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State of Texas Children

The Road to a Brighter Future



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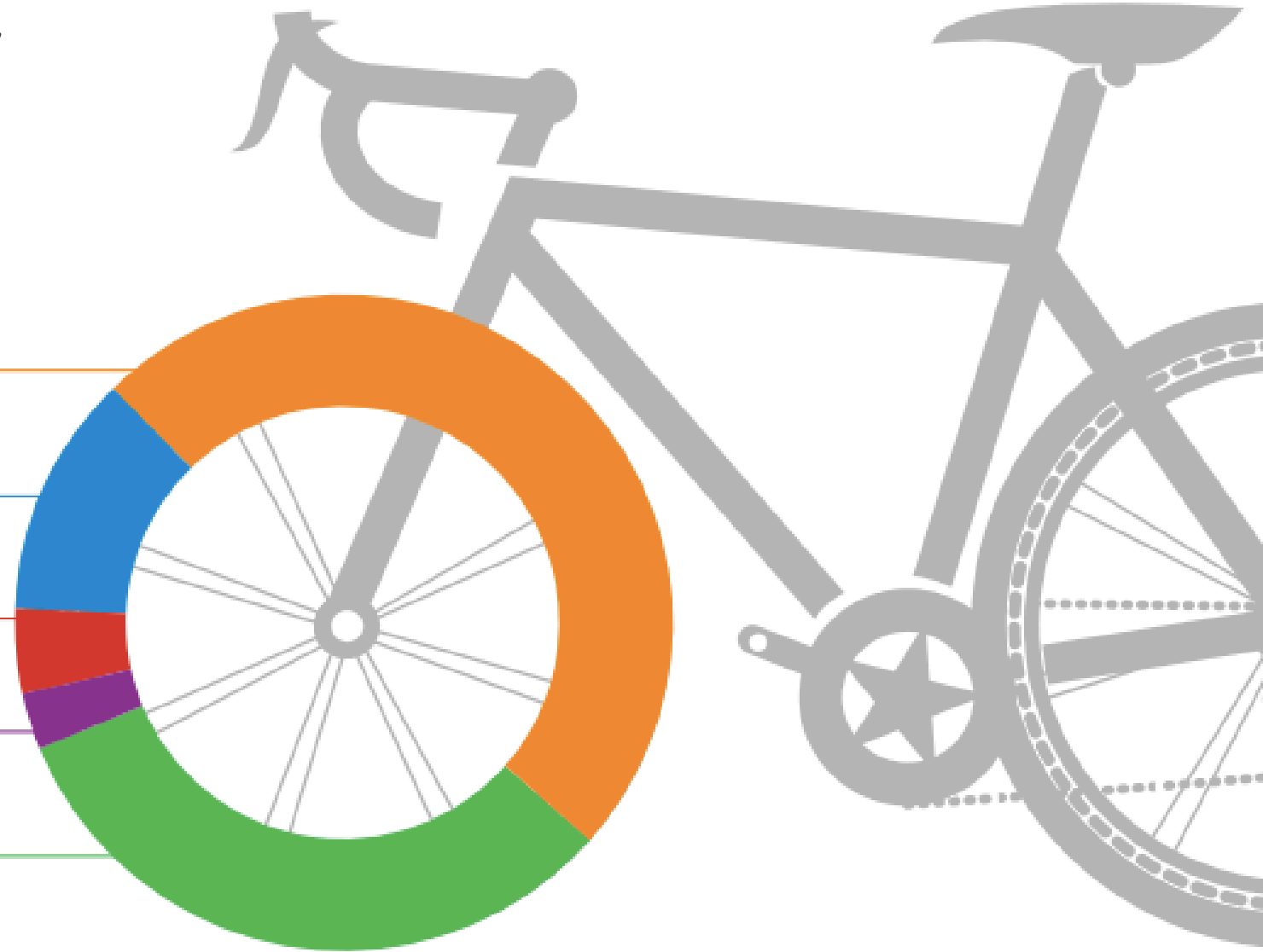
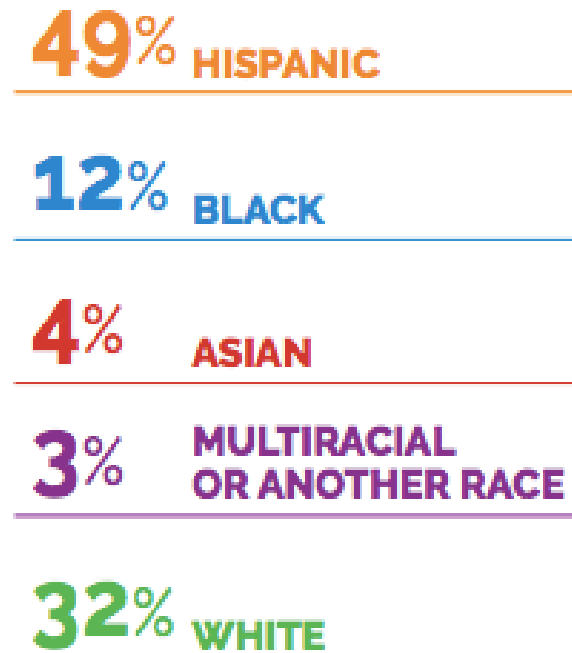
Smart policies
put Texas kids
in the fast lane.



