

# Black American Facts and Figures

## Population



In 2021, the number of Black people in the United States reached a new high of **47.2 million**

## Income



In 2021, the median household income for Black Americans was \$46,400. Fifty-two percent of Black U.S. households earn less than \$50,000, while **48%** make \$50,000 or more.

## Educational attainment



As of 2021, **42%** of all Black U.S. adults ages 25 and older have, at most, graduated from high school (or earned an equivalent such as a GED certificate). Thirty-two percent have completed some college, while **26%** have a bachelor's degree or more education.

Source: Pew Research

## Unemployment



In April 2023, the Black unemployment rate fell to a record low of **4.7%**. This is the first time the rate dropped below 5% since the Department of Labor began tracking the data in 1972.

Source: Department of Labor



The highest unemployment rate recorded for Black Americans was **21.2%** in January 1983.

Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve