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Health Legislative Staff Seminar: Achieving Affordable, Quality Health Care Systems

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Strengthening the Legislative Institution

https://healthsystemalliance.net/

Think to yourself and jot down a few notes:

○ What are the building blocks, or important components, of a health (care) system?

○ Which of those building blocks are in greatest need of improvement in your state?

Health Care Systems

"A health system consists of all the organizations, institutions, resources and people whose primary purpose is to improve health." (WHO)

Health Care in the U.S.

Financing

Physical and Mental Health

Access to Hospitals and Clinics

Workforce

Social Drivers of Health

Prevention

Broadband Access

Service Delivery

Market Consolidation

Access to Medicines and Treatments

Quality

Coverage Status

Adequacy of Coverage

Out of Pocket Costs

2022 Health Legislative Staff Seminar

Achieving Affordable, Quality Health Care Systems

Build

Build knowledge of various health system issues.

Exchange

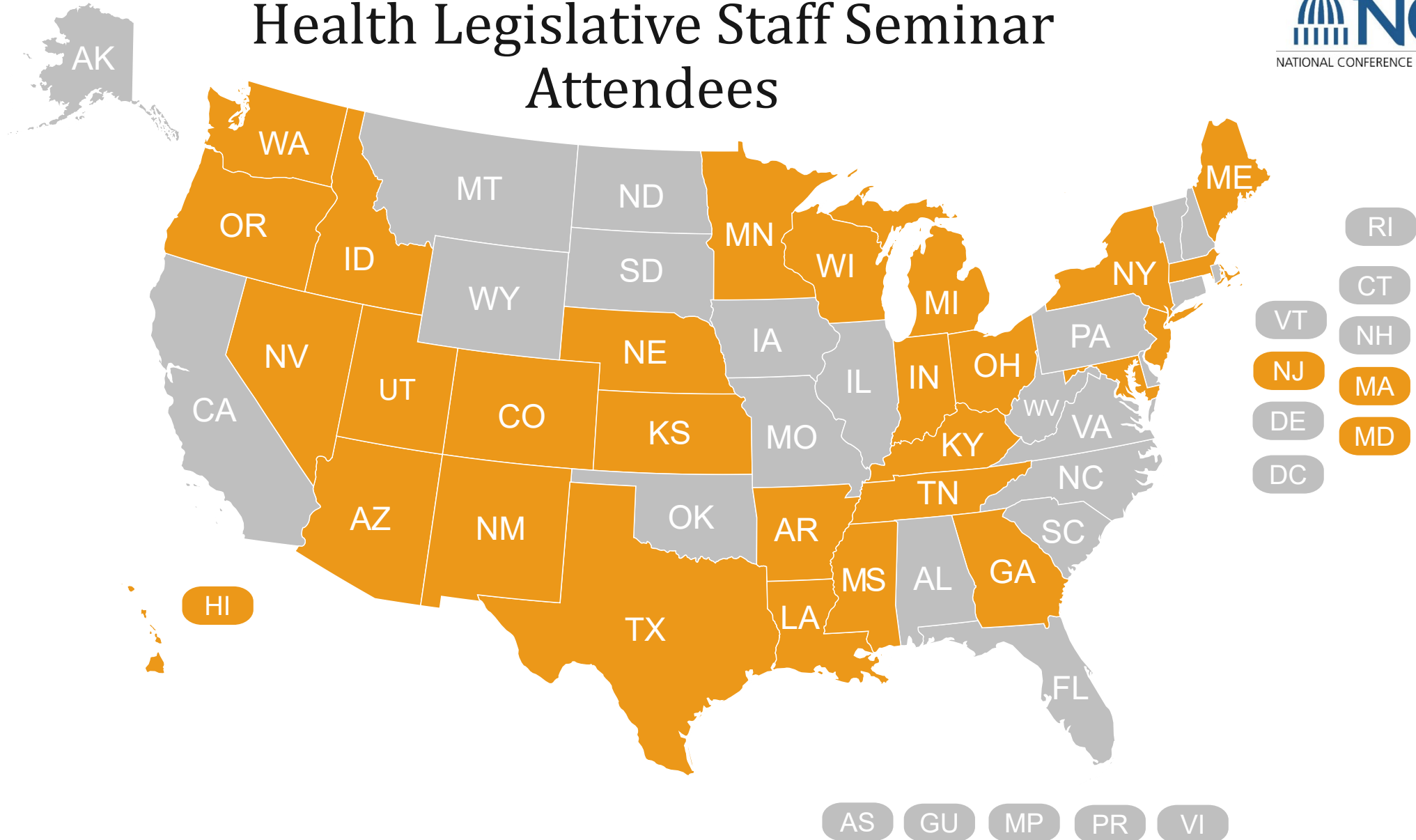Exchange policy options, successes and challenges of respective state efforts

