
Expanding Opportunity Framework Racial Disparities Analysis

*Understanding Different Approaches for Addressing
Racial Disparities*

Section 3 Housing, Health & Human Services

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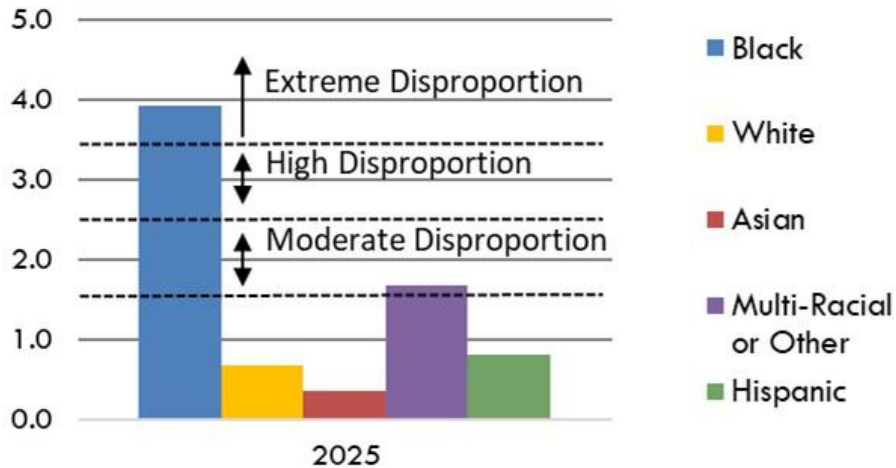
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Introduction

It is important for individuals and families to have their basic needs met in order to create an environment of stability that can allow these individuals and families to pursue avenues of personal growth and fulfillment which may not otherwise be accessible to them. We will be unable to address racial disparities if certain segments of our community must focus all of their efforts on meeting the most basic of human needs like housing, food, clothing and quality health care.

HOMELESSNESS

Disproportionality Ratios for the Population that Received Homeless Services, Travis County, 2025

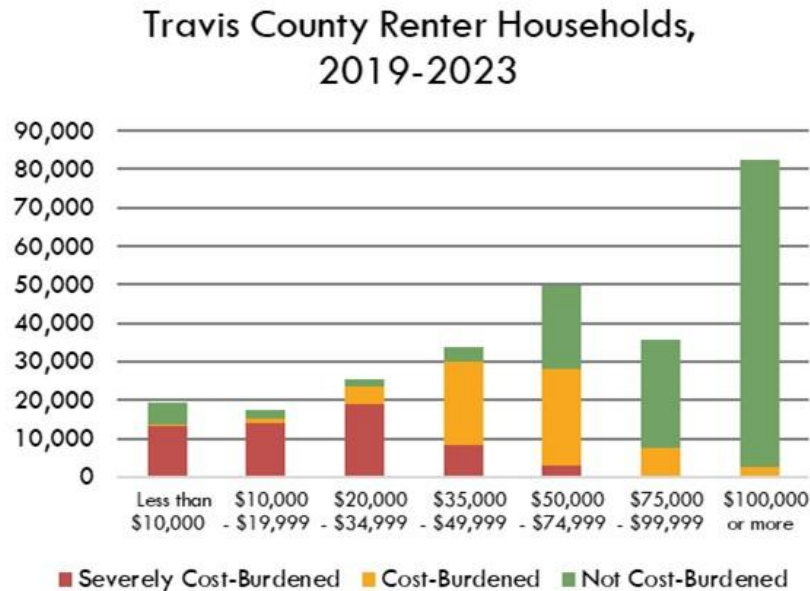


SOURCE: 2025 CAN Community Dashboard
<https://dashboard.canatx.org/>

Disproportionality among those who are experiencing homelessness reveals the greatest level of disproportionality found for any of the CAN Dashboard indicators. Travis County residents who are Black were disproportionately overrepresented among the people counted during the 2025 ECHO Point In Time Count. In 2025, the disproportionality ratio for Black Travis County residents was 3.9, which indicates an extreme disproportion of overrepresentation.

