



## Health of Black New Yorkers by Country of Birth

Racial and ethnic groups are often treated as homogenous under the assumptions that differences in health outcomes within these groups are negligible and that race serves as an appropriate proxy for other important social determinants of health, such as poverty and education. However, Blacks in the United States constitute a heterogeneous group with a range of ancestries; in addition to US-born Blacks, other people classified as Black include immigrants to the United States from Africa and the Caribbean. Each of these groups can have a different prevalence for a number of chronic diseases.<sup>1</sup> This data brief highlights differences in risk factors for chronic disease and disease prevalence among four Black groups - US-born Blacks, Caribbean Blacks, African Blacks, and Other Blacks - in New York City (NYC) during the period 2010-2014. Since race, educational attainment, and income are often intertwined this brief also examines differences by socioeconomic status. While we cannot determine from our data the ancestry of US-born Blacks or the level of acculturation among foreign-born Blacks, this brief provides an overview of differences between these groups.

### Smoking:

- Adult US-born Blacks (22%) were more likely to be current smokers than Caribbean (6%), or Other Blacks (9%).
- While US-born Blacks were more likely to smoke than Whites (17%), Caribbean, African and Other Blacks were at least half as likely to be current smokers.
- The prevalence of smoking among US-born Blacks was similar to Whites (high SES: 14% vs. 13%; low SES: 31% vs. 28%, respectively). However, Caribbean and Other Blacks were less likely to smoke than Whites in both SES groups.

### Alcohol consumption:

- US-born Blacks were more likely to be current drinkers (53%) than Caribbean (44%) and African (34%) Blacks.
- All Black groups were less likely to be current drinkers than White New Yorkers (70%).
- This pattern is consistent within SES groups.
  - Among those with high SES, US-born Blacks were more likely to be current drinkers (66%) than Caribbean Blacks (56%). High SES Whites (85%) were more likely to be current drinkers than high SES US-born or Caribbean Blacks.
  - Among low SES Blacks, US-born Blacks were more likely to be current drinkers (50%) than Caribbean (43%) and African (23%) Blacks. However, there were no differences in the prevalence of current drinking between low SES Whites (46%) and US-born or Caribbean Blacks; only low SES African Blacks were less likely to be current drinkers than low SES Whites.
- While US-born Blacks (5%) were more likely to be heavy drinkers than Caribbean Blacks (2%), both groups were less likely to drink heavily than Whites (9%).

### Definitions

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**African Black:** a sub-Saharan African country reported as place of birth.

**Other Black:** persons who did not report the U.S., Caribbean or sub-Saharan African country as place of birth.

**Whites:** Non-Latino Whites

**Socioeconomic Status (SES):**

**High SES:** persons with at least some college and household annual income  $\geq$ 400% Federal Poverty level (FPL)

**Low SES:** High school graduate or less education and household annual income  $<$ 400% FPL.

**Current drinking:** having at least 1 alcoholic drink during the past 30 days

**Heavy Drinking:** an average of more than 2 drinks per day for men and more than 1 drink per day for women

### Data source

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### Reference

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## High Blood Pressure:

- US-born Blacks (38%) were more likely than Caribbean (35%) and African (30%) Blacks to have high blood pressure (hypertension).
- The prevalence of high blood pressure was higher among all Black groups than Whites (23%).
- Among high SES Black groups, there were no differences in the prevalence of high blood pressure. (US-born: 33%, Caribbean: 30%, African: 34%, Other: 30%). However, all Black groups were more likely to report hypertension than high SES Whites (20%).
- Among low SES Blacks, US-born Blacks were more likely to have high blood pressure than Caribbean and African Blacks (41% vs. 35% and 29%, respectively). With the exception of African Blacks, all other low SES Black groups were more likely to report hypertension than low SES Whites (28%).

