COVID-19 and Racial Equity in South Carolina

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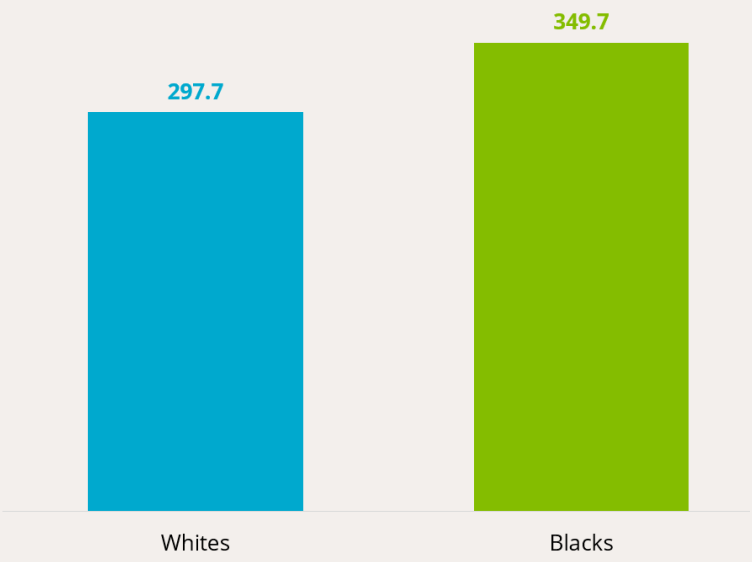
Individuals Tested, by Race

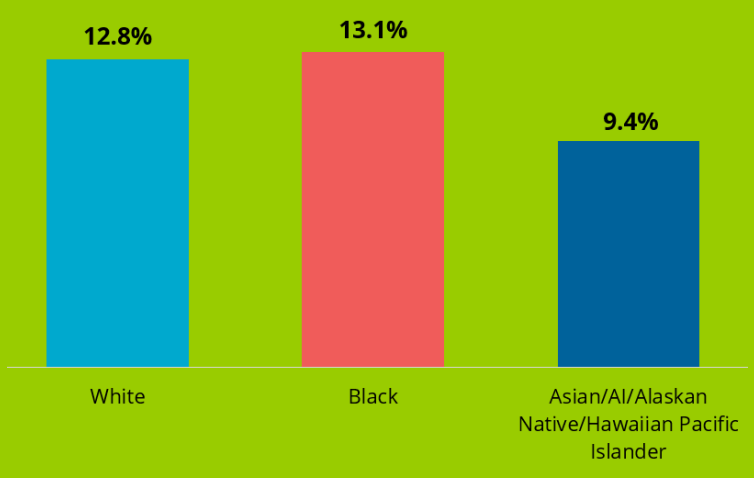
Rate per 1,000 population



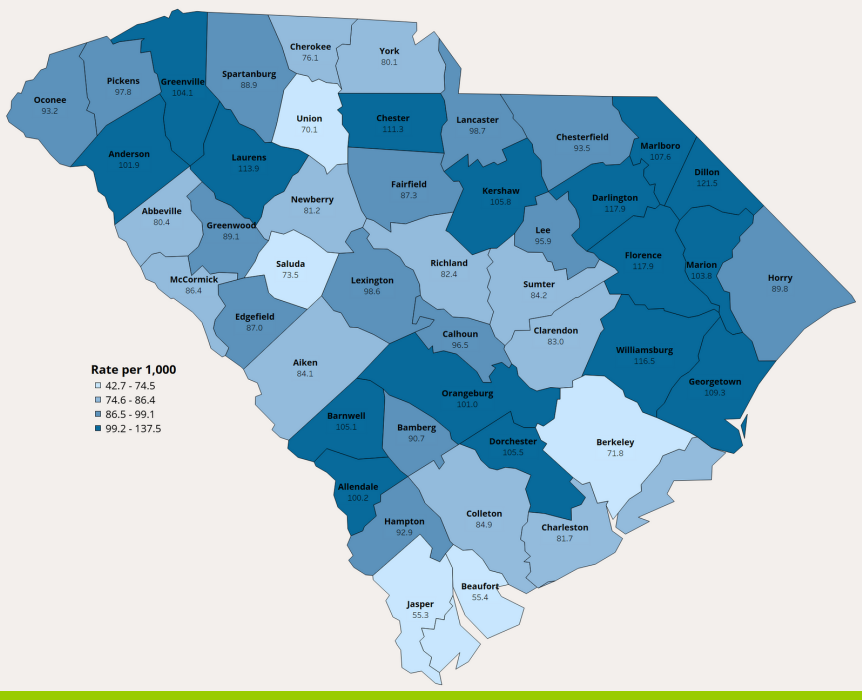
Black individuals are **17.5% more likely** to get tested for COVID-19 than White individuals.

