

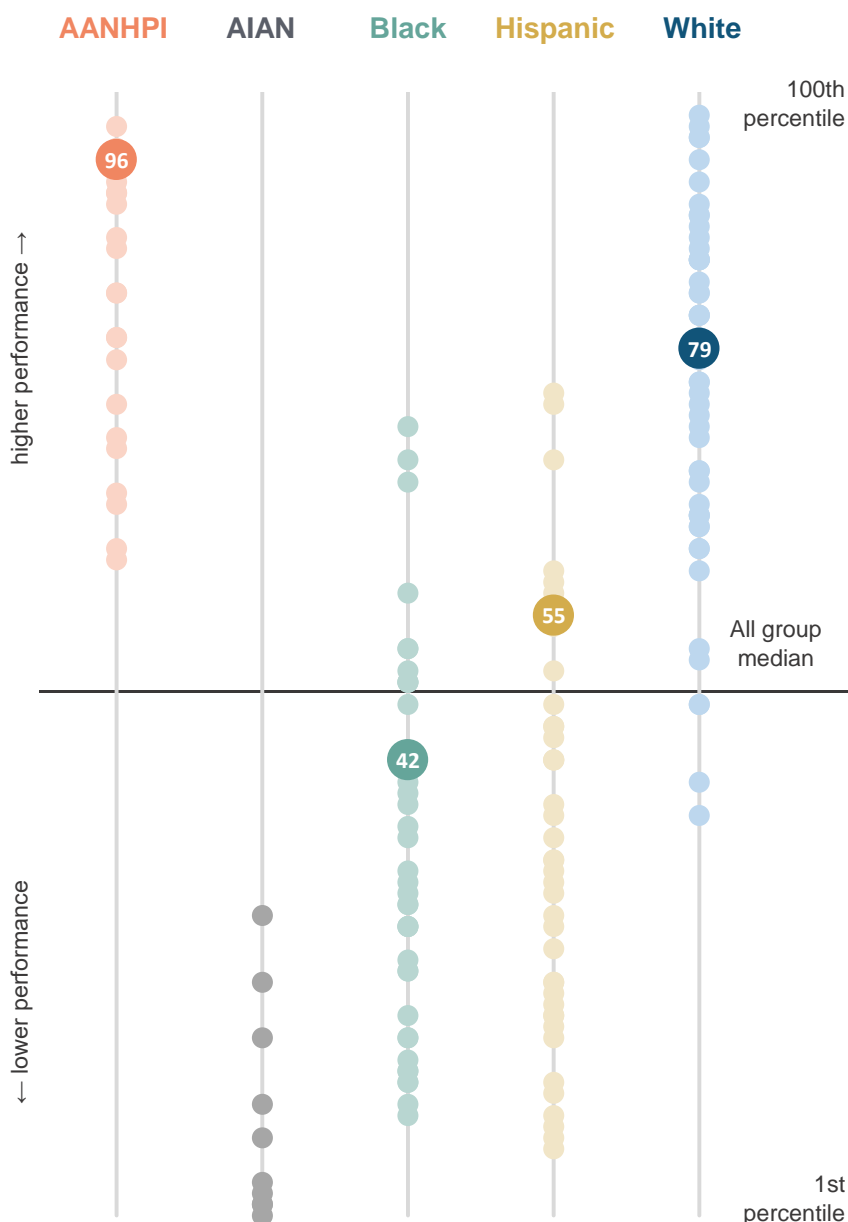
# How well does the health care system in Pennsylvania work for people of different racial and ethnic groups?

In Pennsylvania, **AANHPI people** experienced the **highest health system performance**, scoring in the 96th percentile among all population groups nationally.

**Black people** experienced the **lowest health system performance** in the state, scoring in the 42nd percentile.

Compared to other states in the Mid-Atlantic region, Pennsylvania 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). Pennsylvania performance percentile highlighted. No highlighted dot indicates overall performance data not available for that group.

## Population by race/ethnicity (2022)

	Pennsylvania	Mid-Atlantic	United States
Total	12,790,883	49,181,530	328,403,052
AANHPI	490,513 (4%)	3,666,659 (7%)	19,862,655 (6%)
AIAN	8,286 (<1%)	62,567 (<1%)	1,688,543 (<1%)
Black	1,258,319 (10%)	7,182,586 (15%)	38,460,950 (12%)
Hispanic	1,104,105 (9%)	7,835,704 (16%)	62,818,758 (19%)
White	9,357,558 (73%)	28,088,728 (57%)	189,511,136 (58%)

Notes: AANHPI = Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander. AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native. “—” means data not available. Mid-Atlantic states include DE, DC, MD, NJ, NY, PA. 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 Pennsylvania work for people from different racial and ethnic groups, and across different dimensions of care?

### AANHPI

Pennsylvania ranks 4th of 31 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for ANANHPI people in the state was among the best compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **12** (of 33) is better than average
- Health care access ranking: **9** (of 34) is better than average
- Health care quality ranking: **6** (of 41) is better than average

### AIAN

An overall ranking for AIAN people in Pennsylvania 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

Pennsylvania ranks 12th of 39 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for Black people in the state was better than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **25** (of 40) is worse than average
- Health care access ranking: **7** (of 40) is better than average
- Health care quality ranking: **13** (of 41) is better than average

### Hispanic

Pennsylvania ranks 7th of 47 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for Hispanic people in the state was better than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **34** (of 49) is worse than average
- Health care access ranking: **10** (of 48) is better than average
- Health care quality ranking: **6** (of 48) is better than average

### White

Pennsylvania ranks 24th of 51 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for white people in the state was better than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **30** (of 51) is worse than average
- Health care access ranking: **22** (of 51) is better than average
- Health care quality ranking: **17** (of 51) is better than average

## Pennsylvania Performance Data

	AIAN		AANHPI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	PA rate	US rate	PA rate	US rate	PA rate	US rate	PA rate	US rate	PA rate	US rate
<b>Health Outcomes</b>										
Deaths before age 75 from health care–treatable causes per 100,000 population	64	125	43	50	167	164	75	73	79	83
Deaths before age 75 from preventable causes per 100,000 population	156	479	97	104	385	347	217	225	208	225
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	—	8	4	4	10	11	6	5	4	4
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	—	14	11	12	28	27	12	13	19	20
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	13	9	9	16	17	10	11	13	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	51	44	—	—	29	26
Adults who smoke (%)	—	25	7	7	18	15	16	11	14	14
Adults who are obese (%)	—	41	13	14	42	44	35	37	34	34
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	—	17	—	3	11	11	8	6	9	9
<b>Health Care Access</b>										
Uninsured adults (%)	—	22	8	7	8	12	15	23	6	8
Uninsured children (%)	—	12	5	4	5	4	5	8	6	4
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	—	14	7	8	13	13	18	19	6	8
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	14	6	9	7	12	12	13	8	9
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	95	79	80	82	91	85	79	67	90	87
<b>Health Care Quality</b>										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	48	45	—	—	31	28
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	189	206	—	—	131	140
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	—	65	77	74	90	84	78	77	78	77
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	—	82	94	87	91	90	87	87	84	84
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	—	53	52	50	70	65	59	50	69	68
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	61	39	49	50	40	38	40	34	52	50
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	84	63	78	62	62	62	67	55	73	73
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	—	—	—	—	67	61	64	59	72	69
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	67	65	81	71	76	74
Adults with a dental visit (%)	38	45	32	34	40	41	38	44	30	32
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	—	—	—	—	4	5	—	—	5	5

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