



**Demographics, 2012**

Total Population	550,175
White	423,380 (76.9%)
Black	88,811 (16.2%)
Asian	20,241 (3.7%)
Hispanic (any race)	36,204 (6.6%)

**Median Age (in years):**

White	41.3
Black	34.8
Asian	35.7
Hispanic (any race)	26.5

Foreign Born	8.4%
Language other than English Spoken at home, ages 5+	10.8%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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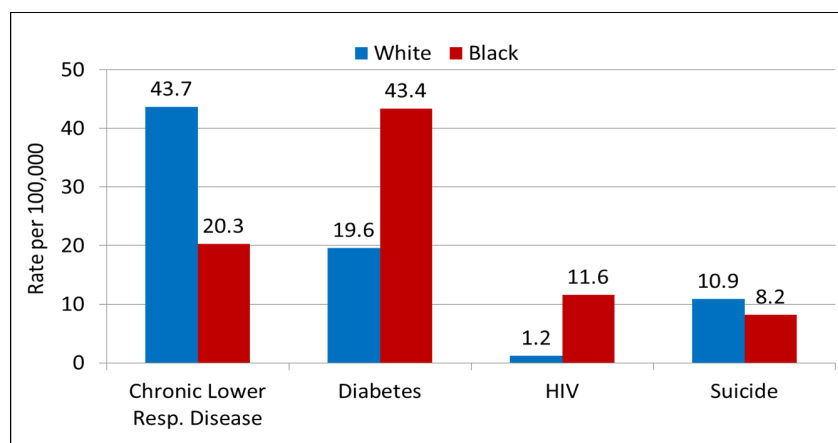
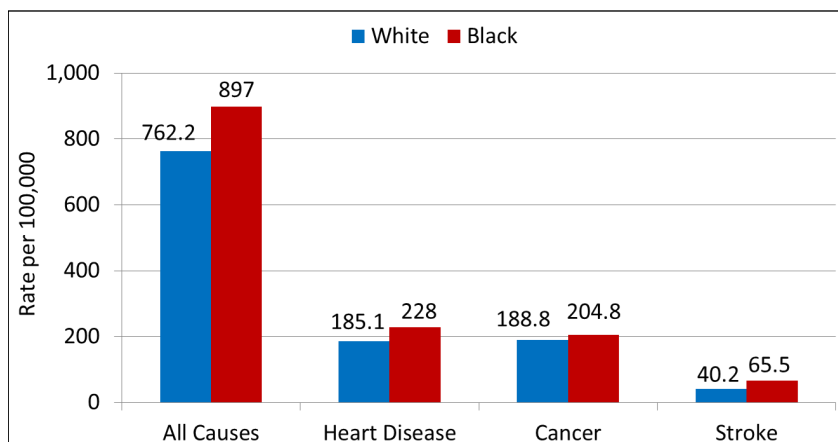
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# Health Disparities in Anne Arundel County

Healthy People 2020, a national plan for improving health, defines a health disparity as “a particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage.” Health disparities adversely affect people who have experienced greater obstacles to good health based on their racial or ethnic group, socioeconomic status, gender, age, geographic location, or other characteristics linked to discrimination or exclusion.<sup>1</sup> Reducing health disparities is a key priority in the Department of Health’s Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2013-2016.

In Anne Arundel County, Blacks have a higher mortality rate compared to Whites. The mortality rates of heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and HIV/AIDS are higher in Blacks compared to Whites. Whites have higher mortality rates of suicide and chronic lower respiratory disease compared to Blacks.<sup>2</sup>