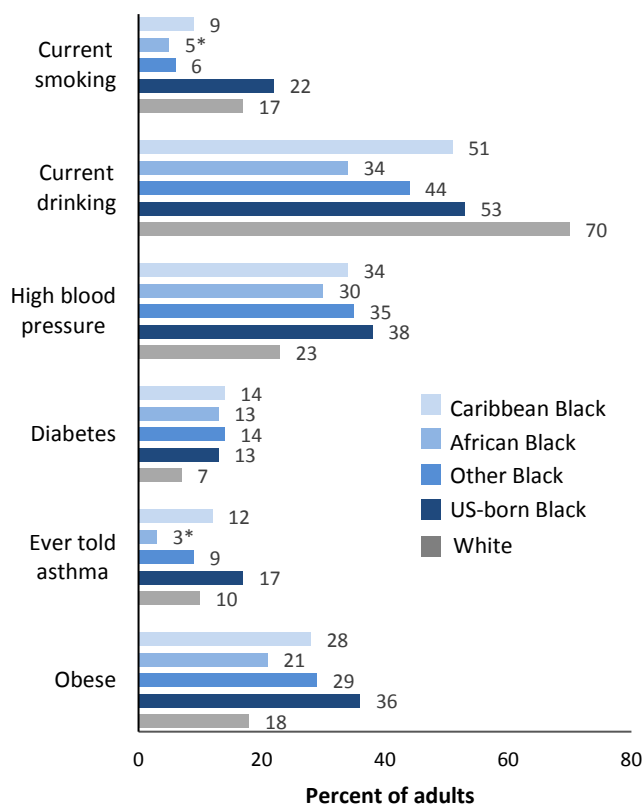
## Diabetes:

- There were no differences in the prevalence of diabetes between Black groups, however US-born (13%), Caribbean (15%), and Other (14%) Blacks were more likely to have diabetes than Whites (7%).
- Among low SES Blacks only Caribbean Blacks (17%) were more likely to report having diabetes than low SES US-born Blacks (13%).
- There were no differences in the prevalence of diabetes between high SES Black groups, however high SES US-born (8%), Caribbean (10%), and Other (14%) Blacks were more likely to report diabetes than high SES Whites (5%).

## Asthma:

- US-born Blacks (17%) had higher rates of asthma than other Black groups (Caribbean Blacks, 9%; Other Blacks, 12%) and Whites (10%).
- Among Blacks with high SES there were no differences between groups in the proportion with asthma. There were also no differences between Whites and all Black groups. However, low SES US-born Blacks (19%) were more than twice as likely as Caribbean Blacks (9%) and Whites (7%) to have ever had asthma.

## Prevalence of chronic disease risk behaviors and conditions by race, New York City, 2010-2014



Black and White race groups exclude Latino ethnicity.

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Source: NYC Community Health Survey, 2010-2014

## Obesity:

- US-born Blacks (36%) were more likely to be obese compared with Caribbean (29%), African (21%), and Other (28%) Blacks.
- US-born, Caribbean, and Other Blacks were more likely to be obese than Whites (18%).
- Both high and low SES US-born Blacks (high SES: 33%, low SES: 39%) were more likely to be obese than other Black groups within the same SES.
- High SES US-born (33%), Caribbean (23%), and Other (23%) Blacks were more likely to be obese than high SES Whites (13%); however, only low SES US-born Blacks (39%) were more likely to be obese than low SES Whites (29%).

