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2000

BLACK-WHITE EQUALITY INDEX™



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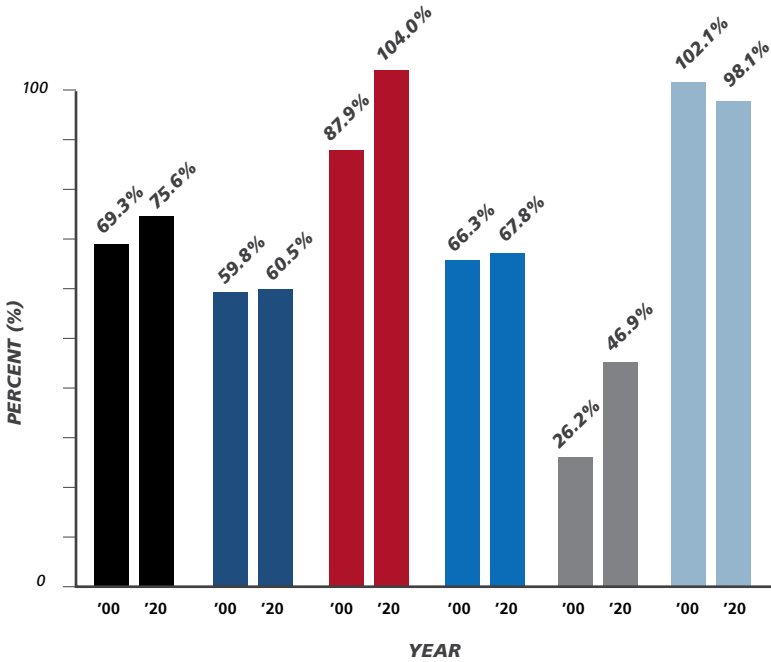
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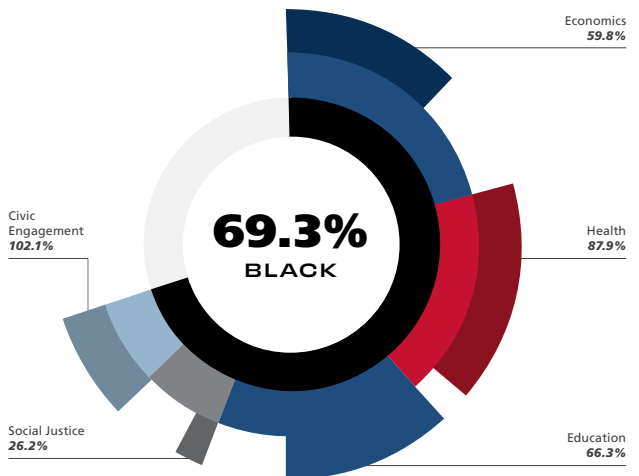
BLACK-WHITE EQUALITY INDEX COMPARISON > 2000 VS 2020 (Under 2000 Weights)

● Equality Index ● Economics ● Health ● Education ● Social Justice ● Civic Engagement



2000 BLACK-WHITE EQUALITY INDEX BY CATEGORY

We estimate an index for each category that can be interpreted in the same way as the total Equality Index. So, an index of 59.8% for the economics category for African Americans in 2000 means that African Americans are missing close to half of the economics mini-pie. The figure summarizes the total 2000 Equality Index and the index in each category for African Americans.



ECONOMICS

CATEGORY WEIGHT

30%

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

59.8%

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2000 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA

	Source	Year	Black	White	Index
MEDIAN INCOME (0.25)					
Median Household Income (Real), Dollars	ACS	1998-2000	28,700	45,500	63%
Median Male Earnings, Dollars, Weekly	BLS	2000	503	669	75%
Median Female Earnings, Dollars, Weekly	BLS	2000	429	500	86%
POVERTY (0.15)					
Population Living Below Poverty Line, %	ACS	2000	24.3	8.2	34%
Population Living Below 50% of Poverty Line, %	ACS	2000	9.4	3.0	32%
Population Living Below 125% of Poverty Line, %	ACS	2000	28.4	11.0	39%
Population Living Below Poverty Line (Under 18), %	CPS ASEC	2000	25.3	7.7	30%
Population Living Below Poverty Line (18-64), %	CPS ASEC	2000	17.9	6.7	37%
Population Living Below Poverty Line (65 and Older), %	CPS ASEC	2000	21.8	7.9	36%
EMPLOYMENT ISSUES (0.20)					
Unemployment Rate, %	BLS	2000	7.6	3.5	46%
Unemployment Rate: Male, %	BLS	2000	8.1	3.4	42%
Unemployment Rate: Female, %	BLS	2000	7.2	3.6	50%
Unemployment Rate Persons Ages 16-19, %	BLS	1999	27.9	12.0	43%
Percent Not in Workforce: Ages 16-19, %	BLS	2000	60.8	44.3	73%
Percent Not in Workforce: Ages 16 and Older, %	BLS	2000	34.2	32.6	95%
Labor Force Participation Rate, %	BLS	2000	65.8	67.4	98%
LFP 16-19, %	BLS	2000	39.2	55.7	70%
LFP 20-24, %	BLS	2000	71.8	44.4	162%
LFP Over 25: Less Than High School Grad., %	BLS	1999	39.6	43.1	92%
LFP Over 25: High School Grad., No College, %	BLS	1999	70.5	64.0	110%

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	Source	Year	Black	White	Index
<i>LFPFR Over 25: Some College, No Degree, %</i>	BLS	1999	78.7	71.2	111%
<i>LFPFR Over 25: Associate Degree, %</i>	BLS	1999	81.0	77.7	104%
<i>LFPFR Over 25: Some College or Associate Degree, %</i>	BLS	1999	79.3	73.2	108%
<i>LFPFR Over 25: College Grad., %</i>	BLS	1999	84.5	79.6	106%
Employment to Pop. Ratio, %	BLS	2000	60.0	65.2	92%
HOUSING & WEALTH (0.34)					
Home Ownership Rate, %	Census	2000	47.2	73.8	64%
Mortgage Application Denial Rate (Total), %	HDMA	2000	44.6	22.3	50%
Mortgage Application Denial Rate (Male), %	HDMA	2000	43.5	26.8	62%
Mortgage Application Denial Rate (Female), %	HDMA	2000	48.0	28.0	58%
Mortgage Application Denial Rate (Joint), %	HDMA	2000	40.1	17.4	43%
Home Improvement Loans Denials (Total), %	HDMA	2000	44.6	21.5	48%
Home Improvement Loans Denials (Male), %	HDMA	2000	44.5	25.7	58%
Home Improvement Loans Denials (Female), %	HDMA	2000	46.0	26.2	57%
Home Improvement Loans Denials (Joint), %	HDMA	2000	42.6	17.8	42%
Median Home Value, 2000 Dollars	Census	2000	80,600	122,800	66%
Median Wealth, 2016 Dollars	SCF	1998	22,900	141,400	16%
Mean Equity in Home, Dollars	Census	2000	46,049	93,143	49%
Percent Investing in Retirement Account, %	SCF	1998	34.2	53.8	64%
Percent Investing in IRA, %	Census	2000	6.5	27.5	24%
U.S. Firms By Race (% Compared to Employment Share)	Census SBO	1997	36.7	98.1	37%
DIGITAL DIVIDE (0.05)					
Households With Computer at Home, %	ACS	2001	37.3	58.6	64%
Households With the Internet, %	ACS	2001	31.1	52.7	59%
Adult Users With Broadband Access, %	ACS	2007	36.8	54.9	67%
TRANSPORTATION (0.01)					
Car Ownership, %	ACS	2000	67.1	87.5	77%
Means of Transportation to Work: Drive Alone, %	ACS	2000	65.9	79.7	83%
Means of Transportation to Work: Public Transportation, %	ACS	2000	12.2	2.9	421%
Economic Weighted Index					59.8%

HEALTH

CATEGORY WEIGHT

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

25%

87.9%

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2000 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA

	Source	Year	Black	White	Index
DEATH RATES & LIFE EXPECTANCY (0.45)					
Life Expectancy at Birth	CDC	2000	71.6	77.4	93%
<i>Male</i>	CDC	2000	68.2	74.7	91%
<i>Female</i>	CDC	2000	75.1	79.9	94%
Life Expectancy at 65 (Additional Expected Years)	CDC	2000	16.1	17.7	91%
<i>Male at 65</i>	CDC	2000	14.1	16.1	88%
<i>Female at 65</i>	CDC	2000	17.5	19.1	92%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): All Causes	CDC	2000	1,121.4	855.5	76%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Male	CDC	2000	1,403.5	1,035.4	74%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Female	CDC	2000	927.6	721.5	78%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Heart Disease	CDC	2000	324.8	255.5	79%
<i>Ischemic Heart Disease</i>	CDC	2000	218.3	186.6	85%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Stroke (Cerebrovascular)	CDC	2000	81.9	59.0	72%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Cancer	CDC	2000	248.5	200.6	81%
<i>Trachea, Bronchus, and Lung</i>	CDC	2000	64.0	58.2	91%
<i>Colon, Rectum, and Anus</i>	CDC	2000	28.2	20.6	73%
<i>Prostate (Male)</i>	CDC	2000	68.1	28.0	41%
<i>Breast (Female)</i>	CDC	2000	34.5	26.8	78%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Chronic Lower Respiratory	CDC	2000	31.6	47.2	149%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Influenza and Pneumonia	CDC	2000	25.6	23.5	92%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	CDC	2000	9.4	9.0	96%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Diabetes	CDC	2000	49.5	21.8	44%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): HIV	CDC	2000	23.3	2.2	9%

