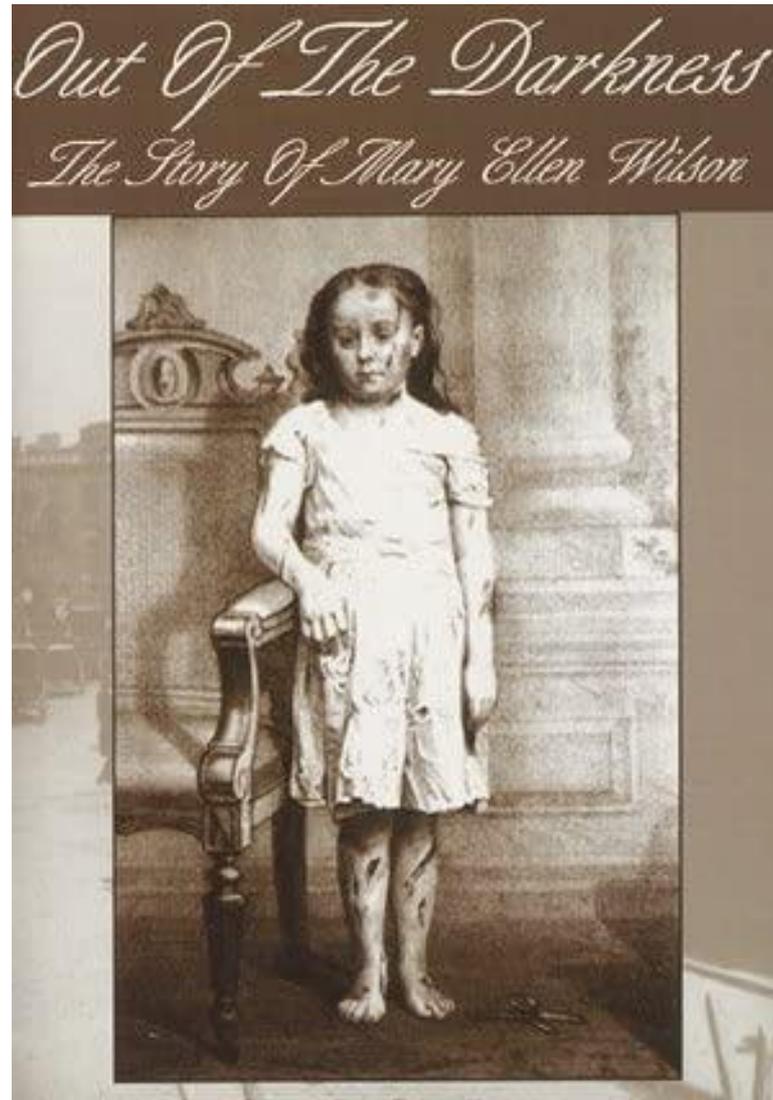


Child Maltreatment, Poverty, and Other Social Problems

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The “First” Case of Child Abuse



Congressional Action



Child Abuse . . . and Neglect

If you see something, say something.

