



The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton's Identity-Based Data

In 2018, the government of Ontario mandated the collection of race-based data. This data collection allows for public agencies to support the development of fair policies, equitable strategies, culturally appropriate resources for all communities, and to help address the racism and discrimination that exist in government structures.

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton (CCCASH) is committed to providing services that are equitable and inclusive to support improved services to families from Black, Racialized, First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities. In alignment with this commitment, we have begun to collect identity-based data. As our data becomes more fulsome over time, we will ensure that it undergoes a critical analysis to inform organizational systems, service provisions, programmes, and practices. Our data will be updated regularly which we will report transparently to our staff, service recipients, and communities.



Investigation Identity-Based Data

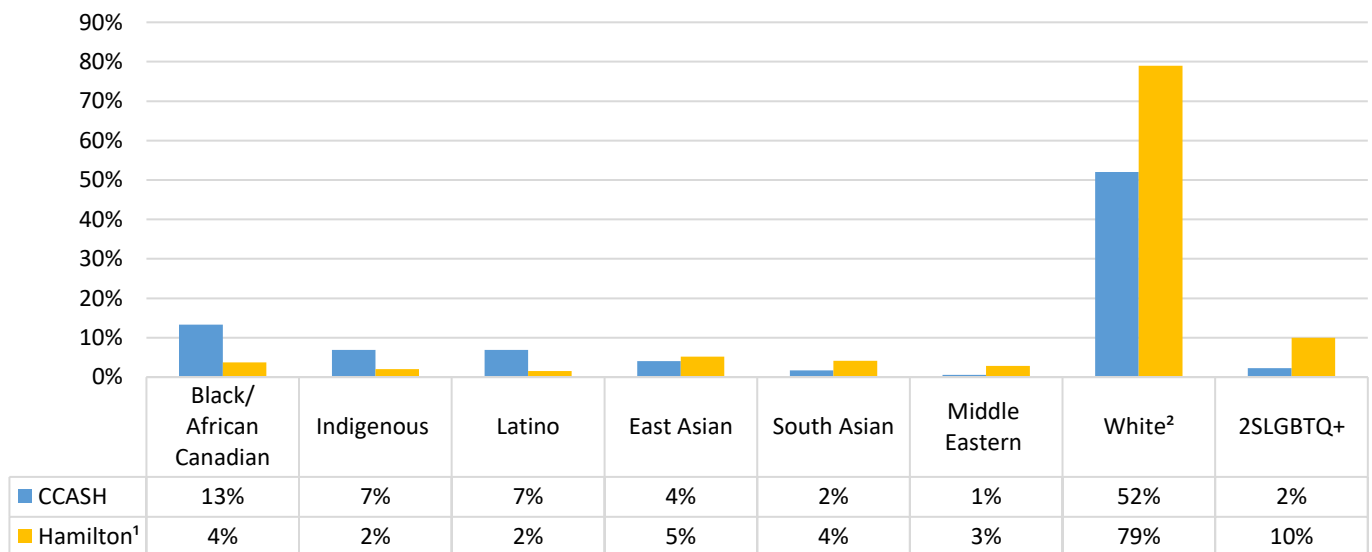
The society investigates referrals from professionals and the public who are concerned about a caregiver's treatment of a child and/or youth.

Key Data Findings: There is an over-representation of Black/African Canadian, Indigenous, and Latino investigation families, while White investigation families are under-represented.

A family is considered to be a specific race if at least one person in the family identifies as that race, except for White families as they do not include other racial identities. As a result, 2% of families have been identified as having more than one racial identity and are duplicated in the graph; thus the graph will exceed 100%. However, the duplication does not change the over and under representations described above.

Note that we are missing an identified race for 17% of investigation families and 36% of family members.

Identity of Investigation Families Compared to the Hamilton Population (as of Oct 1, 2022)



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² The estimation that up to 79% of the Hamilton population may be White is based on 19% of Hamiltonians identifying as a Visible Minority and 2% identifying as Indigenous ([Click here for 2016 Census](#)).