Foster

Foster connections among your peers, NCSL staff and national experts

Apply

Consider how to apply what is learned here back in your states
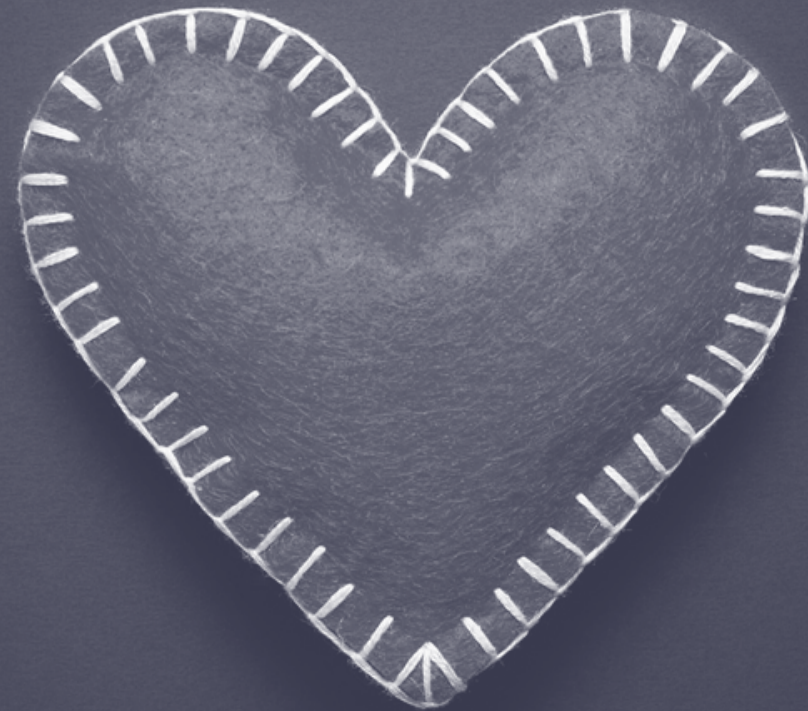
Health Legislative Staff Seminar Attendees

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Group Introductions

In 30 seconds or less, please share…

- Name, state, role

- One agenda topic you're excited to learn more about

- Your dream job!

Meet NCSL's new Health Director: Tahra Johnson
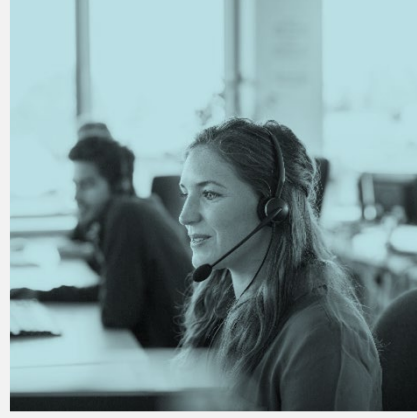
How NCSL Strengthens Legislatures

Policy Research

NCSL provides trusted, nonpartisan policy research and analysis

Connections

NCSL links legislators and staff with each other and with experts

Training

NCSL delivers training tailored specifically for legislators and staff

State Voice in D.C.

