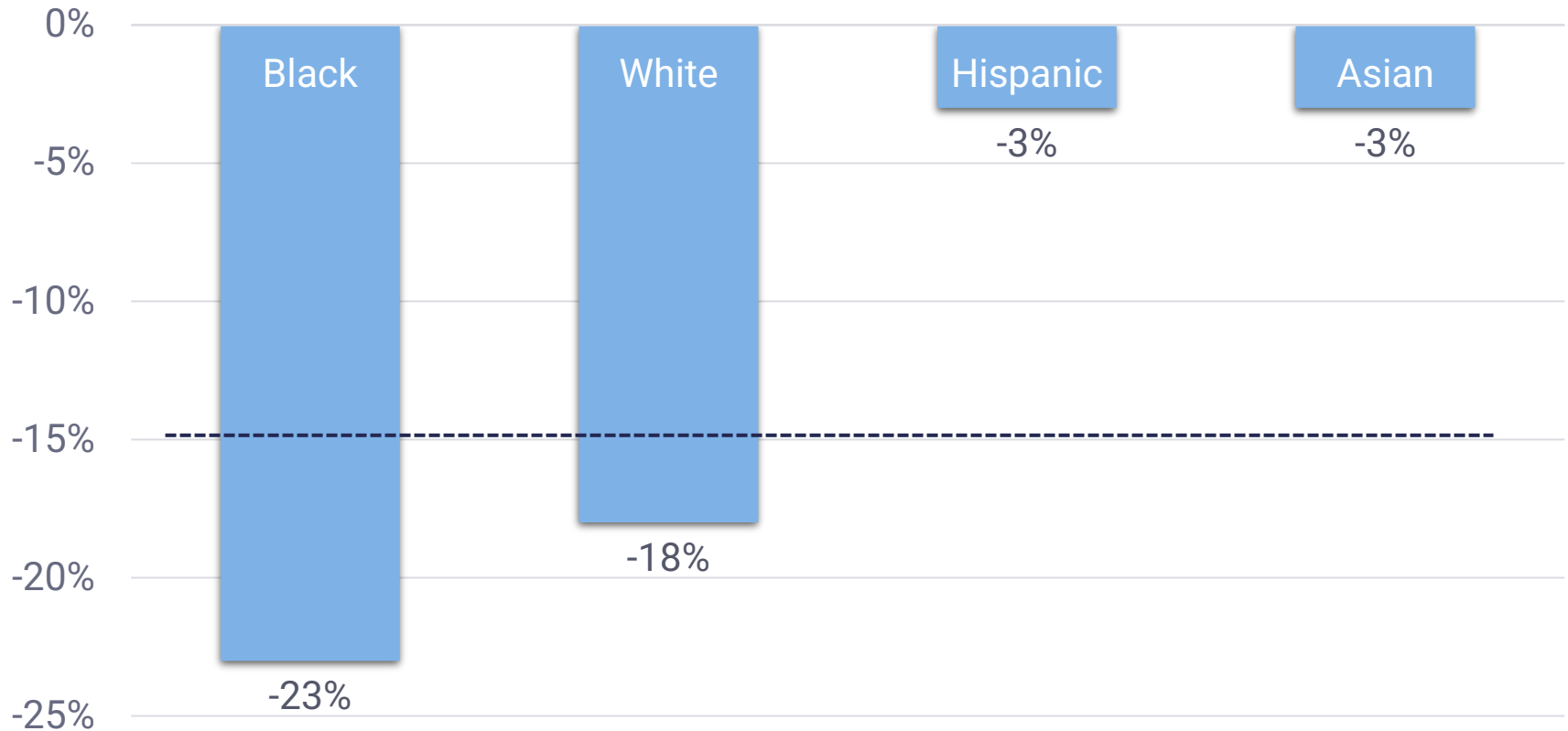
Access to ECSE Varies by Race/Ethnicity





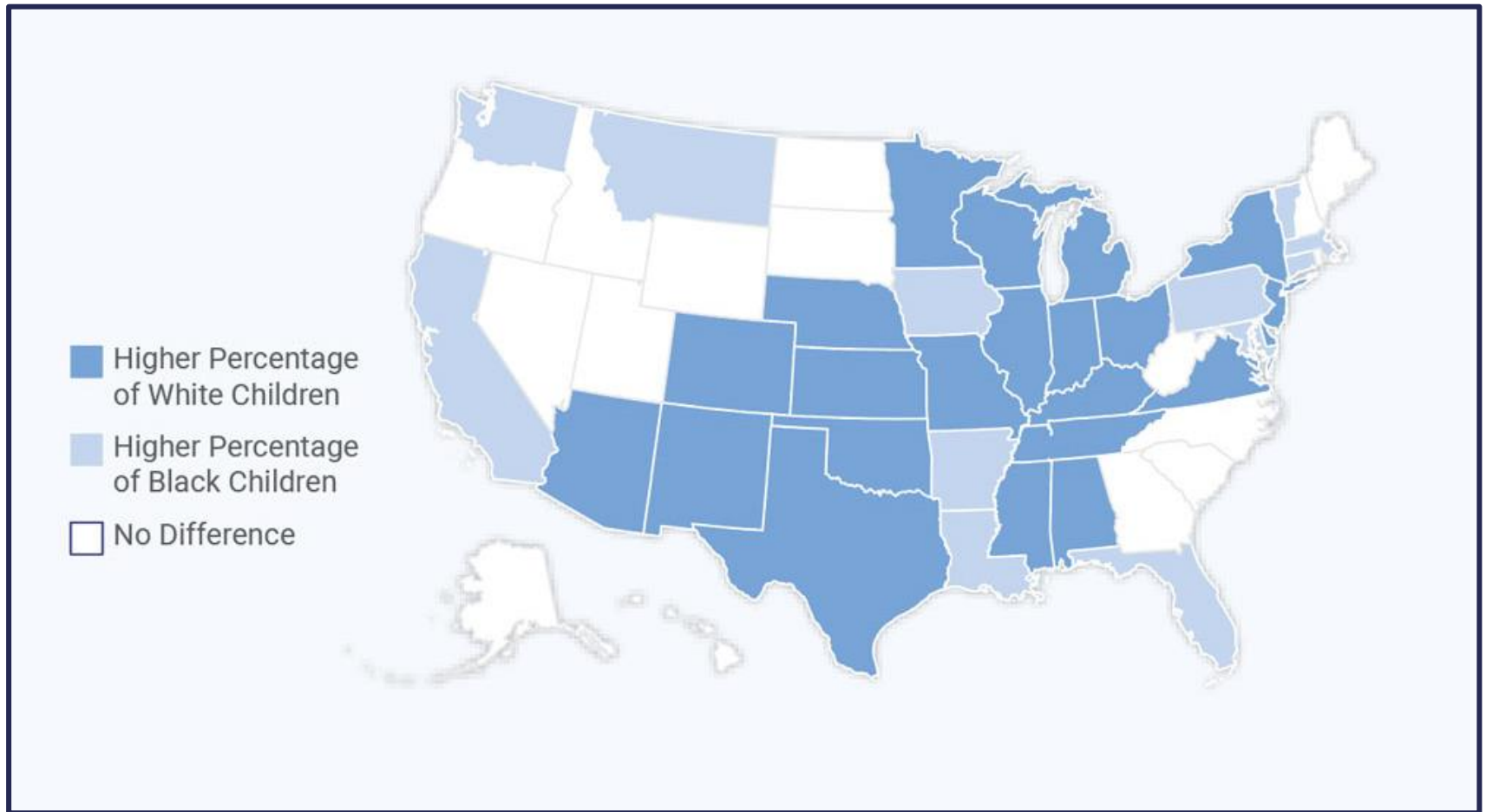
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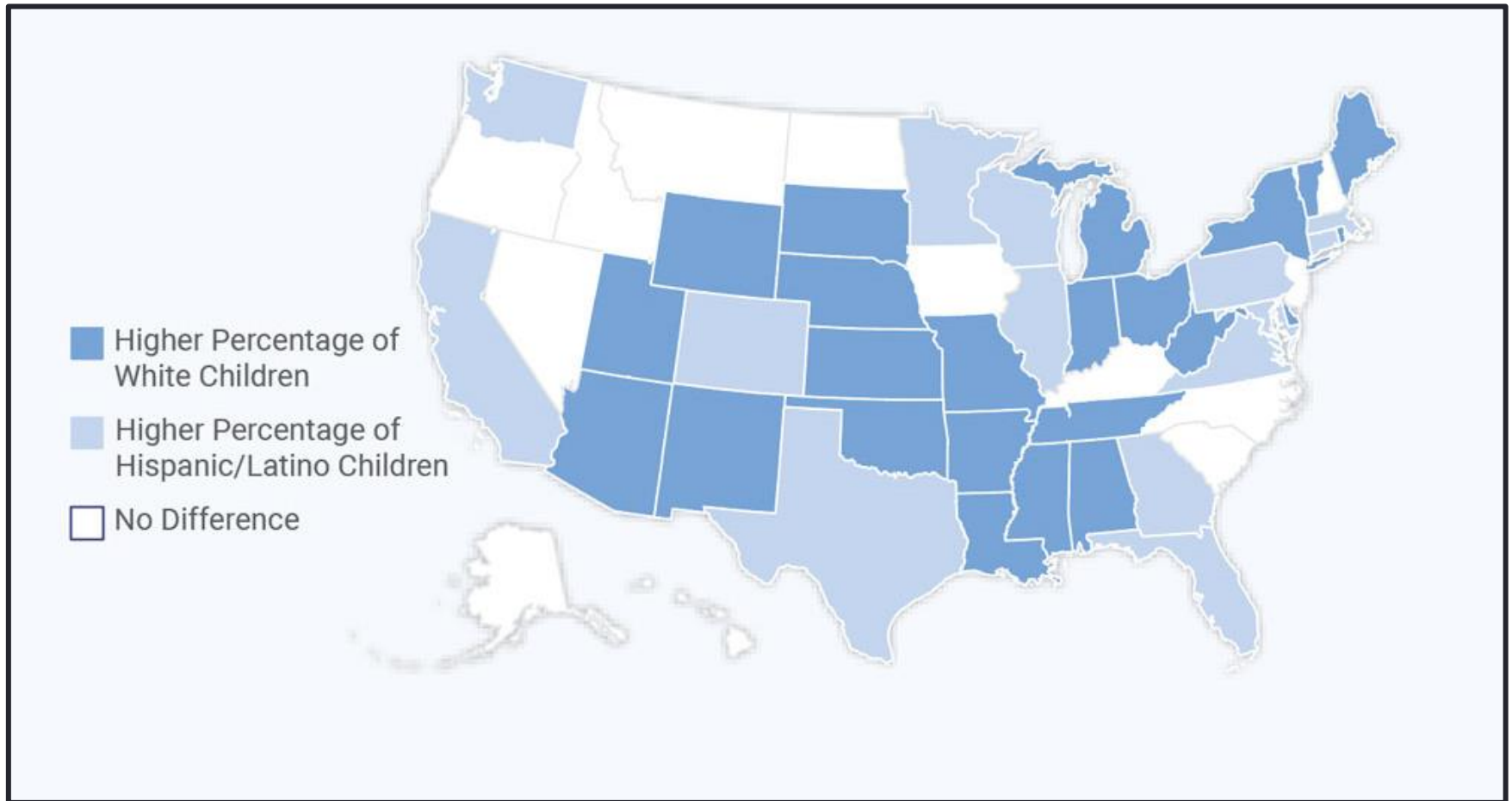


