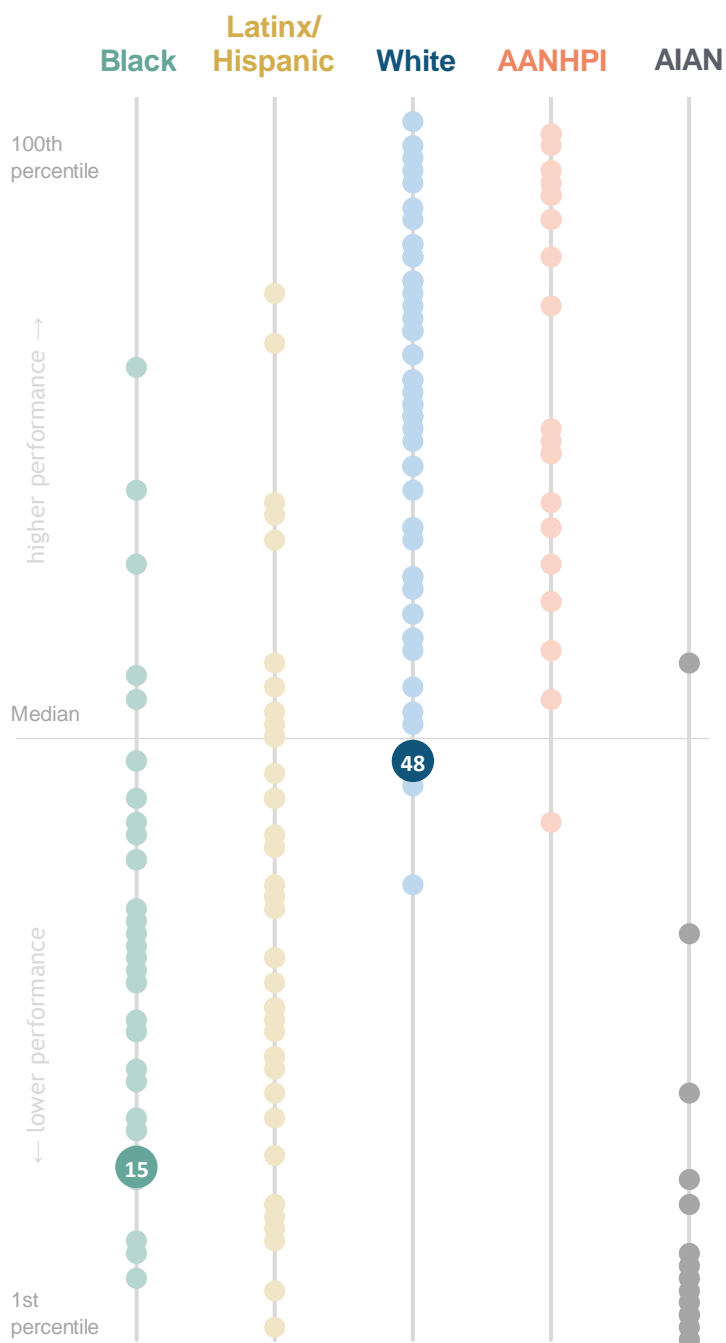


Health Equity in West Virginia

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). West Virginia 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	1,763,441	
AANHPI	14,413	<1%
AIAN	3,858	<1%
Black	58,050	3%
Latinx/Hispanic	25,124	1%
White	1,630,032	92%

Black

Rank of Black people in WV compared to all states

Overall	33 of 38 states
Health Outcomes	38 of 38
Health Care Access	12 of 40
Health Care Quality	35 of 40

Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in WV compared to all states

Overall	— of 42 states
Health Outcomes	— of 42
Health Care Access	— of 48
Health Care Quality	— of 48

White

Rank of white people in WV compared to all states

Overall	49 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	51 of 51
Health Care Access	26 of 51
Health Care Quality	44 of 51

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in WV compared to all states

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

American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

Rank of AIAN people in WV 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 WV compared to other states. Performance data not available for all groups in every state. “—” means data not available.

Table 1. West Virginia Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	WV rate	US rate	WV rate	US rate	WV rate	US rate	WV rate	US rate	WV rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	159	153	—	67	116	78	—	49	—	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	—	11	—	5	7	5	—	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	39	28	—	14	22	20	—	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	17	—	11	18	13	—	9	—	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	74	60	—	—	49	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	23	17	24	12	23	15	—	8	38	28
Adults who are obese (%)	49	42	44	36	41	31	—	13	46	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	16	11	—	7	20	10	—	3	—	18
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	13	14	—	26	10	9	—	8	—	25
Uninsured children (%)	—	5	18	9	4	4	—	4	—	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	11	15	23	19	12	10	—	9	26	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	7	—	6	6	6	—	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	77	78	68	60	82	81	71	75	80	71
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	59	—	—	50	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	295	290	—	—	236	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	74	85	81	79	77	78	—	76	74	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	86	83	85	79	75	76	77	72	81	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	62	71	58	59	70	73	64	63	55	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	38	37	40	35	46	49	47	47	44	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	63	61	81	55	75	74	95	67	72	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	70	63	44	61	69	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	66	—	70	73	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	49	60	62	57	57	69	55	67	33	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	4	5	—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—

Table 2. West Virginia 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	38	5	—	—	51	21	—	—	—	—
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	24	12	—	—	48	28	—	—	—	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	—	—	—	—	50	33	—	—	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	36	2	—	—	45	29	—	—	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	—	—	—	51	15	—	—	—	—
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	26	10	—	—	51	28	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	36	9	—	—	51	10	—	—	—	—
Adults who are obese (%)	37	3	—	—	51	22	—	—	—	—
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	38	7	—	—	51	3	—	—	—	—
Health Care Access	12	68	—	—	26	76	—	—	—	—
Uninsured adults (%)	23	50	—	—	30	67	—	—	—	—
Uninsured children (%)	—	—	—	—	20	75	—	—	—	—
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	7	65	—	—	42	57	—	—	—	—
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	—	—	—	28	57	—	—	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	21	61	—	—	17	84	—	—	—	—
Health Care Quality	35	23	—	—	44	63	—	—	—	—
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	43	36	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	27	16	—	—	51	40	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	37	30	—	—	30	43	—	—	—	—
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	8	95	—	—	27	44	—	—	—	—
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	40	32	—	—	39	59	—	—	—	—
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	19	32	—	—	35	70	—	—	—	—
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	18	34	—	—	24	76	—	—	—	—
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	6	74	—	—	23	73	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	36	47	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	40	2	—	—	51	21	—	—	—	—
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	36	6	—	—	24	68	—	—	—	—