

States tracking COVID-19 race and ethnicity data

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This article is part of a series of COVID-19 resources on health equity.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the immense strength and courage of our physicians and the obstacles they are up against.

It has also highlighted another troubling fact: racism is a driver to the systemic inequities that are persistent and prolific in health care.

Emerging data on the racial and ethnic patterns of the pandemic released by more than half of the states this month paint an alarming picture: COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting black communities.

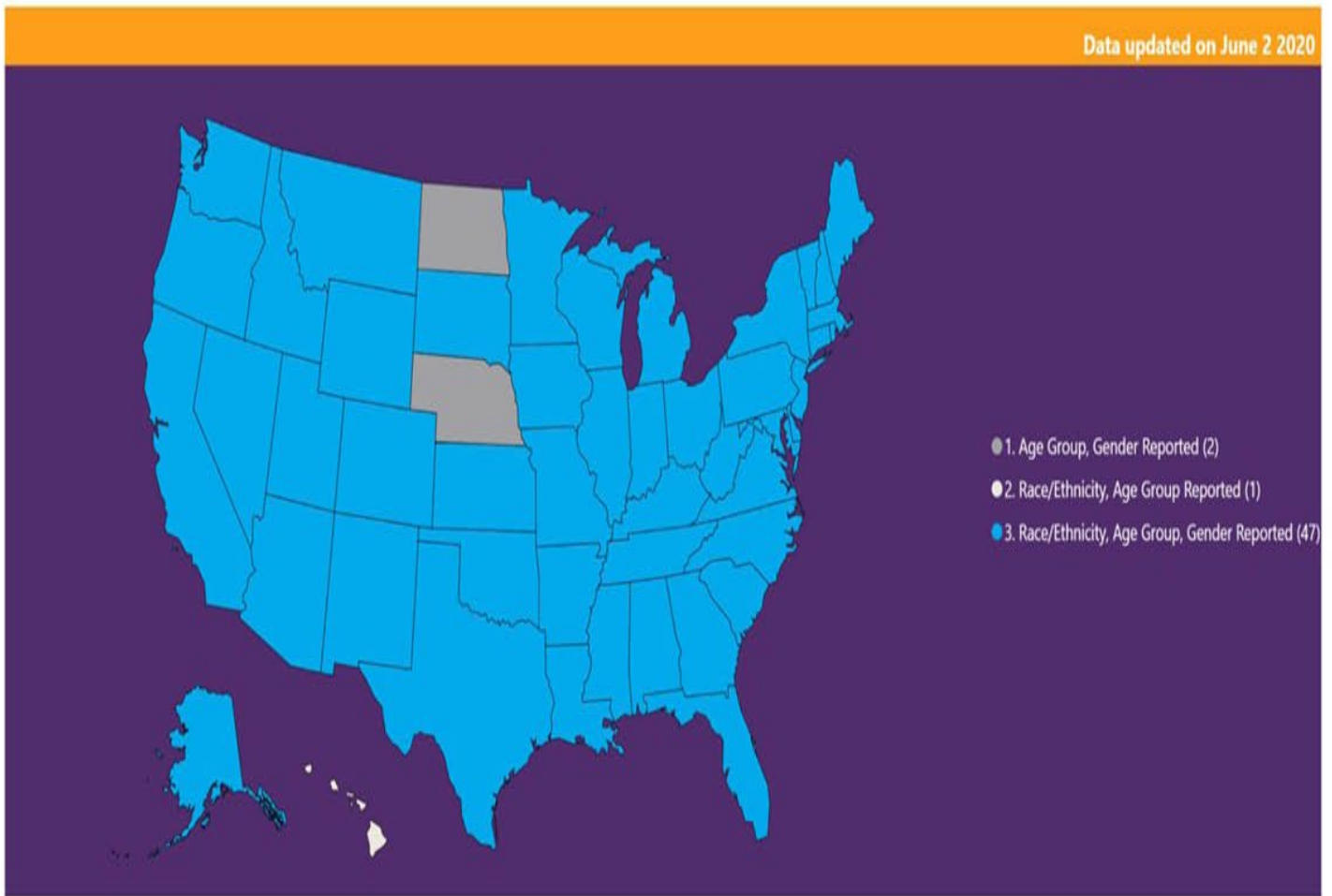
Additionally, even though more states are reporting race and ethnicity data, data for other minoritized groups including Latinx, Asian American/Pacific Islander and Native American communities is systematically missing or not accurately captured in these reports. Finally, the specificity of data (including race/ethnicity, age, gender) is critical to understanding not only the pandemic's reach but also to inform the appropriate response and planning.

Demographic data of states with confirmed COVID-19 cases



States reporting Covid-19 confirmed cases and/or fatalities by "Race/Ethnicity," "Age" and/or "Gender" demographics

Data updated on June 2 2020





The AMA and its Center for Health Equity believe the nationwide collection and release of race and ethnicity data will be a pivotal step in the war against COVID-19 for our most vulnerable communities.

To protect our minoritized and marginalized patients, the AMA worked with members of Congress to draft a bill on COVID-19 race and ethnicity data collection, which was introduced this week. This legislation will give public health experts the data needed to honestly face this pandemic—and others that follow.

States reporting COVID-19 cases by race

Download the chart for larger view ([PDF](#)) of the breakdown of race/ethnic data by state.

Racial and ethnic breakdown of COVID-19 cases/deaths and gaps in data reporting

 State is not collecting or reporting data relative to this particular demographic
 * Included with Asian
 ** Value greater than zero but less than half a unit of measure shown
 *** Included with multi-racial/other categories
 **** Included with Native American and Alaska Native

STATE DATA UPDATED: October 18, 2020
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	Total	White %	Black %	Hispanic %	Asian %	Native American %	Pacific Islander %	Multi-Race %
United States								
Cases	7,828,454	31	11	18	2	1	**	**
Deaths	210,852	49	20	20	3	1	**	**
US Population	322,903,030	60	13	18	6	1	<1	3
Alabama								
Cases	167,977	31	21	5	**			
Deaths	2,706	52	37	3	**			
State Population	4,903,185	51	27	4	2	<1	<1	2
Alaska								
Cases	11,183	34	4	8	4	21	4	4
Deaths	64	38	3	2	9	36	11	
State Population	731,545	60	4	7	7	15	1	7
Arizona								
Cases	227,635	26	3	31	1	6		
Deaths	5,772	42	3	30	1	11		
State Population	7,278,717	54	5	32	4	5	<1	3
Arkansas								
Cases	95,246	58	20	17	1	**	2	1
Deaths	1,634	63	19	6	1	**	3	**
State Population	2,017,004	72	16	9	2	1	<1	2
California								
Deaths	16,639	30	7	48	12	**	**	1

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