Stratification

- 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

Breastfed by income, 1990-1993

Education by race, 2003

Unemployment by race, 2001

Healthy or unhealthy birth by race, 1990

- Prenatal care before 3rd trimester: 6% White, 35% Black, 56% Indian, 65% Hispanic
- Low birth weight: 6% White, 13% Black, 6% Indian, 6% Hispanic

Breastfed by income, 1990-1993

- Percentage of babies, born 1990-93, ever breastfed:
  - 0-149% poverty level income: 42.6% White, 58.1% Black, 68.2% Hispanic
  - 150-299% poverty level income: 58% White, 75% Black, 86% Hispanic
  - 300% or higher poverty level income: 68% White, 86% Black, 95% Hispanic

Education by race, 2003

- Graduation rates:
  - High school: 45% White, 45% Black, 45% Asian, 45% Hispanic
  - College: 55% White, 43% Black, 35% Asian, 25% Hispanic

Unemployment by race, 2001

- Unemployment rate:
  - All: 8.5%
  - White: 4.8%
  - Black: 6.2%
  - Hispanic: 7.5%
  - All: 6.9%
Violent crime victimization by income, 2000

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

- Retirement accounts by income, 1995