



NRCDDV National Prevention Town Hall

Intersecting Pandemics

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Agenda

- Anti-Racist Agenda
- Social Determinants of Health
- Pre-Pandemic Reality
- Mid-Pandemic Challenges
- Post-Pandemic Recovery Opportunities



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Anti-Racist Policy Agenda

“There is no such thing as a nonracist or race-neutral policy. Every policy in every institution in every community in every nation is producing or sustaining either racial inequity or equity between racial groups.”

(Ibram X. Kendi, [How to Be an Antiracist](#), August 13, 2019)

Anti-Racist Policy Agenda

“We do our best to make the case for good jobs, strong neighborhoods and smart solutions to complex problems, that support communities and help working families get ahead. But that’s not enough. If we want to build an Ohio that works for everyone, the policies we advance must be antiracist.”

Jasmine Ayres, Columbus, Ohio Scholar & Activist



Social Determinants of Health

Social Determinants of Health are conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play that affect a wide range of health and quality-of life-risks and outcomes.

Centers for Disease Control



PRE-PANDEMIC CHALLENGES

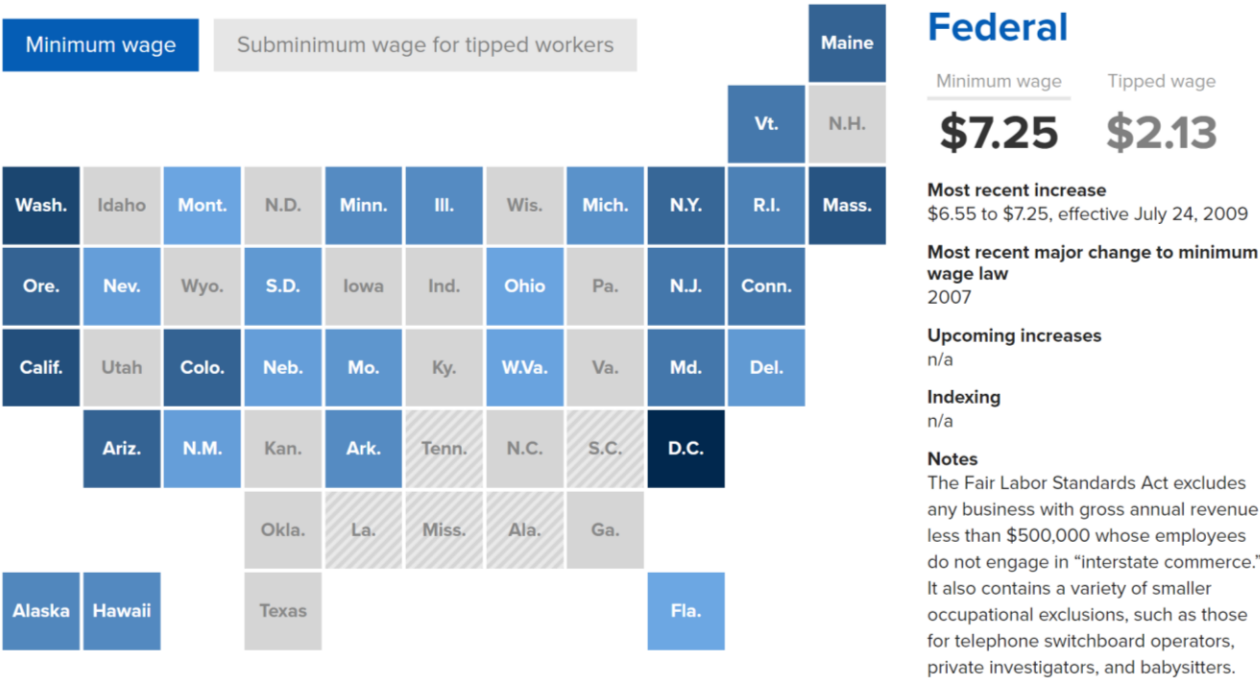
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The Economic Policy Institute

Minimum Wage Tracker



The federal minimum wage has not been raised since 2009. In the absence of action at the national level, many states and localities have raised their own minimum wages. Explore the map to see how these rapidly changing laws differ across the country, and read EPI's [recent research](#) explaining the benefits of raising the minimum wage and [eliminating the subminimum wage for tipped workers](#). As of July 3, 2020