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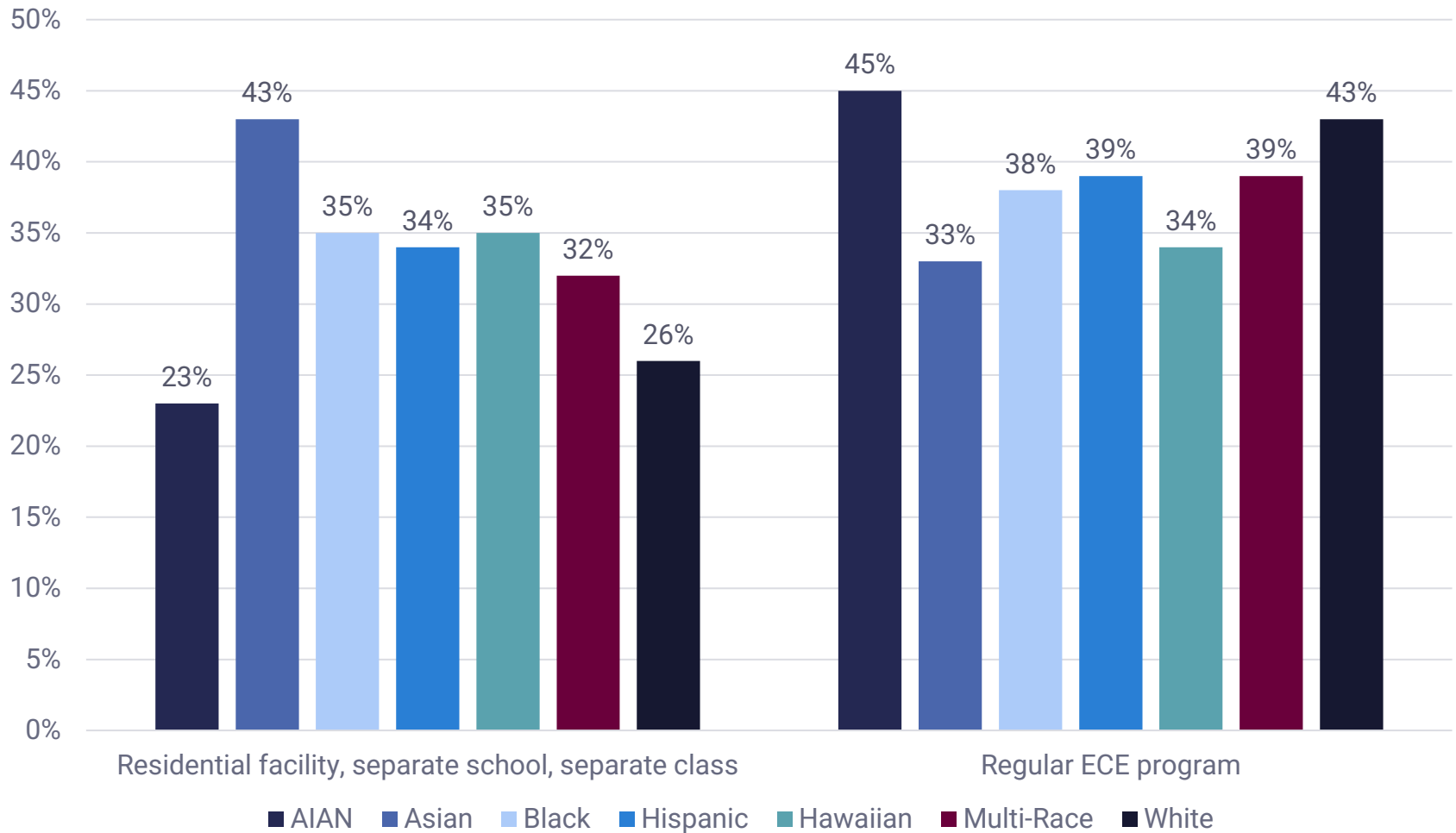


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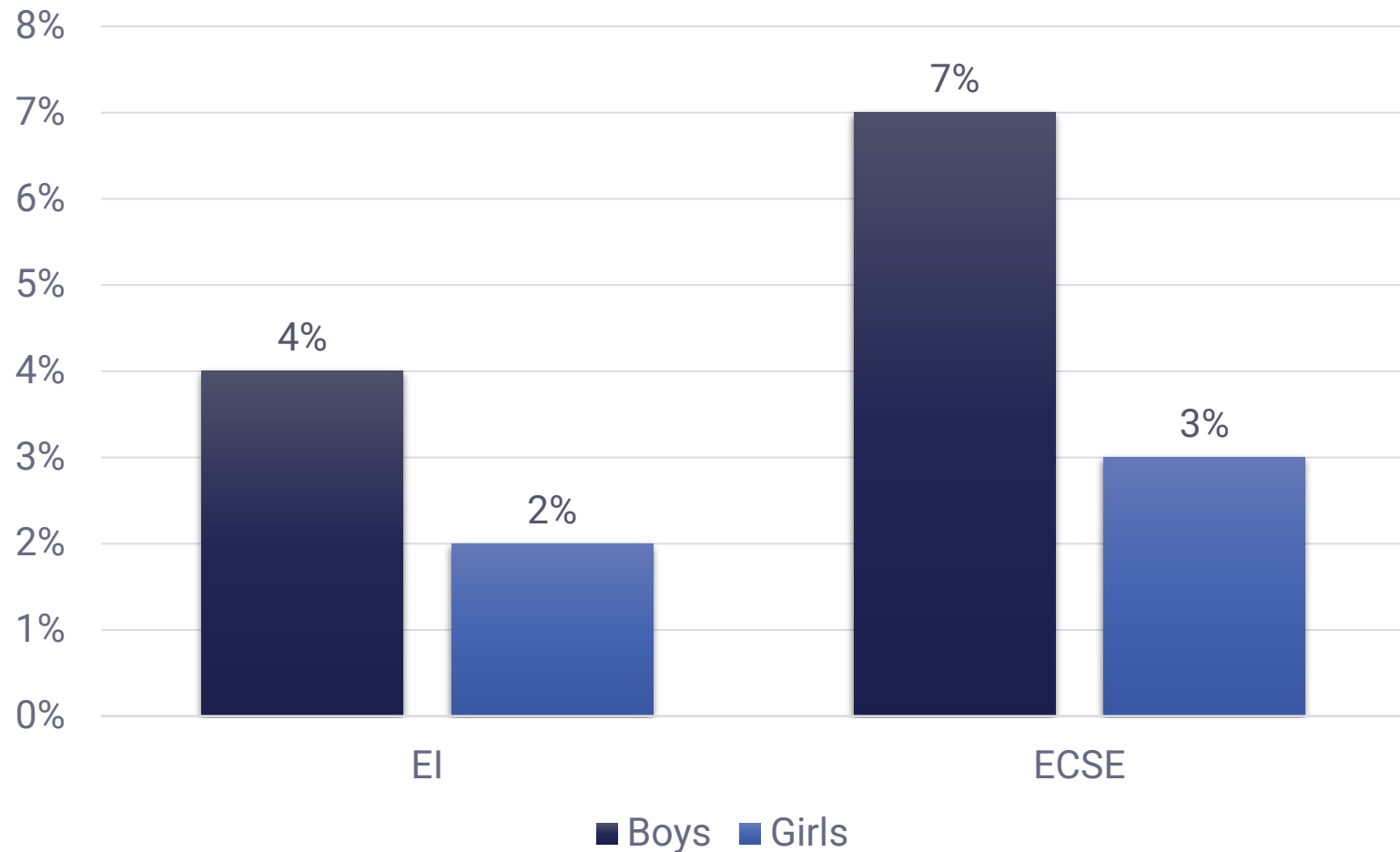