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	Race group <sup>Ø</sup>	Percent	95% Confidence Interval	p-value (American Blacks vs. other Black ethnic groups)	p-value (Whites vs. Black ethnic groups)
<b>Smoker</b>					
Never	American Black	59.1	(57.3 - 60.8)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	86.5 U	(84.6 - 88.3)	<0.001	<0.001
	African Black	81.6	(73.3 - 87.8)	<0.001	<0.001
	Other Black	80.6	(75.5 - 84.9)	<0.001	<0.001
	White	54.6	(53.3 - 55.8)		ref
Current	American Black	22.0	(20.5 - 23.6)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	5.8	(4.5 - 7.3)	<0.001	<0.001
	African Black	5.5 D*	(2.9 - 10.2)	<0.001	<0.001
	Other Black	9.1	(6.2 - 13)	<0.001	<0.001
	White	16.6	(15.6 - 17.6)		ref
Former	American Black	18.9	(17.7 - 20.2)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	7.7	(6.5 - 9.0)	<0.001	<0.001
	African Black	12.9	(7.5 - 21.2)	0.083	<0.001
	Other Black	10.3	(7.1 - 14.6)	<0.001	<0.001
	White	28.9	(27.8 - 29.9)		ref
<b>Current Drinker<sup>1</sup></b>					
Yes	American Black	53.3	(51.5 - 55.2)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	44.2	(41.4 - 47.2)	<0.001	<0.001
	African Black	34.2	(28.0 - 41.0)	<0.001	<0.001
	Other Black	51.3	(45.3 - 57.3)	0.531	<0.001
	White	69.6	(68.4 - 70.7)		ref
No	American Black	46.7	(44.8 - 48.5)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	55.8	(52.8 - 58.6)	<0.001	<0.001
	African Black	65.8	(59.0 - 72.0)	<0.001	<0.001
	Other Black	48.7	(42.7 - 54.7)	0.531	<0.001
	White	30.4	(29.3 - 31.6)		ref
<b>Heavy drinker<sup>2</sup></b>					
Yes	American Black	4.9	(4.1 - 5.8)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	2.4	(1.6 - 3.7)	<0.001	<0.001
	African Black	^	---	---	---
	Other Black	3.7 *	(1.9 - 7.1)	0.371	<0.001
	White	8.9	(8.1 - 9.8)		ref
No	American Black	95.1	(94.2 - 95.9)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	97.6	(96.3 - 98.4)	<0.001	<0.001
	African Black	97.3	(92.2 - 99.1)	0.158	<0.001
	Other Black	96.3	(92.9 - 98.1)	0.371	<0.001
	White	91.1	(90.2 - 91.9)		ref

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<b>High Blood Pressure</b>					
Yes	American Black	38.1	(36.6 - 39.7)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	34.9	(32.7 - 37.2)	<b>0.019</b>	<0.001
	African Black	29.9	(25.1 - 35.2)	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.008</b>
	Other Black	34.0	(29.7 - 38.6)	0.086	<0.001
	White	23.0	(22.2 - 23.8)		ref
No	American Black	61.9	(60.3 - 63.4)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	65.1	(62.8 - 67.3)	<b>0.019</b>	<0.001
	African Black	70.1	(64.8 - 74.9)	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.008</b>
	Other Black	66.0	(61.4 - 70.3)	0.086	<0.001
	White	77.0	(76.2 - 77.8)		ref
<b>Diabetes</b>					
Yes	American Black	12.9	(11.8 - 14)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	14.5 D	(12.8 - 16.4)	0.128	<0.001
	African Black	12.8	(7.8 - 20.4)	0.987	0.055
	Other Black	13.8	(10.5 - 17.8)	0.632	<0.001
	White	6.7	(6.2 - 7.2)		ref
No	American Black	87.1	(86 - 88.2)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	85.5 U	(83.6 - 87.2)	0.128	<0.001
	African Black	87.2	(79.6 - 92.2)	0.987	0.055
	Other Black	86.2	(82.2 - 89.5)	0.632	<0.001
	White	93.3	(92.8 - 93.8)		ref
<b>Asthma<sup>3</sup></b>					
Yes	American Black	16.6	(15.3 - 18)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	8.6	(7.2 - 10.4)	<0.001	0.097
	African Black	3.2 *	(1.8 - 5.8)	<0.001	<0.001
	Other Black	11.6	(8.4 - 15.9)	<b>0.015</b>	0.447
	White	10.1	(9.4 - 11)		ref
No	American Black	83.4	(82 - 84.7)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	91.4	(89.6 - 92.8)	<0.001	0.097
	African Black	96.8	(94.2 - 98.2)	<0.001	<0.001
	Other Black	88.4	(84.1 - 91.6)	<b>0.015</b>	0.447
	White	89.9	(89 - 90.6)		ref
<b>Obese<sup>4</sup></b>					
	American Black	36.4	(34.6 - 38.2)	ref	<0.001
	Caribbean Black	28.7	(26.2 - 31.4)	<0.001	<0.001
	African Black	20.9	(16 - 26.9)	<0.001	0.369
	Other Black	28.4	(23.4 - 33.9)	<b>0.005</b>	<0.001
	White	18.4	(17.5 - 19.3)		ref

