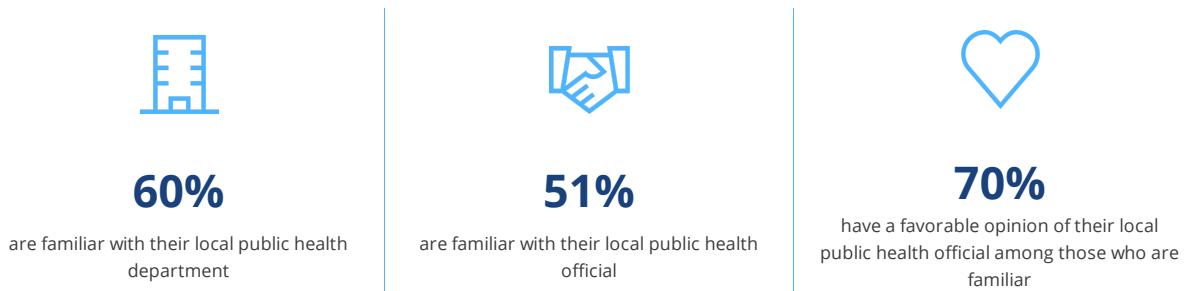


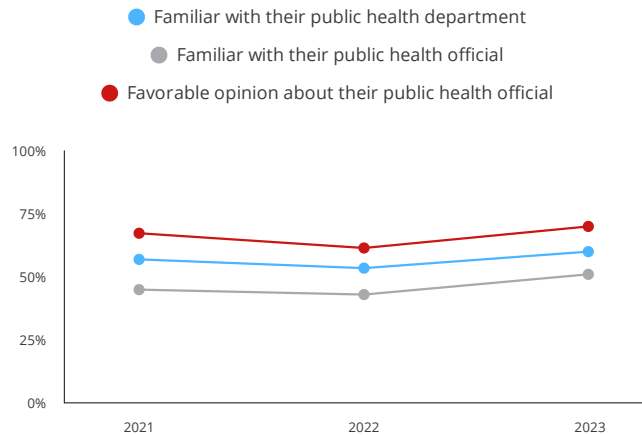
## SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC, AMERICANS' FAMILIARITY WITH THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS HAS GROWN.

Compared with 2021 and 2022, more adults in 2023 said they are familiar with their local public health official and local public health department. Those who said they're familiar also report having a more positive view of their public health official than that in previous years.

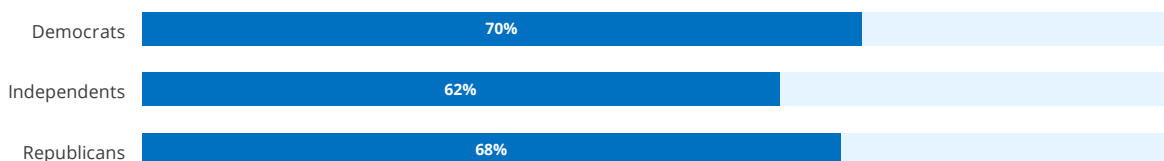
How familiar, if at all, would you say you are with each of the following? And, based on what you know, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of your local health official?



While some leaders have tried to politicize public health recommendations and pandemic mitigation measures, most people who are familiar with their local health official have a favorable view of them, and that crosses party lines.



% favorable opinion about their public health official by political party, 2023



**AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BECOMES LESS TOP OF MIND, OTHER HEALTH TOPICS ARE TAKING CENTER STAGE, AND PEOPLE ARE LESS LIKELY TO SAY THAT PREVENTING FUTURE PANDEMICS SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.**

The shared pandemic experience seems to have driven deeper familiarity with and support of public health departments and officials, as well as a deeper, more personal understanding of health as a function of both communities and individuals. As the pandemic recedes, that acknowledgment of population health is broadening to priority topics beyond infectious disease.

