

# Racial differences seen in financial hardship among older cancer survivors

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Income and area-level disadvantage are the largest contributors to racial differences in financial hardship among older U.S. adults with cancer, according to a study [published](#) online June 18 in *Cancer*.

Elizabeth S. Davis, M.S.P.H., from Boston University, and colleagues conducted a survey to assess financial hardship among [older adults](#) diagnosed with cancer. Responses were received from 721 white (84 percent) or Black (16 percent) patients ( $\geq 65$  years) who were diagnosed with breast (34 percent), prostate (27 percent), lung (17 percent), or colorectal (14 percent) cancer or lymphoma (9 percent) at the University of Alabama at Birmingham between 2000 and 2019.

The researchers found that Black patients reported lower income (65 percent) versus 34 percent earning

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