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	SES <sup>5</sup>	Race group	Percent	95% Confidence Interval	p-value (American Blacks vs. other Black ethnic groups)	p-value (Whites vs. Black ethnic groups)
<b>Smoker</b>						
Never Smoker	High	American Black	65.8	(61.8 - 69.7)	ref	<0.001
		Caribbean Black	88.1	(82.7 - 91.9)	<0.001	<0.001
		African Black	84.6	(74.0 - 91.3)	<0.001	<0.001
		Other Black	79.1	(67.6 - 87.3)	<b>0.014</b>	<0.001
		White	54.0	(51.9 - 56.1)		ref
	Low	American Black	50.9	(47.6 - 54.3)	ref	0.666
		Caribbean Black	81.7	(77.3 - 85.4)	<0.001	<0.001
		African Black	75.7 *	(60.9 - 86.2)	<0.001	<0.001
		Other Black	78.0 *	(66.3 - 86.4)	<0.001	<0.001
		White	49.8	(46.0 - 53.6)		ref
Current Smoker	High	American Black	14.2	(11.2 - 17.9)	ref	0.615
		Caribbean Black	3.4 *	(1.6 - 7.1)	<0.001	<0.001
		African Black	^	---	---	---
		Other Black	6.3 *	(3.0 - 12.8)	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.005</b>
		White	13.3	(11.7 - 15)		ref
	Low	American Black	30.7	(27.7 - 34)	ref	0.293
		Caribbean Black	8.2	(5.4 - 12.2)	<0.001	<0.001
		African Black	14.9 *	(7.5 - 27.3)	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.012</b>
		Other Black	15.2 *	(8.0 - 27.0)	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.012</b>
		White	28.1	(24.6 - 32.0)		ref
Former Smoker	High	American Black	19.9	(17.2 - 23.0)	ref	<0.001
		Caribbean Black	8.5	(5.3 - 13.3)	<0.001	<0.001
		African Black	12.5 D*	(6.5 - 22.5)	0.079	<0.001
		Other Black	14.6 *	(7.4 - 26.7)	0.289	<0.001
		White	32.7	(31.1 - 34.4)		ref
	Low	American Black	18.3	(16.1 - 20.8)	ref	<b>0.037</b>
		Caribbean Black	10.2	(7.9 - 13)	<0.001	<0.001
		African Black	9.4 *	(3.7 - 21.8)	<b>0.045</b>	<b>0.005</b>
		Other Black	6.8	(3.7 - 12)	<0.001	<0.001
		White	22.0	(19.6 - 24.8)		ref

