

# How well does the health care system in Illinois

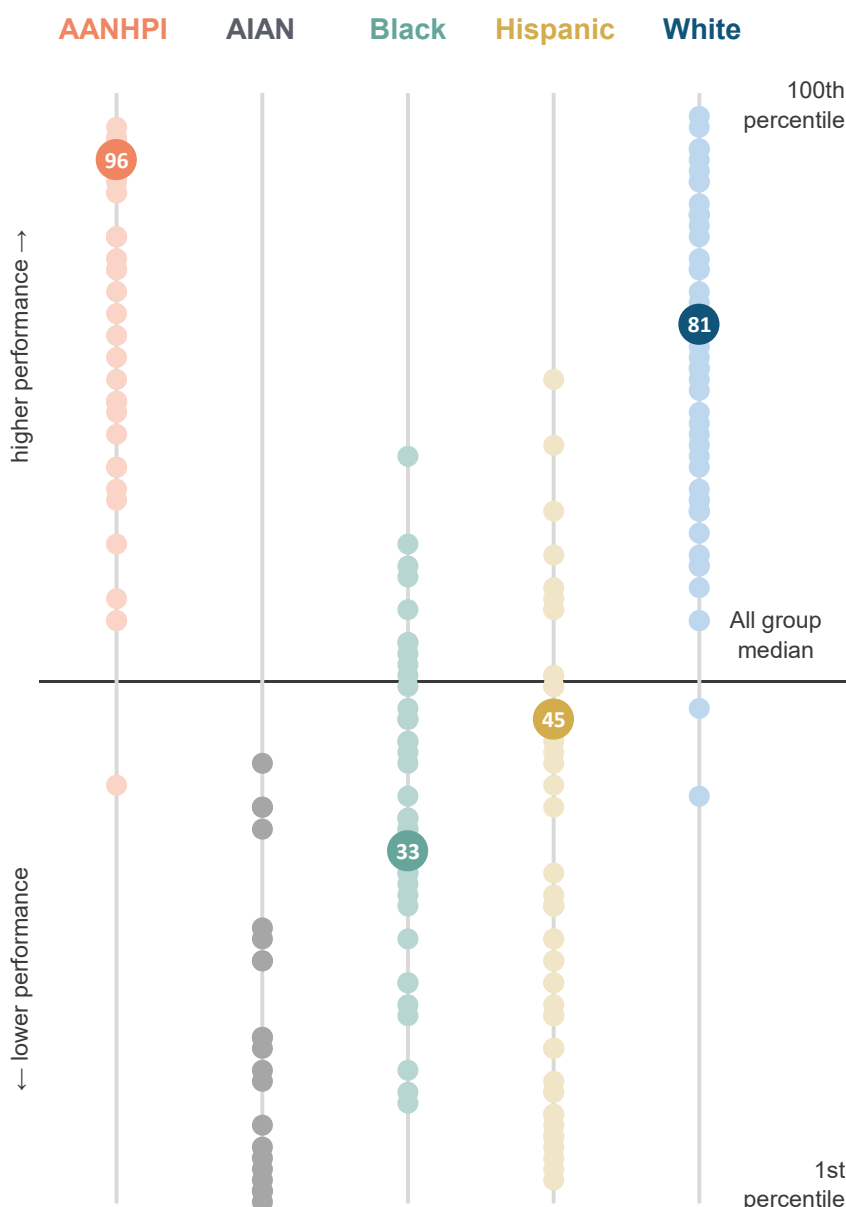
work for people of different racial and ethnic groups?

In Illinois, **AANHPI people** experienced the **best health care outcomes, access, and quality**, scoring in the 96th percentile among all population groups nationally.

**Black people** experienced the **worst health care outcomes, access, and quality** in the state, scoring in the 33rd percentile.

Compared to other states in the Great Lakes region, Illinois has **more severe** racial and ethnic health disparities.

## Health System Performance by Race/Ethnicity



Each column is a racial/ethnic group, and each point represents a state. Performance represented as percentiles (1–100). Illinois performance percentile highlighted. No highlighted dot indicates overall performance data not available for that group.

