

Table 2. Demographics and Social Indicators of Racial/Ethnic Minority Groups Compared to U.S. Women Overall ^a

	Age	Education	Income (percent below federal poverty level)	Health Insurance/Source of Regular Care ^b
Mexican American	Median age 8 years younger than U.S. average (26.1 vs. 34.1)	51.5% high school graduates, about 28% below U.S. total	45.7%	Among least likely to have a regular source of care
Puerto Rican	Younger median age (27.5), but older in Puerto Rico than in U.S. mainland	49% high school graduates	34% in U.S. mainland; 59% in Puerto Rico	About 75% of those in U.S. mainland have a regular source of care
Cuban American	Higher than average median age (41.2)	55.8% high school graduates	14.6%	NA
African American	Younger than U.S. average (details NA)	74.9% high school graduates	23.6%	Less likely to have insurance or a regular source of care
Asian American	Younger than U.S. average, but variable by subgroups (e.g., Japanese older, Vietnamese younger)	86% high school graduates; 44% age 25+ have a bachelor's degree or higher	10.7%	Range from 10% to 40% uninsured; varies by ethnic subgroup/immigrant status
Native Hawaiian	Young; 33% younger than 18 years and only 21% older than 45	Fewer attend college than overall Hawaii population (9% vs. 18%)	14%, highest proportion on public assistance in Hawaii	Most with health insurance, but many underinsured
American Samoan	Median age 22 years, younger than U.S. average	66.5% high school graduates	25.8%	NA; language barriers, many apparently uninsured
American Indian	Median age approximately 28 years; younger than U.S. average	65% high school graduates	25.9%	Indian Health Service used in 35 states, otherwise NA
Alaska Native	Median age 24.4 years; younger than U.S. average	63% high school graduates; only 4% w/college degree	27%	Indian Health Service care; distance to care a problem

^a Compared to total U.S. female population; based on various sources, 2000 U.S. Census when available

^b Based on available data sources; some report only use, but not proportion insured or with regular source of care

Note: NA = Not available