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EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW

The Civil Rights Act of 1964

60 Years Later

The 2024 Equality Index™

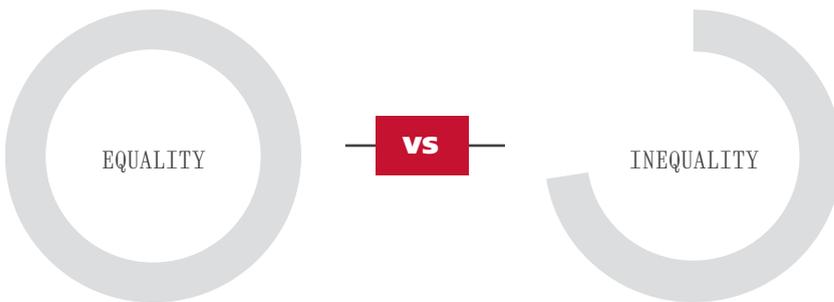## Why does the National Urban League publish an Equality Index?

Economic empowerment is the central theme of the National Urban League's mission. The Equality Index gives us a way to document progress toward this mission for Black and Hispanic Americans relative to whites.

What is the Equality Index trying to do?

The Equality Index uses pie charts to show how well Black Americans are doing in comparison to whites when it comes to their economic status, their health, their education, social justice, and civic engagement.

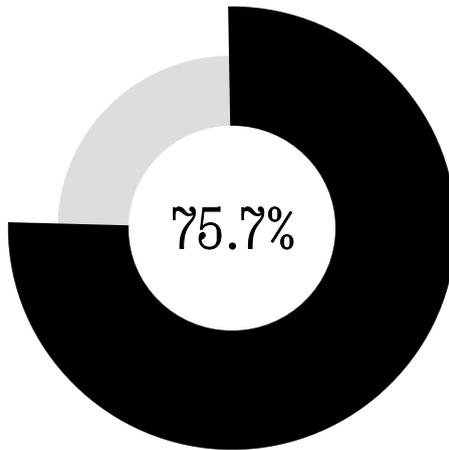The Equality Index measures the share of that pie which African Americans get.

Whites are used as the benchmark because the history of race in America has created advantages for whites that continue to persist in many of the outcomes being measured.

EQUALITY — **VS** — INEQUALITY

The 2024 Equality Index of Black America is 75.7%. What does that mean?

That means that rather than having a whole pie (100%), which would mean full equality with whites in 2024, African Americans are missing about 24% of the pie.
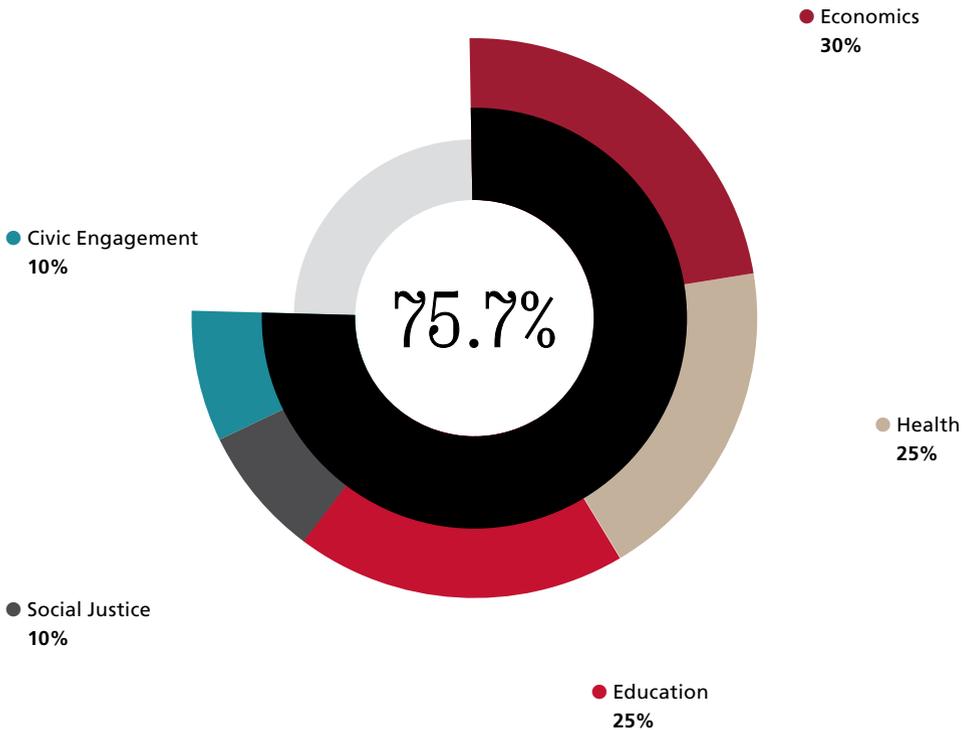
BLACK-WHITE EQUALITY INDEX

75.7%

How is the Equality Index calculated?

The categories that make up the Equality Index are: economics, health, education, social justice, and civic engagement. In each category, we use nationally representative statistics to calculate a sub-index that captures how well African Americans are doing relative to whites. Each category is weighted based on the importance that we give to each. The weighted average of all five categories is then calculated to get the total Equality Index.

EQUALITY INDEX CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

● Economics
30%

● Civic Engagement
10%

75.7%

● Health
25%

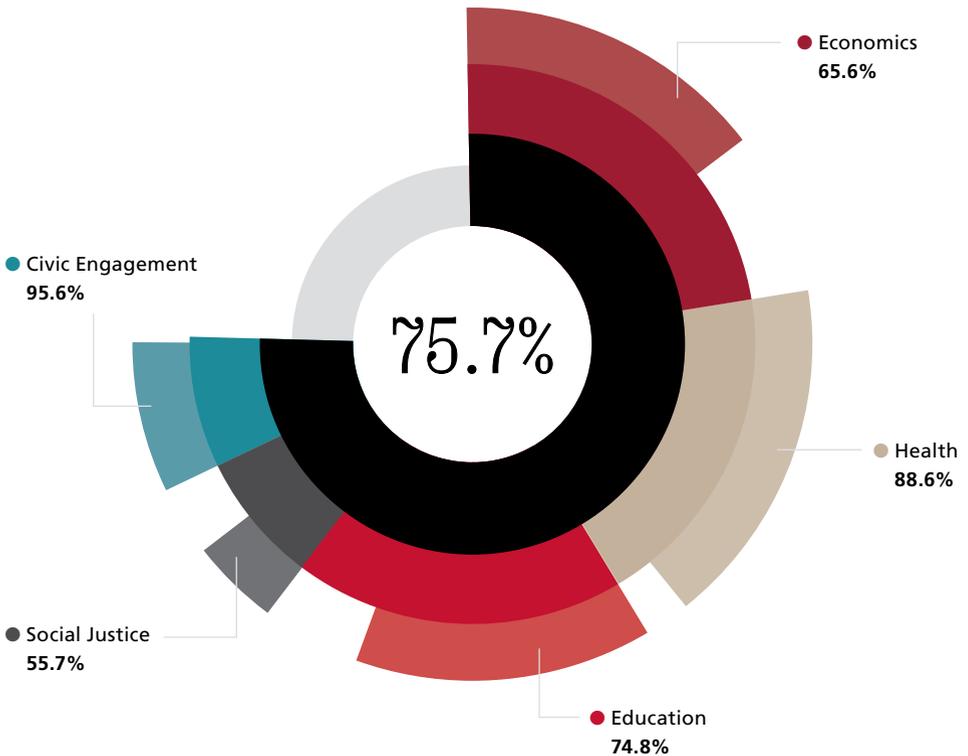● Social Justice
10%

● Education
25%

Is it possible to see how well African Americans are doing in each of the categories?