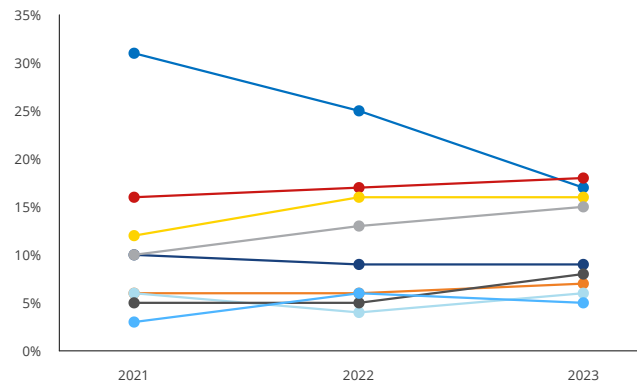
Which of the following should be the most important priority?

% who selected future pandemic prevention efforts as the most important priority



In your opinion, which of the following should be the most important priority?

- Future pandemic prevention efforts
- Research on cancer and diseases such as Alzheimer's
- Fighting the opioid epidemic
- Address racial disparities in health care
- Support survivors of domestic violence
- Address racial disparities in health outcomes
- Ramp up response to ongoing public health challenges such as HIV/AIDS
- Reduce risks of childbirth
- Don't know

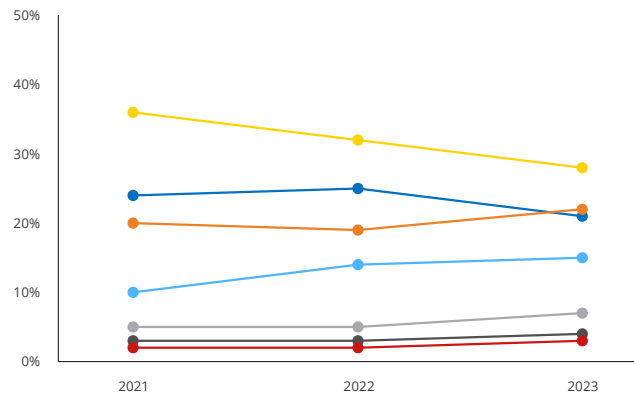


## ADULTS ARE SHOWING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Increasingly, people are acknowledging how strongly systems-level factors affect individual health, including access to good health care services, environmental characteristics like clean air and water, and the neighborhood where a person lives.

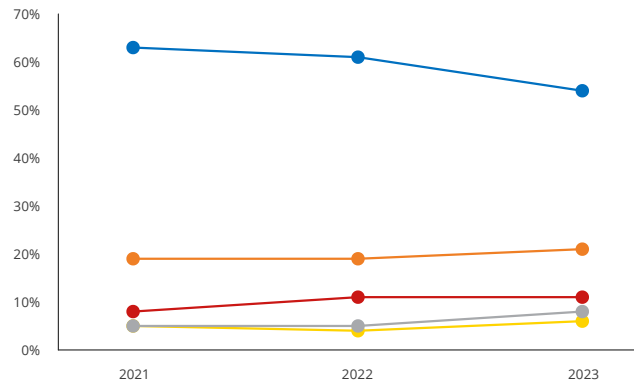
In your opinion, how important of a role, if at all, do each of the following have in creating a healthy community?

- Health care access
- Having a living wage
- Access to healthy food
- Affordable housing
- Access to free or affordable exercise
- Affordable childcare
- Don't know



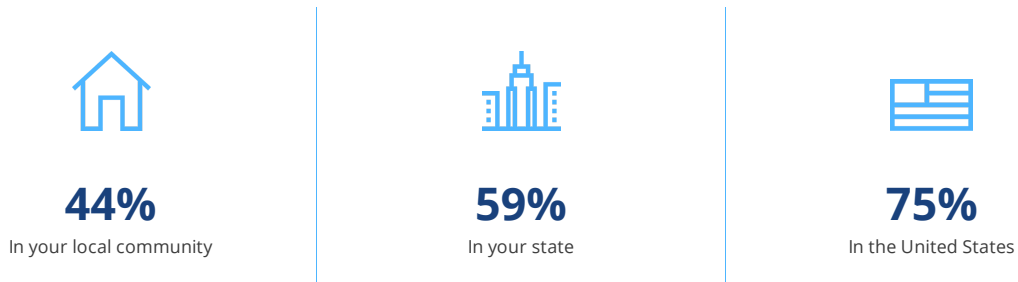
Which of the following has the most influence on a person's health?