NCSL represents and advocates on behalf of states on Capitol Hill

Meetings

NCSL meetings facilitate information exchange and policy discussions

State Health Policy Issues

Health care access and coverage

Medicaid

Health costs, including prescription drugs

Public health, including maternal and child health

Behavioral health
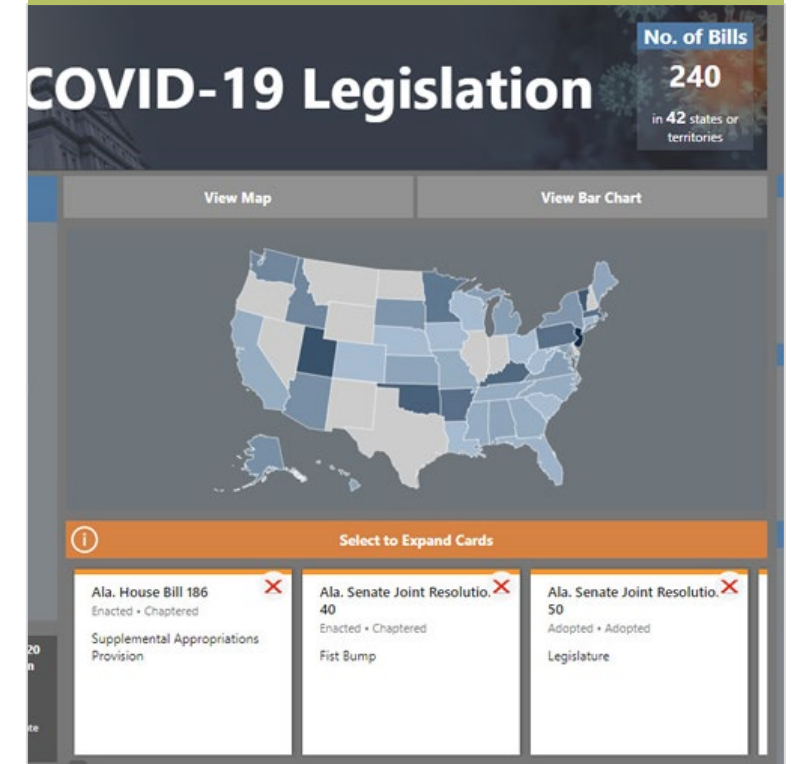
Education and Support

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Virtual education

Policy publications

Policy tracking and analysis

Matthew Bobo

VACCINE POLICY TOOLKIT

Introduction to Vaccine Policy for State Legislators

BY KATE BRADFORD AND TAHRA JOHNSON

COVID-19 Legislation

No. of Bills
240
in 42 states or territories

View Map

View Bar Chart

Select to Expand Cards

Ala. House Bill 186
Enacted • Chaptered
Supplemental Appropriations Provision

Ala. Senate Joint Resolutio. 40
Enacted • Chaptered
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Ala. Senate Joint Resolutio. 50
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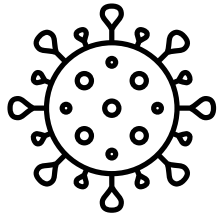
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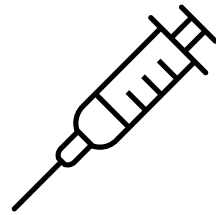
Example: COVID-19

2,000+ bills

Access and Coverage

Public Health and Vaccines

Appropriations

Workforce

**400+ bills**

COVID-19 Vaccine

Childhood Vaccines

Mandates and Requirements

TOPICS

- [ ] Infectious Disease: Syringe Service Programs
- [ ] Infectious Disease: Treatment and Prevention
- [ ] Public Health: Information and Reporting
- [ ] Public Health: Public Health Workforce
- [ ] Vaccines: Access
- [ ] Vaccines: Insurance and Workforce
- [ ] Vaccines: Other
- [ ] Vaccines: Registries and Reporting
- [ ] Vaccines: Requirements

STATES

- [ ] All States
- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
- [ ] Arizona
- [ ] Arkansas
- [ ] California
- [ ] Colorado
- [ ] Connecticut
- [ ] Delaware

KEYWORD	STATUS	BILL NUMBER	YEAR	AUTHOR
	All		2022	

Additional Opportunities for Support

- National Meetings
  - Legislative Staff Hub
  - Forecast '2023
  - NCSL's Legislative Summit
  - NCSL Convening on Outbreak Forecasting and Analytics
- Technical Assistance
  - Testify
  - Provide background materials
  - Research

Multi-State Health Policy Collaborative Meetings

Testify

Educational Seminars

National Meetings
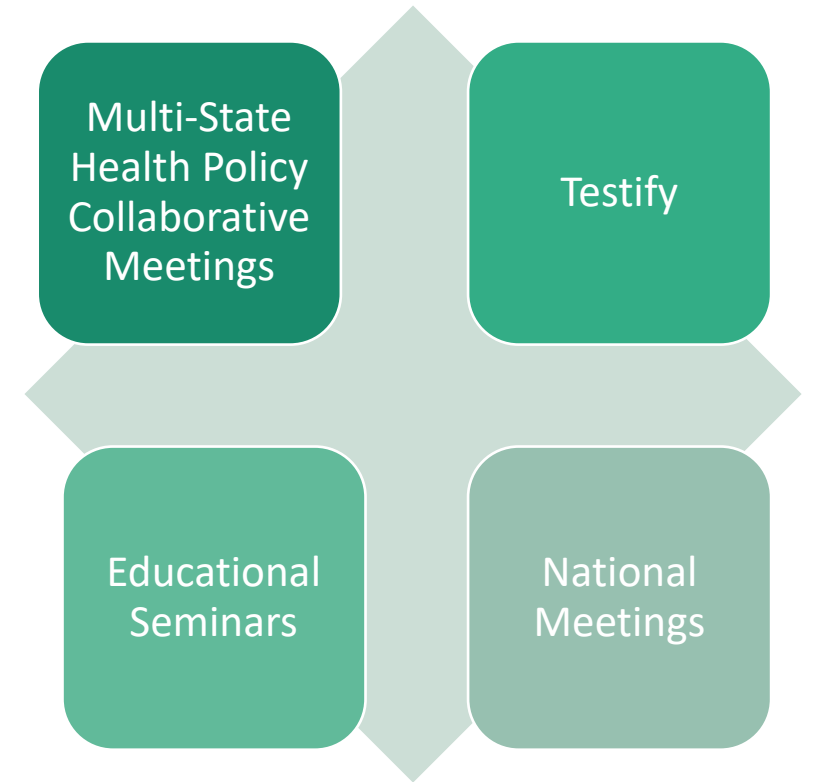
Reach out anytime!

