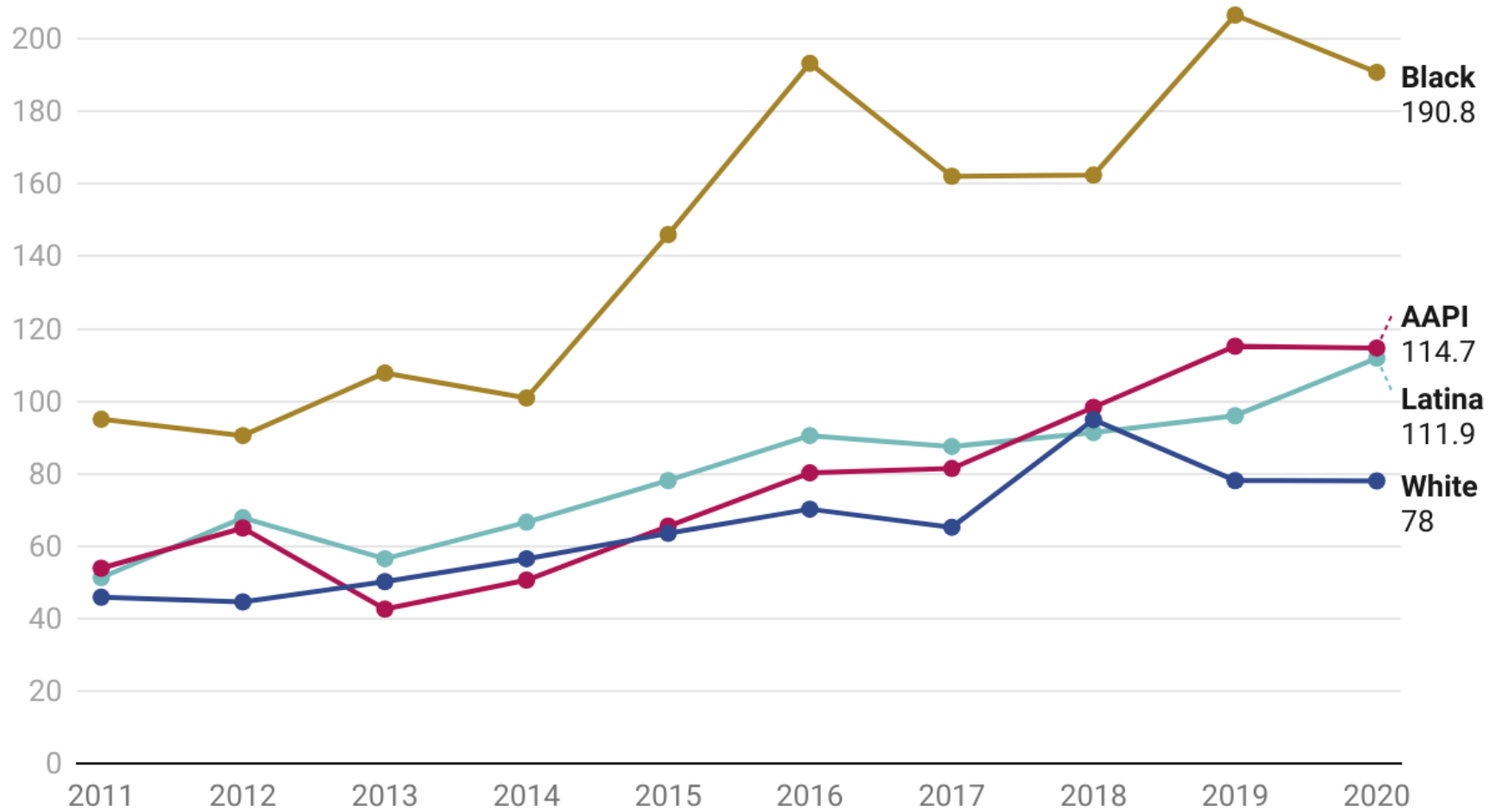


Black women experience the highest rates of severe maternal morbidity in Massachusetts.

