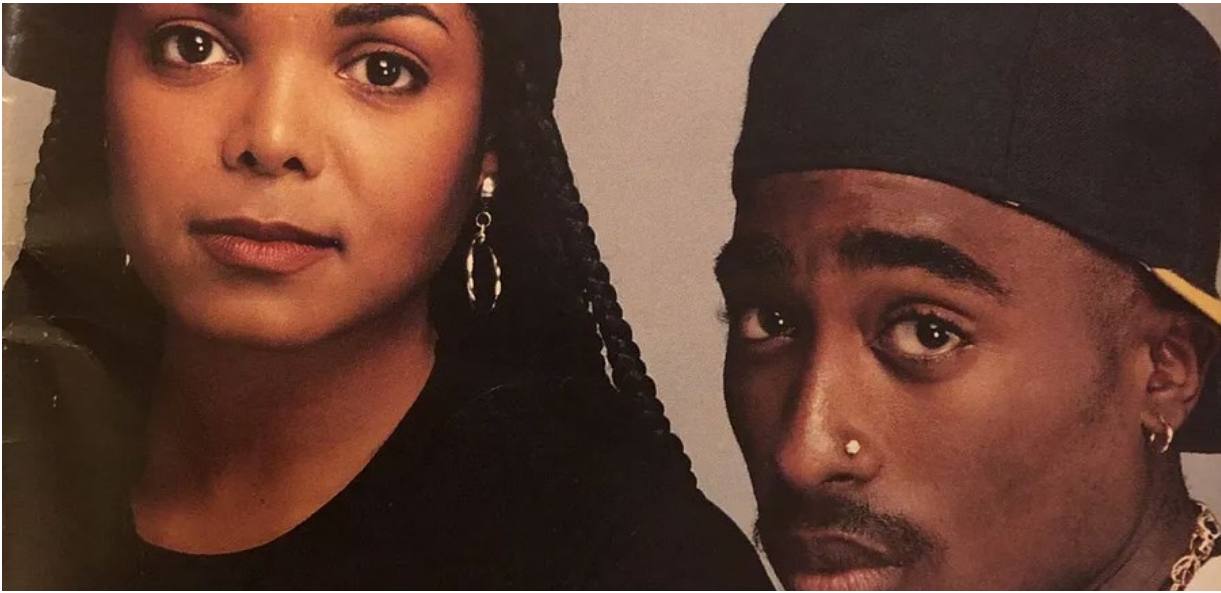
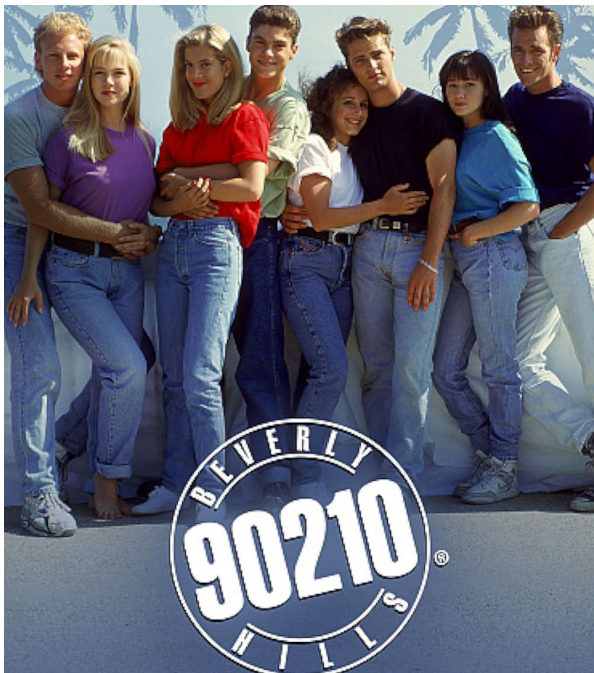




## 30 Years of the Food Forum: Reflecting on Progress, Envisioning the Road Ahead: Food and Nutrition Security and Equity

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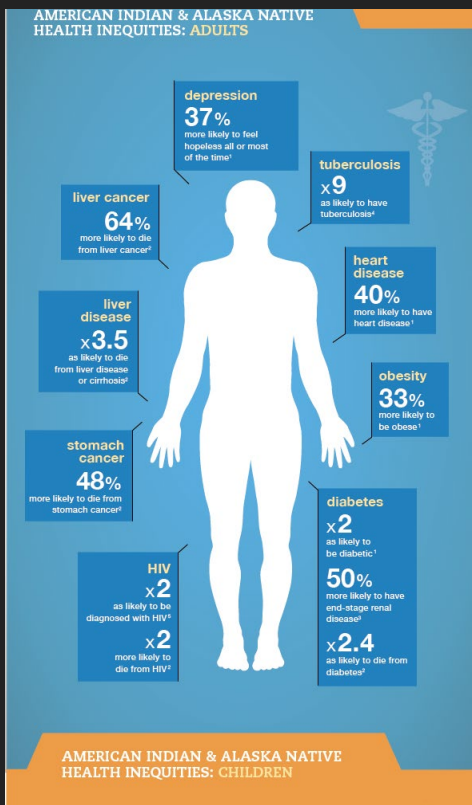


# Overview

- What are equity trends in the field of nutrition and health?
- What are considerations for the future and next steps?







