

Straight Talk Reboot

Disproportionate Impacts of COVID-19

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ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

COMMUNITY
CONVERSATIONS



MONDAYS AT 5PM

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

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



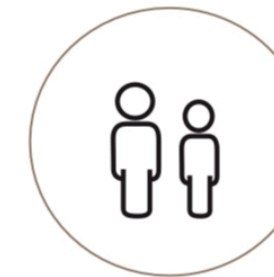
7%
Households with
children



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%

2%

5%

6%

Unknown

Other WA counties

King County

Outside WA

Pierce County, Washington Data



Healthy People

Healthy Places

Healthy Homes

I want to...



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.*

RACE/ETHNICITY	CONFIRMED CASES	% CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS	% DEATHS	% PIERCE COUNTY POPULATION
American Indian/Alaska Native	117	1.9%	1	0.8%	1.1%
Asian	355	5.8%	5	4.1%	7.0%
Black or African American	763	12.4%	11	8.9%	7.1%
Hispanic	1,349	21.9%	12	9.8%	11.0%
Multiple Race	139	2.3%	0	0%	6.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	324	5.3%	6	4.9%	1.6%
White	3,121	50.6%	88	71.5%	65.6%

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

 doh.wa.gov

Confirmed Cases by Race/Ethnicity



Race/Ethnicity	Confirmed Cases	Percent of Cases *	Percent of Total WA Population
Total Number of Cases	86,638	100%	
Unknown Race/Ethnicity (Percent out of Total Cases)	27,545	32%	NA
Total with Race/Ethnicity Available	59,093	100%	
Hispanic	24,421	41%	13%
Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native	985	2%	1%
Non-Hispanic Asian	2,900	5%	9%
Non-Hispanic Black	3,487	6%	4%
Non-Hispanic White	23,125	39%	68%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1,467	2%	1%
Non-Hispanic Multiracial	1,538	3%	4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1,170	2%	NA

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
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National Low Income Housing Coalition • Urban Institute
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