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Unintentional Injuries	CDC	2000	37.7	35.3	94%
<i>Motor Vehicle-Related Injuries</i>	CDC	2000	15.7	15.6	99%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide	CDC	2000	5.5	12.0	218%
<i>Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide Males</i>	CDC	2000	10.0	20.2	202%
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide Males Ages 15–24	CDC	2000	14.2	19.5	137%
<i>Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide Females</i>	CDC	2000	1.8	4.7	261%
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Suicide Females Ages 15–24	CDC	2000	2.2	3.3	150%
Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide	CDC	2000	20.5	2.8	14%
<i>Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide Male</i>	CDC	2000	35.4	3.6	10%
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide Males Ages 15–24	CDC	2000	85.3	4.7	6%
<i>Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide Female</i>	CDC	2000	7.1	1.9	27%
Death Rates (Per 100,000): Homicide Females Ages 15–24	CDC	2000	10.7	2.3	21%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: >1 Male	NCHS	2000	1,567.6	658.7	42%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 1–4 Male	NCHS	2000	54.5	32.4	59%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 5–14 Male	CDC	2000	28.2	20.0	71%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 15–24 Male	CDC	2000	181.4	103.5	57%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 25–34 Male	CDC	2000	261.0	123.0	47%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 35–44 Male	CDC	2000	453.0	233.9	52%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 45–54 Male	CDC	2000	1,017.7	497.7	49%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 55–64 Male	CDC	2000	2,080.1	1,170.9	56%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 65–74 Male	CDC	2000	4,253.5	2,930.5	69%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 75–84 Male	CDC	2000	8,486.0	6,977.8	82%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: >1 Female	CDC	2000	1,279.8	530.9	41%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 1–4 Female	CDC	2000	45.3	24.4	54%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 5–14 Female	CDC	2000	20.0	13.9	70%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 85+ Female	CDC	2000	13,941.3	14,971.7	107%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 15–24 Female	CDC	2000	58.3	42.6	73%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 25–34 Female	CDC	2000	121.8	56.8	47%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 35–44 Female	CDC	2000	271.9	128.1	47%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 45–54 Female	CDC	2000	588.3	285.0	48%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 55–64 Female	CDC	2000	1,227.2	742.1	60%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 65–74 Female	CDC	2000	2,689.6	1,891.0	70%
Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Age Cohort: 75–84 Female	CDC	2000	5,696.5	4,819.3	85%
PHYSICAL CONDITION (0.10)					
Overweight: 18+ Years, % of Population	CDC BRFSS	1999-2002	31.3	33.9	108%
Overweight: Men 20 Years and Over, % of Population	CDC	2002	35.1	41.5	118%
Overweight: Women 20 Years and Over, % of Population	CDC	2002	28.6	26.5	93%
Obese, 20+ Years, % of Population	CDC BRFSS	1999-2002	39.2	29.4	75%

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Obese: Men 20 Years and Over, % of Population	CDC	2002	27.4	27.9	102%
Obese: Women 20 Years and Over, % of Population	CDC	2002	48.4	30.7	63%
Diabetes: Physician Diagnosed in Ages 20+, % of Population	CDC	1999-2002	15.0	9.5	63%
AIDS Cases, % of Population	CDC	2000	44.9	34.0	76%
AIDS Cases Per 100,000 Males Ages 13+	CDC	2002	108.4	12.3	11%
AIDS Cases Per 100,000 Females Ages 13+	CDC	2002	48.6	2.1	4%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (0.10)					
Binge Alcohol (5 Drinks in 1 Day, 1x a Year) Ages 18+, % of Population	CDC	2000	11.5	21.5	187%
Use of Illicit Drugs in the Past Month Ages 12+, % of Population	CDC	2002	9.7	8.5	88%
Tobacco: Both Cigarette & Cigar Ages 18+, % of Population	CDC	2000	27.2	25.5	94%
MENTAL HEALTH (0.02)					
Students Who Consider Suicide: Male, %	CDC	1999	12.0	12.6	105%
Students Who Carry Out Intent and Require Medical Attention: Male, %	CDC	2001	3.6	1.7	47%
Students That Act on Suicidal Feeling: Male, %	CDC	1999	7.6	4.5	59%
Students Who Consider Suicide: Female, %	CDC	1999	18.7	22.8	122%
Students Who Carry Out Intent and Require Medical Attention: Female, %	CDC	1999	3.0	2.9	97%
Students That Act on Suicidal Feeling: Female, %	CDC	1999	7.5	8.7	116%
ACCESS TO CARE (0.075)					
Private Insurance Payment for Health Care: Under 65 Years Old, % of Distribution	NCBI	1999	57.3	80.3	71%
People Without Health Insurance, % of Population	Census CPS	2000	18.5	9.7	52%
People 18 to 64 Without a Usual Source of Health Insurance, % of Adults	Census CPS	2000	23.6	13.9	59%
People 18 to 64 and in Poverty Without a Usual Source of Health Insurance, % of Adults	CDC	2000	23.7	24.2	102%
Population Under 65 Covered By Medicaid, % of Population	Census CPS	2000	21.0	6.1	29%
ELDERLY HEALTH CARE (0.03)					
Population Over 65 Covered By Medicaid, % of Population	Census CPS	2000	23.6	5.1	463%
Medicare Expenditures Per Beneficiary, Dollars	CDC	2000	12,328	10,475	118%
PREGNANCY ISSUES (0.04)					
Prenatal Care Begins in 1st Trimester	CDC	2002	73.7	80.0	92%
Prenatal Care Begins in 3rd Trimester	CDC	2000	6.7	2.3	34%
Percent of Births to Mothers 18 and Under	CDC	2000	7.8	2.6	33%
Percent of Live Births to Unmarried Mothers	CDC	2000	68.7	22.1	32%
Infant Mortality Rates Among Mothers With Education 9–12th Grade, No Diploma	CDC	2000	15.0	9.2	61%
Infant Mortality Rates Among Mothers With HS Diploma or GED	CDC	2000	13.5	6.3	47%
Infant Mortality Rates Among Mothers with 12 or More Years of Education	CDC	2000	11.5	4.2	37%