Despite technological advances and some overall population decline, the high burden of chronic disease remains.

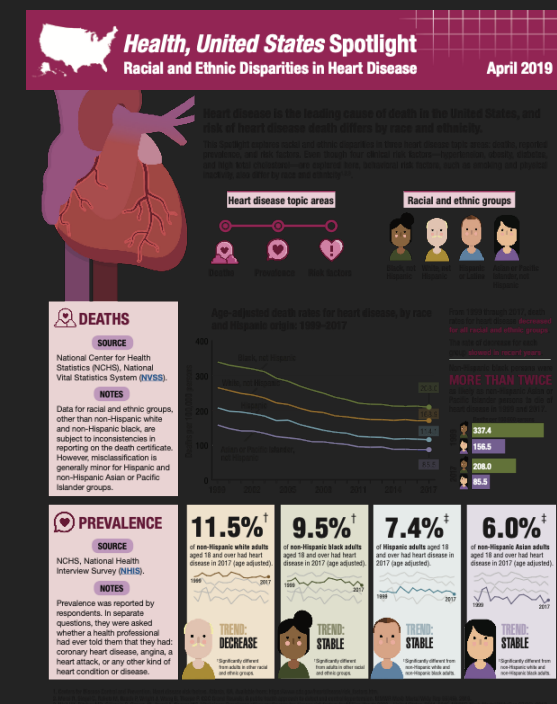
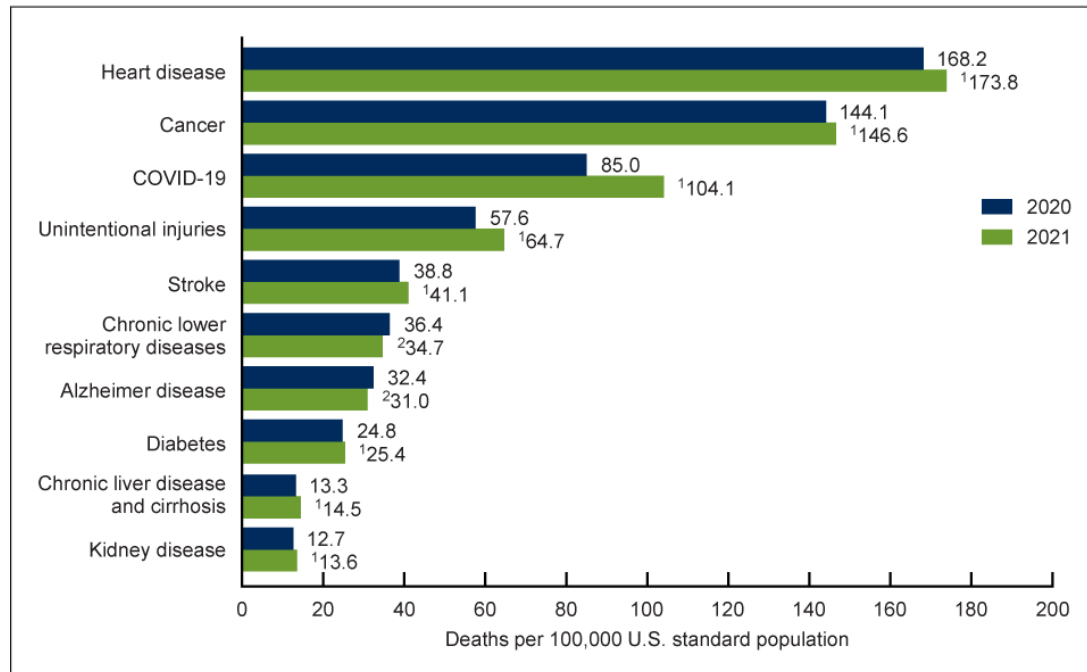


Figure 4. Age-adjusted death rate for the 10 leading causes of death in 2021: United States, 2020 and 2021



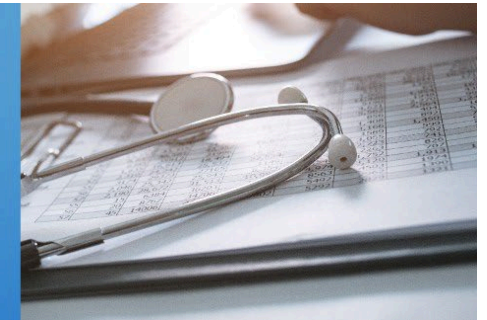
<sup>1</sup>Statistically significant increase from 2020 to 2021 ( $p < 0.05$ ).

