Stratification from Cradle to Grave

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Stratification: ranking system for groups of people that perpetuates unequal rewards and life chances in society (p. 327)

- Through stratification, society categorizes people and distributes valued resources based upon these categories.
Healthy or unhealthy birth by race, 1990

Source: Statistical Abstracts of the United States
Breastfed by income, 1990-1993

Percentage of babies, born 1990-93, ever breastfed

- 0-149%: 42.6%
- 150-299%: 58.1%
- 300% or higher: 68.2%

Source: Statistical Abstracts of the United States
Education by race, 2003

Graduation rates

Unemployment by race, 2001

Unemployment rate

- All: 4.8%
- White: 4.2%
- Black: 8.7%
- Hispanic: 6.6%

Source: 2002 Statistical Abstracts of the United States, table 593

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Home ownership by race, 1997

- White: 69.2%
- Black: 45.5%
- Asian: 52.3%
- Hispanic: 43.1%

Source: Statistical Abstracts of the United States
Exercise by income, 1992

Source: Statistical Abstracts of the United States
Sports event attendance by income, 1997

Source: 2002 Statistical Abstracts of the United States, table 1218
Healthcare expenditures by income, 2000

Source: 2002 Statistical Abstracts of the United States, table 123
Health insurance by race, 2000

Accidental death by race and gender, 1995

Accidental deaths per 100,000

Source: Statistical Abstracts of the United States
Violent crime victimization by income, 2000

Life expectancy by race & sex (at birth in 1987)

Retirement accounts by income, 1995

Source: Statistical Abstracts of the United States

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