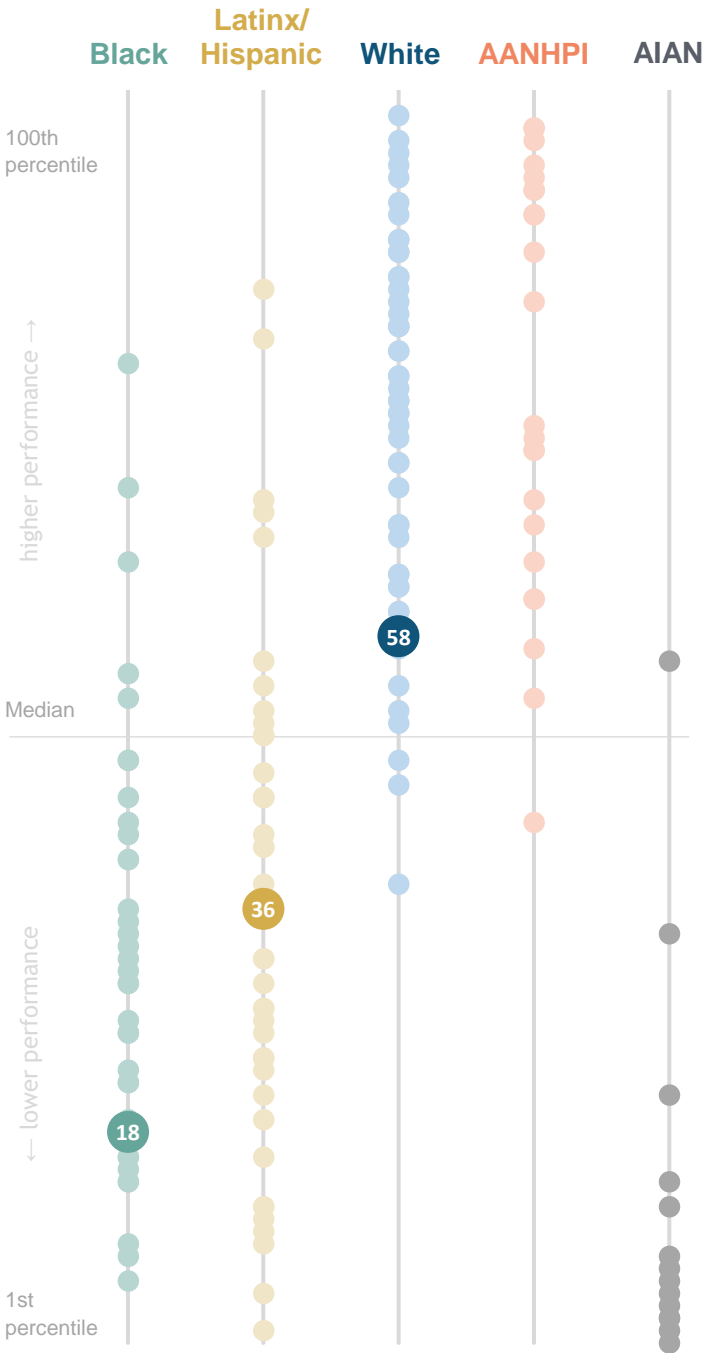


Health Equity in Louisiana

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). Louisiana 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	4,541,927	
	AANHPI	78,379	2%
	AIAN	21,698	<1%
	Black	1,451,266	32%
	Latinx/Hispanic	240,202	5%
	White	2,661,553	59%

Black		
Rank of Black people in LA compared to all states		
Overall	29	of 38 states
Health Outcomes	32	of 38
Health Care Access	24	of 40
Health Care Quality	29	of 40

Latinx/Hispanic		
Rank of Latinx people in LA compared to all states		
Overall	22	of 42 states
Health Outcomes	27	of 42
Health Care Access	27	of 48
Health Care Quality	16	of 48

White		
Rank of white people in LA compared to all states		
Overall	43	of 51 states
Health Outcomes	43	of 51
Health Care Access	32	of 51
Health Care Quality	43	of 51

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)		
Rank of AANHPI people in LA compared to all states		
Overall	—	of 23 states
Health Outcomes	—	of 24
Health Care Access	30	of 30
Health Care Quality	9	of 41

American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)		
Rank of AIAN people in LA 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 LA compared to other states. Performance data not available for all groups in every state. “—” means data not available.

Table 1. Louisiana Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	LA rate	US rate	LA rate	US rate	LA rate	US rate	LA rate	US rate	LA rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	181	153	59	67	96	78	53	49	48	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	11	11	6	5	5	5	—	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	29	28	13	14	20	20	—	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	20	17	9	11	15	13	12	9	—	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	65	60	—	—	38	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	19	17	18	12	21	15	—	8	29	28
Adults who are obese (%)	46	42	34	36	34	31	22	13	46	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	14	11	6	7	12	10	—	3	12	18
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	13	14	39	26	10	9	19	8	—	25
Uninsured children (%)	3	5	13	9	4	4	23	4	—	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	15	15	17	19	12	10	—	9	23	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	9	7	7	6	7	6	—	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	77	78	59	60	80	81	64	75	76	71
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	59	59	—	—	45	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	356	290	—	—	191	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	87	85	76	79	80	78	93	76	85	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	86	83	74	79	77	76	78	72	84	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	71	71	54	59	71	73	60	63	76	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	36	37	32	35	43	49	36	47	32	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	63	61	89	55	72	74	—	67	59	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	60	63	63	61	64	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	66	66	80	70	70	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	54	60	58	57	61	69	67	67	50	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	5	5	—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—

Table 2. Louisiana 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	32	9	27	66	43	34	—	—	—	—
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	32	6	26	71	43	35	—	—	—	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	16	16	24	48	34	59	—	—	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	24	10	13	82	33	41	—	—	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	32	6	14	80	43	29	—	—	—	—
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	22	15	—	—	33	58	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	22	26	34	31	48	16	—	—	—	—
Adults who are obese (%)	27	11	22	47	38	48	—	—	—	—
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	35	12	21	79	41	27	—	—	—	—
Health Care Access	24	47	27	16	32	71	30	13	—	—
Uninsured adults (%)	25	48	41	6	36	62	30	31	—	—
Uninsured children (%)	4	86	31	14	20	75	19	4	—	—
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	24	40	11	31	41	59	—	—	—	—
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	23	25	18	45	38	45	—	—	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	23	59	25	14	28	74	26	23	—	—
Health Care Quality	29	28	16	46	43	65	9	72	—	—
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	13	22	—	—	36	48	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	39	3	—	—	40	55	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	5	94	28	37	12	64	1	100	—	—
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	5	97	41	34	16	57	4	61	—	—
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	21	69	32	16	31	68	24	27	—	—
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	24	25	41	7	47	52	40	21	—	—
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	16	35	3	98	42	62	—	—	—	—
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	25	26	25	34	44	42	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	10	18	7	78	43	33	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	38	8	30	22	45	43	17	72	—	—
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	16	32	—	—	34	54	—	—	—	—