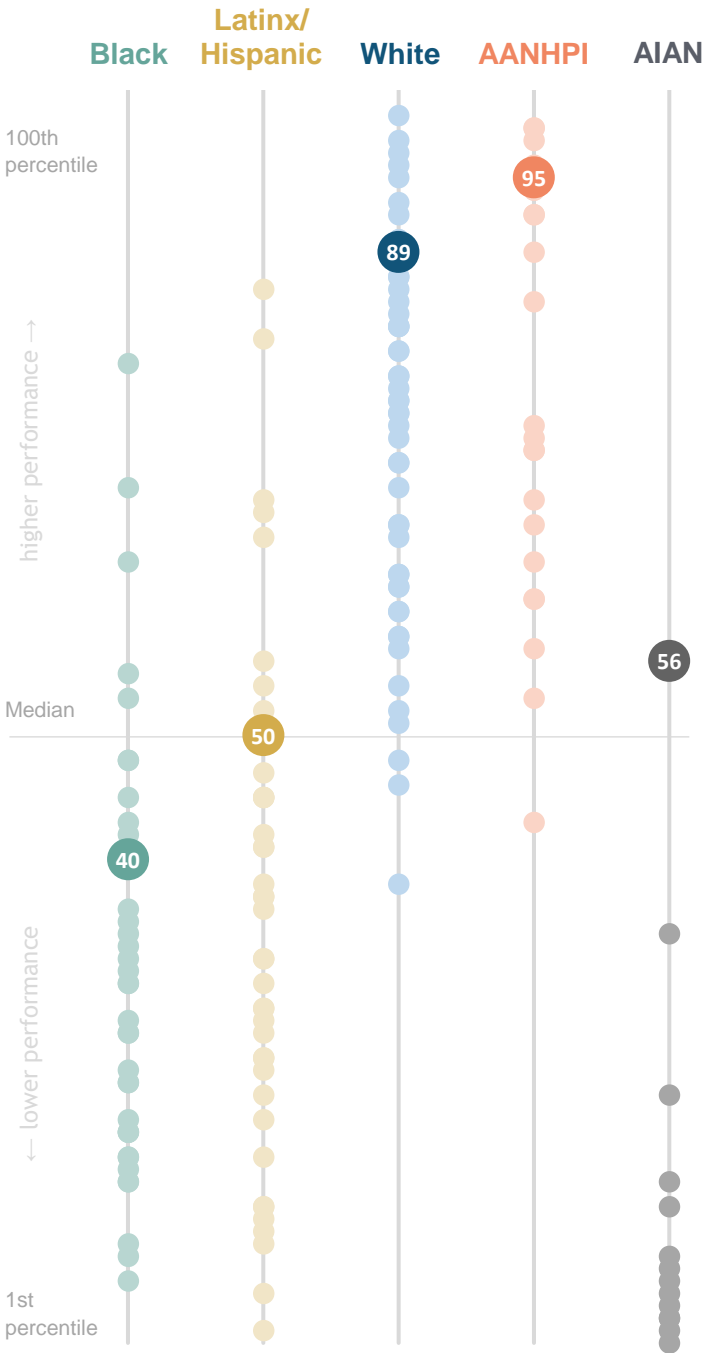


# Health Equity in California

## 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). California 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	39,007,866	
	AANHPI	5,893,894	15%
	AIAN	141,260	<1%
	Black	2,090,014	5%
	Latinx/Hispanic	15,408,719	40%
	White	14,163,999	36%

### Black

Rank of Black people in CA compared to all states

Overall	11 of 38 states
Health Outcomes	20 of 38
Health Care Access	4 of 40
Health Care Quality	32 of 40

### Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in CA compared to all states

Overall	10 of 42 states
Health Outcomes	14 of 42
Health Care Access	5 of 48
Health Care Quality	36 of 48

### White

Rank of white people in CA compared to all states

Overall	10 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	8 of 51
Health Care Access	10 of 51
Health Care Quality	25 of 51

### Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in CA compared to all states

Overall	5 of 23 states
Health Outcomes	11 of 24
Health Care Access	6 of 30
Health Care Quality	8 of 41

### American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

Rank of AIAN people in CA compared to all states

Overall	1 of 14 states
Health Outcomes	1 of 14
Health Care Access	1 of 16
Health Care Quality	7 of 16

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

Table 1. California Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	CA rate	US rate	CA rate	US rate	CA rate	US rate	CA rate	US rate	CA rate	US rate
<b>Health Outcomes</b>										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	151	153	68	67	70	78	51	49	101	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	8	11	4	5	3	5	3	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	29	28	14	14	22	20	13	12	15	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	17	17	11	11	13	13	10	9	12	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	79	60	—	—	35	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	18	17	9	12	10	15	7	8	18	28
Adults who are obese (%)	46	42	38	36	26	31	12	13	34	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	10	11	6	7	6	10	4	3	—	18
<b>Health Care Access</b>										
Uninsured adults (%)	8	14	18	26	6	9	7	8	16	25
Uninsured children (%)	3	5	5	9	3	4	3	4	9	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	9	15	15	19	7	10	6	9	—	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	4	7	5	6	5	6	4	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	82	78	64	60	82	81	80	75	92	71
<b>Health Care Quality</b>										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	66	59	—	—	31	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	313	290	—	—	171	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	80	85	79	79	80	78	78	76	57	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	74	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	83	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	71	71	60	59	75	73	63	63	72	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	36	37	35	35	51	49	51	47	46	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	63	61	53	55	73	74	72	67	—	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	72	63	57	61	71	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	66	64	70	69	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	62	60	57	57	74	69	69	67	55	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	4	5	—	—	5	6	—	—	—	—

**Table 2. California 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
<b>Health Outcomes</b>	20	18	14	76	8	74	11	93	1	41
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	16	16	33	59	21	56	18	82	3	33
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	3	28	5	80	4	97	4	95	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	25	10	19	74	47	28	14	80	3	70
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	16	18	24	69	20	50	19	74	2	62
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	28	8	—	—	28	66	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	17	36	4	90	3	85	6	96	2	38
Adults who are obese (%)	30	9	34	31	6	83	7	96	3	47
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	12	43	15	84	6	78	2	98	—	—
<b>Health Care Access</b>	4	90	5	42	10	90	6	92	1	76
Uninsured adults (%)	5	81	11	31	11	94	5	90	4	39
Uninsured children (%)	1	96	4	62	6	95	2	92	3	27
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	1	85	7	36	10	92	4	97	—	—
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	4	93	9	76	9	81	5	90	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	9	84	17	24	18	84	5	75	1	100
<b>Health Care Quality</b>	32	26	36	15	25	85	8	77	7	37
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	19	14	—	—	7	91	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	34	8	—	—	21	76	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	29	64	23	52	16	59	12	50	15	4
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	36	40	14	75	11	64	7	40	3	85
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	19	71	22	27	13	89	19	37	2	72
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	27	21	27	18	11	92	7	87	4	68
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	16	35	35	13	33	71	13	67	—	—
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	4	81	37	17	21	76	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	26	13	45	29	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	13	47	32	20	8	96	12	79	13	11
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	40	2	—	—	49	26	—	—	—	—