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Housing and Health Disparities

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Outline

- Housing as a social determinant of health:
 - Relationship between housing disparities and health disparities
- Potential policy solutions to tackle health disparities by addressing housing disparities



Housing is a social determinant of health

- Housing affordability
- Home ownership and wealth disparities
 - Disparities in home ownership/values
- Housing quality and disparities in exposure to physical/biological hazards
- Housing and neighborhood quality disparities



Pathways between neighborhood environment and health

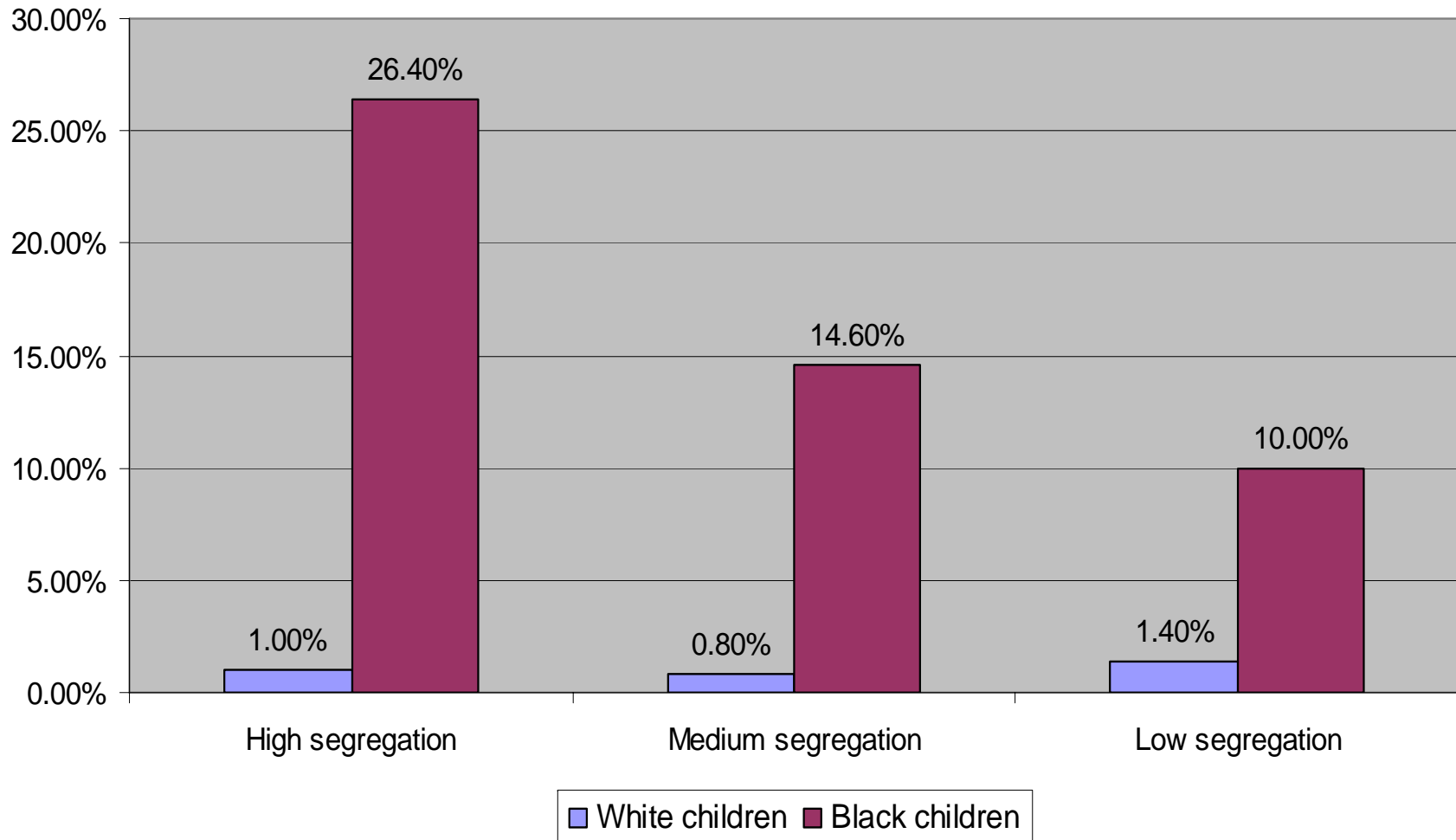
- Safety and violence
- Stress
- Health behaviors:
 - Targeting (fast food, tobacco)
 - Neighborhood physical and social environment (playground quality, walkability, safety)
- Environmental pollutants
- Long term effects of limited access to high quality education



