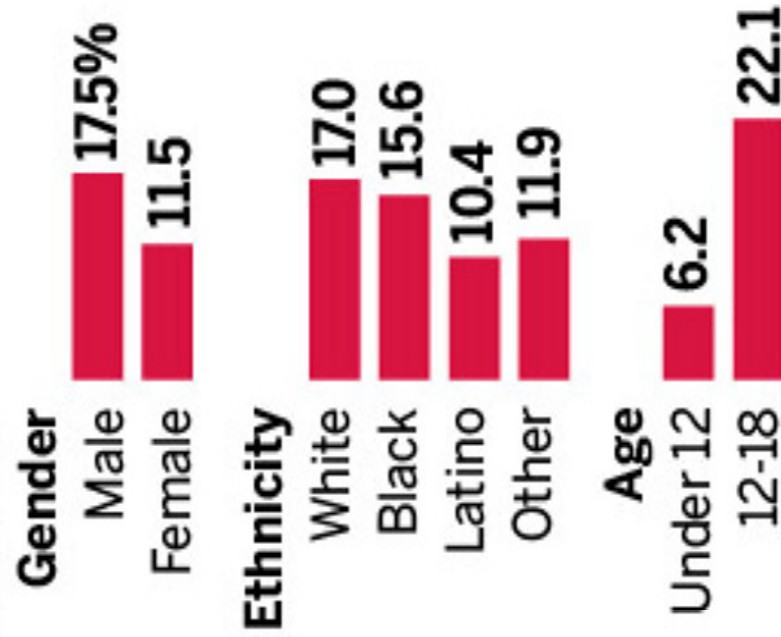


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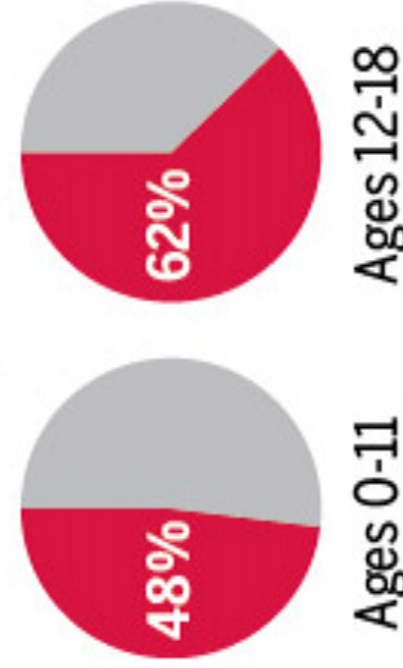
Psychotropic drugs are prescribed most often for whites, males and children older than 12. Percentage of foster kids on such drugs (10-year average):



Antipsychotics

Of the foster children in California who receive psychotropic medications, a large percentage are on the strongest class of drugs, known as antipsychotics — even if they're younger than 12.

■ **On one of the five most-prescribed antipsychotics**
■ **On other psychotropic drugs**



Multiple drugs

Out of all foster kids on psychotropic drugs, a significant percentage is taking two or more, although research is lacking on the safety or efficacy of multiple medications.

The youngest kids

The number of foster kids 5 and younger* who receive psychotropic drugs dropped along with the overall foster care population, but remains a concern to experts worried about developing