White & AIAN children are more likely to receive ESCE in a Regular ECE program





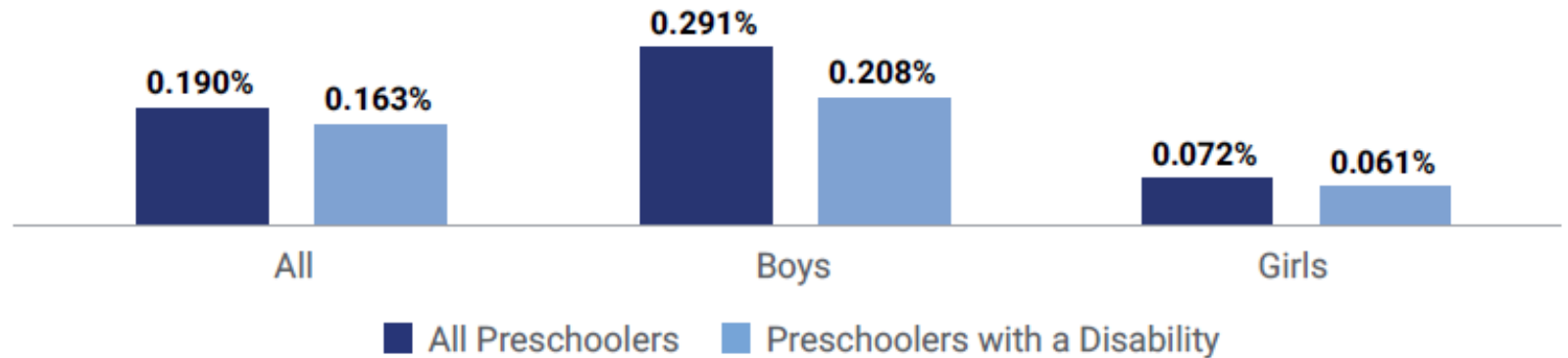
Boys more than twice as likely to receive services as girls

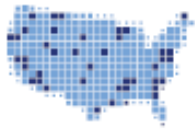




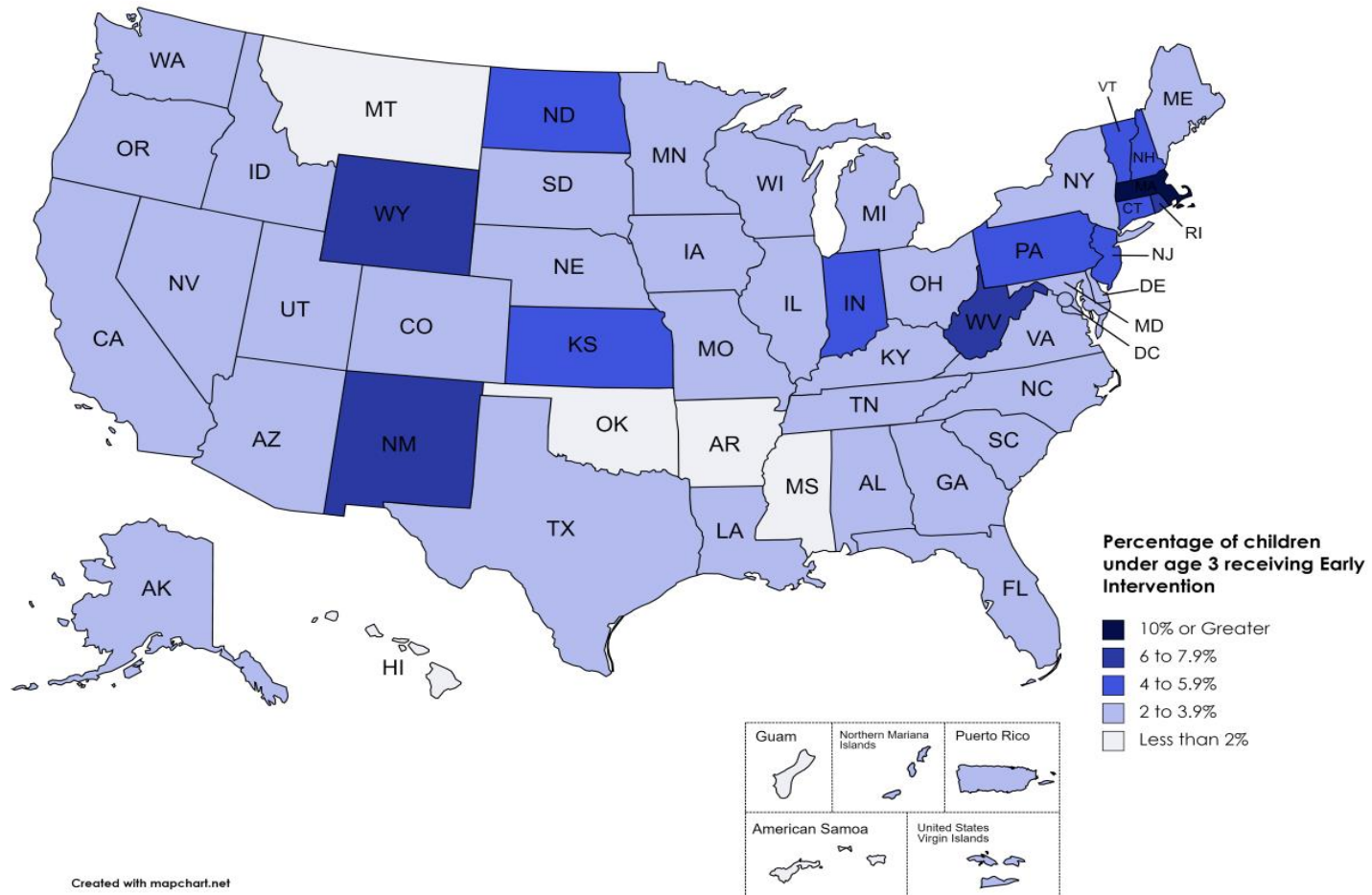
Boys more than three times as likely to be suspended as girls

Suspension of Preschoolers in Public Schools (2017-2018)

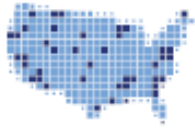




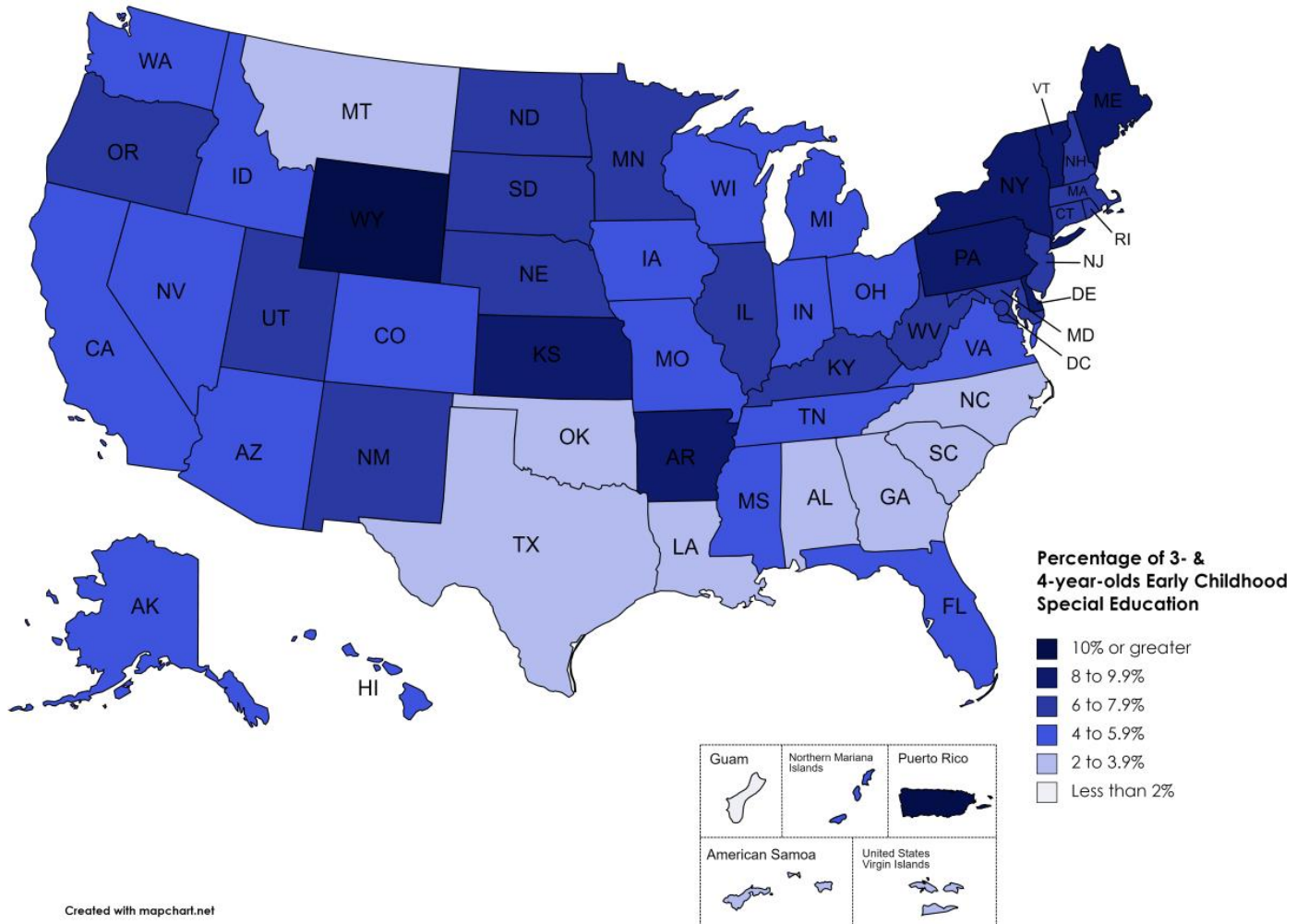
EI: State variation in percentage of 0- to 3-year-olds served

