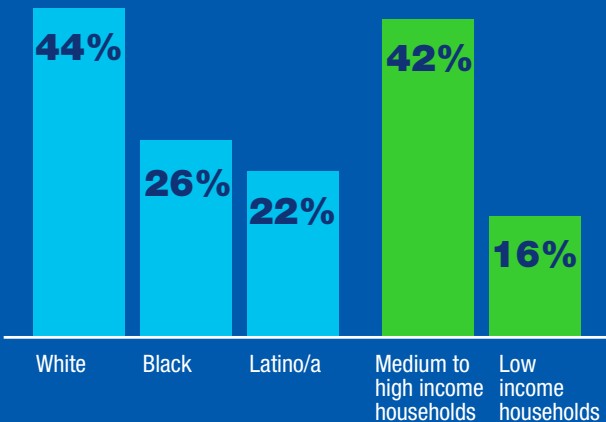


The COVID-19 Pandemic Magnified Inequities and Structural Racism in NYC

Existing Inequities in NYC Have Persisted During the Pandemic

After NYC shut down in March 2020, working from home was more available to White New Yorkers and people in higher income households.



Black New Yorkers (51%) were more likely than White New Yorkers (43%) to report job loss or working reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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COVID-19 Has Caused Financial Hardships That Differ by Race and Ethnicity

Due to financial difficulties caused by COVID-19, Latino/a and Black New Yorkers were **1.3 to 2 times more likely** than White New Yorkers to report being unable to:

- Pay rent or mortgage
- Pay for gas, oil or electricity bills
- Pay phone or internet bills
- Afford subway or bus fare
- Afford groceries



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Advancing Health Equity Requires Focused and Ongoing Efforts

The NYC Health Department created the Equity Action Plan, which uses anti-racist strategies and community-informed interventions to address structural inequities.

NYC is:

- Working with community partners to understand and address community needs
- Providing emergency food assistance
- Offering free legal assistance to people facing eviction



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