Racial & Ethnic Gaps in Nebraska

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Outline

• Demographic profile
• Housing
• Healthcare
• Corrections
• K-12 education
Demographic Profile
Over 20% of Nebraskans are Now a Person of Color

Non-White Nebraskans, 1990

Source: 1990 U.S. Census
Non-White Nebraskans, 2000

Source: 2000 U.S. Census
Non-White Nebraskans, 2018
People of Color in Nebraska

- Hispanic or Latino: 11%
- Black or African American: 5%
- Asian: 3%
- Two or more races: 2%
- American Indian & Alaska Native: 1.5%
- Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 0.1%

Housing & Poverty
Poverty Rates by Race & Ethnicity, 2018

- American Indian: 34% (Nebraska) vs. 24% (USA)
- Hispanic/Latino: 24% (Nebraska) vs. 19% (USA)
- Black/African American: 21% (Nebraska) vs. 22% (USA)
- Asian: 16% (Nebraska) vs. 11% (USA)
- White, non-Hispanic: 9% (Nebraska) vs. 9% (USA)

Home Ownership, Nebraska

- White, non-Hispanic: 70%
- Latino: 43%
- Black: 30%

Sources: Various Tables, 2013-2017 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau
Health
Nebraskans without Health Insurance Coverage

- Hispanic/Latino: 23%
- Black/African American: 16%
- White, non-Hispanic: 7%

Sources: Various Tables, 2013-2017 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau
Populations without Health Insurance Coverage
Nebraska & USA

- Hispanic/Latino: 23% in Nebraska, 19% in USA
- Black/African American: 16% in Nebraska, 11% in USA
- White, non-Hispanic: 7% in Nebraska, 6% in USA

Sources: Various Tables, 2013-2017 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau
COVID-19 Cases in Nebraska

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COVID-19 Deaths in Nebraska

Hispanic/Latino: 19% deaths, 11% population
Black/African American: 7% deaths, 5% population
Asian: 4% deaths, 2.7% population
American Indian: 2% deaths, 1.5% population

Corrections
Percent of Total Population Arrested in Nebraska*  
3-year (2017-2019) averages

- Black: 29%
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 16%
- White: 6%
- Asian: 2%

*Note: These racial categories include Latinos/Hispanics as data was not disaggregated by ethnicity.
Percent of Incarceration by Race & Ethnicity, 2013

82% 52%
White, non-Hispanic
25%
Black
9%
Hispanic
1%
American Indian

State population Incarcerated population

Sources: US Department of Justice; the Sentencing Project
K-12 Education
Percent of High Ability Learners by Race & Ethnicity, 2019-2020

- Asian: 20%
- White: 16%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 8%
- Hispanic: 7%
- Black or African American: 6%

Source: Nebraska Department of Education
Public High School Graduation Rates
4-Year Cohort, 2018-2019

- White, non-Hispanic: 93%
- Asian: 84%
- Latino/Hispanic: 81%
- Black/African American: 79%
- Native American: 71%

Sources: Nebraska Department of Education; Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education – 2020 Progress Report
Conclusion

• Racial and ethnic gaps in multiple areas in NE:
  • Housing
  • Health
  • Corrections
  • K-12 education

• Gaps are relevant for the growingly diverse population of the state
Thank you!

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