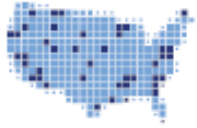


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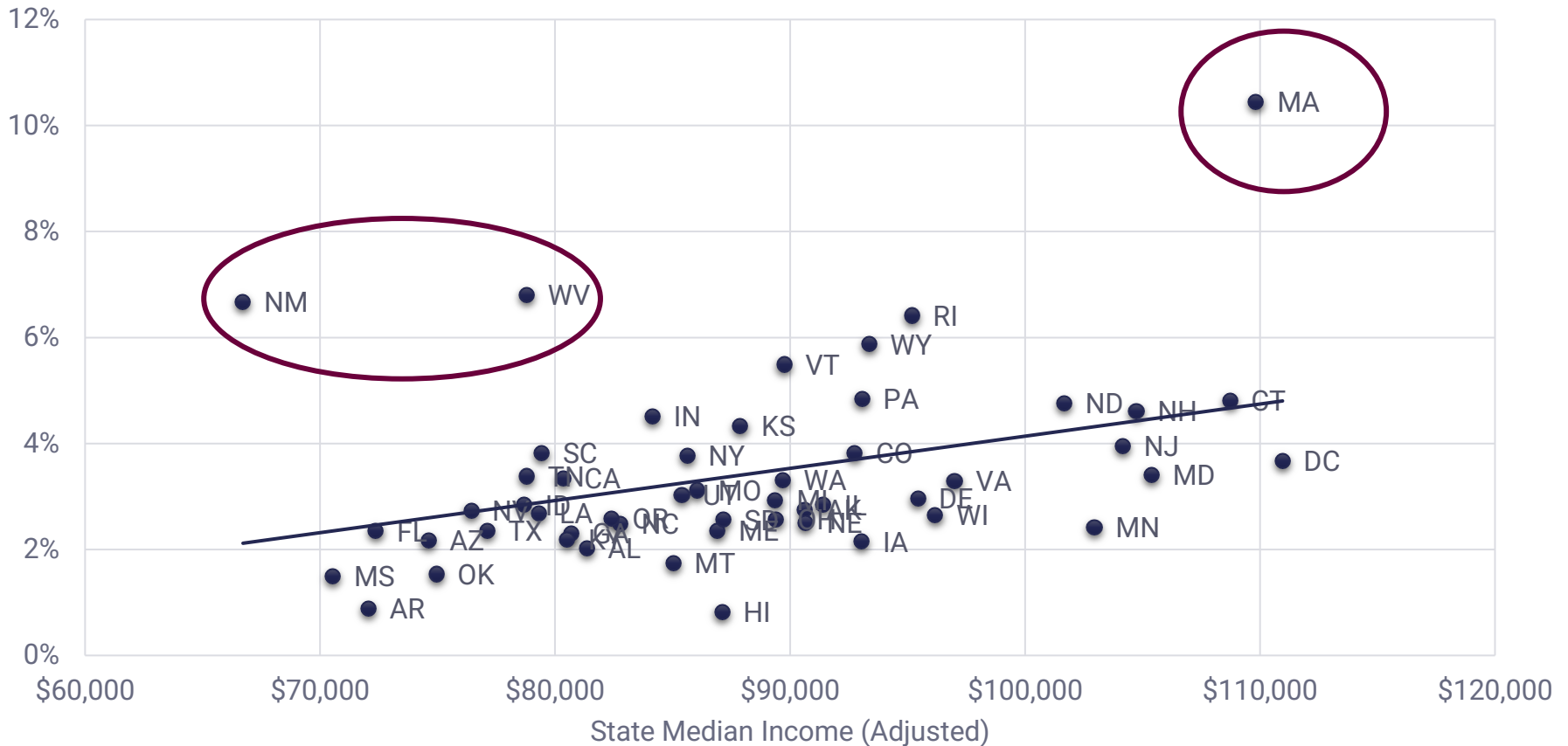
ECSE: State Variation in percentage of 3- & 4-year-olds served

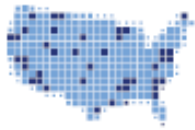




EI Access by State Median Income

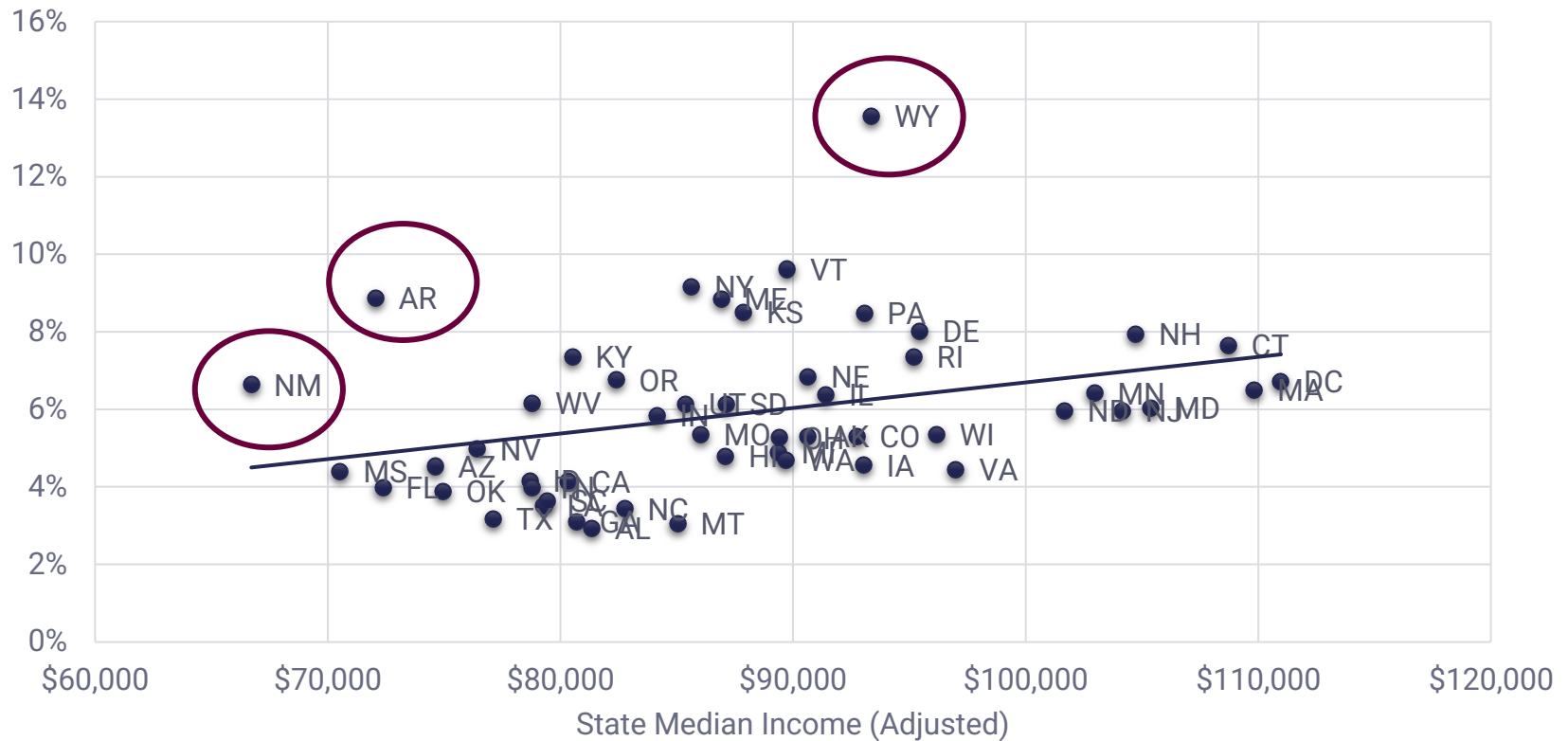
Percent of children under 3 in EI





ECSE Access by State Median Income

Percent of 3- & 4-year-olds in ECSE



Recommendations

- More Research
 - What is true prevalence of need?
 - Intensity, duration, and quality of services
- Better Data:
 - Income & home language
 - Cost and expenditure, etc.
- Increased federal and state funding
- National Commission and National Summit

Head Start and Early Head Start



Four themes:

 Covid-19 impacts

 Poverty

 Race/Ethnicity

 State variation



Covid-19 Impacts



Head Start

- 257,000 fewer children attended Head Start in 2020-21 than in 2018-19
- 33% decrease
- More than a 40% decrease in IL, MS, NV, NM, OK, SC