Yes. We show this in the tables included with the Equality Index.

We estimate an index for each category that can be interpreted in the same way as the total Equality Index. So, an index of 65.6% for the economics category for African Americans in 2024 means that African Americans are missing almost of a third of the economics mini-pie. The figure below summarizes the total 2024 Equality Index and the index in each category for African Americans.
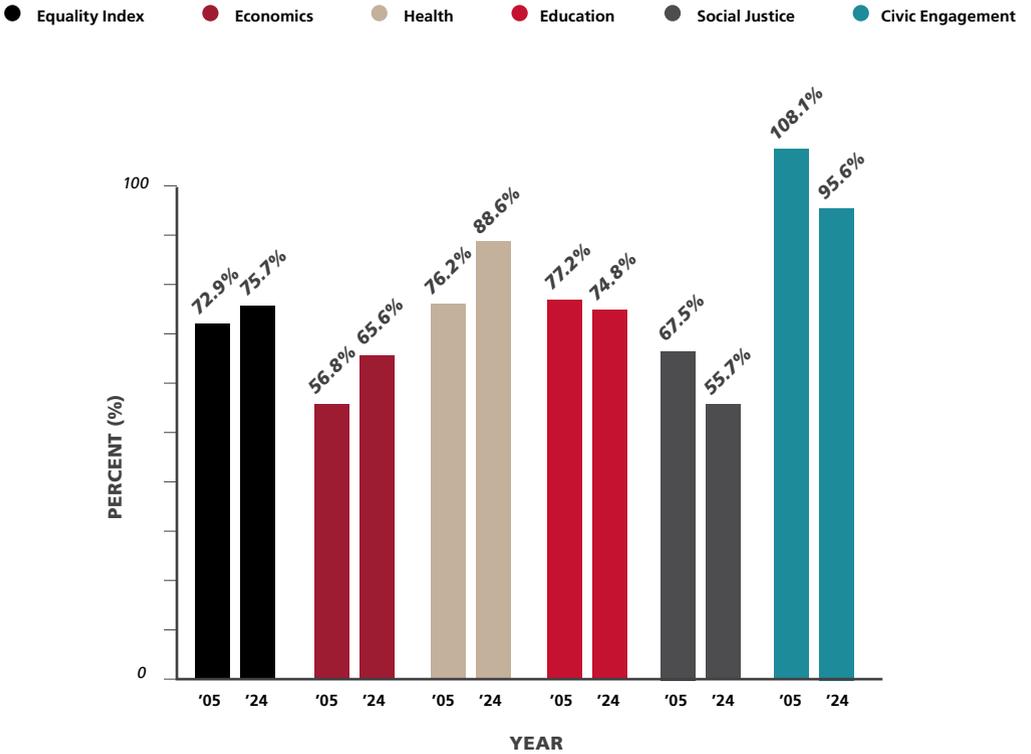
BLACK-WHITE EQUALITY INDEX BY CATEGORY

● Economics
65.6%

● Health
88.6%

● Education
74.8%

● Social Justice
55.7%

● Civic Engagement
95.6%

75.7%

Is it possible to see how well African Americans are doing over time?

Yes. The National Urban League has published the Equality Index of Black America and all the variables used to calculate it since 2005.

BLACK-WHITE EQUALITY INDEX COMPARISON > 2005 VS 2024

● Equality Index   ● Economics   ● Health   ● Education   ● Social Justice   ● Civic Engagement

PERCENT (%)

- Equality Index: '05 = 72.9%, '24 = 75.7%
- Economics: '05 = 56.8%, '24 = 65.6%
- Health: '05 = 76.2%, '24 = 88.6%
- Education: '05 = 77.2%, '24 = 74.8%
- Social Justice: '05 = 67.5%, '24 = 55.7%
- Civic Engagement: '05 = 108.1%, '24 = 95.6%

YEAR

It doesn't look like there's been much improvement in the Equality Index. What's the point?

The Equality Index is made up of a lot of different parts. Improvements in one area are sometimes offset by losses in another area, leaving the overall index unchanged.

Change often happens slowly. The Equality Index offers solid evidence of just how slowly it happens, making the index an indispensable tool for shaping the policies needed in the ongoing fight against inequality.

Not all African Americans are doing poorly and not all whites are doing well. Why doesn't the Equality Index capture class differences?

The Equality Index was created to capture racial inequality. Most of the data points are reported as averages for African Americans and whites. An average is the easiest way to summarize a large amount of information but can mask class differences within each group. While the Equality Index does not detail class differences, it does highlight regional differences in racial inequality through our rankings of metro area unemployment and income inequality (not included this year but available for prior years).

The 2024 Equality Index™

Economics

CATEGORY WEIGHT

30%

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

65.6%

DIFFERENCE FROM 2022

+2.8%

2024 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	Diff. ('24–'22)
MEDIAN INCOME (0.25)						
Median Household Income (Real), Dollars	ACS	2022	51,374	79,933	64%	0.015
Median Male Earnings, Dollars, Weekly	ACS	2022	746	1,055	71%	-0.016
Median Female Earnings, Dollars, Weekly	ACS	2022	641	762	84%	0.021
POVERTY (0.15)						
Population Living Below Poverty Line, %	ACS	2022	21.3	9.9	46%	-0.023
Population Living Below 50% of Poverty Line, %	ACS	2022	10.7	4.9	46%	-0.011
Population Living Below 125% of Poverty Line, %	ACS	2022	26.6	12.8	48%	-0.028
Population Living Below Poverty Line (Under 18), %	CPS ASEC	2022	22.3	13.5	61%	0.100
Population Living Below Poverty Line (18–64), %	CPS ASEC	2022	14.9	9.9	66%	0.096
Population Living Below Poverty Line (65 and Older), %	CPS ASEC	2022	17.6	9.0	51%	0.058
EMPLOYMENT ISSUES (0.20)						
Unemployment Rate, %	BLS	Nov–23	5.8	3.3	57%	0.027
Unemployment Rate: Male, %	BLS	Nov–23	6.6	3.5	53%	-0.004
Unemployment Rate: Female, %	BLS	Nov–23	5.2	3.0	58%	0.033
Unemployment Rate Persons Ages 16–19, %	BLS	Nov–23	12.2	11.4	93%	0.332
Percent Not in Workforce: Ages 16–19, %	BLS	Nov–23	69.3	62.3	90%	0.014
Percent Not in Workforce: Ages 16+, %	BLS	Nov–23	36.4	37.7	104%	-0.013
Labor Force Participation Rate, %	BLS	Nov–23	63.6	62.3	102%	-0.008
LFPR 16–19, %	BLS	Nov–23	30.7	37.7	81%	-0.016
LFPR 20–24, %	BLS	Nov–23	70.5	72	98%	0.048
LFPR Over 25: Less Than High School Grad., %	BLS	Nov–23	42.3	50.4	84%	0.113
LFPR Over 25: High School Grad., No College, %	BLS	Nov–23	59.3	56.9	104%	-0.014
LFPR Over 25: Some College, No Degree, %	BLS	Nov–23	63.6	58.7	108%	0.053
LFPR Over 25: Associate Degree, %	BLS	Nov–23	70.4	65.5	107%	-0.005