Note: There was not a PIT count conducted for 2026

HOUSING COST BURDEN



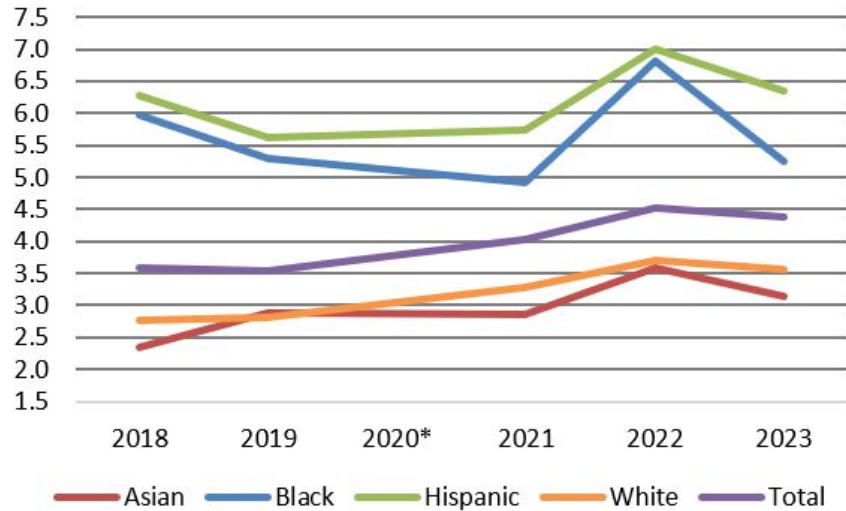
Low-income renters are most impacted. According to census data, 85% of renters with a household income less than \$35,000 a year are housing cost-burdened, and the majority of those households (74%) are “severely cost-burdened,” which means they pay more than half their total household income for housing.

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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Housing Affordability by Race, Travis County

(Median Housing Value divided by Median Family Income)

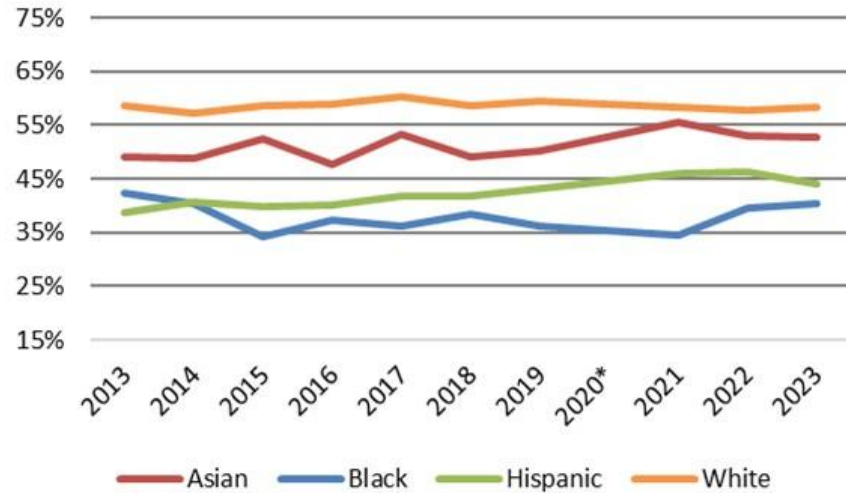


In 2023 the median housing price was 4.4 times the median family income (MFI), compared to 3.6 times in 2018. Housing prices three times higher than incomes are considered affordable. This metric varies for different racial & ethnic groups. In 2023, the median housing price of a home with a Hispanic householder was 6.3 times the median family income for a Hispanic family, compared to 5.3 times for a Black family, 3.6 times for a White family, and 3.1 times for Asian Travis county families.

