

## Measurable Gaps Between People Groups

### Education:

- Average SAT scores for high school students in 2009 out of a possible 2400 points, were 1623 for Asian's, 1581 for White's, 1362 for Hispanic's and 1276 for Blacks.<sup>1</sup>
- Whites, 25 years old or older are almost twice as likely to have acquired a bachelor's degree or more education, than blacks 30.6% vs. 17.6%.<sup>2</sup>
- Blacks 25 years old or older, on the other hand are almost twice as likely to not have graduated from high school, 19.4% vs. 10%.<sup>3</sup>

### Financial:

- 1994 median income of blacks was 62% of that of whites and has shown little progress since 1967 when the ratio was 59%.<sup>4</sup>
- The median income for White households was \$50,622 in 2005, vs. \$30,939 for Black households, \$36,278 for Hispanic households and \$60,367 for Asian households.<sup>5</sup>
- 1995 median net worth (assets minus debts) is just 8% of that of whites \$43,800 vs. \$3700.<sup>6</sup>
- Median Net Worth of college educated Whites was nearly \$20,000 vs. college educated Blacks at \$175.<sup>7</sup>
- The poverty rate for White residents was 8.3% in 2005, vs. 24.9% for Black residents, 21.8% for Hispanic residents and 11.1% for Asian residents.<sup>8</sup>
- Children under the age of 18, living below the poverty level in 2003 were 9.8% White vs. 34.3% Black.<sup>9</sup>
- 37.1% of Black full time employees over age 15 in 2003 earned less than \$25,000, as compared to 23.1% of White full time employees.<sup>10</sup>
- 43.4% of Black households in 2003 earned less than \$25,000, as compared to 25.5% of White households.<sup>11</sup>
- Unemployment for Black men over age 16 was 10.7% as of 2004, as compared to White men at 5.1%.<sup>12</sup>
- 75% of White households in 2005 owned their own homes as compared to 46% of Black households and 48% of Hispanic households.<sup>13</sup>
- 39.1% of White employed persons worked in managerial and professional jobs as compared to 26.8% of Black employed persons.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-08-25-SAT-scores\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-08-25-SAT-scores_N.htm), accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab7.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab7.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>4</sup> *Divided by Faith*, by Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith, p 12, Oxford University Press 2000.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/11/14/national/main2179601.shtml>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>6</sup> *Divided by Faith*, by Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith, p 13, Oxford University Press 2000.

<sup>7</sup> *Divided by Faith*, by Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith, p 94, Oxford University Press 2000.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab16.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab16.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab13.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab13.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab10.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/11/14/national/main2179601.shtml>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab11.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

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### Health:

- Blacks represented 17% of live births in 2005 and yet accounted for 37.5% of all abortions.<sup>15</sup>
- The percentage of women in 2002, using some form of birth control were Black 57.6% vs. White 64.6%.<sup>16</sup>
- A 1989 study reveals that Whites were 89% more likely to be given coronary by pass surgery than Blacks.<sup>17</sup>
- Black babies die at a rate over twice the frequency of White babies.<sup>18</sup>
- Black mothers are four times as likely to die during child birth as White mothers.<sup>19</sup>
- Incidents of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome at birth between 1981-91, for Black babies was nearly 8 times that of White babies at birth.<sup>20</sup>
- Blacks represented 15% of the total population in 2007, but 47% of the HIV cases reported.<sup>21</sup>

### Family:

- 44.4% of Blacks have never married as compared to 24.9% of Whites.<sup>22</sup>
- Married couple households make up 46.5% of total Black families vs. 81.8% of White families.<sup>23</sup>
- Female headed households make up 44.7% of total Black families vs. 13.2% of White families.<sup>24</sup>
- Married couple families living below the poverty level in 2003 were 7.8% Black vs. 3.6% White.<sup>25</sup>
- Female headed families living below the poverty level in 2003 were 36.9% Black vs. 20.4% White.<sup>26</sup>
- Married couple families owning their own home as opposed to renting in 2003 were 72.6% Black vs. 88.7% White.<sup>27</sup>
- Female headed families owning their own home as opposed to renting in 2003 were 36% Black vs. 62.3% White.<sup>28</sup>
- 68.5 % of Black births came out of wedlock in 2000, vs. 27.1% of White births and 42.7% Hispanic births.<sup>29</sup>
- Blacks represented 15% of the total population in 1994, but receive 37.2% of the welfare dollars.<sup>30</sup>
- 46.5 % of welfare recipients in 1994 collect benefits for two years or longer.<sup>31</sup>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/2010/tables/10s0100.xls>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/2010/tables/10s0097.pdf>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>17</sup> *Divided by Faith*, by Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith, p 14, Oxford University Press 2000.

