



Demographics, 2013

Total Population	556,348
White	76.5%
Black	16.4%
Asian	3.7%
Hispanic (any race)	6.9%

Median Age (in years):

White	41.1
Black	34.4
Asian	36.3
Hispanic (any race)	26.5

Foreign Born	8.1%
Language other than English Spoken at home, ages 5+	10.6%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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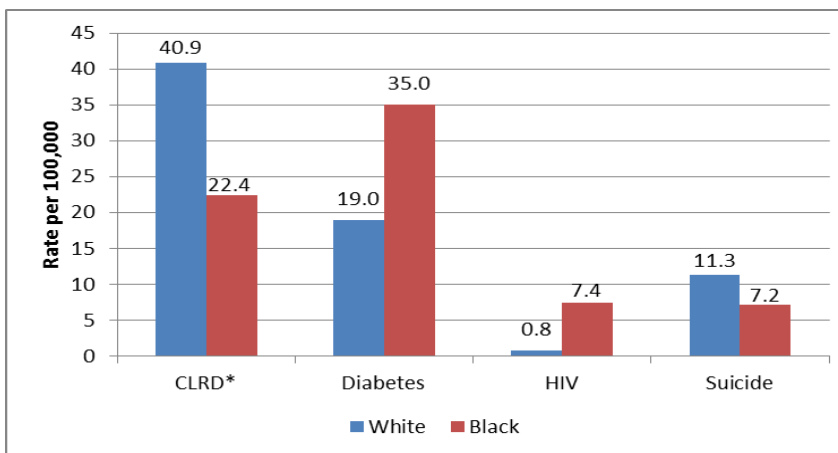
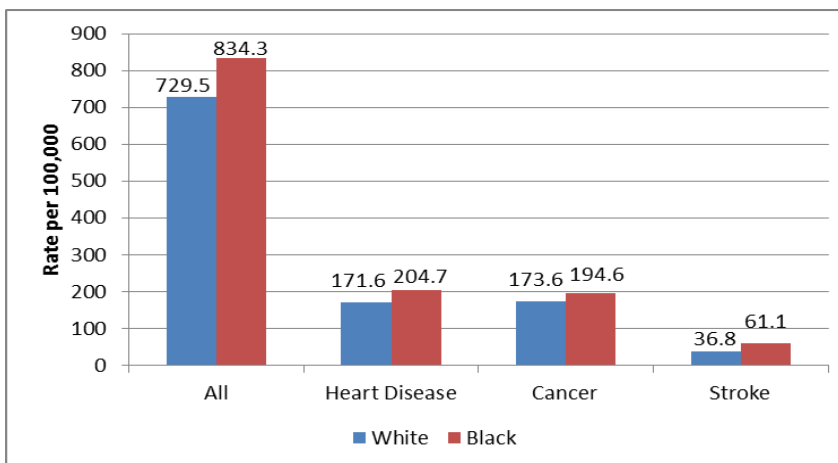
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Health Disparities in Anne Arundel County

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.¹ 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 overall mortality rate compared to Whites. The mortality rates of heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and HIV/AIDS are higher in Blacks compared to Whites. Conversely, Whites have higher mortality rates of suicide and chronic lower respiratory disease compared to Blacks.²

