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Racial and Ethnic Differences in Health Care Access and Provider Preference

2012 Data from the AAMC Center for Workforce Studies' Consumer Survey

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Part 1 of 2: Racial and ethnic disparities in health care access

AAMC's Center for Workforce Studies conducted an analysis focusing on racial and ethnic differences in consumer experiences and preferences regarding health care with data from its Consumer Survey (a national sample survey conducted biannually). The first of a two-part series featuring this research, results reported here focus on racial and ethnic differences in access to medical care among adults who needed care at least once in the 12 months prior to taking the survey (unweighted n=5,597).

Overview

Asian, Black/African American, and Hispanic/Latino(a) survey respondents were more likely than White/Caucasian respondents to:

- Experience barriers when seeking medical care
- Have no usual source of care
- Receive regular medical care in non-office-based settings

Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino(a) survey respondents were also more likely than White/Caucasian respondents to:

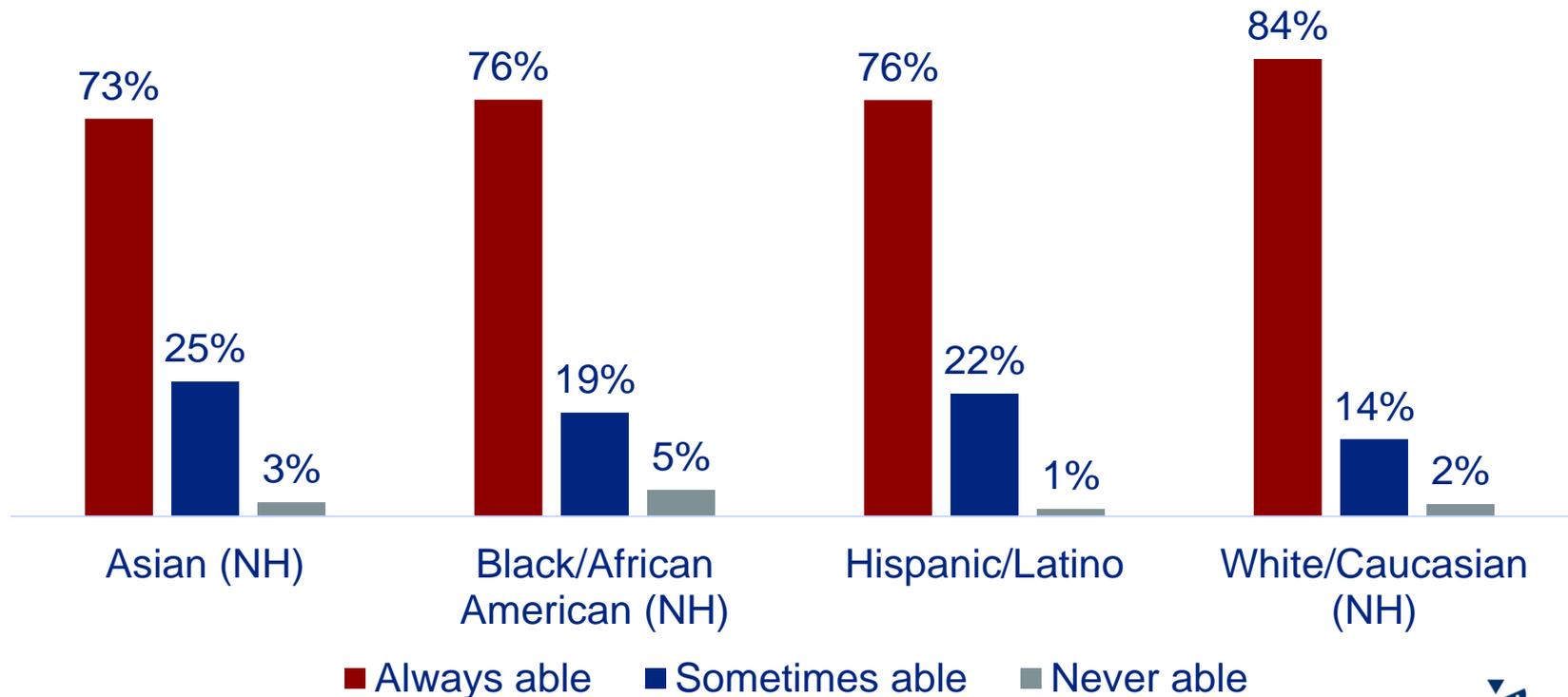
- Have a public form of health insurance coverage the last time they needed care
- Have a lapse in health insurance coverage during the last 12-month period

