

# RACE COUNTS

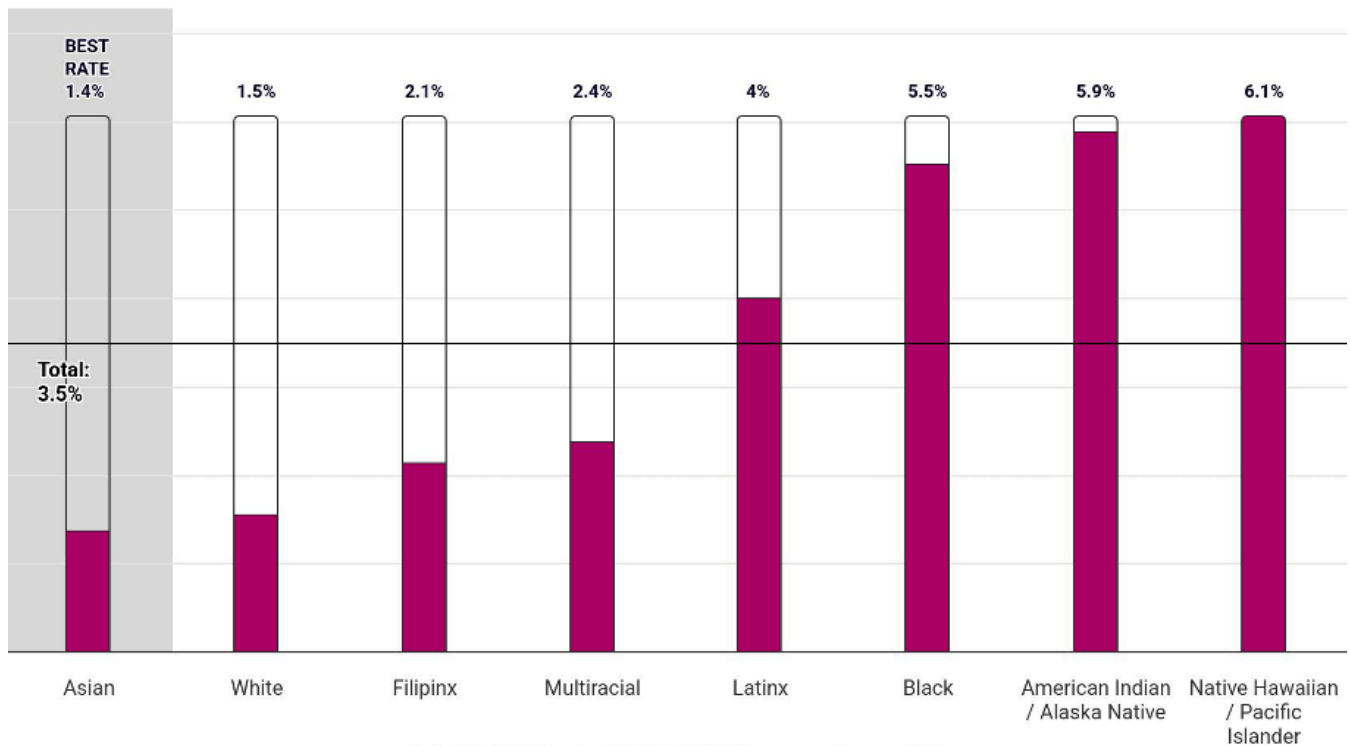
# RACE COUNTS 2024 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DATA SPOTLIGHT

## New LA County Data

RACE COUNTS, an initiative that uses race as the primary lens to understand inequity in California, has concluded RACE COUNTS 2024, an update of our yearly compendium of state data by race. Here we present a spotlight on Los Angeles County, highlighting findings in three issue areas of interest to our communities.

Our update shows that student homelessness remains a concern, mainly due to a years-long dearth of proper housing. New data show three-quarters of the nearly 48,000 students who lack stable housing are Latinx. Families of color are more likely to rent, so they suffer when landlords turn limited available units into condos or short-term rentals.