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<b>Current Drinker<sup>1</sup></b>							
Yes	High	American Black	65.9	(61.8 - 69.7)	ref	<0.001	
		Caribbean Black	56.4	(47.9 - 64.6)	<b>0.046</b>	<0.001	
		African Black	53.6 *	(37.7 - 68.9)	0.149	<0.001	
		Other Black	60.3 *	(49.1 - 70.5)	0.348	<0.001	
		White	84.7	(83.4 - 85.9)		ref	
	Low	American Black	50.0	(46.6 - 53.3)	ref	0.154	
		Caribbean Black	43.4	(38.3 - 48.6)	<b>0.036</b>	0.388	
		African Black	23.0	(14.7 - 34.2)	<0.001	<0.001	
		Other Black	45.6 *	(34.6 - 57.1)	0.471	0.918	
		White	46.2	(42.3 - 50.1)		ref	
	No	High	American Black	34.1	(30.3 - 38.2)	ref	<0.001
			Caribbean Black	43.6	(35.4 - 52.1)	<b>0.046</b>	<0.001
			African Black	46.4 *	(31.1 - 62.3)	0.149	<0.001
			Other Black	39.7 *	(29.5 - 50.9)	0.348	<0.001
White			15.3	(14.1 - 16.6)		ref	
Low		American Black	50.0	(46.7 - 53.4)	ref	0.154	
		Caribbean Black	56.6	(51.4 - 61.7)	<b>0.036</b>	0.388	
		African Black	77.0	(65.8 - 85.3)	<0.001	<0.001	
		Other Black	54.4 *	(42.9 - 65.4)	0.471	0.918	
White	53.8	(49.9 - 57.7)		ref			
<b>Heavy drinker<sup>2</sup></b>							
Yes	High	American Black	6.5 D	(4.6 - 8.9)	ref	<0.001	
		Caribbean Black	^	---	---	---	
		African Black	0.0 ¶	(. - .)	<0.001	<0.001	
		Other Black	^	---	---	---	
		White	12.6	(11.1 - 14.2)		ref	
	Low	American Black	5.4	(3.9 - 7.3)	ref	0.640	
		Caribbean Black	2.5 D*	(1.1 - 5.2)	<b>0.024</b>	0.091	
		African Black	0.0 ¶	(. - .)	<0.001	<0.001	
		Other Black	^	---	---	---	
		White	4.8	(3.2 - 7.1)		ref	
	No	High	American Black	93.5 U	(91.1 - 95.4)	ref	<0.001
			Caribbean Black	94.4	(84.9 - 98)	0.798	<b>0.024</b>
			African Black	100.0 ¶	(. - .)	<0.001	<0.001
			Other Black	95.9	(88.2 - 98.7)	0.350	<0.001
White			87.4	(85.8 - 88.9)		ref	
Low		American Black	94.6	(92.7 - 96.1)	ref	0.640	
		Caribbean Black	97.5 U	(94.8 - 98.9)	<b>0.024</b>	0.091	
		African Black	100.0 ¶	(. - .)	<0.001	<0.001	
		Other Black	96.0	(88.6 - 98.7)	0.549	0.736	
White	95.2	(92.9 - 96.8)		ref			
<b>High Blood Pressure</b>							
Yes	High	American Black	33.0	(30.0 - 36.2)	ref	<0.001	
		Caribbean Black	30.0	(25.4 - 35.1)	0.315	<0.001	
		African Black	34.1	(25.5 - 43.8)	0.830	<b>0.003</b>	
		Other Black	30.2	(23.2 - 38.2)	0.496	<b>0.010</b>	
		White	20.1	(18.8 - 21.4)		ref	
	Low	American Black	41.3	(38.4 - 44.1)	ref	<0.001	
		Caribbean Black	35.4	(31.7 - 39.2)	<b>0.015</b>	<b>0.003</b>	
		African Black	29.5 D	(21.5 - 39.0)	<b>0.013</b>	0.805	
		Other Black	37.0	(29.5 - 45.1)	0.316	<b>0.041</b>	
		White	28.3	(25.8 - 31.0)		ref	
	No	High	American Black	67.0	(63.8 - 70.0)	ref	<0.001
			Caribbean Black	70.0	(64.9 - 74.6)	0.315	<0.001
			African Black	65.9	(56.2 - 74.5)	0.830	<b>0.003</b>
			Other Black	69.8	(61.8 - 76.8)	0.496	<b>0.010</b>
White			79.9	(78.6 - 81.2)		ref	
Low		American Black	58.7	(55.9 - 61.6)	ref	<0.001	
		Caribbean Black	64.6	(60.8 - 68.3)	<b>0.015</b>	<b>0.003</b>	
		African Black	70.5 U	(61.0 - 78.5)	<b>0.013</b>	0.805	
		Other Black	63.0	(54.9 - 70.5)	0.316	<b>0.041</b>	
White	71.7	(69.0 - 74.2)		ref			

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**Table 2. Prevalence of selected health risk behaviors and outcomes by country of birth and socioeconomic status among non-Latino Black adults, New York City, 2010-2014**

Source: NYC Community Health Survey 2010-2014

2010-2014 combined years analyses are weighted to the NYC adult residential population as per Census 2010 and the 2011-2013 American Community Survey.

