

This infographic is part of a series that explores health from the perspectives of different populations. Developed using health survey data, they collectively demonstrate Coloradans' varying experiences of health and health care.



1 in 19 Coloradans
is black

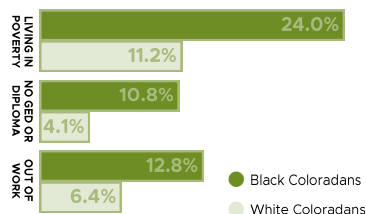
Colorado has over **280,000**
black residents*

*Includes individuals who identify as Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races

Black Coloradans are at an increased risk of poor health due to a variety of social factors



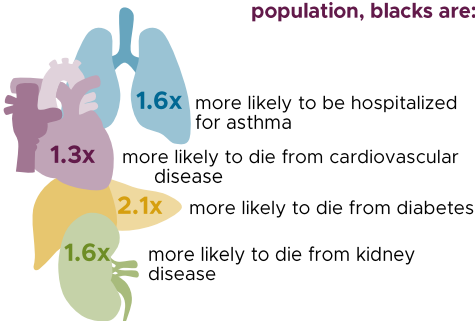
Black people are more likely to **live in poverty, not graduate high school, and be unemployed** than white people



18.4% of Black Coloradans are in fair or poor health, compared to **10.2% of White Coloradans**

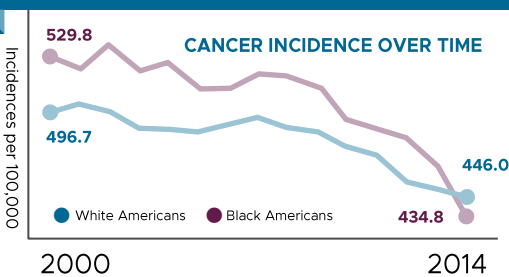
Black Coloradans are especially impacted by chronic disease

Compared to the overall Colorado population, blacks are:



Average health care costs for people with chronic disease are **2.5x higher** than for people without chronic disease

Blacks are now less likely to get cancer, but more likely to die from it



166.2

Deaths Per 100,000
WHITE AMERICANS

194.2

Deaths Per 100,000
BLACK AMERICANS

CANCER MORTALITY RATE

For most cancers, black people have the **highest mortality rates**; however, in Colorado, blacks have some of the **best survival rates** in the country



Due to historic and systemic injustices that disadvantage people of color, black people face increased health challenges. We must work to address the root causes of these disparities to ensure all Coloradans have the opportunity to live a healthy life.

Sources:

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