Distribution of Investigations by Reported Concern

<i>Reason for Service (click for descriptions):</i>	<i>Total Families:</i>
Physical/sexual harm by commission	24%
Harm by omission	10%
Emotional harm	26%
Separation from parent/caregiver	9%
Caregiver capacity	31%

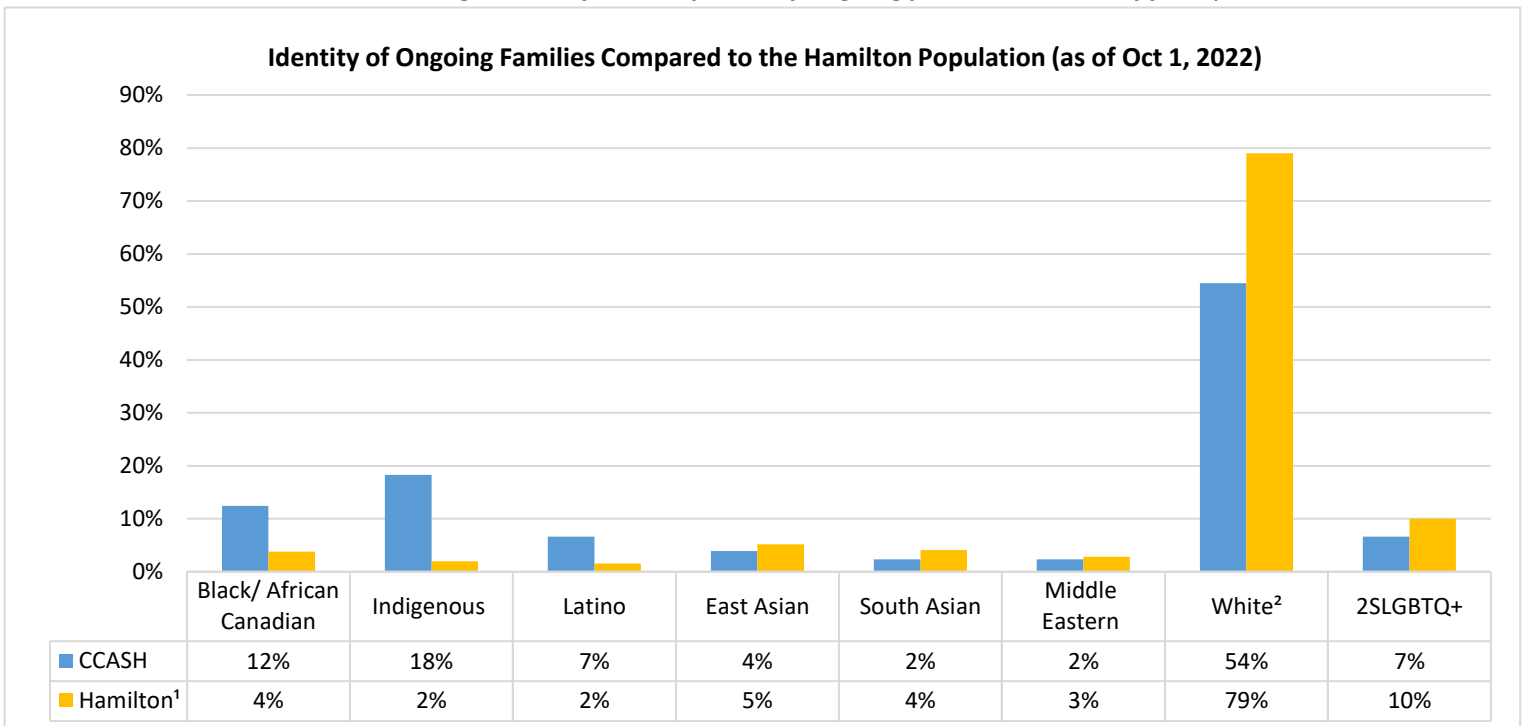
Ongoing Services Identity-Based Data

Families move to ongoing services if they require additional supports following an investigation.

Key Data Findings: Similar to investigations, there is an over-representation of Black/African Canadian, Indigenous, and Latino families receiving ongoing services, with an under-representation of White families.

A family is considered to be a specific race if at least one person in the family identifies as that race, except for White families as they do not include other racial identities. As a result, 6% of families have been identified as having more than one racial identity and are duplicated in the graph; thus the graph will exceed 100%. However, the duplication does not change the over and under representations described above.

Note that we are missing an identified race for 5% of ongoing families and 26% of family members.



