RACE/ETHNICITY ALIGNMENT OF MOTHERS AND DELIVERING PROVIDERS IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS, 2022

Percentages of Northwest Arkansas Mothers Who Delivered With Providers of the Same Race/Ethnicity

93.7% White
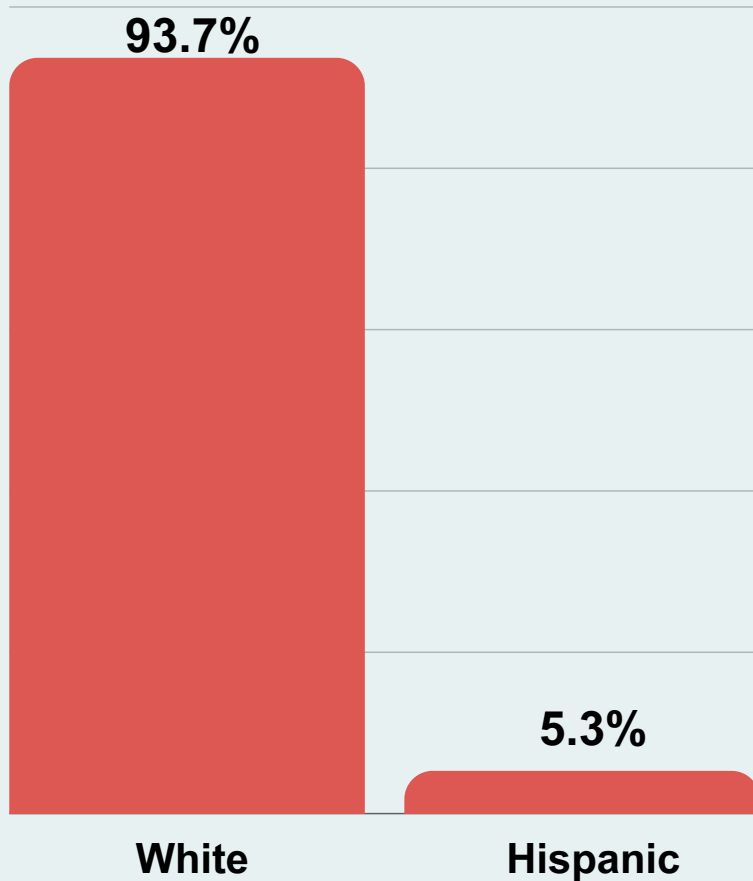
5.3% Hispanic

94.7% of Hispanic mothers **DID NOT DELIVER WITH A PROVIDER OF THE SAME RACE/ETHNICITY**

Race/ethnicity alignment is associated with improved provider-patient communications in primary care settings[1] and increased preventive healthcare utilization.[2]

Striving for cultural competency and team diversity is critical to adequately care for an evolving and diverse patient population.

Doulas (trained professionals who provide emotional and educational support) can help bridge gaps in maternal health disparities and improve the birth experience.[3]

No Asian, Black, Pacific Islander or American Indian/Alaska Native mothers delivered with providers of the same race/ethnicity.