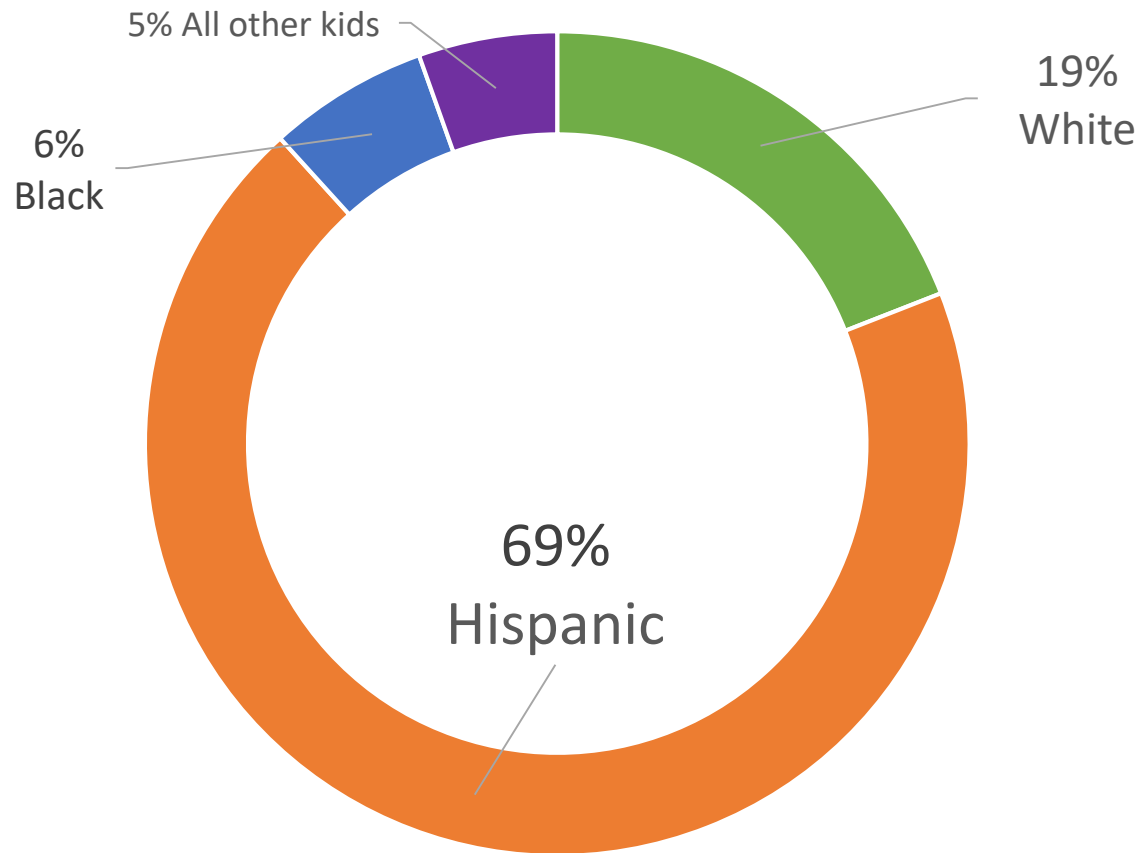


Every child should be healthy,
well-educated and financially
secure.

Texas is home to nearly
7.4 million kids



Who are Bexar County Kids?



- **2016:** 503,000 kids
- **2050:** 594,000 kids *(projected)*
- One in three has a non-citizen parent

The 2020 Census will affect:



Our Voice



**Our Quality
of Life**



**Our
Businesses**

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The 2020 Census

30% of kids
under age 5 are at
high risk of being **missed**
in the 2020 Census.



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Undercounting Texas' kids could mean billions less over the next decade for:

- Education
- School lunches
- Head Start
- Medicaid
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, also known as food stamps)
- The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- And other critical supports for kids

Policy Recommendations for supporting the success of every Texas kid

- Consider race equity when crafting policies.
- Promote a fair and accurate 2020 Census.



