



# Racial Disparities of Youth in Multnomah County

RRIs (Relative Rate Index) and Counts

**5,994** Black Youth Population in 2015

 = 100 youths

## Path in the Criminal Justice System

### Decision Point 1

#### Refer to Juvenile Court

Black youth are 4.65\* times more likely to be referred.

## Today's Numbers Black Youth



891 youths

## What would equity look like?



192 youths

### Decision Point 2

#### Cases Diverted

Black youth are 0.88 times less likely to have their case diverted out of the criminal justice system.



671 youths



763 youths

### Decision Point 3

#### Cases Involving Secure Detention

Black youth are 1.67 times more likely to have their case involve Secure Detention.



281 youths



169 youths

### Decision Point 4

#### Cases Petitioned (Charges Filed)

Black youth are 1.48 times more likely to have charges filed.



227 youths



153 youths

\*See other side for RRI Definition

Data Source: OYA Reports Database 00471

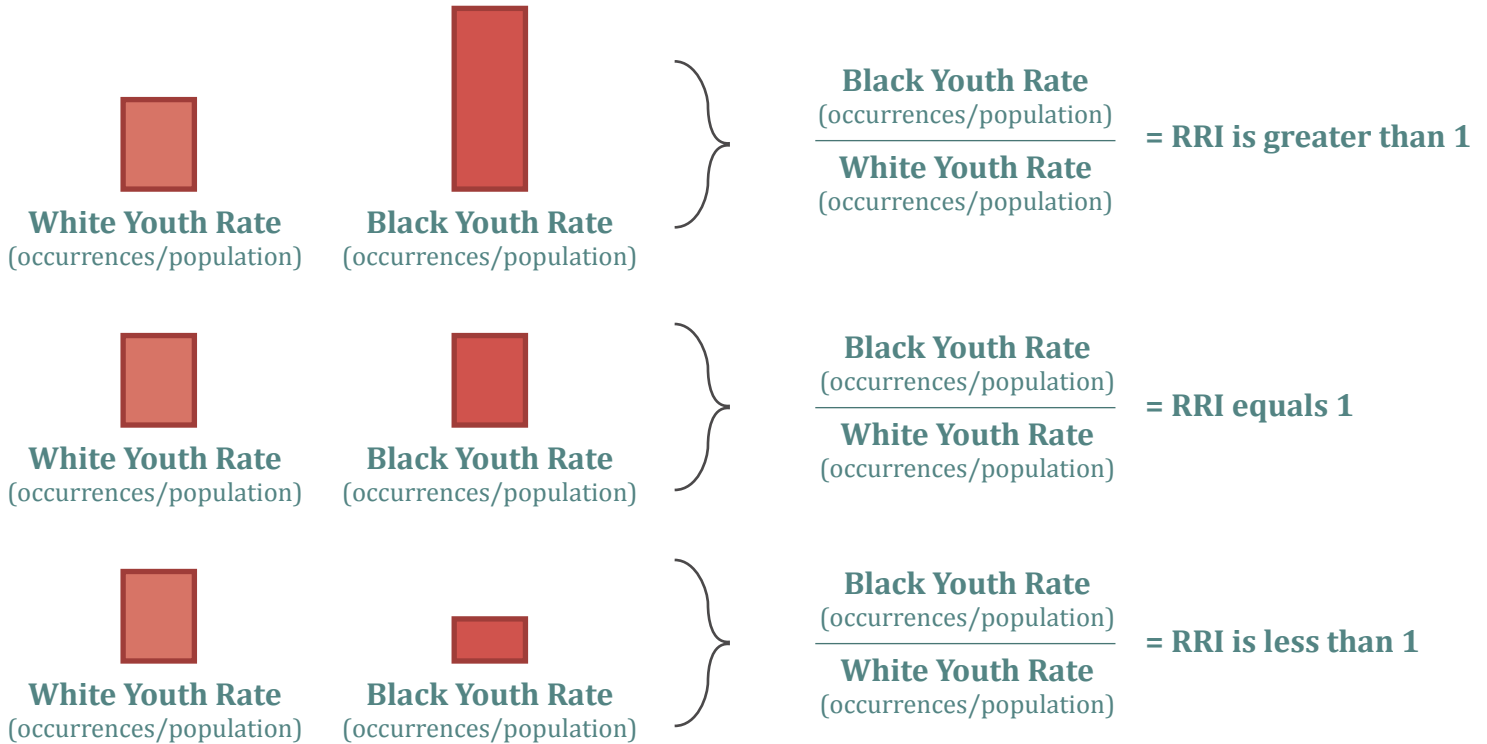
Disclaimer: RRIs document disparities but additional exploration is needed to determine the source of the differences.

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# What is an RRI?

The Relative Rate Index (RRI) is a helpful way to compare the experiences of different groups of youth within the juvenile justice system. Whenever groups are treated equally – both will have an RRI equal to “1.” This is true even when one group of youth is larger than the other group of youth. When the RRI is not equal to “1,” one group of youth is receiving different treatment relative to the other.



## A Look at the 2015 Population Statistics in Multnomah County

		White Youth Counts	Black Youth Counts	RRI
	<b>Youth Population</b> (ages 10 through 17)	<b>37,780</b>	<b>5,994</b>	-
Decision Point 1	<b>Refer to Juvenile Court</b> Police	1,209	891	4.65
Decision Point 2	<b>Cases Diverted</b> Juvenile Services & District Attorney	1,035	671	0.88
Decision Point 3	<b>Cases Involving Secure Detention</b> Includes Measure 11 Juvenile Services & Judges	229	281	1.67
Decision Point 4	<b>Cases Petitioned (Charges Filed)</b> District Attorney	208	227	1.48