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Distribution of Ongoing Services by Reported Concern

<i>Reason for Service (click for descriptions):</i>	<i>Total Families:</i>
Physical/sexual harm by commission	11%
Harm by omission	9%
Emotional harm	26%
Separation from parent/caregiver	11%
Caregiver capacity	43%

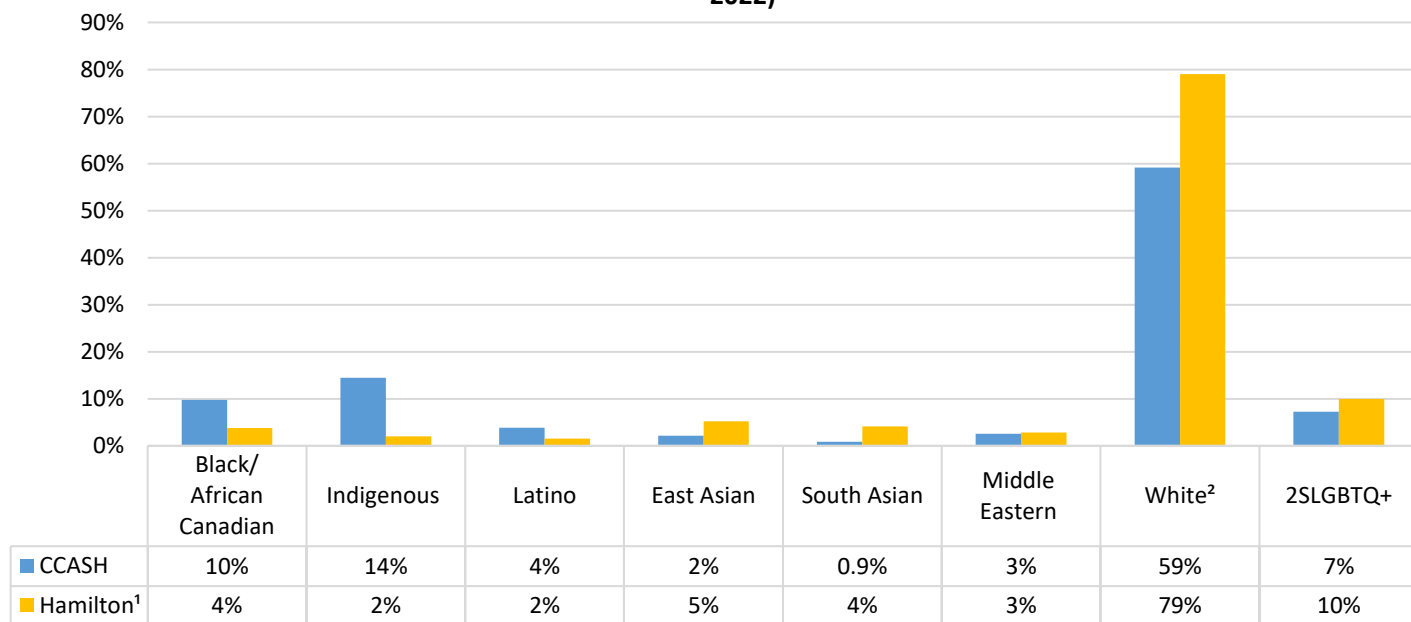
Out of Home Care Identity-Based Data

Approximately 2% of children and youth that we work with are not able to remain in their homes during the course of our involvement. In addition to coming into care, children and youth can also stay with family (kin service), work with the agency when they are 16 or 17 (VYSA), and receive supports until they are 23 (CCSY).

Key Data Findings: Similar to the other service areas, there is an over-representation of Black/African Canadian, Indigenous, and Latino children and youth living in out of home care, with an under-representation of White children and youth. A child or youth can identify as more than one identity. As a result, 3% of children and youth have been identified as having more than one racial identity and are duplicated in the graph; thus the graph will exceed 100%. However, the duplication does not change the over and under representations described above.

Note that we are missing an identified race for 10% of children and youth in out of home care.

Identity of Children & Youth in Out of Home Care Compared to the Hamilton Population (as of Oct 1, 2022)



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Distribution of Children and Youth in Out of Home Care

Care Type ([click for descriptions](#)):

Adoption Probation	6%
Child in Care	22%
Kin Care	5%
Formal Customary Care	1.3%
Kinship Service	31%
Continued Care and Support for Youth (18+ yrs.)	30%
Voluntary Youth Services (16-17 yrs.)	4%

Age Group:

0-1 yrs.	8%
2-5 yrs.	14%
6-9 yrs.	14%
10-13 yrs.	13%
14-17 yrs.	20%
18-20 yrs.	16%
21+ yrs.	15%