
Expanding Opportunity Framework Racial Disparities Analysis

*Understanding Different Approaches for Addressing
Racial Disparities*

Section 1 Concentrated Wealth and Power

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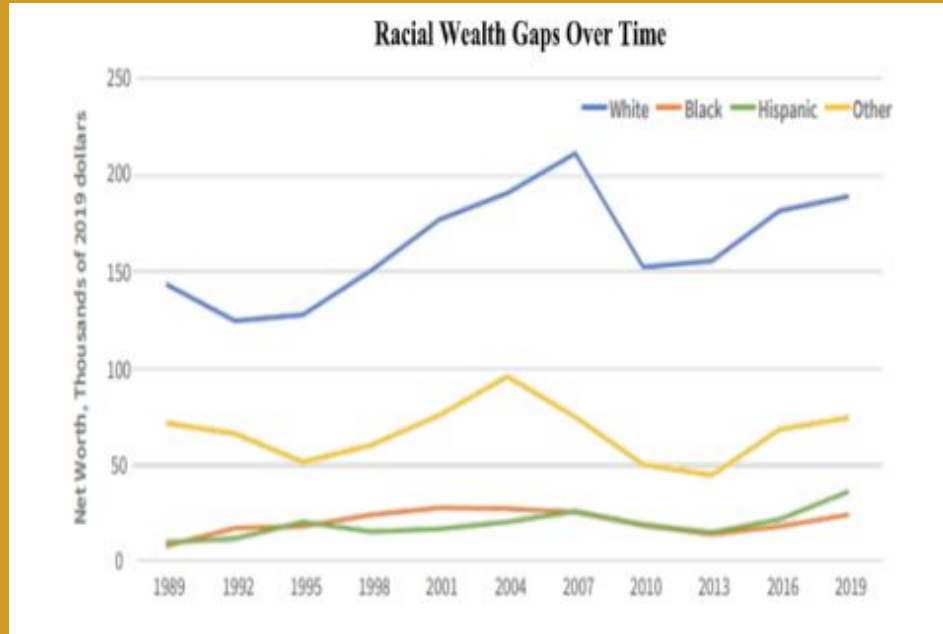
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WEALTH DISPARITY

This chart outlines the persistent disparity in median wealth when compared across race/ethnicity. In 2019, the most recent data reported, shows that Median Wealth for White families was 10 times more than it was for Black and Hispanic families. Wealth disparity narrowed slightly after the 2008 recession, but it started to widen again just a few years later.

