KFF/The Undefeated Survey On Race And Health: Key Findings

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The Share Of Black Adults Who Feel It Is A Bad Time To Be Black In America Has Increased

- Share of Black men who say it is a bad time to be a Black man in America:
  - 2006: 28%
  - 2020: 65%

- Share of Black women who say it is a bad time to be a Black woman in America:
  - 2011: 15%
  - 2020: 59%

Many Black And Hispanic Adults Report Experiencing Race-Based Discrimination In Past Year, Including In Health Care

Percent who say there was a time in the last 12 months where they felt they were treated unfairly in the following places because of their race or ethnic background:

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<td>In a store where they were shopping</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Their place of work</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>In dealings with police, such as traffic incidents</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>While getting health care for themselves or a family member</td>
<td>5%</td>
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25% of Black women
37% of Black mothers

| Have experienced any of the above | 16% | 40% | 58% |

Black Adults More Likely Than White Adults To Perceive Unfair Treatment, Less Likely To Trust Health Care System

Percent of adults reporting perceptions of unfair treatment and trust in the health care system:

- **Health care system often treats people unfairly based on their race or ethnic background**
  - Black: 70%
  - Hispanic: 43%
  - White: 41%

- **Trust the health care system all or most of the time to do what is right for their community**
  - Black: 44%
  - Hispanic: 50%
  - White: 55%

Black And Hispanic Adults Report More Difficulty Finding Doctors With Shared Background, Affordable And Accessible Care

Percent of adults who say it is difficult to find each of the following:

- Doctor who shares the same background and experience
  - Black: 65%
  - Hispanic: 54%
  - White: 40%

- Doctor who treats them with dignity and respect
  - Black: 21%
  - Hispanic: 22%
  - White: 14%

- Health care they can afford
  - Black: 48%
  - Hispanic: 49%
  - White: 39%

- Health care at an easily accessible location
  - Black: 24%
  - Hispanic: 30%
  - White: 18%

Black Adults More Likely Than White Adults To Report Some Negative Experiences With Providers

Percent who say they had each of the following experiences with a health care provider in the past 3 years:

- Didn't believe they were telling the truth:
  - Black: 22%
  - Hispanic: 18%
  - White: 17%

- Refused to order a test or treatment they thought they needed:
  - Black: 19%
  - Hispanic: 12%
  - White: 12%

- Refused to prescribe pain medication they thought they needed:
  - Black: 18%
  - Hispanic: 11%
  - White: 13%

# COVID-19’s Disproportionate Toll On Black And Hispanic Individuals And Families

Percent of adults who report each of the following:

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<td>Household lost job or income</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>57%</td>
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<td>Major negative impact on mental health</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Major negative impact on ability to care for children (among parents)</td>
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<td>Feel government’s response would be stronger if white people were dying at higher rates</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>66%</td>
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<td>Would not get a vaccine for COVID-19, even if it were free and determined to be safe by scientists</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>37%</td>
<td>49%</td>
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