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Achieving Affordable, Quality Health Care Systems: Health Legislative Staff Seminar

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Christina Ramsay, M.P.H.

Program Officer, Federal and State Health Policy

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We are a foundation dedicated to

Affordable, quality health care.
For everyone.

We support independent research on health care issues and make grants to promote better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency in health care, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including people of color, people with low income, and those who are uninsured.

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Our Program Areas

1. Delivery System Reform

2. Coverage and Access

3. Advancing Health Equity

4. Controlling Health Care Costs

5. Federal and State Health Policy

6. International Health Policy and Practice Innovations

7. Advancing Medicare

8. Tracking Health System Performance

9. Medicaid

New Short-Term Initiatives:

- Public Health

- Behavioral Health

- Climate Change and Health Care

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Our Resources

Publications

- Issue briefs
- State scorecards
- Case studies
- 101 explainers
- To the Point blogs
- International Health Care System Profiles

Data Centers

- Medicare Data Hub
- State Health Data Center

Surveys

- Biennial Health Insurance Survey
- International Health Policy Survey

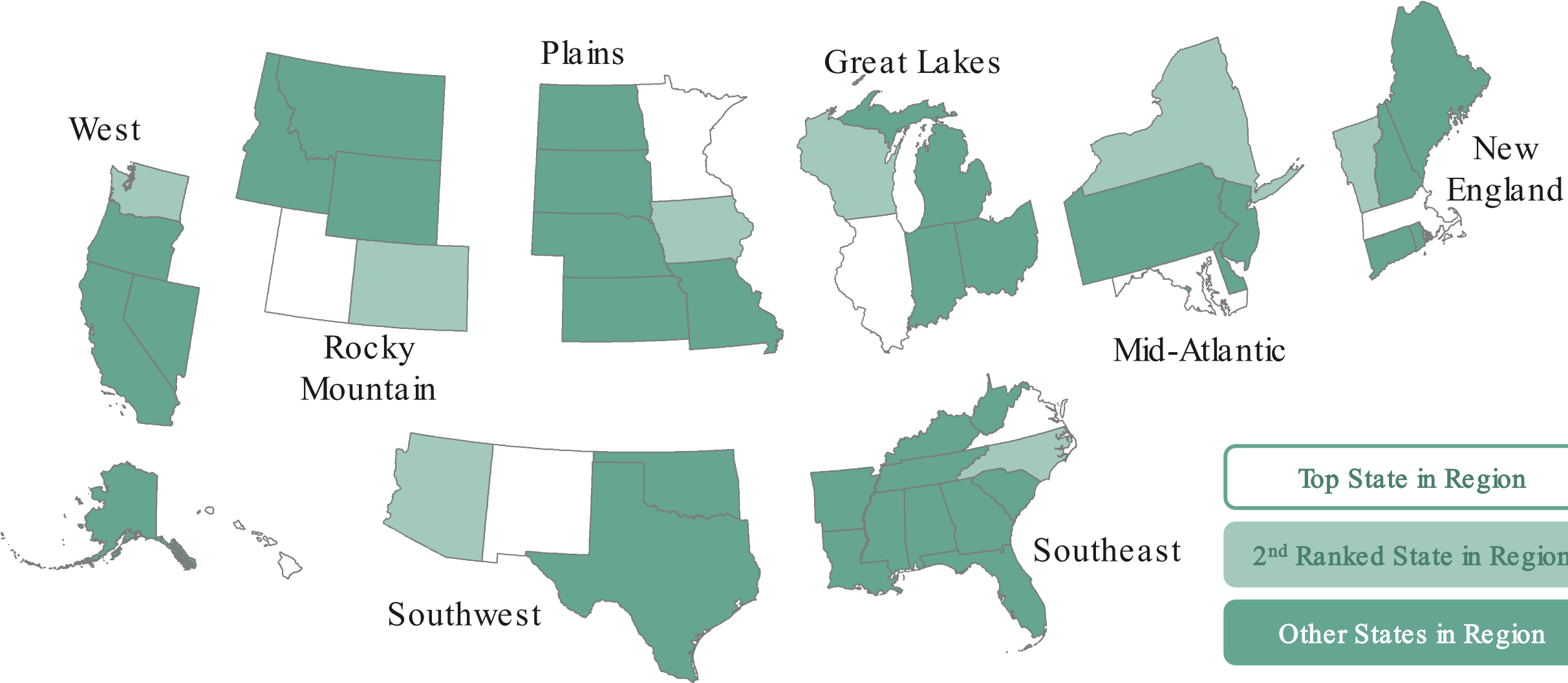## The Dose podcast

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2022 Scorecard on State Health System Performance

How did states do during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- **Five dimensions** (56 indicators)
  - Access and Affordability
  - Prevention and Treatment
  - Avoidable Hospital Use and Cost
  - Healthy Lives
  - COVID-19

- **Data**: publicly available sources including surveys, quality indicators, vital statistics, and mortality data

- **State-specific profiles** show change over time, as well as national & regional comparisons

State Health Care System Performance Varies Within Regions

West

Plains

Great Lakes

New England

Rocky Mountain

Mid-Atlantic

Southeast

Southwest

Top State in Region

2nd Ranked State in Region

Other States in Region

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Data from David C. Radley, Jesse C. Baumgartner, and Sara R. Collins, *2022 Scorecard on State Health System Performance: How Did States Do During the COVID-19 Pandemic?* (Commonwealth Fund, June 2022)

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Trend: More Improvement Than Decline Across Indicators

Improved
Worsened

23
INDICATORS IMPROVED
INDICATORS WORSENED
8

LA NH PA NV AR TN ME WV MS AL IN DE MT NJ ND KY RI VA MD GA ID MN NM FL SC UT CO NE SD MO OH WY CT NY DC TX CA MI VT WA AK IL AZ OK MA OR NC KS HI WI IA