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Mothers Who Smoked Cigarettes During Pregnancy, %	CDC	2000	9.1	13.2	145%	
Low Birth Weight, % of Live Births	CDC	2000	13.1	6.6	50%	
Very Low Birth Weight, % of Live Births	CDC	2000	3.1	1.1	37%	
REPRODUCTION ISSUES (0.01)						
Abortions, Per 1,000 Live Births	CDC	2000	503.0	167.0	33%	
Women Using Contraception, % of Population	CDC	2002	57.6	64.6	89%	
DELIVERY ISSUES (0.075)						
All Infant Deaths: Neonatal and Post, Per 1,000 Live Births	CDC	2000	13.6	5.7	42%	
<i>Neonatal Deaths, Per 1,000 Live Births</i>	CDC	2000	9.2	3.8	41%	
<i>Postneonatal Deaths, Per 1,000 Live Births</i>	CDC	2000	4.4	1.9	43%	
Maternal Mortality, Per 100,000 of the Population	CDC	2000	0.8	0.2	25%	
CHILDREN'S HEALTH (0.10)						
Babies Breastfed, % at 6 Months	MCHB	2000	20.6	33.8	61%	
Children Without a Health Care Visit in Past 12 Months (up to 6 Years Old), %	CDC	2000	7.1	5.5	77%	
Vaccinations of Children Below Poverty: Combined Vacc. Combined 7-Vaccine Series % of Children 19-35 Months	CDC	2000	79.9	80.6	99%	
Uninsured Children, %	ACS CPS	2006	14.1	7.3	52%	
Overweight Boys 2-19 Years Old, % of Population	CDC	1999-2000	16.4	10.9	66%	
Overweight Girls 2-19 Years Old, % of Population	CDC	1999-2000	21.4	11.1	52%	
AIDS Cases Per 100,000 All Children Under 13	CDC	2002	0.7	0.0	0%	
Health Weighted Index					87.9%	

EDUCATION

CATEGORY WEIGHT

25%

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

66.3%

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	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	
QUALITY (0.45)						
TEACHER QUALITY (0.10)						
Middle Grades: Teacher Lacking at Least a College Minor in Subject Taught (High Vs. Low Minority Schools), %	ET	2000	49.0	40.0	82%	
HS: Teacher Lacking An Undergraduate Major in Subject Taught (High Vs. Low Poverty Secondary Schools), %	ET	2000	28.0	21.0	75%	
Teachers With <3 Years Experience, %	NCES	2000	0.2	0.1	48%	
Distribution of Underprepared Teachers (High Vs. Low Minority Schools), % (California Only)	SRI	2000	24.0	5.0	21%	
COURSE QUALITY (0.15)						
College Completion, % of All Entrants	NCES	1995-1996	37.0	57.0	65%	
College Completion, % of Entrants with Strong HS Curriculum (Algebra II Plus Other Courses)	ET	1999	75.0	86.0	87%	
HS Students: Enrolled in Chemistry, %	NCES	2000	0.6	0.6	95%	
HS Students: Enrolled in Algebra II, %	NCES	1998	55.6	64.6	86%	
HS Students: Enrolled in: Precalculus, %	NCES	1998	13.8	25.0	55%	
HS Students: Enrolled in: Calculus, %	NCES	1998	6.6	12.1	55%	
HS Students: Enrolled in: Physics, %	NCES	1998	21.4	30.7	70%	
Students Taking: English Composition, %	CB	2000	4.3	4.4	98%	
ATTAINMENT (0.30)						
Graduation Rates, 2-Year Institutions Where Students Started As Full Time, First Time Students, %	NCES	2000	26.1	31.5	83%	
Graduation Rates, 4-Year Institutions Where Students Started As Full Time, First Time Students, %	NCES	2000	38.9	58.1	67%	