Wealth Disparity 1989 - 2019

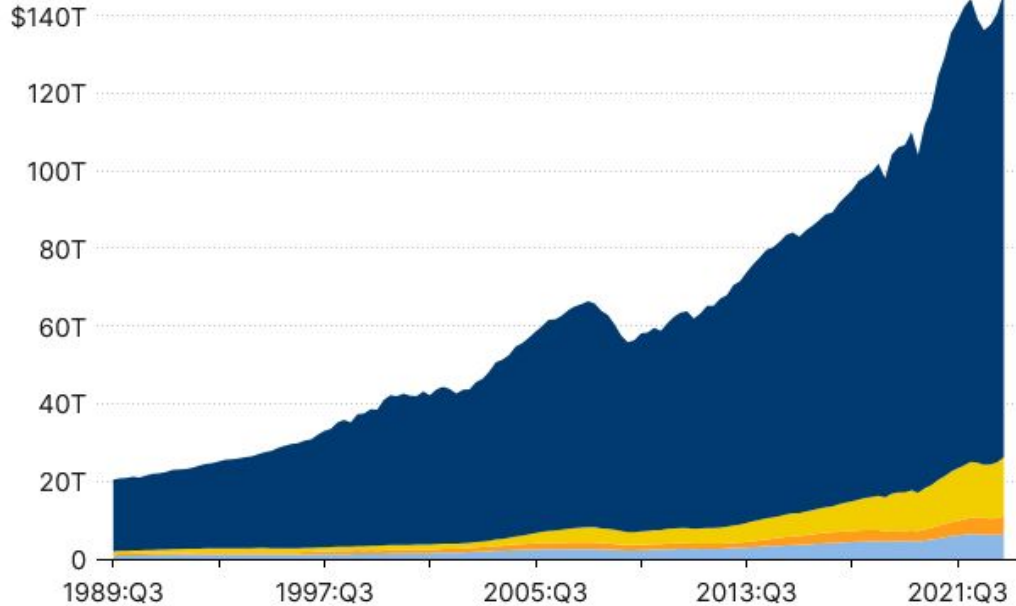


As reported by Treasury Department (2022) in *Racial Differences in Economic Security*. Data source: Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances, 2019.
<https://home.treasury.gov/news/featured-stories/racial-differences-economic-security-racial-wealth-gap>

WEALTH DISPARITY

Total household wealth grew in 2022, but white households still hold the vast majority

Black Hispanic Other White



Source: Brookings Analysis of the Distributional Financial Accounts, 1989-2022

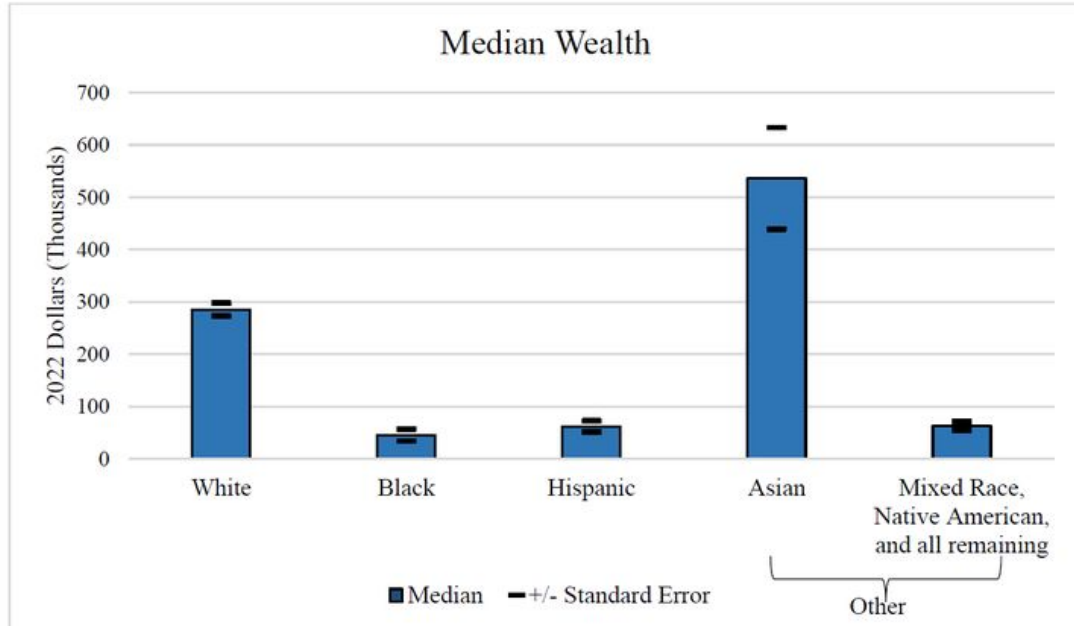
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As reported in Black Wealth is Increasing But So Is the Racial Wealth Gap”

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Figure 1. White and Asian Families Had the Most Wealth