Covid-19 Impacts



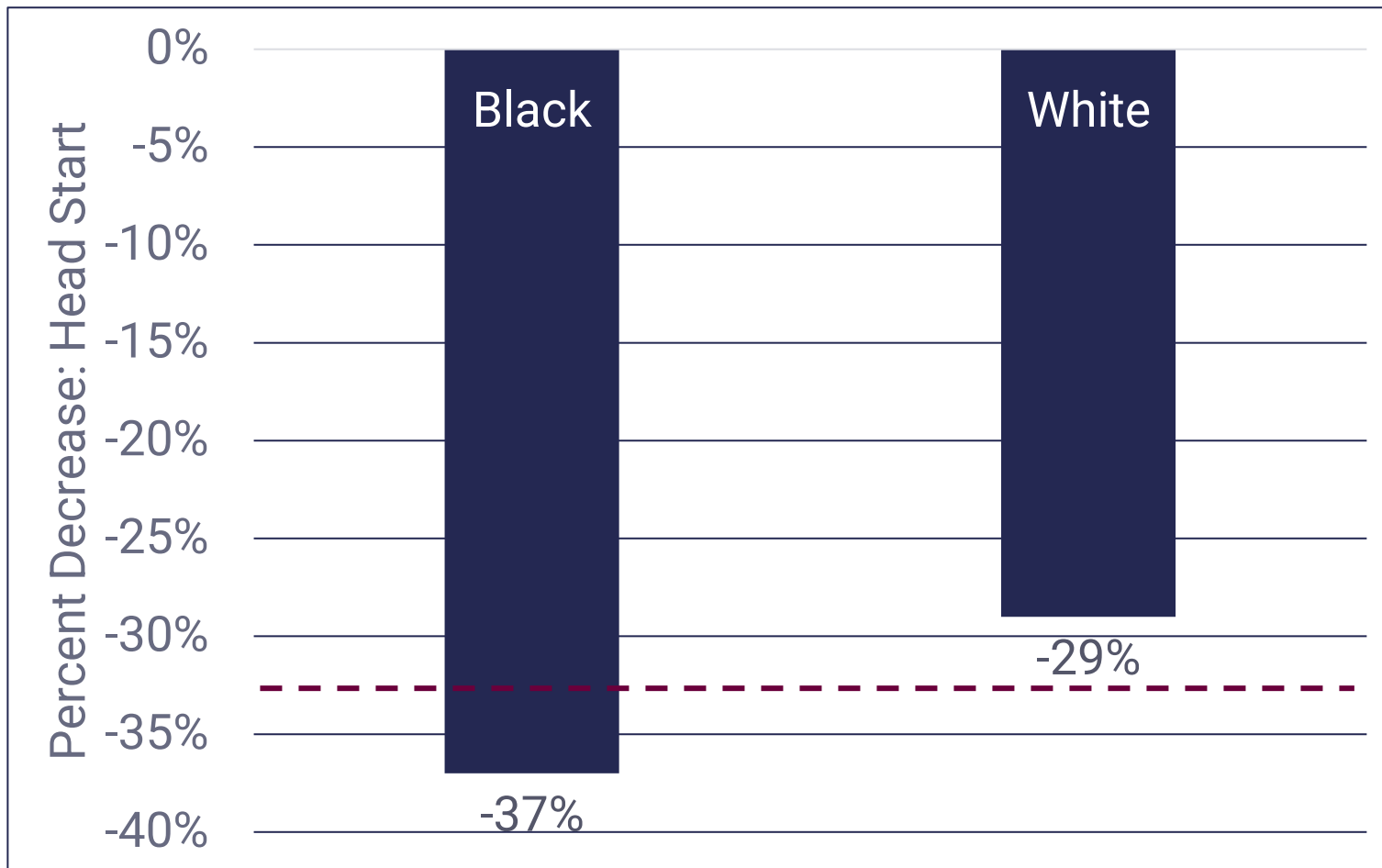
Early Head Start

- 22,000 fewer children attended Early Head Start in 2020-21 than in 2018-19
- 10% decrease
- Enrollment did **increase** in AL, AR, CO, DC, FL, IA, UT