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	Source	Year	Black	White	Index
Overall Division I Graduation Success Rate Trends for Student-Athletes	NCAA	2002	56.0	81.0	69%
Degrees Earned: Associate, % of Population Aged 18–24 Yrs	NCES	2000	26.0	44.0	59%
Degrees Earned: Bachelor’s, % of Population Aged 18–29 Yrs	NCES	2000	18.0	34.0	53%
Degrees Earned: Master’s, % of Population Aged 18–34 Yrs	NCES	1999-2000	9.0	79.9	11%
Educational Attainment: at Least High School (25 Yrs and Over), % of Population	Census	2000	72.3	83.6	86%
Educational Attainment: at Least Bachelor’s (25 Yrs and Over), % of Population	Census	2000	14.3	26.1	55%
Degrees Conferred, % Distribution, By Field					
<i>Agriculture/Forestry</i>	NCES	1998	0.01	0.02	28%
<i>Art/Architecture</i>	NCES	1998	0.00	0.01	48%
<i>Business/Management</i>	NCES	1998	0.21	0.19	111%
<i>Communications</i>	NCES	1998	0.05	0.04	104%
<i>Computer and Information Sciences</i>	NCES	1998	0.03	0.02	142%
<i>Education</i>	NCES	1998	0.08	0.10	78%
<i>Engineering</i>	NCES	1998	0.03	0.05	68%
<i>English/Literature</i>	NCES	1998	0.04	0.05	81%
<i>Foreign Languages</i>	NCES	1998	0.01	0.01	49%
<i>Health Sciences</i>	NCES	1998	0.07	0.07	98%
<i>Mathematics/Statistics</i>	NCES	1998	0.01	0.01	104%
<i>Natural Sciences</i>	NCES	1998	0.05	0.05	91%
<i>Philosophy/Religion/Theology</i>	NCES	1998	0.00	0.01	55%
<i>Psychology</i>	NCES	1998	0.07	0.06	116%
<i>Social Sciences/History</i>	NCES	1998	0.12	0.10	113%
SCORES (0.25)					
PRESCHOOL 10% OF TOTAL SCORES (0.025)					
Children’s School Readiness Skills (Ages 3–5), % With 3 or 4 Skills* <small>*Recognizes all letters, counts to 20 or higher, writes name, reads or pretends to read</small>	NCES	1999	35.0	42.0	83%
ELEMENTARY 40% OF TOTAL SCORES (0.10)					
Average Scale Score in U.S. History, 8th Graders	NCES	2001	239.9	267.6	90%
Average Scale Score in U.S. History, 4th Graders	NCES	2001	185.5	217.1	85%
Average Scale Score in Math, 8th Graders	NCES	2000	244.0	284.0	86%
Average Scale Score in Math, 4th Graders	NCES	2000	203.0	234.0	87%
Average Scale Score in Reading, 8th Graders	NCES	1998	244.0	271.0	90%
Average Scale Score in Reading, 4th Graders	NCES	2000	190.0	224.0	85%
Average Scale Score in Science, 8th Graders	NCES	2000	121.0	161.0	75%
Average Scale Score in Science, 4th Graders	NCES	2000	123.0	160.0	77%
Writing Proficiency at or Above Basic, 8th Graders, % of Students	NCES	1998	131.0	157.0	83%

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Writing Proficiency at or Above Basic, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	1998	130.0	156.0	83%
Science Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2000	6.0	38.0	16%
Reading Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 8th Graders, % of Students	NCES	1998	13.0	40.0	33%
Reading Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2000	10.0	38.0	26%
Math Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 8th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2000	5.0	34.0	15%
Math Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	2000	5.0	31.0	16%
Writing Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 8th Graders, % of Students	NCES	1998	8.0	33.0	24%
Writing Proficiency at or Above Proficient, 4th Graders, % of Students	NCES	1998	8.0	28.0	29%
HIGH SCHOOL 50% OF TOTAL SCORES (0.125)					
Writing Proficiency at or Above Basic, 12th Graders, % of Students	NCES	1998	8.0	26.0	31%
Average Scale Score in Science, 12th Graders	NCES	2000	123.0	153.0	80%
Average Scale Score in U.S. History, 12th Graders	NCES	2001	269.0	292.0	92%
Average Scale Score in Reading, 12th Graders	NCES	1998	271.0	297.0	91%
High School GPAs for Those Taking the SAT	CB	2002	2.9	3.3	88%
SAT Reasoning Test: Mean Scores	CB	2000	434.0	528.0	82%
Mathematics, Joint	CB	2000	426.0	530.0	80%
Mathematics, Male	CB	2000	436.0	549.0	79%
Mathematics, Female	CB	2000	419.0	514.0	82%
Critical Reading, Joint	CB	2000	434.0	528.0	82%
Critical Reading, Male	CB	2000	431.0	529.0	81%
Critical Reading, Female	CB	2000	436.0	526.0	83%
Writing, Joint	CB	2000	536.0	618.0	87%
ACT: Average Composite Score	NCES	2000	16.9	21.8	78%
ENROLLMENT (0.10)					
School Enrollment: Ages 3–34, % of Population	Census	1999	58.6	56.2	104%
Preprimary School Enrollment	Census	2000	0.5	0.5	97%
3 and 4 Years Old	Census	2000	0.5	0.6	85%
5 and 6 Years Old	Census	2000	0.9	0.9	98%
7 to 13 Years Old	Census	2000	1.0	1.0	100%
14 and 15 Years Old	Census	2000	1.0	1.0	100%
16 and 17 Years Old	Census	2000	0.9	0.9	101%
18 and 19 Years Old	Census	2000	1.1	0.9	118%
20 and 21 Years Old	Census	2000	1.0	0.7	134%
22 to 24 Years Old	Census	2000	0.6	0.5	118%

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	Source	Year	Black	White	Index
<i>25 to 29 Years Old</i>	Census	2000	0.3	0.3	90%
<i>30 to 34 Years Old</i>	Census	2000	0.2	0.2	73%
<i>35 and Over</i>	Census	2000	0.1	0.1	58%
College Enrollment (Graduate or Undergraduate): Ages 14 and Over, % of Population	Census	2000	0.1	0.1	88%
<i>14 to 17 Years Old</i>	Census	2000	0.1	0.1	99%
<i>18 to 19 Years Old</i>	Census	2000	0.5	0.3	140%
<i>20 to 21 Years Old</i>	Census	2000	0.4	0.3	150%
<i>22 to 24 Years Old</i>	Census	2000	0.2	0.2	126%
<i>25 to 29 Years Old</i>	Census	2000	0.1	0.1	98%
<i>30 to 34 Years Old</i>	Census	2000	0.1	0.1	80%
<i>35 Years Old and Over</i>	Census	2000	0.0	0.0	68%
College Enrollment Rate As a Percent of All 18–24 Year Old High School Completers, %	NCES	2000	65.4	56.4	116%
Adult Education Participation, % of Adult Population	NCES	1999	45.6	48.8	93%
STUDENT STATUS & RISK FACTORS (0.10)					
High School Dropouts: Status Dropouts, % (Not Completed HS and Not Enrolled, Regardless of When Dropped Out)	NCES	2000	13.1	6.9	53%
Children in Poverty, %	Census	2000	11.8	11.1	94%
Children in All Families Below Poverty Level, %	Census	2000	30.7	8.5	28%
Children in Families Below Poverty Level (Female Householder, No Spouse Present), %	Census	2000	49.0	28.0	57%
Children With No Parent in the Labor Force, %	Census	1998	17.0	7.0	41%
Children (Under 18) With a Disability, %	Census	2000	5.1	4.1	80%
Public School Students (K–12): Repeated Grade, %	NCES	2000	4.0	2.1	53%
Public School Students 9th Graders: Suspended or Expelled %	NCES	1999	34.5	15.3	44%
Public School Students (K–12): Expelled, %	NCES	1999	5.9	1.4	24%
Center-Based Child Care of Preschool Children, %	NCES	1999	73.2	60.0	82%
Parental Care Only of Preschool Children, %	NCES	1999	13.7	23.2	169%
Teacher Stability: Remained in Public School, High Vs. Low Minority Schools, %	NCES	1999-2000	83.7	86.3	97%
Teacher Stability: Remained in Private School, High Vs. Low Minority Schools, %	NCES	1999-2000	81.9	78.2	105%
Zero Days Missed in School Year, % of 8th Graders	NCES	2002	28.3	12.1	234%
3+ Days Late to School, % of 10th Graders	NCES	2002	46.1	33.6	73%
Never Cut Classes, % of 10th Graders	NCES	2002	84.8	88.2	96%
Home Literacy Activities (Age 3 to 5)					
<i>Read to Three or More Times a Week</i>	NCES	2001	77.0	89.0	87%
<i>Told a Story at Least Once a Month</i>	NCES	2001	81.0	86.0	94%
<i>Taught Words or Numbers Three or More Times a Week</i>	NCES	2001	94.0	95.0	99%
<i>Visited a Library at Least Once in Last Month</i>	NCES	2001	31.0	39.0	79%
Education Weighted Index					66.3%