Data are age-adjusted to the US 2000 Standard Population.

	SES <sup>5</sup>	Race group	Percent	95% Confidence Interval	p-value (American Blacks vs. other Black ethnic groups)	p-value (Whites vs. Black ethnic groups)
<b>Diabetes</b>						
Yes	High	American Black	8.3	(6.5 - 10.6)	ref	<b>0.001</b>
		Caribbean Black	10.4	(7.0 - 15.2)	0.366	<b>0.005</b>
		African Black	8.8 *	(3.6 - 19.9)	0.912	0.282
		Other Black	14.3	(7.8 - 24.8)	0.172	<b>0.023</b>
		White	4.6	(4.0 - 5.3)		ref
	Low	American Black	13.2	(11.5 - 15.1)	ref	<b>0.002</b>
		Caribbean Black	17.0	(14.1 - 20.3)	<b>0.039</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		African Black	14.8 *	(7.3 - 27.7)	0.757	0.285
		Other Black	17.8	(12.1 - 25.5)	0.185	<b>0.014</b>
		White	9.2	(7.6 - 11.2)		ref
No	High	American Black	91.7	(89.4 - 93.5)	ref	<b>0.001</b>
		Caribbean Black	89.6	(84.8 - 93)	0.366	<b>0.005</b>
		African Black	91.2	(80.1 - 96.4)	0.912	0.282
		Other Black	85.7	(75.2 - 92.2)	0.172	<b>0.023</b>
		White	95.4	(94.7 - 96)		ref
	Low	American Black	86.8	(84.9 - 88.5)	ref	<b>0.002</b>
		Caribbean Black	83.0	(79.7 - 85.9)	<b>0.039</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		African Black	85.2 *	(72.3 - 92.7)	0.757	0.285
		Other Black	82.2	(74.5 - 87.9)	0.185	<b>0.014</b>
		White	90.8	(88.8 - 92.4)		ref
<b>Asthma<sup>3</sup></b>						
Yes	High	American Black	12.8	(10.3 - 15.8)	ref	0.266
		Caribbean Black	9.8	(6.2 - 15.2)	0.262	0.602
		African Black	^	---	---	---
		Other Black	11.7 *	(6.1 - 21.5)	0.793	0.860
		White	11.0	(9.7 - 12.5)		ref
	Low	American Black	18.6	(16.1 - 21.4)	ref	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		Caribbean Black	8.7	(6.2 - 12.1)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	0.445
		African Black	^	---	---	---
		Other Black	12.5 U	(7.2 - 21)	0.100	0.151
		White	7.4	(5.6 - 9.6)		ref
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		African Black	92.4	(79.6 - 97.4)	0.227	0.403
		Other Black	88.3	(78.5 - 93.9)	0.793	0.860
		White	89.0	(87.5 - 90.3)		ref
	Low	American Black	81.4	(78.6 - 83.9)	ref	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		Caribbean Black	91.3	(87.9 - 93.8)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	0.445
		African Black	97.6	(87.4 - 99.6)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>0.035</b>
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		White	92.6	(90.4 - 94.4)		ref
<b>Obese<sup>4</sup></b>						
	High	American Black	33.2	(29.3 - 37.3)	ref	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		Caribbean Black	23.1	(16.4 - 31.4)	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.013</b>
		African Black	10.9 *	(5.5 - 20.3)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	0.502
		Other Black	22.5 U	(15.4 - 31.6)	<b>0.021</b>	<b>0.029</b>
		White	13.4	(12.1 - 14.7)		ref
	Low	American Black	38.7	(35.5 - 42)	ref	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		Caribbean Black	32.0	(27.9 - 36.4)	<b>0.015</b>	0.231
		African Black	24.8 *	(16.1 - 36.2)	<b>0.011</b>	0.471
		Other Black	24.7	(17.3 - 34.1)	<b>0.003</b>	0.388
		White	28.7	(25.5 - 32.1)		ref

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