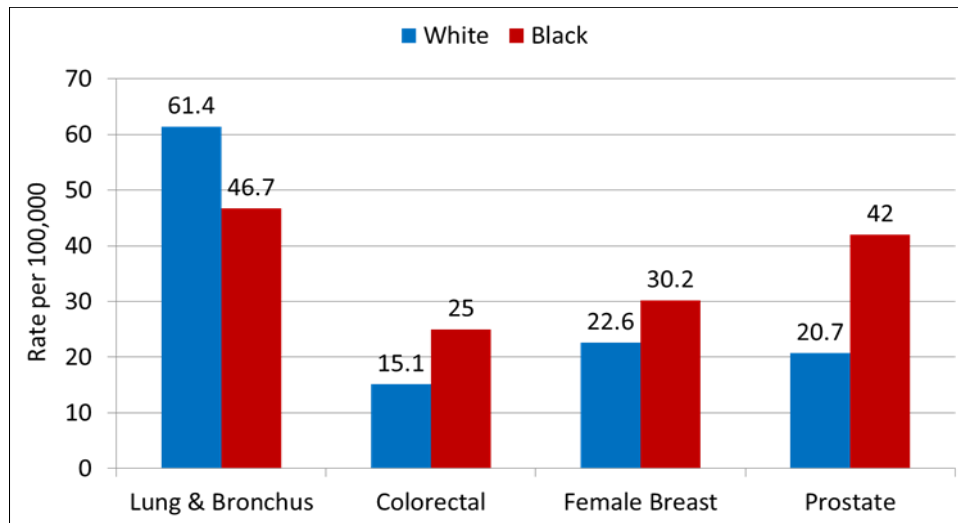
## Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate by Race Anne Arundel County, 2006-2010<sup>2</sup>



White includes non-Hispanic Whites and Hispanic Whites. Black includes non-Hispanic Blacks and Hispanic Blacks. Asian death rates are not shown because they are unstable due to a low number of deaths for most categories.

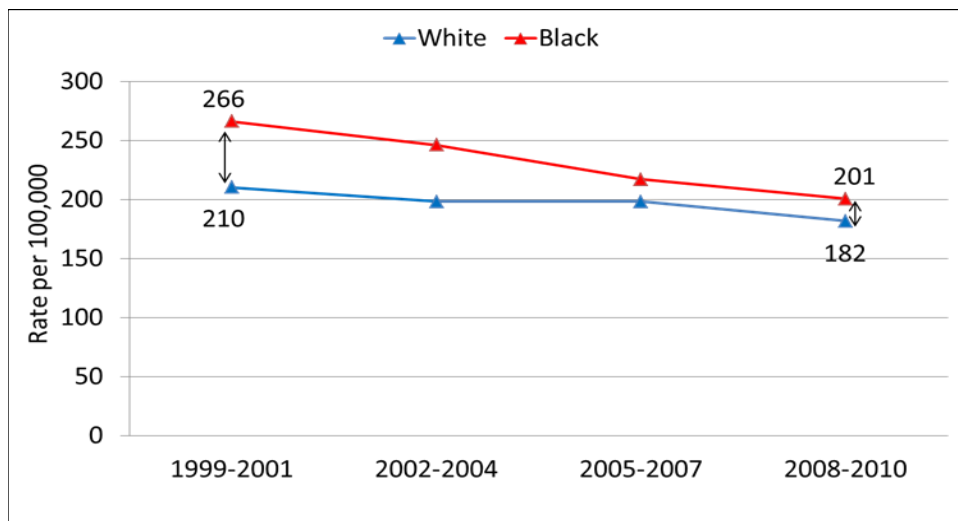
The mortality rates of colorectal cancer, female breast cancer and prostate cancer are higher in Blacks compared to Whites. Whites have a higher mortality rate of lung and bronchus cancer compared to Blacks.<sup>3</sup>

### Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality Rate by Race Anne Arundel County, 2006-2010<sup>3</sup>



Although cancer deaths have declined for both Whites and Blacks in Anne Arundel County, Blacks still have higher cancer mortality rates compared to Whites. The disparity in cancer mortality between Whites and Blacks has decreased. From 1999 to 2010, there was a 66% reduction in the cancer mortality disparity between Whites and Blacks.

### Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality Rate by Race Anne Arundel County, 1999-2010<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Available at: <http://healthypeople.gov/2020/about/DisparitiesAbout.aspx>

<sup>2</sup>CDC Wonder Online Database

<sup>3</sup>2013 Cancer Data, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene