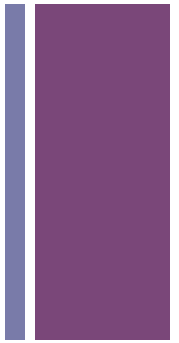


# Family disadvantage and the gender gap in educational and behavioral outcomes

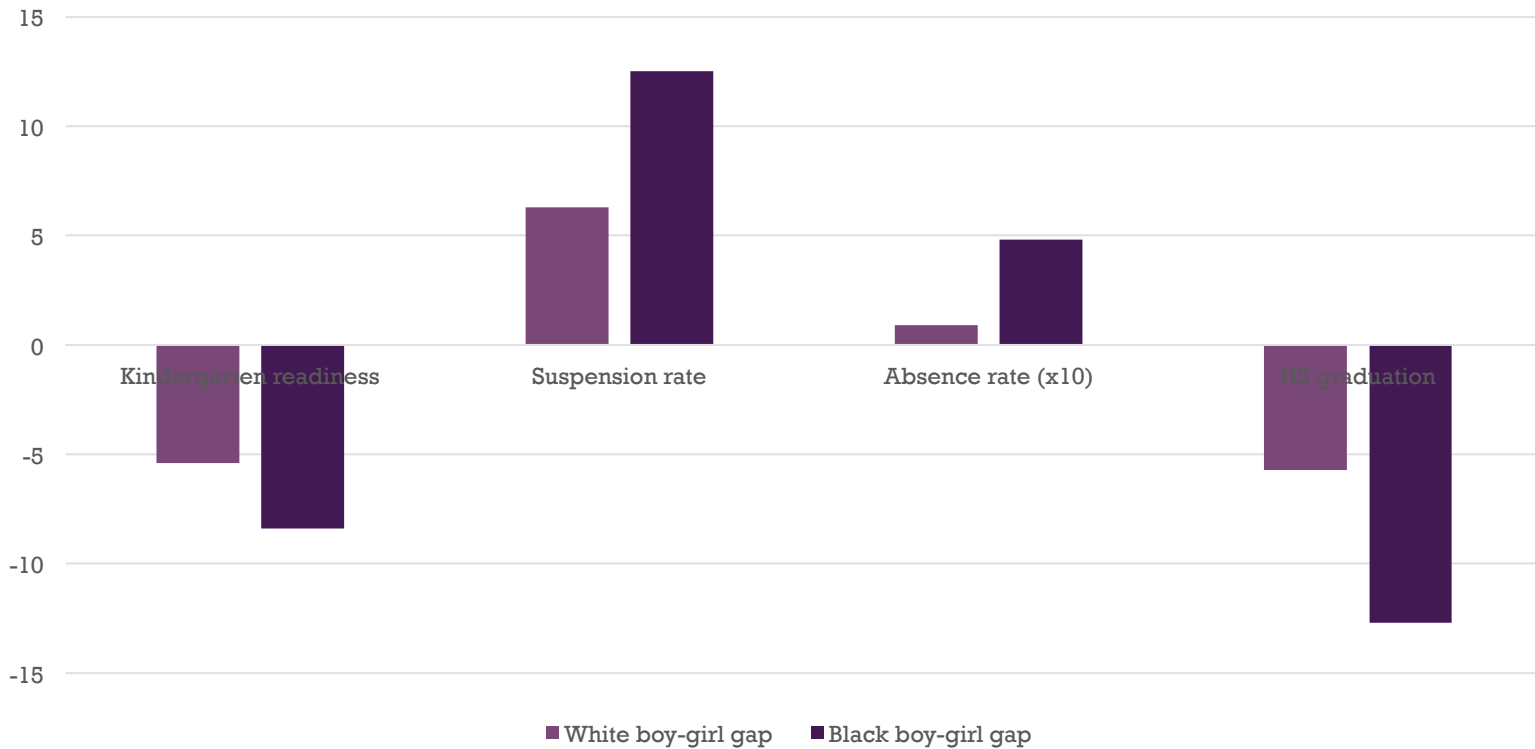
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# Boys do worse than girls...but black gaps bigger than white gaps

