

Some Elements of Structural Racism in Tompkins County

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This document at:

<https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~franker/SURJ/FrankeOnePageStructuralRacismasTable.pdf>

African Americans compared to whites

Sources and Documentation

Characteristic

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• Are 4.3% of the County Population; whites are 81.2%	Table 3.1
• Have about half the income	Table 4.1
• Are 3 times as likely to be on food stamps	Table 4.2
• Are 1.5 to 3 times as likely to be unemployed (depending on the overall unemployment rate)	Table 4.3
• Twice as likely to depend on public transportation to get to work	Section 4.5
• Half as likely to own a home	Table 5.1
• 3 times as likely to be on a waiting list for public housing	Section 5.1
• Almost twice as likely to die before reaching age 75	Table 6.1
• Twice as likely to have low birth weight babies	Table 6.1
• Two and one-half times as likely to be hospitalized for asthma	Table 6.1
• Twice as likely to be hospitalized for diabetes	Table 6.1
• Twice as likely to be hospitalized for drug-related conditions	Table 6.1
• More likely than whites to suffer various additional medical disabilities	Table 6.1.1
• 85% as likely to graduate from Ithaca high school	Table 7.1
• More than 4 times as likely to be arrested and/or incarcerated	Section 13
• 3 times more likely to be on parole	Section 13
• More than twice as likely to be suspended from grades Pre-K to 5	Village at Ithaca
• More than 4 times as likely to be suspended from grades 6 to 12	Village at Ithaca
• 5 times as likely to NOT be registered to vote	Section 9
• More likely to donate blood	Section 9
• Are likely to have lower levels of interracial trust	Section 9

To get the details and the sources for additional information:

The list of white-black inequalities is derived from a report prepared for Ithaca SURJ on

**Structural Racism in Ithaca City and Tompkins County 2017:
Some Facts and Thoughts for Discussion in Our community**

The table and section numbers refer to the tables and sections in that report where full documentation as well as the exact numbers can be found

That report can be accessed at:

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Main sources include:

American Community Survey, U.S. Census
Cornell University Social Capital Consulting Group
Economic Policy Institute
Harvard Kennedy School
Institute for Policy Studies
Tompkins County Jail Assessment

New York State Community Action Association
New York State Department of Health. Office of Minority Health
Tompkins County Health Department
Tompkins County Office of Human Rights
Village at Ithaca

One-page summary of selected facts in graphic form available at:

<https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~franker/TompkinsCountyOnePageStructuralRacism.pdf>

Companion essay on [What Is Structural Racism?](#) at:

<https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~franker/FrankeWhatIsStructuralRacism.pdf>

For the data on graduation rates and suspension rates by race, go to the Village at Ithaca data for the Ithaca City School District:

<https://public.tableau.com/views/SampleERC10/Welcome?%3AshowVizHome=no>

The data on graduation rates and suspensions do not include the parts of Tompkins County that are outside the Ithaca City School District.