

# The Long-Term Impacts of COVID-19 on Health Equity: The Future of Health Care

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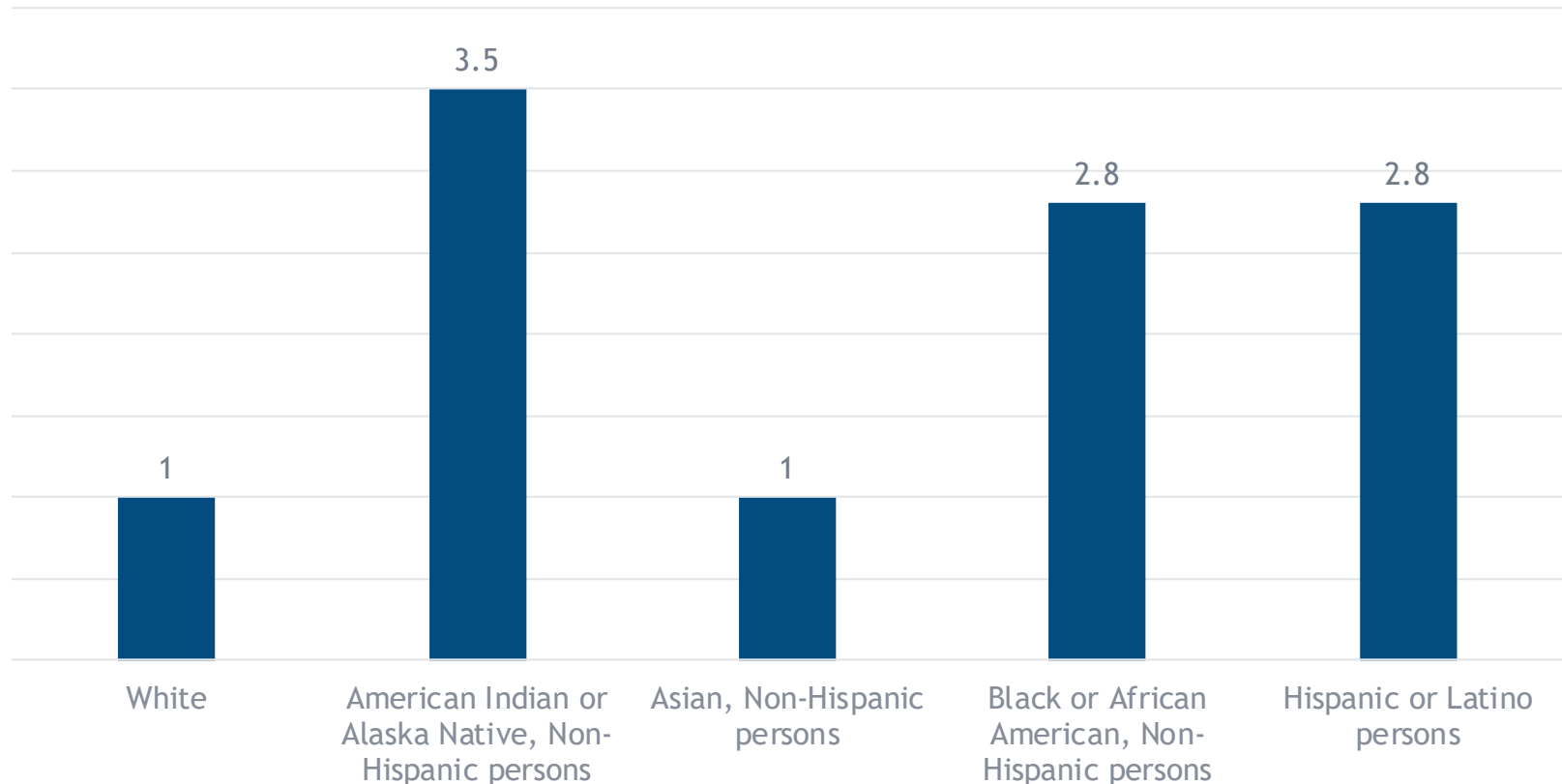