2024 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	Diff. ('24–'22)
LFPR Over 25: Some College or Associate Degree, %	BLS	Nov–23	66.2	61.8	107%	0.007
LFPR Over 25: College Grad., %	BLS	Nov–23	78.4	71.1	110%	-0.008
Employment to Pop. Ratio, %	BLS	Nov–23	60.1	60.4	100%	0.037
HOUSING & WEALTH (0.34)						
Home Ownership Rate, %	Census	2023Q3	45.5	74.5	61%	0.016
Mortgage Application Denial Rate (Total), %	HDMA	2017				
Mortgage Application Denial Rate (Male), %	HDMA	2017				
Mortgage Application Denial Rate (Female), %	HDMA	2017				
Mortgage Application Denial Rate (Joint), %	HDMA	2017				
Home Improvement Loans Denials (Total), %	HDMA	2017				
Home Improvement Loans Denials (Male), %	HDMA	2017				
Home Improvement Loans Denials (Female), %	HDMA	2017				
Home Improvement Loans Denials (Joint), %	HDMA	2017				
Percent of High-Priced Loans (More Than 3% Above Treasury)	HDMA	2017				
Home-Secured Debt	SCF	2022	33.0	45.5	73%	0.725
Mortgage or Home-Equity Loans	SCF	2022	32.8	43.9	75%	0.747
Median Home Value, Dollars	ACS	2022	242,600	318,600	76%	0.042
Median Wealth, Dollars	SCF	2022	44,890	285,010	16%	0.029
Median Equity in Home, Dollars	SCF	2022	123,000	205,370	60%	0.008
Percent Investing in a Retirement Account, %	SCF	2022	34.8	61.8	56%	-0.049
Percent Investing in IRA, %						0.000
U.S. Firms by Race (Number of Firms/Total Number of Firms), %	ABS	2021	2.7	82.0	3%	-0.101
DIGITAL DIVIDE (0.05)						0.000
Households with Computer at Home, %	ACS	2022	94.3	95.7	99%	0.023
Households with the Internet, %	ACS					0.000
Adult Users with Broadband Access, %	ACS	2022	87.8	91.5	96%	0.043
TRANSPORTATION (0.01)						
Car Ownership, %	SCF	2022	72.1	90.8	79%	-0.007
Means of Transportation to Work: Drive Alone, %	ACS	2022	11.2	64.3	17%	0.022
Means of Transportation to Work: Public Transportation, %	ACS	2022	23.1	35.9	64%	-1.504
Economic Weighted Index					**65.6%**	**0.028**

Health

CATEGORY WEIGHT

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

DIFFERENCE FROM 2022

25%

88.6%

+4.6%

2024 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	Diff. ('24–'22)
DEATH RATES & LIFE EXPECTANCY (0.44)						
Life Expectancy at Birth	CDC	2021	71.2	76.7	93%	-0.020
Male	CDC	2021	67.6	74.0	91%	-0.021
Female	CDC	2021	75.0	79.5	94%	-0.017
Life Expectancy at 65 (Additional Expected Years)	CDC	2021	16.7	18.4	91%	-0.026
Male at 65	CDC	2021	14.9	17.0	88%	-0.024
Female at 65	CDC	2021	18.1	19.7	92%	-0.033
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): All Causes	CDC	2020	1,035.7	1,242.4	120%	0.353
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Male	CDC	2020				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Female	CDC	2020				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Heart Disease	CDC	2019				
Ischemic Heart Disease	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Stroke (Cerebrovascular)	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Cancer	CDC	2019				
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Trachea, Bronchus, and Lung	CDC	2019				
Colon, Rectum, and Anus	CDC	2019				
Prostate (Male)	CDC	2019				
Breast (Female)	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Chronic Lower Respiratory	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Influenza and Pneumonia	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	CDC	2019				

2024 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	Diff. ('24–'22)
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Kidney Disease	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Diabetes	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Septicemia	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): HIV	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Alzheimer's	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Dementia-Related, Males	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Dementia-Related, Females	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Dementia-Related	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Drug Induced Causes	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Drug Induced Causes, Males	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Drug Induced Causes, Females	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Alcohol Induced Causes	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Alcohol Induced Causes, Males	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Alcohol Induced Causes, Females	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Firearm Injuries	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Firearm Injuries, Males	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Firearm Injuries Females	NVSR	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Injury at Work	NVSR	2019				
Unintentional Injuries	CDC	2020	66.8	70.5	106%	0.002
Falls (75–84)	CDC	2020	33.6	76.4	227%	-0.067
Suicide	CDC	2019				
Motor Vehicle-Related Injuries	CDC	2020	18.3	11.6	63%	-0.165
High School Youth Risk Behavior:	YRBS	2021				0.000
Did Not Always Wear a Seat Belt, %	YRBS	2021	59.2	34.9	59%	0.176
Rode with a Driver Who had been Brinking Alcohol, %	YRBS	2021	14.9	13.4	90%	-0.111
Texted or E-Mailed While Driving a Car or Other Vehicle, %	YRBS	2021	26.4	42.3	160%	0.114
Were Threatened or Injured with a Weapon on School Property, %	YRBS	2021	7.9	6.2	78%	-0.022
Did Not Go to School Because They Felt Unsafe at School or on Their Way to or from School, %	YRBS	2021	12.1	6.6	55%	0.545
Were Electronically Bullied, %	YRBS	2021	9.5	18.8	198%	1.979
Were Bullied on School Property, %	YRBS	2021	8.5	17.9	211%	2.106
Had a Concussion, %	YRBS	2020	2.6	8.8	338%	2.474
Were in a Physical Fight, %	YRBS	2021	25.8	17.3	67%	0.015
Had Obesity, %	YRBS	2021	21.2	13.7	65%	0.025
Were Overweight, %	YRBS	2021	18.6	14.6	78%	-0.105
Asthma, %	YRBS	2020	11.0	7.7	70%	0.022