SOURCE: [2025 CAN Economic Mobility Report](#)

HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE

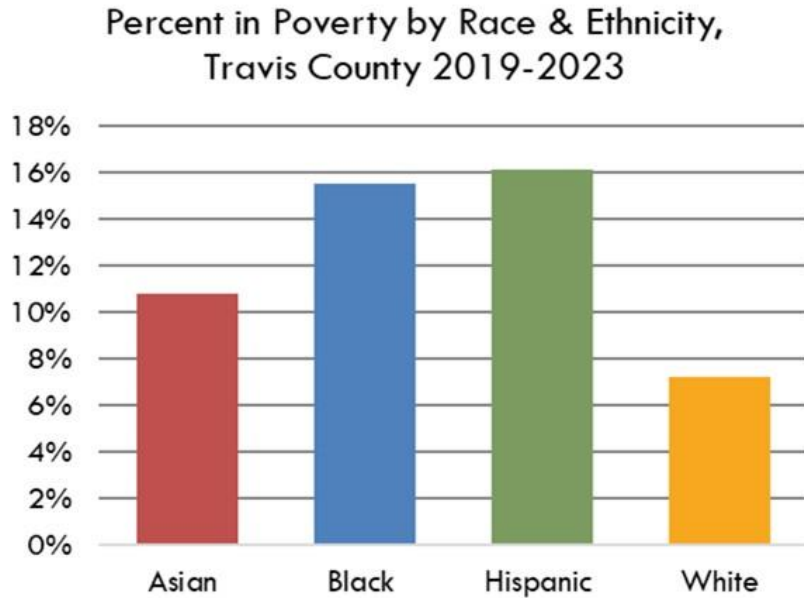
Homeownership Rate by Race,
Travis County



Homeownership rates vary by race and ethnicity. While the majority of White and the majority of Asian Travis County residents own their home, the majority of black Travis County residents, and the majority of Hispanic Travis County residents, do not. 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.

SOURCE: [2025 CAN Economic Mobility Report](#)

POVERTY



The poverty rate for all races and ethnicities has declined since the end of the Great Recession, however, disparities remain. Poverty rates for Travis County residents who are Black or Hispanic are about 2.2 times greater than the poverty rates for Whites. Less than one-tenth of White residents live below the poverty level, which was \$30,900 for a family with two adults and two children and \$24,549 for a family with one adult and two children in 2023.

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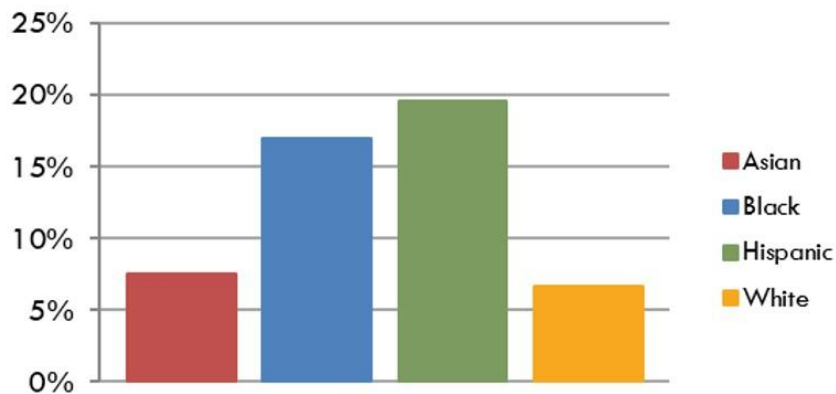
DATA SOURCES WITH OUTCOMES BROKEN DOWN BY RACE

Central Health Demographics Report 2024
[https://www.centralhealth.net/newsroom/
2024-demographic-report/](https://www.centralhealth.net/newsroom/2024-demographic-report/)

ECHO Data Portal on Homelessness
[https://echoatx.github.io/hrs-dashboard-sit
e/sections/people.html](https://echoatx.github.io/hrs-dashboard-site/sections/people.html)

