



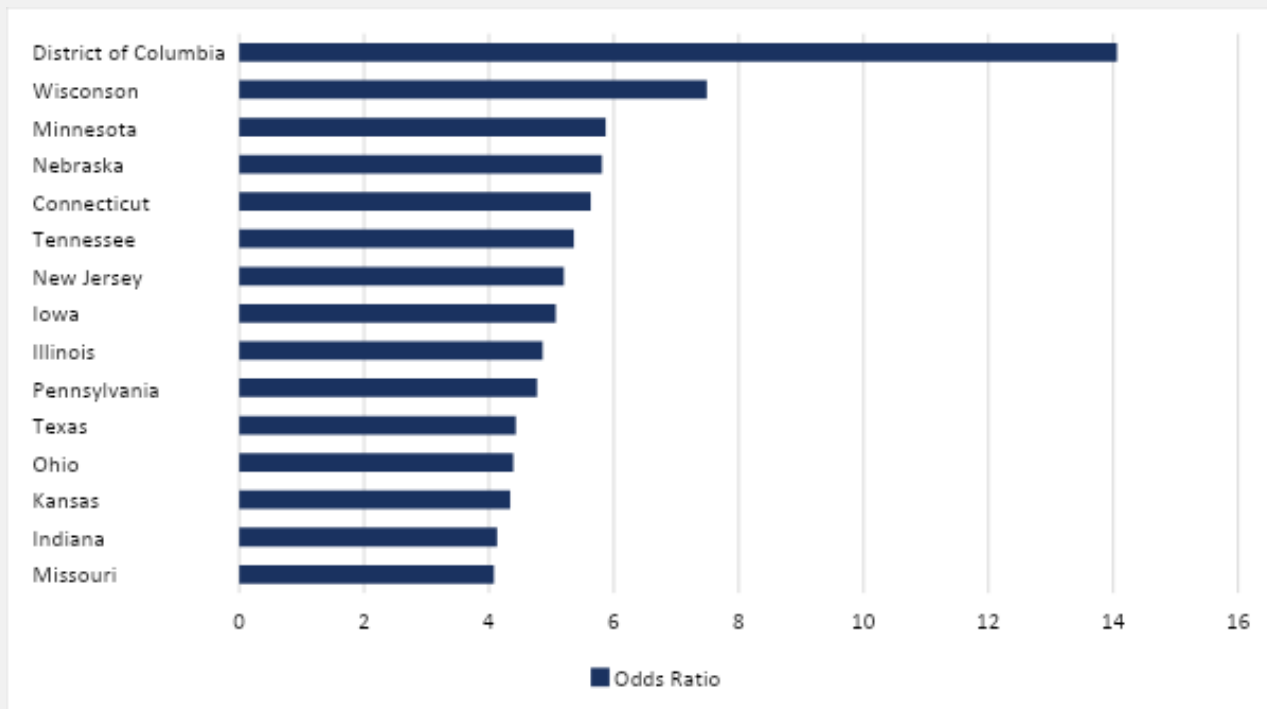
America's School Discipline Crisis

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Top 14 States (and Washington D.C.) with the Highest School Suspension Racial Disparities¹

Odds of Black Children being Suspended Compared to White Children¹



Northeast and Midwest states are disproportionately represented with the highest racial disparities in school suspensions

- Black children are more likely to be disciplined *for minor infractions* than White children.²
- **Exclusionary disciplinary practices cause psychological harm and are ineffective.**^{2,3} They are linked to low academic performance even for non-suspended students^{4,5}, increased behavior problems², school dropout⁵, arrests, and incarceration.⁶
- These disciplinary practices ignore and exacerbate Black children's traumatic responses to concurrent intergenerational and environmental stressors.^{3,7,8}

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