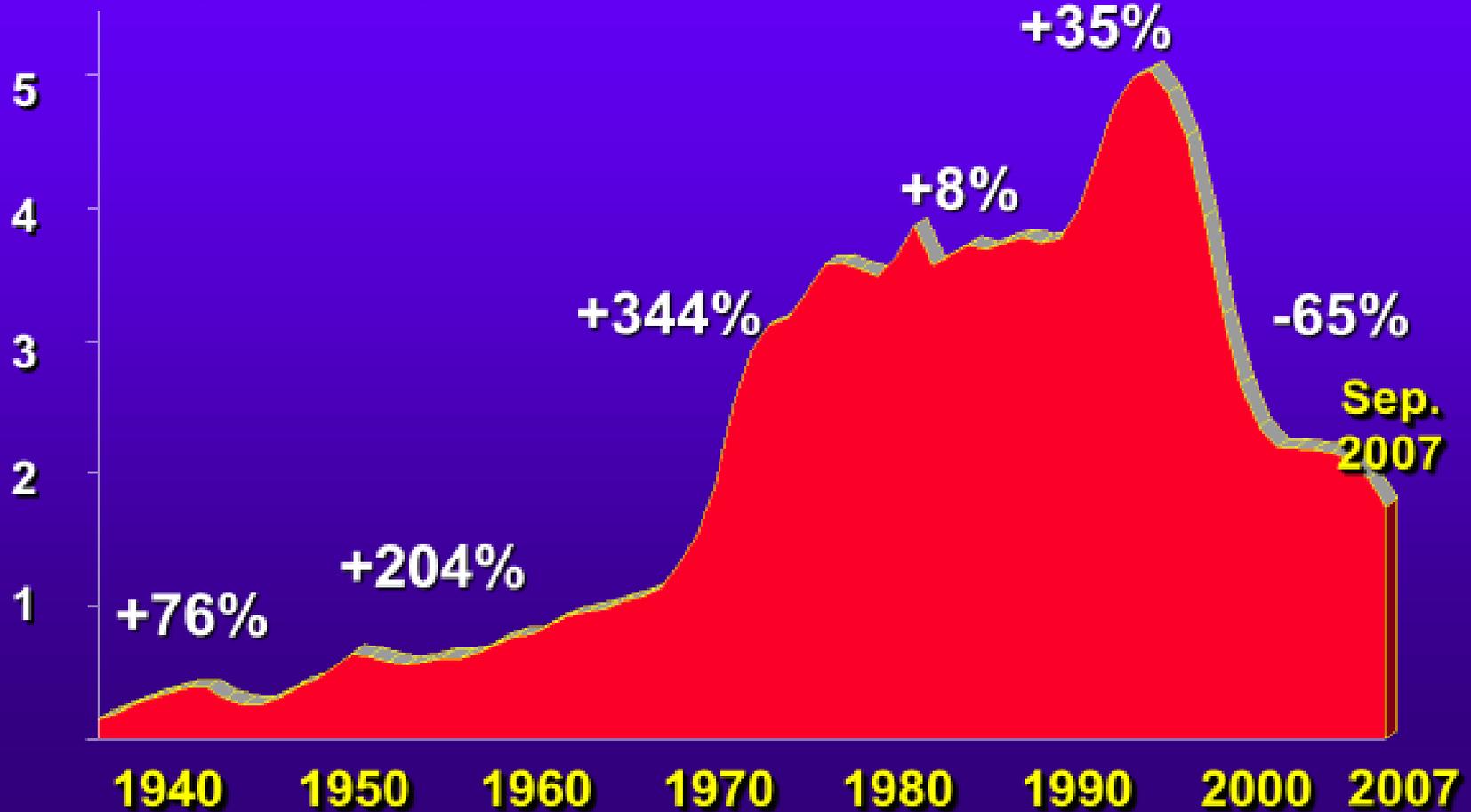
**Call the Missouri Child
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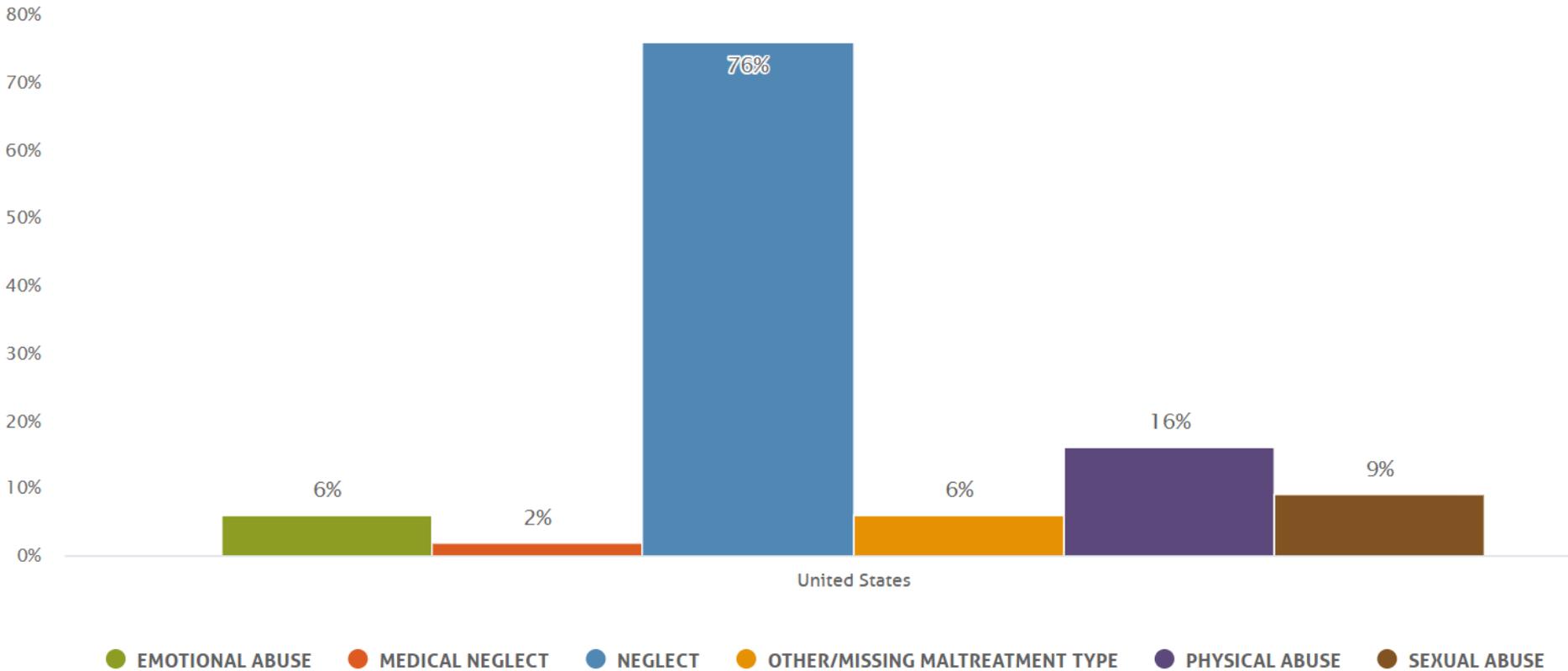