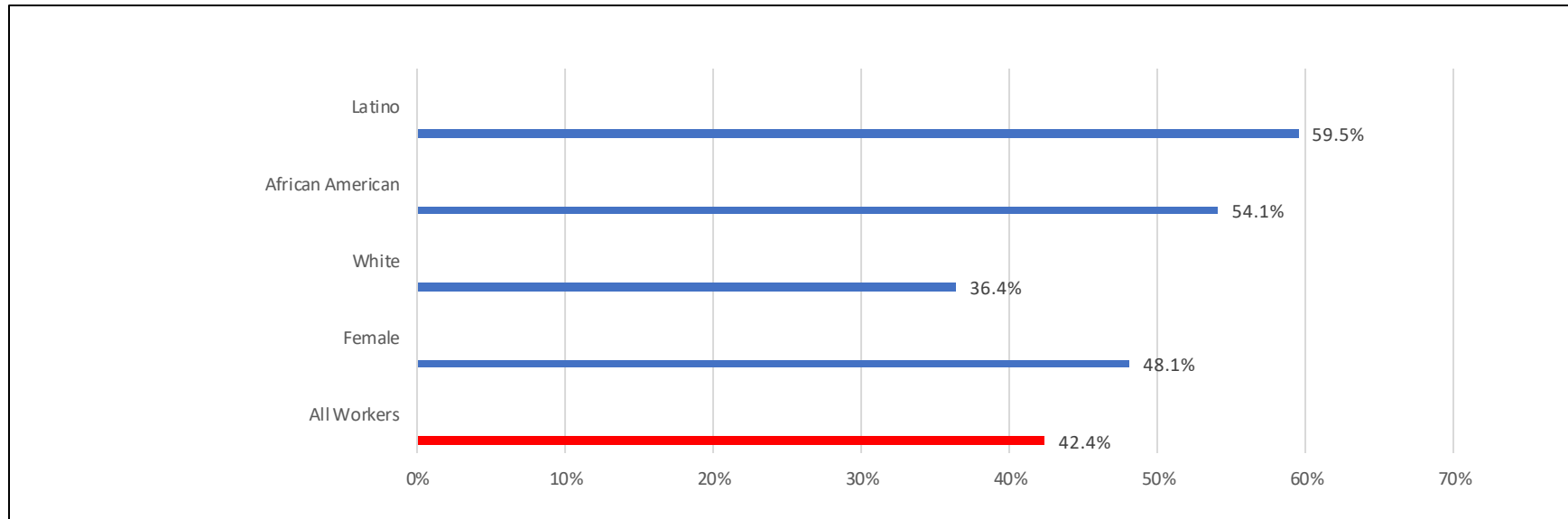


<https://www.epi.org/minimum-wage-tracker>

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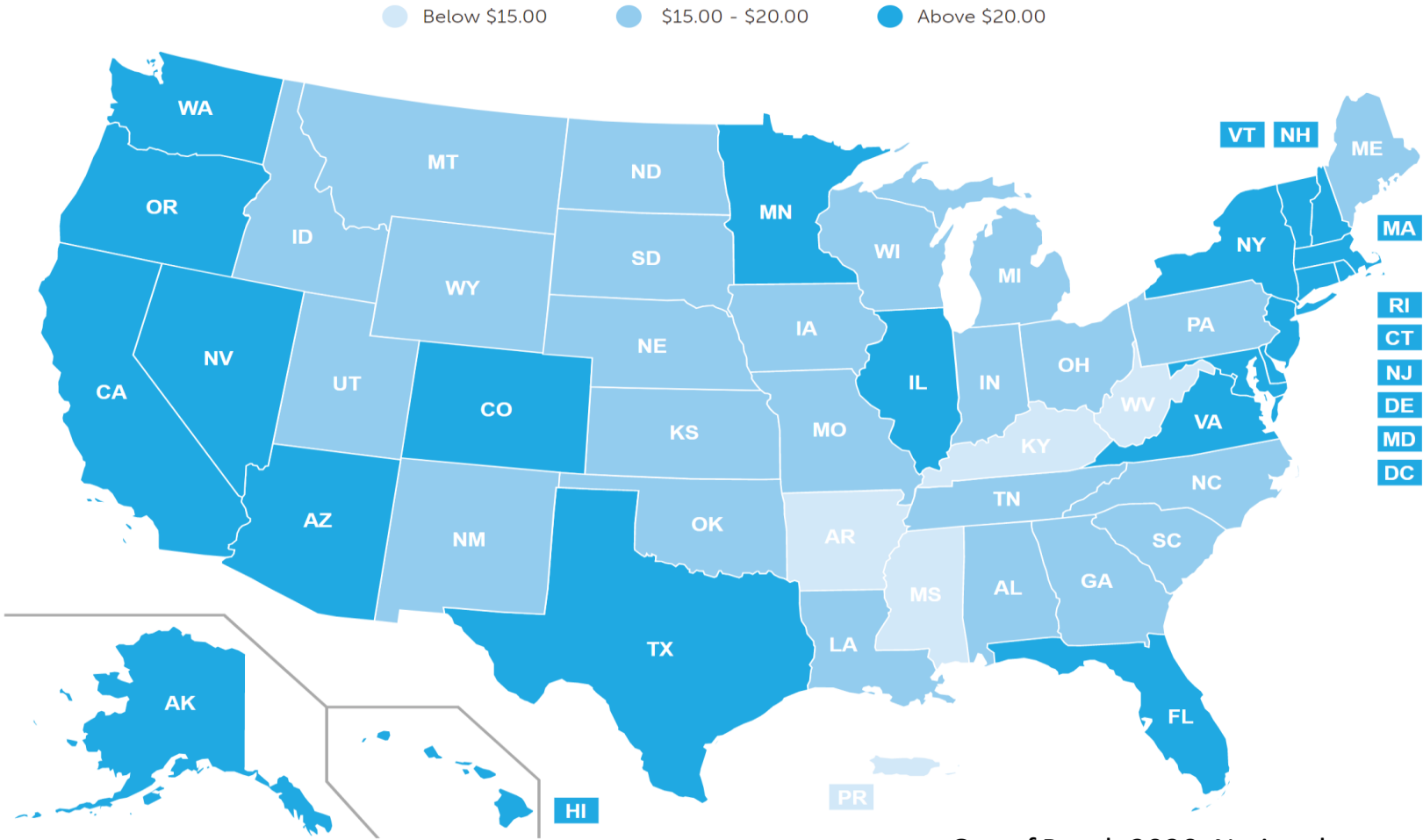
Ratio of Workers Making Less Than \$15 Wage within Each Demographic group



