



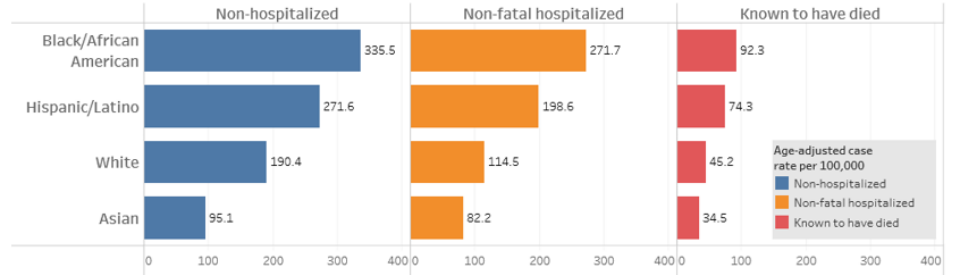
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## Institutional Racism and Covid-19

National & local data shows increased infection & mortality rates for non-white Americans

### IN NEW YORK CITY

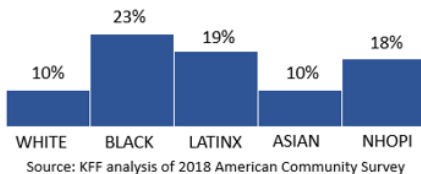
Our African American and Latinx neighbors have been diagnosed with, hospitalized for, and died of COVID-19 at around twice the rate of white New Yorkers.



Data reported by the New York City Department of Health, Pub. April 16, 2020



### Percentage of Nonelderly Population Living Below the Poverty Line by Race/Ethnicity 2018

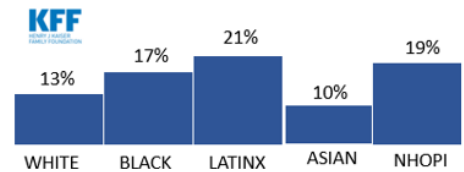


Source: KFF analysis of 2018 American Community Survey



One explanation offered by experts is that racial and ethnic minorities have less access to affordable healthcare than the white population. This systemic divide leaves them more vulnerable to Covid-19 and other health conditions.

### Did Not See a Doctor Because of Cost, 2018



Source: KFF analysis of 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, National Health Interview Survey Data, 2018

Insufficient access to affordable healthcare means Ethnic and Racial Minorities are more vulnerable to many preventable health conditions. These underlying conditions make contracting COVID-19 even more deadly.

African Americans are

**20x**

More likely  
To be diagnosed with  
**ASTHMA**  
Than white Americans

African Americans are

**28x**

More likely  
To be diagnosed with  
**DIABETES**  
Than white Americans

African Americans are

**10x**

More likely  
To be diagnosed with  
**AIDS**  
Than white Americans

Despite their increased vulnerability to COVID-19, Racial Minorities are More Likely to be classified as Essential Workers



African Americans make up just 12% of employed workers, but 30% of Licensed Nurses.



Latinos make up 17% of America's total workforce, but 53% of all agricultural workers are Latino.



25% of Racial Minorities work in the service industry, 9% more than white workers.

These jobs are less likely to come with paid-sick leave, making staying home sick a difficult economic decision.

Source: NCIIRD, Division of Viral Disease, June 4, 2020

## Excluded from Federal Assistance, Immigrants Face Greater Economic Uncertainty

- 3.5 million undocumented immigrants excluded from the CARES Act, Ineligible for federal stimulus check.
- Only two states, California and Connecticut, have offered state funds to undocumented immigrants.
- NYC Mayor Bill DeBlasio announced that private foundations would distribute \$20 million to undocumented New Yorkers.
- Fearing detention, undocumented Americans have been resistant to utilize state and local food assistance programs.

## COVID-19 in Immigration Detention Centers



### Poor Conditions

ICE Detention Centers have a history of overcrowding, poor sanitation, and absence of medical care. Practice of “cohorting”, grouping together of sick detainees, exacerbates situation.



### Inadequate Testing

As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, only 1,030 detainees of 30,000 have been tested. 48% of detainees tested positive. 36 ICE personnel have tested positive.



### Lack of Transparency

Although 81% of detainees are held in facilities operated by third-party contractors, the number of cases among contractors have not been made public.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND DEPORTATIONS

The Trump administration has expedited the removal of children and teenagers. Before the pandemic-related border ban, young people were only deported after a lengthy legal process in which they had access to social workers and other forms of support. Currently, they can be expeditiously expelled without these protections, leaving them vulnerable to traffickers, smugglers and others seeking to exploit them who are now literally waiting for them to arrive in border towns.

## RAISING AWARENESS MOVING TO ACTION

As a community of faith, we are called to stand with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in advocating for just relief in the time of the COVID Pandemic.



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