

# Morbidity and Mortality Data on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the African American and Latino Communities

It has become increasingly clear that black Americans are dying at alarmingly high rates of Covid-19. But absent national statistics, the picture remains incomplete. Piecemeal data trickling out of cities and states have shown disproportionate death rates among African Americans, with an [analysis](#) of available state-provided figures by APM Research Lab putting the black death rate at 2.6 times higher than that of whites.

A look at countrywide data adds another troubling statistic to the growing pile of evidence that the virus is ravaging black communities. Counties with the highest proportion of black residents are also seeing the highest death rates. The larger the share of black residents, the worse the health outcomes get.

In places where African Americans exceed 13.4% of the population, the proportion they make up of the U.S., the death rate is roughly double the national average, an analysis of Johns Hopkins University and Census Bureau data by Bloomberg News found. In majority black counties, deaths from coronavirus are more than triple. The disparities have only grown as the death toll has climbed to more than 70,000 over the last 10 weeks (about 2 and a half months).

## **The Johns Hopkins Racial Data Transparency Page**

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/racial-data-transparency>

When you get to this page, hit the button “Data in Motion” on the upper right side to get today’s numbers in chart form. This page is very honest and admits that not every state is breaking down its data by race and ethnicity, but it has the data from the states that are doing that.

## **HHS Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System**

<https://vaers.hhs.gov/>

If you have a bad reaction to your COVID shot, you can report it here and know that your information will be recorded. Instructions are in English and Spanish, and there is a place where your healthcare provider can participate as well.

### **COVIDView – A Weekly Surveillance Summary of U.S. COVID-19 Activity**

This has everything and is up to date. You can find data on how many people are sick and where, how many people had to go into the hospital and where, maps of where illness is the highest, charts of the age groups of people who have contracted COVID-19 and how sick they are, and the ethnicity of who is sick (Non-Hispanic/American Indian/Alaskan Native, Non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic or Latino, non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander, and non-Hispanic White). The site explains what you are seeing on the chart, so you do not have to guess.

### **CDC COVID Data Tracker**

[https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\\_casesper100klast7days](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days)

This site is updated every night at 8:00 p.m. EST. It contains all the information the Centers for Disease Control has on the day's COVID cases in America.