Source: NELP Calculations from Current Population Survey Merged Outgoing Rotation Group files 2012–2014.

How Much do you Need to Earn to Afford a Modest Apartment in Your State?

Hourly wage required to afford a two bedroom rental home by state.



Out of Reach 2020, National Low Income Housing Coalition, <https://reports.nlihc.org/oor>

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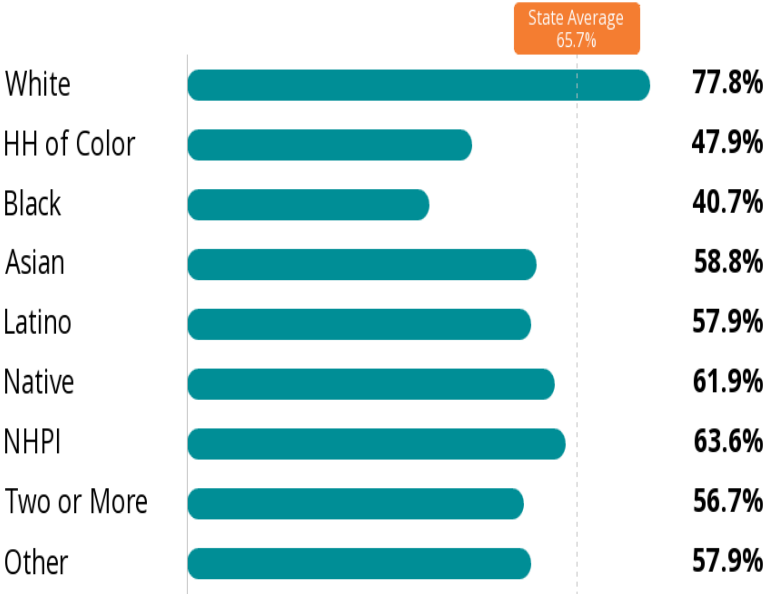
Housing

