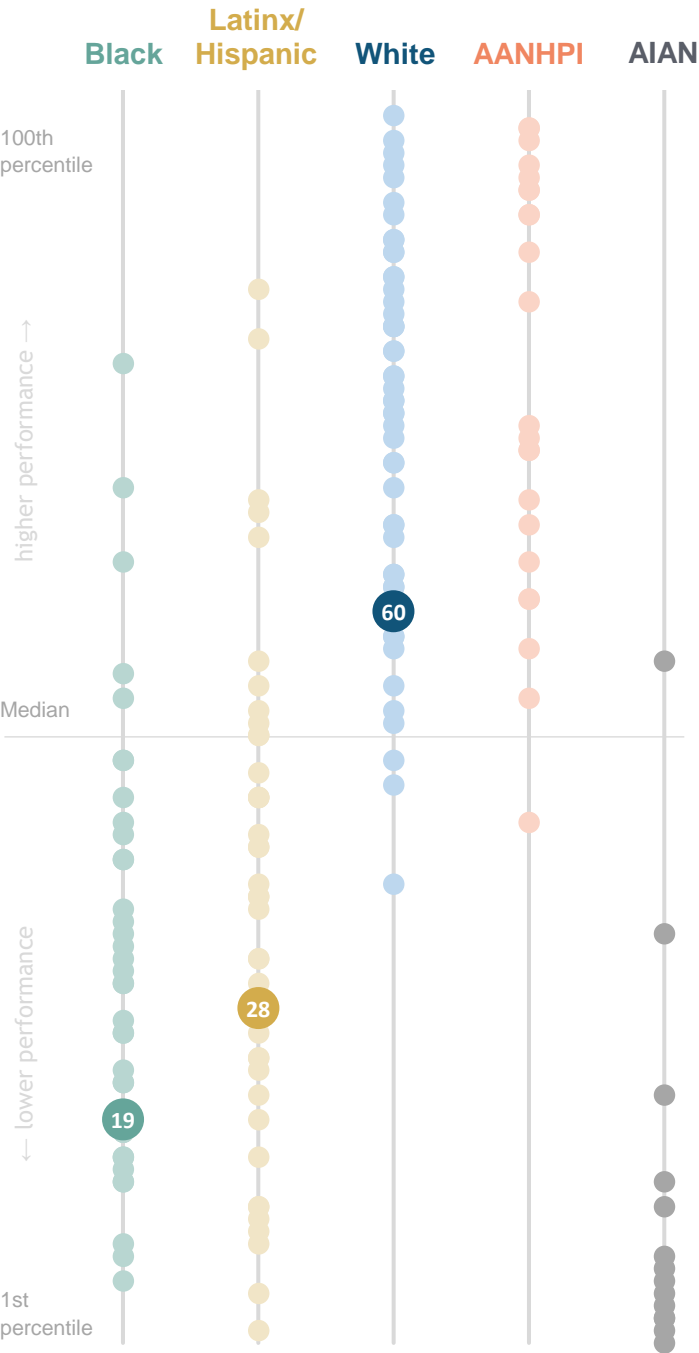


Health Equity in Alabama

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). Alabama 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	4,822,516	
	AANHPI	67,614	1%
	AIAN	18,930	<1%
	Black	1,285,112	27%
	Latinx/Hispanic	215,478	4%
	White	3,143,541	65%

Black

Rank of Black people in AL compared to all states

Overall	27 of 38 states
Health Outcomes	26 of 38
Health Care Access	27 of 40
Health Care Quality	28 of 40

Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in AL compared to all states

Overall	26 of 42 states
Health Outcomes	36 of 42
Health Care Access	37 of 48
Health Care Quality	10 of 48

White

Rank of white people in AL compared to all states

Overall	41 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	45 of 51
Health Care Access	38 of 51
Health Care Quality	36 of 51

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in AL compared to all states

Overall	— of 23 states
Health Outcomes	— of 24
Health Care Access	— of 30
Health Care Quality	12 of 41

American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

Rank of AIAN people in AL compared to all states

Overall	— of 14 states
Health Outcomes	— of 14
Health Care Access	— of 16
Health Care Quality	— of 16

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

Table 1. Alabama Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	AL rate	US rate	AL rate	US rate	AL rate	US rate	AL rate	US rate	AL rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	166	153	38	67	100	78	41	49	51	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	11	11	5	5	5	5	—	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	28	28	—	14	19	20	—	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	19	17	—	11	14	13	—	9	—	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	55	60	—	—	39	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	19	17	21	12	19	15	—	8	34	28
Adults who are obese (%)	49	42	37	36	36	31	—	13	39	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	14	11	7	7	14	10	—	3	25	18
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	17	14	39	26	13	9	12	8	—	25
Uninsured children (%)	3	5	11	9	3	4	—	4	—	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	18	15	23	19	14	10	—	9	24	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	6	7	8	6	6	6	—	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	77	78	49	60	80	81	59	75	66	71
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	59	59	—	—	50	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	325	290	—	—	184	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	87	85	81	79	77	78	77	76	83	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	84	83	76	79	73	76	83	72	76	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	70	71	77	59	74	73	79	63	64	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	35	37	38	35	45	49	41	47	24	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	58	61	72	55	72	74	68	67	66	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	55	63	51	61	68	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	66	—	70	74	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	56	60	63	57	63	69	56	67	59	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	6	5	—	—	7	6	—	—	—	—

Table 2. Alabama 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	26	13	36	53	45	32	—	—	—	—
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	27	10	1	97	45	33	—	—	—	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	19	15	8	77	37	55	—	—	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	21	12	—	—	22	50	—	—	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	29	8	—	—	38	33	—	—	—	—
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	17	21	—	—	35	56	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	25	23	40	15	43	26	—	—	—	—
Adults who are obese (%)	35	5	32	32	42	43	—	—	—	—
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	32	15	25	74	46	15	—	—	—	—
Health Care Access	27	46	37	8	38	66	—	—	—	—
Uninsured adults (%)	29	36	42	5	42	50	—	—	—	—
Uninsured children (%)	8	83	24	21	9	90	—	—	—	—
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	34	25	40	6	50	44	—	—	—	—
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	11	54	27	29	29	56	—	—	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	20	62	42	5	27	76	—	—	—	—
Health Care Quality	28	30	10	57	36	75	12	68	—	—
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	14	21	—	—	44	34	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	36	6	—	—	34	61	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	6	93	17	68	29	45	15	43	—	—
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	16	90	31	54	35	30	2	85	—	—
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	25	61	1	95	20	83	2	97	—	—
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	28	20	17	30	38	66	34	42	—	—
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	28	22	9	64	41	63	19	50	—	—
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	33	11	44	7	28	66	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	30	55	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	35	13	9	53	44	54	40	12	—	—
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	9	57	—	—	7	90	—	—	—	—