**HOUSING**  
Student Homelessness (%)  
Los Angeles County



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<https://www.racecounts.org/issue/housing/> (accessed November 4, 2024)  
Data Source: California Department of Education (2022-23)

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## Rankings

RACE COUNTS ranks outcomes and racial disparity levels, taking in all indicators, for the counties for which enough data exist. Ranking higher in disparity means there is a greater range of outcomes between racial groups. Ranking higher in outcomes means systems are working better. LA County rankings:

Disparity

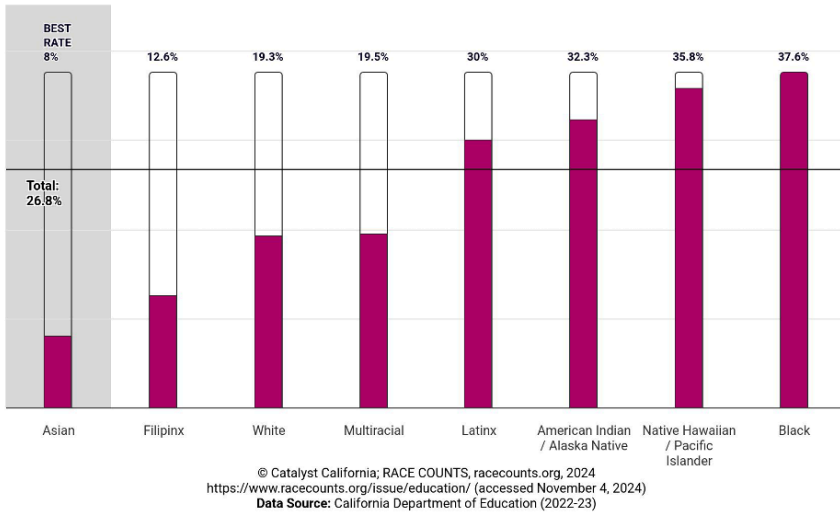
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Outcomes

45\*

\* Comparison does not include all counties. See website page for more detail.

**EDUCATION**  
Chronically Absent Students (%)  
Los Angeles County



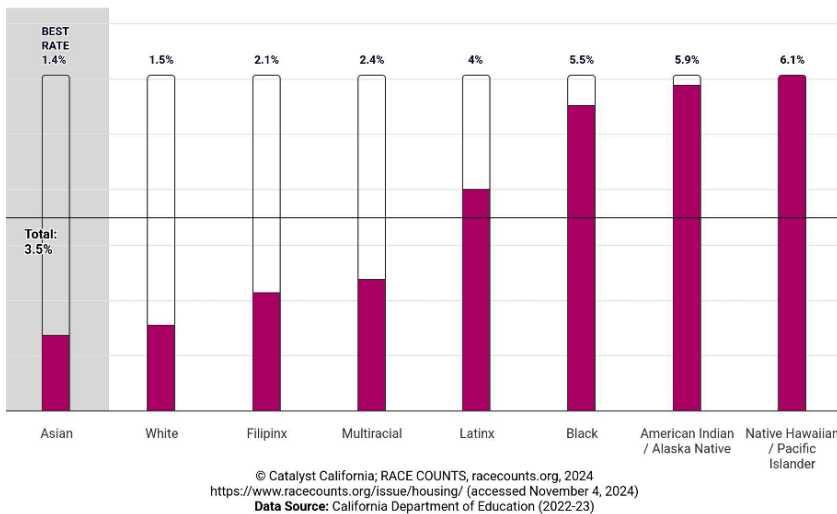
Our spotlight shows that, despite slight improvements, school absenteeism among students of color remains stubbornly high.

About 38% of Black students miss school too often—down from last year’s 43%, but still the highest of any group. Hawaiian /Pacific Islander students follow at 36%, also down from last year. Asian students had the best rate at 8%, slightly better than White students.

Even as rates improve, absenteeism remains higher than before the COVID-19 pandemic, and students face daunting barriers to get to school.

Rather than shore up help for students of color, LAUSD recently changed the Black Student Achievement Plan that focused on supporting Black student success, eliminating race as a factor in determining whom to help. This is a serious concern.

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## Our partners in the turnaround



Brotherhood Crusade is a 50-year old grassroots organization with a vision of improving quality of life and meeting the unmet needs of low-income, underserved, under-represented and disenfranchised individuals. They envision a South Los Angeles devoid of health disparities, disenfranchisement and poor health associated with poverty conditions.

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