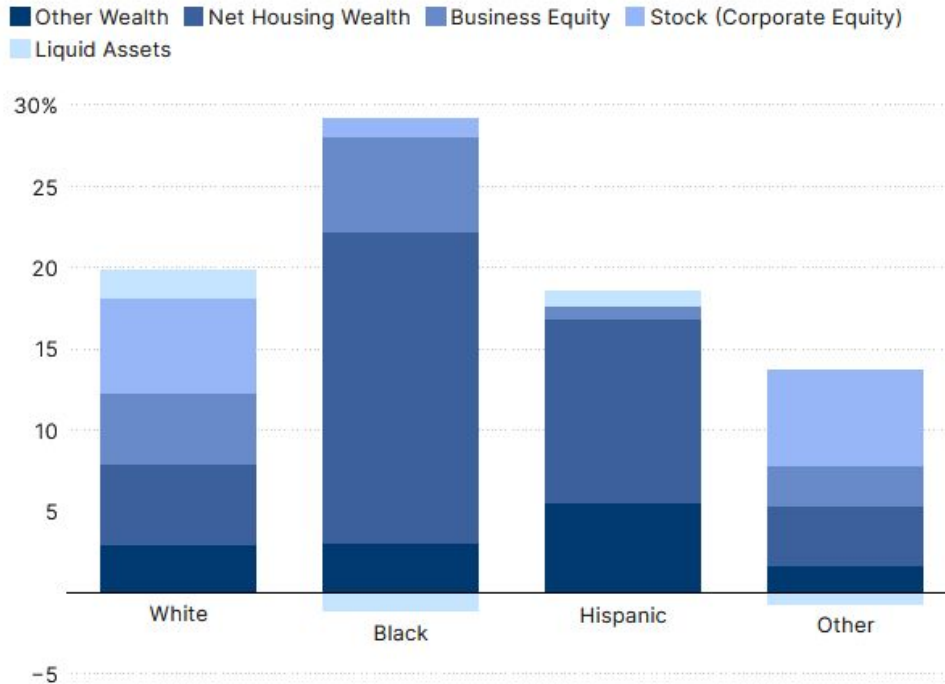
Source: Federal Reserve - Greater Wealth, Greater Uncertainty: Changes in Racial Inequality in the Survey of Consumer Finances, Accessible Data

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WEALTH DISPARITY

Growth in Black wealth has been driven by housing values

Percentage increases in average total wealth by asset class, race, and ethnicity



Source: Brookings Analysis of Federal Reserve's Survey of Consumer Finances, 1989-2022

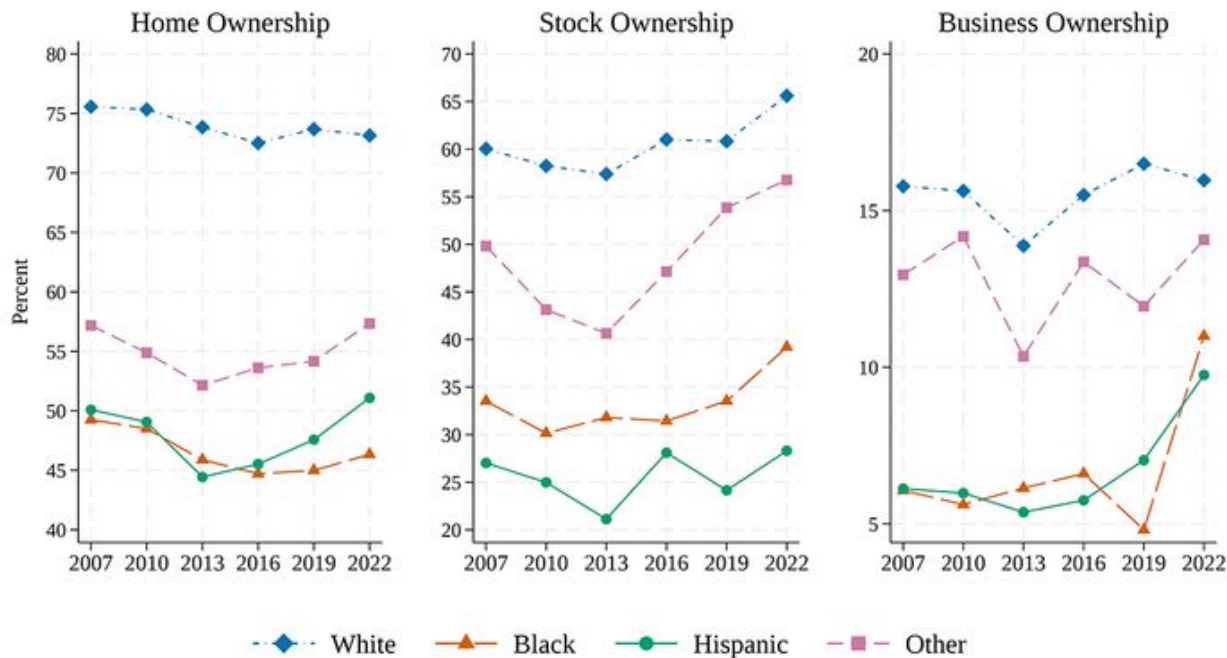
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Figure 5. Ownership Rates for Homes, Stock, and Businesses Increased for non-White Families Between 2019 and 2022



