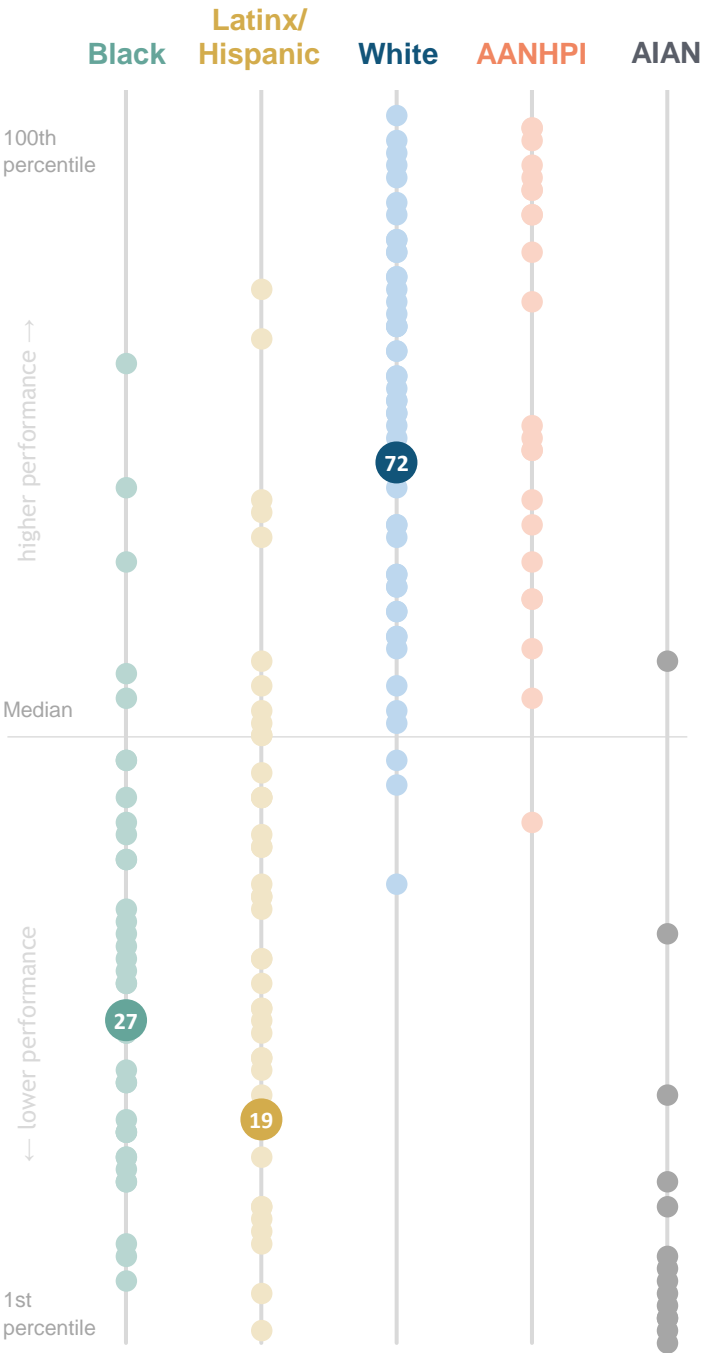


Health Equity in South Carolina

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). South Carolina 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	5,056,002	
	AANHPI	93,251	2%
	AIAN	14,402	<1%
	Black	1,326,356	26%
	Latinx/Hispanic	291,440	6%
	White	3,220,188	64%

Black

Rank of Black people in SC compared to all states

Overall	21 of 38 states
Health Outcomes	23 of 38
Health Care Access	34 of 40
Health Care Quality	7 of 40

Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in SC compared to all states

Overall	34 of 42 states
Health Outcomes	6 of 42
Health Care Access	42 of 48
Health Care Quality	31 of 48

White

Rank of white people in SC compared to all states

Overall	31 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	33 of 51
Health Care Access	41 of 51
Health Care Quality	16 of 51

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in SC compared to all states

Overall	— of 23 states
Health Outcomes	— of 24
Health Care Access	29 of 30
Health Care Quality	38 of 41

American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

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

Table 1. South Carolina Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	SC rate	US rate	SC rate	US rate	SC rate	US rate	SC rate	US rate	SC rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	157	153	46	67	83	78	43	49	—	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	10	11	6	5	5	5	—	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	28	28	—	14	20	20	—	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	17	17	9	11	13	13	—	9	—	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	54	60	—	—	27	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	17	17	14	12	18	15	—	8	32	28
Adults who are obese (%)	46	42	32	36	34	31	30	13	40	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	15	11	3	7	11	10	—	3	—	18
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	17	14	43	26	13	9	12	8	12	25
Uninsured children (%)	4	5	15	9	5	4	15	4	—	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	16	15	21	19	12	10	23	9	22	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	12	7	9	6	7	6	—	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	77	78	49	60	79	81	60	75	46	71
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	53	59	—	—	34	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	282	290	—	—	166	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	83	85	81	79	77	78	—	76	69	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	86	83	75	79	73	76	48	72	50	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	73	71	53	59	73	73	49	63	—	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	38	37	28	35	47	49	45	47	14	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	63	61	56	55	76	74	78	67	77	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	64	63	72	61	71	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	69	66	68	70	76	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	61	60	58	57	67	69	64	67	41	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	7	5	—	—	8	6	—	—	—	—

Table 2. South Carolina 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	23	16	6	84	33	44	—	—	—	—
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	23	12	7	88	37	42	—	—	—	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	14	18	24	48	31	64	—	—	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	17	15	—	—	27	46	—	—	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	18	17	19	77	15	54	—	—	—	—
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	16	22	—	—	13	85	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	13	41	26	64	40	34	—	—	—	—
Adults who are obese (%)	32	8	9	65	34	54	—	—	—	—
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	36	11	1	99	35	35	—	—	—	—
Health Care Access	34	32	42	5	41	62	29	18	—	—
Uninsured adults (%)	30	35	44	4	43	48	26	53	—	—
Uninsured children (%)	15	66	33	11	34	57	18	11	—	—
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	27	36	36	11	44	56	26	7	—	—
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	29	7	30	19	34	49	—	—	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	23	59	43	4	33	69	30	17	—	—
Health Care Quality	7	61	31	19	16	90	38	9	—	—
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	10	26	—	—	15	80	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	21	22	—	—	13	84	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	23	76	16	68	32	41	—	—	—	—
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	7	96	38	44	38	27	40	1	—	—
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	13	77	36	13	24	77	33	9	—	—
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	22	28	45	3	30	76	18	67	—	—
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	18	34	31	17	14	82	6	92	—	—
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	21	39	7	81	19	78	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	8	29	22	24	22	67	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	17	41	27	24	34	73	23	59	—	—
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	3	91	—	—	1	98	—	—	—	—