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Kristen Brown is a senior research associate in the Health Policy Center at the Urban Institute. Her research takes a multilevel, transdisciplinary approach to examining racial and socioeconomic health inequities. A trained epidemiologist, her current work focuses on the health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic including the examination of mechanisms through which exposure to adverse social determinants has shaped access to health care resources, insurance coverage stability in children, and strategies for mitigating the long-term effects of the pandemic in communities of color.

Before joining the Urban Institute, Dr. Brown previously worked in the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health and in the Department of Epidemiology at Emory University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University in biological sciences and psychology, Master of Science degree from University of Michigan in human genetics, and Ph.D. from University of Michigan in epidemiologic science.