DATA AND SOURCES FOR AMHERST BOARD OF HEALTH RACISM STATEMENT

**Racism definition:**

**Benefits of formal statements on racism and health:**
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8265203/

**Effects of marginalization:**


**Racism, stress, and illness:**

**Social Determinants of Health:**

**Racism health effects via Social Determinants:**

**Slaves in Amherst:**

**Housing segregation in Amherst:**
Hampshire County Register of Deeds (https://www.masslandrecords.com/Hampshire). Book 1105 p. 69 and 70, and Book 1083 p. 426 (1950) are examples of deeds to Amherst properties with restrictions stating that the properties “…shall not be sold or rented to any colored person or persons.”

**Racial and ethnic disparity in income in Amherst:**
**Racial and ethnic disparity in poverty rate in Hampshire County:**
U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2019 households in poverty in Hampshire County (Amherst-only data is distorted by large college-student population), 5-year estimates (data.census.gov). White: 11.2%. Black: 25.6%. Asian: 18.8%. Hispanic or Latino, any race: 20.2%.

**Racial disparity in home ownership in Hampshire County:**
Housingeconomics.com, data for Hampshire County.  69.5% of white households own their home, compared to 26.2% of black households.  
https://www.nahbclassic.org/generic.aspx?sectionID=734&genericContentID=261136&channelID=311

**Racial disparity in transportation options:**
National Equity Atlas (2017): 6% of white U.S. households do not own a vehicle, compared to 19% of Black and 11% of Hispanic households:
https://nationalequityatlas.org/indicators/Car_access#

In the Amherst region, a PVTA survey (2017) found that people of color are more likely than whites to be among the 52% of riders who reported having no way other than the bus to make their trip.  
http://www.pvta.com/documents/planning/PVTA 2016 Northern System Survey 08-12-16 FINAL.pdf

**Racial and ethnic disparity in COVID vaccination rate:**

**Racial and ethnic health inequities in Massachusetts:**

**Racial and ethnic health inequities in the Amherst region:**

**Other statements on racism and public health:**

https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0408-racism-health.html