# Concern grows that COVID-19 disproportionately impacts minorities 

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## Less than one in five black workers and roughly one in six Hispanic workers are able to work from home

Share of workers who can telework, by race and ethnicity, 2017-2018


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Job Flexibilities and Work Schedules - 2017-2018 Data from the American Time Use Survey

## Change in movement in metro areas w/ high income disparities

Bridgeport-Stamford, Conn.


Source: The New York Times, April 3, 2020 article, 'Location Data Says It All: Staying at Home During Coronavirus Is a Luxury

Change in median distance traveled, March 23-27
Circles are sized by county population


Source: Reuters, April 2, 2020 article, "The social distancing of America"
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People are dying. People are walking off the job because it's just too much. I was just doing my job and going in every day to make ends meet to take care of my family. Now I can't even be around my family."

- Francene Bailey, certified nursing assistant

COVID-related deaths for every 100,000 residents


## What the data doesn't tell us?

- Testing rates
- Hospitalization rates
- Demographics of everyone who has tested positive, or died after contracting the virus

CT residents with COVID-19 for every 100,000 residents

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If we don't have this information, how can we make the appropriate decisions to prepare our communities accordingly?"

- Scot R. Esdaile, Connecticut NAACP President
"As the number of infected patients increases drastically, patient identification and access to testing options is paramount. Unfair rationing within distinct neighborhoods may be directly relevant to patient access to professional care during this time," a summary of the research concluded.





## A window into requests for health care behind bars

Outcomes based on a handwritten "yes" or "no" on the 707 requests made by prison doctors during October 2017. Officials believe that the notes reflect
if services were approved or denied, but can't say for sure.


