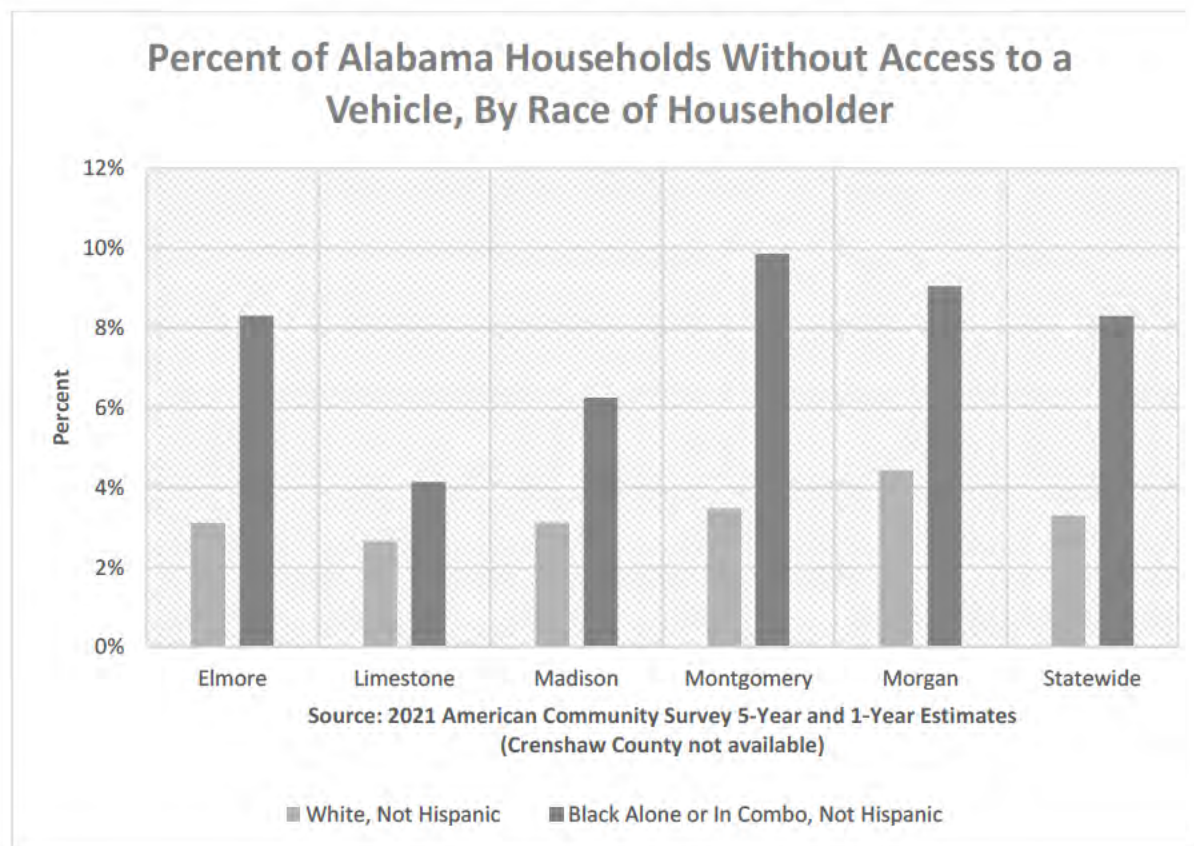


Figure 13: Household Vehicle Access in Alabama, by Race of Householder. Source: 2021 American Community Survey 1-year and 5-year Estimates.



Summary

My review of the data makes it clear that there is a disparity between Black and White Alabama residents with respect to voter registration and turnout. According to the Alabama Secretary of State's data, Black voter registration and turnout has been lower than White registration and turnout in all recent elections for which data are available. Moreover, Black turnout has lagged White turnout in recent elections in the six counties that are at issue in this case.

Socioeconomic status is an important factor for voting. The evidence that I analyzed for this report, in line with the scholarly literature in political science, supports the finding that people with higher educational attainment are more likely to vote. The data show that Black Alabamians are worse off in terms of educational attainment relative to White Alabamians, both statewide and in the six counties I was asked to analyze. These disparities can be linked to historical and contemporary racial discrimination in education. Black people in Alabama also are worse off relative to White people along a host of other socioeconomic measures that also can affect voting participation, such as income, poverty, unemployment, health insurance, and access to computers, internet, and vehicles at home.