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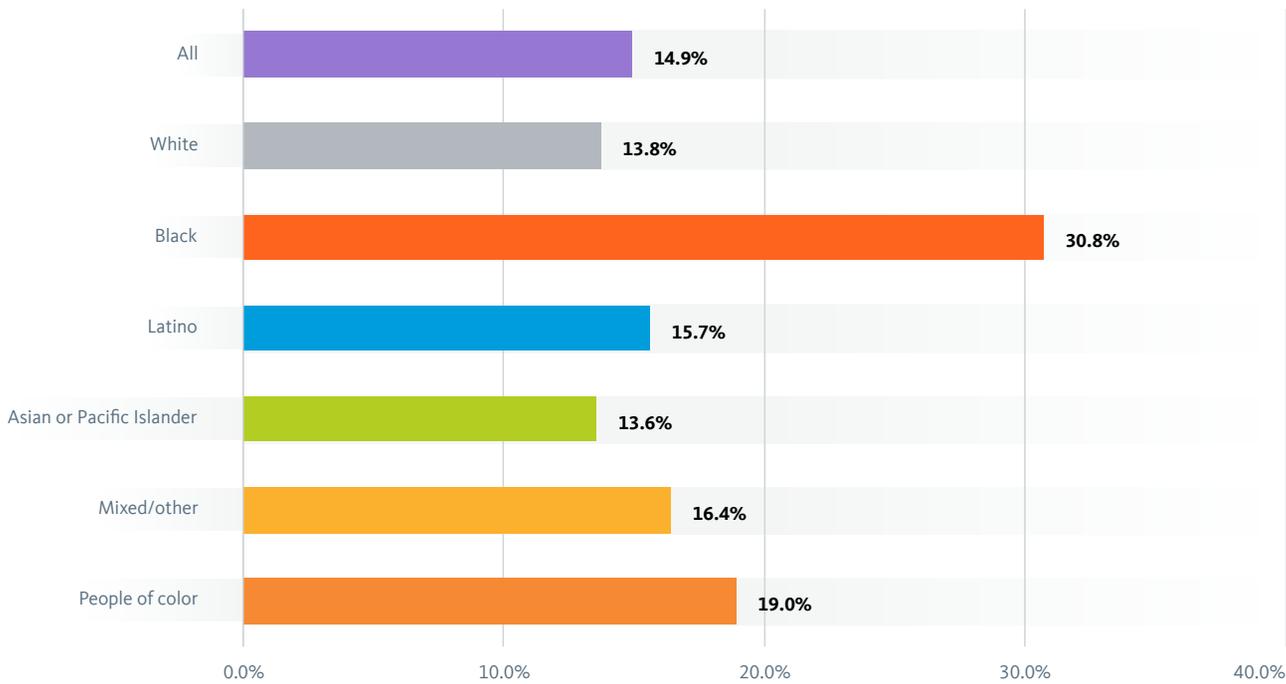
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Car access Portland City, OR

Breakdown:

Percent of households without a vehicle by race/ethnicity: Portland City, OR, 2015



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Do all residents have access to a car?

Portland City, OR: In 2015, only **13.6** percent of Asian or Pacific Islander households did not have access to car, while **30.78** percent of Black households did not have access to a car.



Why it matters

Reliable and affordable transportation is critical for meeting daily needs and accessing educational and employment opportunities located throughout the region. For households living in regions without robust transit systems, access to a car is critical, but lower-income people and people of color are more likely to be carless.



Grow an equitable economy: Policies to ensure everyone can connect to opportunity

- Build robust public transit systems including buses, [bus rapid transit](#), and [shared rides](#) that connect low-income communities to jobs, education and training opportunities, and services
- Develop [transit-oriented developments \(TODs\)](#) in ways that expand affordability and access for low-income residents and prevent displacement of both people and small [businesses](#)
- Expand [transit options](#) in rural communities, including van pools, shuttles, low-income car ownership programs, and bus routes
- Make [drivers' licenses](#) available for all drivers regardless of immigration status



Transit Initiative Increases Access and Mobility in North Central Montana

In the Great Plains area in Northern Montana, it is not uncommon for people to live many miles away from jobs, schools, grocery stores, and hospitals. At the same time, poverty and unemployment are quite high in some counties. Driving long distances is a fact of life for most, and for rural and tribal residents who cannot afford a reliable vehicle or cannot drive and are literally stranded from opportunity. Recognizing this need, Opportunity Link has been working to build the North Montana Transit System of bus routes connecting residents to work opportunities. [Read more.](#)

Learn more about these strategies:

- [Transportation Equity Caucus](#)
- [Business Impact Mitigations for Transit Projects](#)
- [An Agenda for An Equity: Framework for Building a Just Transportation System in LA County](#)
- [Moving to Equity: Addressing Inequitable Effects of Transportation Policies on Minorities](#)
- [Maintaining Diversity in America's Transit-Rich Neighborhoods](#)

Additional data resources:

- [The H+T® Affordability Index](#)
- [Losing Ground: The Struggle of Moderate-Income Households to Afford the Rising Costs of Housing and Transportation](#)
- [Missed Opportunity: Transit and Jobs in Metropolitan America](#)
- [Where the Jobs Are: Access to Labor by Transit](#)

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