Black Disparity Rate: Unique Children in CPS Reports CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Black children in CPS reports per 1000 Black children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] = 2.17

Size Group Comparison

Category	Rank	District	Value	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No or Little Disparity	1	Cattaraugus	0.4		Catt		
	2	St. Lawrence	0.5		StLa		
	3	Otsego	0.6				Otse
	4	Franklin	0.7			Fran	
	5	Warren	0.7			Warr	
	6	Cortland	0.8			Cort	
	7	Chenango	0.8			Chen	
	8	Jefferson	0.8		Jeff		
	9	Clinton	0.9			Clin	
	10	Steuben	0.9		Steu		
	11	Fulton	0.9			Fult	
	12	Montgomery	0.9			Mont	
	13	Oswego	1.0		Oswe		
	14	Chautauqua	1.2		Chau		
	15	Washington	1.2			Wash	
	16	Greene	1.2				Gree
	17	Orleans	1.2				Orle
	18	Herkimer	1.3			Herk	
	19	Putnam	1.3				Putn
	20	Ulster	1.3		Ulst		
	21	Chemung	1.3		Chem		
	22	Delaware	1.3				Dela
	23	Schoharie	1.3				Scho
	24	Saratoga	1.3		Sara		
	25	Lewis	1.4				Lewis
	26	Seneca	1.4				Sene
	27	Wayne	1.5			Wayn	
	28	Sullivan	1.5			Sull	
	29	Livingston	1.5				Livin
	30	Tioga	1.5				Tioga
Moderate Disparity	31	Madison	1.6			Madi	
	32	Columbia	1.7			Colu	
	33	Cayuga	1.8			Cayu	
	34	Tompkins	2.0			Tomp	
	35	Broome	2.1		Broo		
	36	Niagara	2.1		Niag		
	37	Ontario	2.2			Onta	
	38	Oneida	2.2	Onei			
	39	Rensselaer	2.3		Rens		
	40	Onondaga	2.4	Onon			
High Disparity	41	Dutchess	2.6		Dutc		
	42	Genesee	2.7			Gene	
	43	Orange	2.7	Oran			
	44	Schenectady	2.7		Sche		
	45	Albany	3.2	Alba			
	46	Erie	3.2	Erie			
Extreme Disparity	47	Suffolk	3.6	Suff			
	48	Monroe	3.8	Monr			
	49	Nassau	4.4	Nass			
	50	Rockland	5.1		Rock		
	51	Westchester	6.0	West			
	52	New York City	6.3	NYC			

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Black Disparity Rate: Unique Children in CPS Indicated Reports CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Black children named as confirmed victims in CPS indicated reports per 1000 Black children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] = 2.58

Size Group Comparison

Rank	District	Disparity	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
	No or Little Disparity					
1	Cattaraugus	0.6		Catt		
2	Saratoga	0.8		Sara		
3	Orleans	0.8				Orle
4	Columbia	0.8			Colu	
5	Oswego	0.9		Oswe		
6	Jefferson	0.9		Jeff		
7	Chenango	1.0			Chen	
8	Delaware	1.1				Dela
9	Steuben	1.1		Steu		
10	Washington	1.2			Wash	
11	Sullivan	1.2			Sull	
12	Greene	1.3				Gree
13	Herkimer	1.3			Herk	
14	Ulster	1.3		Ulst		
15	Cayuga	1.4			Cayu	
16	Montgomery	1.4			Mont	
17	Clinton	1.4			Clin	
18	Ontario	1.5			Onta	
19	Chautauqua	1.5		Chau		
20	Chemung	1.5		Chem		
	Moderate Disparity					
21	Fulton	1.6			Fult	
22	Warren	1.7			Warr	
23	Wayne	1.8			Wayn	
24	Broome	2.0		Broo		
25	Niagara	2.1		Niag		
26	Madison	2.1			Madi	
27	Orange	2.3	Oran			
28	Rensselaer	2.3		Rens		
29	Tompkins	2.3			Tomp	
30	Oneida	2.4	Onei			
31	Seneca	2.5				Sene
	High Disparity					
32	Onondaga	2.6	Onon			
33	Livingston	2.6				Livin
34	Tioga	2.9				Tioga
35	Dutchess	3.0		Dutc		
36	Schenectady	3.2		Sche		
37	Erie	3.3	Erie			
	Extreme Disparity					
38	Suffolk	3.6	Suff			
39	Albany	3.9	Alba			
40	Genesee	4.3			Gene	
41	Monroe	4.5	Monr			
42	St. Lawrence	4.8		StLa		
43	Nassau	4.9	Nass			
44	New York City	7.6	NYC			
45	Westchester	8.0	West			

