

Life Expectancy and Death Rates (2003 data)

African Americans

- Life expectancy for the White population exceeds that of the African American population by 5.3 years
- Life expectancy for African American males is 69.0 years vs. 75.3 years for White males
- Life expectancy for African American females is 76.1 years vs. 80.5 years for White females
- Age-adjusted years of potential life lost before age 75 for African Americans was 12,304.0 years vs. 6,961.6 years for non-Hispanic Whites
- Age-adjusted death rate for the African American population was 29.6% higher than for non-Hispanic White population
- 291,300 African Americans died in 2003

Hispanics

- Life expectancy data are not available for this population but age-adjusted years of lost life before age 75 for Hispanics from: 1) diabetes was 214.0 years vs. 160.3 for non-Hispanic Whites; 2) liver disease was 221.8 years vs. 162.3 for non-Hispanic Whites
- Age-adjusted years of potential life lost before age 75 was 5,910.0 years vs. 6,961.6 years for non-Hispanic White population
- Age-adjusted death rate for the Hispanic population was 24.4% lower than for non-Hispanic White population
- Death rates for the Hispanic population were greater than for the non-Hispanic White population for four of the leading causes of death: chronic liver disease (63% higher), diabetes (58% higher), HIV (295% higher), and homicide (285% higher)
- 122,026 Hispanics died in 2003

American Indians/Alaska Natives

- Life expectancy data are not available for this population but age-adjusted years of lost life before age 75 for American Indians/Alaska Natives from: 1) diabetes was 355.2 years vs. 154.9 for non-Hispanic Whites; 2) liver disease was 504.6 years vs. 153.2 for non-Hispanic Whites, 3) HIV was 80.7 years vs. 65.4 for non-Hispanic Whites; 4) accident was 1,814.4 years vs. 1,135.8 for non-Hispanic Whites; 5) suicide was 418.2 years vs. 408.1 for non-Hispanic Whites; 6) homicide was 323.1 years vs. 109.6 for non-Hispanic Whites
- Age-adjusted death rate for American Indians was 685.0 per 100,000 vs. 826.1 for non-Hispanic Whites (CDC estimates American Indian death rates are underreported by 20.6%)
- 13,147 American Indians died in 2003

Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders

- Life expectancy data are not available for this population but age-adjusted years of lost life before age 75 for Asian Americans from stroke was 192.9 years vs. 162.8 for non-Hispanic Whites
- Age-adjusted death rate for Asian Americans was 465.7 per 100,000 vs. 826.1 for non-Hispanic Whites (CDC estimates Asian American death rates are underreported by 10.7%)
- 40,127 Asian Americans died in 2003

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