Welfare's Growth and Decline

Millions of families

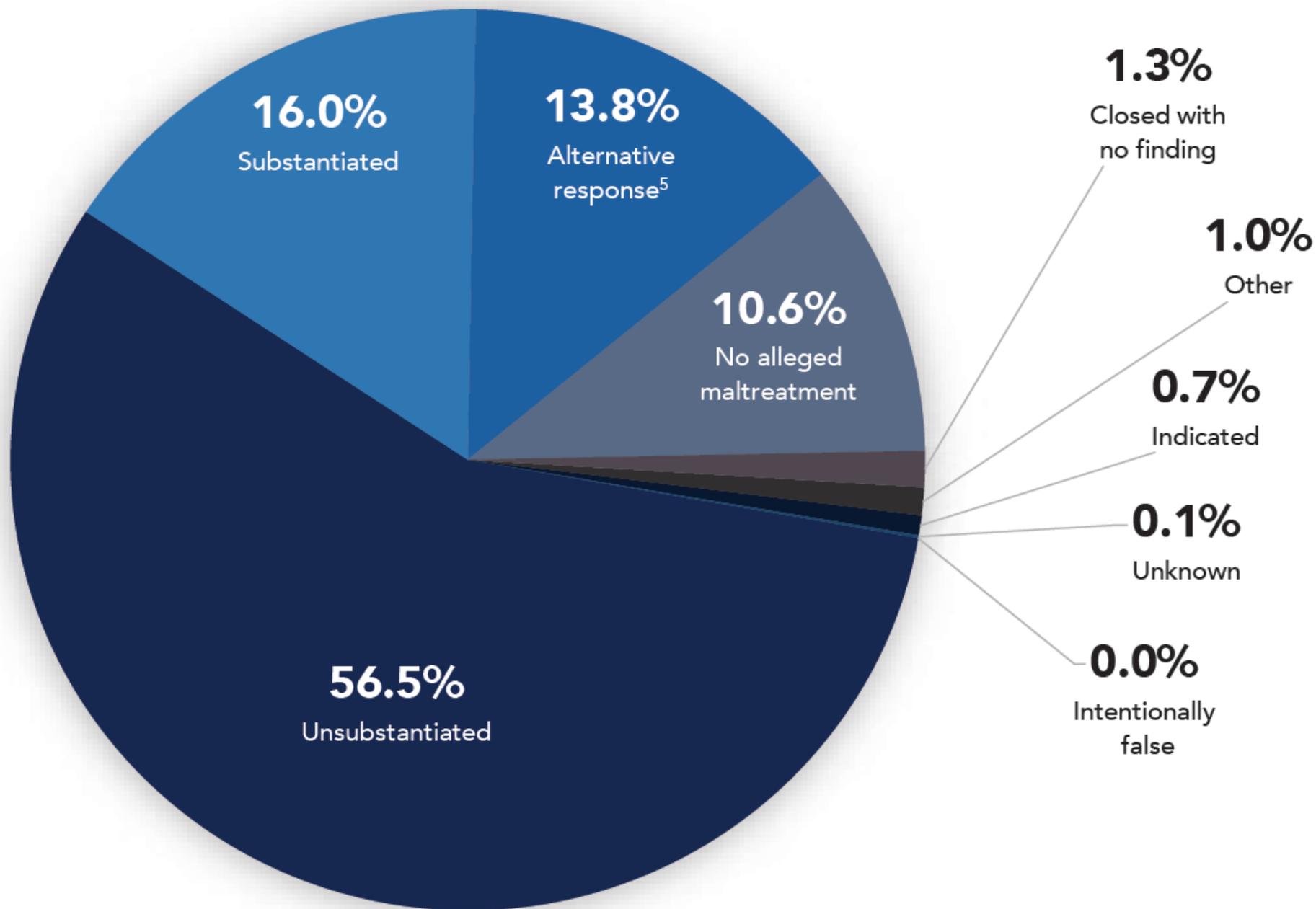


Children Confirmed as Victims of Maltreatment, By Type 2020



Note: Adds to more than 100% because children may have suffered more than one type of maltreatment

