

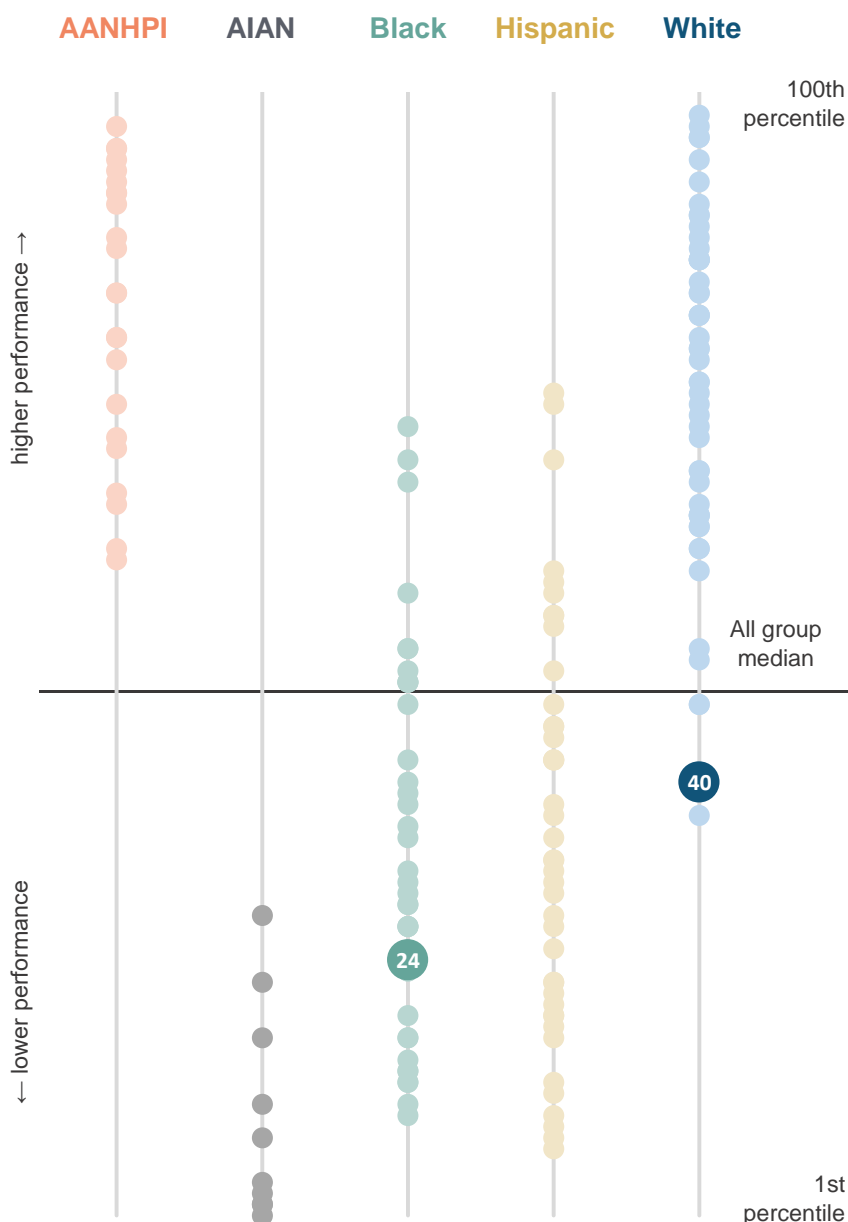
How well does the health care system in **West Virginia** work for people of different racial and ethnic groups?

In West Virginia, **White people** experienced the **highest health system performance**, scoring in the 40th percentile among all population groups nationally.

Black people experienced the **lowest health system performance** in the state, scoring in the 24th percentile.

Compared to other states in the Southeast region, West Virginia has less 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). West Virginia performance percentile highlighted. No highlighted dot indicates overall performance data not available for that group.

Population by race/ethnicity (2022)

	West Virginia	Southeast	United States
Total	1,741,816	85,235,479	328,403,052
AANHPI	12,591 (<1%)	2,600,554 (3%)	19,862,655 (6%)
AIAN	1,647 (<1%)	208,655 (<1%)	1,688,543 (<1%)
Black	52,705 (3%)	16,911,627 (20%)	38,460,950 (12%)
Hispanic	32,870 (2%)	10,891,118 (13%)	62,818,758 (19%)
White	1,572,478 (90%)	50,687,529 (60%)	189,511,136 (58%)

Notes: AANHPI = Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander. AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native. “—” means data not available. Southeast states include AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV. Source: David C. Radley et al., Advancing Racial Equity in U.S. Health Care: The Commonwealth Fund 2024 State Health Disparities Report (Commonwealth Fund, Apr. 2024).

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

AANHPI

An overall ranking for AANHPI people in West Virginia is not available because of insufficient data.

Health outcomes ranking:	insufficient data
Health care access ranking:	insufficient data
Health care quality ranking:	insufficient data

AIAN

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

Health outcomes ranking:	insufficient data
Health care access ranking:	insufficient data
Health care quality ranking:	insufficient data

Black

West Virginia ranks 26th of 39 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for Black people in the state was worse than average compared to other states. Specifically:

Health outcomes ranking:	21 (of 40) is worse than average
Health care access ranking:	30 (of 40) is worse than average
Health care quality ranking:	18 (of 41) is better than average

Hispanic

An overall ranking for Hispanic people in West Virginia is not available because of insufficient data.

Health outcomes ranking:	insufficient data
Health care access ranking:	insufficient data
Health care quality ranking:	insufficient data

White

West Virginia ranks 50th of 51 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for white people in the state was among the worst compared to other states. Specifically:

Health outcomes ranking:	51 (of 51) is among the worst
Health care access ranking:	35 (of 51) is worse than average
Health care quality ranking:	50 (of 51) is among the worst

West Virginia Performance Data

	AIAN		AANHPI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	WV rate	US rate	WV rate	US rate	WV rate	US rate	WV rate	US rate	WV rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Deaths before age 75 from health care–treatable causes per 100,000 population	—	125	—	50	183	164	40	73	129	83
Deaths before age 75 from preventable causes per 100,000 population	—	479	100	104	447	347	156	225	371	225
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	8	—	4	—	11	—	5	7	4
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	—	14	—	12	—	27	—	13	21	20
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	13	—	9	19	17	—	11	18	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	23	44	—	—	34	26
Adults who smoke (%)	33	25	—	7	24	15	26	11	21	14
Adults who are obese (%)	41	41	—	14	42	44	42	37	43	34
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	37	17	—	3	12	11	—	6	19	9
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	—	22	—	7	13	12	17	23	9	8
Uninsured children (%)	—	12	—	4	—	4	—	8	3	4
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	19	14	—	8	8	13	21	19	10	8
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	14	—	9	20	12	—	13	12	9
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	80	79	67	82	83	85	77	67	88	87
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	—	45	—	—	41	28
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	165	206	—	—	178	140
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	67	65	—	74	94	84	72	77	77	77
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	76	82	79	87	77	90	82	87	82	84
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	57	53	53	50	71	65	56	50	67	68
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	27	39	44	50	43	38	39	34	45	50
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	57	63	—	62	67	62	82	55	73	73
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	—	—	—	—	52	61	50	59	71	69
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	—	65	—	71	57	74
Adults with a dental visit (%)	64	45	30	34	45	41	39	44	42	32
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	—	—	—	—	4	5	—	—	4	5

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