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Ghetto continues, even for affluent blacks, new analysis show

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A recent analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau revealed that African American and Hispanic households that earn more than \$75,000 annually live in poorer neighborhoods.

These groups were found to live in poorer communities than the average low-income non-Hispanic white household that makes less than \$40,000 per year, USA Today reported. African Americans and Hispanics live in poorer neighborhoods than whites with working class incomes, according to the report: "Separate and Unequal: The Neighborhood Gap for Blacks, Hispanics and Asians in Metropolitan America."

"Blacks are segregated and even affluent blacks are pretty segregated," said John Logan, director of US2010 Project at Brown University, which conducted the study.

"African Americans who really succeeded live in neighborhoods where people around them have not succeeded to the same extent."

The study found that in the Northeast and Midwest, segregation was highest; but there were fewer disparities in parts of the Sun Belt.

"White middle-class families have the option to live in a community that matches their own credentials," Logan told USA Today. "If you're African American and want to live with people like you in social class, you have to live in a community where you are in the minority."

According to a 2010 article by Logan called, "Census Analysis: Nation's diversity grows, but integration slows," African Americans continue to be the most segregated minority, with Hispanics and Asians trailing behind.

"Segregation peaked around 1960. Between 1980 and 2000 it declined at a very slow pace, but analysts have been hoping for a breakthrough since then. The new data show that there is very little change," according to the report.