- A person's individual choices such as what a person eats, how much a person exercises, or whether a person smokes
- Access to good health care services
- The environment such as clean air and water
- The neighborhood or community where a person lives
- Don't know



## ADULTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO SAY RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS A PROBLEM IN THE NATION THAN IN THEIR OWN STATE OR COMMUNITY

How much of a problem, if at all, is racial discrimination in your local community, your state, and in the U.S.?



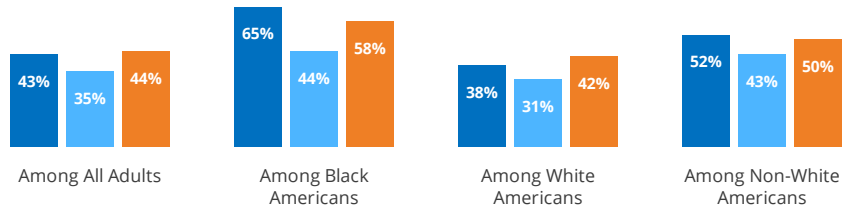
Compared with 2022, Americans are more likely to say racial discrimination is a problem in the nation than in their own state or community. The percentage who consider it a problem for them, their families and friends, and their local community is growing.

How much of a problem, if at all, is racial discrimination in...

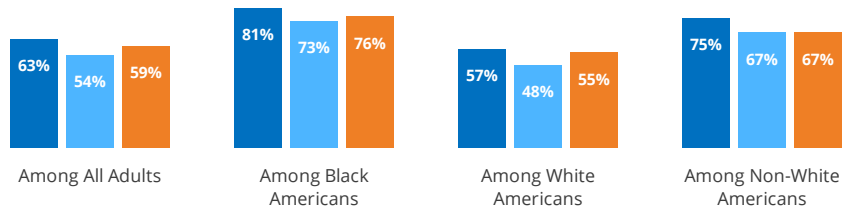
● May 2021 ● May 2022 ● May 2023

% who considered racial discrimination a large problem or somewhat of a problem

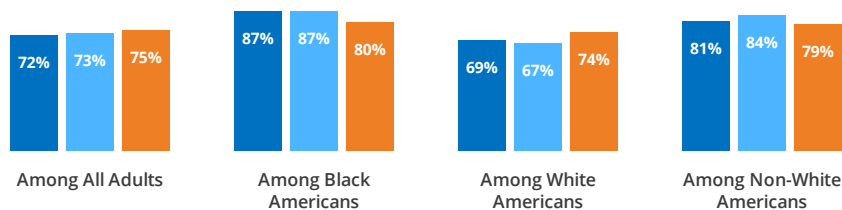
### Your Local Community



### Your State



### The United States



**AMERICANS SAY THAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION INFLUENCES THEIR HEALTH OUTCOMES, THOSE OF THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND THOSE OF THEIR COMMUNITY; AND MOST RESPONDENTS SAID ADDRESSING RACIAL DISPARITIES SHOULD BE A PRIORITY FOR NEW PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING.**

67% of adults think addressing racial disparities should be a priority for new public health funding, a consistent trend since 2021.

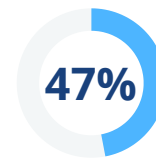
How much of an impact does racial discrimination have on health outcomes to the following groups?



For myself



Among my friends and family



In my local community