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# Nevada Ready! Pre-K Cost, Equity, and Access Study

**A Working Session With the Nevada Early  
Childhood Advisory Council**

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# Introduction

In the summer of 2021, WestEd partnered with the Nevada Department of Education to understand and determine the cost of providing prekindergarten programming through the Nevada Ready! Pre-K (NR!PK) program.

WestEd has arrived at an estimated range for the per-child cost of the current NR!PK standards and has developed a set of interim equity and access findings. This presentation provides **findings** and seeks to **engage the field** on these questions. A final report with updated findings will be published in summer 2023.

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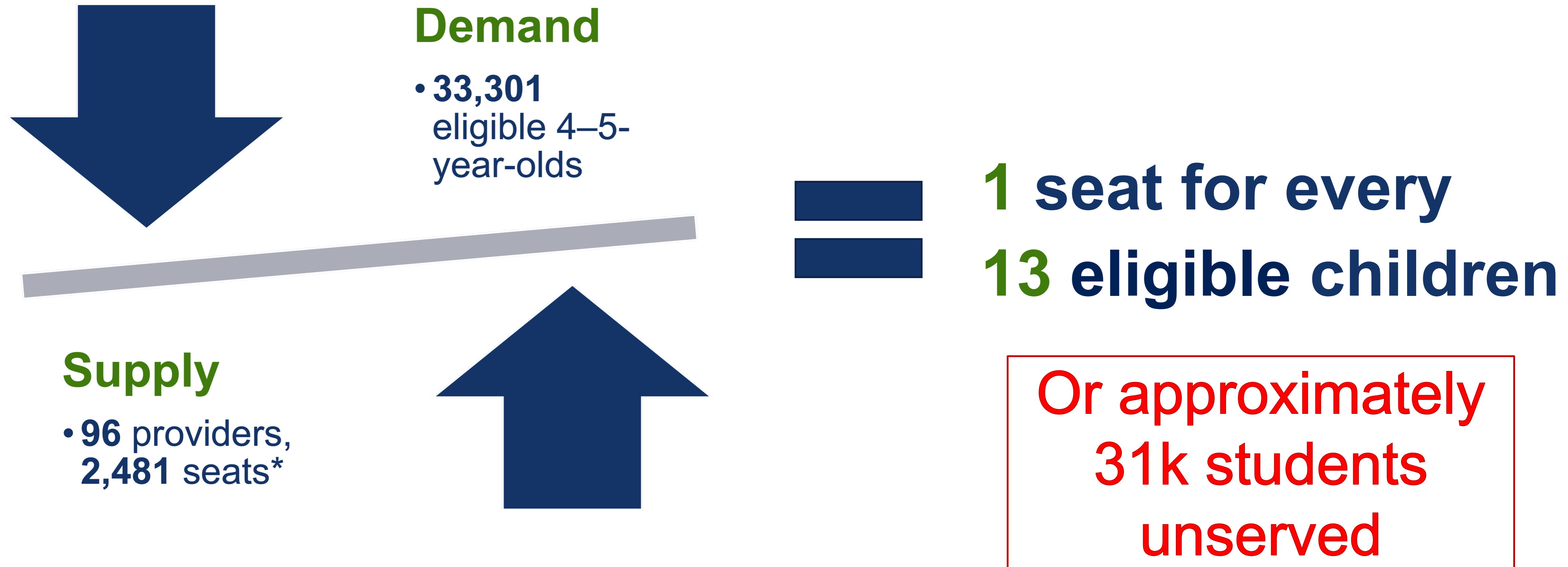
# Access and Equity Findings

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# Equity and Access Research Questions

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1. **Who is being served by NR!PK, who isn't, and why?**
  2. **To what extent does access to NR!PK vary along racial or ethnic lines?**
  3. **How well do current NR!PK policies and practices serve disproportionately impacted populations?**