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State Health Data Center

Explore health system performance and policy data through custom tables, graphs and maps
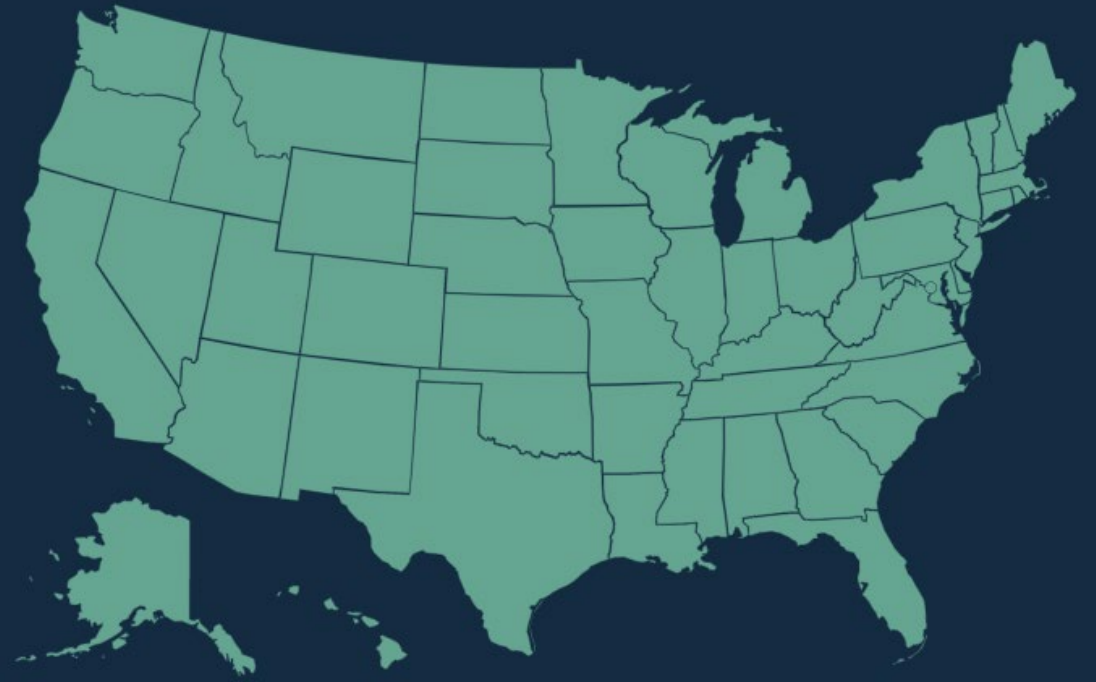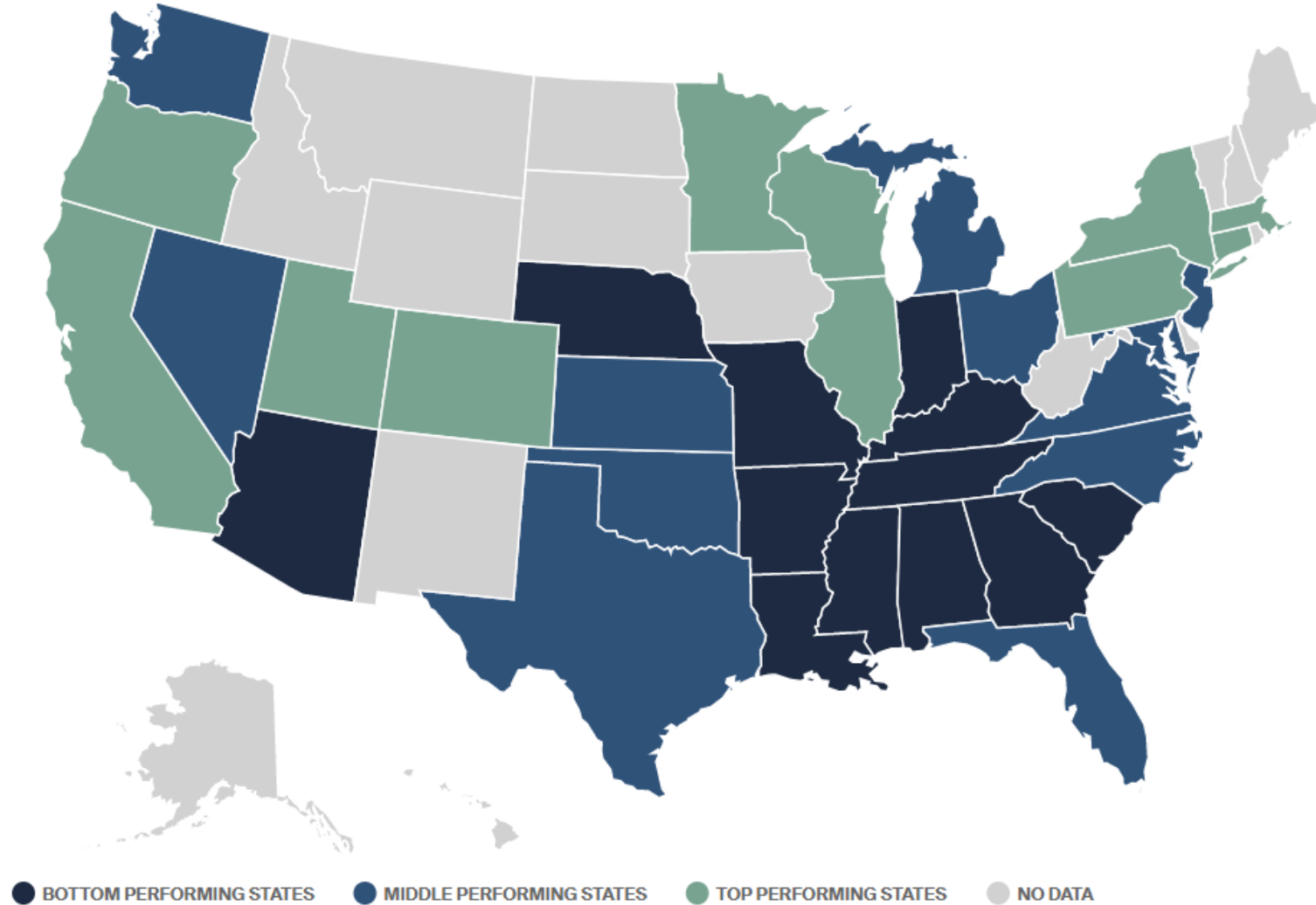

For more on health care in your state, visit:
www.commonwealthfund.org/datacenter

16 performance areas, including:

- Access to health care
- Consumer insurance & medical costs
- Mental health
- Women's health
- …

Maternal deaths while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, per 100,000 live births

