

May 2026 Resources

Primary Report

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Racial and Ethnic Inequities in Wealth and Health: Evidence from a Multiethnic Survey in NYC (Press Release and Report Landing Page):
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/about/press/pr2026/study-highlights-health-and-wealth-inequities.page>

Racial and Ethnic Inequities in Wealth and Health: Evidence from a Multiethnic Survey in NYC (medRxiv Preprint – Full Manuscript):
<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.64898/2026.02.09.26345760v1>

NYC Data and Local Context

NYC Comptroller – The Racial Wealth Gap in New York:
<https://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/the-racial-wealth-gap-in-new-york/>

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Community Health Profiles:
<https://a816-health.nyc.gov/hdi/profiles/>

Other Academic and Evidence-Based Sources

Analyzing the Racial Wealth Gap and Implications for Health Equity:
<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/cmo/racial-wealth-gap-health-equity.pdf>

Greater Wealth, Greater Uncertainty: Changes in Racial Inequality in the Survey of Consumer Finances:
<https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/notes/feds-notes/greater-wealth-greater-uncertainty-changes-in-racial-inequality-in-the-survey-of-consumer-finances-20231018.html>

How the Federal Income Tax System Can Worsen Racial Disparities:
<https://apps.urban.org/features/federal-income-tax-system-can-worsen-racial-disparities/>

What Role Does Wealth Play in the Racial Health Gap in the United States?:
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352827325000060>

Wealth, Racism, and Health: <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2021.01466>

Can “Deaths of Despair” Be Attributed to Socioeconomic Status and Financial Distress?:
<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8675246/>

The Color of Wealth in Boston:

<https://www.bostonfed.org/publications/one-time-pubs/color-of-wealth.aspx>

Reports and Policy Resources

The Commonwealth Fund – Advancing Racial Equity in U.S. Health Care: State Performance by Race and Ethnicity:

<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/fund-reports/2024/apr/advancing-racial-equity-us-health-care>

Urban Institute – Nine Charts About Wealth Inequality in America:

<https://www.urban.org/features/nine-charts-about-wealth-inequality-america>

Brookings Institution – Examining the Black-White Wealth Gap:

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/examining-the-black-white-wealth-gap/>

Additional Reading on Structural Racism and Health

How Structural Racism Works — Racist Policies as a Root Cause of U.S. Racial Health Inequities (The New England Journal of Medicine): <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMms2025396>

Structural Racism and Health Inequities in the USA: Evidence and Interventions (The Lancet):

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(17\)30569-X/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)30569-X/fulltext)

Racism and Health: Evidence and Needed Research (Annual Review of Public Health):

<https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/10.1146/annurev-publhealth-040119-094017>