Visit achi.net/library/racial-alignment-delivering-providers for references.
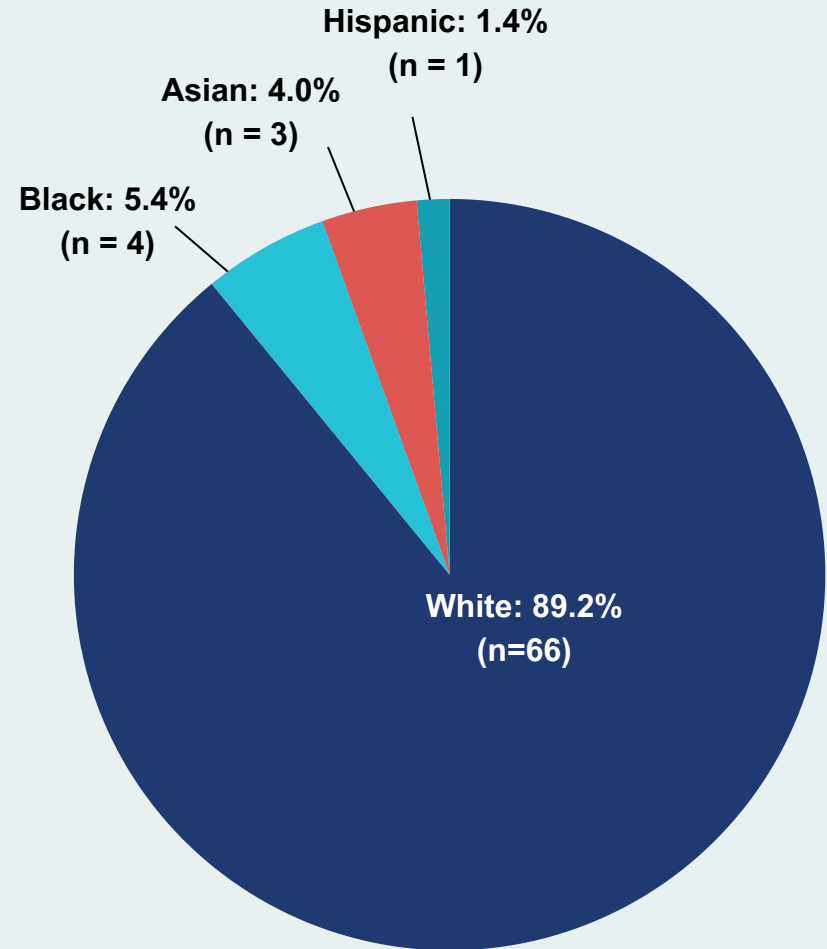Note: "Northwest Arkansas" includes Benton, Washington, Carroll, and Madison counties. For purposes of this analysis, "providers" includes physicians, certified midwives, and certified nurse midwives. In 2022, there were 7,541 deliveries attended by healthcare providers; for 6,975 of those deliveries, race/ethnicity information was available for both the mother and the delivering provider.
Data sources: Arkansas Department of Health birth records (mothers' race and ethnicity) and Arkansas State Medical Board licensure files (providers' race and ethnicity).

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Providers Delivering in Northwest Arkansas by Age and Sex
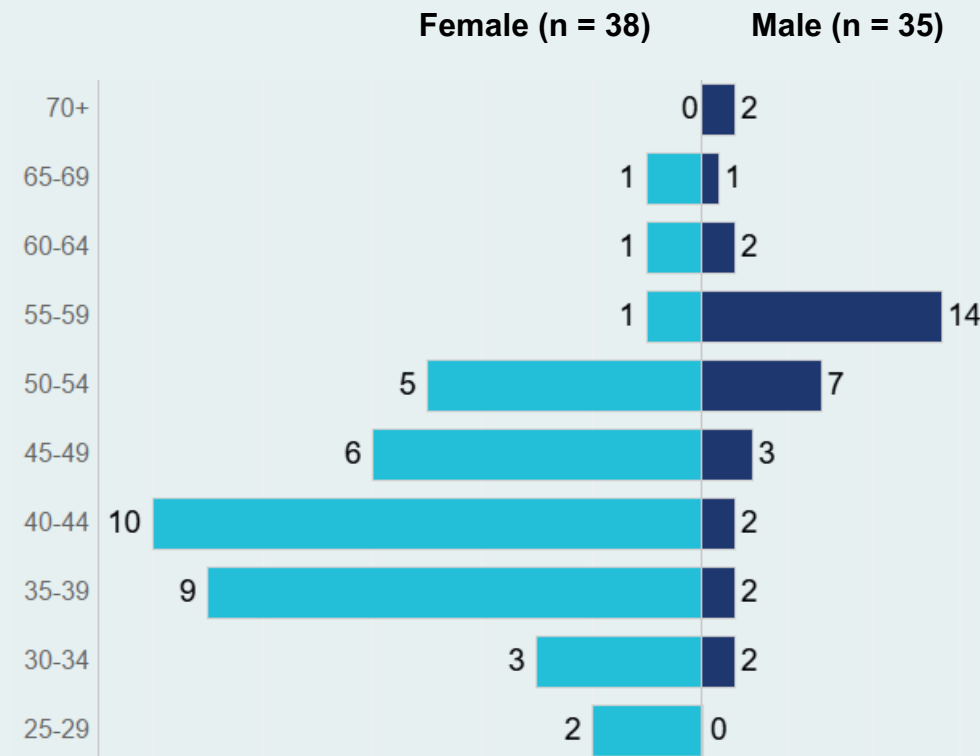
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