Homeownership Rate by Race
in Indiana



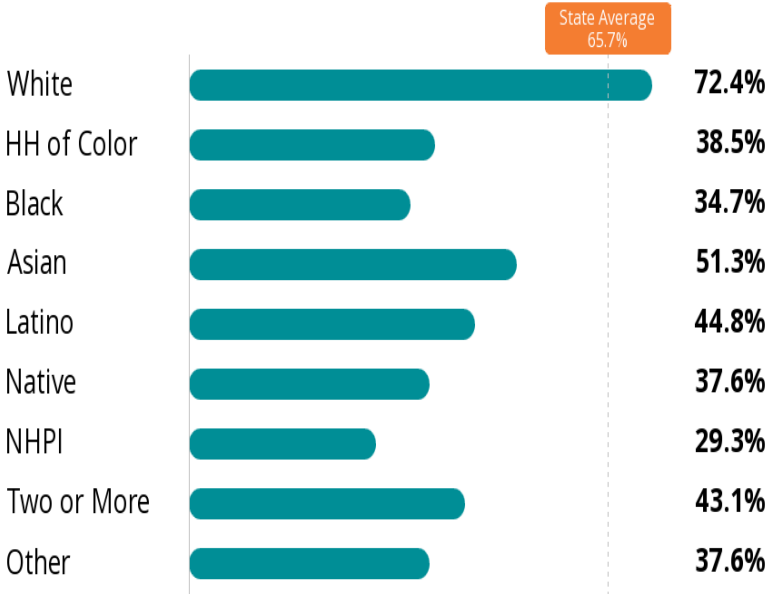
Source: American Community Survey, 2018

Homeownership Rate by Race
in Michigan



Source: American Community Survey, 2018

Homeownership Rate by Race
in Ohio

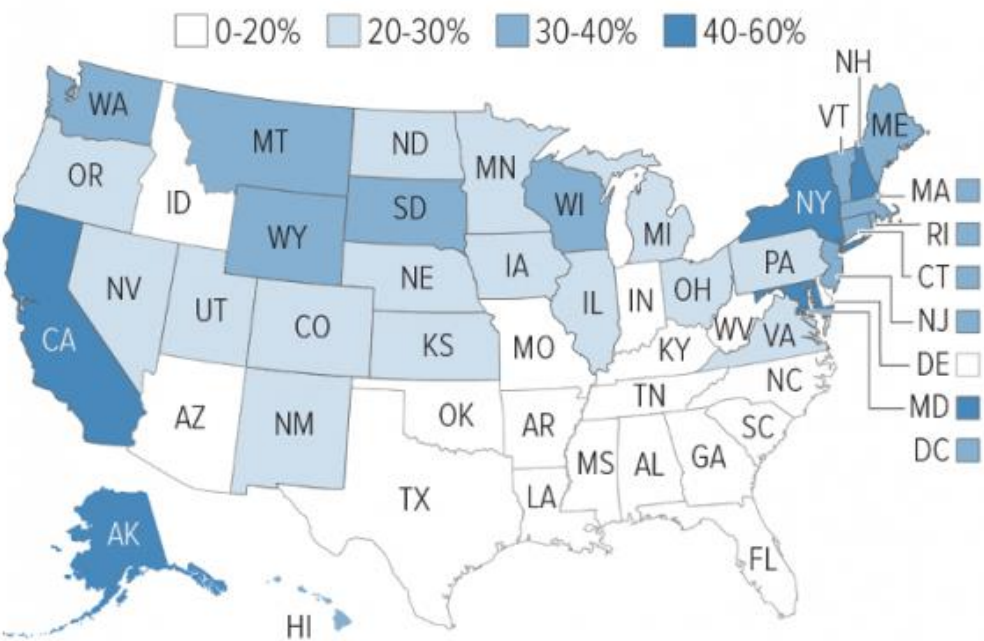


Source: American Community Survey, 2018

Social Safety Net - TANF

Maximum TANF Benefits Leave Families Well Below Federal Poverty Line

Maximum TANF benefit as a percent of poverty line (for a family of three)

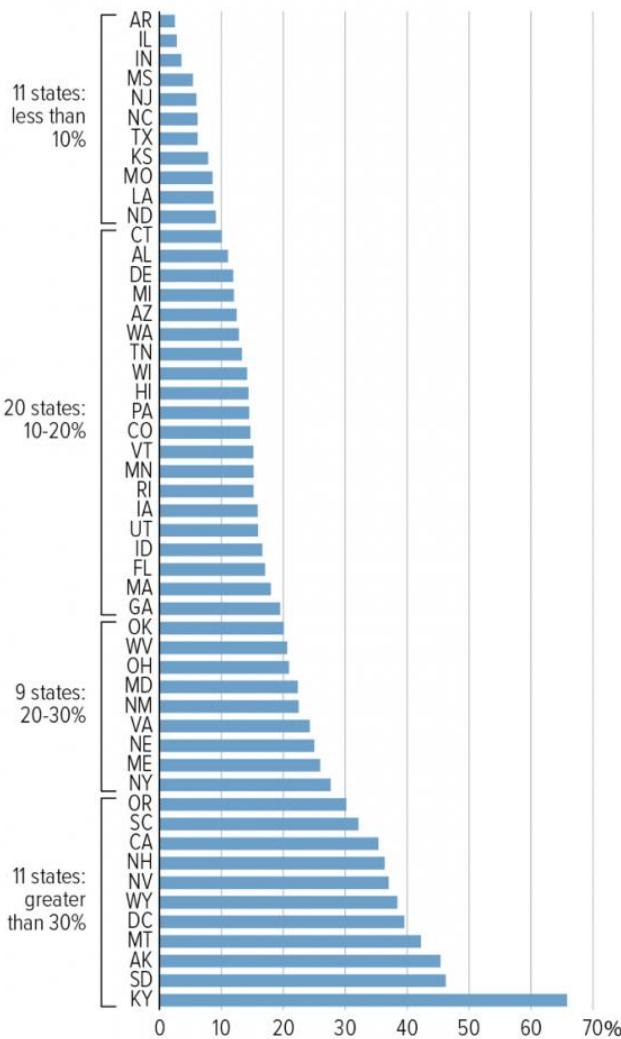


TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Note: The federal poverty level for a family of three in 2019 is \$1,778 per month in the 48 contiguous states and Washington, D.C.; Alaska and Hawaii have higher poverty levels.

Source: 2019 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. TANF benefit levels for a single-parent family of three were compiled by CBPP from various sources and are current as of July 1, 2019.