Percent Positive of COVID-19 Tests, by Race

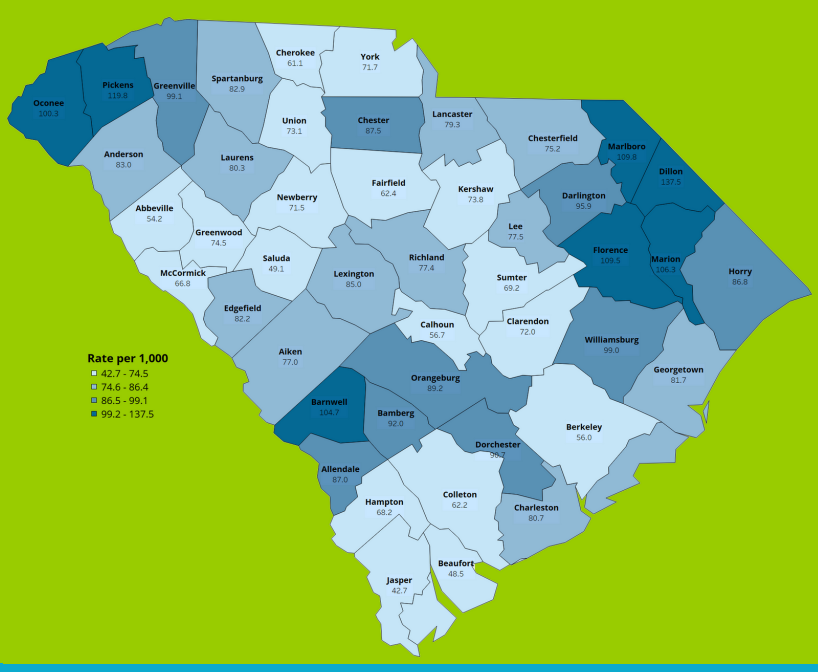
When comparing the percent of positive tests by race, **Blacks have the highest rate of positivity at 13.1%.**



Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Blacks



Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Whites



Across the state, Blacks see higher rates of COVID-19 when compared to their White counterparts. Higher rates are seen across the I-95 corridor.