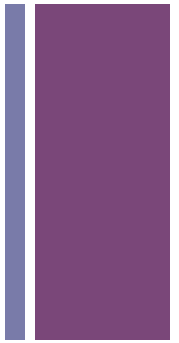


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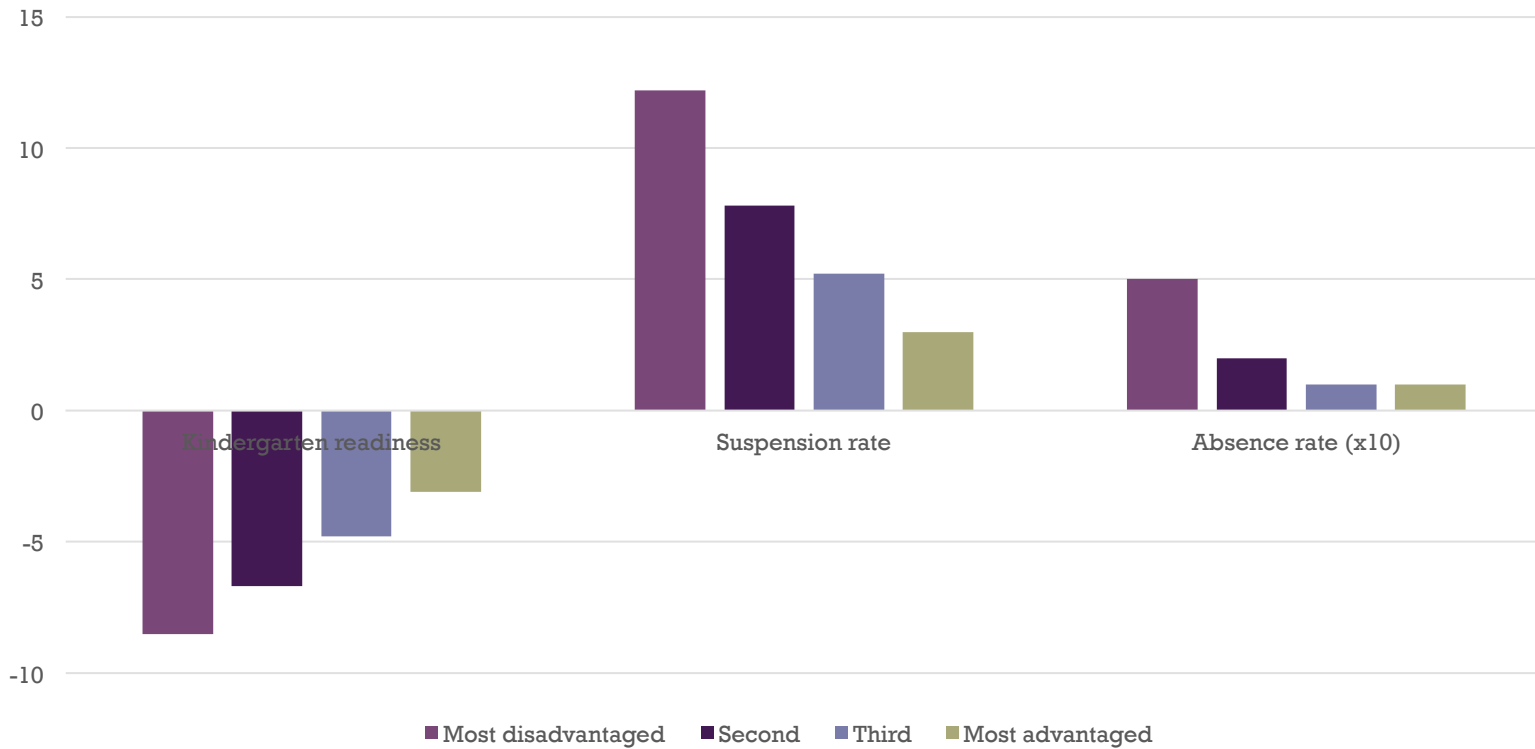




