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DMC/Juvenile Justice Action Network:

Models for Change

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Ethnicity and Data language collection

- Overrepresentation exists, or does it...
 - How deep can/should a jurisdiction go?
 - What differences exist within African Americans?
 - What do we mean by Latino? Why not Hispanic? Are all Latino's, Latino enough?
 - Do all Latino youth show similar pattern of risk behaviors and types of behavioral transgressions?
 - What are the costs/implications of deeper analysis?

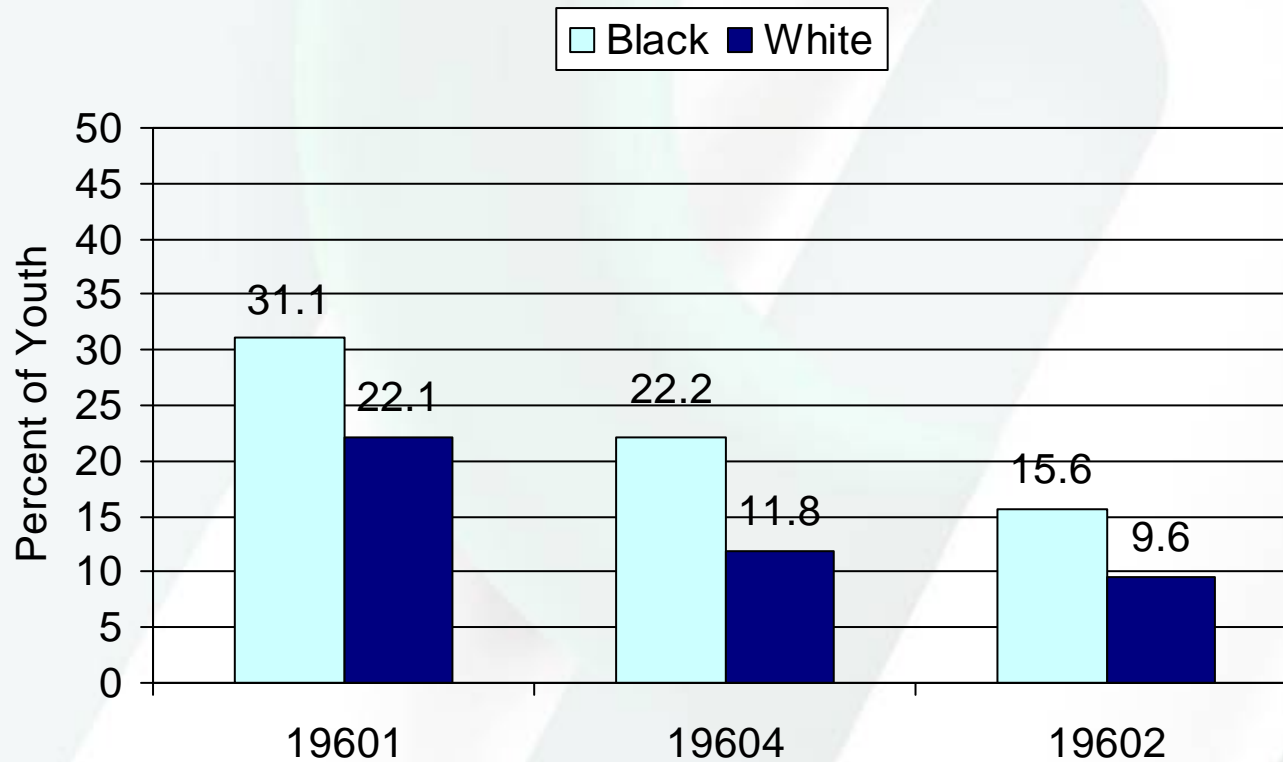
Ethnicity and Data language collection: The tension

- What do we know (perception) v What do we KNOW (data)?
- What do we know (perception), that we don't know (data) that we DON'T know (lack data)?
- What do we know (perception and lack of data), that we don't know? (the future)

Why DO we really need to know this?

Data spinning or a different lens?

