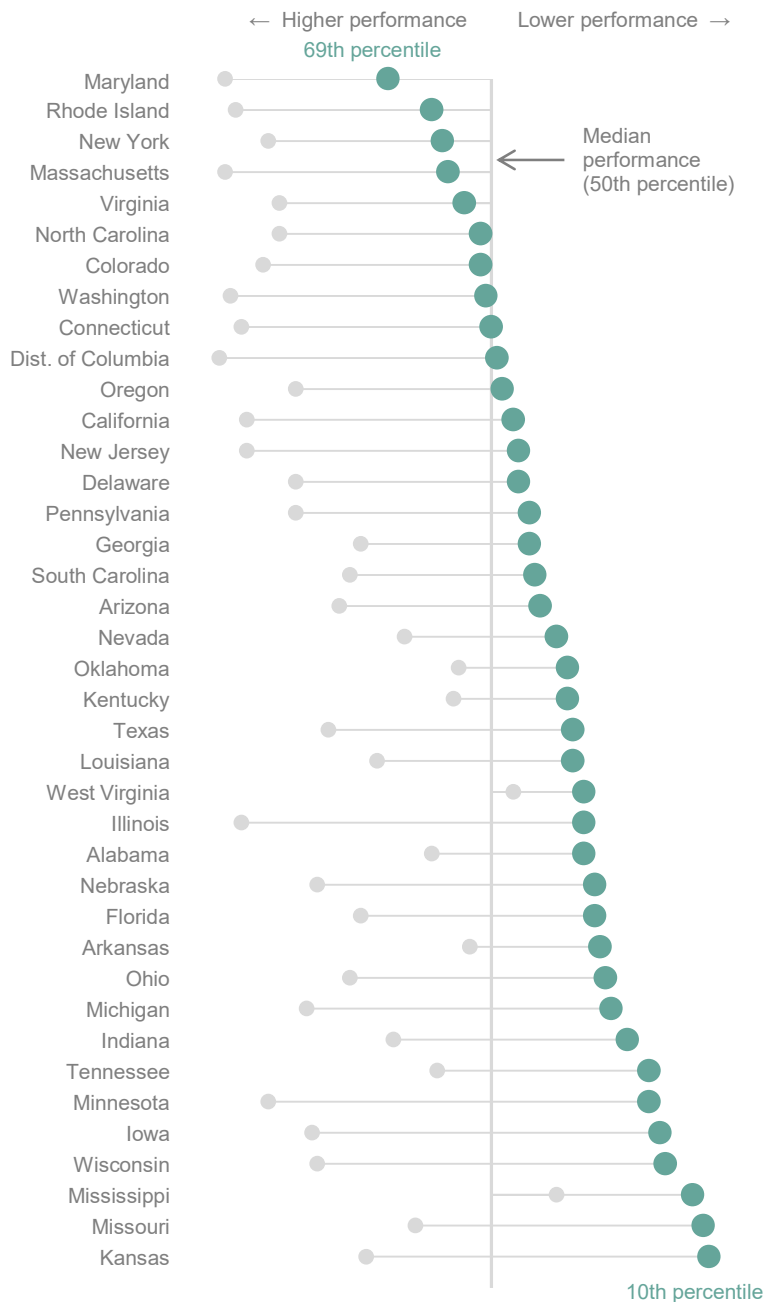


# Health Disparities for Black People in the United States

## Overall State Health System Performance for Black People

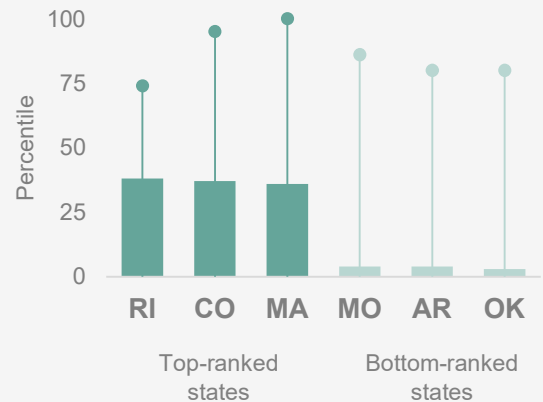


Health system performance expressed as 1–100 percentiles, based on five racial and ethnic groups in each state. Higher scores reflect better performance, and vertical center line is median performance among all groups. Highlighted point is state's health system performance for Black people; grey point is highest score for any group in the state. States only have an overall score when there are sufficient data for all three domains: health outcomes, access, and quality. Scores for Black race not available for: AK, HI, ID, ME, MT, NH, NM, ND, SD, UT, VT, WY.

