24.4% of South Florida's population is Black — over 1.2 million people.

This week, we will be using our platform to identify some of the racial disparities in our community.
Broward County has the largest number of Black residents in South Florida – nearly 550,000 residents.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 1-Year Estimates, 2018
II. Income

$38,015
Black households, Miami-Dade

$56,527
White households, Miami-Dade

$18,5112
Household income difference between white and Black households, Miami-Dade

Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 1-Year Estimates, 2018
Across South Florida, the Black poverty rate is between 2.7% and 9.3% higher than the Hispanic/Latino poverty rate.
Black residents of both sexes in Miami-Dade have similar median annual incomes, though they make less than both white residents and Hispanic or Latino residents.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 1-Year Estimates, 2018
Miami-Dade has the largest gap between white and Black high school graduation rates in South Florida — a 12.3% difference. It also has the lowest Black graduation rate (79.5%) in the tri-county area.

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Source: FL DOE Florida's High School Cohort 2018-19 Graduation Rate
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Unemployment Rate in the US

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Source: APM Research Lab (The Color of Coronavirus) May 26
In the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, about 17 million whites and 4 million African Americans reported having used an illicit drug within the last month.

African Americans and whites use drugs at similar rates, but the imprisonment rate of African Americans for drug charges is almost 6 times that of whites.

African Americans represent 12.5% of illicit drug users, but 29% of those arrested for drug offenses and 33% of those incarcerated in state facilities for drug offenses.

Source: NAACP, 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

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1 in 92
Black residents arrested for drug/narcotics in Miami-Dade in 2018

1 in 363
White residents arrested for drug/narcotics in Miami-Dade in 2018

*Arrest data is not available by ethnicity, including Hispanic/Latino

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement 2018, US Census 2018
While about 18% of Miami-Dade's population is Black — they represented over 42% of all adult arrests in the county in 2018.
There is a disproportionate arrest rate of juvenile Black residents in Miami-Dade. 16 in 100 Black residents aged 15-17 were arrested in 2018, but only 4 in 100 Hispanic/Latino residents and 2 in 100 white residents were arrested.
Miami-Dade Juvenile Arrests by Race/Ethnicity

White juvenile arrests in Miami-Dade, age 15-17:

Hispanic/Latino juvenile arrests in Miami-Dade, age 15-17:

Black juvenile arrests in Miami-Dade, age 15-17:

Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice; 2018 US Census ACS 1-Year Estimates
A disproportionate number of inmates in the state of Florida are Black, 47%, though Black residents make up just 16.9% of the total population.