## Population by race/ethnicity (2024)

	Illinois		Great Lakes		United States	
Total	12,539,804		47,015,141		335,268,606	
AANHPI	800,807	6%	1,888,620	4%	21,483,845	6%
AIAN	15,137	<1%	99,381	<1%	1,720,874	<1%
Black	1,585,144	13%	5,152,037	11%	38,820,084	12%
Hispanic	2,443,914	19%	4,772,393	10%	67,230,087	20%
White	7,175,819	57%	32,853,086	70%	188,863,832	56%

Notes: AANHPI = Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander. AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native. “—” means data not available. Great Lakes states include IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

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

# How well does the health system in Illinois work for people from different racial and ethnic groups and across different dimensions of care?

## AANHPI

Illinois ranks 4th among the 33 states we were able to rank. This indicates that the state's health system performance for AANHPI people was among the best compared to other states.

Health outcomes ranking: **6** (of 36) is better than the average  
Health care access ranking: **11** (of 36) is better than the average  
Health care quality ranking: **11** (of 45) is better than the average

## AIAN

An overall ranking for AIAN people in Illinois is not available because of insufficient data.

Health outcomes ranking: insufficient data  
Health care access ranking: insufficient data  
Health care quality ranking: **8** (of 25) is better than the average

## Black

Illinois ranks 24th among the 39 states we were able to rank. This indicates that the state's health system performance for Black people was worse than the average compared to other states.

Health outcomes ranking: **26** (of 41) is worse than the average  
Health care access ranking: **13** (of 41) is better than the average  
Health care quality ranking: **35** (of 45) is worse than the average

## Hispanic

Illinois ranks 13th among the 49 states we were able to rank. This indicates that health system performance for Hispanic people was better than the average compared to other states.

Health outcomes ranking: **11** (of 50) is better than the average  
Health care access ranking: **14** (of 50) is better than the average  
Health care quality ranking: **23** (of 50) is better than the average

## White

Illinois ranks 22nd among the 51 states we were able to rank. This indicates that the health system performance for white people was better than the average compared to other states.

Health outcomes ranking: **27** (of 51) is worse than the average  
Health care access ranking: **9** (of 51) is better than the average  
Health care quality ranking: **29** (of 51) is worse than the average

Notes: Lower values indicate higher rank and better performance among each racial/ethnic group in Illinois compared to other states. Performance data not available for all groups in every state.

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## Illinois Performance Data

	AANHPI		AIAN		Black		Hispanic		White	
	IL rate	US rate	IL rate	US rate	IL rate	US rate	IL rate	US rate	IL rate	US rate
<b>Health Outcomes</b>										
Deaths before age 75 from health care–treatable causes per 100,000 population	40	48	—	123	168	152	57	69	77	81
Deaths before age 75 from preventable causes per 100,000 population	55	77	119	380	340	273	119	145	168	197
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	4.2	3.7	—	9.1	13.1	10.9	5.1	5.0	4.0	4.5
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	10	12	—	13	27	26	9	13	18	19
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	7	9	—	14	18	16	8	11	13	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	53	44	—	—	36	29
Adults age 18 and older who smoke (%)	3	6	19	22	12	12	9	10	11	12
Adults ages 18–64 who are obese (%)	14	15	38	41	41	43	38	36	36	34
Adults ages 18–64 who have lost six or more teeth (%)	—	3	—	16	7	10	6	6	8	9
<b>Health Care Access</b>										
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured (%)	6	7	10	21	10	12	23	23	6	8
Children ages 0–18 uninsured (%)	3	4	—	14	4	6	5	10	3	5
Adults age 18 and older who went without care because of cost (%)	8	8	—	17	13	13	20	21	8	9
Individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs (%)	9	8	—	13	11	11	9	12	6	8
Adults age 18 and older with a usual source of care (%)	83	83	75	80	86	86	65	67	88	88
<b>Health Care Quality</b>										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	55	44	—	—	35	30
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	255	226	—	—	163	157
Adult women ages 50–74 who received a mammogram in the past two years (%)	88	76	61	65	85	84	80	76	74	78
Adults ages 45–75 with a recent colon cancer screening test (%)	55	53	74	56	67	66	47	51	68	69
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	48	49	26	33	36	36	34	33	47	45
Adults age 65 and older who have ever gotten a pneumonia vaccine (%)	68	65	70	64	66	64	66	58	72	73
Children with age-appropriate medical and dental preventive care visits (%)	—	—	—	—	59	66	70	63	76	73
Children ages 19–35 months with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	61	67	64	67	71	72
Adults age 18 and older without a dental visit in the past year (%)	34	32	42	43	38	39	46	44	30	31
Primary care spending as share of total age 65 and older (%)	—	—	—	—	7.5	7.5	—	—	5.8	6.1

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