Family Economic Security



ECONOMIC STABILITY IS OUT OF REACH
FOR TOO MANY TEXAS FAMILIES

1.5+ Million

Texas kids live in poverty

108,000

Bexar County kids live in poverty

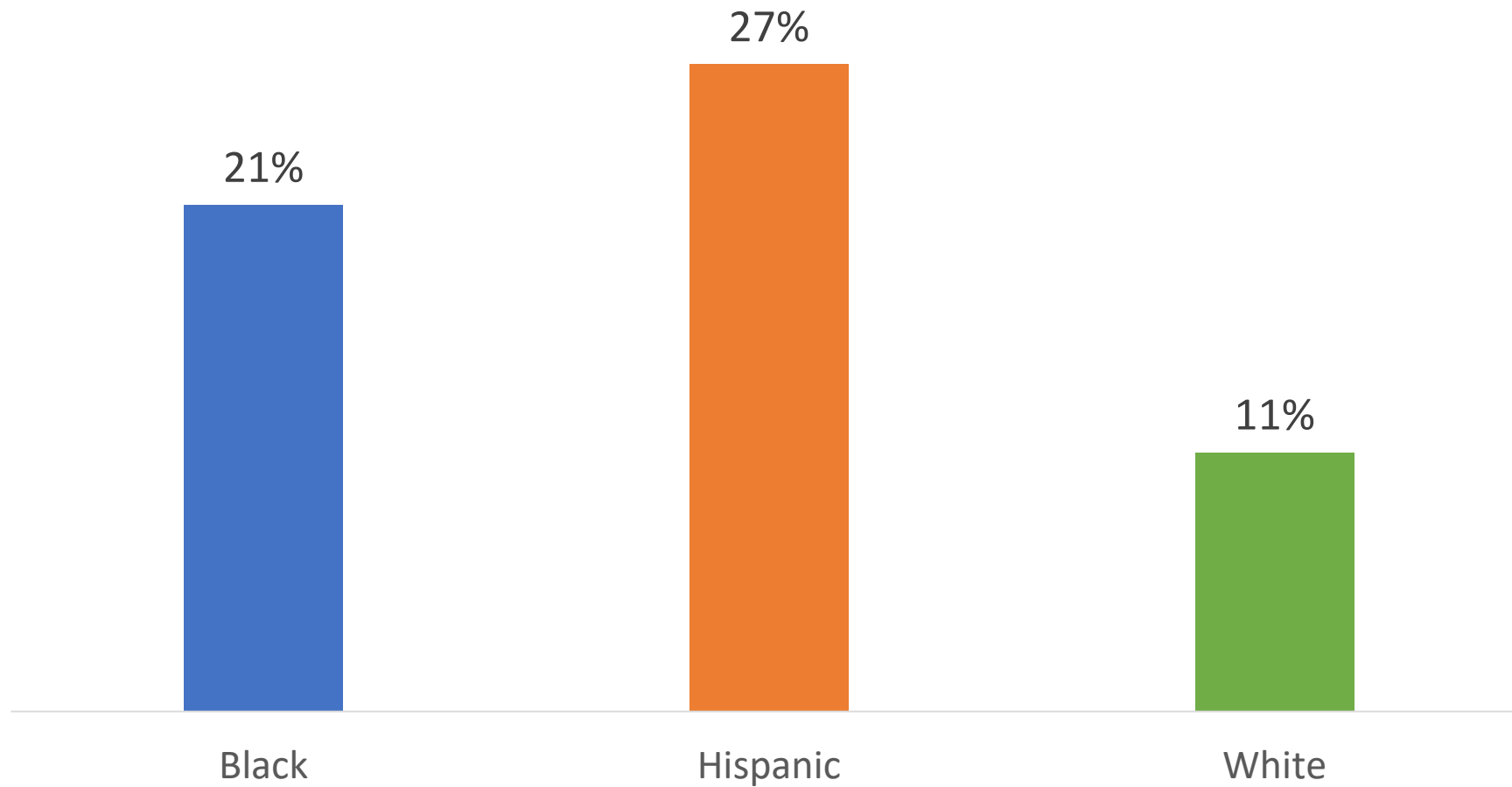
1 in 5

Bexar County kids live in poverty.