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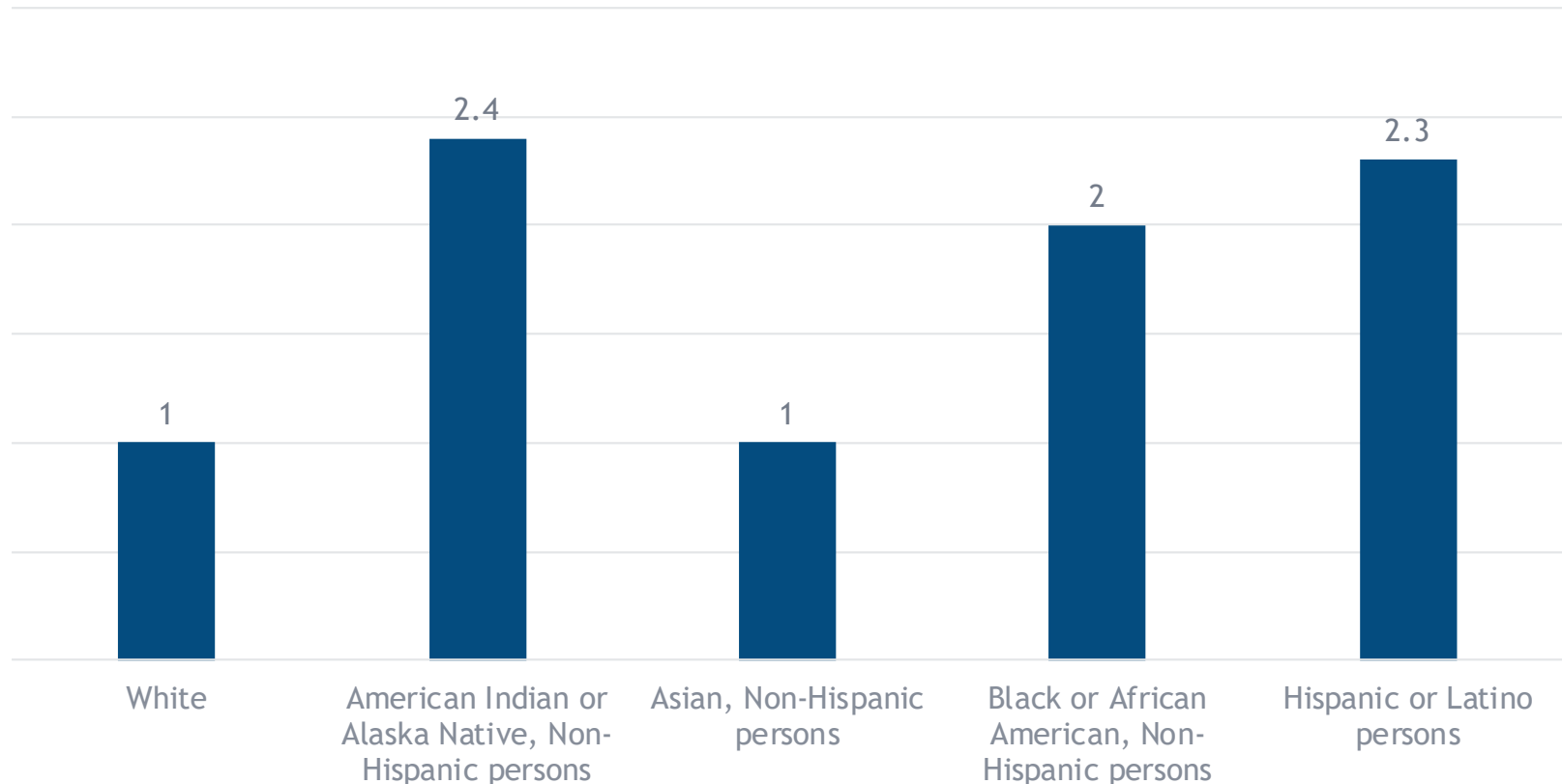
# Agenda