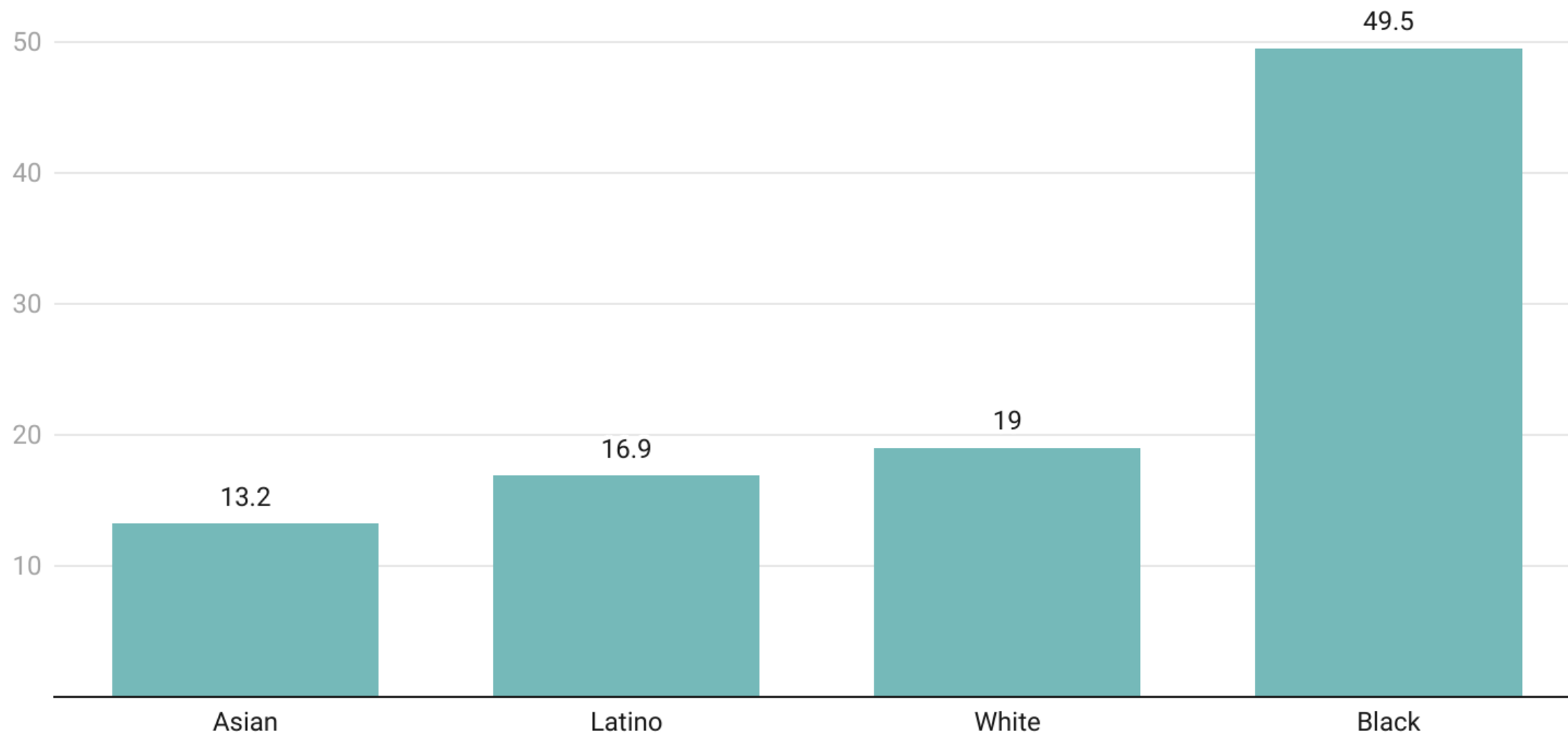
Rate of severe maternal morbidity per 10,000 deliveries.



Note: Black, Latina and AAPI are non-Hispanic. Rates for American Indian and Other non-Hispanic birthing people are not included due to small total numbers.

Maternal mortality is by far the highest among Black birthing people.

Deaths per 100,000 deliveries. Massachusetts. 2018-2021.

