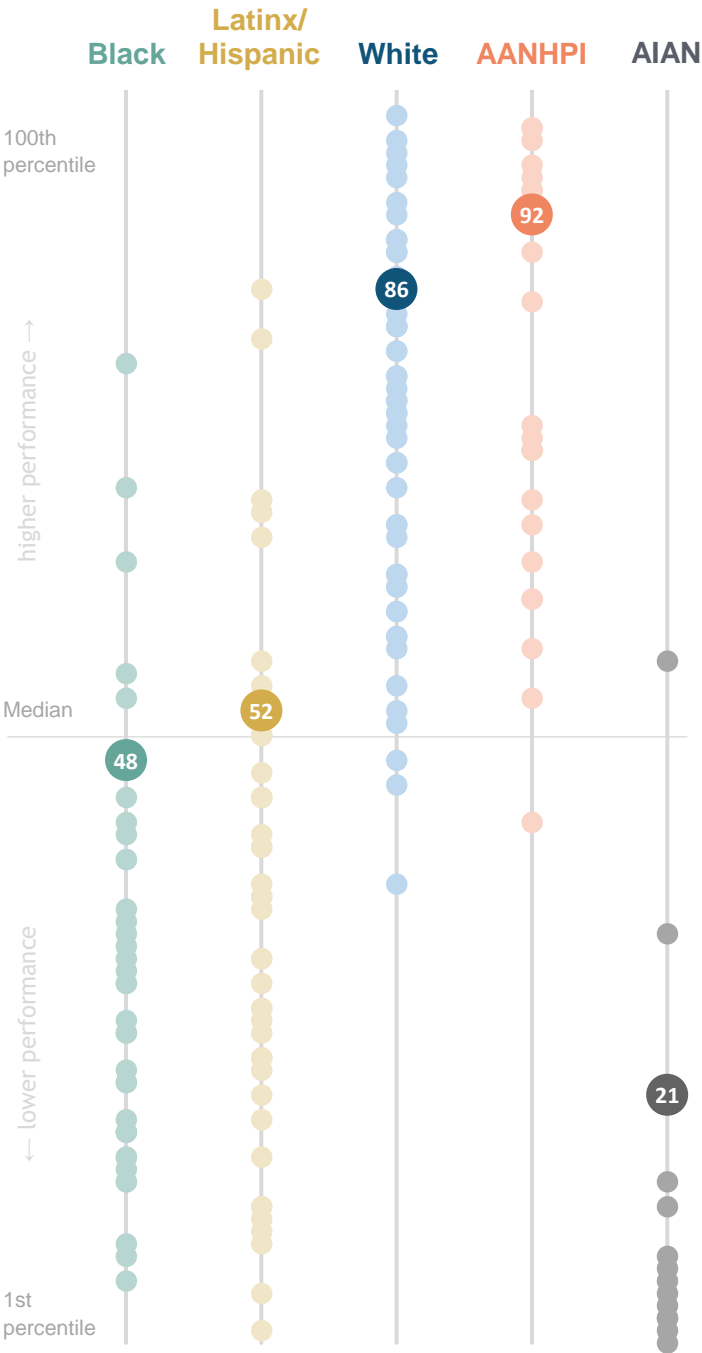


Health Equity in Washington

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). Washington 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	7,495,588	
	AANHPI	718,829	10%
	AIAN	83,403	1%
	Black	285,286	4%
	Latinx/Hispanic	976,234	13%
	White	5,053,729	67%

Black

Rank of Black people in WA compared to all states

Overall	6 of 38 states
Health Outcomes	4 of 38
Health Care Access	21 of 40
Health Care Quality	13 of 40

Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in WA compared to all states

Overall	8 of 42 states
Health Outcomes	4 of 42
Health Care Access	19 of 48
Health Care Quality	21 of 48

White

Rank of white people in WA compared to all states

Overall	14 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	10 of 51
Health Care Access	19 of 51
Health Care Quality	13 of 51

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in WA compared to all states

Overall	8 of 23 states
Health Outcomes	7 of 24
Health Care Access	7 of 30
Health Care Quality	13 of 41

American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

Rank of AIAN people in WA compared to all states

Overall	3 of 14 states
Health Outcomes	5 of 14
Health Care Access	5 of 16
Health Care Quality	5 of 16

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

Table 1. Washington Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	WA rate	US rate	WA rate	US rate	WA rate	US rate	WA rate	US rate	WA rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	115	153	53	67	63	78	51	49	121	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	10	11	4	5	4	5	4	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	21	28	13	14	20	20	11	12	21	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	14	17	7	11	13	13	8	9	15	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	60	—	—	28	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	18	17	9	12	12	15	8	8	32	28
Adults who are obese (%)	33	42	34	36	30	31	12	13	44	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	9	11	5	7	8	10	3	3	19	18
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	12	14	28	26	6	9	7	8	15	25
Uninsured children (%)	—	5	5	9	3	4	3	4	9	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	13	15	18	19	9	10	9	9	17	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	7	7	6	6	6	4	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	73	78	57	60	79	81	72	75	70	71
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	59	—	—	27	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	215	290	—	—	170	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	71	85	76	79	76	78	69	76	79	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	71	83	78	79	73	76	66	72	76	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	73	71	62	59	76	73	65	63	61	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	43	37	40	35	51	49	54	47	42	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	84	61	51	55	77	74	72	67	69	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	53	63	66	61	73	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	66	75	70	76	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	64	60	60	57	71	69	72	67	61	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	5	5	—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—

Table 2. Washington 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	4	31	4	87	10	66	7	96	5	14
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	6	29	17	79	9	66	17	84	7	25
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	10	22	2	87	9	91	5	92	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	3	35	14	80	36	38	8	93	5	31
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	5	39	7	92	14	54	11	87	5	25
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	15	83	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	16	36	6	88	9	71	9	93	7	6
Adults who are obese (%)	2	61	18	53	17	76	7	96	8	16
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	6	56	7	92	14	62	1	98	9	5
Health Care Access	21	53	19	24	19	83	7	82	5	33
Uninsured adults (%)	15	56	28	16	14	91	6	89	2	42
Uninsured children (%)	—	—	6	56	8	92	5	83	2	28
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	22	46	15	26	18	84	13	81	10	28
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	—	20	41	18	68	4	92	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	32	49	30	12	31	71	11	46	7	39
Health Care Quality	13	53	21	36	13	92	13	65	5	54
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	5	94	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	3	45	—	—	20	77	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	40	21	29	36	35	36	24	15	4	55
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	40	19	25	61	41	25	28	9	6	52
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	14	77	17	33	11	92	15	42	6	31
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	9	51	11	38	11	92	4	95	9	51
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	1	97	37	9	9	86	15	63	4	53
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	34	9	16	52	15	86	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	10	60	22	67	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	7	61	23	32	18	88	6	90	3	41
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	14	35	—	—	22	72	—	—	—	—