# Gender gaps are smaller the more advantaged the family

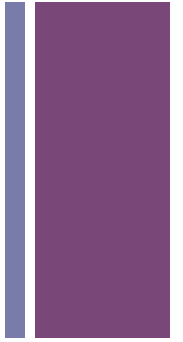


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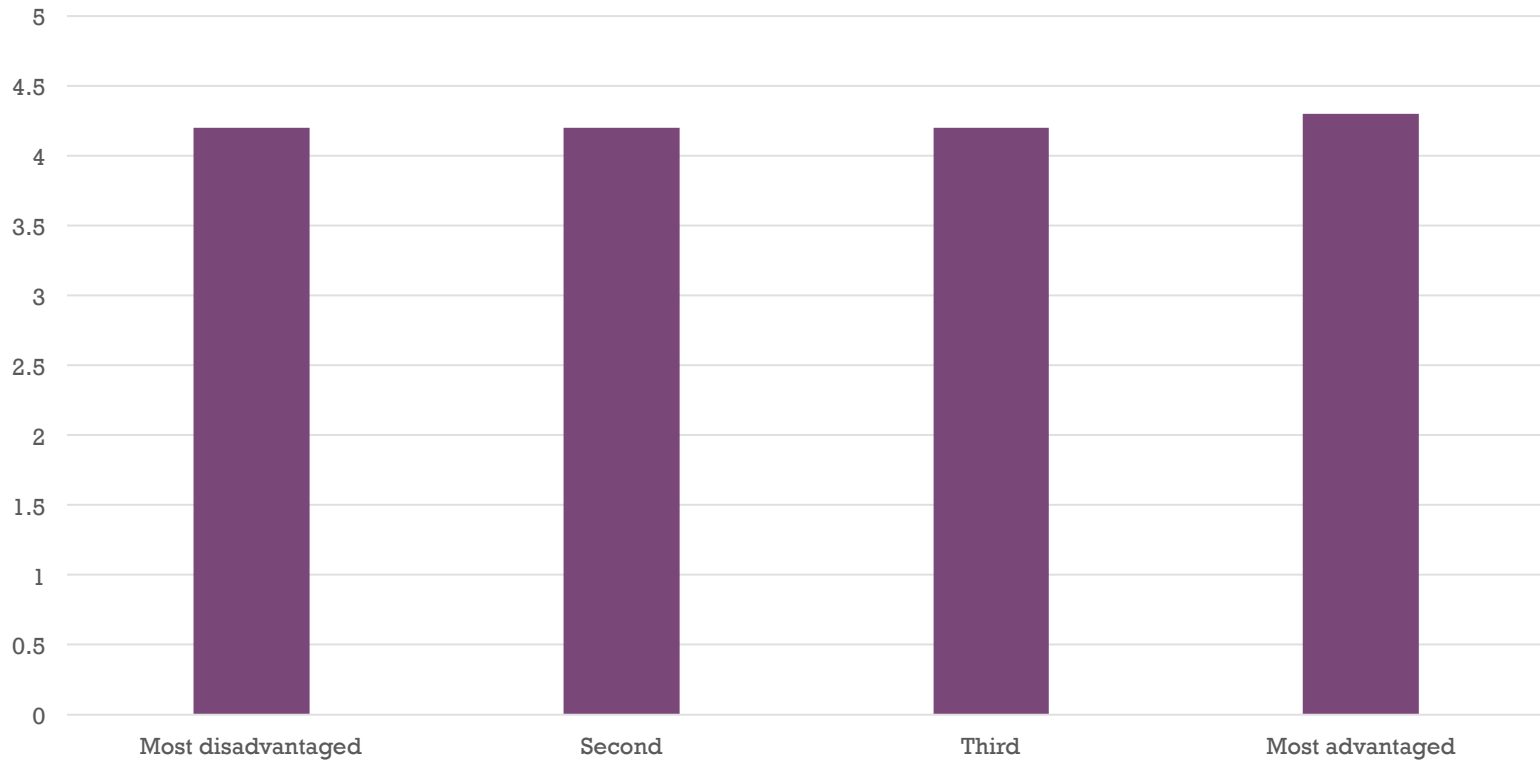




