

RACE & COVID-19 Dane County Data

We are monitoring COVID-19 data across populations to determine who is most affected by COVID-19 and to address inequities. National data have shown that people of color are more likely to die of COVID-19. **In Dane County, we are not seeing similarly large racial disparities in deaths, but we do have evidence of racial disparities in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.**

Disparities in Cases & Hospitalizations Among Black & Hispanic Individuals

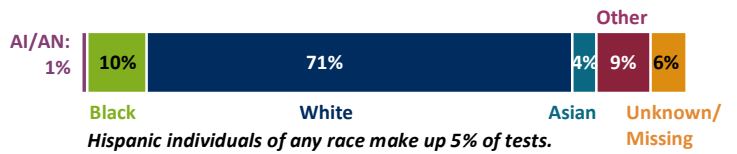
Communities of color in the U.S. experience discrimination and structural racism as a result of unjust systems. Communities of color are more vulnerable to severe COVID illness and death because structural racism exists in Dane County.

Since the early days of the pandemic in Dane County we have seen disparities widen. The percent of COVID-19 cases who are Black is now three times higher than the percent of Dane County residents who are Black, and the percent of cases who are Hispanic is 2.3 times higher than their percent of the Dane County population. The percent of hospitalizations for COVID-19 is 2.5 and 2.0 times higher than the percent of the Dane County population for Black and Hispanic residents, respectively. We are also seeing a higher percent positive rate for Hispanic individuals than any other group.

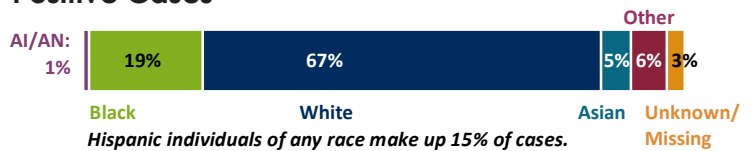
It is possible these disparities that we are now observing have always existed, and we're now able to capture them, if Black and Hispanic individuals were disproportionately unable to access testing prior to the implementation of the free community testing site at the Alliant Energy Center on May 11.

We are continuing to work to ensure that all members of our community are able to be tested and connect them to resources to support isolation and quarantine.

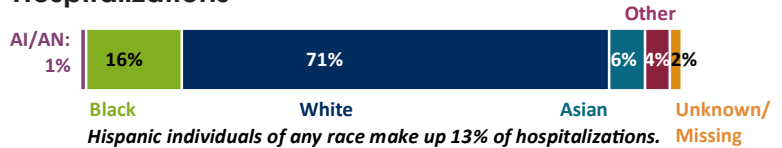
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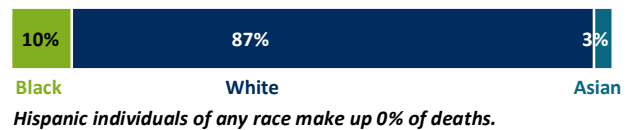
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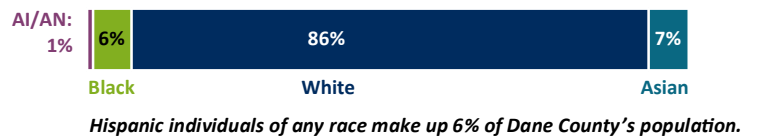
Hospitalizations



Deaths



Dane County Population



AI/AN = American Indian or Alaska Native.

Percentage of Positive Tests Among People Tested by Race/Ethnicity