ADULTS WHO ARE UNINSURED

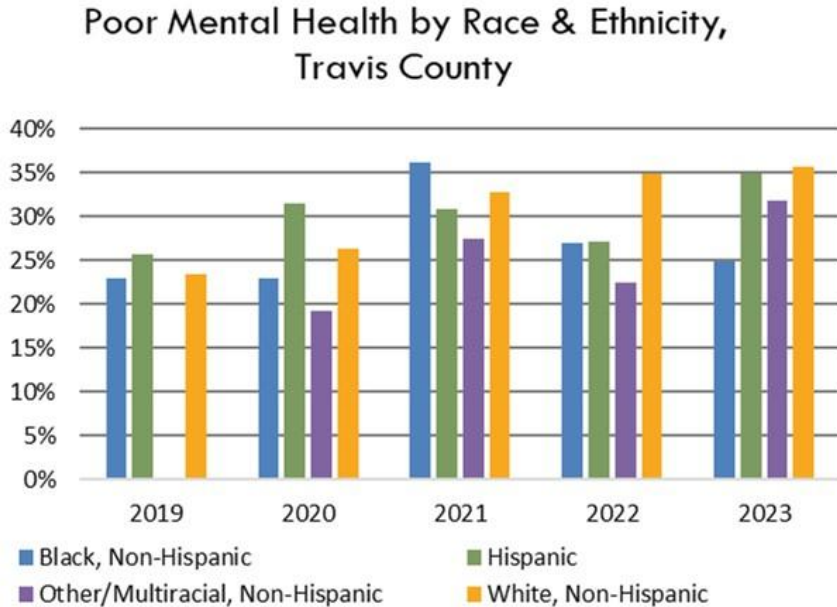
Percent of People Under 65 Who are Uninsured, by Race & Ethnicity, Travis County, 2023



In Travis County the uninsured rate is highest for Hispanics, with 20% of Hispanics under age 65 uninsured, followed by Black residents with 17% uninsured. A 2024 report from Central Health found that chronic condition diagnoses show disparities by race, ethnicity, and economic factors. People with higher incomes are most likely to have employer-based health coverage. People earning lower incomes are less likely to receive this benefit.

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

MENTAL HEALTH

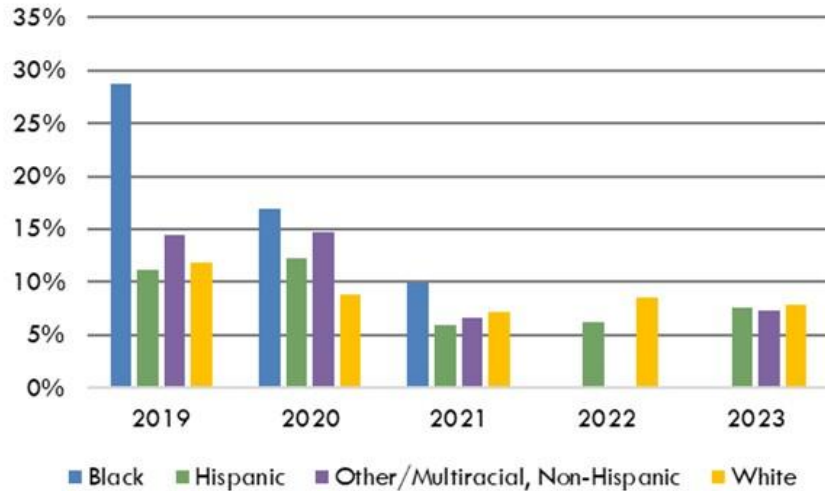


In 2023, several groups saw an increase in the percentage of people reporting poor mental health. White adults in Travis County had the highest rate (36%), followed by Hispanic adults (35%), and other/multiracial, non-Hispanic adults (32%), and Black adults (25%). Poor mental health can include stress, depression, and emotional issues. The 2023 rates are higher than the 2019 rates for all groups.

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

SMOKING

Percent Who Smoke, by Race & Ethnicity, Travis County

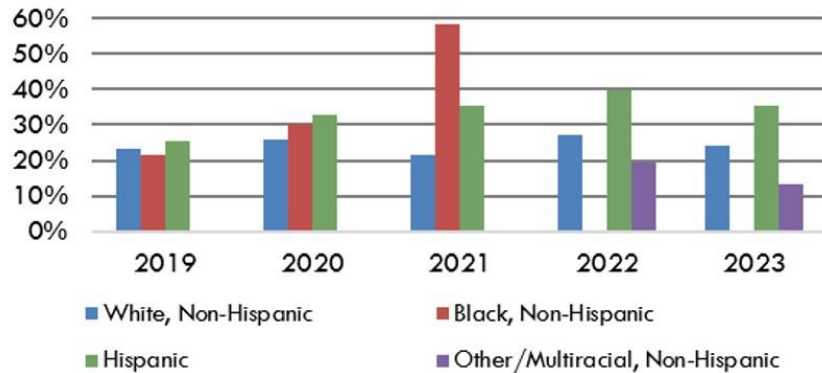


In Travis County, White adults were more likely to report being current smokers than other adults in 2023. An estimated 7.9% of White Travis County residents, 7.6% of Hispanics, and 7.3% of adults identifying as other races or ethnicities reported being current smokers in Travis County in 2023. Data for African Americans was not available for 2022 or 2023.