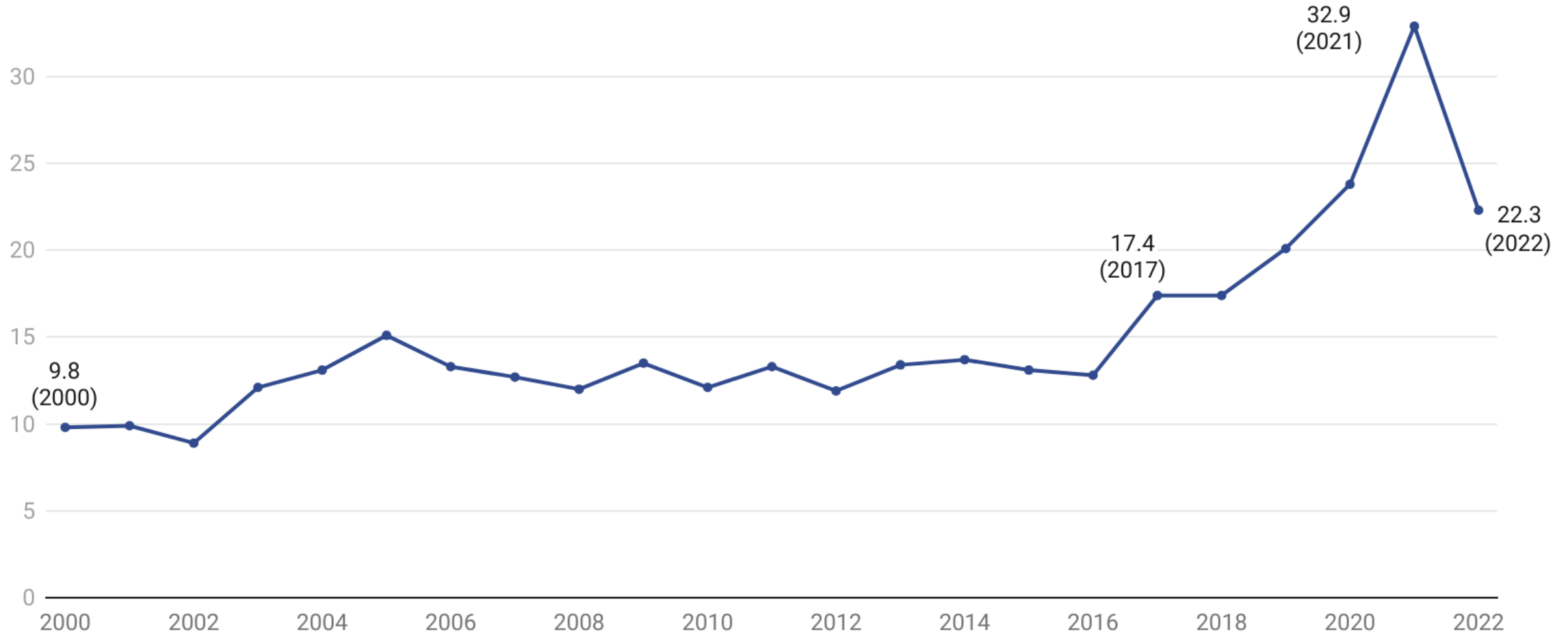


Note: White, Asian, and Black are single-race non-Hispanic.

Chart: Boston Indicators • Source: National Center for Health Statistics

Reporting of maternal mortality has increased nationwide.