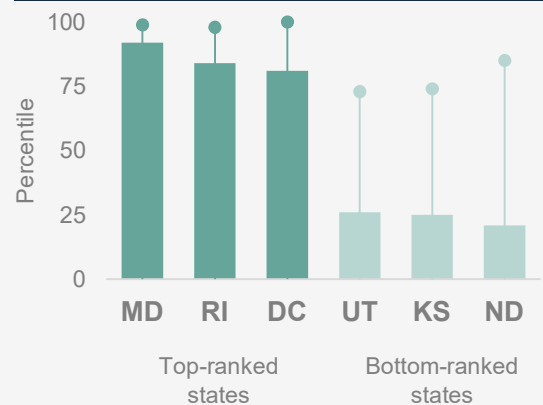
## U.S. population

|              |                   |            |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| Total        | 335,268,606       |            |
| AANHPI       | 21,483,845        | 6%         |
| AIAN         | 1,720,874         | < 1%       |
| <b>Black</b> | <b>38,820,084</b> | <b>12%</b> |
| Hispanic     | 67,230,087        | 20%        |
| White        | 188,863,832       | 56%        |

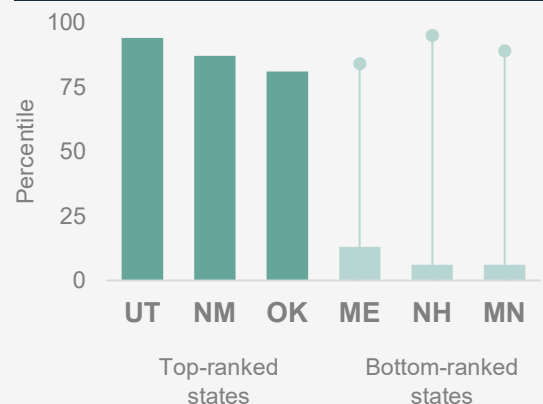
## Health Outcomes



## Health Care Access



## Health Care Quality



Bars are achieved performance for Black people; dots are highest score achieved for any group in the state.

|  | Black |           |           | US rates |      |          |       |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|----------|-------|
|  | US    | State min | State max | AANHPI   | AIAN | Hispanic | White |
| <b>Health Outcomes</b>   |       |           |           |          |      |          |       |
| Deaths before age 75 from health care–treatable causes per 100,000 population                | 152   | 81 (NH)   | 214 (AR)  | 48       | 123  | 69       | 81    |
| Deaths before age 75 from preventable causes per 100,000 population                          | 273   | 131 (HI)  | 443 (DC)  | 77       | 380  | 145      | 197   |
| Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)   | 10.9  | 6.4 (MA)  | 15.9 (UT) | 3.7      | 9.1  | 5.0      | 4.5   |
| Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)   | 26    | 14 (WV)   | 33 (DC)   | 12       | 13   | 13       | 19    |
| Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)  | 16    | 10 (NE)   | 21 (MS)   | 9        | 14   | 11       | 13    |
| Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)                  | 44    | 10 (NM)   | 83 (KS)   | —        | —    | —        | 29    |
| Adults age 18 and older who smoke (%)  | 12    | 6 (FL)    | 18 (OR)   | 6        | 22   | 10       | 12    |
| Adults ages 18–64 who are obese (%)  | 43    | 19 (VT)   | 52 (NM)   | 15       | 41   | 36       | 34    |
| Adults ages 18–64 who have lost six or more teeth (%)  | 10    | 5 (WA)    | 15 (KY)   | 3        | 16   | 6        | 9     |
| <b>Health Care Access</b>  |       |           |           |          |      |          |       |
| Adults ages 19–64 uninsured (%)  | 12    | 5 (MA)    | 19 (NE)   | 7        | 21   | 23       | 8     |
| Children ages 0–18 uninsured (%)   | 6     | 2 (NY)    | 14 (AZ)   | 4        | 14   | 10       | 5     |
| Adults age 18 and older who went without care because of cost (%)                            | 13    | 9 (DE)    | 36 (ID)   | 8        | 17   | 21       | 9     |
| Individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs (%)                           | 11    | 6 (MD)    | 21 (KS)   | 8        | 13   | 12       | 8     |
| Adults age 18 and older with a usual source of care (%)                                      | 86    | 57 (WY)   | 94 (NH)   | 83       | 80   | 67       | 88    |
| <b>Health Care Quality</b>   |       |           |           |          |      |          |       |
| Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)                      | 44    | 30 (NE)   | 84 (MN)   | —        | —    | —        | 30    |
| Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries) | 226   | 104 (NM)  | 495 (ID)  | —        | —    | —        | 157   |
| Adult women ages 50–74 who received a mammogram in the past two years (%)                    | 84    | 63 (NH)   | 100 (SD)  | 76       | 65   | 76       | 78    |
| Adults ages 45–75 with a recent colon cancer screening test (%)                              | 66    | 41 (ND)   | 75 (RI)   | 53       | 56   | 51       | 69    |
| Adults with a recent flu shot (%)  | 36    | 22 (ID)   | 48 (MA)   | 49       | 33   | 33       | 45    |
| Adults age 65 and older who have ever gotten a pneumonia vaccine (%)                         | 64    | 54 (FL)   | 100 (SD)  | 65       | 64   | 58       | 73    |
| Children with age-appropriate medical and dental preventive care visits (%)                  | 66    | 52 (MN)   | 81 (AZ)   | —        | —    | 63       | 73    |
| Children ages 19–35 months with all recommended vaccines (%)                                 | 67    | 51 (DE)   | 91 (NC)   | —        | —    | 67       | 72    |
| Adults age 18 and older without a dental visit in past year (%)                              | 39    | 24 (HI)   | 63 (MS)   | 32       | 43   | 44       | 31    |
| Primary care spending as share of total age 65 and older (%)                                 | 7.5   | 3.2 (ME)  | 28.9 (OK) | —        | —    | —        | 6.1   |

Notes: AANHPI = Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander. AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native. “—” means data not available.

Source: Jess Maksut et al., *The Commonwealth Fund 2026 State Health Disparities Report* (Commonwealth Fund, Apr. 2026).