1. The evidence of pandemic-related inequity in health care
2. The solutions

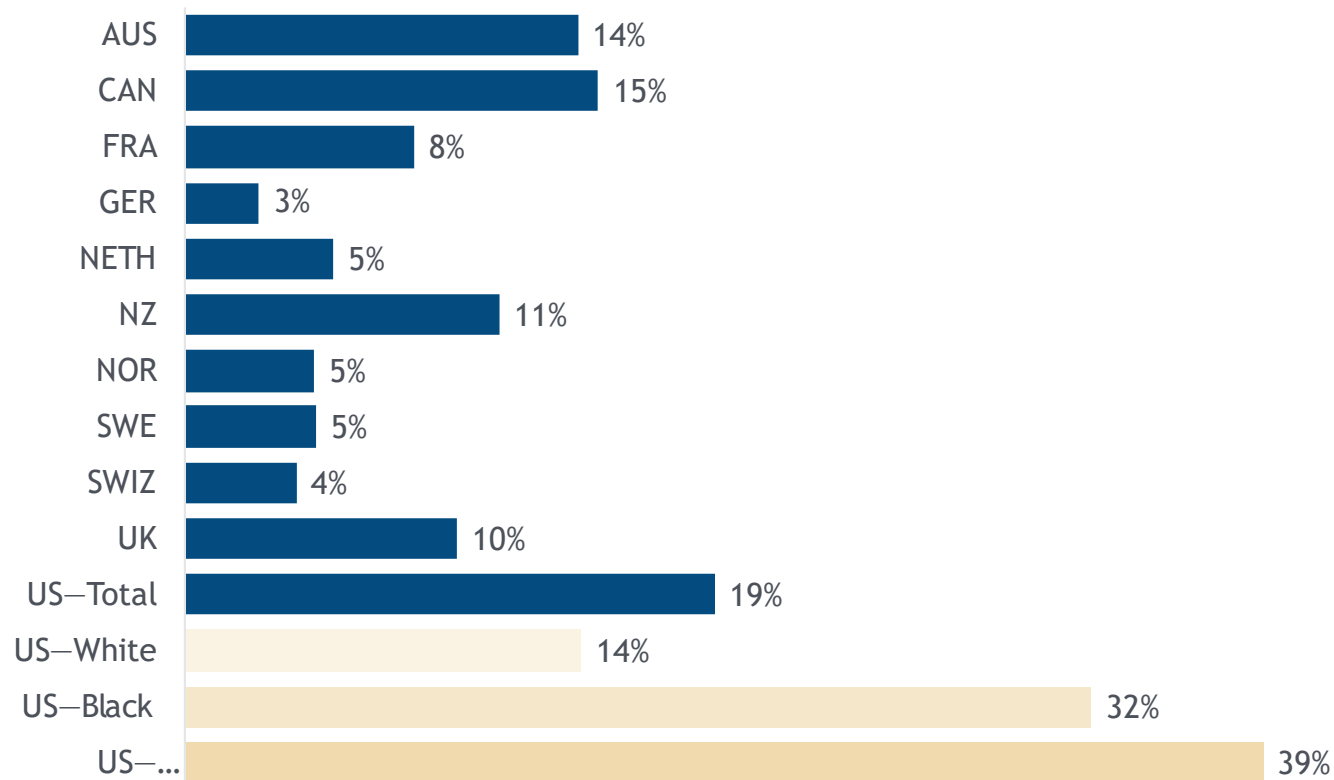
# COVID-19 Hospitalizations by Race/Ethnicity (Ratios compared to White, Non-Hispanic persons)



