

2015 STATE OF BLACK AMERICA®

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Education, Jobs + Justice

THE 2015 EQUALITY INDEX OF BLACK AMERICA IS...

72.2%

Rather than having a whole pie (100%), which would mean full equality with Whites, African Americans are missing about 28% of the pie. This compares to a revised 2014 index of 71.5 percent.

57.6 percent of Black freshmen graduate high school in **Nebraska**, compared to 88.8 percent of Whites.



However, in **Vermont**, Blacks are more likely to graduate high school

There, 100 percent of Black freshmen graduate from high school, compared to 89.9 percent of Whites. This also happened in **Maine, Arizona and North Dakota**, which all have small black populations.

Toledo, OH is the metro area with the highest Black unemployment

Its Black unemployment rate was 23 percent when the index was derived, even though the Black-White Unemployment Gap is relatively low



however...

THE EQUALITY GAP VARIES BY LOCALE & CRITERIA



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Among DC 4th graders, 14.7 percent of Blacks, 76.6 percent of Whites and 22.8 percent of Hispanic students tested at or above proficient in reading. The smallest Black-White reading proficiency gap was in **Hawaii**, where the index was 81 percent. **Wisconsin** has the largest Grade 4 proficiency gap in math



Among **Wisconsin** 4th graders, 12.1 percent of Black students and 56.9 percent of White students tested at or above proficiency in math. **Washington, DC** is home to the largest Grade 4 reading proficiency gap Black-White Income Equality is highest in the **Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA** metro area



There, the median Black household has 71 cents for every dollar of median white household income.

U.S. DOT Secretary

Anthony Foxx:

"Build a transportation system that reflects not our past – but our brightest ideals"

Sacramento Mayor

Kevin Johnson:

"Demonstrate the value of Black lives through quality education"

EXPERTS

HAVE THE SOLUTIONS TO

SAVE OUR CITIES

Civil Rights Lawyer

Benjamin Crump:

"Pass the Grand Jury Reform Act of 2014"

Radio One CEO

Alfred Liggins:

"African-American business ownership will save our communities"

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