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CATEGORY WEIGHT

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

10%

26.2%

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	Source	Year	Black	White	Index
EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW (0.70)					
Stopped While Driving	BJS	1999	12.3	10.4	85%
<i>Speeding</i>	BJS	1999	43.4	53.7	124%
<i>Vehicle Defect</i>	BJS	1999	13.4	10.4	78%
<i>Roadside Check for Drinking Drivers</i>	BJS	1999	1.4	2.5	179%
<i>Record Check</i>	BJS	1999	11.0	9.1	83%
<i>Seatbelt Violation</i>	BJS	2002	3.5	4.4	126%
<i>Illegal Turn/Lane Change</i>	BJS	2002	5.1	4.5	88%
<i>Stop Sign/Light Violation</i>	BJS	1999	2.4	2.3	96%
<i>Other</i>	BJS	1999	28.4	22.0	77%
Mean Incarceration Sentence (In Average Months)	BJS	2000	39.0	33.0	85%
Average Sentence for Incarceration (All Offenses): Male, Months	BJS	2004	43.0	39.0	91%
<i>Average Sentence for Murder: Male, Months</i>	BJS	2000	246.0	248.0	101%
<i>Average Sentence for Sexual Assault</i>	BJS	2000	96.0	91.0	95%
<i>Average Sentence for Robbery</i>	BJS	2000	87.0	76.0	87%
<i>Average Sentence for Aggravated Assault</i>	BJS	2000	46.0	34.0	74%
<i>Average Sentence for Other Violent</i>	BJS	2000	35.0	34.0	97%
<i>Average Sentence for Burglary</i>	BJS	2000	42.0	37.0	88%
<i>Average Sentence for Larceny</i>	BJS	2000	22.0	20.0	91%
<i>Average Sentence for Fraud</i>	BJS	2000	20.0	21.0	105%
<i>Average Sentence for Drug Possession</i>	BJS	2000	24.0	18.0	75%
<i>Average Sentence for Drug Trafficking</i>	BJS	2000	34.0	31.0	91%
<i>Average Sentence for Weapon Offenses</i>	BJS	2000	29.0	22.0	76%
<i>Average Sentence for Other Offenses</i>	BJS	2000	24.0	21.0	88%

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	Source	Year	Black	White	Index
Average Sentence for Incarceration (All Offenses): Female, Months	BJS	2000	24.0	29.0	121%
<i>Average Sentence for Murder</i>	BJS	2004	231.0	152.0	66%
<i>Average Sentence for Sexual Assault</i>	BJS	2004	104.0	110.0	106%
<i>Average Sentence for Robbery</i>	BJS	2004	101.0	88.0	87%
<i>Average Sentence for Aggravated Assault</i>	BJS	2004	51.0	42.0	82%
<i>Average Sentence for Other Violent</i>	BJS	2004	47.0	43.0	91%
<i>Average Sentence for Burglary</i>	BJS	2004	47.0	44.0	94%
<i>Average Sentence for Larceny</i>	BJS	2004	23.0	21.0	91%
<i>Average Sentence for Fraud</i>	BJS	2004	25.0	27.0	108%
<i>Average Sentence for Drug Possession</i>	BJS	2004	23.0	22.0	96%
<i>Average Sentence for Drug Trafficking</i>	BJS	2004	38.0	41.0	108%
<i>Average Sentence for Weapon Offenses</i>	BJS	2004	34.0	32.0	94%
<i>Average Sentence for Other Offenses</i>	BJS	2004	25.0	25.0	100%
Convicted Felons Sentenced to Probation, All Offenses, %	BJS	2002	33.0	29.0	88%
<i>Probation Sentence for Murder, %</i>	BJS	2000	3.0	4.0	133%
<i>Probation Sentence for Sexual Assault, %</i>	BJS	2002	17.0	15.0	88%
<i>Probation Sentence for Robbery, %</i>	BJS	2000	9.0	11.0	122%
<i>Probation Sentence for Burglary, %</i>	BJS	2000	16.0	22.0	138%
<i>Probation Sentence for Fraud, %</i>	BJS	2000	40.0	41.0	103%
<i>Probation Sentence for Drug Offenses, %</i>	BJS	2000	24.0	32.0	133%
<i>Probation Sentence for Weapon Offenses, %</i>	BJS	2002	27.0	30.0	111%
Incarceration Rate, Prisoners Per 100,000	BJS	2000	3,662.0	483.0	13%
<i>Prisoners Per 100,000 People: Male</i>	BJS	2000	3,457.0	449.0	13%
<i>Prisoners Per 100,000 People: Female</i>	BJS	2000	205.0	34.0	17%
Prisoners as a % of Arrests	FBI UCR	2001	24.6	7.8	32%
VICTIMIZATION & MENTAL ANGUISH (0.30)					
Homicide, Rate Per 100,000	CDC	2000	22.0	3.0	14%
<i>Homicide, Rate Per 100,000: Firearm</i>	FBI	2001	785.4	86.0	11%
<i>Homicide, Rate Per 100,000: Stabbings</i>	FBI	2001	50.8	14.3	28%
<i>Homicide, Rate Per 100,000: Personal Weapons</i>	FBI	2001	10.7	21.7	202%
Homicide, Rate Per 100,000: Male	CDC	2004	37.1	5.3	14%
Homicide, Rate Per 100,000: Female	CDC	2000	7.8	2.2	28%
Murder Victims, Rate Per 100,000	FBI UCR	2005	18.8	3.6	19%
Hate Crimes Victims, Rate Per 100,000	FBI UCR	2005	8.5	0.5	6%
Violent Crimes Victims, Rate Per 1,000 Persons Age 12 or Older	BJS	1997	34.0	17.0	50%
Delinquency Cases, Year of Disposition, Rate Per 100,000	NCJJ	2000	4,294.4	2,603.1	61%
Prisoners Under Sentence of Death, Rate Per 100,000	BJS	2006	5.0	1.2	23%
High School Students Carrying Weapons on School Property	OJJDP	1999	0.1	0.1	128%
High School Students Carrying Weapons Anywhere	CDC	2000	17.0	17.0	100%