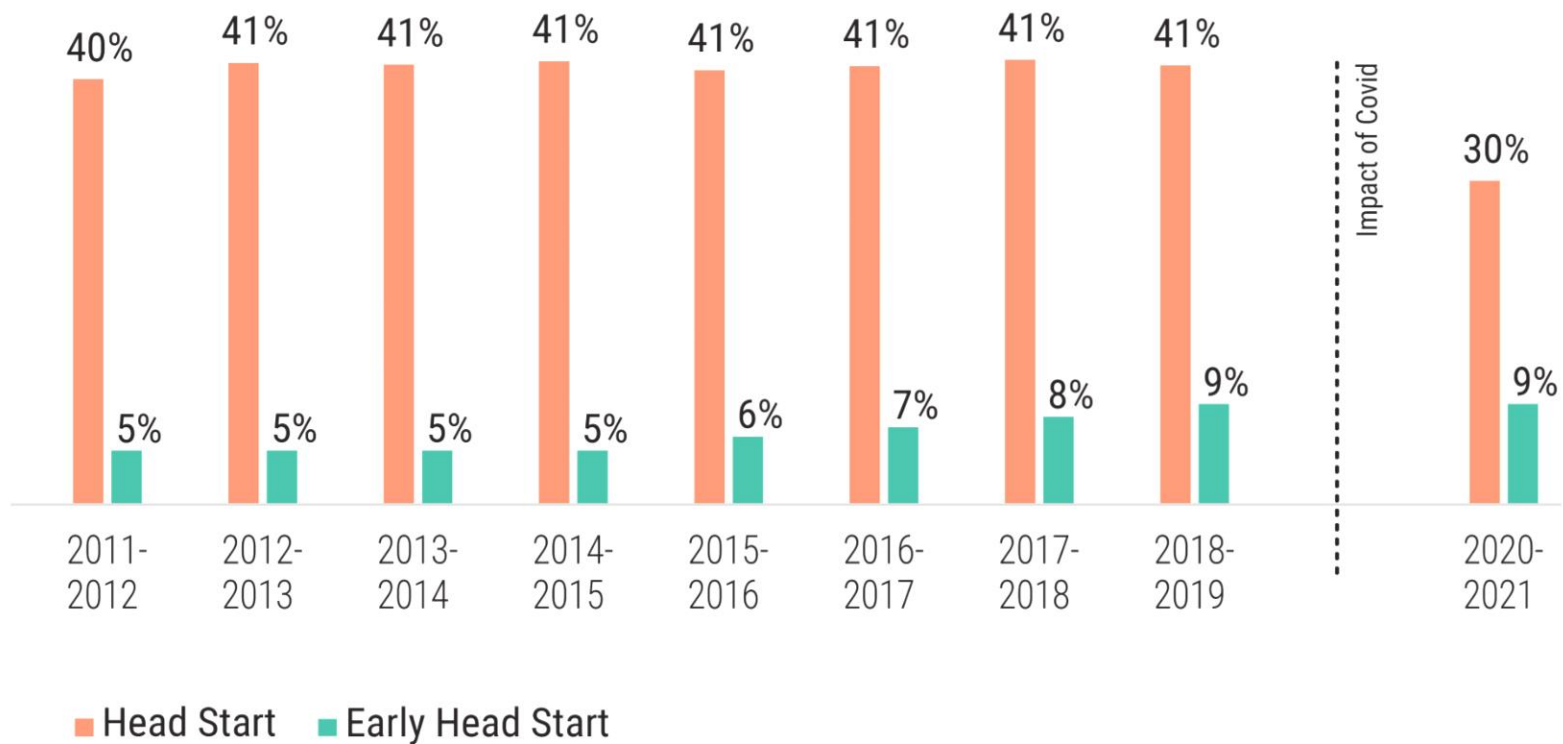


Covid-19 Impacts: Not equal





Poverty



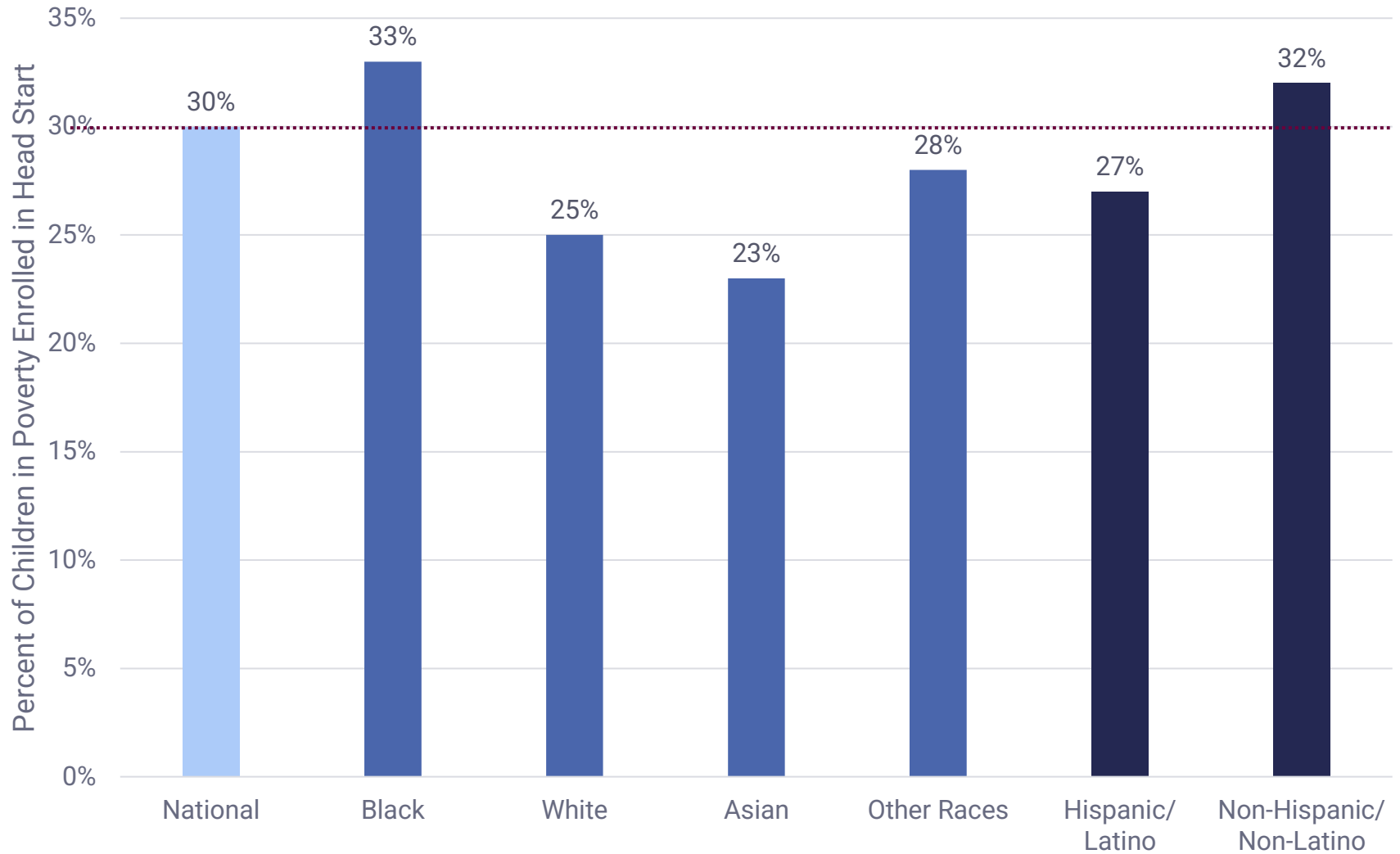


Poverty: Funding

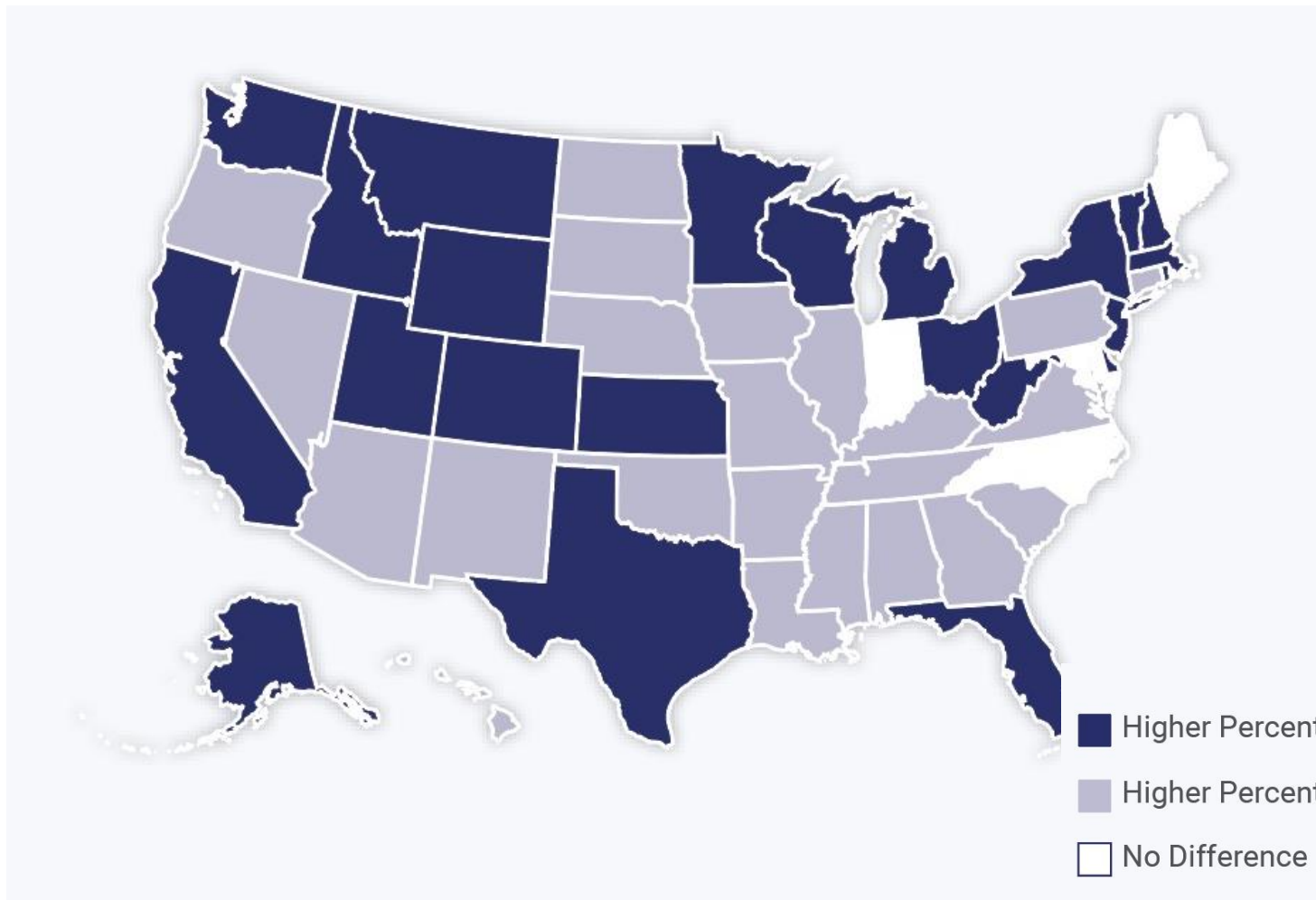
- **Head Start** funding per child is **lower** in states with **higher** poverty rates
 - Average \$/child is **\$1,590 less** in the 5 states with the highest child poverty than in the 5 states with the lowest child poverty
- **Early Head Start** funding per child is **higher** in states with **higher** poverty rates
 - Average \$/child is **\$1,920 more** in the 5 states with the highest child poverty than in the 5 states with the lowest child poverty



Race & Ethnicity: Head Start

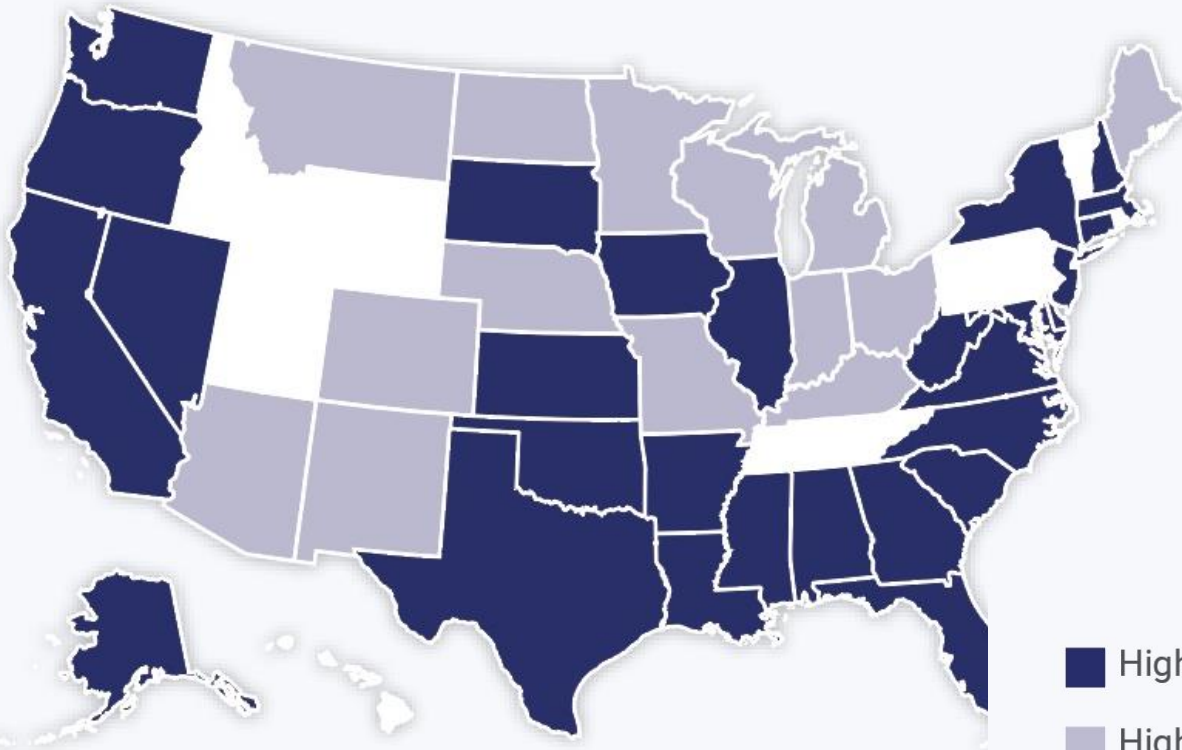


Head Start enrollment for Hispanic & Non-Hispanic children





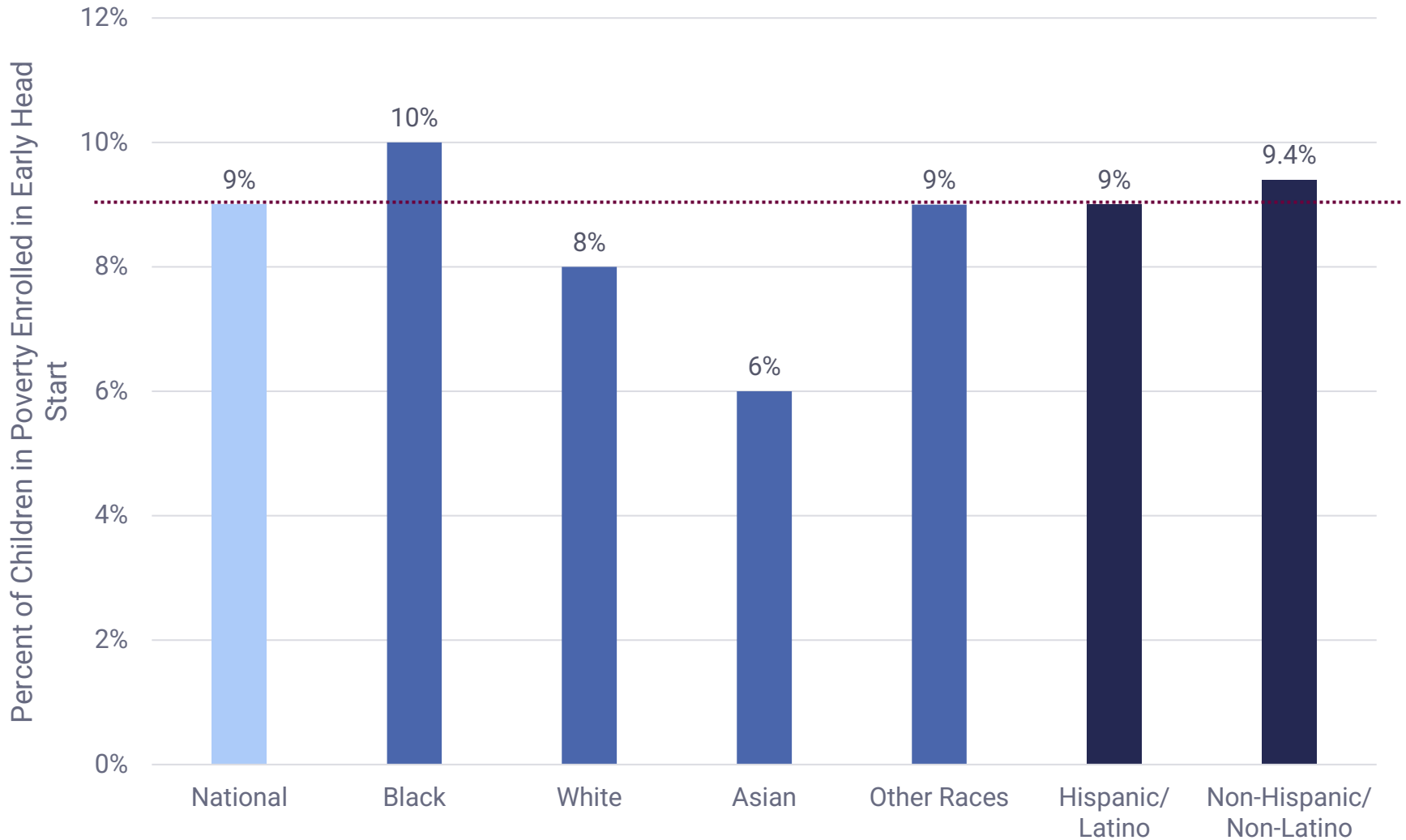
Head Start enrollment for Black & White children