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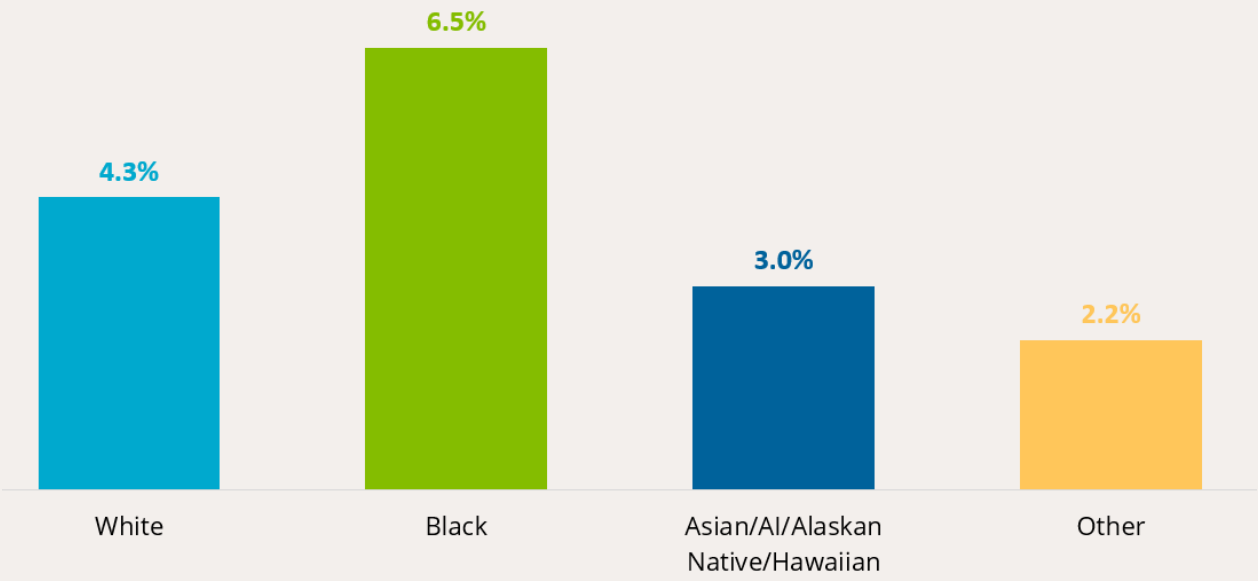
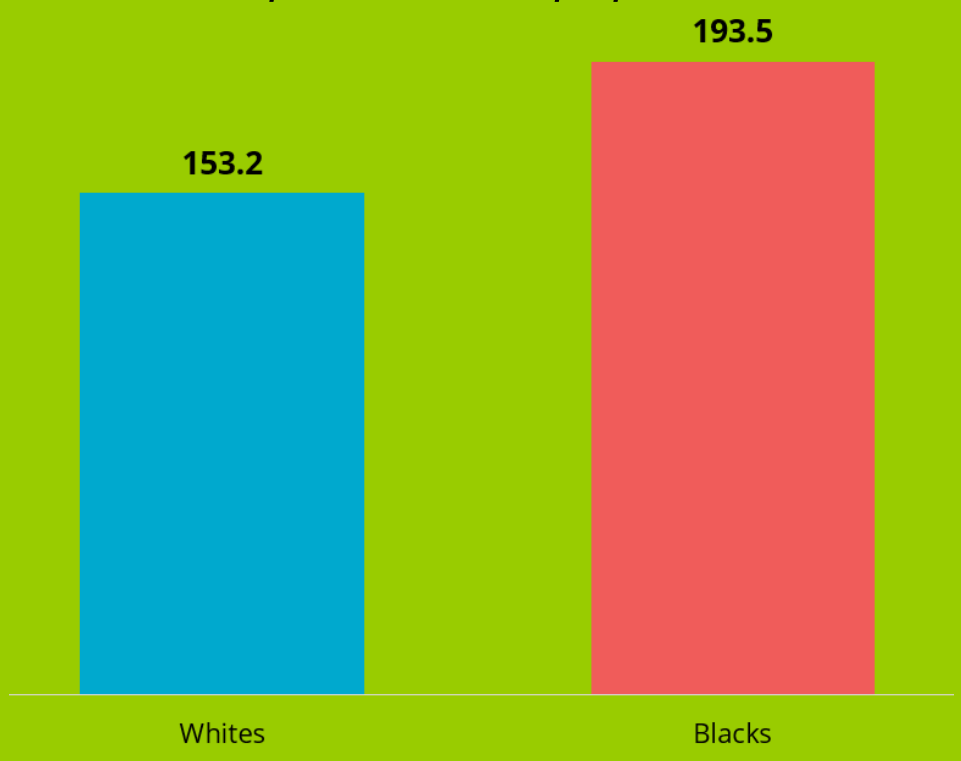
Percent of COVID-19 Related Hospitalizations, by Race



Blacks are hospitalized for COVID-19 at a higher rate than any other racial group.

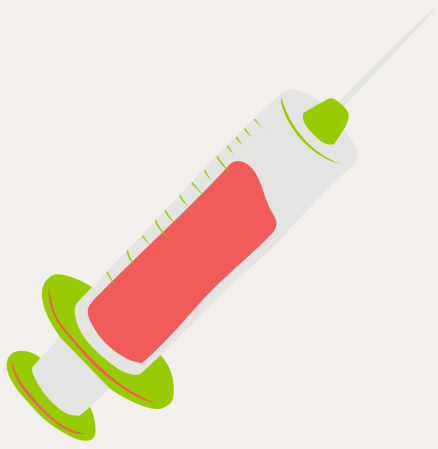
COVID-19 Deaths, by Race

Rate per 100,000 population



The death rate of Black individuals with COVID-19 was 26.3% higher than that of White individuals.

Summary



The burden of COVID-19 in South Carolina continues to weigh the heaviest on the Black community. Although they maintain high rates of testing, they still see the highest rates of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

It is important for all individuals to get vaccinated to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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