

# Persistent Black-White disparities seen in cancer mortality

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(HealthDay)—The overall Black-White disparities are narrowing in

cancer incidence but persist in cancer mortality, according to a report published online Feb. 10 in *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*.

Angela N. Giaquinto, M.S.P.H., from the American Cancer Society in Kennesaw, Georgia, and colleagues examined the most recent data on [cancer incidence](#) (through 2018) and mortality (through 2019) for Black people in the United States using population-based data.

The researchers note that in the United States, approximately 224,080 new cancer cases and 73,680 cancer deaths among Black people are expected in 2022. Black men had a 6% higher incidence rate than White men during the most recent five-year period but had 19% higher mortality overall, including an approximately twofold higher risk for death from myeloma, stomach cancer, and prostate cancer.

Owing to a steeper drop in lung and prostate cancers among Black men, the overall [cancer mortality](#) disparity is narrowing between Black and White men. However, the decrease in [prostate cancer](#) mortality among Black men slowed from 5% annually during 2010 to 2014 to 1.3% during 2015 to 2019.

For Black women, the incidence rate was 8% lower than that of White women, while mortality was 12% higher; despite similar or lower incidence rates, mortality rates are twofold higher for endometrial cancer and 41% higher for breast cancer.

"Reasons for continuing disparities are complex but likely are underpinned by structural racism and unequal access to care," the authors write.

**More information:** Angela N. Giaquinto et al, Cancer statistics for African American/Black People 2022, *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians* (2022). [DOI: 10.3322/caac.21718](https://doi.org/10.3322/caac.21718)

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