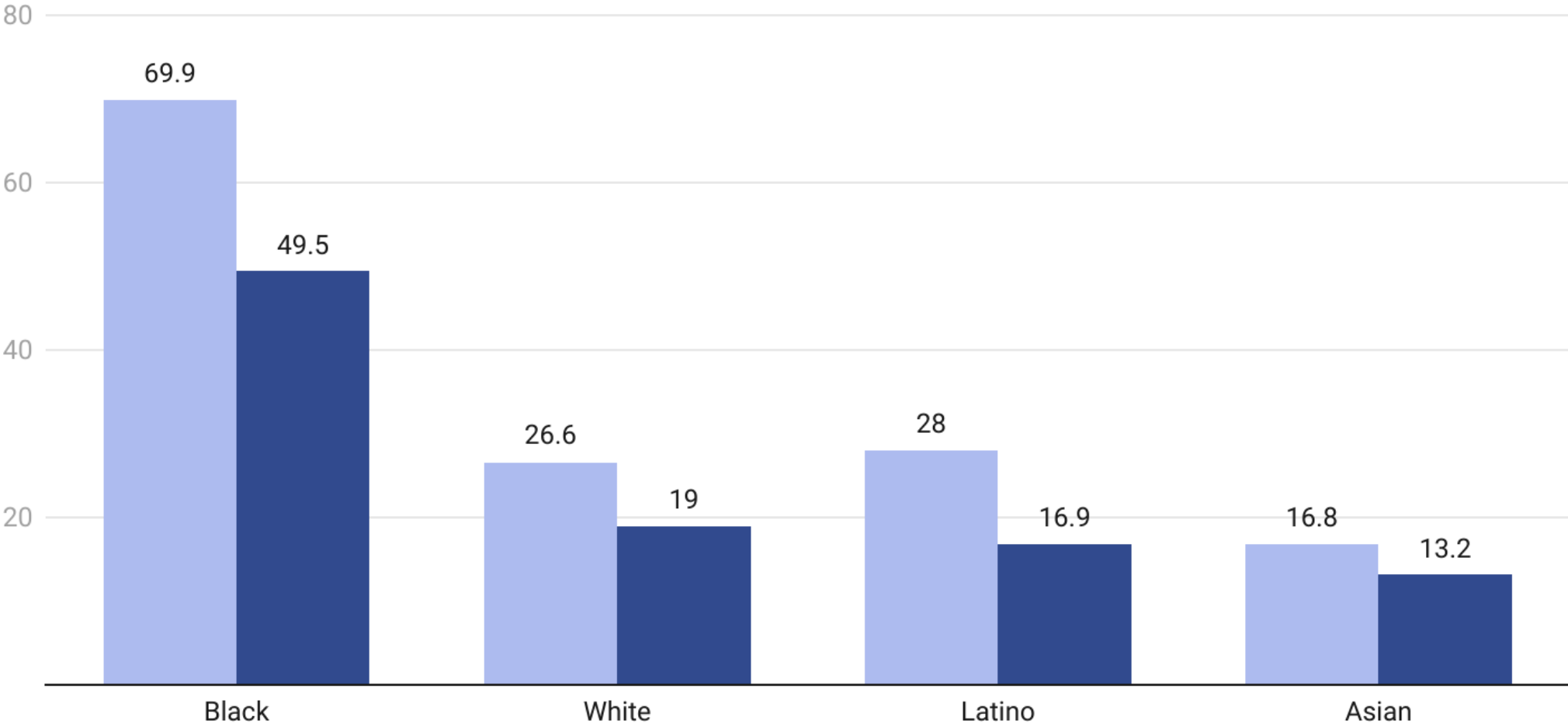
Maternal deaths per 100,000 deliveries. United States.



Racial disparities remained despite a decrease in maternal deaths.

Deaths per 100,000 deliveries. United States.

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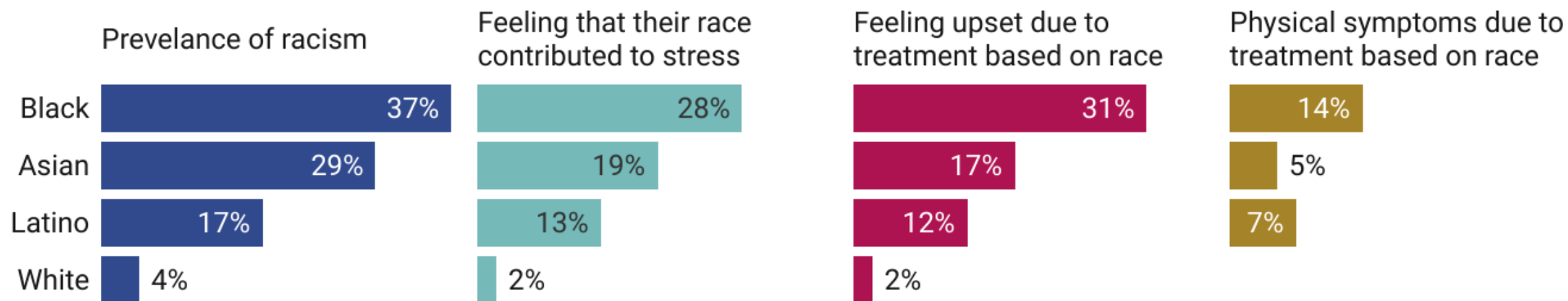


Black, White, and Asian are single race non-Hispanic.

Chart: Boston Indicators recreation of NCHS analysis • Source: National Center for Health Statistics.

More than a third of Black women reported experiencing racism in the months leading up to delivery.

Prevalence of racism and responses to racism during the twelve months before delivery by race. Massachusetts. 2021.



Note: Share of White women who reported physical symptoms due to treatment based on race is omitted due to small total numbers (<5).

Chart: Boston Indicators • Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Massachusetts Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) 2019-2021 Surveillance Report. Boston, MA; May 2023. Available at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/2019-2021-mass-prams-report-pdf/download> • Created with Datawrapper