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Black Disparity Rate: Unique Children Admitted in CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Black children admitted to foster care per 1000 Black children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] =   **4.85**

Size Group Comparison

Disparity Category	Rank	District	Value	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No or Little Disparity	1	Rensselaer	1.4		Rens		
High Disparity	2	Chautauqua	2.7		Chau		
	3	Jefferson	3.3		Jeff		
	4	Cayuga	3.4			Cayu	
Extreme Disparity	5	Ulster	4.2		Ulst		
	6	Tompkins	4.4			Tomp	
	7	Orange	4.4	Oran			
	8	Chemung	4.7		Chem		
	9	Dutchess	4.7		Dutc		
	10	Orleans	5.9				Orle
	11	Albany	5.9	Alba			
	12	Montgomery	6.1			Mont	
	13	Broome	6.1		Broo		
	14	Erie	6.2	Erie			
	15	Niagara	6.5		Niag		
	16	Schenectady	6.6		Sche		
	17	Herkimer	6.7			Herk	
	18	Onondaga	6.8	Onon			
	19	Oneida	6.9	Onei			
	20	Nassau	7.1	Nass			
	21	Ontario	7.6			Onta	
	22	Columbia	7.7			Colu	
	23	Suffolk	8.2	Suff			
	24	Washington	9.7			Wash	
	25	Monroe	9.9	Monr			
	26	New York City	10.0	NYC			
	27	Wayne	11.6			Wayn	
	28	Rockland	13.2		Rock		
	29	Genesee	13.5			Gene	
	30	Westchester	34.1	West			

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Black Disparity Rate: Unique Children in Care CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Black children in foster care per 1000 Black children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] = 6.03

Size Group Comparison

Disparity Level	Rank	District	Value	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Moderate Disparity	1	Sullivan	1.9			Sull	
	2	Rensselaer	2.1		Rens		
High Disparity	3	St. Lawrence	2.6		StLa		
	4	Steuben	3.1		Steu		
	5	Greene	3.1				Gree
	6	Columbia	3.5			Colu	
Extreme Disparity	7	Tompkins	3.6			Tomp	
	8	Ulster	3.9		Ulst		
	9	Broome	4.0		Broo		
	10	Jefferson	4.1		Jeff		
	11	Chautauqua	4.1		Chau		
	12	Orleans	4.3				Orle
	13	Wayne	4.4			Wayn	
	14	Cattaraugus	4.4		Catt		
	15	Saratoga	4.4		Sara		
	16	Clinton	4.7			Clin	
	17	Schenectady	4.7		Sche		
	18	Onondaga	4.7	Onon			
	19	Orange	4.9	Oran			
	20	Montgomery	5.0			Mont	
	21	Dutchess	5.6		Dutc		
	22	Niagara	5.6		Niag		
	23	Albany	5.6	Alba			
	24	Erie	5.9	Erie			
	25	Chemung	5.9		Chem		
	26	Ontario	6.1			Onta	
	27	Rockland	6.3		Rock		
	28	Herkimer	7.1			Herk	
	29	Cayuga	7.5			Cayu	
	30	Washington	8.0			Wash	
	31	Suffolk	8.1	Suff			
	32	Genesee	8.5			Gene	
	33	Oneida	9.4	Onei			
	34	Monroe	10.0	Monr			
	35	New York City	11.5	NYC			
	36	Nassau	16.6	Nass			
	37	Westchester	42.1	West			

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Hispanic Disparity Rate: Unique Children in CPS Reports CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Hispanic children in CPS reports per 1000 Hispanic children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio[1] = 1.38

Size Group Comparison

Category	Rank	District	Value	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No to Little Disparity	1	Essex	0.4				Esse
	2	St. Lawrence	0.4		StLa		
	3	Cayuga	0.6			Cayu	
	4	Oswego	0.6		Oswe		
	5	Jefferson	0.6		Jeff		
	6	Allegany	0.6				Alle
	7	Chenango	0.6			Chen	
	8	Columbia	0.7			Colu	
	9	Steuben	0.7		Steu		
	10	Saratoga	0.7		Sara		
	11	Madison	0.7			Madi	
	12	Otsego	0.8				Otse
	13	Cattaraugus	0.9		Catt		
	14	Wyoming	0.9				Wyom
	15	Tioga	0.9				Tioga
	16	Ulster	1.0		Ulst		
	17	Delaware	1.0				Dela
	18	Sullivan	1.0			Sull	
	19	Seneca	1.0				Sene
	20	Warren	1.0			Warr	
	21	Washington	1.0			Wash	
	22	Fulton	1.1			Fult	
	23	Montgomery	1.1			Mont	
	24	Tompkins	1.1			Tomp	
	25	Franklin	1.2			Fran	
	26	Niagara	1.2		Niag		
	27	Wayne	1.2			Wayn	
	28	Chemung	1.2		Chem		
	29	Livingston	1.3				Livin
	30	Greene	1.3				Gree
	31	Ontario	1.3			Onta	
	32	Schoharie	1.3				Scho
	33	Clinton	1.3			Clin	
	34	Herkimer	1.3			Herk	
	35	Chautauqua	1.4		Chau		
	36	Orleans	1.4				Orle
	37	Rensselaer	1.4		Rens		
	38	Schuyler	1.4				Schu
	39	Yates	1.5				Yates
	40	Broome	1.5		Broo		
	41	Dutchess	1.5		Dutc		
	42	Cortland	1.5			Cort	
	43	Putnam	1.5				Putn
Moderate Disparity	44	Onondaga	1.6	Onon			
	45	Oneida	1.6	Onei			
	46	Genesee	1.7			Gene	
	47	Orange	1.7	Oran			
	48	Suffolk	1.8	Suff			
	49	Albany	1.9	Alba			
	50	Schenectady	2.1		Sche		
	51	Erie	2.5	Erie			
High Disparity	52	Monroe	2.8	Monr			
	53	Nassau	2.8	Nass			
Extreme Disparity	54	Westchester	3.6	West			
	55	Rockland	4.4		Rock		
	56	New York City	4.6	NYC			

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Hispanic Disparity Rate: Unique Children in CPS Indicated Reports CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Hispanic children named as confirmed victims in CPS indicated reports per 1000 Hispanic children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] = 1.62

Size Group Comparison

Rank	District	Value	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No to Little Disparity						
1	Saratoga	0.4		Sara		
2	Chenango	0.6			Chen	
3	Oswego	0.6		Oswe		
4	Washington	0.6			Wash	
5	Jefferson	0.8		Jeff		
6	Herkimer	0.8			Herk	
7	Cortland	0.9			Cort	
8	Niagara	1.0		Niag		
9	Steuben	1.1		Steu		
10	Greene	1.1				Gree
11	Seneca	1.1				Sene
12	Montgomery	1.2			Mont	
13	Sullivan	1.2			Sull	
14	Ulster	1.2		Ulst		
15	Fulton	1.2			Fult	
16	Columbia	1.2			Colu	
17	Madison	1.3			Madi	
18	Broome	1.3		Broo		
19	Cattaraugus	1.3		Catt		
20	Ontario	1.3			Onta	
21	Franklin	1.3			Fran	
22	Wayne	1.4			Wayn	
23	Otsego	1.4				Otse
24	Tompkins	1.4			Tomp	
25	Putnam	1.4				Putn
26	Wyoming	1.4				Wyom
27	Chautauqua	1.4		Chau		
28	Delaware	1.5				Dela
Moderate Disparity						
29	Chemung	1.6		Chem		
30	Rensselaer	1.6		Rens		
31	Livingston	1.7				Livin
32	Clinton	1.7			Clin	
33	Orange	1.7	Oran			
34	Onondaga	1.8	Onon			
35	Suffolk	2.0	Suff			
36	Yates	2.0				Yates
37	Genesee	2.0			Gene	
38	Dutchess	2.0		Dutc		
39	Oneida	2.2	Onei			
40	Warren	2.2			Warr	
41	Orleans	2.3				Orle
42	Albany	2.5	Alba			
43	Schenectady	2.5		Sche		
High Disparity						
44	Tioga	2.7				Tioga
45	Erie	2.7	Erie			
46	Monroe	2.8	Monr			
47	Schuyler	2.8				Schu
48	Nassau	3.0	Nass			
Extreme Disparity						
49	Westchester	4.8	West			
50	New York City	5.2	NYC			
51	St. Lawrence	6.8		StLa		

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Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Hispanic children admitted to foster care per 1000 Hispanic children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] =   1.74

Size Group Comparison

	Rank	District	Disparity	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No to Little Disparity	1	Ulster	0.7		Ulst		
	2	Broome	1.5		Broo		
Moderate Disparity	3	Schenectady	2.0		Sche		
	4	Tompkins	2.0			Tomp	
	5	Suffolk	2.0	Suff			
	6	Dutchess	2.1		Dutc		
	7	Montgomery	2.2			Mont	
	8	Orange	2.2	Oran			
High Disparity	9	Chautauqua	2.6		Chau		
	10	Oneida	2.7	Onei			
	11	Onondaga	2.7	Onon			
	12	Sullivan	3.0			Sull	
	13	Ontario	3.1			Onta	
	14	Monroe	3.5	Monr			
Extreme Disparity	15	Albany	3.6	Alba			
	16	Erie	3.6	Erie			
	17	Rockland	3.7		Rock		
	18	New York City	4.0	NYC			
	19	Nassau	4.3	Nass			
	20	Oswego	4.6		Oswe		
	21	Westchester	8.5	West			

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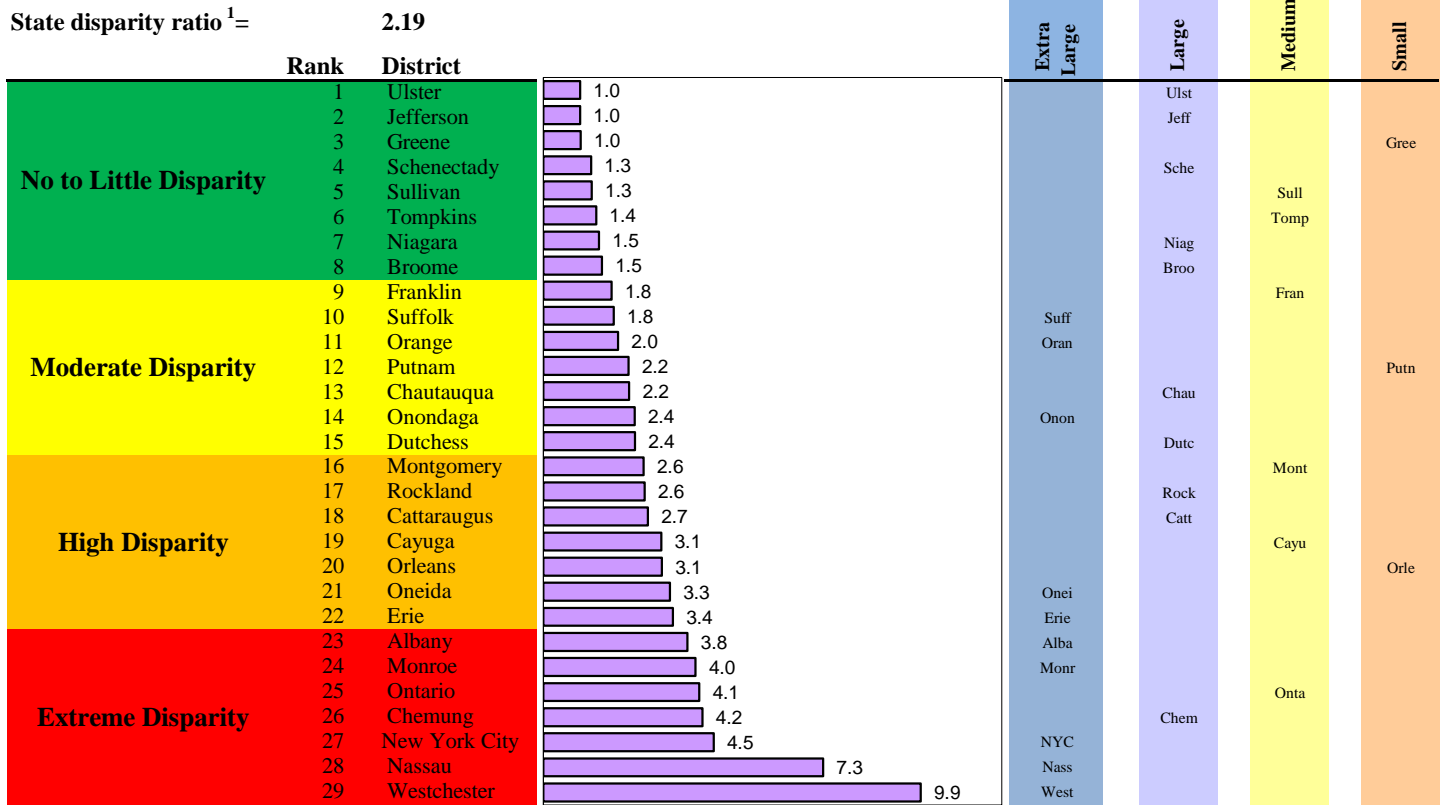
Hispanic Disparity Rate: Unique Children in Care CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Hispanic children in foster care per 1000 Hispanic children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] = 2.19

