

Fulton County

Minority Health Report – Detailed Indicators

This report contains detailed data related to minority health and health disparities, from various sources detailed in the Appendix. The most recent data available at the county-level broken out by racial ethnic group was used, such as 2000 U.S. decennial census data, 2003-2005 hospital discharge data, etc. Too often, data were unavailable or of insufficient sample size to accurately reflect the health barriers and disparities experienced by members of racial or ethnic groups comprising less than 10% of Georgia’s population, including Hispanic or Latino, Asian, and American Indian segments of our communities. Current data collection methods also do not allow us to accurately reflect the heterogeneity or “within-group” diversity of each racial-ethnic category, such as diversity in language and nations of origin for communities labeled “Asian” or “Hispanic” or “black”, or tribal differences among American Indian communities. The goal of this report is not to stereotype or lump people in groups, but **to identify pockets of inequality in health care and outcomes, and to catalyze action to achieve health equality for all Georgians.**

County Characteristics:

On the rural-urban continuum, Fulton county is listed among Counties of metro areas of 1 million population or more. In 2005, the population density was 1732 persons per square mile. In 2003, 0% of persons in this county lived in rural farm settings, 2 % of persons lived in rural but non-farm settings, and 97.9 % lived in urban or non-rural settings.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 42.9% of the population in 2005 was black or African-American in race; 7.4% were self-described as Hispanic or Latino, 4.1% as Asian, 0.2% as American Indian, and 5.5% multi-racial or “other”. About 9.6% of the population in the 2000 decennial census was not born in the U.S., and 13.3% of county residents reported speaking a language other than English at home.

In the 2000 census, 15.7% of the population had family income below the poverty level, but this rate was 26.5% for African-American households, 20.5% for Hispanic or Latino households, and 16.8% for American Indian households. About 15.5% of residents had no health insurance coverage (uninsured).

Population Indicators:

Population (2005 Estimates)	County Total	White (Non- Hispanic)	Black or African- American (Non- Hispanic)	Asian	Hispanic (Any Race)	American Indian / Alaska Native	Other or Multi- Racial
Total POPULATION (2005)	915623	472593	392723	37465	67345	2237	50307
Estimated % of total Population with no Health Insurance Coverage	15.5%						
Estimated % of children with no Health Insurance Coverage	14.4%						

Social & Economic Status Indicators:

Social and Economic Status <i>(using 2000 Census Data)</i>	Baseline Measure	Ratio (Black-to-White or Hispanic to Non-Hisp)	Outcome Grade	Equality Grade	Combined Grade
Income <i>(median family income)</i>					
All	47321				
White	97536				
African American or Black	32316	0.33			
Asian	71303				
American Indian	30481				
Hispanic or Latino	38524	0.38			
Poverty <i>(% with Family Income Below Federal Poverty Levels)</i>					
All	15.7%				
White	5.7%				
African American or Black	26.5%	4.6	B	F	
Asian	9.6%	1.9			
American Indian	16.8%				
Hispanic or Latino	20.5%	4.1	D	C	
Employment <i>(% of civilian adults unemployed)</i>					
All	8.9%				
White	2.3%				
African American or Black	13.1%	2.4	F	B	
Asian	14.8%				
American Indian	127%				
Hispanic or Latino	7.4%	1.4	B	A	
Education <i>(% adults over age 25 with less than 9th grade education)</i>					
All	5.1%				
White	2.7%				
African American or Black	6.8%	2.5	A	B	
Asian	6.8%				
American Indian	12.1%				
Hispanic or Latino	26.6%	15.6	F	F	
Final Grade – Social/Economic Status					C

Mortality Indicators (Deaths & Age-Adjusted Death Rates):

Mortality (Deaths)	# of Deaths	Age-Adjusted Death Rate per 100,000 population	Black-White Ratio	Outcome Grade	Equality Grade	Combined Grade
Deaths from All Causes			1.2			
All	473					
White		945.6				
African American or Black		1171.8				
Asian		*				
Hispanic or Latino		0				
Final Grade – Mortality						

** Insufficient Data for groups other than Black & White at County Level; In addition to confidentiality concerns with small numbers of deaths, other groups are also not broken out in the compressed mortality data file. See more detailed racial-ethnic break-out of Asian, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian mortality in statewide report broken out by Atlanta-metro, non-Atlanta-metro, and non-metro rural groupings of counties.*

Mortality Indicators (Deaths & Life-Years Lost to Premature Death):

Mortality (Deaths)	YPLL-75	YPLL Rate	Black-White Ratio	Outcome Grade	Equality Grade	Combined Grade
Deaths from All Causes			2.04	C	F	F
All	4514					
White	1072	7194.1				
African American or Black	3427	14673.3				
Asian	*	*				
Hispanic or Latino	0	*				
Final Grade – Mortality						F

YPLL-75 is a measure of the impact of premature deaths on a community, and represents the number of person-years of life lost due to deaths before age 75. For example, consider a death occurring in each of two communities, one African-American dying at age 54 (YPLL = 21 person years) and one white, non-Hispanic American dying at age 73 (YPLL = 2 person-years). Each community would experience a loss, but consider the disproportionate impact (lost productivity and income, lost grand-parenting, and lost wisdom of our elders) of the premature death on the African-American community.