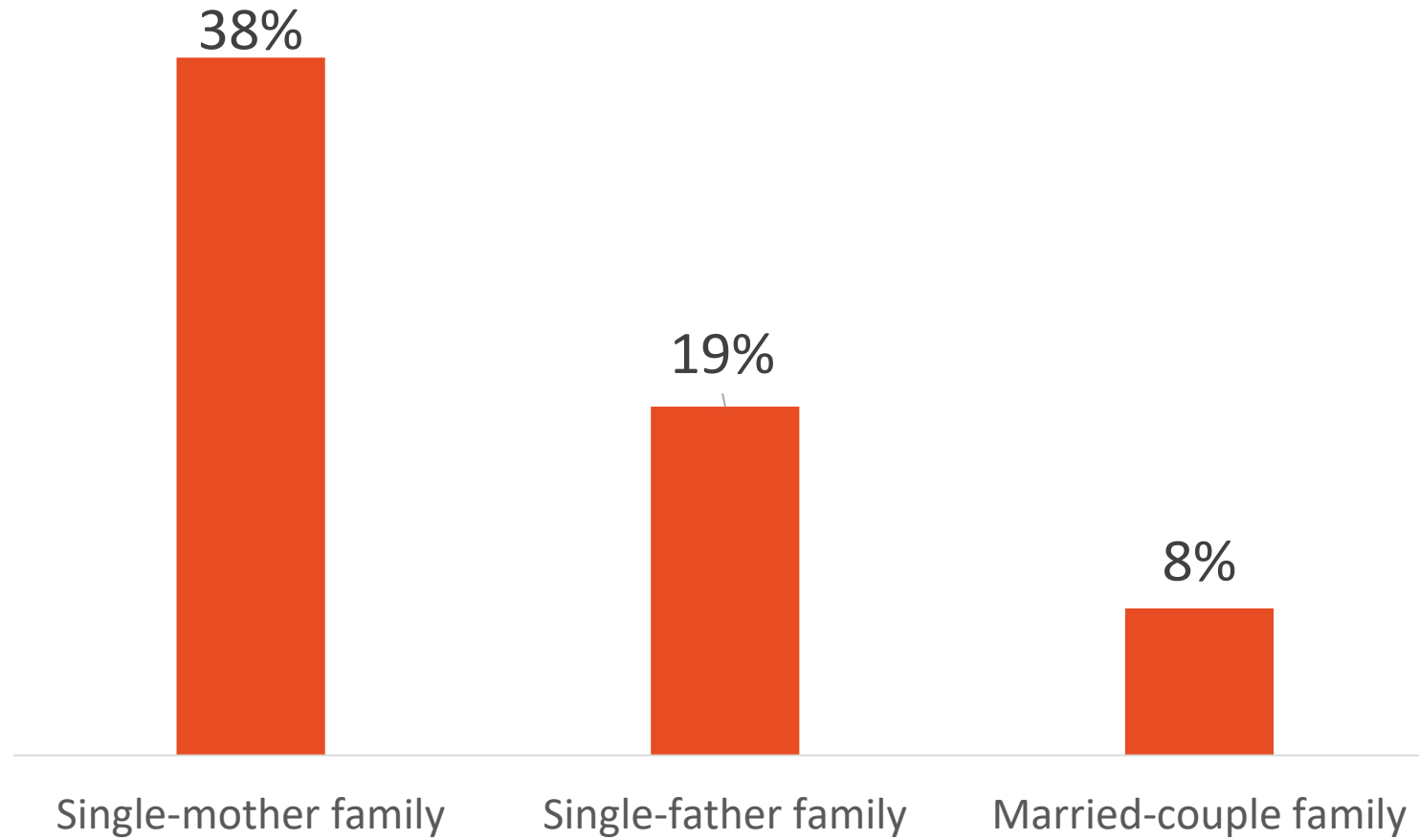


(That's too many.)

Black and Hispanic kids are more likely to live in poverty than White children in Bexar County



Single-mother families twice as likely to live in poverty as single-father families in Texas



Family Economic Security Policy Recommendations

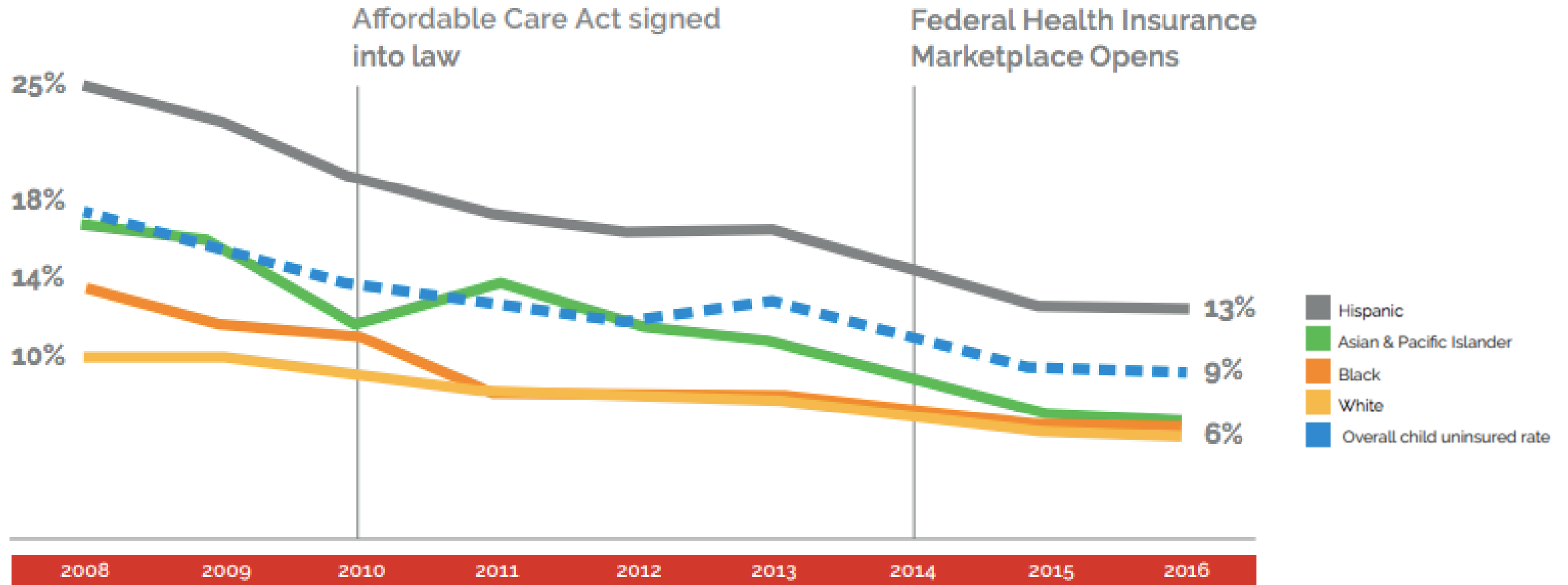
- **Ensure sufficient wages and benefits for workers to meet their family's needs.**
- **Lift families out of poverty.**