# COVID-19 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity (Ratios compared to White, Non-Hispanic persons)



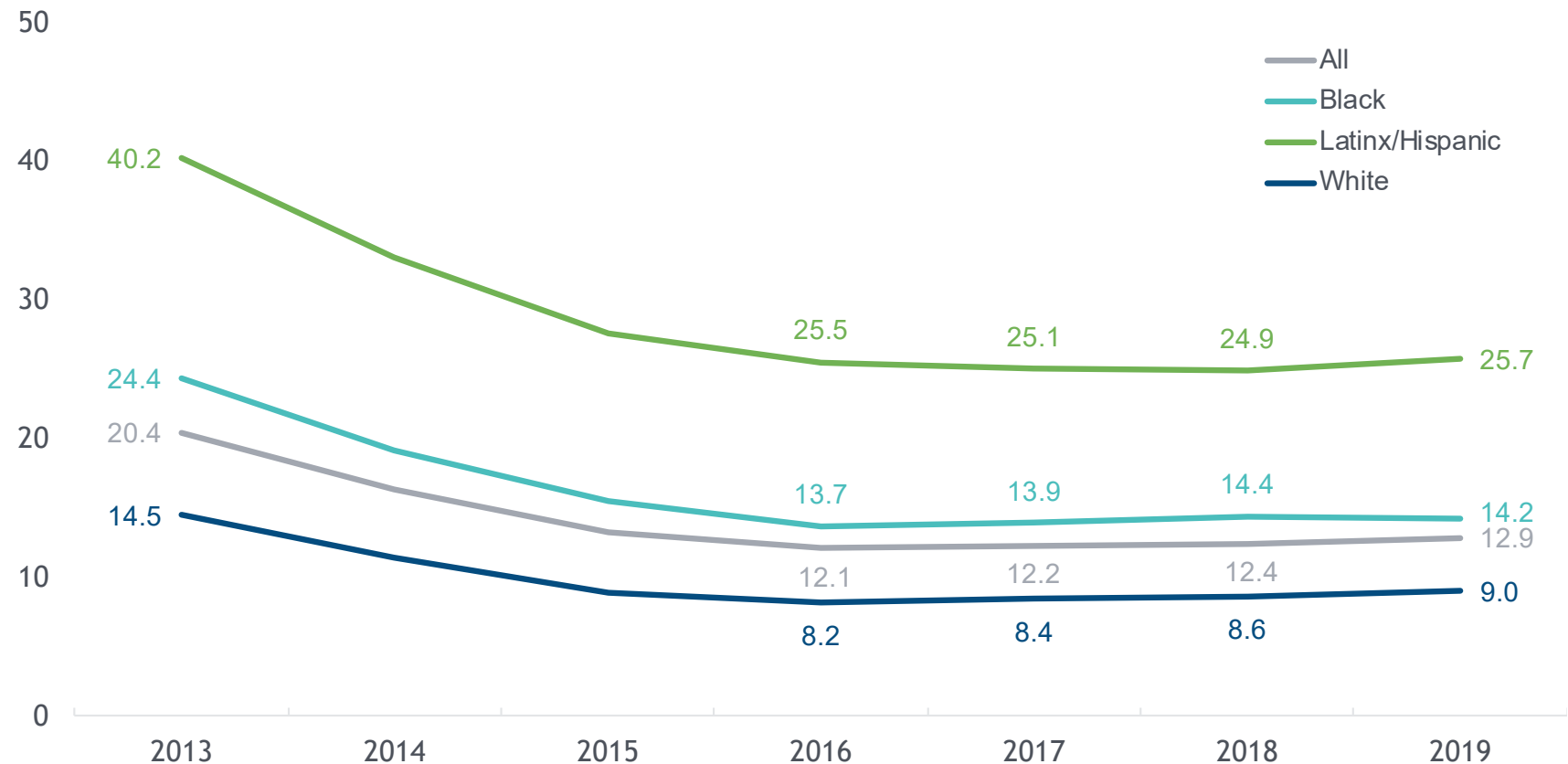
# Older adults in the U.S. were the most likely to experience economic difficulties related to the pandemic



*Percent of adults age 65+ who reported either using up all or most of their savings or losing job/source of income because of the coronavirus pandemic*