Size Group Comparison

Disparity Level	Rank	District	Ratio	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No to Little Disparity	1	Ulster	1.0		Ulst		
	2	Jefferson	1.0		Jeff		
	3	Greene	1.0				Gree
	4	Schenectady	1.3		Sche		
	5	Sullivan	1.3			Sull	
	6	Tompkins	1.4			Tomp	
	7	Niagara	1.5		Niag		
	8	Broome	1.5		Broo		
Moderate Disparity	9	Franklin	1.8			Fran	
	10	Suffolk	1.8	Suff			
	11	Orange	2.0	Oran			
	12	Putnam	2.2				Putn
	13	Chautauqua	2.2		Chau		
	14	Onondaga	2.4	Onon			
	15	Dutchess	2.4		Dutc		
High Disparity	16	Montgomery	2.6			Mont	
	17	Rockland	2.6		Rock		
	18	Cattaraugus	2.7		Catt		
	19	Cayuga	3.1			Cayu	
	20	Orleans	3.1				Orle
	21	Oneida	3.3	Onei			
	22	Erie	3.4	Erie			
Extreme Disparity	23	Albany	3.8	Alba			
	24	Monroe	4.0	Monr			
	25	Ontario	4.1			Onta	
	26	Chemung	4.2		Chem		
	27	New York City	4.5	NYC			
	28	Nassau	7.3	Nass			
	29	Westchester	9.9	West			

