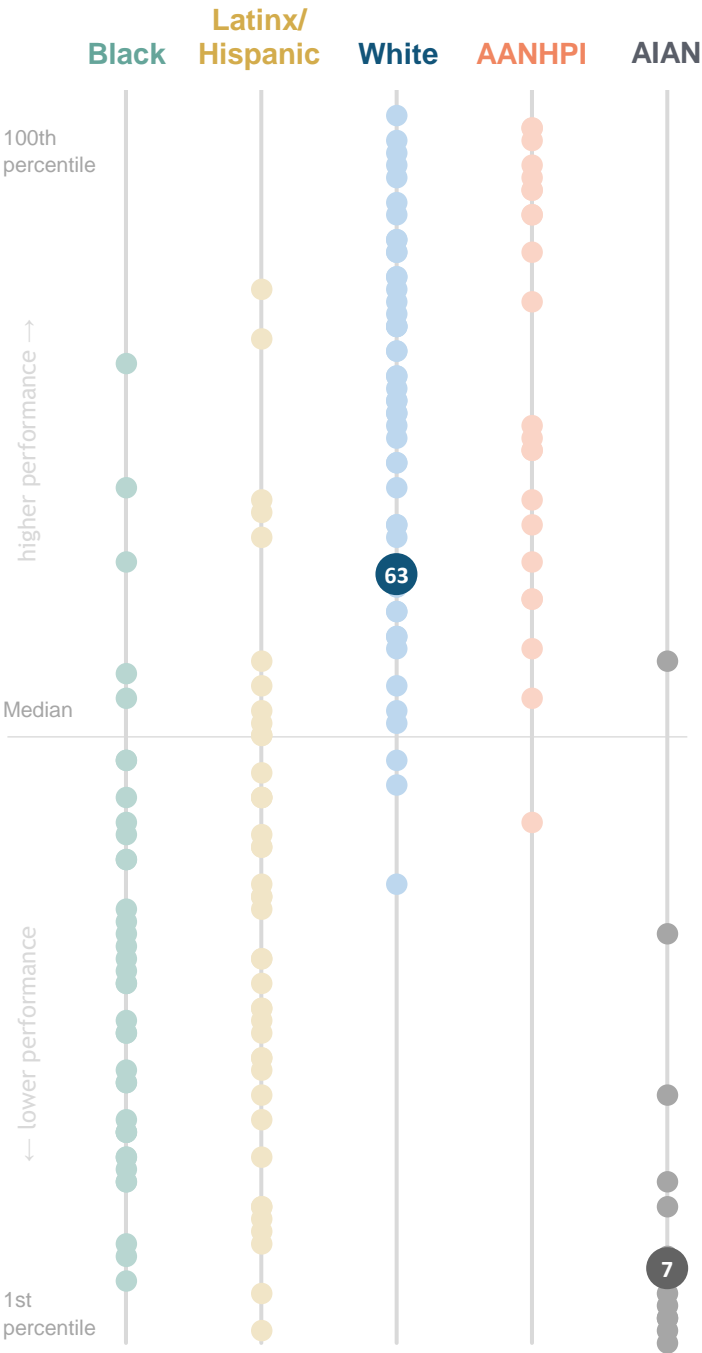


Health Equity in Alaska

Overall Health System Performance by Race/Ethnicity

Each column is a racial/ethnic group, each point represents a state. Performance represented as percentiles (1–100). Alaska performance percentile highlighted. No highlighted dot indicates overall performance data not available for that group.



Source: David C. Radley et al., *Achieving Racial and Ethnic Equity in U.S. Health Care: A Scorecard of State Performance* (Commonwealth Fund, Nov. 2021).

State population	Total	707,254	
	AANHPI	52,731	7%
	AIAN	107,053	15%
	Black	15,171	2%
	Latinx/Hispanic	49,361	7%
	White	424,489	60%

Black

Rank of Black people in AK compared to all states

Overall	— of 38 states
Health Outcomes	— of 38
Health Care Access	— of 40
Health Care Quality	12 of 40

Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in AK compared to all states

Overall	— of 42 states
Health Outcomes	— of 42
Health Care Access	29 of 48
Health Care Quality	28 of 48

White

Rank of white people in AK compared to all states

Overall	37 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	7 of 51
Health Care Access	45 of 51
Health Care Quality	49 of 51

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in AK compared to all states

Overall	— of 23 states
Health Outcomes	— of 24
Health Care Access	— of 30
Health Care Quality	41 of 41

American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

Rank of AIAN people in AK compared to all states

Overall	7 of 14 states
Health Outcomes	9 of 14
Health Care Access	4 of 16
Health Care Quality	11 of 16

Lower values indicate higher rank and better performance among each racial/ethnic group in AK compared to other states. Performance data not available for all groups in every state. “—” means data not available.

Table 1. Alaska Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	AK rate	US rate	AK rate	US rate	AK rate	US rate	AK rate	US rate	AK rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	93	153	45	67	60	78	64	49	124	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	—	11	—	5	4	5	—	4	11	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	—	28	—	14	19	20	—	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	17	—	11	13	13	—	9	32	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	60	—	—	16	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	23	17	12	12	14	15	14	8	34	28
Adults who are obese (%)	49	42	38	36	29	31	28	13	36	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	—	11	—	7	8	10	—	3	15	18
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	—	14	29	26	10	9	—	8	29	25
Uninsured children (%)	—	5	—	9	6	4	—	4	10	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	22	15	19	19	11	10	—	9	9	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	7	8	6	7	6	6	5	4	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	61	78	56	60	70	81	54	75	67	71
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	59	—	—	—	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	145	290	—	—	145	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	72	85	62	79	69	78	39	76	76	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	74	83	70	79	69	76	61	72	74	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	62	71	64	59	64	73	46	63	66	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	33	37	34	35	40	49	34	47	38	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	47	61	—	55	69	74	—	67	57	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	67	63	64	61	65	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	66	—	70	56	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	56	60	68	57	69	69	58	67	58	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	8	5	—	—	7	6	—	—	—	—

Table 2. Alaska Performance Ranks & Percentile Scores

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	Group rank	Score	Group rank	Score	Group rank	Score	Group rank	Score	Group rank	Score
Health Outcomes	—	—	—	—	7	75	—	—	9	4
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	—	—	—	—	6	69	—	—	8	24
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	—	—	—	—	9	91	—	—	5	18
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	—	—	—	—	18	53	—	—	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	—	—	—	17	52	—	—	9	1
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	2	98	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	—	—	—	—	20	55	—	—	8	5
Adults who are obese (%)	—	—	—	—	15	77	—	—	4	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	—	—	—	—	19	58	—	—	5	11
Health Care Access	—	—	29	15	45	54	—	—	4	43
Uninsured adults (%)	—	—	32	12	33	65	—	—	11	14
Uninsured children (%)	—	—	—	—	38	49	—	—	4	24
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	—	—	27	17	37	64	—	—	1	83
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	—	22	37	41	41	—	—	1	92
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	—	—	34	9	51	37	—	—	10	32
Health Care Quality	12	53	28	22	49	50	41	1	11	27
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	1	96	—	—	4	96	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	39	22	43	6	49	16	37	1	7	38
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	38	34	45	17	46	15	34	5	10	35
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	39	35	12	40	50	41	37	5	5	44
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	33	12	31	16	50	40	41	13	13	32
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	40	4	—	—	49	52	—	—	12	20
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	13	57	17	45	43	47	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	51	4	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	33	16	2	76	29	78	39	25	6	26
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	1	99	—	—	6	92	—	—	—	—