# Rates of Uninsurance by Race

Percentage of uninsured U.S. adults ages 19–64, by race/ethnicity

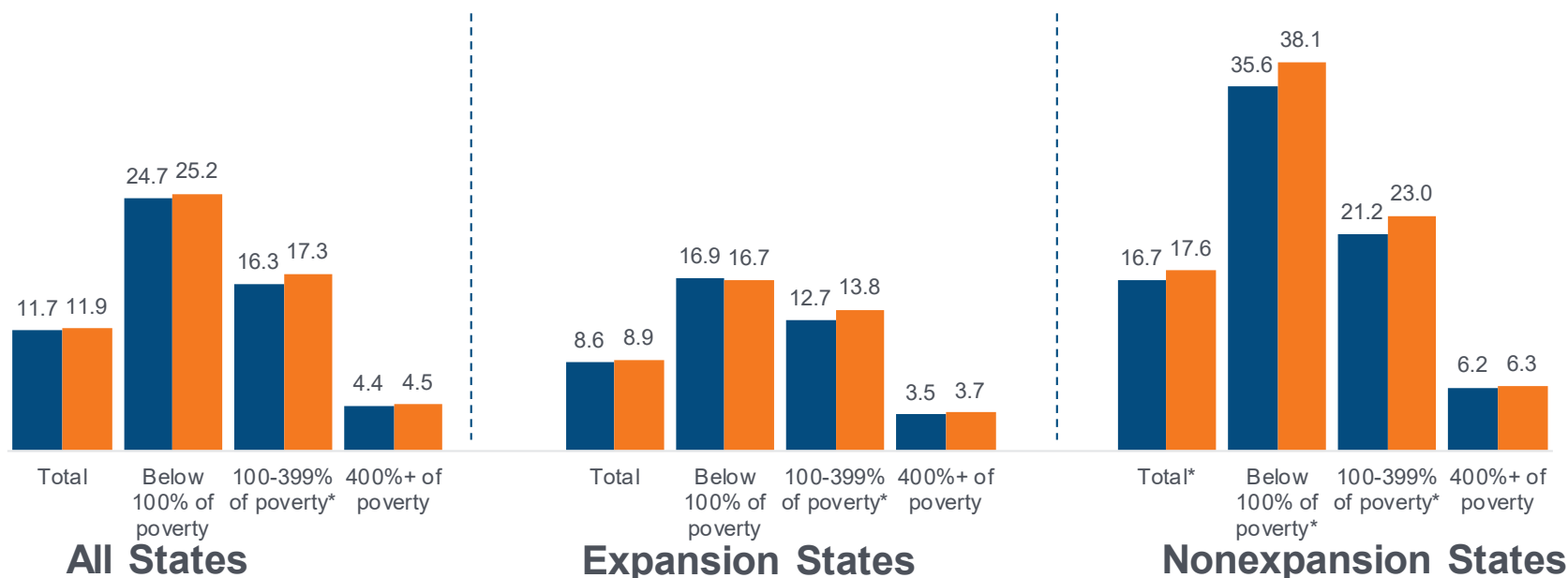


Data: American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (ACS PUMS), 2013-2019.

# Rates of Uninsurance by Poverty and Medicaid Expansion Status

Percent of adults ages 19-64 who were uninsured

■ 2018  
■ 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 (Figure 5) Current Population Survey Report



Notes: \* Changes between the estimates are statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. Medicaid expansion status as of January 1, 2020, for 2020 data. Medicaid expansion status as of January 1, 2018 for 2018 data.

# Hospital Closures in Rural Areas

- 60 million people — nearly one in five Americans — live in rural areas
- Across the U.S., 136 rural hospitals have closed since 2010
- Last year, 20 rural hospitals closed, making 2020 a record year for rural hospital closures



# **Solutions Going Forward: Outside Health Care System**

- Combat racism that underlies social and economic patterns undermining health of people of color
- Legislation to invest in social infrastructure and thus remedy the social and economic drivers of health.
- Pending Reconciliation Legislation.

# **Solutions Going Forward: Inside Health Care System**

- Provide meaningful health insurance coverage of people of color and lower income
- Strengthen ACA progress through:
  - Make subsidies for purchase of insurance more generous
  - Expand Medicaid in remaining 12 states