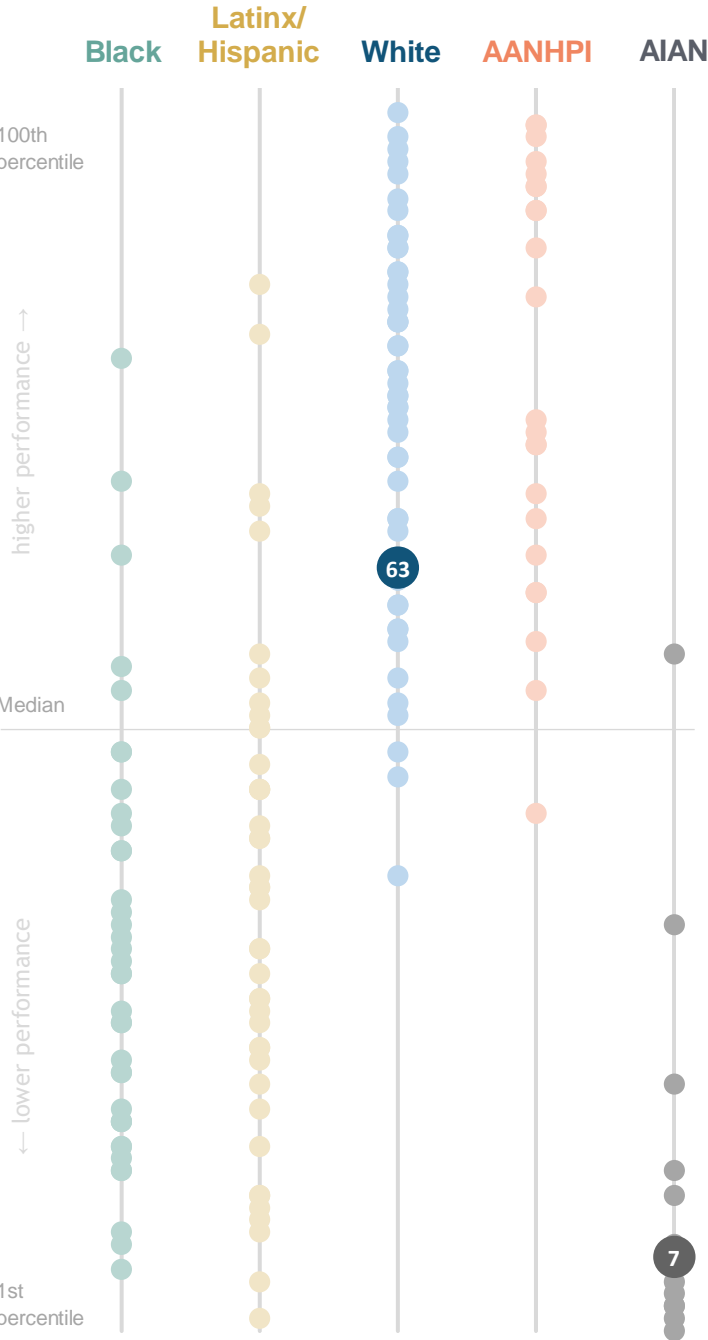


# Health Equity in Alaska

## 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). Alaska 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	707,254	
AANHPI	52,731	7%
AIAN	107,053	15%
Black	15,171	2%
Latinx/Hispanic	49,361	7%
White	424,489	60%

### Black

#### Rank of Black people in AK compared to all states

Overall	— of 38 states
Health Outcomes	— of 38
Health Care Access	— of 40
Health Care Quality	12 of 40

### Latinx/Hispanic

#### Rank of Latinx people in AK compared to all states

Overall	— of 42 states
Health Outcomes	— of 42
Health Care Access	29 of 48
Health Care Quality	28 of 48

### White

#### Rank of white people in AK compared to all states

Overall	37 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	7 of 51
Health Care Access	45 of 51
Health Care Quality	49 of 51

### Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

#### Rank of AANHPI people in AK compared to all states

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

### American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

#### Rank of AIAN people in AK compared to all states

Overall	7 of 14 states
Health Outcomes	9 of 14
Health Care Access	4 of 16
Health Care Quality	11 of 16

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

**Table 1. Alaska Performance Data**

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	AK rate	US rate	AK rate	US rate	AK rate	US rate	AK rate	US rate	AK rate	US rate
<b>Health Outcomes</b>										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	93	153	45	67	60	78	64	49	124	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	—	11	—	5	4	5	—	4	11	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	—	28	—	14	19	20	—	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	17	—	11	13	13	—	9	32	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	60	—	—	16	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	23	17	12	12	14	15	14	8	34	28
Adults who are obese (%)	49	42	38	36	29	31	28	13	36	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	—	11	—	7	8	10	—	3	15	18
<b>Health Care Access</b>										
Uninsured adults (%)	—	14	29	26	10	9	—	8	29	25
Uninsured children (%)	—	5	—	9	6	4	—	4	10	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	22	15	19	19	11	10	—	9	9	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	7	8	6	7	6	6	5	4	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	61	78	56	60	70	81	54	75	67	71
<b>Health Care Quality</b>										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	59	—	—	—	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	145	290	—	—	145	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	72	85	62	79	69	78	39	76	76	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	74	83	70	79	69	76	61	72	74	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	62	71	64	59	64	73	46	63	66	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	33	37	34	35	40	49	34	47	38	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	47	61	—	55	69	74	—	67	57	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	67	63	64	61	65	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	66	—	70	56	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	56	60	68	57	69	69	58	67	58	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	8	5	—	—	7	6	—	—	—	—

**Table 2. Alaska 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
<b>Health Outcomes</b>	—	—	—	—	7	75	—	—	9	4
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	—	—	—	—	6	69	—	—	8	24
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	—	—	—	—	9	91	—	—	5	18
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	—	—	—	—	18	53	—	—	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	—	—	—	17	52	—	—	9	1
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	2	98	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	—	—	—	—	20	55	—	—	8	5
Adults who are obese (%)	—	—	—	—	15	77	—	—	4	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	—	—	—	—	19	58	—	—	5	11
<b>Health Care Access</b>	—	—	29	15	45	54	—	—	4	43
Uninsured adults (%)	—	—	32	12	33	65	—	—	11	14
Uninsured children (%)	—	—	—	—	38	49	—	—	4	24
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	—	—	27	17	37	64	—	—	1	83
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	—	22	37	41	41	—	—	1	92
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	—	—	34	9	51	37	—	—	10	32
<b>Health Care Quality</b>	12	53	28	22	49	50	41	1	11	27
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	1	96	—	—	4	96	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	39	22	43	6	49	16	37	1	7	38
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	38	34	45	17	46	15	34	5	10	35
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	39	35	12	40	50	41	37	5	5	44
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	33	12	31	16	50	40	41	13	13	32
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	40	4	—	—	49	52	—	—	12	20
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	13	57	17	45	43	47	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	51	4	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	33	16	2	76	29	78	39	25	6	26
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	1	99	—	—	6	92	—	—	—	—