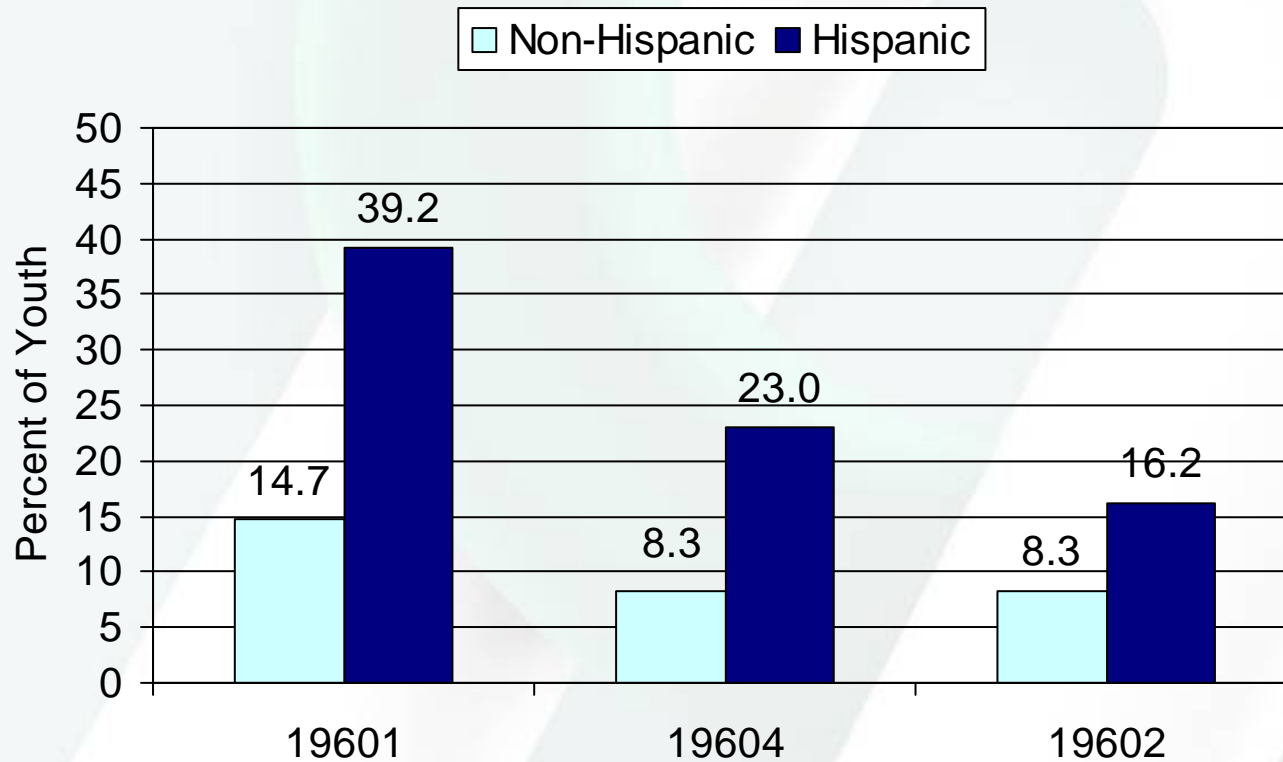
Race Differences in Home ZIP Code



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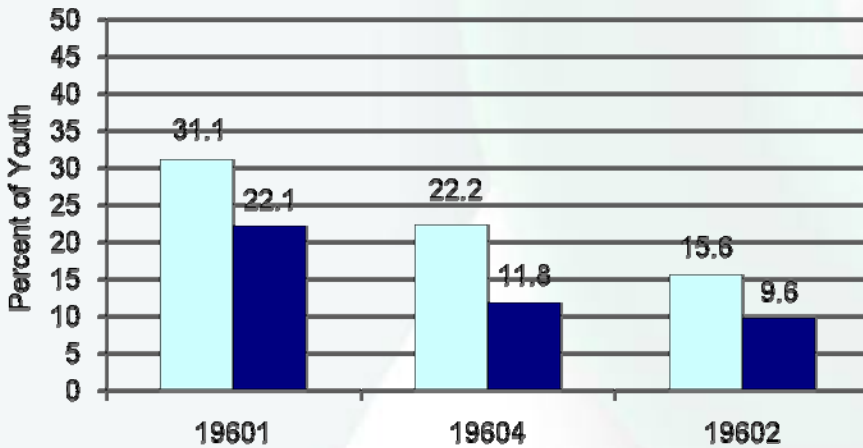
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White v. Black

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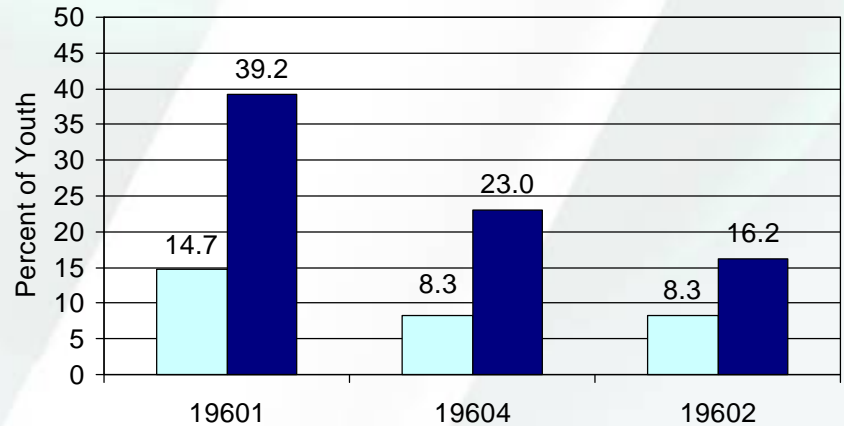
Black White



Non Hispanic v. Hispanic

Ethnicity Differences in Home ZIP Code

Non-Hispanic Hispanic



Ethnicity and language data

Advantages

- Learning community
- Deeper understanding
- Targeted outcomes
- Chance to define scope

Challenges

- Developing new questions
- Time and labor intensive
- Changing demographics
- Getting by-in

Defining data--recommendations

- Don't work in a silo
- Engage IT early, not later
- Pilot
- Develop training programs
- Monitor
- Bring to scale

Sample issue: Generational status

- Does generational status matter?
- How can the question be asked?
- What are the risks of asking the question?
 - Were you born in the US?
 - Were your parents born in the US?
 - Were your maternal grandparents born in the US?
 - Were your paternal grandparents born in the US?

Sample issue: Brevity v. Specificity

- What Latino nation do you most closely identify with (open ended)?
- Requires writing
- Requires reduction
 - (e.g., is Dominican the same as Dominican American?)
- Which national origin do you most closely identify with?
(Mexican, Dominican, Venezuelan, Salvadorian....
 - Forced choice

Language question

- What language is spoken in your household?

BUT

- What language do you prefer to speak?
- What language do you prefer to read in?

REMEMBER

Everything that **counts**, isn't always **counted**,
and everything that is **counted**, doesn't always
count.

Albert Einstein