Notes about the data

- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, Multiple Races & others excluded due to small numbers
- NH = non-Hispanic/Latino(a)
- Sum of percents may not be 100 due to rounding and/or exclusion of “Don’t know” category from the chart
- Sample excludes respondents who did not need medical care in the last 12 months
- Insurance data exclude respondents who were over age 64
- Weights were applied to better represent the U.S. adult population.

Most respondents could get medical care when they needed it, but access was highest for white/Caucasian respondents

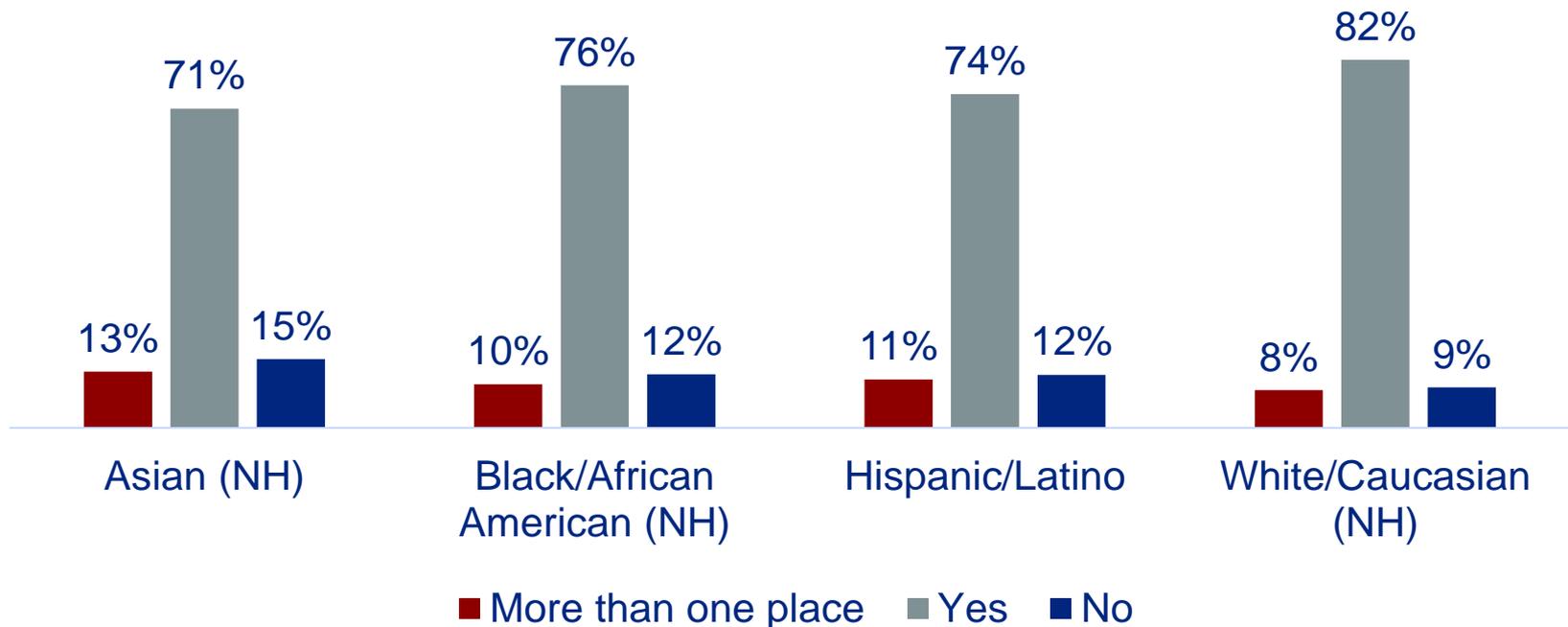
Thinking about the times you needed medical care in the last 12 months, how often were you able to get it?