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Figure 4. Increases in Net Housing Wealth Drove Wealth Growth, Especially for Black and Hispanic Families

Percent

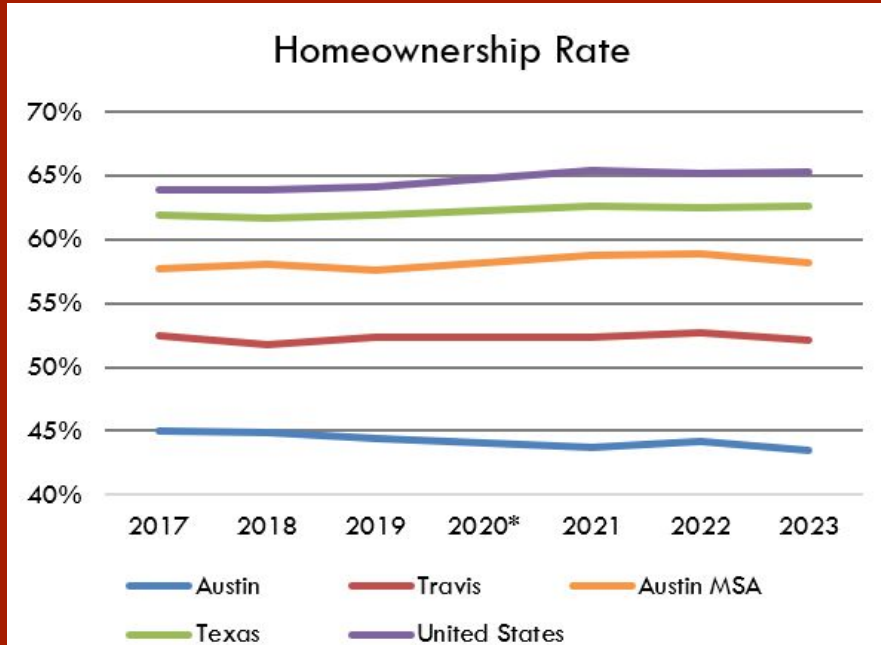
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	Overall Growth	Other Wealth	Net Housing Wealth	Business Equity	Stock (Corporate Equity)	Liquid Assets
White	19.93	2.99	4.95	4.31	5.87	1.8
Black	28.05	3.07	19.13	5.87	1.12	-1.14
Hispanic	18.58	5.53	11.31	0.78	-0.07	1.03
Other	11.55	0.17	3.63	2.46	5.98	-0.69

