

# Overview



## AFRICAN-AMERICANS/BLACKS

African-Americans are the second-largest ethnic minority group in the United States and in Connecticut. They account for 12.4 percent of the U.S. population. An estimated 327,250 blacks live in Connecticut. Connecticut's population is:

White	74.4 %
Latino	11.5 %
<b>Black</b>	<b>9.3 %</b>
Asian	3.4 %

On average, the per-capita income of white Connecticut residents is about 50 percent higher than that of their African-American neighbors. The per-capita income of Connecticut residents in 1999 was:

White	\$31,505
Asian	\$27,948
<b>Black</b>	<b>\$16,685</b>
Latino	\$13,123

Before the 2009 economic crisis, the overall unemployment rate across the United States was 6.4 percent. At the same time, Connecticut's unemployment rate was slightly less at 6.2 percent in 2006. The unemployment rates among blacks and Latinos were more than twice the rates for whites and Asians:

Asian	3.4 %
White	5.2 %
<b>Black</b>	<b>11.0 %</b>
Latino	11.9 %

Compared to whites in Connecticut, African-Americans are more than three times more likely to be poor. Connecticut residents living below the federal poverty threshold are:

White	5.3 %
Asian	8.4 %
<b>Black</b>	<b>19.0 %</b>
Latino	24.7 %

African-Americans continue to account for a significant percentage of the Connecticut's uninsured. Many also have been unable to get needed health care because they could not afford it. Connecticut residents without health insurance are:

White	7%
<b>Black</b>	<b>20%</b>
Latino	33%

Connecticut residents who reported that they have needed care, but could not get it because of cost are:

White	7.0 %
<b>Black</b>	<b>15.5 %</b>
Latino	22.4 %

African-Americans in Connecticut also are less likely than their white neighbors to have at least a high school diploma. Connecticut residents who have not finished high school are:

White	9 %
Asian	11%
<b>Black</b>	<b>19 %</b>
Latino	32 %

*Sources: U.S. Census, 2005, 2006, 2007; CT Department of Public Health, The 2009 Connecticut Health Disparities Report; U.S. Centers for Disease Control*

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