Health and Safety

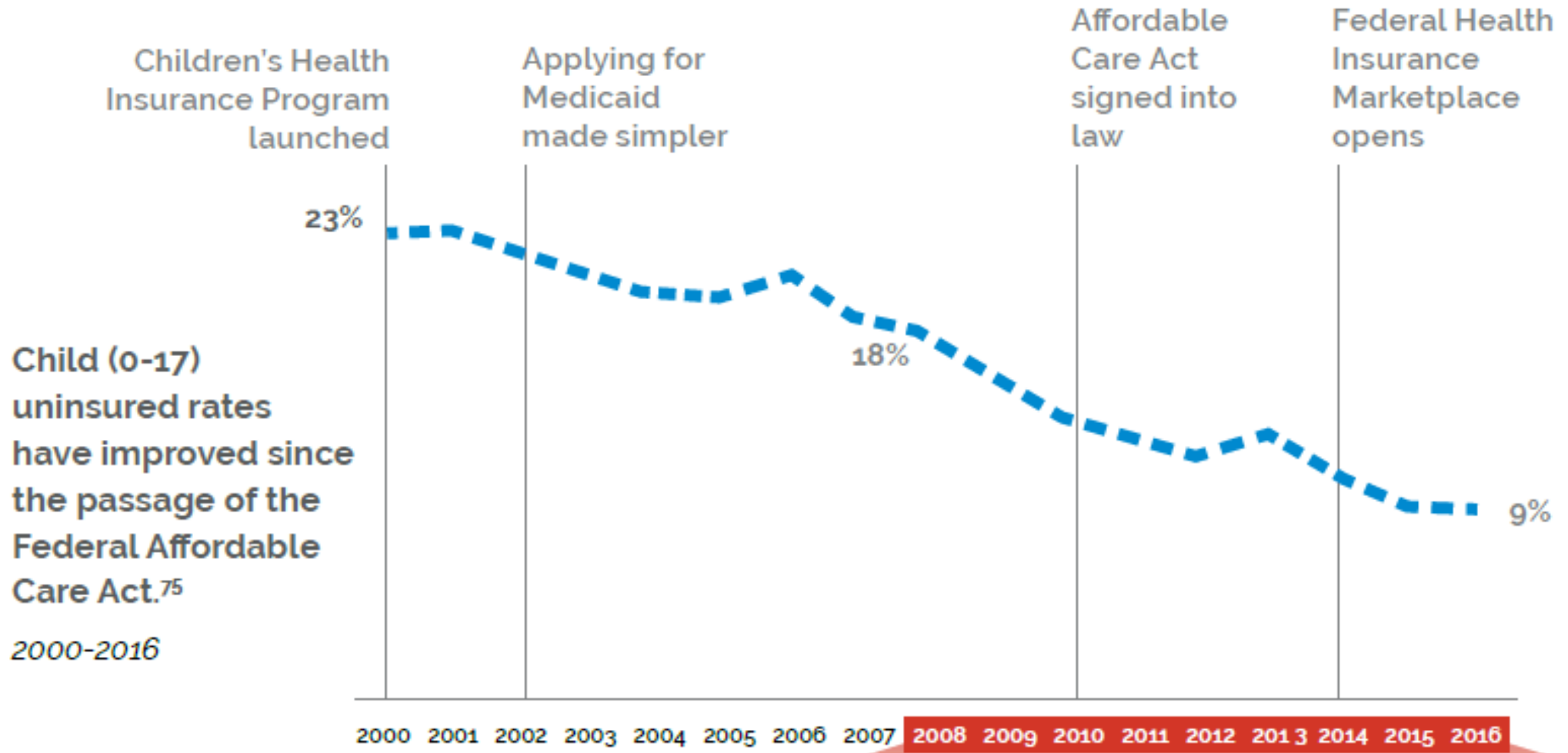


TOO MANY TEXAS FAMILIES LACK
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Texas' child uninsured rates have improved . . .