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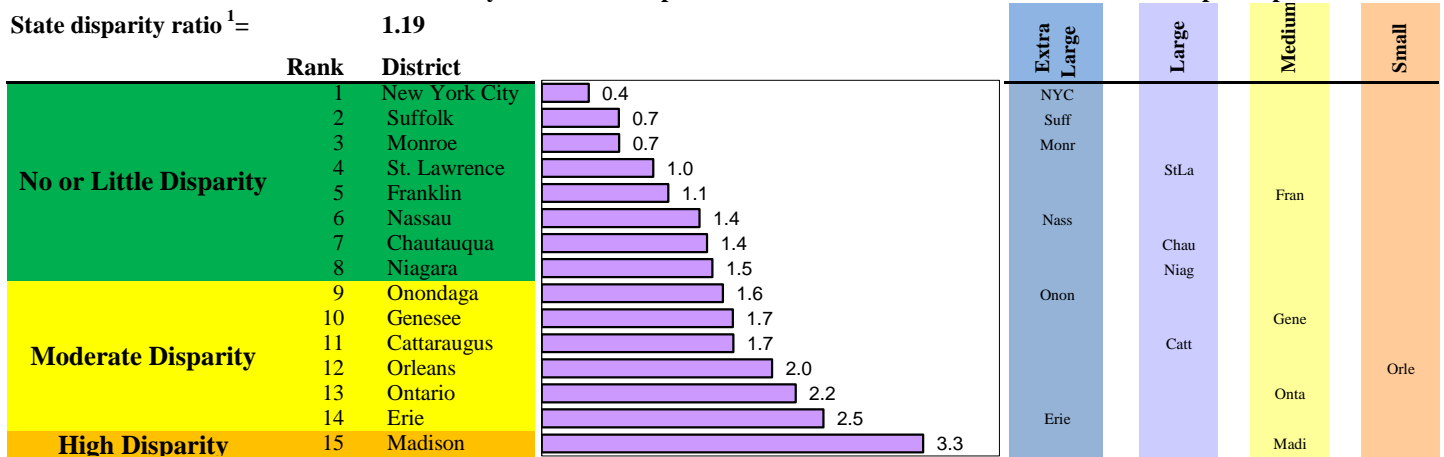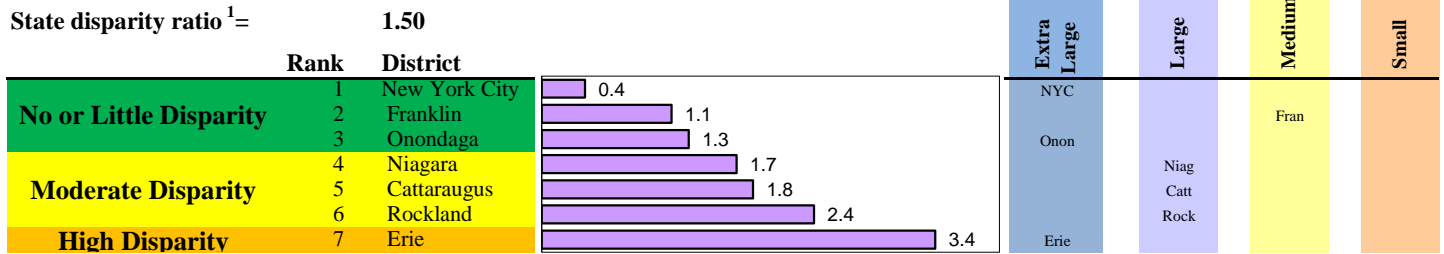
Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Native American children in CPS reports per 1000 Native American children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] = 1.19

Size Group Comparison

Disparity Category	Rank	District	Value	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No or Little Disparity	1	New York City	0.4	NYC			
	2	Suffolk	0.7	Suff			
	3	Monroe	0.7	Monr			
	4	St. Lawrence	1.0		StLa		
	5	Franklin	1.1			Fran	
	6	Nassau	1.4	Nass			
	7	Chautauqua	1.4		Chau		
	8	Niagara	1.5		Niag		
Moderate Disparity	9	Onondaga	1.6	Onon			
	10	Genesee	1.7			Gene	
	11	Cattaraugus	1.7		Catt		
	12	Orleans	2.0				Orle
	13	Ontario	2.2			Onta	
	14	Erie	2.5	Erie			
High Disparity	15	Madison	3.3			Madi	

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Native American Disparity Rate: Unique Children in CPS Indicated Reports CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Native American children named as confirmed victims in CPS indicated reports per 1000 Native American children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for white children

State disparity ratio [1] =   1.50

Size Group Comparison

	Rank	District	Disparity	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No or Little Disparity	1	New York City	0.4	NYC			
	2	Franklin	1.1			Fran	
	3	Onondaga	1.3	Onon			
Moderate Disparity	4	Niagara	1.7		Niag		
	5	Cattaraugus	1.8		Catt		
	6	Rockland	2.4		Rock		
High Disparity	7	Erie	3.4	Erie			

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[1] State disparity ratio is estimated using the total state numbers and the total includes numbers from counties not reported.

Native American Disparity Rate: Unique Children Admitted in CY 2016

Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Native American children admitted to foster care per 1000 Native American children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] = 1.00

Size Group Comparison

	Rank	District			Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Extreme Disparity	1	Onondaga		6.1	Onon			

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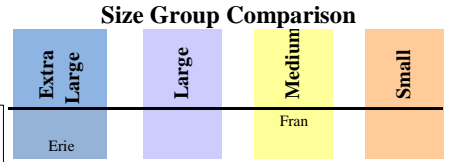
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Disparity index is ratio of rate of unique Native American children in foster care per 1000 Native American children under 18 in county relative to comparable rate for White children

State disparity ratio [1] =   **1.35**

Size Group Comparison

	Rank	District			Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
No or Little Disparity	1	Franklin		1.5			Fran	
Moderate Disparity	2	Erie		2.1	Erie			

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