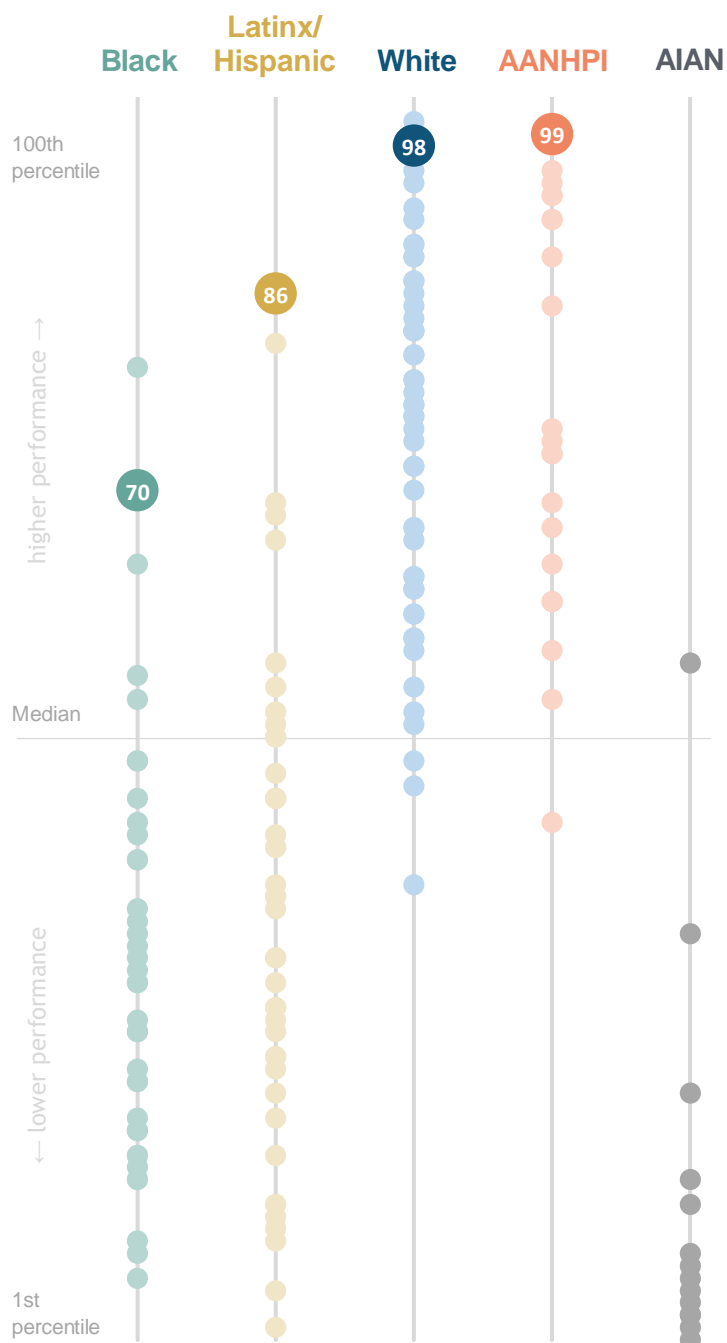


Health Equity in Massachusetts

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). Massachusetts performance percentile highlighted. No highlighted dot indicates overall performance data not available for that group.



State population

Total	6,821,140	
AANHPI	473,599	7%
AIAN	12,174	<1%
Black	478,368	7%
Latinx/Hispanic	843,553	12%
White	4,796,515	70%

Black

Rank of Black people in MA compared to all states

Overall	2 of 38 states
Health Outcomes	2 of 38
Health Care Access	2 of 40
Health Care Quality	2 of 40

Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in MA compared to all states

Overall	1 of 42 states
Health Outcomes	11 of 42
Health Care Access	2 of 48
Health Care Quality	1 of 48

White

Rank of white people in MA compared to all states

Overall	2 of 51 states
Health Outcomes	6 of 51
Health Care Access	3 of 51
Health Care Quality	2 of 51

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in MA compared to all states

Overall	1 of 23 states
Health Outcomes	1 of 24
Health Care Access	1 of 30
Health Care Quality	4 of 41

American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

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

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).

Table 1. Massachusetts Performance Data

	Black		Latinx/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	MA rate	US rate	MA rate	US rate	MA rate	US rate	MA rate	US rate	MA rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	91	153	53	67	57	78	33	49	—	108
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	8	11	5	5	3	5	2	4	—	9
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	18	28	13	14	16	20	9	12	—	15
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	11	17	8	11	12	13	6	9	—	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	68	60	—	—	47	37	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	14	17	12	12	12	15	6	8	29	28
Adults who are obese (%)	33	42	31	36	25	31	12	13	—	40
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	11	11	9	7	7	10	—	3	—	18
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	7	14	8	26	4	9	4	8	—	25
Uninsured children (%)	—	5	2	9	1	4	—	4	—	14
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	11	15	16	19	7	10	5	9	—	17
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	3	7	4	6	5	6	4	5	—	7
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	85	78	77	60	90	81	79	75	88	71
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	59	—	—	46	39	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	273	290	—	—	197	180	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	85	85	92	79	87	78	77	76	89	72
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	87	83	82	79	82	76	73	72	89	72
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	74	71	70	59	79	73	64	63	47	61
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	44	37	49	35	57	49	48	47	42	39
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	64	61	62	55	77	74	84	67	61	62
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	74	63	69	61	81	70	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	66	88	70	83	76	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	64	60	66	57	76	69	72	67	70	56
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	4	5	—	—	5	6	—	—	—	—

Table 2. Massachusetts 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	2	33	11	79	6	77	1	100	—	—
Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)	1	36	15	80	4	74	2	99	—	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	29	11	65	2	98	1	100	—	—
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	1	63	15	79	1	68	2	98	—	—
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	1	67	11	85	5	66	1	98	—	—
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	24	12	—	—	49	32	—	—	—	—
Adults who smoke (%)	6	57	16	75	6	76	1	100	—	—
Adults who are obese (%)	3	57	3	69	4	85	7	96	—	—
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	18	31	37	49	12	66	—	—	—	—
Health Care Access	2	95	2	75	3	99	1	98	—	—
Uninsured adults (%)	3	84	3	78	2	99	1	99	—	—
Uninsured children (%)	—	—	1	98	2	99	—	—	—	—
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	8	64	9	35	9	93	2	99	—	—
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	2	98	4	90	6	85	3	94	—	—
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	4	90	2	61	1	99	6	70	—	—
Health Care Quality	2	74	1	93	2	99	4	84	—	—
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	41	41	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	14	30	—	—	44	51	—	—	—	—
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	14	85	1	99	1	92	14	45	—	—
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	2	99	11	77	6	80	15	30	—	—
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	6	86	6	59	3	98	17	38	—	—
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	7	56	2	81	3	98	13	79	—	—
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	13	39	21	31	9	86	3	96	—	—
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	1	91	10	72	3	98	—	—	—	—
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	2	95	9	86	—	—	—	—
Adults with a dental visit (%)	6	63	6	68	5	97	4	92	—	—
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	32	10	—	—	39	44	—	—	—	—