2024 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	Diff. ('24–'22)
Never Saw a Dentist, %	YRBS	2021	2.4	1.1	46%	0.183
Currently Smoked Cigarettes or Cigars or used Smokeless Tobacco or Electronic Vapor Products, at Least 1 Day in the Last 30 Days, %	YRBS	2021	14.4	21.0	146%	-0.242
Death Rate: Assault	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (per 100,000): Drug Overdose	NVSS	2021	44.2	36.8	83%	-0.224
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide						
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide Males	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide Males Ages 15–24	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide Females	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide Females Ages 15–24	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide	CDC	2019				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide Male	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide Males Ages 15–24	CDC	2016				
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide Female	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide Females Ages 15–24	CDC	2016				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: >1 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 1–4 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 5–9 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 10–14 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 15–19 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 20–24 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 25–29 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 30–34 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 35–39 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 40–44 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 45–49 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 50–54 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 55–59 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 60–64 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 65–74 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 70–74 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 75–84 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 80–84 Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 85+ Male	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 15–24 Male	CDC	2016				
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Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 65+ Male	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 75–84 Male	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: >1 Female	CDC	2019				

2024 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	Diff. ('24–'22)
Death Rates (per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 1–4 Female	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 5–9 Female	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 10–14 Female	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 15–19 Female	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 20–24 Female	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 25–29 Female	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 30–34 Female	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 35–39 Female	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 40–44 Female	NCHS	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 45–49 Female	NCHS	2019				
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Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 75–79 Female	NCHS	2019				
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Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 65–74 Female	CDC	2019				
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 75–84 Female	CDC	2019				
Infant Mortality Rate	NVSS	2021	10.6	4.4	41%	-0.010
Fetal Mortality Rate	NCHS	2022	10.0	4.5	45%	-0.012
Perinatal Mortality Rate	NCHS	2021	9.5	4.7	49%	0.021
Preterm Birth Rates	NCHS	2022	14.6	9.4	65%	0.043
Maternal Mortality Rate	NVSS	2021	69.9	26.6	38%	-0.026
Maternal Mortality Rate under 25	NVSS	2021	41.5	16.9	41%	-0.279
Maternal Mortality Rate 25–39	NVSS	2021	69.3	24.5	35%	-0.008
Maternal Mortality Rate 40+	NVSS	2021	300.8	126.9	42%	0.122
Sepsis Related Deaths (per 100,000 age 65+)	NVSS	2019				
PHYSICAL CONDITION (0.10)						
Obesity: Children 2–19 Years	CDC BRFSS	2020	24.8	16.6	67%	0.004
Boys	CDC BRFSS	2018				
Girls	CDC BRFSS	2018				
Overweight: 18+ Years, % of Population	CDC BRFSS	2022	31.6	34.5	109%	1.092
Overweight: Men 20+ Years, % of Population	CDC	2018				

2024 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	Diff. ('24–'22)
Overweight: Women 20+ Years, % of Population	CDC	2018				
Overweight: 20+ Years, % of Population	CDC	2018				
Obese, % of Population	CDC BRFSS	2022	43.0	32.5	76%	-0.095
Obese: Men 20+ Years, % of Population	CDC	2018				
Obese: Women 20+ Years, % of Population	CDC	2018				
Severe Obesity	CDC	2018				
Diabetes: Physician Diagnosed in Ages 20+, % of Population	CDC	2021	12.8	4.0	31%	-0.554
Diabetes: Undiagnosed in Ages 20+, % of Population	CDC	2021	4.3	1.4	33%	-0.249
Pre Diabetes	CDC	2021	39.2	38.7	99%	0.000
AIDS Cases (Per 100,000): Males Ages 13+	CDC	2020	33.5	5.6	17%	0.167
AIDS Cases (Per 100,000): Females Ages 13+	CDC	2020	13.8	0.9	7%	0.065
AIDS Cases (Per 100,000)	CDC	2020	37.4	4.6	12%	0.040
HIV Infection (Per 100,000): Males	CDC	2020	28.0	3.0	11%	-0.581
HIV Infection (Per 100,000): Females	CDC	2020	3.0	1.0	33%	-0.028
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (0.10)						
Students Who Used Alcohol During the Past Month, %	YRBS	2021	13.0	26.0	200%	2.000
Binge Alcohol (5 Drinks in 1 Day, 1x a Year) Age 18+, % of Population	CDC	2021	58.8	26.1	44%	-2.346
Used Marjiuana During the Past Month, %	YRBS	2021	20.0	15.0	75%	0.750
Use of Illicit Drugs in the Past Month Ages 12 +, % of Population	CDC	2019	14.6	13.6	93%	0.932
Ever Used Illicit Drugs, High School Youth, % of Population	YRBS	2021	9.0	14.0	156%	0.576
Misused Prescription Opiods, Students	YRBS	2021	14.0	11.0	79%	0.786
Tobacco: Both Cigarette & Cigar ages 12+, % of Population	CDC	2021	23.5	23.3	99%	0.991
Cigarette Smoking, %	CDC	2019	18.7	18.0	96%	-0.078
E-Vapor Use During Past Month, %	CDC	2021	14.0	20.0	143%	1.429
MENTAL HEALTH (0.02)						
High School Youth Risk Behavior:	CDC YRBS	2021				
Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide, %	YRBS	2021	21.6	22.7	105%	-0.079
Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide, Male, %	YRBS	2021	13.0	14.5	112%	1.115
Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide, Female, %	YRBS	2021	30.5	31.4	103%	1.030
Suicide Attempt Resulted in an Injury, Poisoning, or Overdose that had to be Treated by a doctor or nurse, %	YRBS	2021	4.4	2.4	55%	-0.091
Suicide Attempt Resulted in an Injury, Poisoning, or Overdose that had to be Treated by a Doctor or Nurse, Male, %	YRBS	2021	3.3	1.2	36%	0.364
Suicide Attempt Resulted in an Injury, Poisoning, or Overdose that had to be Treated by a Doctor or Nurse, Female, %	YRBS	2021	5.5	3.5	64%	0.636
Actually Attempted Suicide, %	YRBS	2021	14.5	9.0	62%	0.621
Actually Attempted Suicide, Male, %	YRBS	2021	11.2	5.5	49%	0.491
Actually Attempted Suicide, Female, %	YRBS	2021	17.8	12.4	70%	0.697
Age Adjusted Suicide Rate, %	CDC	2021	8.7	17.4	200%	2.000
Suicide Rate Among Youth 10–24, %	CDC	2021	11.2	12.3	110%	1.098
Age Adjusted Suicide Rate for Females	NCHS	2017				0.000

