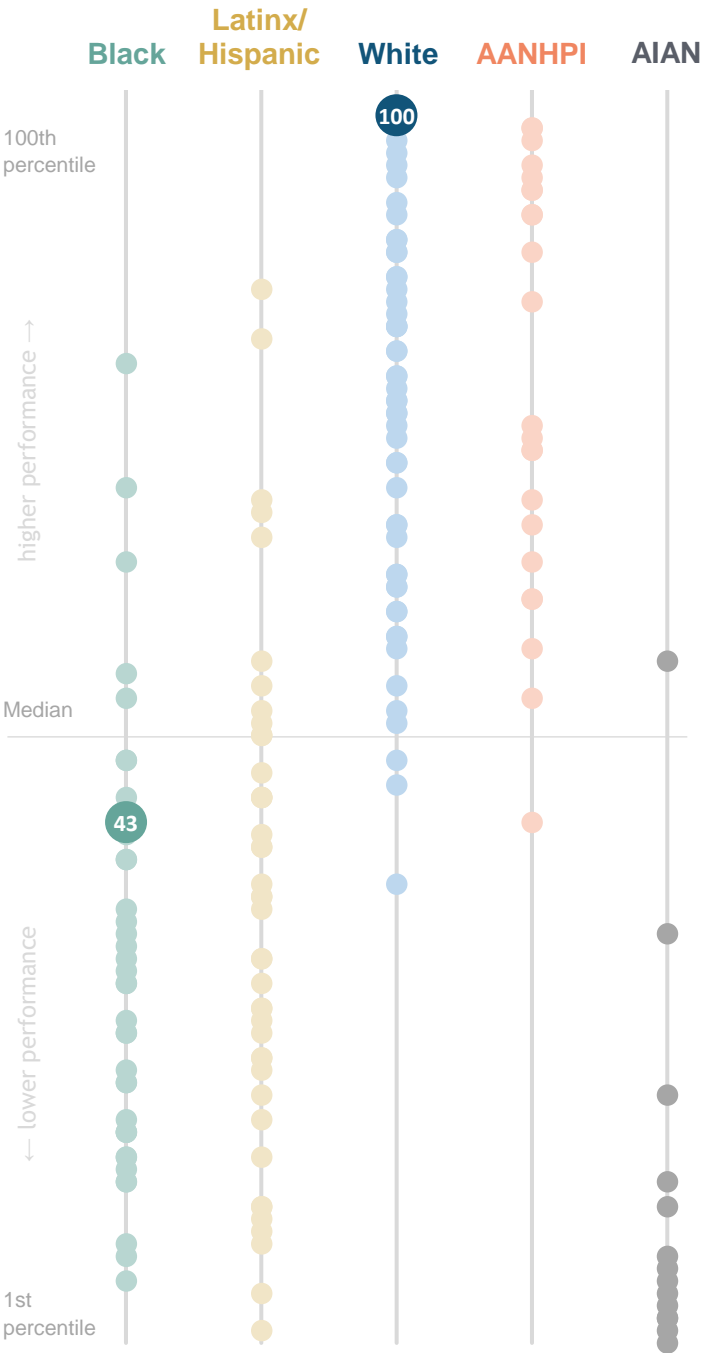


Health Equity in District of Columbia

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). District of Columbia 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	696,740	
	AANHPI	28,246	4%
	AIAN	1,939	<1%
	Black	306,494	44%
	Latinx/Hispanic	79,065	11%
	White	259,837	37%

Black

Rank of Black people in DC compared to all states

Overall	9 of 38 states
Health Outcomes	27 of 38
Health Care Access	7 of 40
Health Care Quality	8 of 40

Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in DC compared to all states

Overall	— of 42 states
Health Outcomes	— of 42
Health Care Access	3 of 48
Health Care Quality	4 of 48

White

Rank of white people in DC compared to all states

Overall	1 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	1 of 51
Health Care Access	2 of 51
Health Care Quality	1 of 51

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in DC compared to all states

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

American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

Rank of AIAN people in DC compared to all states

Overall	— of 14 states
Health Outcomes	— of 14
Health Care Access	— of 16
Health Care Quality	— of 16

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

Table 1. District of Columbia Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	DC rate	US rate	DC rate	US rate	DC rate	US rate	DC rate	US rate	DC rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	186	153	41	67	34	78	—	49	—	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	13	11	—	5	—	5	—	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	35	28	—	14	16	20	—	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	19	17	—	11	8	13	—	9	—	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	43	60	—	—	27	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	19	17	7	12	6	15	—	8	—	28
Adults who are obese (%)	42	42	22	36	10	31	—	13	—	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	12	11	—	7	1	10	—	3	—	18
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	7	14	7	26	2	9	—	8	—	25
Uninsured children (%)	—	5	—	9	—	4	—	4	—	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	10	15	13	19	6	10	10	9	—	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	6	7	5	6	2	6	—	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	82	78	68	60	75	81	63	75	78	71
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	50	59	—	—	—	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	252	290	—	—	166	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	83	85	79	79	80	78	55	76	72	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	80	83	80	79	85	76	74	72	85	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	74	71	68	59	80	73	75	63	57	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	41	37	46	35	65	49	51	47	49	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	64	61	77	55	79	74	65	67	68	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	68	63	72	61	82	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	66	66	63	70	89	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	65	60	69	57	78	69	61	67	51	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	5	5	—	—	5	6	—	—	—	—

Table 2. District of Columbia 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	27	13	—	—	1	96	—	—	—	—
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	33	6	—	—	1	99	—	—	—	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	31	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	34	3	—	—	3	65	—	—	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	26	10	—	—	1	87	—	—	—	—
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	5	42	—	—	13	85	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	25	23	—	—	1	99	—	—	—	—
Adults who are obese (%)	17	19	—	—	1	98	—	—	—	—
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	21	26	—	—	1	100	—	—	—	—
Health Care Access	7	83	3	62	2	99	—	—	—	—
Uninsured adults (%)	1	89	1	89	1	100	—	—	—	—
Uninsured children (%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	5	71	4	49	2	98	—	—	—	—
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	8	70	7	78	2	99	—	—	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	10	82	7	36	45	55	—	—	—	—
Health Care Quality	8	60	4	78	1	100	23	41	—	—
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	6	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	9	35	—	—	13	84	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	24	75	21	57	16	59	35	3	—	—
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	26	72	17	73	1	93	13	32	—	—
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	8	84	10	47	2	99	4	91	—	—
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	13	44	4	72	1	100	6	90	—	—
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	15	36	8	84	2	93	23	40	—	—
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	9	68	6	82	1	100	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	10	18	29	9	2	97	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	4	65	1	81	1	100	34	44	—	—
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	11	48	—	—	50	22	—	—	—	—