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	Source	Year	Black	White	Index
Firearm-Related Death Rates Per 100,000: Males, All Ages	CDC	2000	23.2	10.4	45%
<i>Ages 1-14</i>	CDC	2000	1.8	1.0	55%
<i>Ages 15-24</i>	CDC	2000	88.6	0.6	1%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	CDC	2000	54.1	7.5	14%
<i>Ages 25-34</i>	CDC	2000	74.9	17.7	24%
<i>Ages 35-44</i>	CDC	2000	34.3	10.4	30%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	CDC	2000	18.3	3.6	20%
<i>Age 65 and Older</i>	CDC	2000	13.7	4.3	32%
Firearm-Related Death Rates Per 100,000: Females, All Ages	CDC	2000	20.9	9.7	46%
<i>Ages 1-14</i>	CDC	2000	0.2	0.3	126%
<i>Ages 15-24</i>	CDC	2000	106.9	2.8	3%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	CDC	2000	6.5	3.9	60%
<i>Ages 25-34</i>	CDC	2000	7.4	3.5	47%
<i>Ages 35-44</i>	CDC	2000	5.7	4.3	76%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	CDC	2000	4.5	5.8	131%
<i>Age 65 and Older</i>	CDC	2000	0.7	2.4	326%
Social Justice Weighted Index					26.2%

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

CATEGORY WEIGHT

10%

TOTAL WEIGHTED INDEX

102.1%

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	Source	Year	Black	White	Index	
DEMOCRATIC PROCESS (0.4)						
Registered Voters, % of Citizen Population	Census	2000	64.3	70.0	92%	
Actually Voted, % of Citizen Population	Census	2000	54.1	60.4	90%	
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (0.3)						
Percent of Population Volunteering for Military Reserves, %	Census	2000	1.2	1.1	109%	
Volunteerism, %	BLS	2002	19.1	29.2	65%	
<i>Civic and Political</i>	BLS	2002	3.5	6.4	55%	
<i>Educational or Youth Service</i>	BLS	2002	27.4	27.2	101%	
<i>Environmental or Animal Care</i>	BLS	2002	0.3	1.8	17%	
<i>Hospital or Other Health</i>	BLS	2002	6.7	8.8	76%	
<i>Public Safety</i>	BLS	2002	0.6	1.5	40%	
<i>Religious</i>	BLS	2002	45.3	32.9	138%	
<i>Social or Community Service</i>	BLS	2002	10.0	12.2	82%	
Unpaid Volunteering of Young Adults	NCES	2000	40.9	32.2	127%	
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (0.2)						
Members of Unions, % of Employed	BLS	1999	17.2	13.5	127%	
Represented By Unions, % of Employed	BLS	1999	19.2	14.8	130%	
GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYMENT (0.1)						
Federal Executive Branch (Nonpostal) Employment, % of Adult Population	OPM	2000	1.2	0.8	150%	
State and Local Government Employment, % of Adult Population	EEOC	1999	4.3	2.5	172%	
Civic Engagement Weighted Index					102.1%	

Source	Acronym
American Community Survey	ACS
American College Testing	ACT
The Annie E. Casey Foundation	AECF
U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics	BJS
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics	BLS
College Board	CB
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CDC
CDC—Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	CDC BRFSS
U.S. Census Bureau	Census
Current Population Survey	Census CPS
Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons	Census SBO
Survey of Income and Program Participation—U.S. Census Bureau	Census SIPP
Current Population Survey—Annual Social and Economic Supplement	CPS ASEC
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	EEOC
The Education Trust	ET
Federal Bureau of Investigation	FBI
Uniform Crime Reporting Program	FBI UCR
Home Mortgage Disclosure Act	HMDA
Maternal and Child Health Bureau of HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration)	MCHB
National Archive of Criminal Justice Data	NACJD
National Collegiate Athletic Association	NCAA
National Center for Biotechnology Information	NCBI
National Center for Education Statistics	NCES
National Center for Health Statistics	NCHS
National Center for Juvenile Justice	NCJJ
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	OJJDP
U.S. Office of Personnel Management	OPM
Survey of Consumer Finances	SCF
School Funding Fairness	SFF
SRI International	SRI

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