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African American Affairs Division

ABOUT THE DIVISION

The African American Affairs Division examines and addresses socio-economic issues affecting the state's African American community. Those issues include economics, education, health, criminal justice and human rights. The division is vital in helping the Commission achieve its mission of providing constructive solutions and approaches to support the policy and socio-economic development of ethnic minority communities.

DID YOU KNOW?



POPULATION

27%

Individuals identifying as African American alone comprised 27.2% of South Carolina's population, making them the most numerous minority group in the state. (Source: American Community Survey, 2013-2017, DP05, Demographic and Housing Estimates)



INCARCERATION

96%

African American males comprised 96% of all non-White males admitted into South Carolina correctional facilities in the 2017 fiscal year. (Source: S.C. Department of Corrections. Distribution of Committing County for Inmates Admitted FY 2017)



AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES

46%

of African American family households contained a married couple. (Source: American Community Survey, 2012-2016, B11001B, Household Type)



RACIAL INCOME GAP

\$0.57

In 2017, the African American median household income in South Carolina was \$31,960. African Americans make about 57 cents for every dollar made by South Carolina's majority population. (Source: American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, B19013A-B: Median Household Income by Race)



INFANT MORTALITY & HEALTH DEPRIVATION

2x

African Americans and other minorities are 2.14 times more likely to experience the death of an infant than non minority South Carolina citizens. (Source: South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control Mortality and Morbidity Statistics, 2016)



EDUCATION

2.5%

In 2017, the overall dropout rate for South Carolina students was 2.4%. At a rate of 2.5%, African American student dropout was comparable to the overall dropout rate. (Source: South Carolina Department of Education. Report on Student Dropout Rates 2016-2017)