



Black and White: Black Children Compared to White Children

Black children are poorer.

- Three times as likely to be poor
- Nearly four times as likely to live in extreme poverty
- Seven times more likely to be persistently poor

Black children are less likely to live in traditional two parent families.

- More than twice as likely to be born to a teen mother
- More than twice as likely to live with neither parent
- Almost three times as likely to live with their mother only
- Four times as likely to be placed in foster care
- More than seven times as likely as to have a parent in prison

Black children are in poorer health.

- More than one and a half times more likely to be uninsured
- Almost twice as likely to be born at low birthweight
- More than twice as likely to die before their first birthday

Black children are behind in school.

- Half as likely to be placed in a gifted and talented class
- More than one and a half times as likely to be placed in a class for students with emotional disturbances
- Almost twice as likely to be placed in a class for students with mental retardation
- Two and a half times as likely to be held back or retained in school
- Almost three times as likely to be suspended from school
- More than four times as likely to be expelled

Black children are more at risk of arrest, incarceration and gun death.

- More than twice as likely to be arrested
- As likely to use drugs but twice as likely to be arrested for drug offenses and more than five times as likely to be in secure residential placements for these offenses
- More than four times as likely to be detained in a juvenile correctional facility
- More than five times as likely to be arrested for a violent crime (at ages 10-17)
- More than five times as likely to be killed by a firearm
- Black males born in 2001 are more than five times as likely as White males born that year to be incarcerated some time during their lifetime.

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