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Age Adjusted Suicide Rate for Males	NCHS	2017				0.000
Anxiety Disorder Symptoms, %	NCHS	2021	9.8	12.6	129%	0.364
ACCESS TO CARE (0.075)						
Private Health Insurance Coverage Status, %	CPS	2022	56.6	67.1	84%	0.169
Public Health Insurance Coverage Status, %	CPS	2022	41.2	35.7	115%	1.154
People without Health Insurance, % of Population	NCHS	2022	13.3	7.4	56%	-0.056
People 18 to 64 without A Usual Source of Health Insurance, % of Adults	CPS	2022	8.3	7.9	95%	-0.382
People 18 to 64 and in Poverty without a Usual Source of Health Insurance, % of Adults	Census	2022	8.7	5.7	66%	-0.124
Population Under 65 Covered by Medicaid, % of Population	CPS	2016				
Persons Under 65 with Exchange-Based Coverage, %	NCHS	2022	3.8	4.2	111%	0.048
ELDERLY HEALTH CARE (0.03)						
Population Over 65 Covered by Medicaid, % of Population	CPS	2019				-0.257
Population Over 65 or Those with Certain Disabilities Covered by Medicare, % of Population	CPS	2022	16	23	69%	0.690
Medicare Expenditures per Beneficiary, Dollars	CDC	2013				0.000
Death Rate: Alzheimer Disease	NVSR	2020	26.2	55.5	212%	0.981
PREGNANCY ISSUES (0.04)						
Prenatal Care Begins in 1st Trimester	CDC	2021	69.7	83.2	84%	0.012
Prenatal Care Begins in 3rd Trimester	CDC	2020				
Percentage with Late or No Prenatal Care	CDC	2021	9.1	4.6	51%	0.505
Percent of Births to Mothers 18 and Under	CDC	2015				
Percent of Births to Mothers Under 19	CDC	2021	21.4	9.8	46%	-0.004
Percent of Live Births to Unmarried Mothers	CDC	2021	52.1	27.0	52%	0.115
Infant Mortality Rates Among Mothers with Education 9–12th Grade, No Diploma	CDC	2015				
Infant Mortality Rates Among Mothers with HS Diploma or GED	CDC	2015				
Infant Mortality Rates Among Mothers with 12 or More Years of Education	CDC	2015				
Mothers Who Smoked Cigarettes During Pregnancy, %	CDC	2021	3.8	6.7	175%	0.000
Low Birth Weight, % of Live Births	CDC	2021	14.7	7.0	48%	0.001
Very Low Birth Weight, % of Live Births	CDC	2021	2.9	1.0	35%	0.000
Preterm Birth Rates	CDC NCHS	2022	14.6	9.4	65%	0.040
REPRODUCTION ISSUES (0.01)						
Abortions, Per 1,000 Live Births	CDC	2021	26.6	6.4	23%	-0.044
Women Using Contraception, % of Population	CDC	2019	61.4	69.2	89%	0.025
DELIVERY ISSUES (0.075)						
All Infant Deaths: Neonatal and Post, Per 1,000 Live Births	CDC	2019				
Neonatal Deaths, Per 1,000 Live Births	CDC	2021	6.4	2.8	44%	0.012
Postneonatal Deaths, Per 1,000 Live Births	CDC	2021	4.2	1.6	38%	-0.039

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Maternal Mortality (Per 100,000): Live Births	CDC	2021	69.9	26.6	38%	-0.026
Infant, Neonatal, and Postneonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1000)	CDC NVSS	2022	10.9	4.5	42%	-0.095
Perinatal Mortality	CDC NVSS	2021	9.5	4.7	49%	0.021
Fetal Mortality Rate	CDC NVSS	2022	10.0	4.5	45%	-0.012
CHILDREN'S HEALTH (0.10)						
Babies Breastfed, % at 6 Months	CDC	2020	49.1	61.3	80%	-0.021
Children without a Health Care Visit in Past 12 Months (up to 18 Years Old), %	CDC	2022	5.5	8.2	149%	0.234
Children without a Usual Place of Health Care, %	NHIS	2022	3.8	2.3	61%	0.005
Vaccinations of Children Below Poverty: Combined Vacc. Combined 7-Vaccine Series, % of Children 19–35 Months	CDC	2020	77.3	83.4		0.000
Uninsured Children, %	Kaiser FF	2021	5	4	80%	0.167
Overweight Boys 2–19 Years Old, % of Population	CDC	2020	18.8	17.6	94%	0.039
Overweight Girls 2–19 Years Old, % of Population	CDC	2020	30.8	15.4	50%	-0.009
Overweight Boys 6–11 Years old, % of Population	CDC	2011–2014				0.000
Overweight Girls 6–11 Years old, % of Population	CDC	2011–2014				0.000
Overweight % of High School Students	CDC YRBS	2021	18.6	14.6	78%	-0.105
Overweight Boys 2–19 Years Old, % of Population	NCHS	2019				0.000
Overweight Girls 2–19 Years Old, % of Population	NCHS	2019				0.000
AIDS Cases (Per 100,000): All Children Over 13	CDC	2019				0.000
AIDS Cases (Per 100,000): All Children Under 13	CDC	2016				0.000
COVID						
Cases		2022				
Hospitalization		2022				
Death (Per 100,000)	KFF	2022	1.6	1.0	0.63	0.037
Health Weighted Index					**88.6%**	**0.046**

Education

CATEGORY WEIGHT

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

DIFFERENCE FROM 2022

25%

74.8%

+0.5%

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QUALITY (0.25)						
TEACHER QUALITY (0.10)						
Middle Grades: Teacher Lacking at Least a College Minor in Subject Taught (High vs. Low Minority Schools), %	ET	2002				
HS: Teacher Lacking an Undergraduate Major in Subject taught (High vs. Low Poverty Secondary Schools), %	ET	2007–2008				
Per Student Funding (High (30%) vs. Low (0%) Poverty Districts), Dollars	SFF	2012				
Teachers with < 3 Years Experience, %	NCES	2020–21	8.5	6.8	80%	0.152
Distribution of Underprepared Teachers (High vs. Low Minority Schools), % (California only)	SRI	2008–2009				
Uncertified Teachers in Schools with Low and High Student of Color Enrollment, %	LPI	2023	4.9	2.1	43%	0.179
Inexperienced (First- or Second-Year) Teachers in Schools with Low and High Student of Color Enrollment, %	LPI	2023	15.2	8.9	59%	0.056
Percentage of Teachers in Public Elementary or Secondary School with a Master's Degree	NCES	2021	51.5	52.4	98%	0.984
COURSE QUALITY (0.15)						
College Completion, % of All Entrants	NSC	2022	43.9	68.4	64%	0.031
College Completion, % of Entrants with Strong HS Curriculum (Algebra II Plus Other Courses)	ET	1999				
HS Students: Enrolled in Chemistry, %	NCES	2019	71.2	77.0	92%	0.011
HS Students: Enrolled in Algebra II, %	NCES	2019	81.9	87.1	94%	0.290
HS Students: Enrolled in: Precalculus, %	NCES	2019	28.9	43.9	66%	0.108
HS Students: Enrolled in: Calculus, %	NCES	2019	6.2	18.3	34%	0.005
HS Students: Enrolled in: Physics, %	NCES	2019	30.7	39.5	78%	0.061
Students Taking: English Composition, %	CB	2009				
4th Graders Whose School Offers Programming Classes, %	NCES	2019				

