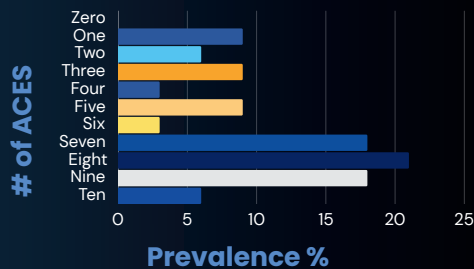




HIGH RATES OF TRAUMA OF CHILDREN PROSECUTED AS ADULTS IN OKLAHOMA

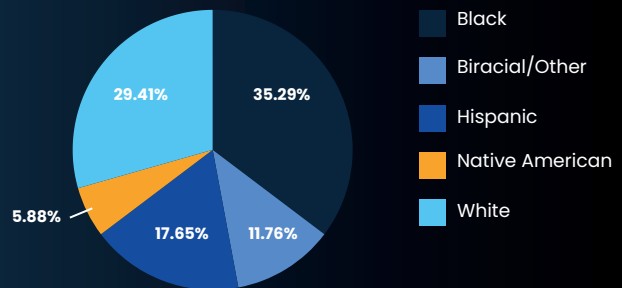
Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs measure the presence of 10 unique trauma types, including physical and emotional neglect; physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; parental separation, domestic violence, household substance abuse, mental illness, and incarceration. These are the results of an ACEs survey conducted among children tried as adults in Oklahoma. Adverse Childhood Experiences surveys were mailed to 133 individuals incarcerated as adults since childhood in Oklahoma. The responses from the 34 respondents indicate widespread childhood trauma prior to incarceration. The average ACE score among our respondents was 6.27.

PREVALENCE OF ACE SCORES IN OKLAHOMA

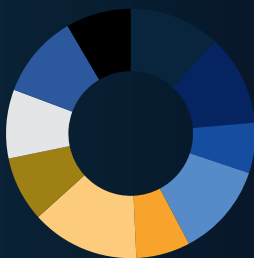


AVERAGE ACE SCORE: 6.27

RACE/ETHNICITY RESPONDENTS



RATES BY ACE



Emotional Abuse 73.53%
Physical Abuse 73.53%
Sexual Abuse 41.18%
Emotional Neglect 76.47%
Physical Neglect 44.12%

Parental Separation/Divorce 88.24%
Witnessing Domestic Violence 52.94%
Severe Mental Illness in Household 55.88%
Household Substance Abuse 67.65%
Household Member Incarceration 52.94%

TRAFFICKING SCREENING

Six respondents reported being **victims of forced criminality**, and **one** respondent reported being a **victim of child sex trafficking**



ABUSE WHILE INCARCERATED

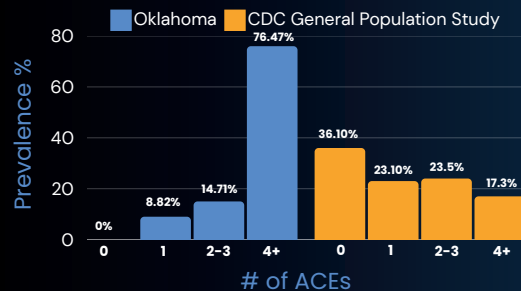
97.06% were incarcerated alongside adults while **under 18**

23.53% were held **with adults** in prison, **29.41%** were **incarcerated in jails**, and **41.18%** were held **in both**

67.65% were held in the same cell or unit as adults, and **88.24%** reported Sight and Sound violations

44.12% reported experiencing **abuse** from adults they were incarcerated **with**.

TRAUMA RATES VS GENERAL POPULATION



LACK OF SERVICES

50% lost access to necessary health care, or treatment for an active health condition

Only **29.41%** received access to services to address any childhood traumas and issues they experienced

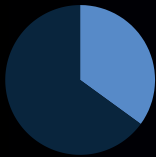
85.29% were able to finish their high school education or acquire a GED

70.59% had higher educational resources made available to them

PRIOR SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT/NEGLECT



For those who reported experiencing childhood abuse, the average age of the onset of that abuse was **seven** years old



35.29% of respondents reported being in foster care or DHS custody at some point in their lives.



26.47% had been hospitalized for mental health care



Many had prior justice system involvement, with the average age of first involvement being **13**

ENTERING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

When coming into the justice system, only **5.88%** reported feeling safe

Only **35.29%** had an attorney or other adult with them when they were questioned by law enforcement, and only **29.41%** were told they could have someone else with them

55.88% reported signing plea deals, but none felt that they understood the terms of those deals at the time and only **2.94%** felt it was properly explained to them

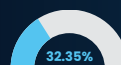
Only **38.24%** reported being aware of any options for their sentence to be reviewed

SENTENCING

32.35% were sentenced for offenses with mandatory minimums

47.06% were convicted of felony murder

14.71% were given sentences of life without parole



SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

85.29% reported being placed in solitary while **under 18**, with **50%** being placed in solitary for protection from others other than them



Respondents' longest time in solitary averaged more than **6 months**



Only **14.71%** received a health evaluation after being put in solitary

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