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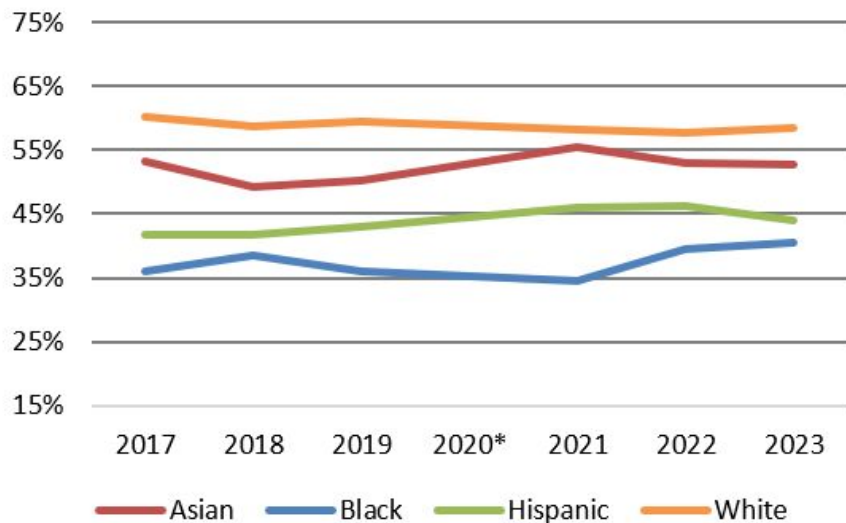
SOURCE: 2025 CAN Community Dashboard
<https://dashboard.canatx.org/>

In 2023, Homeownership rates for Austin (43.5%) and Travis County (52.2%) are lower than the Austin MSA (58.1%) as well as Texas (62.6%) and the U.S. (65.2%).

Learn more in the [CAN Economic Mobility Report](#).

WEALTH DISPARITY

Homeownership Rate by Race,
Travis County



SOURCE: 2025 CAN Community Dashboard
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In 2023, 40% of Black and 44% of Hispanic Travis County Residents owned their home, compared to 58% of White and 53% of Asian Travis County residents.

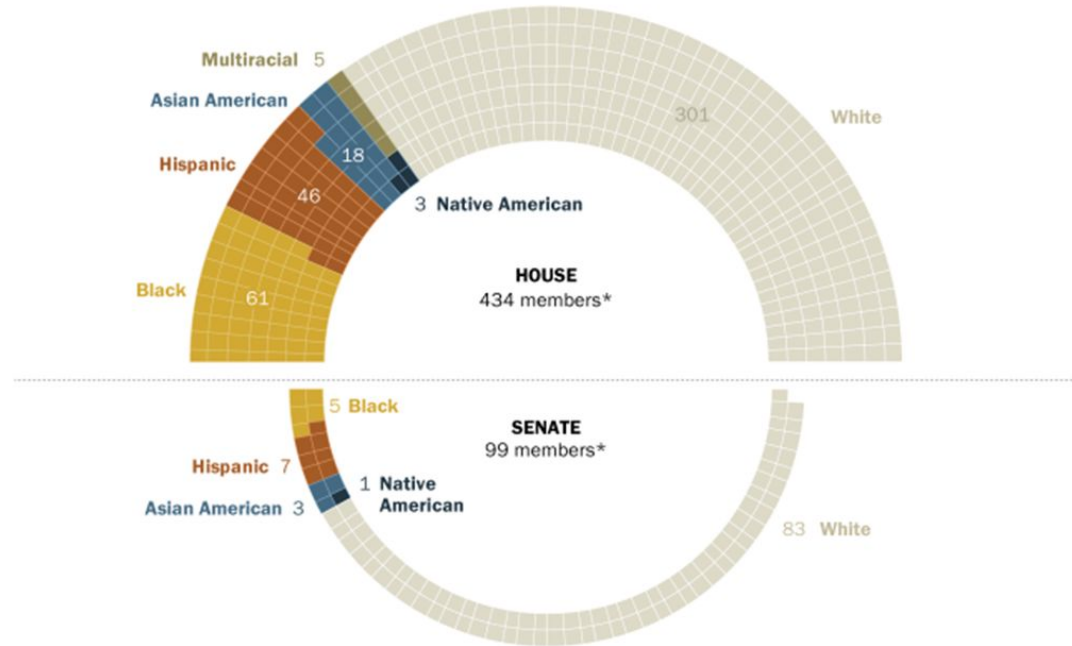
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DISPARITIES IN POWER