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

OBESITY

Obesity, by Race & Ethnicity,
Travis County



In 2023, Hispanic adults in Travis County were more likely to be obese (36%) than people of other races and ethnicities. Obesity data were not available for Black Travis County residents for 2022 or 2023; in 2021, the obesity rate for Black Travis County residents was 58.5%. According to the 2017 Critical Health Indicators report, Black residents also have the highest rates of cardiovascular disease and diabetes – diseases that are more prevalent among people who are overweight or obese.

DATA SOURCES WITH OUTCOMES BROKEN DOWN BY RACE

Central Health Demographics Report 2024
[https://www.centralhealth.net/newsroom/
2024-demographic-report/](https://www.centralhealth.net/newsroom/2024-demographic-report/)

Texas Health Data
[https://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/s
urveys-and-profiles/behavioral-risk-factor-surv
eillance-system](https://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/surveys-and-profiles/behavioral-risk-factor-surveillance-system)

ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN:

HOUSING

(People of Color-Led)

Guadalupe Neighborhood Development
Corporation

<https://www.guadalupendc.org/>

Montopolis CDC

<https://montopolis.org/>

BCL of Texas

<https://bcloftexas.org/>

Go Austin! Vamos Austin!

<https://www.goaustinvamosaustin.org/>

East Austin Conservancy/Eastside
Guardians

<https://www.eacatx.org/>

Immigrant Services Network

<https://isnaustin.wordpress.com/>

Austin Justice Coalition

<https://austinjustice.org/>

Austin Revitalization Authority

<https://austinrev.org/>

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN:

HOUSING

Blackland CDC

<https://www.blacklandcdc.org/>

Chestnut Neighborhood Revitalization
Corporation

<https://www.chestnutnrc.org/new-page-2>

BASTA!

<http://www.bastaaustin.org/>

Austin Tenants Council Project - Texas Rio
Grande Legal Aid

<https://www.trla.org/atc>

Austin Refugee Roundtable

<http://austinrefugees.org/>

Austin Housing Coalition

<https://austinhousingcoalition.org/>

Housing Works

<https://www.housingworks.org/>

ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(People of Color-Led)

Asian Family Support Services of Austin

<https://www.afssaustin.org/>

Austin Health Commons

www.austinhealthcommons.org

Vivir con Ganas (Community Health Expo)

<https://www.centralhealth.net/vivir-con-ganas/>

Central Texas African American Family Support
Conference

<https://ctaafsc.com/>

Excellence and Advancement Foundation

<https://breakthepipeline.org/>

Go Austin! Vamos Austin!

<https://www.goaustinvamosaustin.org/>

Immigrant Services Network

<https://isnaustin.wordpress.com/>

Promo Salud

<https://promo-salud.org/>

Mama Sana Vibrant Woman

<https://www.msvwatx.org/>

Black Mamas ATX

<https://blackmamasatx.com/>

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
WORKING TO ADDRESS RACIAL
DISPARITIES IN:**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES**

Central Health - Health Champions
Program

[https://www.centralhealth.net/initiatives/
community-health-champions/](https://www.centralhealth.net/initiatives/community-health-champions/)

Central Health - Equity Policy Council

[https://www.centralhealth.net/initiatives/
central-health-equity-policy-council/](https://www.centralhealth.net/initiatives/central-health-equity-policy-council/)

Austin Refugee Roundtable

<http://austinrefugees.org/>

Austin Public Health - Health Equity Unit

[https://www.austintexas.gov/health/prog
rams/health-equity-unit](https://www.austintexas.gov/health/programs/health-equity-unit)

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/>