- Higher Percentage of Black
- Higher Percentage of White
- No Difference

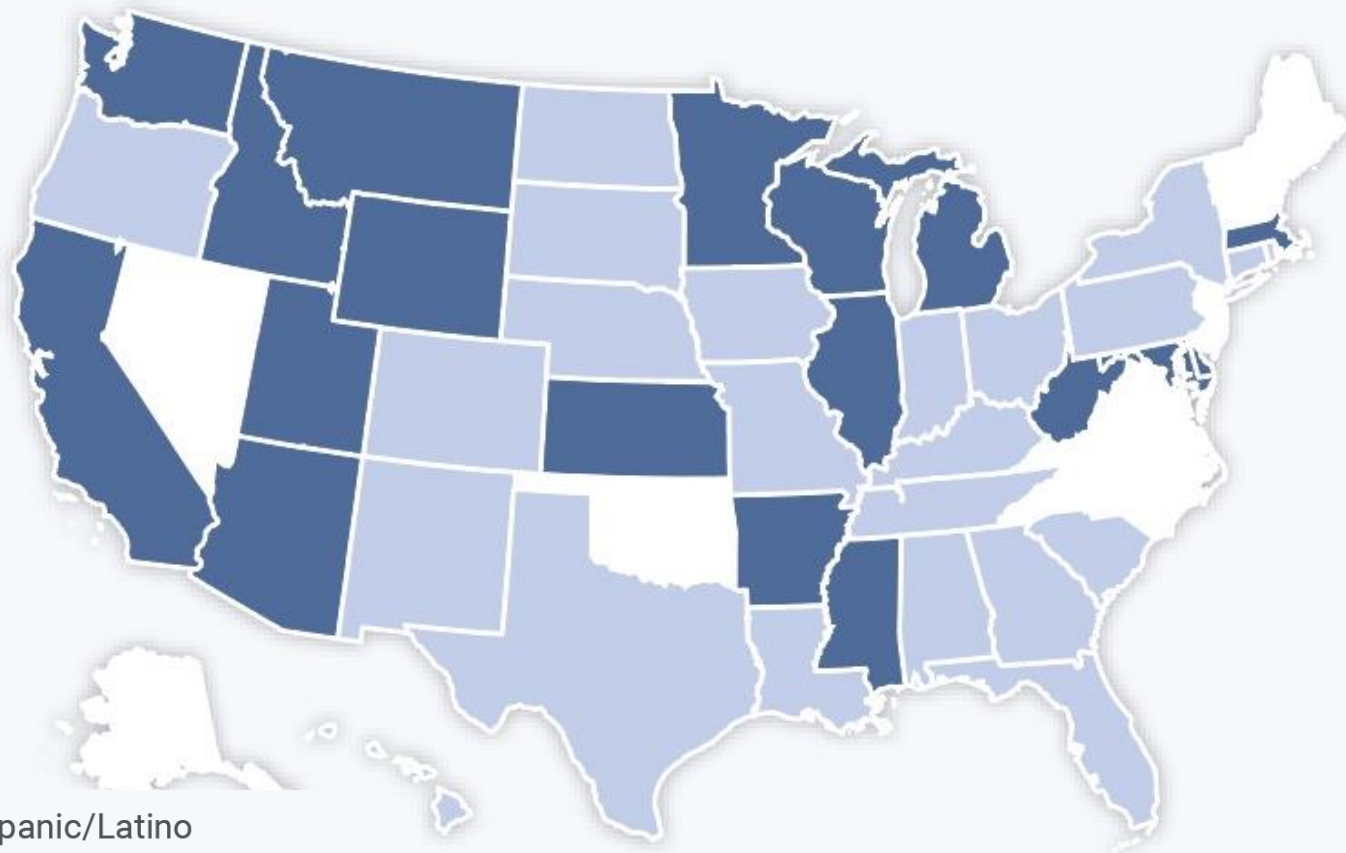





Race & Ethnicity: Early Head Start



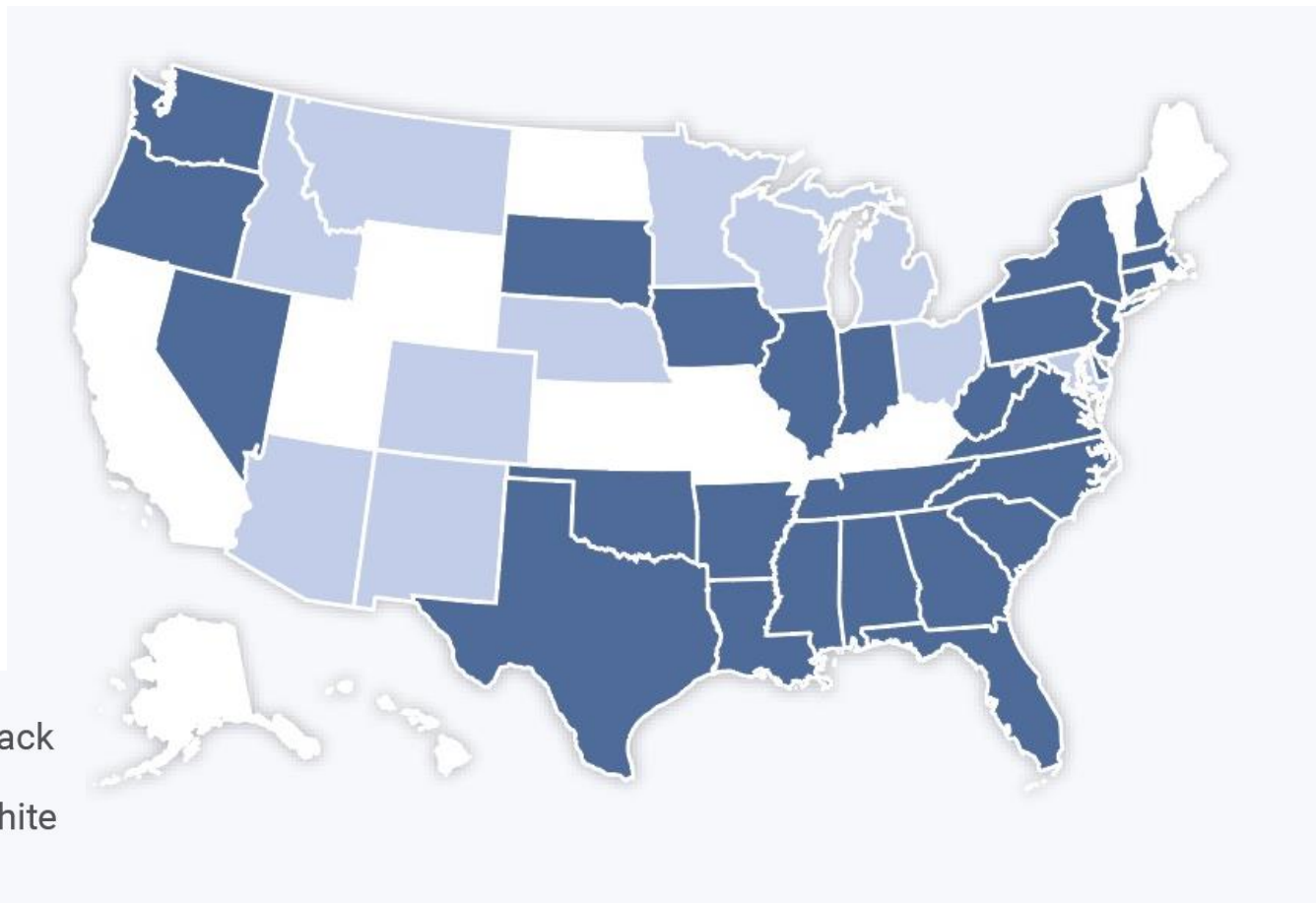


Early Head Start enrollment for Hispanic & Non-Hispanic children



-  Higher Percentage of Hispanic/Latino
-  Higher Percentage of Non-Hispanic/Latino
-  No Difference

Early Head Start enrollment for Black & White children



- Higher Percentage of Black
- Higher Percentage of White
- No Difference



Race & Ethnicity: Funding

- **Head Start** funding per child is **lower** in states with:
 - Higher % of Black children in Head Start
 - Higher % of Black children in the state
 - Higher % of teachers who are Black
- Head Start funding per child is **\$3,204 lower** in the 5 states with the highest % of black children than in the 5 states with the lowest



