

RACIAL SEGREGATION IN MINNESOTA

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A HOME IS MORE THAN SHELTER. It is a critical determinant of opportunity in our society. Housing location determines a person's access to educational opportunities, neighborhood services and amenities, fair insurance rates and tax benefits, and a safe and healthy environment. It also provides social status and a model for how a household should function, as well as a way of structuring economic, social, and political relationships.

The Institute on Race and Poverty generously provided data and background material for this fact sheet.

A home is the single largest asset for most Americans – 42% of net worth of all households consists of equity in their homes. Homeownership provides families with the means to invest in education, business opportunities, retirement, and resources for the next generation.

Racial disparities exist, not only in homeownership rates, but also in home values – even for people of equal income. For households earning between \$30,000 and \$74,999, the median home value is:

- \$129,200 for whites
- \$71,600 for African Americans
- \$92,100 for Latinos

In 1990 black homeowners received 18% less value for their homes than white homeowners in 1990. For each dollar of income, white homeowners owned \$2.64 worth of house and black homeowners owned only \$2.16 worth of house. This gap is called a “segregation tax” since it results primarily from a high degree of racial segregation in neighborhoods: the higher the degree of segregation, the wider the home value gap. Midwestern metro areas had the highest segregation tax. *Brookings Institution*

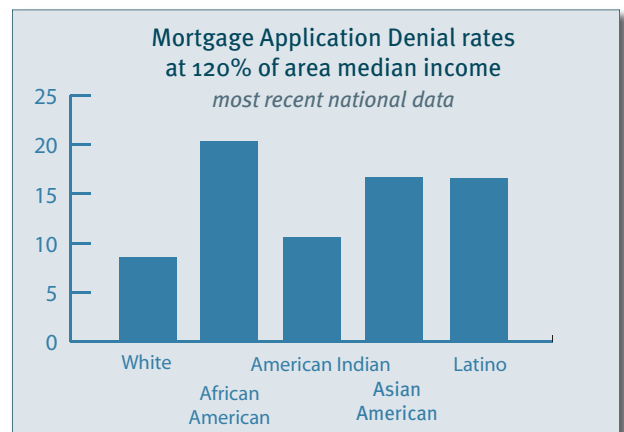
Home Location and Home Value

Low Income Housing Tax Credit recipients in 2002
Race of majority of recipients by community

Community	White	Black	Median Housing Value*
Brooklyn Center		x	\$107,000
New Hope		x	\$136,700
Minneapolis		x	\$128,600
Saint Paul		x	\$115,326
Hopkins	x		\$144,611
Maplewood	x		\$108,684
Mnettonka	x		\$184,422
Oakdale	x		\$133,200
Savage	x		\$167,000

* 2004 data

Mortgage applications are denied at higher rates for people of color than for whites of equal income.



SEGREGATION IN EDUCATION

A decreasing percentage of white students and a growing percentage of students of color are being educated in segregated school settings.

In 2003, Black and Hispanic 4th-graders were more likely than White 4th-graders to be in high-poverty schools (measured by the percentage of students eligible for a subsidized lunch) and less likely to be in low-poverty schools. The same is also true by school location: Black and Hispanic students were more likely than White students to be concentrated in the highest poverty schools in central city, urban fringe, and rural areas in 2003.

National Center for Education Statistics

Percentage by Race of Students Attending Segregated Schools

	National		Minnesota	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
white	59%	51%	89%	80%
black	74%	80%	35%	50%
latino	69%	78%	53%	61%
other	57%	59%	46%	57%

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Visit the following websites for more information and opportunities to get involved.

This resource list was compiled with assistance from The Saint Paul Foundation. Please visit their website, www.FacingRace.org, for additional links.

The Saint Paul Foundation

Facing Race is a multi-year campaign to positively change personal, organizational and institutional relationships about race and racism. Learn about and order *New Conversations about Race and Racism*, a tool for initiating a conversation about race with neighbors, friends, family members, coworkers, faith communities, civic and recreational clubs, and others in your community.

The website also features links to dozens of organizations working on race issues.

www.FacingRace.org

YWCA

The Minneapolis YWCA offers “unlearning racism” workshops, facilitated dialogues on race, and a leadership registry, which seeks to increase the number of women and people of color on boards of directors.

www.www.ywca-minneapolis.org

The Duluth YWCA organizes activities to eradicate and unlearn racism and has formed the Duluth Anti-Racism Coalition.

www.ywcaduluth.org

Visit www.ywca.org for additional local branches.

Rochester Diversity Council

This community organization works to create an inclusive community through education and activities. The Diversity Council offers Prejudice Reduction Workshops for K-12 school children and seminars and workshops for adults in both corporate and community settings.

www.diversitycouncil.org

CreateCommUNITY

An effort initiated by St. Cloud Mayor Larry Meyer to creating a more racially and culturally inclusive community. Supports work in education, business, government, health, and other areas to foster tolerance and inclusiveness.

www.createcommunity.info

NAACP

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

www.naacp.org

Minnesota Collaborative Anti-Racism Initiative

MCARI fosters participation in ongoing racial reconciliation among diverse communities by engaging Minnesota institutions in anti-racism education, training and organizing to strengthen the capacity to recognize and respond to systemic racism. MCARI is a program of the Minnesota Council of Churches, Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, and the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches.

www.mcari.org

Jewish Community Action

The Racial Justice Leadership Team conducts anti-racism workshops with adults and youth, and is developing a curriculum on racial and economic justice to use in partnership with Jewish educators.

www.jewishcommunityaction.org

Minnesota Minority Education Project

A nonprofit working to increase the success of Minnesota students of color. Available online: the annual *State of Students of Color* report.

www.mmep.org

Minnesota Department of Minority and Multicultural Health

A state department for strengthening the health and wellness of racial/ethnic, cultural and tribal populations of Minnesota.

www.health.state.mn.us/ommh/index.html

Council on Crime and Justice

The Council's Racial Disparity Initiative combines research, demonstration, and advocacy to achieve policy changes to reduce the racial disparities in Minnesota's justice system.

www.racialdisparity.com

PBS

Link to *Race: Power of an Illusion*, the on-line companion to California Newsreel's 3-part documentary about race in society, science, and history. Available on-line are background articles and commentaries from a variety of sources, interactive quizzes, and a teacher's guide.

www.pbs.org/race