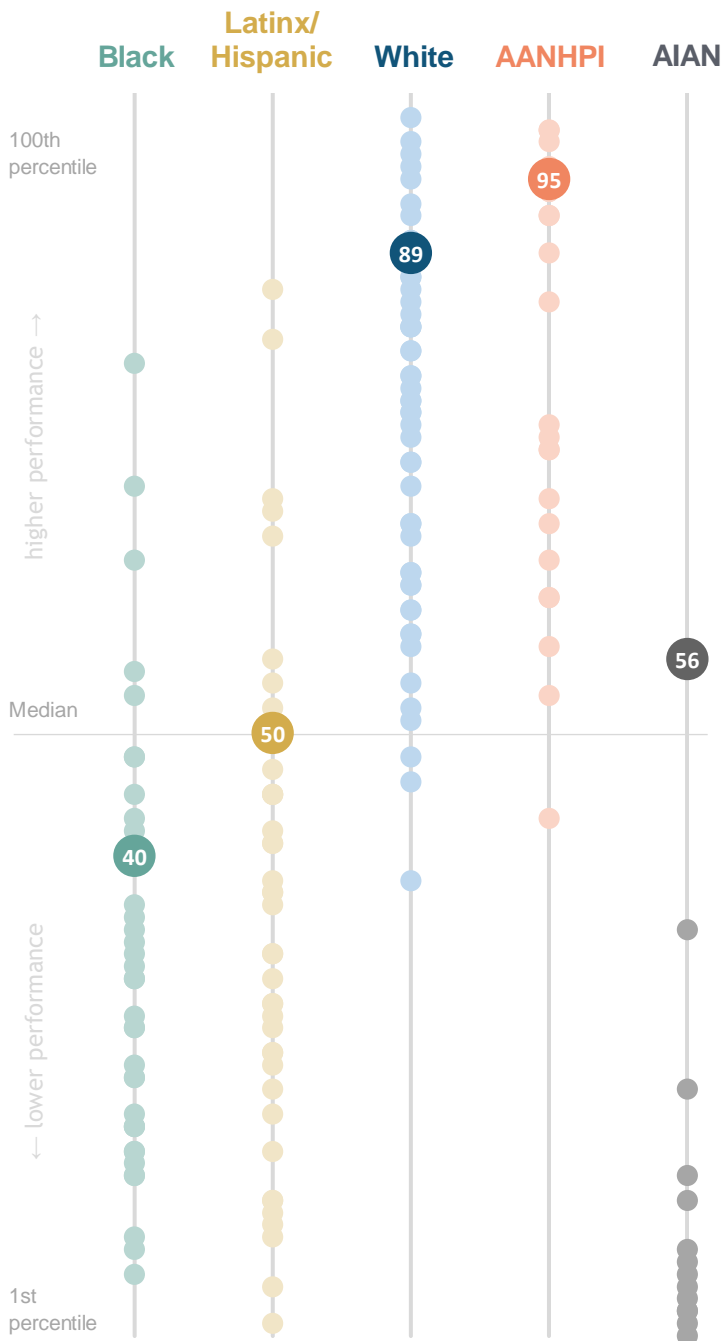


Health Equity in California

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
Health Outcomes										
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
Health Care Access										
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
Health Care Quality										
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
Health Outcomes	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	—	—
Health Care Access	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
Health Care Quality	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	—	—	—	—