# ...but all the gap occurs post-natally



Relationship between advantage and the gender gap in birth weight

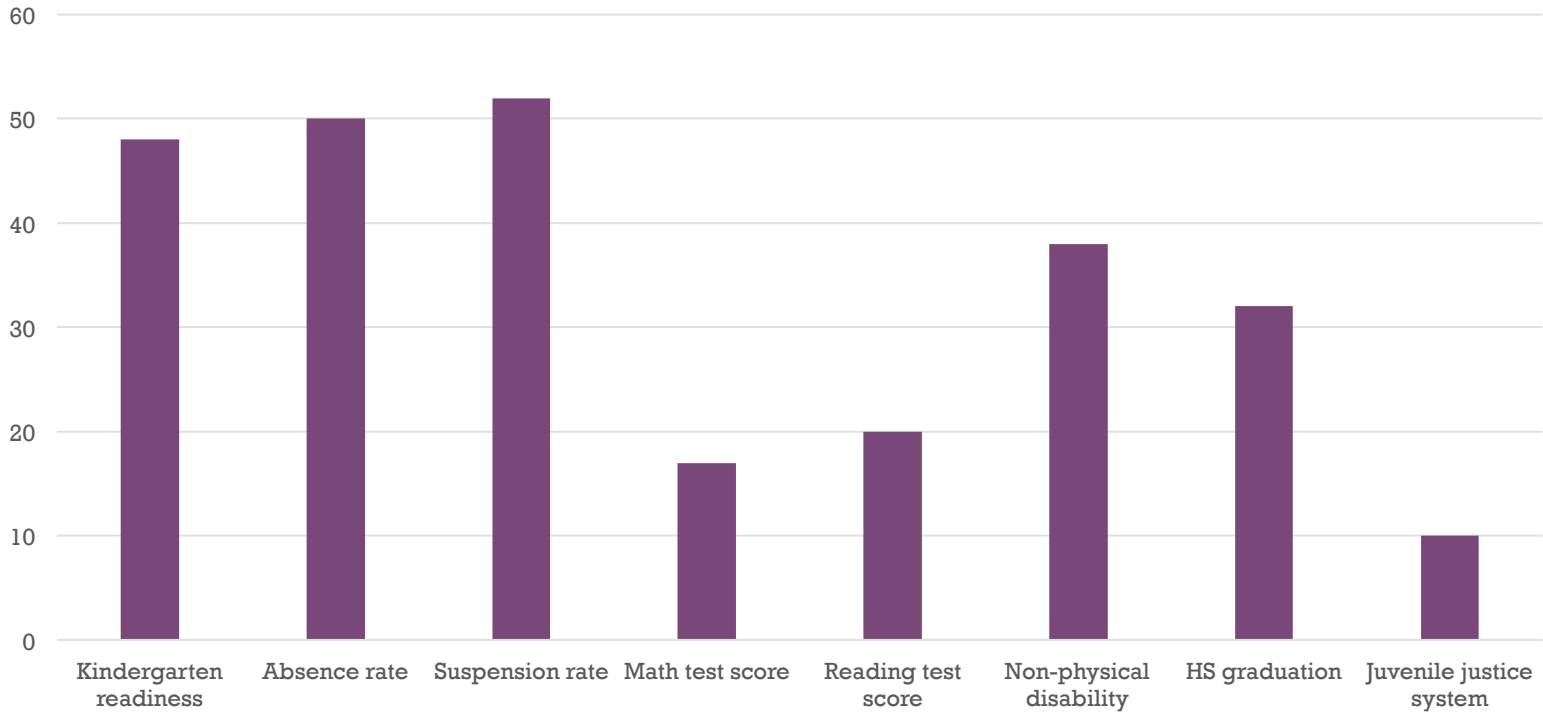




# Advantage explains a good deal of racial differences in gender gaps



Percentage reduction in black-white difference in gender gap associated with advantage



# + Questions?



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