FIGURE 1. INVESTIGATION DISPOSITIONS



“Reasonable” Corporal Punishment



POVERTY

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“Free Range” Children



FREE-RANGE PARENTING

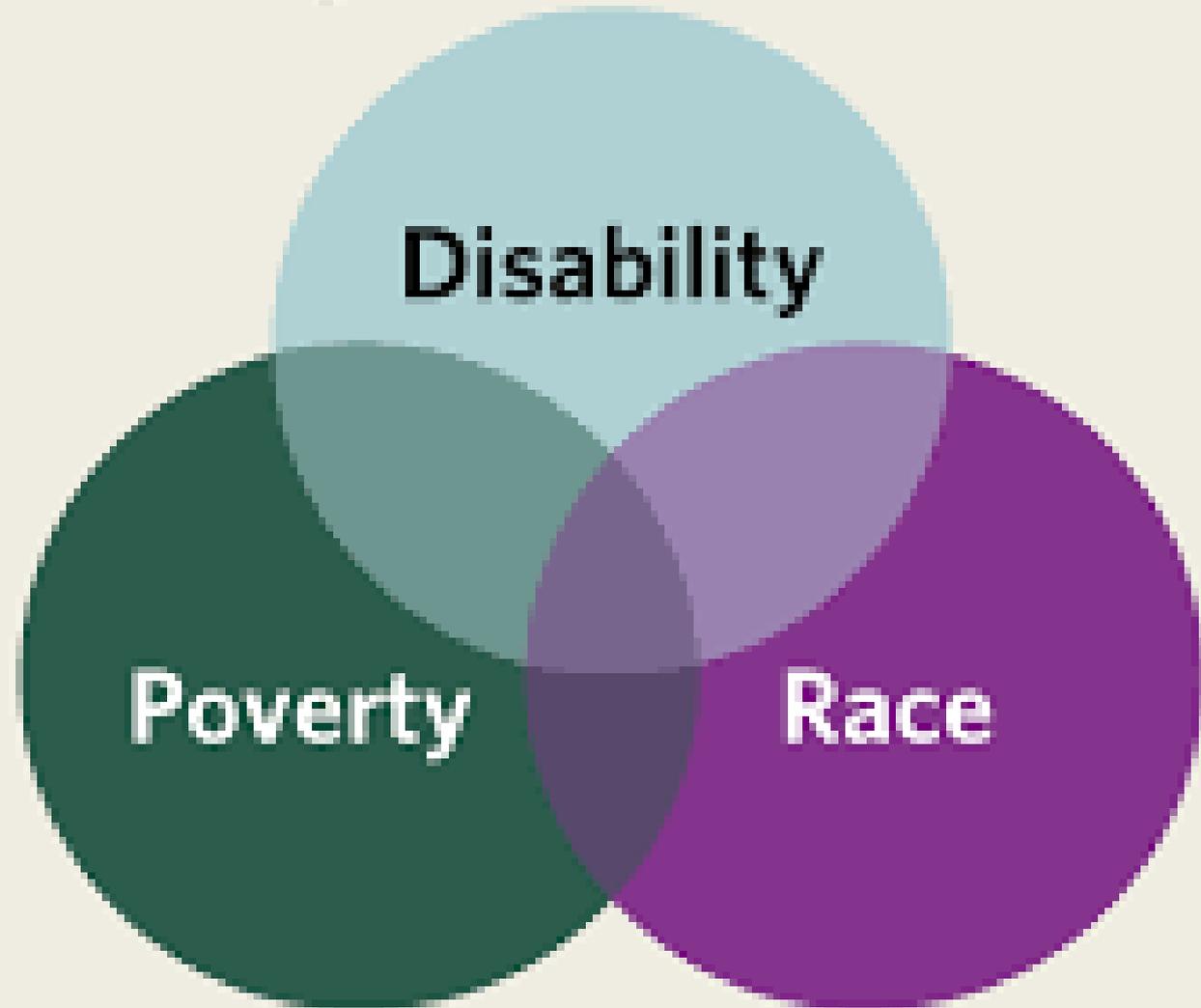
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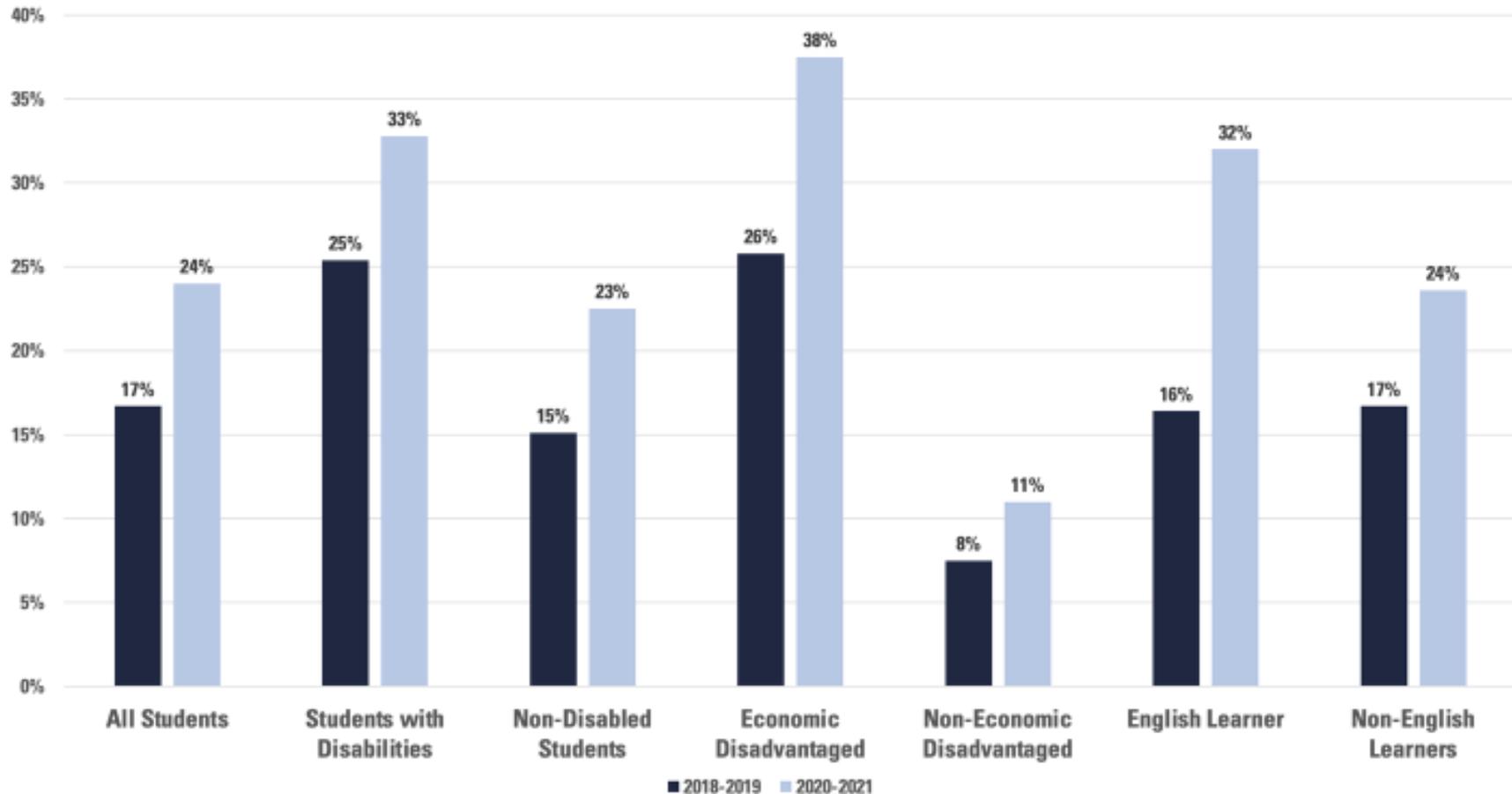