State Variation: Funding

Difference between the highest
and lowest states for

**\$6,995/
child**

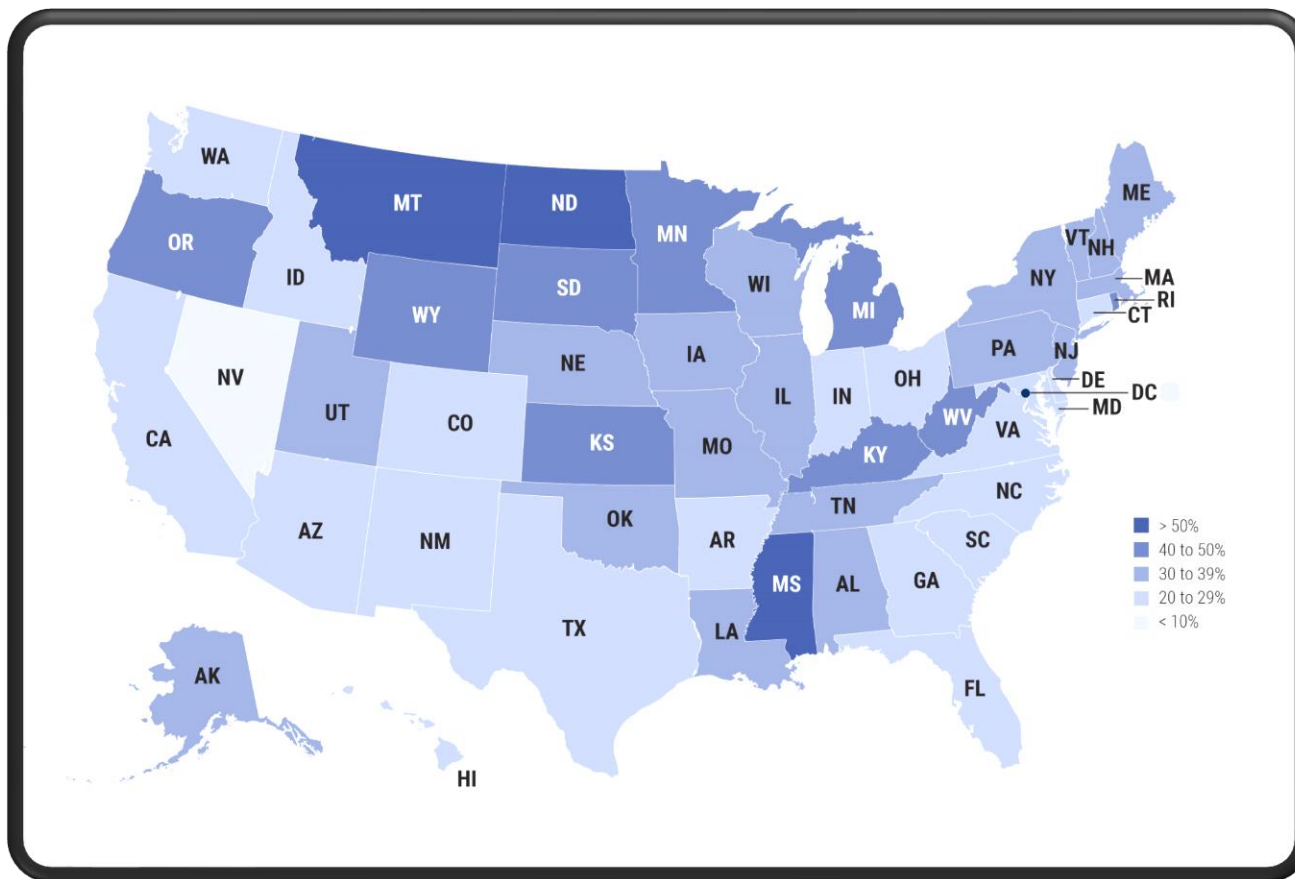
for Head Start

Difference between the highest
and lowest states for

**\$7,685/
child**

for Early Head Start

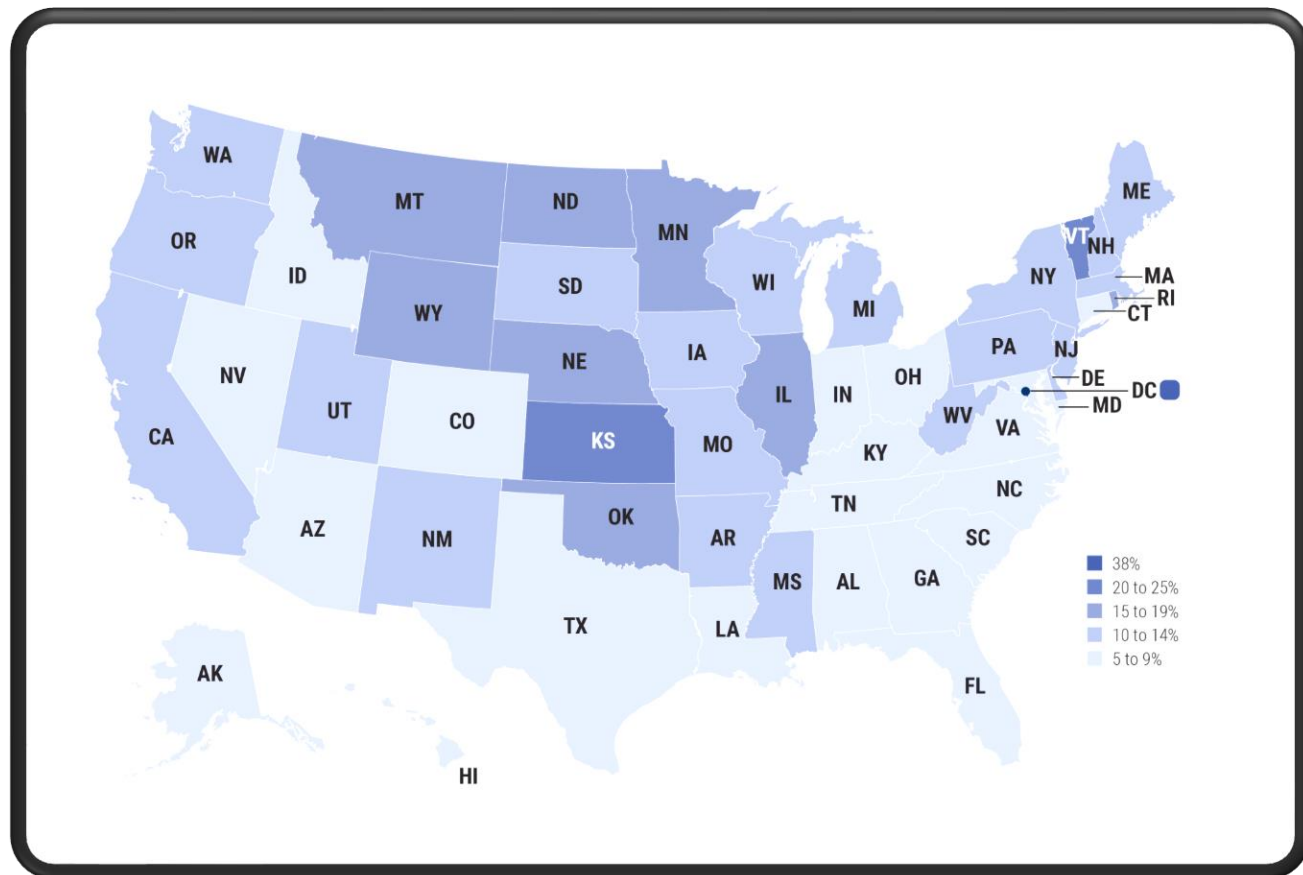
State Variation: Head Start Enrollment



Difference between highest & lowest states for enrollment of children in poverty is **50 percentage points**

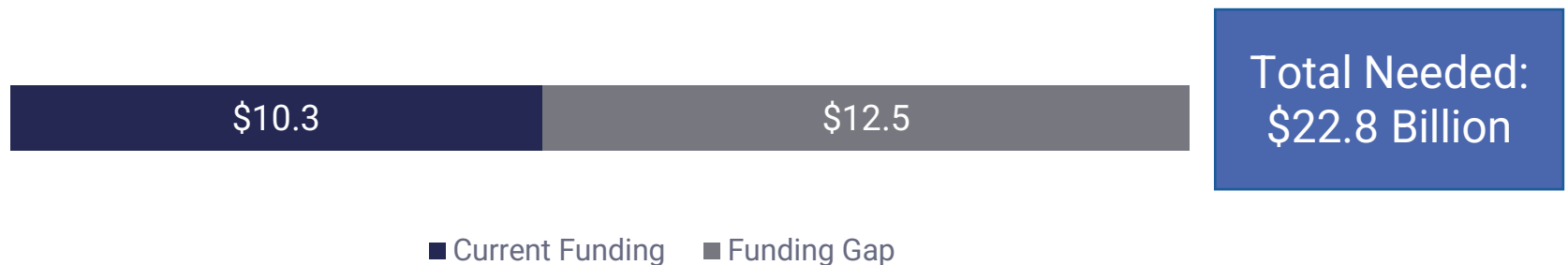
State Variation: Early Head Start Enrollment

Difference between highest & lowest states for enrollment of children in poverty is **33 percentage points**



Policy Recommendations

- Increase funding for Head Start and Early Head Start to bring all states up enrollment levels of the top five states
- \$10 Billion more (\$2.5 Billion over 4 years)
- Additional \$2.5 B annually (based on current enrollment) to increase teacher salaries



New Website coming soon!

- NIEER's new website should be launched next month
- New look, improved navigation
- New State of Preschool page
- New interactive data explorer
 - Generate your own charts
 - Download datasets

Thank you!

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