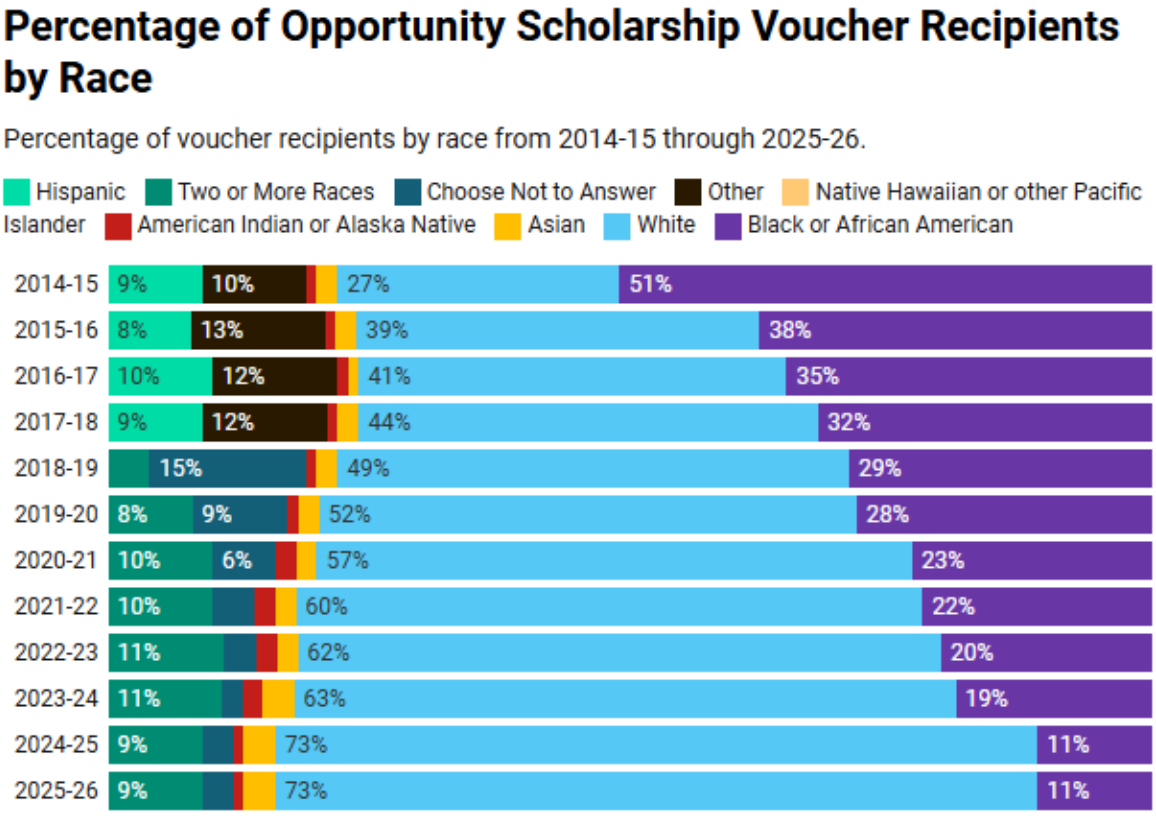
North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship Voucher Recipient Demographics 2014-15 to 2025-26

Since North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship voucher program launched in 2014-15, the proportion of Black students has dropped steadily while the proportion of White students has grown. In 2014-15, Black students made up 51% of the recipients and White students made up 27%. By 2024-25, the percentage of Black students had dropped to 11%, while the percentage of White students had grown to 73%. These percentages remained the same in 2025-26. See an interactive chart and get the data here.



Ethnicity

In 2018-19, NCSEAA began tracking ethnicity and race separately. Hispanic students made up 12% of Opportunity Scholarship voucher recipients in 2018-19. By 2025-26, the percentage of Hispanic students had dropped to 11%. Eighty-nine percent of the recipients in 2025-26 selected the label Not-Hispanic (88%) or chose not to answer (1%).

Public School Comparison

During the 2025-26 school year, the **public school student population was made up of 41% White, 24% Black, and 23% Hispanic students.** Students who were Two or More Races made up 6%, Asian students made up 5%, Indian students made up 1%, and Pacific Islander students made up less than 1% of the public school population.

Data Sources: NCSEAA and NC Statistical Profile