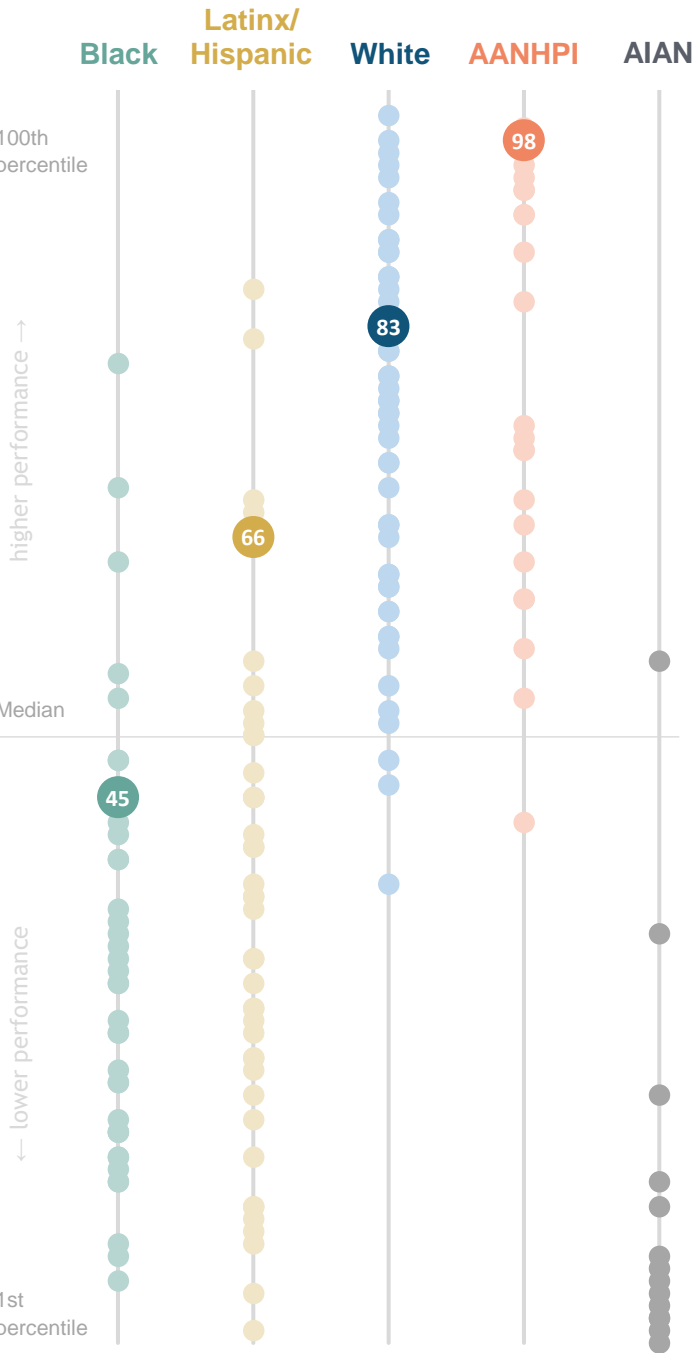


# Health Equity in Pennsylvania

## 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). Pennsylvania 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	12,593,310	
	AANHPI	455,543	4%
	AIAN	14,350	<1%
	Black	1,306,575	10%
	Latinx/Hispanic	975,486	8%
	White	9,555,287	76%

### Black

Rank of Black people in PA compared to all states

Overall	8 of 38 states
Health Outcomes	25 of 38
Health Care Access	5 of 40
Health Care Quality	13 of 40

### Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in PA compared to all states

Overall	5 of 42 states
Health Outcomes	32 of 42
Health Care Access	5 of 48
Health Care Quality	5 of 48

### White

Rank of white people in PA compared to all states

Overall	17 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	36 of 51
Health Care Access	8 of 51
Health Care Quality	13 of 51

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

Rank of AANHPI people in PA compared to all states

Overall	3 of 23 states
Health Outcomes	2 of 24
Health Care Access	8 of 30
Health Care Quality	4 of 41

### American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

Rank of AIAN people in PA 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 PA compared to other states. Performance data not available for all groups in every state. “—” means data not available.

Table 1. Pennsylvania Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	PA rate	US rate	PA rate	US rate	PA rate	US rate	PA rate	US rate	PA rate	US rate
<b>Health Outcomes</b>										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	156	153	69	67	74	78	37	49	—	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	11	11	6	5	5	5	4	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	29	28	13	14	20	20	6	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	17	17	10	11	14	13	7	9	—	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	73	60	—	—	40	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	21	17	19	12	16	15	—	8	—	28
Adults who are obese (%)	44	42	32	36	33	31	8	13	54	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	12	11	7	7	10	10	—	3	—	18
<b>Health Care Access</b>										
Uninsured adults (%)	9	14	18	26	7	9	8	8	—	25
Uninsured children (%)	3	5	5	9	5	4	4	4	—	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	13	15	18	19	8	10	6	9	—	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	2	7	6	6	4	6	—	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	84	78	72	60	86	81	73	75	78	71
<b>Health Care Quality</b>										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	75	59	—	—	41	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	278	290	—	—	164	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	89	85	89	79	78	78	89	76	—	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	86	83	80	79	75	76	67	72	—	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	74	71	62	59	74	73	57	63	66	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	45	37	36	35	51	49	55	47	42	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	59	61	60	55	75	74	77	67	99	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	69	63	73	61	74	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	75	66	85	70	85	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	60	60	66	57	71	69	71	67	56	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	4	5	—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—

**Table 2. Pennsylvania 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>	25	15	32	58	36	42	2	99	—	—
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	21	13	34	58	27	51	3	98	—	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	16	16	27	44	19	77	10	85	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	22	12	18	75	29	44	1	100	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	14	20	23	72	32	39	5	94	—	—
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	25	11	—	—	38	52	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	31	15	36	28	29	47	—	—	—	—
Adults who are obese (%)	20	15	8	66	32	59	2	99	—	—
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	23	24	28	72	28	43	—	—	—	—
<b>Health Care Access</b>	5	87	5	42	8	92	8	82	—	—
Uninsured adults (%)	9	69	8	33	15	90	14	74	—	—
Uninsured children (%)	3	88	3	64	34	57	8	69	—	—
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	21	47	16	25	11	91	3	99	—	—
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	1	98	15	64	3	90	—	—	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	5	88	5	44	8	94	10	49	—	—
<b>Health Care Quality</b>	13	53	5	77	13	92	4	84	—	—
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	24	7	—	—	26	64	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	18	26	—	—	12	85	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	2	96	2	96	22	51	3	98	—	—
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	4	98	21	69	23	48	26	10	—	—
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	5	87	17	33	16	86	28	21	—	—
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	4	64	25	23	19	86	3	96	—	—
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	27	24	26	25	27	75	8	89	—	—
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	8	69	4	87	11	91	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	4	60	4	92	5	92	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	25	29	4	70	20	87	7	89	—	—
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	35	7	—	—	32	56	—	—	—	—