<sup>18</sup> *Divided by Faith*, by Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith, p 14, Oxford University Press 2000.

<sup>19</sup> *Divided by Faith*, by Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith, p 14, Oxford University Press 2000.

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/ProductsPubs/DatatoAction/pdf/Chlt8.pdf>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>21</sup> [http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/slides/race-ethnicity/slides/race-ethnicity\\_3.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/slides/race-ethnicity/slides/race-ethnicity_3.pdf), accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab2.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab4.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab4.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab17.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab17.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab19.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/race/black/ppl-186/tab19.txt>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/statab/t001x17.pdf>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>30</sup> Overview of Entitlement Programs, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives (U.S. Government Printing Office, 1994).

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- Heavy metal vs. Rap music warnings (both music forms praise the autonomy of the child, freedom from authority of police, school, and society). In the print media's warnings for Heavy Metal music, two thirds of their arguments were based on its potential to corrupt the listener's values and behavior and the need for **parents to protect their children**. Whereas two thirds of the warnings issued for Rap music focused on the harm it caused to society.<sup>32</sup>

### Crime:

- In 2006 Blacks represented 15% of the total population, but were 41% of the prison population.<sup>33</sup>
- Blacks represent 15% of the total population, but during 2008 were arrested for committing 28.3% of all crimes.<sup>34</sup>
- Blacks represent 15% of the total population, but during 2008 were arrested for committing 50.1% of all murders.<sup>35</sup>
- While blacks constitute 14% of regular drug users in the US, they made up 37% of those arrested for drug offenses and 56% of those held in state prison for drugs.<sup>36</sup>
- 49% of homicide victims in 2006 were Black despite constituting only 15% of the total population.<sup>37</sup>
- 93% of Black murder victims were murdered by Black perpetrators vs. 85% of White victims having been murdered by a White perpetrator.<sup>38</sup>
- Young Black males are six times more likely to be murdered than are young White males.<sup>39</sup>

### Religion:

Black's as a collective group are a religious people; and more likely than white's to ...

- Believe the Bible is accurate, 66% vs. 46%.<sup>40</sup>
- Share their religious beliefs with others, 46% vs. 32%.<sup>41</sup>
- Believe Jesus was sinless while living on earth, 54% vs. 42%.<sup>42</sup>
- Believe their most important purpose in life is to love God with all their heart, 85% vs. 63%.<sup>43</sup>
- Believe God is the all knowing all powerful Creator of the Universe, 84% vs. 69%.<sup>44</sup>
- Believe religious faith is very important in life, 86% vs. 70%.<sup>45</sup>
- Believe faith is their highest priority in life today, 18% vs. 11%.<sup>46</sup>

<sup>32</sup> *Divided by Faith*, by Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith, p 15, Oxford University Press 2000.

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.wsws.org/articles/2007/sep2007/pris-s29.shtml>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>34</sup> [http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table\\_43.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_43.html), accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>35</sup> [http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table\\_43.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_43.html), accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>36</sup> <http://www.wsws.org/articles/2007/sep2007/pris-s29.shtml>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>37</sup> <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/2010/tables/10s0302.xls>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20203888/>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>39</sup> *Divided by Faith*, by Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith, p 14, Oxford University Press 2000.

<sup>40</sup> <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/286-how-the-faith-of-african-americans-has-changed>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/286-how-the-faith-of-african-americans-has-changed>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/286-how-the-faith-of-african-americans-has-changed>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/286-how-the-faith-of-african-americans-has-changed>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/286-how-the-faith-of-african-americans-has-changed>, accessed on 2/13/2010.

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