This chart outlines the power disparity by race/ethnicity in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Racial/ethnic diversity started increasing in the 1970's and, in 2025 was at its highest level, about 133 seats of 434 in the House and 16 seats of 99 in the Senate.

In 119th Congress, U.S. House is more racially and ethnically diverse than Senate

Number of members of Congress who are ...

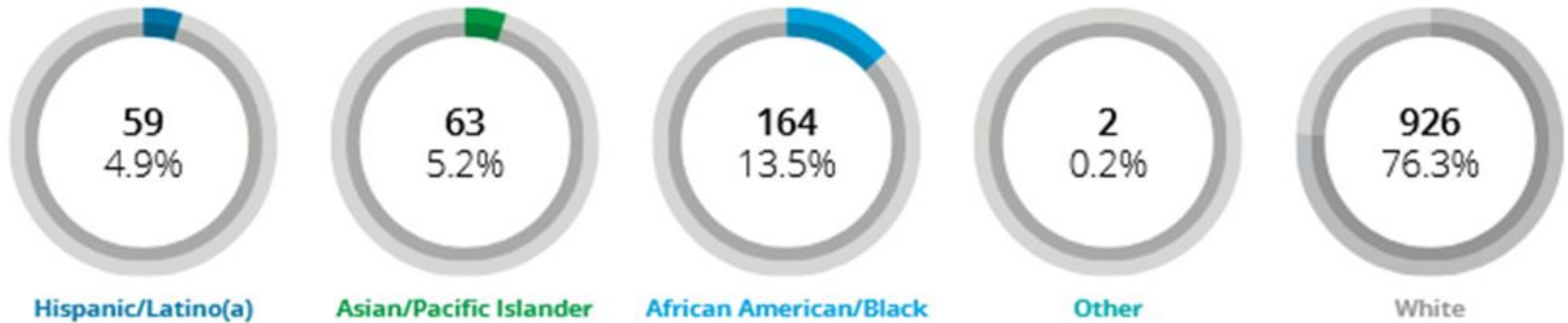


Source: Pew Research Center

<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2025/01/21/119th-congress-brings-new-growth-in-racial-ethnic-diversity-to-capitol-hill/>

DISPARITIES IN POWER: FORTUNE 100

Figure 3. Fortune 100 total board seats by race/ethnicity*



Deloitte (2022) Missing Pieces Report: The Board Diversity Census of Women and Minorities on Fortune 500 Boards, 7th Edition.

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Figure 9. Fortune 500 total board seats by race/ethnicity



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ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO ADDRESSING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN:

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Please refer to local efforts and resource pages for the following sections:

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- [Social Capital & Community Leadership](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Undoing White Supremacy Austin - Unlearning Circles

<https://undoingwhitesupremacy.org/unlearning-circles/>

Community Healing Circles

<https://students.austincc.edu/truth-racial-healing-and-transformation-center/racial-healing-circles/>

RESOURCE TO LEARN ABOUT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CAN "Get Engaged" Community Calendar

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FUkB R8pDw7Pb4HNIoT1dBn09UXnuVvOa1HP9KMF3aMo/edit?gid=1003257320#gid=1003257320>

COALITIONS WORKING TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES

Black Austin Coalition

<https://blackaustincoalition.com/>

Austin Justice Coalition

<https://austinjustice.org/>

Brave Communities

<https://bravecommunities.org/>

Communities of Color United

<https://www.facebook.com/CCUCoalition/>

Community Resilience Trust

<https://communityresiliencetrust.org/>