Source: AAMC, 2012 Consumer Survey

White/Caucasian respondents were the most likely to report that they had a usual source of care

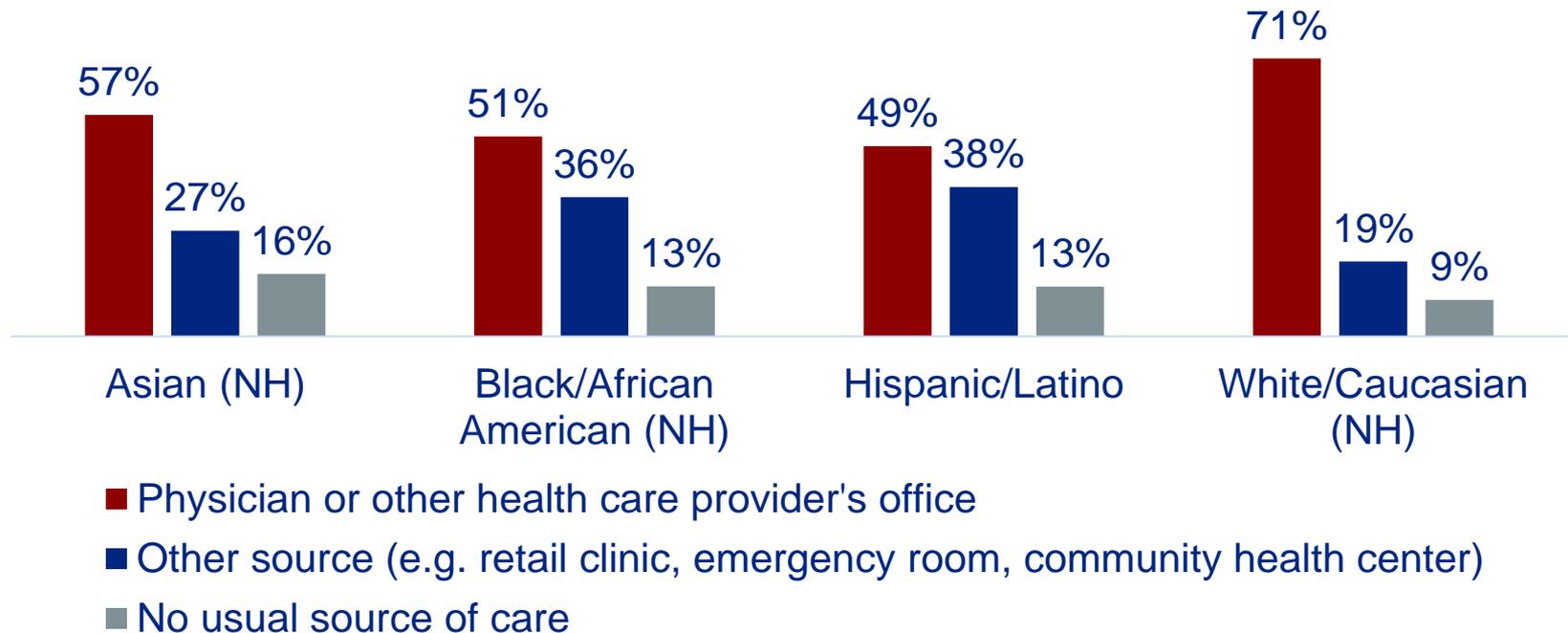
Is there a particular health provider's office, clinic, health center, or other place that you usually go if you are sick or need advice about your health?