And smart policies made that happen

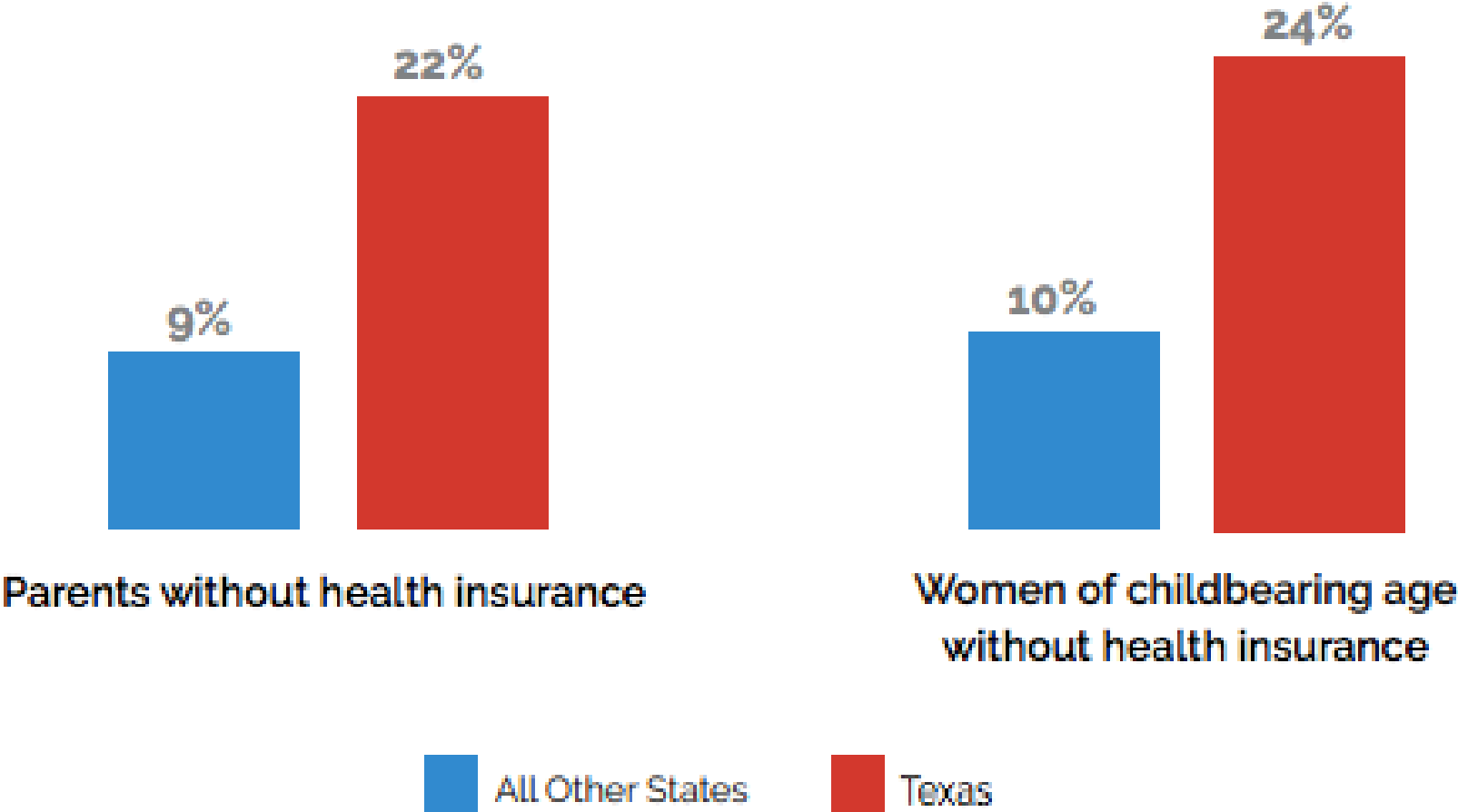


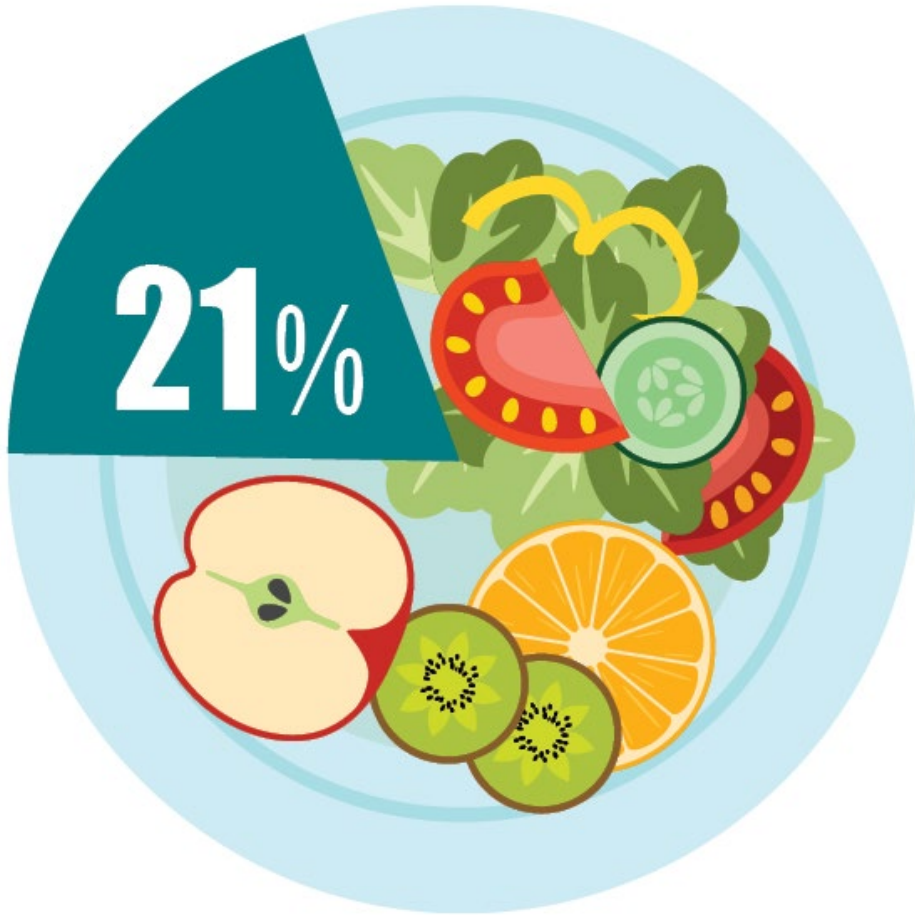
Texas child uninsured rate, 2000-2016. U.S. Census Bureau.

39,000+

Bexar County kids lack health insurance

Health insurance is a family affair





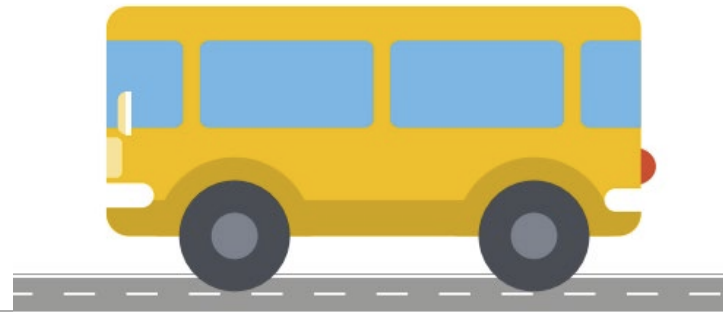
21% of Bexar County kids

don't know where their
next meal is coming from

Health and Safety Policy Recommendations

- **Protect Medicaid and CHIP for kids.**
- **Expand health insurance coverage for uninsured adults.**
- **Increase access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly “food stamps”).**