For Fulton County, the excess in premature deaths attributable to racial disparities add up to 28,021.9 person-years of life lost each year in the African-American community.

Illness Event Indicators (Hospitalizations & Emergency Dept Visits):

Illness Events (Hospitalizations & Emergency Dept Visits)	# of Events	Rate per 100,000 pop.	Black- White Rate- Ratio	Outcome Grade	Equality Grade	Combined Grade
Ambulatory Care Sensitive (Primary Care Preventable) Hospital Admissions			Note that equality rates vary widely in the category of hospital admissions, reflecting higher medical needs in minority populations that might lead to a greater need for hospitalization, but admission barriers (especially for the uninsured) that might disproportionately limit hospital admissions.			
White	646	23.8				
African American or Black	1057	26.7				
All-Cause Emergency Dept Visits			3.2	B	F	
White	145989	40842.1				
African American or Black	343229	129875.2				
Ambulatory Care Sensitive (Primary Care Preventable) Emergency Dept Visits			5	C	F	
White	21095	5901.6				
African American or Black	77672	29390.5				
Emergency Dept. Visits for Uncontrolled Diabetes			7.5	B	F	
White	700	195.8				
African American or Black	3890	1471.9				
Emergency Dept. Visits for Uncontrolled Hypertension (blood pressure)			8	D	F	
White	1077	301.3				
African American or Black	6376	2412.6				
Emergency Dept. Visits for Uncontrolled Asthma			11	F	F	
White	1391	389.1				
African American or Black	11348	4294				
Emergency Dept. Visits for Mental Health Concerns			2.3	B	D	
White	3433	960.4				
African American or Black	5848	2212.8				
Final Grade – Illness Events						D

Healthy Pregnancy & Birth Outcome Indicators:

Healthy Pregnancies & Birth Outcomes	Baseline Measure	Ratio to White NH	Outcome Grade	Equality Grade	Combined Grade
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 births					
White	3.9				
African American or Black	12.3	3.16			
Hispanic or Latino	2.5	0.64			
Very Low Birth Weight per 1,000 Births					
White	*				
African American or Black	2.6	*			
Hispanic or Latino	0	*			
% Births with < 5 Prenatal Visits					
White	2.2				
African American or Black	7.7	3.5			
Hispanic or Latino	*	*			
% Mothers Smoking During Pregnancy					
White	9.7				
African American or Black	5.5	0.57			
Hispanic or Latino	0	*			
Final Grade – Pregnancy / Birth Outcomes					D

Community-Level Health Care Access Indicators:

Community-Level Indicators of Health Care Access	Yes/No
Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (Primary Care HPSA)?	Partial-County or Population HPSA
Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (Mental Health HPSA)?	Partial-County or Population HPSA
Oral Health -- Dental Professional Shortage Area (Dental HPSA)?	Partial-County or Population HPSA
Federally-Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC/CHC) serving area?	Yes
DCH-Designated Volunteer/Free Clinic	Yes
Designated Rural Health Clinic	No

Professional-Level Health Care Access Indicators:

Professional Availability & Diversity	Number licensed or certified	Ratio of Physicians per 100,000 Population
Physicians		
All	3737	408.1
White	2,840	601
African American or Black	602	153.2
Asian	183	488.8
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	123	183.1
Dentists		
Total Dentists <i>(caution: older data – 1998)</i>	574	70.3
Mental Health Professionals		
Total Licensed Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), and Counselors	1438	157.1
Language Professionals		
Medical Interpreters (# and ratio per 1,000 individuals with limited english proficiency) -- <i>Data unavailable but reports suggest supply is generally inadequate, especially in rural areas</i>	Data Unavailable	Data Unavailable

Person-Level Health Care Access Indicators:

Health Care Access	# of persons	%	Grade
Health Insurance Coverage (% uninsured total)			
All	122672	15.5%	
Children’s Health Insurance Coverage (% uninsured children)			
All	29164	14.4%	
Language Barriers			
Persons speaking a language other than English at home		13.3%	
Persons not born in the U.S.		9.6%	
Persons living in linguistically isolated households	9910		
Final Grade – Health Care Access			B