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8th Graders Whose School:						
Almost Always Cares About Doing Well in School and Does Required Homework, Age 6–17	CAHMI	2022	44.6	42.9	104%	1.040
Sometimes or Never Cares About Doing Well in School and Does Required Homework, Age 6–17	CAHMI	2022	22.2	18.4	83%	0.829
Offers Progamming Classes, %	NCES	2019				
Offers Algebra Classes Equivalent to High School Algebra, %	NCES	2019				
Has Students Who Take High School Math Classes, %	NCES	2019				
12th Graders Whose School Offers Courses in Computer Science:						
Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science, %	NCES	2015				
HS Graduates Who Took Course in Computer Science %	NCES	2019	17.0	20.6	83%	0.090
ATTAINMENT (0.30)						
Graduation Rates, 2-Year Institutions Where Students Started as Full Time, First Time Students, %	NCES	2018				
Graduation Rates, 4-Year Institutions Where Students Started as Full Time, First Time Students, %	NCES	2021	45.7	67.9	67%	0.008
Overall Division I Graduation Success Rate Trends for Student-Athletes	NCAA	2023	82	95	86%	0.012
Degrees Earned: At Least Associate's, % of Population 18+	NCES	2022	10.3	10.7	96%	0.114
Degrees Earned: At Least Bachelor's, % of Population 18+	NCES	2022	16.0	24.9	64%	0.061
Degrees Earned: Master's, % of Population 18+	NCES	2022	7.2	10.7	67%	-0.054
Educational Attainment: at Least High School (25 Yrs and Over), % of Population	Census	2022	88.3	94.2	94%	-0.026
Educational Attainment: at Least Bachelor's (25 Yrs and Over), % of Population	Census	2022	25.4	39.5	64%	-0.011
Degrees Conferred, % Distribution, By Field						
Agriculture/Forestry	NCES	2021	1	3	28%	0.047
Art/Architecture	NCES	2021	0	0	62%	-0.128
Business/Management	NCES	2021	18	19	96%	-0.024
Communications	NCES	2021	5	5	111%	-0.060
Computer and Information Sciences	NCES	2021	4	4	105%	0.021
Education	NCES	2021	3	5	58%	-0.016
Engineering	NCES	2021	3	6	43%	0.007
English/Literature	NCES	2021	1	2	74%	0.008
Foreign Languages	NCES	2021	0	1	52%	0.018
Health Sciences	NCES	2021	16	14	119%	0.110
Liberal Arts/Humanities	NCES	2021	3	2	154%	0.037
Mathematics/Statistics	NCES	2021	1	1	48%	0.030
Natural Sciences	NCES	2021	0	1	48%	-0.017
Philosophy/Religion/Theology	NCES	2021	1	1	55%	-0.252
Psychology	NCES	2021	8	6	137%	-0.051
Social Sciences/History	NCES	2021	7	7	98%	-0.034
Other Fields	NCES	2021	0	0	100%	-0.224

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STEM* Degree, % of Bachelor's Degrees Conferred **Includes biological and biomedical sciences, computer and information sciences, engineering and engineering technologies, mathematics and statistics, and physical sciences and science technologies.*	NCES	2020–21	7.5	58.0	13%	-0.577
SCORES (0.25)						
PRESCHOOL 10% OF TOTAL SCORES (0.025)						
Children's School Readiness Skills (Ages 3–5), % with 3 or 4 Skills* **Recognizes all letters, counts to 20 or higher, writes name, reads or pretends to read*	NCES	2005				
Recognizes Most Letters of the Alphabet (Ages 3–5)	MCHB	2022	23.9	21.8	110%	0.520
Counts Up to 20 (Ages 3–5)	MCHB	2022	29.7	29.2	102%	0.268
Can Always Write First Name (Ages 3–5)	MCHB	2022	36.6	44.7	82%	-0.044
ELEMENTARY 40% OF TOTAL SCORES (0.10)						
Average Scale Score in U.S. History, 8th Graders	NCES	2022	242	268	90%	-0.001
Average Scale Score in U.S. History, 4th Graders	NCES	2010				
Average Scale Score in Math, 8th Graders	NCES	2022	253	285	89%	-0.003
Average Scale Score in Math, 4th Graders	NCES	2022	217	246	88%	-0.017
Average Scale Score in Reading, 8th Graders	NCES	2022	244	268	91%	0.013
Average Scale Score in Reading, 4th Graders	NCES	2019	199	227	88%	-0.010
Average Scale Score in Science, 8th Graders	NCES	2019				
Average Scale Score in Science, 4th Graders	NCES	2019				
Writing Proficiency at or Above Basic, 8th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2011				
Writing Proficiency at or Above Basic, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2002				
Science Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2019				
Reading Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 8th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2022	16	38	42%	0.070
Reading Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2022	17	42	40%	0.005
Math Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 8th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2022	9	35	26%	-0.053
Math Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2022	15	48	31%	-0.076
Writing Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 8th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2011				
Writing Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2013				
HIGH SCHOOL 50% OF TOTAL SCORES (0.125)						
Writing Proficiency at or Above Basic, 12th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2011				
Average Scale Score in Science, 12th Graders	NCES	2019				
Average Scale Score in U.S. History, 12th Graders	NCES	2010				
Average Scale Score in Reading, 12th Graders	NCES	2019				
SAT, Average Total Score	CB	2023	908	1082	84%	0.011
Took SAT, % of Students	CB	2023	12	39	31%	0.046

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High School GPAs for Those Taking the SAT	CB	2009				
SAT Evidence-Based Reasoning & Writing (ERW): Mean Scores	CB	2023	466	550	85%	-0.001
ERW, % Met Benchmarks	CB	2023	42	76	55%	-0.022
Mathematics, Joint	CB	2023	441	532	83%	-0.002
Mathematics, % Met Benchmarks	CB	2023	19	53	36%	-0.031
Mathematics, Male	CB	2016				
Mathematics, Female	CB	2016				
Critical Reading, Joint	CB	2017				
Critical Reading, Male	CB	2016				
Critical Reading, Female	CB	2016				
Reading, Joint	CB	2023	23.48	26.72	88%	0.022
Writing and Language, Joint	CB	2023	23	26	87%	0.046
Writing, Male	CB	2016				
Writing, Female	CB	2016				
ACT: Average Composite Score	NCES	2022	16.1	21.3	76%	-0.003
ENROLLMENT (0.10)						
School Enrollment: Ages 3–34, % of Population	Census	2022	53.9	52.4	103%	0.021
Preprimary School Enrollment (3–5 Years Old)	NCES	2021	52.6	56.1	94%	0.015
3–4 Years Old	Census	2020				
5–6 Years Old	Census	2020				
7–13 Years Old	Census	2020				
14–15 Years Old	Census	2020				
16–17 Years Old	Census	2020				
18–19 Years Old	Census	2020				
20–21 Years Old	Census	2020				
22–24 Years Old	Census	2020				
25–29 Years Old	Census	2020				
30–34 Years Old	Census	2020				
35+ Years Old	Census	2020				
College Enrollment (Graduate or Undergraduate): Ages 14+, % of Population	Census	2022	27.5	27.8	99%	-0.261
College Enrollment (Graduate or Undergraduate): % of Population, Male	Census	2022	22.7	25.1	90%	0.904
College Enrollment (Graduate or Undergraduate): % of Population, Female	Census	2022	31.9	30.5	105%	1.046
14–17 Years Old	Census	2020				
18–19 Years Old	Census	2020				
20–21 Years Old	Census	2020				
22–24 Years Old	Census	2020				
25–29 Years Old	Census	2020				
30–34 Years Old	Census	2020				
35+ Years Old	Census	2020				

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College Enrollment Rate as a Percent of All 18–24 Year-Old High School Completers, %	NCES	2021	59.2	62.3	95%	0.219
Adult Education Participation, % of Adult Population	NCES	2004–05				
STUDENT STATUS & RISK FACTORS (0.10)						
High School Dropouts: Status Dropouts, % (Not Completed HS and Not Enrolled, Regardless of When Dropped Out)	NCES	2021	3.9	4.4	113%	0.321
Children in Poverty, %	Census	2022	29.8	11.2	38%	0.018
Children in All Families Below Poverty Level, %	Census	2022	25.1	9.6	38%	0.032
Children in Families Below Poverty Level (Female Householder, No Spouse Present), %	Census	2022	37.3	28.4	76%	0.087
Children with No Parent in the Labor Force, %	Census	2022	12.5	5.1	41%	0.012
Children Whose Parents Lack Secure Employment, % of Children of That Race	AECF	2021	44	22	50%	0.000
Children (Under 18) with a Disability, %	Census	2022	5.7	4.6	81%	-0.036
Public School Students (K–12): Repeated Grade, %	NCES	2020	2.6	2.3	88%	0.255
Students 6–11 Who Repeated a Grade	CAHMI	2022	6.8	4.9	72%	0.721
Public School Students (6–12): Ever Suspended %	NCES	2019				
Suspended, Male, %	NCES	2019				
Suspended, Female, %	NCES	2019				
Public School Students (6–12): Ever Expelled, %	NCES	2019				
Expelled, Male, %	NCES	2019				
Expelled, Female, %	NCES	2019				
Public School Students (9th Graders): Suspended or Expelled %	NCES	2013–14				
Public School Students (K–12): Expelled, %	NCES	2013–14				
Percent of Public Schools That Took Serious Disciplinary Action by Percent of Minority Students (Greater than 75% and Less than 25%)	NCES	2019–20	39.8	31.2	79%	0.785
Safe School, Age 6–17 (% of Parents Who Defintely Agree That Their Child is in a Safe School)	CAHMI	2022	60.1	70.4	85%	0.854
Center-Based Child Care of Preschool Children, %	NCES	2019				
Parental Care Only of Preschool Children, %	NCES	2019				
Teacher Stability: Remained in Public School, High Eligibility for Free Lunch vs. Low Eligibility for Free Lunch, %	NCES	2022	82	85	96%	0.965
Teacher Stability: Remained in Private School, High vs. Low Minority Schools, %	NCES	2009				0.000
Adult Mentor, Age 6–17	CAHMI	2022	80	92.9	86%	0.861
Zero Days Absent in the Last Month, % of 8th Graders	NCES	2021	32	35	91%	-0.037
4th Graders Who are Chronically Absent from School, %	AECF	2022	40	32	80.0%	0.800
3+ Days Late to School, % of 10th Graders	NCES	2002				
Never Cut Classes, % of 10th Graders	NCES	2002				0.000
Home Literacy Activities (Age 3–5), %						
Children Under 6 whose Parents Read to Them More than 4x Per Week	AECF	2023	45	66	68%	0.682
Read to Three or More Times a Week	NCES	2019				
Told a Story at Least Once a Month	NCES	2019				

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Taught Words or Numbers at Least Once in Past Week	NCES	2019				
Visited a Library at Least Once in Last Month	NCES	2019				
No Internet Access at Home, % of Students Age 3–18	NCES	2021	4.0	2.6	65.0%	0.223
Households in which Internet and a Computer or Digital Device are Usually or Always Available to Children for Educational Purposes, %	AECF	2021	84.0	90.4	93%	0.929
Teachers in Schools Where 0 to 25% of Students are Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, % Distribution	NCES	2017–18				
Teachers in Schools Where 76 to 100% of Students are Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, % Distribution	NCES	2017–18				
Education Weighted Index					**74.8%**	**0.005**

Social Justice

CATEGORY WEIGHT

10%

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

55.7%

DIFFERENCE FROM 2022

-2.2%

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EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW (0.70)						
Stopped While Driving	BJS	2011				
Speeding	BJS	2011				
Vehicle Defect	BJS	2011				
Roadside Check for Drinking Drivers	BJS	2011				
Record Check	BJS	2011				
Seatbelt Violation	BJS	2011				
Illegal Turn/Lane Change	BJS	2011				
Stop Sign/Light Violation	BJS	2011				
Other	BJS	2011				
Percent of U.S. Residents Age 16+ with Any Police Contact	BJS	2020	18	22.4	124%	0.012
Police Initiated Contact	BJS	2020	9.2	10.3	112%	0.056
Resident Initiated Contact	BJS	2020	8.8	12.9	147%	0.004
Traffic Accident	BJS	2020	3.6	3	83%	-0.195
Residents Who Experienced Nonfatal Threats or Use of Force During Contacts with Police	BJS	2020	3.8	1.5	39%	0.000
Experienced Use of Force During Most Recent Police-initiated Contact	BJS	2020	4.3	1.5	35%	-0.029
Percent That Perceived Force As Excessive	BJS	2018				
Percent of which Police Contact Involved Police Misconduct	BJS	2020	4.7	0.4	9%	0.085
Mean Incarceration Sentence (In Average Months)	BJS					
Average Sentence for Incarceration (All Offenses): Male, Months	BJS	2016				
Incarceration Rate: Prisoners (Per 100,000)	BJS	2022	558	162	29%	0.110
Incarceration Rate: Prisoners (Per 100,000), Male	BJS	2022	1,826	337	18%	0.185
Incarceration Rate: Prisoners (Per 100,000), Female	BJS	2022	64	40	63%	0.625

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Prisoners as a % of Arrests	FBI UCR	2020	35	11	32%	0.000
Criminal Justice Status at Time of Arrest for Controlling Offense, Federal Prisoners, %						
None	BJS	2016				
Status	BJS	2016				
On Probation	BJS	2016				
On Parole	BJS	2016				
Number of Times Ever Arrested, Federal Prisoners, %						
1	BJS	2016				
2–4	BJS	2016				
5–9	BJS	2016				
10+	BJS	2016				
Mean, # of Arrests	BJS	2016				
Number of Prior Incarcerations, Federal Prisoners, %						
0	BJS	2016				
1	BJS	2016				
2–4	BJS	2016				
5–9	BJS	2016				
10+	BJS	2016				
Mean, # of Incarcerations	BJS	2016				
Defendents Charged in the U.S District Court, All, %	BJS	2021	24	22	94%	0.945
Defendents Charged in the U.S District Court, Male, %	BJS	2021	25	21	84%	0.841
Defendents Charged in the U.S District Court, Female, %	BJS	2021	18	33	183%	1.826
Type and Length of Sentence Imposed for Convicted Defendants, Prison, %	BJS	2021	85	77	91%	0.907
Type and Length of Sentence Imposed for Convicted Defendants, Probation Only, %	BJS	2021	8	14	170%	1.695
Type and Length of Sentence Imposed for Convicted Defendants, Fine Only, %	BJS	2021	1	2	158%	1.583
Type and Length of Sentence Imposed for Convicted Defendants, Suspended, %	BJS	2021	6	8	123%	1.226
Federally Sentenced Persons in the Custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, %	BJS	2021	35	30	86%	0.856
Federally Sentenced Persons in the Custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Violent Offense	BJS	2021	2812	2272	81%	0.808
Federally Sentenced Persons in the Custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Property Offense	BJS	2021	1857	1996	107%	1.075
Federally Sentenced Persons in the Custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Drug Offense	BJS	2021	20,263	16,057	79%	0.792
Federally Sentenced Persons in the Custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Public Order Offense	BJS	2021	5,353	13,511	252%	2.524
Federally Sentenced Persons in the Custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Weapons Offense	BJS	2021	16,855	6,292	37%	0.373
Federally Sentenced Persons in the Custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Immigration Offense	BJS	2021	140	188	134%	1.343

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VICTIMIZATION & MENTAL ANGUISH (0.30)						
Homicide, Rate (Per 100,000)	CDC	2020	30	2	8%	-0.037
Homicide, Rate (Per 100,000): Firearm	CDC	2022	27.5	2	7%	-0.040
Homicide, Rate (Per 100,000): Stabbings	FBI	2020				
Homicide, Rate (Per 100,000): Personal Weapons	FBI	2020				
Homicide, Rate (Per 100,000): Male	CDC	2019				
Homicide, Rate (Per 100,000): Female	CDC	2019				
Murder Victims, Rate (Per 100,000)	FBI UCR	2022	21.7	3.1	14%	-0.005
Hate Crimes Victims, Rate (Per 100,000)	FBI UCR	2021	8.95	0.45	5%	-0.019
Violent Crimes Victims, Rate (Per 1,000) Age 12+	BJS	2022	21.8	24	110%	0.175
Delinquency Cases, Year of Disposition, Rate (Per 100,000), Ages 5–17	OJDPP	2020	2,450	783	32%	-0.020
Prisoners Under Sentence of Death, Rate (Per 100,000)	DPIC	2022–23	0.03	0.01	37%	0.087
High School Students Threatended with Weapons on School Property	YRBS	2021	7.9	6.2	78%	-0.022
High School Students Carrying Weapons Anywhere	CDC	2019				
High School Students Carrying a Gun to School	YRBS	2021	5.1	3	59%	0.588
Firearm-Related Death Rates (Per 100,000): Males, All Ages	CDC	2021	64	19	29%	-0.163
Ages 1–14	CDC	2019				
Ages 15–24	CDC	2019				
Ages 25–44	CDC	2019				
Ages 25–34	CDC	2019				
Ages 35–44	CDC	2019				
Ages 45–64	CDC	2019				
Age 65+	CDC	2019				
Firearm-Related Death Rates (Per 100,000): Females, All Ages	CDC	2021	9	4	43%	-0.307
Ages 1–14	CDC	2019				
Ages 15–24	CDC	2019				
Ages 25–44	CDC	2019				
Ages 25–34	CDC	2018				
Ages 35–44	CDC	2018				
Ages 45–64	CDC	2019				
Age 65+	CDC	2019				
Social Justice Weighted Index					55.7%	-0.022

Civic Engagement

CATEGORY WEIGHT

10%

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

95.6%

DIFFERENCE FROM 2022

-3.4%

2024 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	Diff. ('24–'22)
DEMOCRATIC PROCESS (0.4)						
Registered Voters, % of Citizen Population	Census	2022	60.2	71.9	84%	-0.093
Actually Voted, % of Citizen Population	Census	2022	42.3	50.6	84%	-0.081
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (0.3)						
Percent of Population Volunteering for Military Reserves, %	USDD	2021	0.27	0.24	113%	-0.046
Volunteerism, %	CPS	2021	16	25	65%	0.110
Civic and Political (Attend Local Meeting)	CPS	2021	7	8	91%	0.187
Educational or Youth Service	CPS	2021	4	5	90%	-0.978
Environmental or Animal Care	BLS					0.000
Hospital or Other Health	BLS					0.000
Public Safety	BLS					0.000
Religious	BLS					0.000
Social or Community Service	BLS					0.000
Unpaid Volunteering of Young Adults	NCES	2017				
Participation in Community Service or Volunteer Work, Age 6–17	CAHMI	2022	33	37.6	88%	0.878
Member of a Group, Organization or Association, %	CPS	2021	15	24	62%	0.622
Did Something Positive in the Neighborhood, %	CPS	2021	15	17	86%	0.859
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (0.2)						
Members of Unions, % of Employed	BLS	2022	11.6	10	116%	0.043
Represented By Unions, % of Employed	BLS	2021	12.8	11.2	114%	0.031
GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYMENT (0.1)						
Federal Executive Branch (Nonpostal) Employment, % of Adult Population	CPS	2021	0.5	0.4	122%	-0.404
State and Local Government Employment, % of Adult Population	EEOC	2021	5	3	158%	0.060
Government Worker	Census	2022	18.4	14.7	125%	1.252
Civic Engagement Weighted Index					95.6%	-0.034

Source	Acronym
American Community Survey	ACS
American College Testing	ACT
The Annie E. Casey Foundation	AECF
U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics	BJS
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics	BLS
Children and Adolescent Health Measurment Initiative	CAHMI
College Board	CB
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CDC
U.S. Census Bureau	Census
Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO)	Census SBO
Survey of Income and Program Participation — U.S. Census Bureau	Census SIPP
Current Population Survey— Annual Social and Economic Supplement	CPS ASEC
Death Penalty Information Center	DPIC
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	EEOC
The Education Trust	ET
Uniform Crime Reporting Program	FBI UCR
Kaiser Family Foundation	KFF
Maternal and Child Health Bureau	MCHB
National Archive of Criminal Justice Data	NACJD
National Center for Education Statistics	NCES
National Center for Juvenile Justice	NCJJ
National Student Clearninghouse	NSC
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	OJJDP
U.S. Office of Personnel Management	OPM
Survey of Consumer Finances	SCF
School Funding Fairness	SFF
Learning Policy Institute	LPI

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