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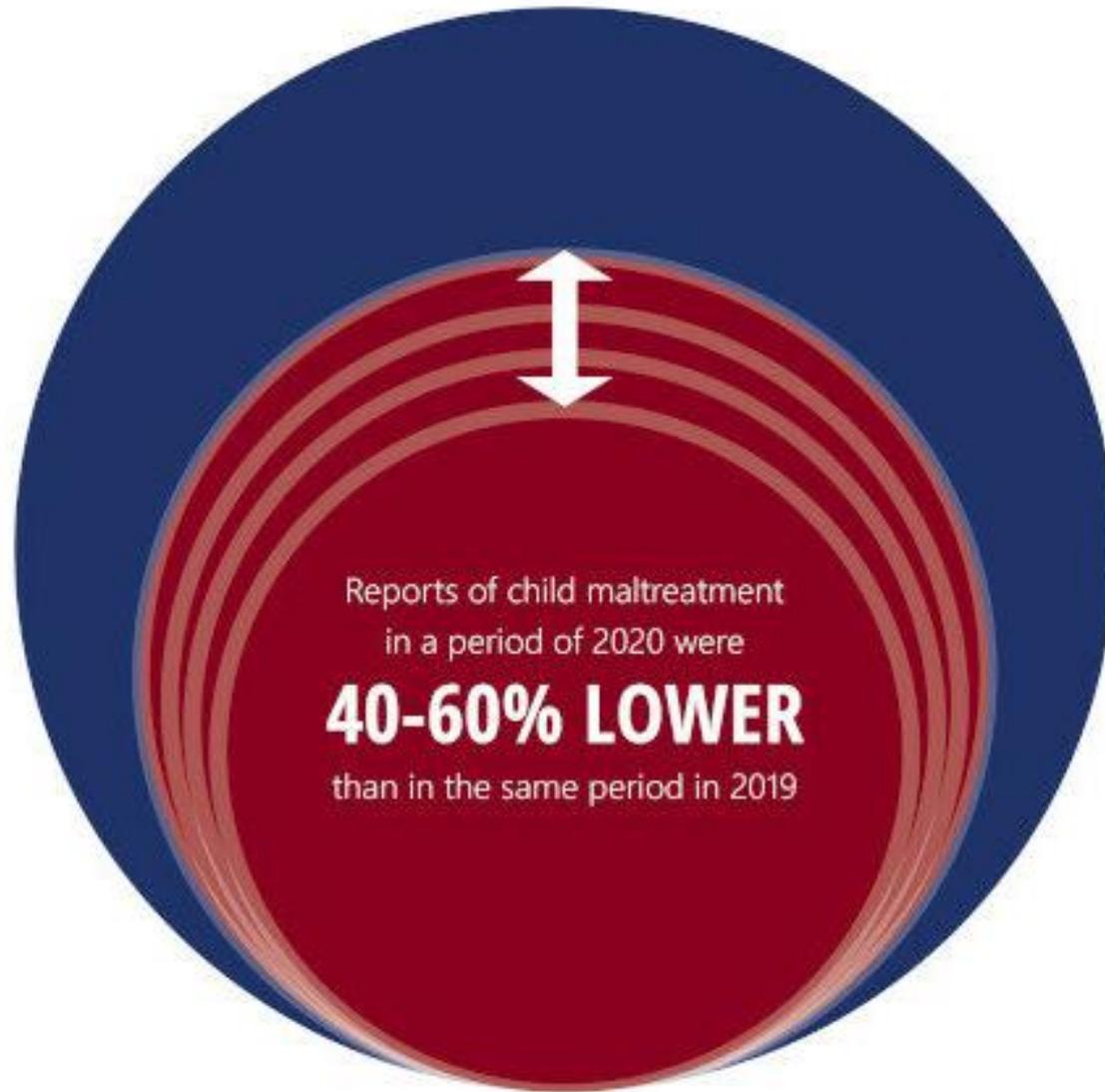


A Coming Definitional Issue

Figure 5. Chronic absenteeism rates are higher for historically underserved students compared to their peers; in most cases, the pandemic increased chronic absenteeism gaps.



2019



2020

Annual Payments per Child for TANF Child-Only, Foster Care, and Kinship Care Washington, Child 0-5