Disadvantaged conditions in families, neighborhoods and schools disproportionately hurt black and Hispanic children, and hinder their life chances and economic potential.

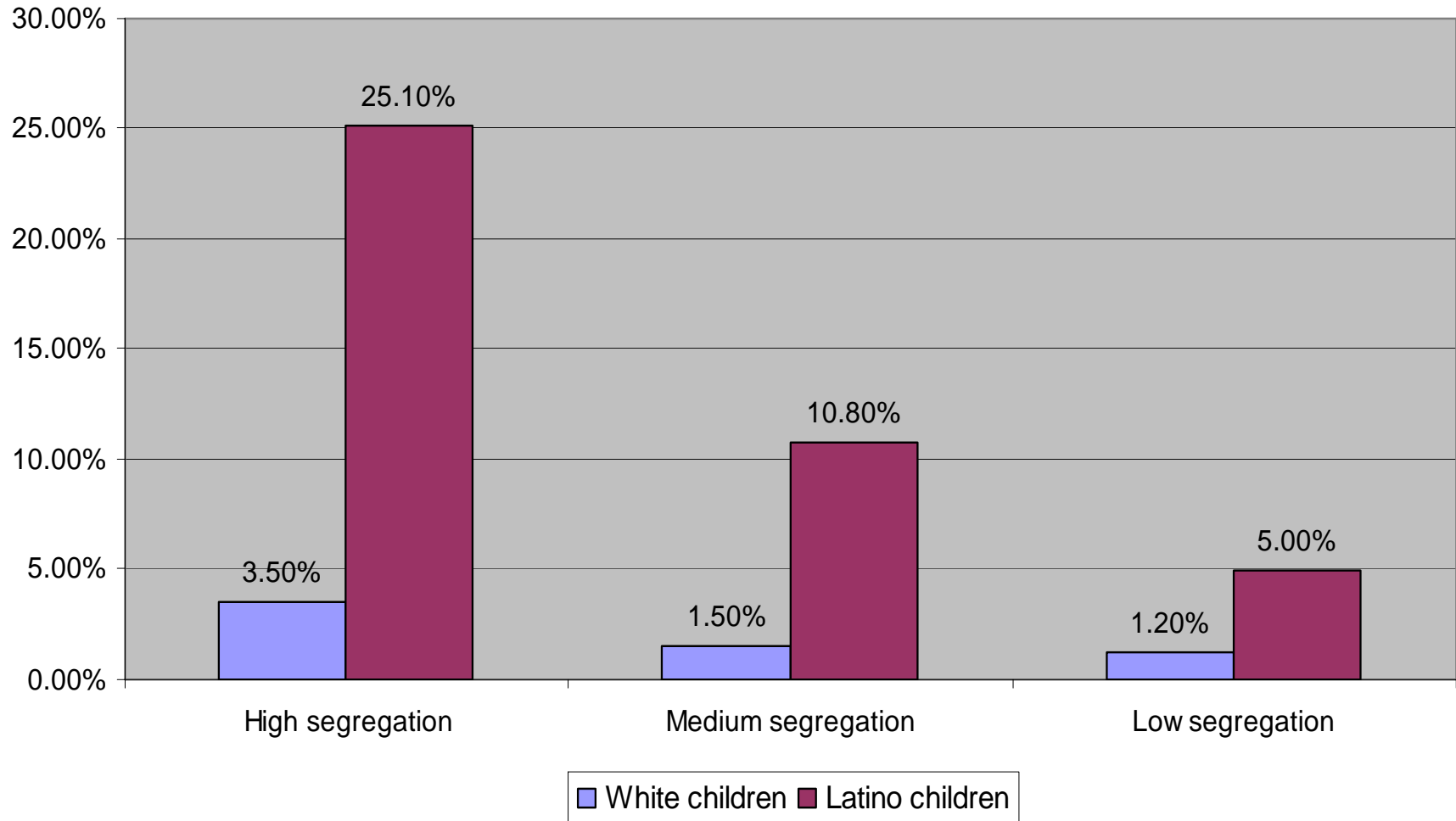


Proportion of white and black children experiencing "double jeopardy" by segregation level, Metropolitan areas, 2000





Proportion of white and Hispanic/Latino children experiencing "double jeopardy" by segregation level, Metropolitan areas, 2000





What can be done about it?



Neighborhood choice and mobility

- Improve access of children in black and Hispanic families to affordable housing in suburban communities.
- Expand neighborhood choice in the HUD Section 8 Voucher program
 - The “Moving to Opportunity” policy demonstration
- Also, fair housing enforcement, inclusionary zoning, and increased availability of rental housing.



Towards comprehensive housing mobility and health

- Housing assistance addresses **housing affordability**
 - Section 8 vouchers
- Housing assistance can also address **access to opportunity neighborhoods**
 - Section 8 vouchers + housing search counseling, e.g. “Moving to Opportunity”
- Housing assistance can also address a comprehensive package of services needed for a **successful transition to opportunity neighborhoods**
 - Section 8 vouchers + housing search counseling + support services (employment, education and health) – Baltimore Regional Mobility Initiative



Summary

- Housing matters for health.