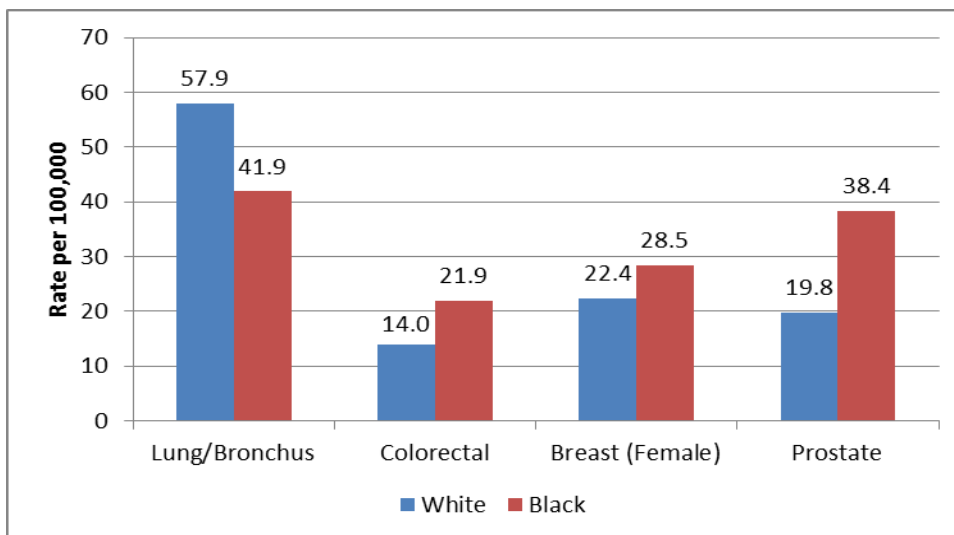
Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate by Race Anne Arundel County, 2009-2013²



*Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease
 Note: Race categories (White and Black) include data on individuals of Hispanic origin within the race designation. Mortality rates for other races are not presented due to small death counts in those categories.

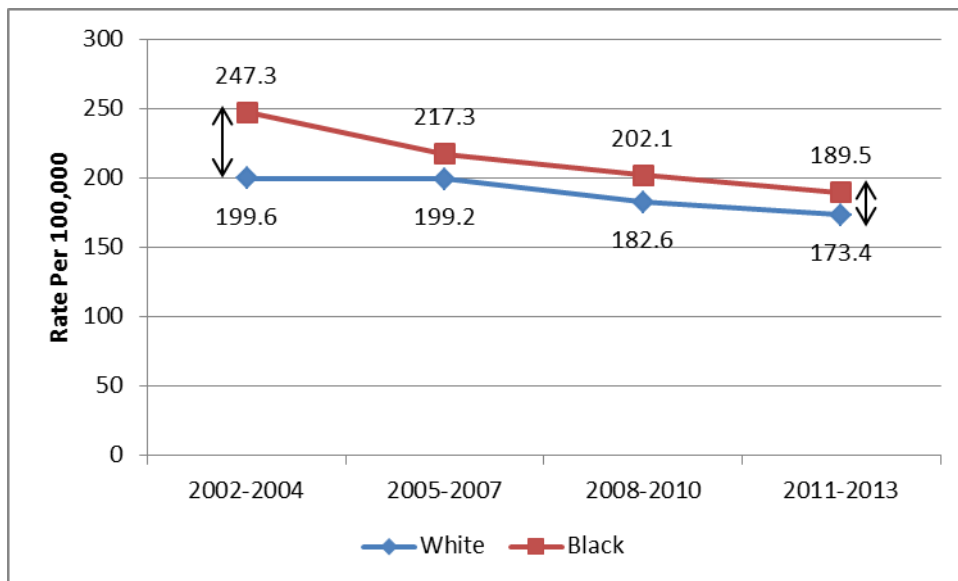
Although mortality rates for the cancer types below have decreased overall in Anne Arundel County, disparities remain when stratified on race. Whites have a higher mortality rate of lung and bronchus cancer compared to Blacks, whereas the mortality rates of colorectal, female breast and prostate cancers are higher in Blacks compared to Whites³.

Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality Rate by Race Anne Arundel County, 2007-2011³



Even though cancer mortality rates vary between Whites and Blacks, this disparity (indicated by the arrows below) has decreased in Anne Arundel County over time. From 2002 to 2013, there was 66% reduction in the all cancer site mortality rate difference between Whites and Blacks.

Age-Adjusted All Cancer Site Mortality Rates by Race Anne Arundel County, 2002-2013²



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

²U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Wonder Online Database

³2014 Cancer Data, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene