

Is Your Homelessness System Creating Disparate Outcomes?

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233 Users

175 Participating hmis programs

18028 Clients documented in 2017

11261 clients documented in 2018



Could we determine racial disparities in our system?

Does HMIS data reflect the current housing and income factors in our community?

If the homeless data was significantly different than the other community data, would we be able to determine the cause of that?

If the data is comparable, is that sufficient evidence that there is no disparity?

HMIS DATA

DOES HMIS DATA REFLECT THE CURRENT HOUSING AND INCOME FACTORS IN OUR COMMUNITY?

2017 HMIS Homeless and Placement Data

2017	Total	Black or African American	White	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Multiple Races	Hispanic
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Street Outreach	1902	1313	440	8	7	5	38	38
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Permanent Supportive Housing	2953	2171	634	15	5	5	69	55
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Rapid Rehousing	1562	1240	266	7	3	4	27	49
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Active Chronic Clients on By Name List

American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Asian	1%
Black or African American	71%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
White	27%

Point in Time

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total	
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven			
White	101	78	4	245	428	36%
Black or African-American	283	107	12	333	735	62%
Asian	2	1	0	3	6	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	1	1	7	13	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	5	5	0%
Multiple Races	0	0	0	1	1	0%



New Orleans Data

Population Demographics By Race

Race	Population	% of Total
Total Population	343,829	100
Black or African American	206,871	60
White	113,428	32
Hispanic or Latino	18,051	5
Asian	9,970	2
Some Other Race	6,459	1
Two or More Races	5,920	1
American Indian	1,047	Below 1%
Three or more races	689	Below 1%
Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	134	Below 1%

HOW IS NEW ORLEANS DOING?

Nearly half of all black families (47 percent) earn less than \$25,237 a year. The same was true for only 14 percent of white households.

Compared with white households, black households in New Orleans earned 63 percent less on the median. Hispanic households earned 47 percent less.

Nearly half of all African-American children live in poverty. That is true for only 9 percent of white children.

41 percent of black households in New Orleans own their homes, compared with 54 percent of white households.

More than half of all renters in New Orleans spent 35 percent of their income or more on housing in 2016. Nearly 60 percent of black residents in New Orleans rent.

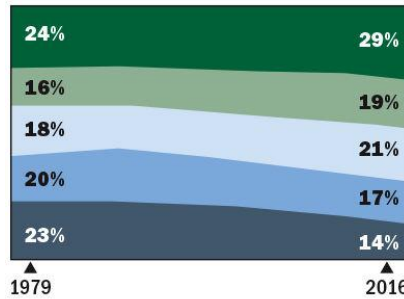
Source: Plyer , Allison, and Lamar Gardere. *The New Orleans Prosperity Index: Tricentennial Edition*, Data Center , 11 Apr. 2018, www.datacenterresearch.org/reports_analysis/prosperity-index/.

Income ranges, by race, 1979-2016

The share of white high-income households grew by 5 percentage points from 1979 to 2016 ...

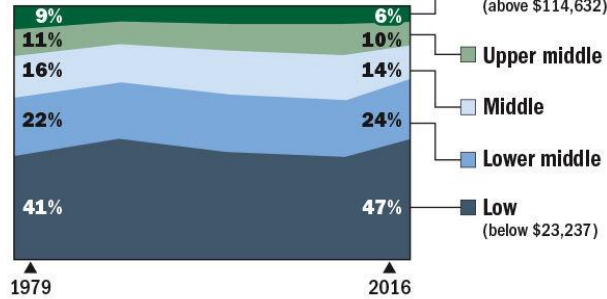
... while the share of black high-income households shrunk by 3 points over that same timeframe.

WHITE HOUSEHOLDS



Sources: Data Center; U.S. Census Bureau

BLACK HOUSEHOLDS



KEY:
 High (above \$114,632)
 Upper middle
 Middle
 Lower middle
 Low (below \$23,237)

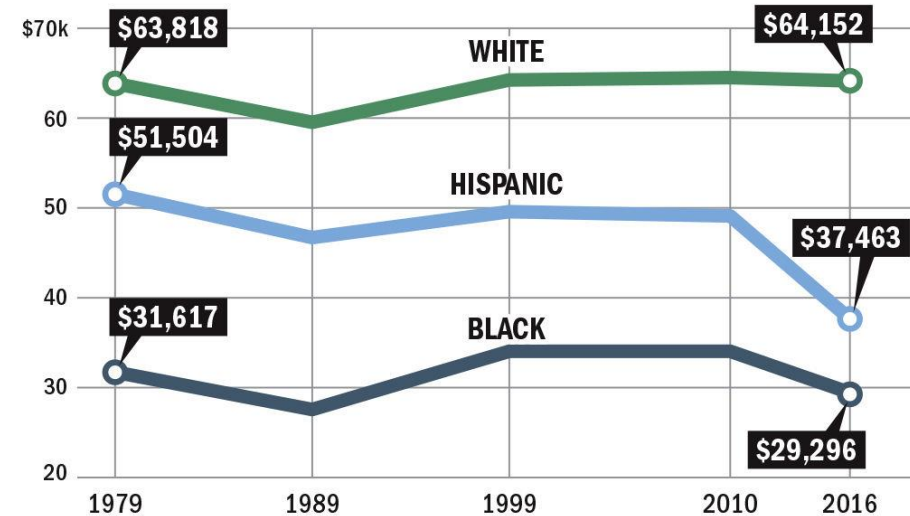
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Household income disparity by race

Since 1979, across the U.S. white household income has grown only six percent and black income has grown five percent after adjusting for inflation. In metro New Orleans, white income has held steady since 1979 – while black household incomes have actually fallen 7 percent.

Median household income, metro New Orleans, 1979-2016:

ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION



Sources: Data Center; U.S. Census Bureau

Advocate graphic

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Potential Areas to Identify Inequality

What percentage of white client population is transient?

How long have they been in New Orleans area?

Is that number large enough to affect services for current residents?

Is Outreach engaging areas of city where low income residents are located?

Any complications or aspects to the coordinated entry process that may discourage or minimize the effectiveness to certain parts of the population of the city?

Does ethnic make up of homeless services staff have an impact placement?

Potential Concerns and Challenges

Limited resources to collect data

Current required data for federal reporting and coordinated entry

Scope of data focused on outcomes that homelessness system can directly change