Straight Talk Reboot
Disproportionate Impacts of COVID-19
STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

MONDAYS AT 5PM

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TALKING TO OUR NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

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2020 Homeless Point-In-Time Count Results

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1,897
Homeless persons counted

22%
Chronically homeless

7%
Households with children

35%
Female

16%
Adult survivors of domestic violence

6%
Unaccompanied youth & young adults

8%
Veterans

46%
People of color*

*However, people of color make up only 27% of the Pierce County population. (ACS estimate 2018)
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Not all people experiencing homelessness sleep outside

- 43% Emergency shelter
- 17% Out of doors (street, tent, etc.)
- 9% Transitional housing
- 31% Vehicle, abandoned building, other

Most told us they lived in Pierce County before they became homeless

- 55% Pierce County
- 32% Unknown
- 2% King County
- 5% Other WA counties
- 6% Outside WA
Pierce County, Washington Data

Cases and deaths by race/ethnicity

This table shows COVID-19’s effect on race/ethnicity groups. We added number of confirmed cases by race/ethnicity.

We update this table each Wednesday by 2 p.m. Last updated Sept. 23, 1:55 p.m.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>RACE/ETHNICITY</th>
<th>CONFIRMED CASES</th>
<th>% CONFIRMED CASES</th>
<th>DEATHS</th>
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<th>% PIECE COUNTY POPULATION</th>
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<tr>
<td>American Indian/Alaska Native</td>
<td>117</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>355</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>4.1%</td>
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<td>Black or African American</td>
<td>763</td>
<td>12.4%</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>1,349</td>
<td>21.9%</td>
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<td>2.3%</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</td>
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<td>5.3%</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>3,121</td>
<td>50.6%</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>71.5%</td>
<td>65.6%</td>
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Patients aren’t required to report race/ethnicity, so this data is not a complete picture. The rates are based on the 77% of cases for which we have race/ethnicity data has been reported.

We don’t know what testing rates are for each group. Differing testing rates could greatly affect the rate of confirmed cases. Three groups—Black or African American, Hispanic and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander—appear to be affected at higher rates.

The pandemic’s social and economic effects harm the health of many people not diagnosed with COVID-19. Our 2015 health equity assessment found communities of color and immigrant communities often:

- Make less money.
- Work jobs with fewer benefits.
- Are more vulnerable to social and economic changes.

This data does not reflect those effects.

Key takeaways about disparities

- The cumulative COVID-19 rate among Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI) residents is 4.1 times higher than the white, non-Hispanic rate in Pierce County. NHOPI cases account for 5.3% of total cases compared to 1.6% of the county population.
- Rates among Hispanic, Black and Native American residents are about 2-3 times higher than the rate among white, non-Hispanic residents.
- Evidence suggests people who earn less money, are less educated, or have limited ability to speak English are at higher risk for COVID-19.
### Washington Statewide Data

#### Confirmed Cases by Race/Ethnicity

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>Confirmed Cases</th>
<th>Percent of Cases *</th>
<th>Percent of Total WA Population</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Number of Cases</td>
<td>86,638</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Unknown Race/Ethnicity (Percent out of Total Cases)</td>
<td>27,545</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td><strong>Total with Race/Ethnicity Available</strong></td>
<td>59,093</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>24,421</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>985</td>
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<td>2,900</td>
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<td>9%</td>
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<td>Non-Hispanic White</td>
<td>23,125</td>
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<td>68%</td>
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<td>1,467</td>
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<td>Non-Hispanic Multiracial</td>
<td>1,538</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Non-Hispanic Other Race</td>
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Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Cases by Race/Ethnicity

* Out of total with reported race/ethnicity
Sources of COVID-19 Relief Funding

- CARES Act
  - Washington State Department of Commerce
- Paycheck Protection Program loans
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
The Framework for an Equitable COVID-19 Homelessness Response

#HousingEquity

The implementation of this Framework, and the development of additional tools and materials, is being collaboratively guided by the following partners:

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities • National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Innovation Service • National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Low Income Housing Coalition • Urban Institute
Barbara Poppe and associates • Matthew Doherty Consulting

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