Source: AAMC, 2012 Consumer Survey

White/Caucasian respondents were more likely than non-white respondents to seek care from a physician or other health care provider's office

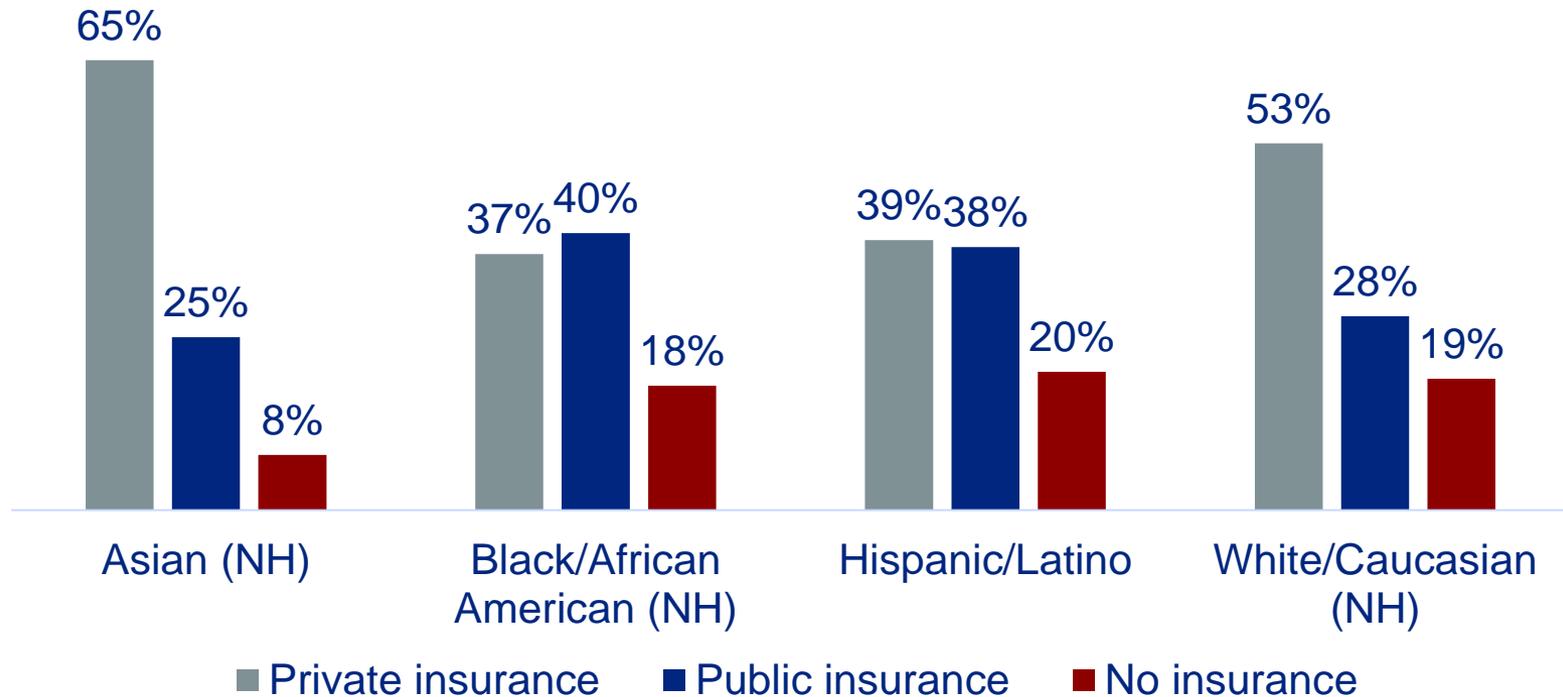
What type of place is it where you usually go if you are sick or need advice about your health?



