

HEALTH INSURANCE & COVID-19

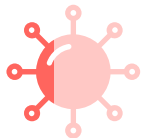
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When the economy began to suffer due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many people were left without stable employment and, as a result, without health insurance. While unemployment drastically increased for Black, Latinx and white workers in the pandemic labor market, the unemployment rate became significantly higher for Black and Latinx workers. In the first quarter of 2020, Black workers had the highest unemployment rate nationally, at 6.3%, followed by Hispanic workers (at 4.8%), white workers (at 3.1%), and Asian workers (at 2.9%).

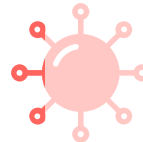
Health insurance increases access to COVID-19 testing and helps ensure people can get care should they begin showing symptoms. In addition, Black and Latinx individuals were disproportionately affected by COVID-19. White individuals make up 58% of the population but only account for 38% of COVID-19 cases, 32% of hospitalizations and 51% of deaths while the following is true for Black and Latinx individuals:



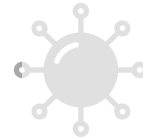
Black individuals made up **36%** of COVID-19 cases...



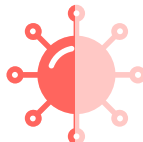
...while making up **29%** of the population



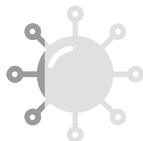
Latinx individuals make up **19%** of COVID-19 cases...



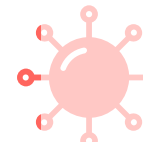
...while making up **6%** of the population



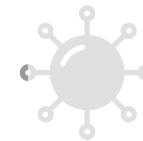
Black individuals made up **48%** of hospitalizations...



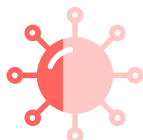
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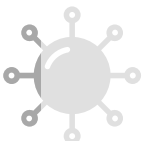
Latinx individuals make up **15%** of hospitalizations...



...while making up **6%** of the population



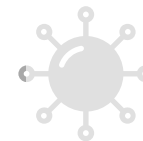
Black individuals made up **41%** of COVID-19 deaths...



...while making up **29%** of the population



Latinx individuals make up **6%** of COVID-19 deaths...



...while making up **6%** of the population

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