● BOTTOM PERFORMING STATES ● MIDDLE PERFORMING STATES ● TOP PERFORMING STATES ● NO DATA

Data: CDC National Vital Statistics System (NVSS): WONDER | Source: The Commonwealth Fund

Total premium cost for employer-sponsored health insurance plans, as a share of state median income (%)

● BOTTOM PERFORMING STATES ● MIDDLE PERFORMING STATES ● TOP PERFORMING STATES ● NO DATA

Data: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Insurance Component (MEPS-IC) | Source: The Commonwealth Fund
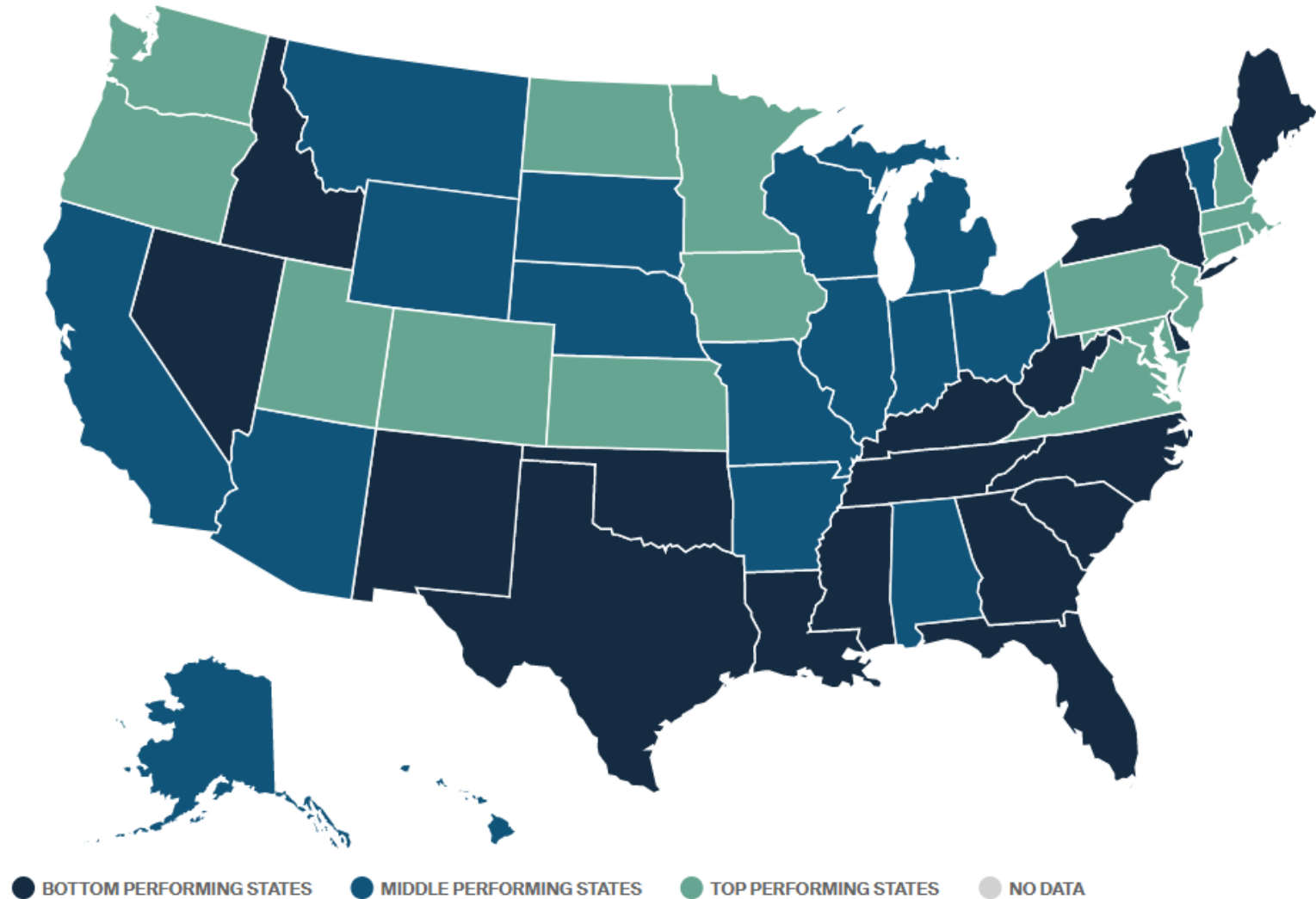
EXHIBIT 2

In most states where data are available, Black people and AIAN people are more likely than white people to die early in life from conditions that are treatable with timely access to high-quality health care.