11 States Spent Less Than 10 Percent of Federal and State TANF Funds on Basic Assistance in 2018

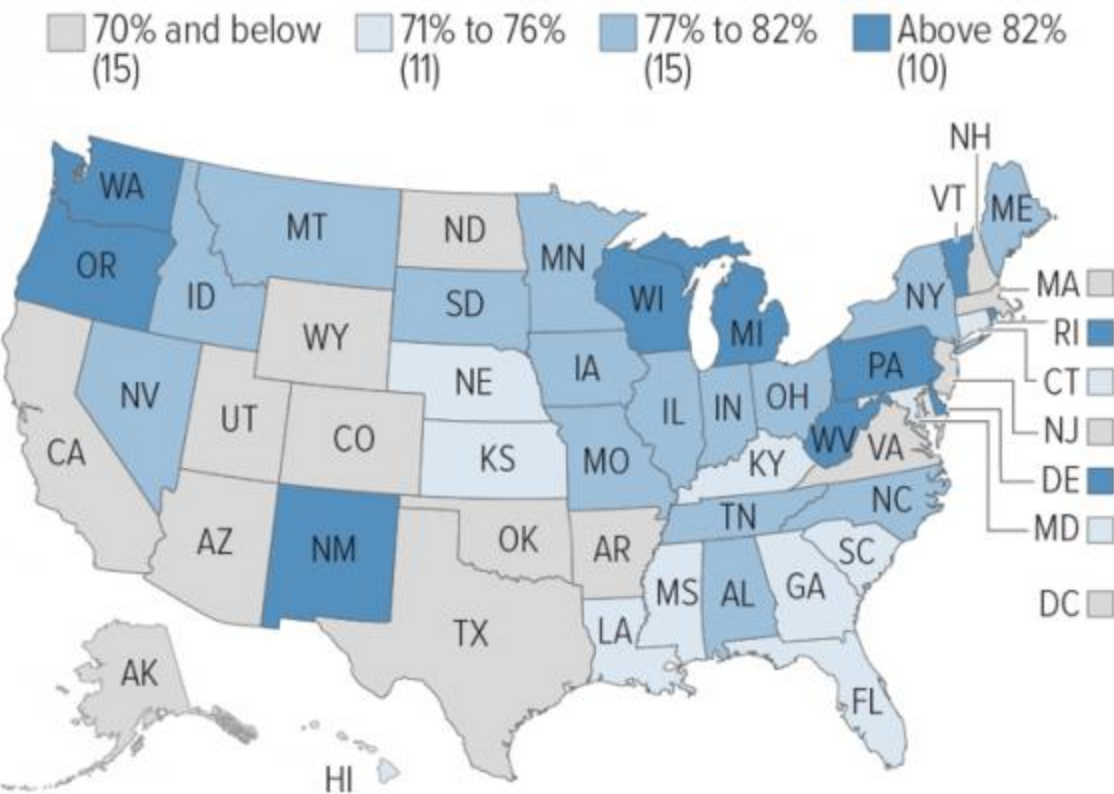


Source: CBPP analysis of HHS 2018 TANF financial data

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Social Safety Net - SNAP

SNAP Participation Rates for Working Poor by State, 2016



Source: Agriculture Department, "Reaching Those in Need: State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates for 2016"



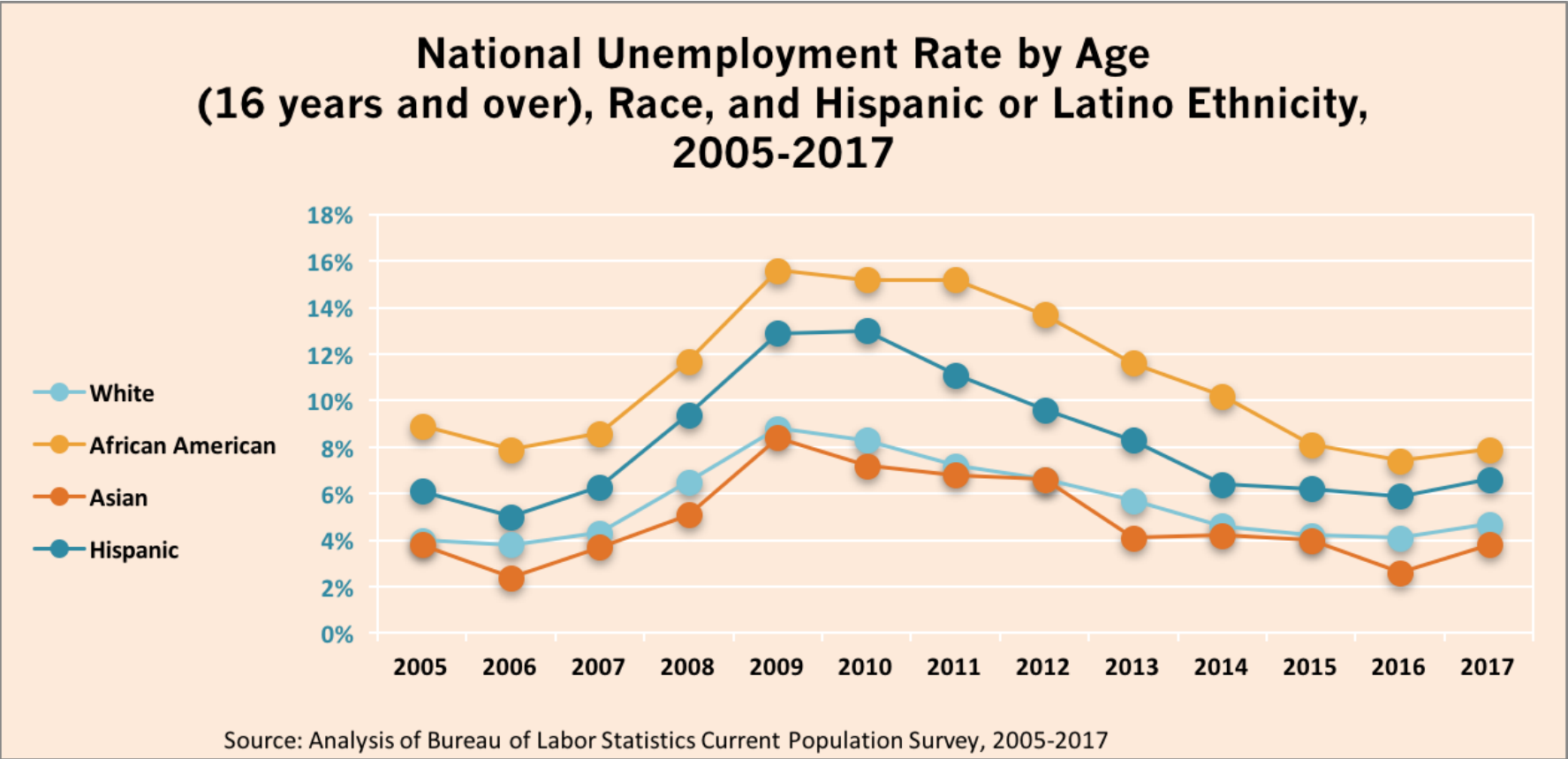
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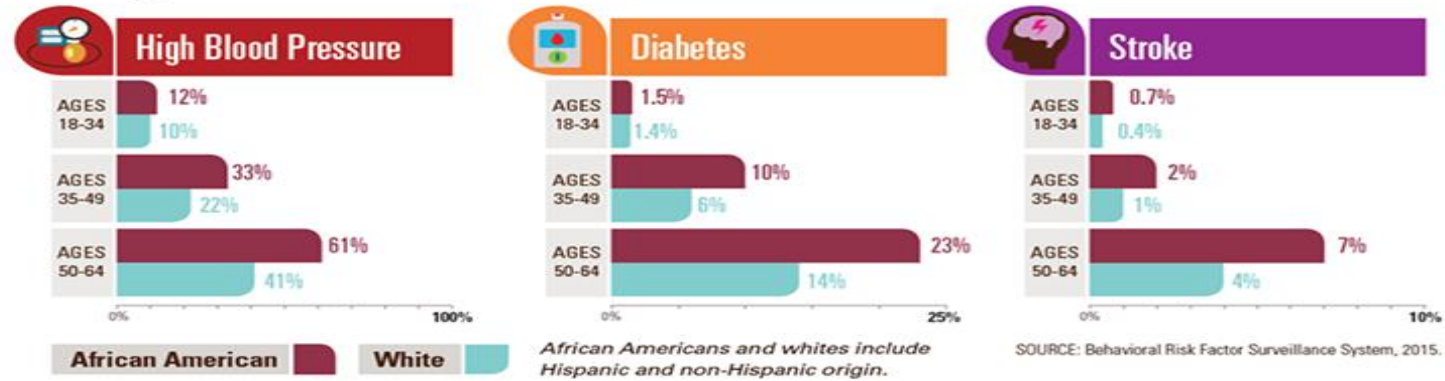
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Social Safety Net - Unemployment



Young African Americans are living with diseases more common at older ages.



African Americans are more likely to die at early ages from all causes.

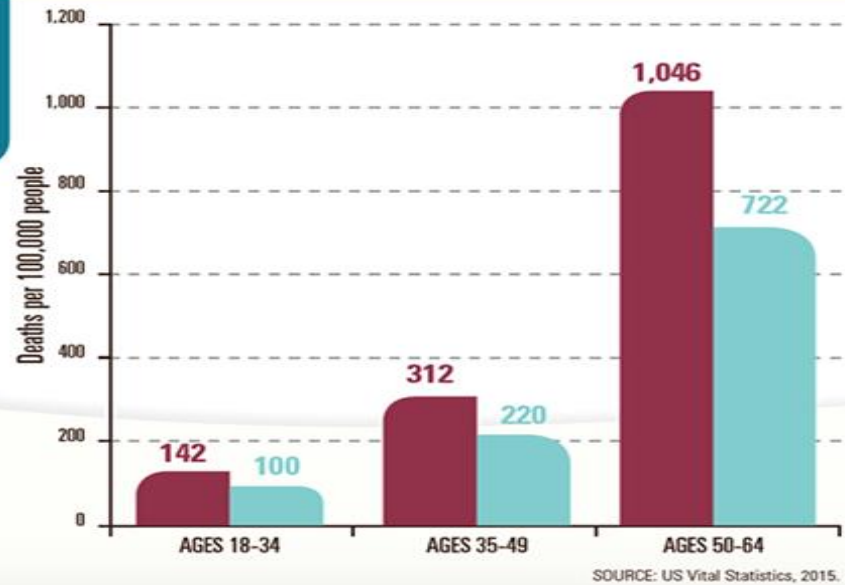
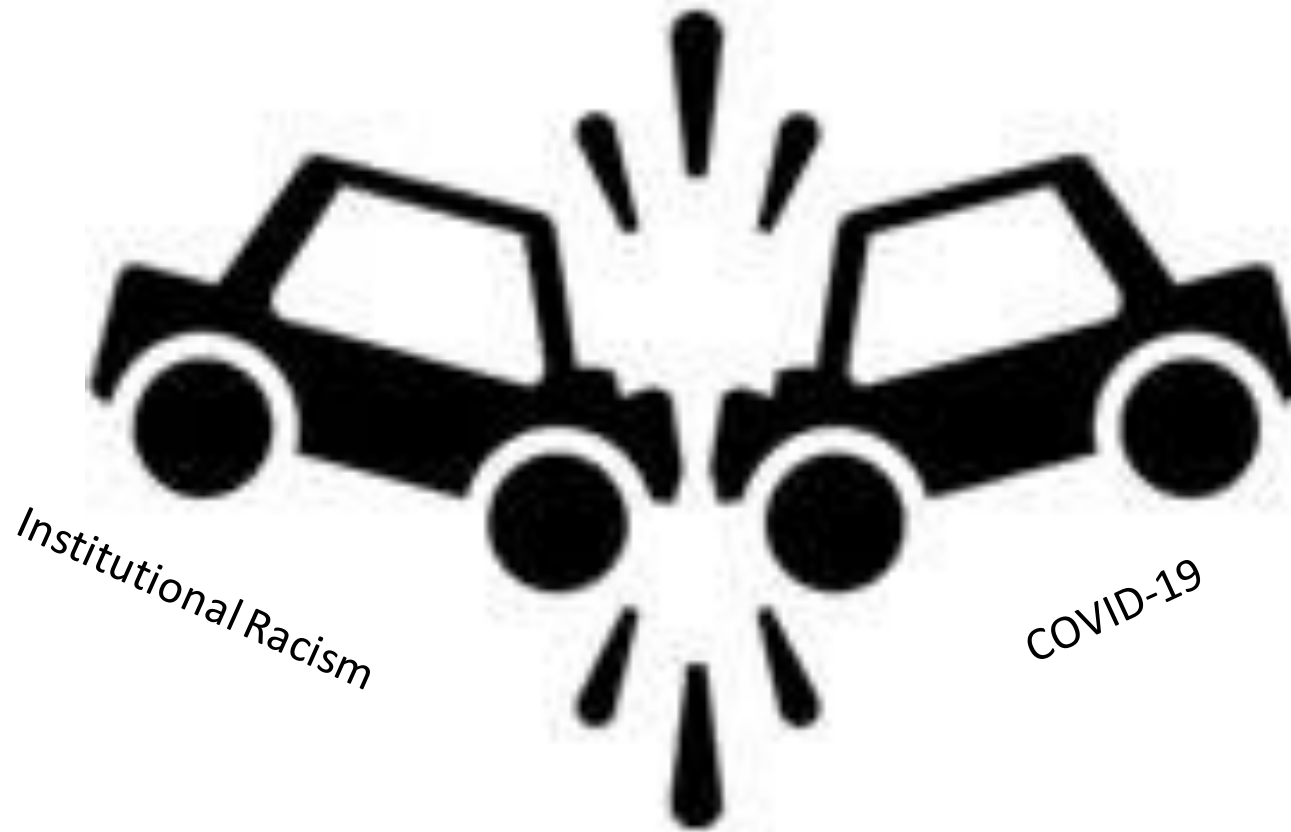


Figure 3. Young African Americans are living with diseases more common at older ages. From Vital Signs: African American Health. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site. <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/aahealth/index.html> Accessed September 3, 2020.

INTERSECTING PADEMICS



MID-PANDEMIC MAGNIFICATION

Employment

- *Over 50 million Americans have filed for unemployment benefits*
- *Unemployed, July 2020*
 - *14.6 – Black workers*
 - *12.9 – Latinx workers*
 - *9.2 – White workers*

Employment



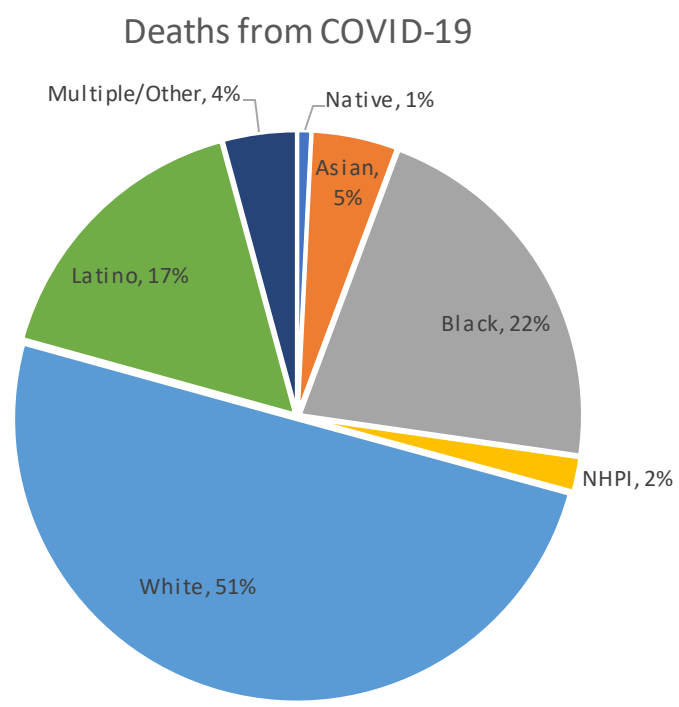
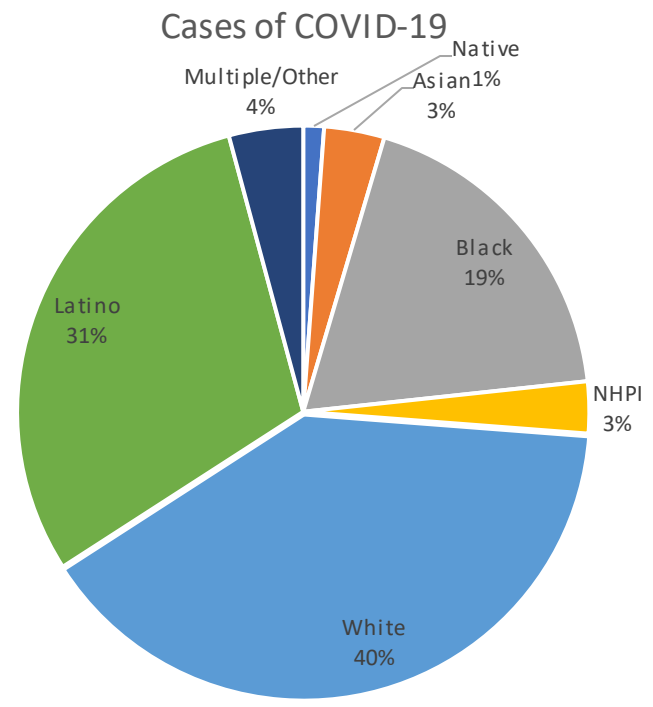
Housing

- 30-40 million Americans are at risk of being evicted by end of 2020
- Black and Brown people at greater risk
- Moratorium on evictions through 2020, does help people pay their outstanding rent

Social Safety Net – TANF, SNAP, UIC

- Increased need
- Old systems were overloaded due to the demand
- Barriers to access benefits

Health Disparities



Center for Disease Control COVID Data Tracker,
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#demographics>,
accessed on September 4,2020

POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY FOR ALL RECOMMENDATIONS

Employment – Pandemic Recovery Opportunities

- Raise the Minimum Wage
- Paid Sick & Family Leave
- Strong Workplace Safety Guidelines

Housing - Pandemic Recovery Opportunities

- Rental/Eviction Assistance
- Investments to increase Affordable Housing
- Investments to increase Homeownership
- Incentivize Mixed-Income Neighborhoods

Social Safety Net

- Use TANF surpluses to help families
- No work requirements for SNAP
- Expand Unemployment

Health Disparities

Dismantle racism in our healthcare system

- Educating healthcare professionals
- Apply a health equity lens to service delivery policies
- Engage stakeholder to help

Ohio Minority Health Strike Force

BLUEPRINT

- Acknowledged the need to recognize and dismantle racism
- Recognized that social determinants of health
- Made recommendations for policy change outside of the traditional healthcare system



<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/MHSF/MHSF-Blueprint.pdf>



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