Education

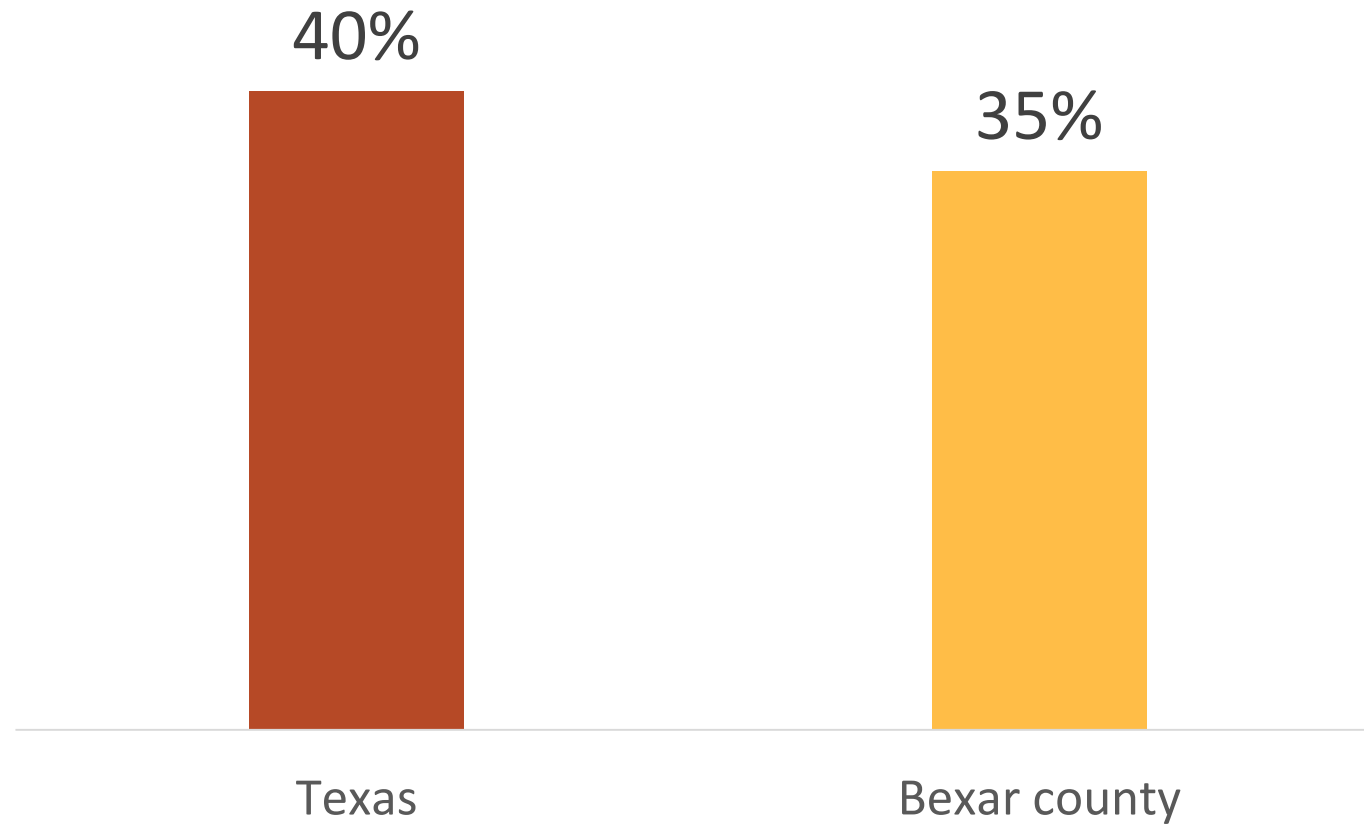


TEXAS' SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM NEEDS A REMODEL

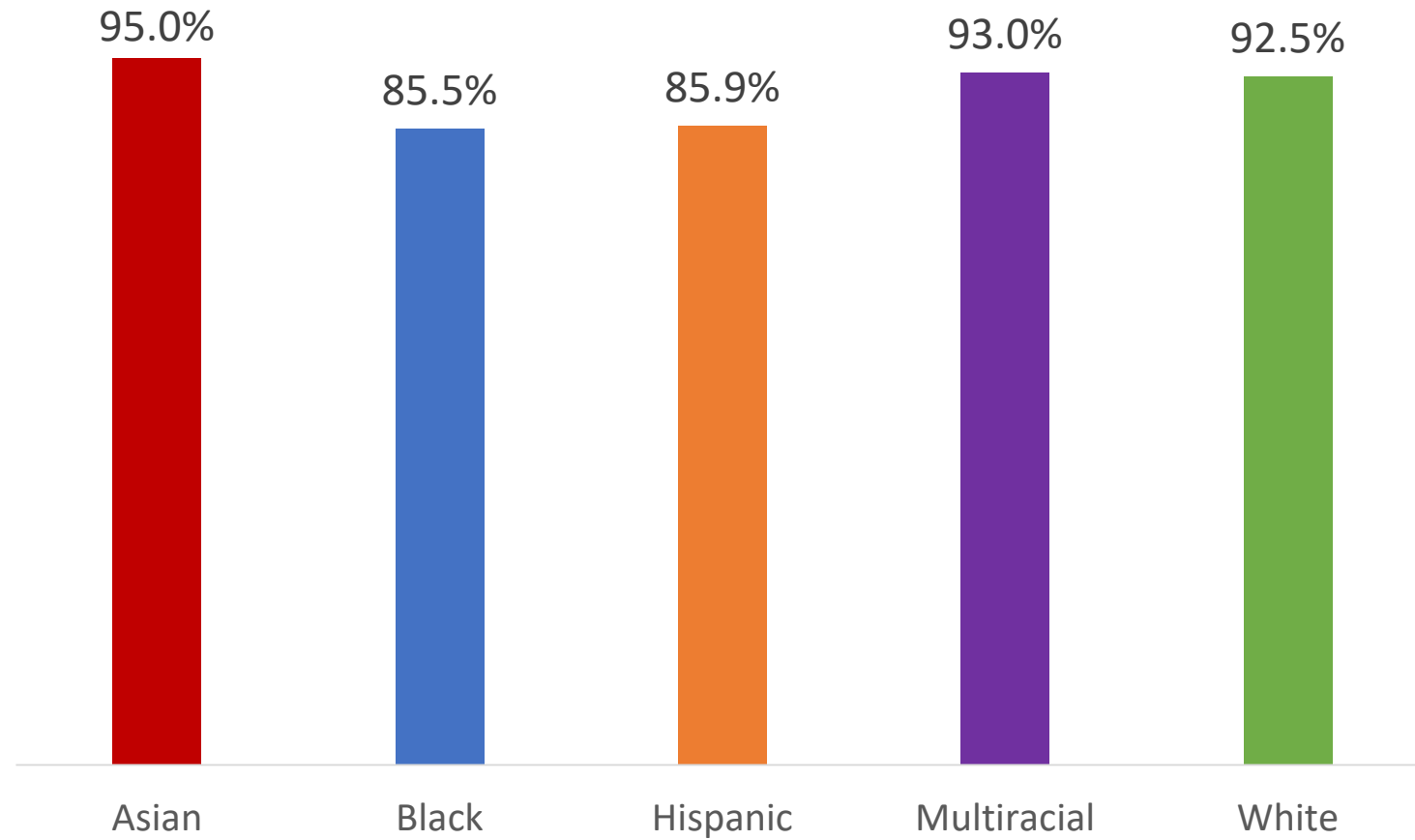
More than 16,000 kids (1 in 3)
attend public Pre-K in Bexar County



Third grade reading proficiency shows room for improvement

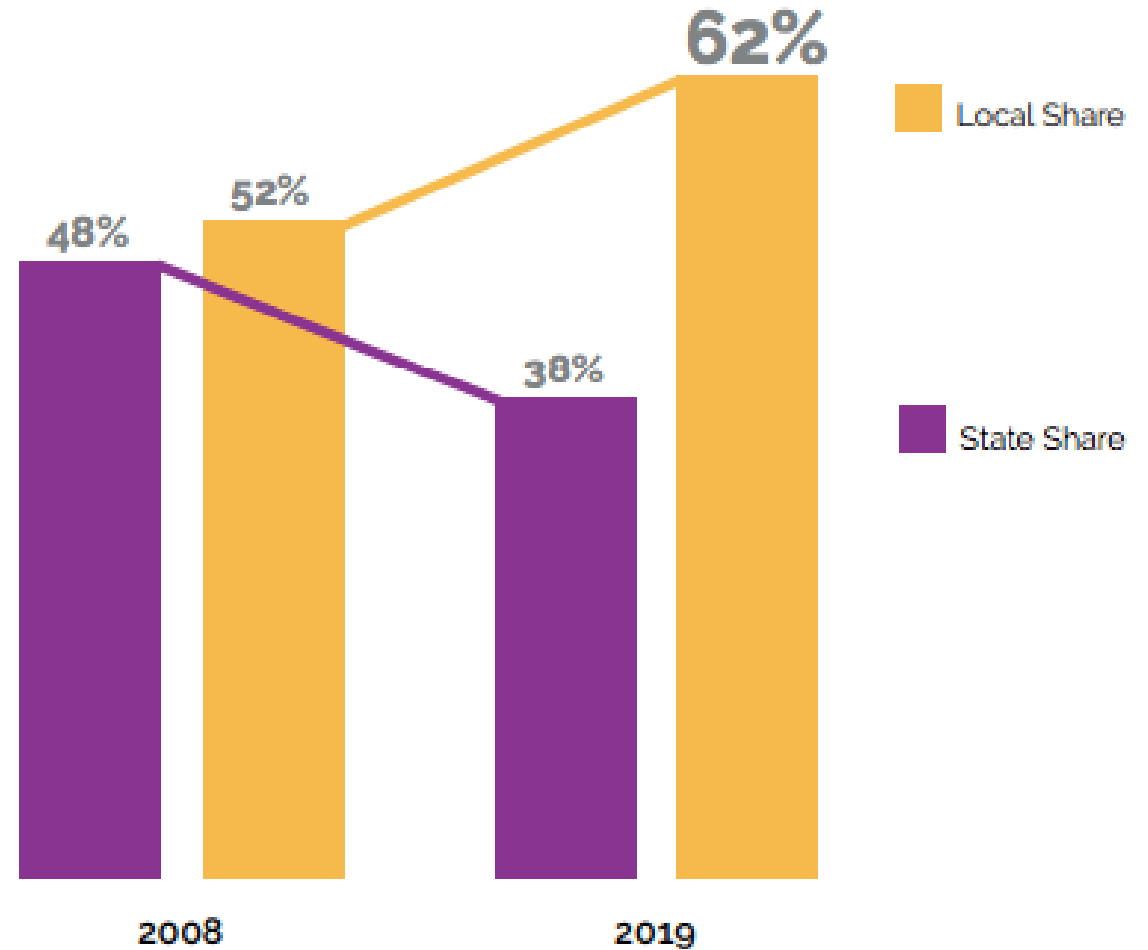


Bexar County has gaps in on-time graduation rates by race and ethnicity



The state share of funding for Texas schools has declined, increasing reliance on local property taxes.

Share of state and local funding for Texas public schools



Education Policy Recommendations

- **Remodel Texas' school finance system to fund Texas schools at a level that meets the needs of all students.**
- **Improve funding for and access to full-day Pre-K.**

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