

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander Health Inequities Compared to Non-Hispanic Whites

Racial and ethnic health inequities are undermining our communities and our entire health care system. Asian Americans (AAs) and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs) experience significant health inequities that are often inadequately reported or not reported at all. AAs and NHPIs are the fastest growing racial groups in the nation, and one of the most diverse, tracing their heritage to more than 50 different countries. Yet data on the AA and NHPI population is lumped together, masking the distinct health needs within AA and NHPI populations. In this infographic, we compare the health outcomes of non-Hispanic whites with that of AA and NHPIs, with disaggregated data where available.

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, & PACIFIC ISLANDER HEALTH INEQUITIES: ADULTS

Stomach Cancer

Women

76%

more likely to develop stomach cancer (Asian and Pacific Islanders)²

x2.6

as likely to die from stomach cancer (Asian and Pacific Islanders)³

Men

53%

more likely to develop stomach cancer (Asian and Pacific Islanders)²

x2

as likely to die from stomach cancer (Asian and Pacific Islanders)³

Obesity

76%

more likely to be obese (Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders)⁶

Pre-natal care

47%

more likely to receive late or no prenatal care (Chinese Americans)¹

x2

as likely to receive late or no prenatal care (Hawaiian and part Hawaiian)¹

Hepatitis

68%

more likely to contract hepatitis A (Asian and Pacific Islanders)⁵

x18

as likely to contract chronic hepatitis B (Asian and Pacific Islanders)⁵

Tuberculosis*

x5

as likely to contract tuberculosis (Asian Americans)⁴

x16

as likely to contract tuberculosis (Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders)⁴
*Among U.S.-born persons

Diabetes

76%

more likely to be diabetic (Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders)⁶

51%

more likely to be diabetic (Asian-Indian Americans)⁷

50%

more likely to develop end-stage renal disease (Asian Americans)⁸

Liver Cancer

Women

72%

more likely to develop liver and IBD cancer (Asian and Pacific Islanders)²

47%

more likely to die from liver and IBD cancer (Asian and Pacific Islanders)³
*IBD = Intrahepatic Bile Duct Cancer

Men

66%

more likely to develop liver and IBD cancer (Asian and Pacific Islanders)²

58%

more likely to die from liver and IBD cancer (Asian and Pacific Islanders)³
*IBD = Intrahepatic Bile Duct Cancer

Our common prosperity demands a health system where everyone can attain the best possible health and health care. The roots of health and health care inequities are many, and they run deep in American society--from environmental factors, to living conditions, to lack of access to care, to discrimination, to name just a few. Nevertheless, we can, and must work together to eliminate them to ensure a better future for all.