

Child Welfare & Cultural Diversity

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African American Community

The 2000 US Census states that African American people make up 12.8 percent of the country's total population. They are the largest racial minority group in the United States.

In Minnesota, African Americans make up 4.6 percent of the population (2000 US Census). The majority of African Americans in the state reside in its urban and suburban areas.

Disproportionate representation of African American children in Minnesota's child welfare system is an ongoing concern. Along with Native American children, they have the highest rates of contact with child protection. African American children were 4 times more likely to be *reported* as abused or neglected than White children were ([MN Child Welfare Report 2008](#)).

National

- ❖ [Working with African American Families](#), Child Welfare Information Gateway
- ❖ [African American Children in Foster Care \(2007\)](#), GAO Report to Committee on Ways and Means
- ❖ [Stop! Hear a Child's Cry—African American Children and Domestic Violence: Prevention and Intervention \(2007\)](#), Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC)
- ❖ [True Dads Documentary](#), Center for Urban Families
- ❖ [Child Welfare System Involvement of African Americans: Jones County, Illinois](#)
- ❖ [Presentation by Dr. Carl C. Bell \(2007\)](#), Gamble-Skogmo Forum on Evidence-Based Practice and Cultural Competence
- ❖ [Cultural Competence, African Americans, & Domestic Violence \(audio webcast\)](#), IDVAAC
- ❖ [Disproportionate Representation of Ethnic or Racial Groups](#), Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
- ❖ [IDVAAC](#), University of Minnesota School of Social Work
- ❖ [African American Children: State Level Measures of Child Well-Being from the 2000 Census](#), KidsCount
- ❖ [Facts on the Black or African American Population](#), US Census Bureau
- ❖ [African American History](#), University of Washington

Minnesota

- ❖ [A Practice Guide for Working with African American Families in the Child Welfare System \(2008\)](#), MN DHS
- ❖ [African American Comparative Case Review Study Report \(2005\)](#), MN DHS
- ❖ [Study of Outcomes for African American Children in MN's Child Protection System \(2002\)](#)