- Place (i.e. neighborhood) matters for health.
- Housing policy tools can help us address health disparities.
 - Need to address both affordability and neighborhood choice.



Diversitydata.org allows visitors to explore how metropolitan areas throughout the U.S. perform on a diverse range of social measures that comprise a well-rounded life experience.

These data call attention to the equality of opportunity and diversity of experiences for different racial and ethnic groups in America. [Learn more about the project.](#)

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Rankings & Maps by Indicator

Ranking Map

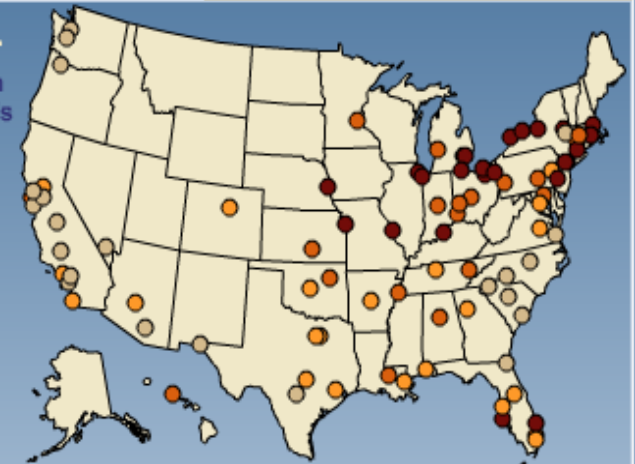
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Data spotlight on...

Share of Children Living in Low-Income Neighborhoods by Race/Ethnicity

For year: 2000; Data for: Non-Hispanic Black

- 72.7% - 87.7%
- 61.6% - 72.6%
- 53.4% - 61.2%
- 19.5% - 53.2%



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Spotlight

- [Disparities in Neighborhood Poverty of Poor Black and White Children](#) -- download a PDF of the first diversitydata brief, May 2007
- [Children Left Behind: How Metropolitan Areas Are Failing America's Children](#) -- download a PDF of the first in a series of reports from DiversityData.org, January 2007
- [Chartbook](#) -- download a PDF of the tables and charts related to Children Left Behind: How Metropolitan Areas Are Failing America's Children, January 2007