# Who Is Served by NR!PK? Demand Versus Supply

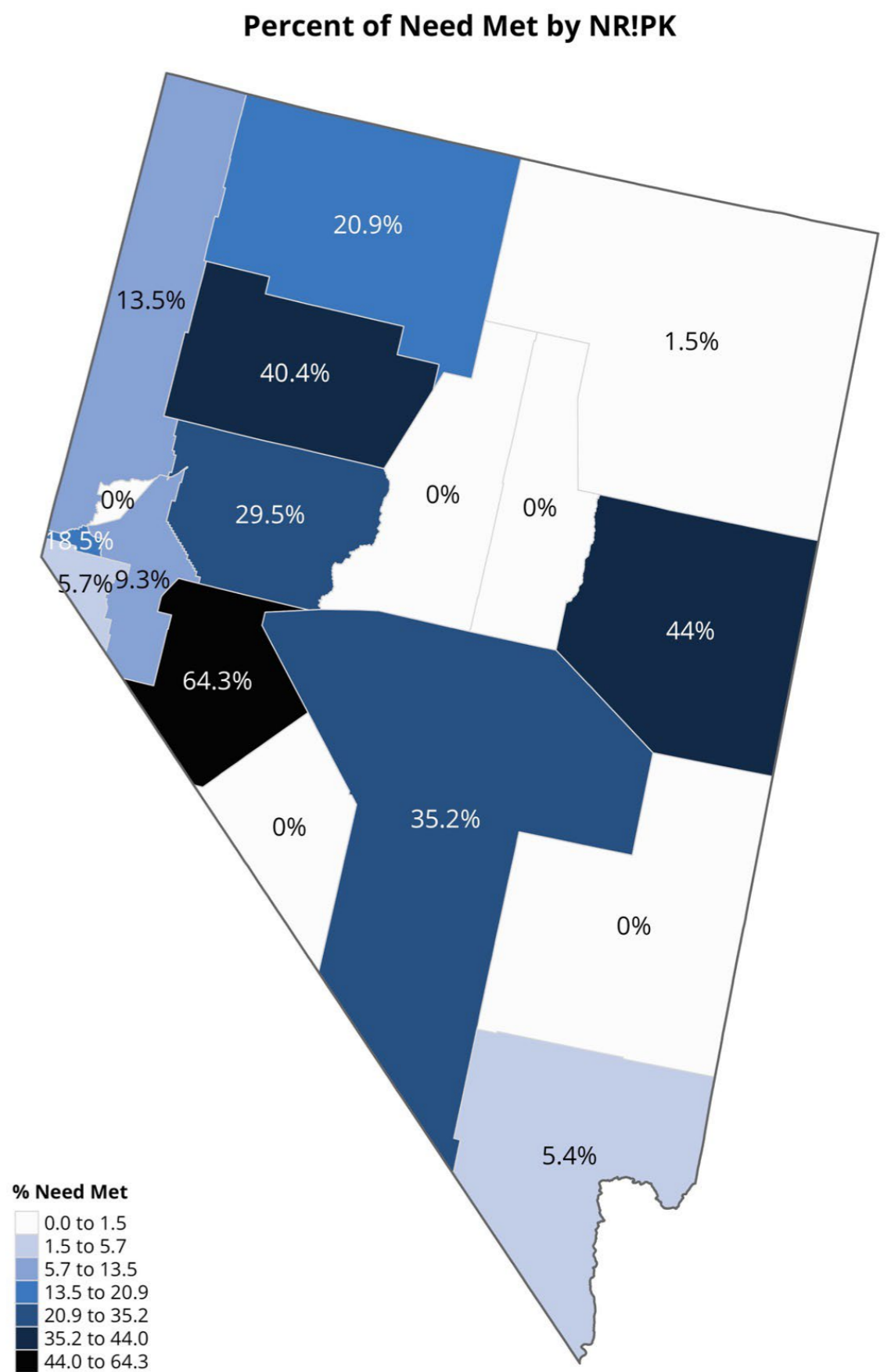


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# Who Is Served by NR!PK?

## Demand Versus Supply by County

County	Eligible Children	Total Enrolled	Percent Met	Ratio of Eligible Children to Available Slots
Churchill County	288	85	29.5	3:1
Clark County	25,725	1,378	5.4	19:1
Douglas County	334	19	5.7	18:1
Elko County	657	10	1.5	66:1
Esmeralda County	4	0	0	N/A
Eureka County	25	0	0	N/A
Humboldt County	220	46	20.9	5:1
Lander County	54	0	0	N/A
Lincoln County	34	0	0	N/A
Lyon County	591	55	9.3	11:1
Mineral County	28	18	64.1	2:1
Nye County	378	133	35.2	3:1
Pershing County	52	21	40.6	2:1
Storey County	35	0	0	N/A
Washoe County	4,184	566	13.5	7:1
White Pine County	84	37	44.1	2:1
Carson City	611	113	18.5	5:1



# Who Is Served by NR!PK? Populations of Need

Population	Eligible	% Eligible (n = 33,301)	High Need	% High Need (n = 18,435)	% Eligible Who Are High Need
Non-white	17,428	52%	10,303	56%	59%
Black or African-American*	6,008	8%	4,071	22%	67%
Hispanic (any race)	17,744	53%	9,812	53%	55%
Limited English Household	4,828	14%	2,508	14%	52%
Indigenous Populations**	446	1%	226	1%	51%