Mortality amenable to health care, deaths per 100,000 population, by state and race/ethnicity

All ▾

Race/Ethnicity ● Black ● Latinx/Hispanic ● White ● AANHPI ● AIAN
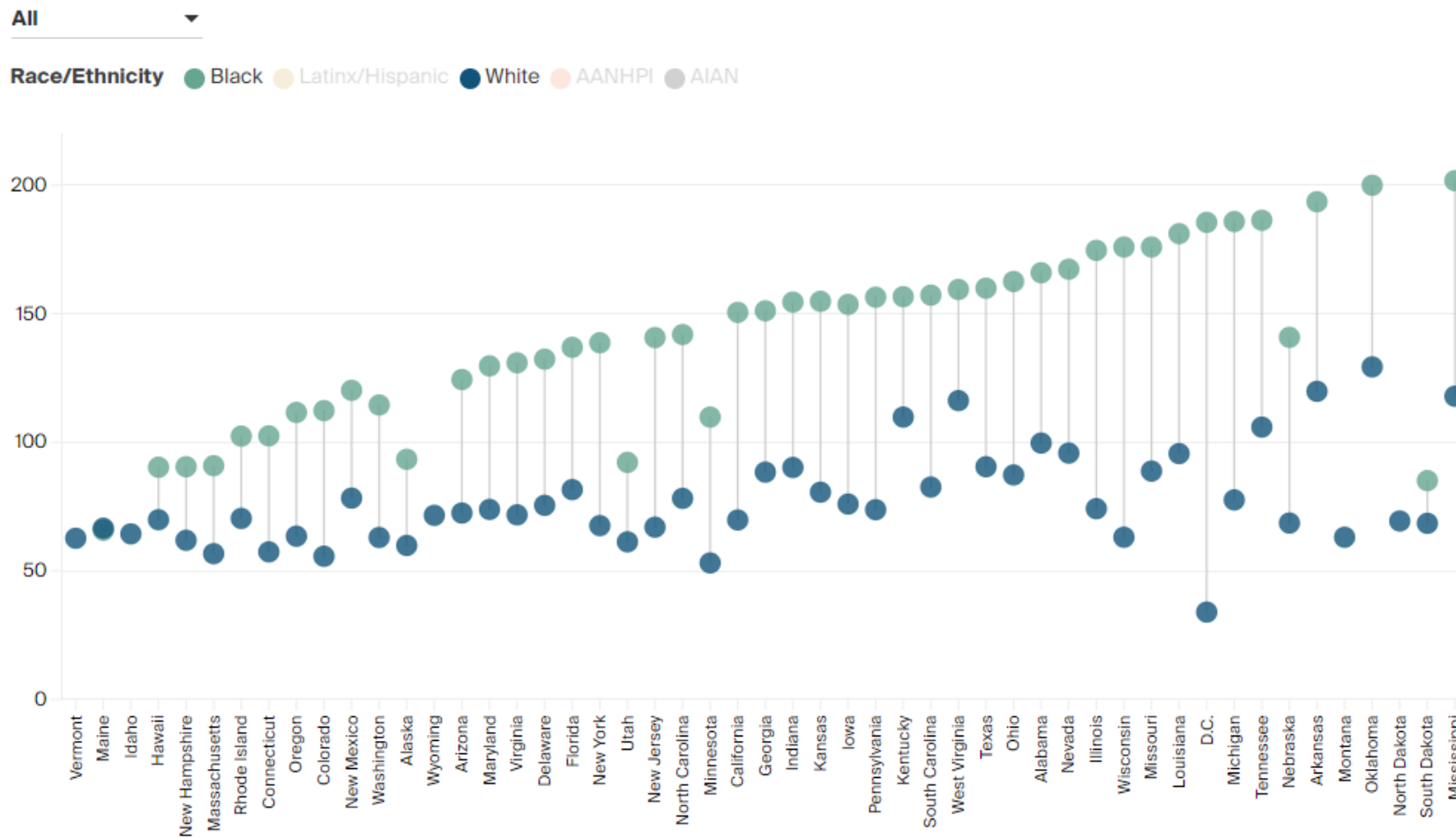
Notes: States arranged in rank order based on highest rate in each state. Missing dots for a particular group indicate that there are insufficient data for that state. AANHPI = Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander; AIAN = American Indian/Alaska Native.

Data: CDC, 2018 and 2019 National Vital Statistics System (NVSS), All-County Micro Data, Restricted Use Files.

Source: David C. Radley et al., *Achieving Racial and Ethnic Equity in U.S. Health Care: A Scorecard of State Performance* (Commonwealth Fund, Nov. 2021).