Source: AAMC, 2012 Consumer Survey

Asian respondents were the most likely to have health insurance

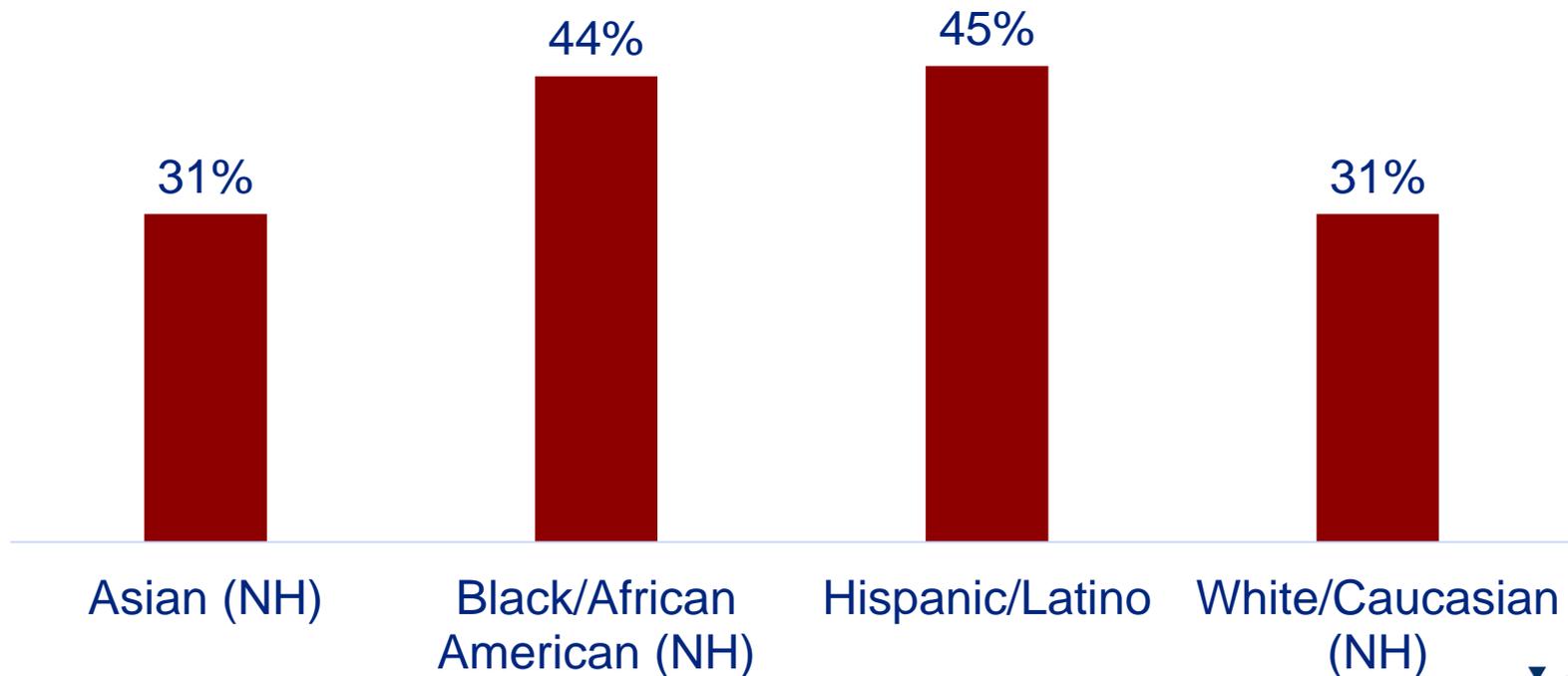
What type of health insurance did you have the most recent time you needed medical care?



Source: AAMC, 2012 Consumer Survey

Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino respondents were more likely to have been uninsured at some point during the last 12 months

At any time during the last 12 months, were you ever without health insurance coverage?



Source: AAMC, 2012 Consumer Survey

Limitations

Though not accounted for in this analysis, many factors affect racial and ethnic disparities in health care access and utilization, such as gender, income, age, insurance status, and educational attainment.

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