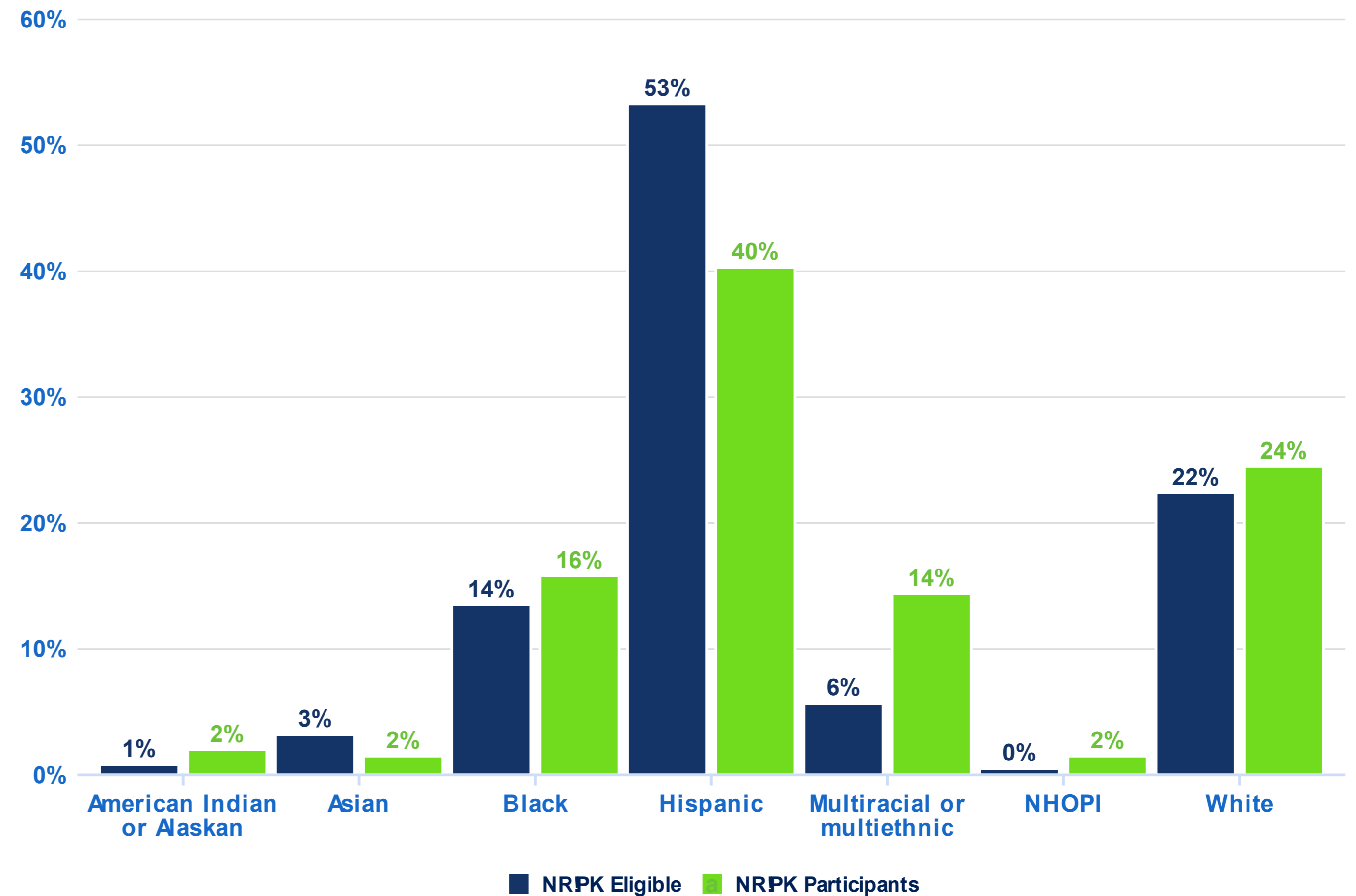
\* Includes multiracial

\*\* The margins of error for this data point are particularly high (between +/- 41.5% and +/- 60.6%). Interpret with caution.

# Who Is Served by NR!PK?

Despite strong enrollment numbers overall, Hispanic families are notably underrepresented in NR!PK.

NR!PK Eligibility and Participation by Race and Ethnicity





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# NR!PK Policies and Practices

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## Prompt 1:

What factors might affect access and use of NR!PK among families in rural and urban communities, respectively?

## Prompt 2:

As leaders in this field, what kinds of information might best help you design and implement policies that increase equitable access to NR!P,K particularly among disproportionately impacted populations?

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**Thank you!**

**We look forward to sharing the report with you Summer 2023.**

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