<sup>2</sup>Statistically significant decrease from 2020 to 2021 ( $p < 0.05$ ).

NOTES: A total of 3,464,231 resident deaths were registered in the United States in 2021. The 10 leading causes of death accounted for 74.5% of all U.S. deaths in 2021. Causes of death are ranked according to number of deaths. Rankings for 2020 data are not shown. Data table for Figure 4 includes the number of deaths for leading causes and the percentage of total deaths. Access data table for Figure 4 at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db456-tables.pdf#4>.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

90% of the nation's \$4.1 trillion in annual health care expenditures are for people with chronic and mental health conditions.<sup>1,2</sup>



In 2019, 53.8% of adults aged 18–34 years had at least one chronic condition, and 22.3% had more than one condition. Prevalence of any as well as specific chronic conditions varied by population subgroup

**Suggested citation for this article:** Watson KB, Carlson SA, Loustalot F, et al. Chronic Conditions Among Adults Aged 18–34 Years — United States, 2019. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2022;71:964–970. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7130a3>.

Many U.S subgroups continue to experience higher rates of diet-related morbidity and mortality than the general population (e.g. cardiovascular disease) across the life course

These disparities have persisted for decades

## Which U.S. Population Groups Experience Cancer Health Disparities?

According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer health disparities in the United States are adverse differences in cancer measures such as number of new cases, number of deaths, cancer-related health complications, survivorship and quality of life after cancer treatment, screening rates, and stage at diagnosis that exist among certain population groups including:

**Individuals belonging to different ancestry, race, or ethnicity**



**Individuals of low socioeconomic status**



**Individuals who lack or have limited health insurance coverage**



**Residents in certain U.S. geographic locations, such as rural areas, or territories, such as Puerto Rico and Guam**



**Members of the sexual and gender minority communities**



**Certain immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers**



**Individuals with disabilities**



**Adolescents and young adults**

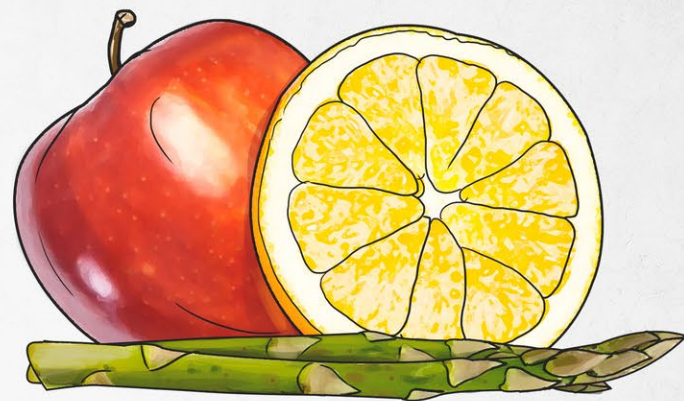
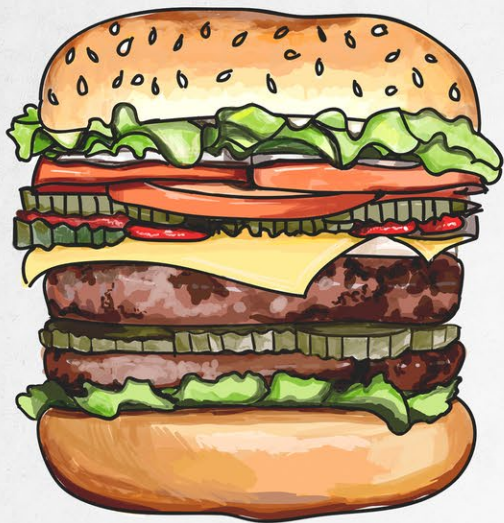


**Elderly**



It is important to note that some populations may carry even a higher burden of cancer because they simultaneously fall into more than one of these categories.







# DOWN HOME HEALTHY COOKiN

RECIPES AND HEALTHY COOKING TIPS

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute

## Platillos Latinos ¡Sabrosos y Saludables!

Delicious Heart Healthy Latino Recipes



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## SISTERS TOGETHER

Program Guide

*Move More, Eat Better*

our community take steps toward better health



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## SOCIOECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

Governance

Macroeconomic Policies

Social Policies  
*Labour Market, Housing, Land*

Public Policies  
*Education, Health, Social Protection*

Culture and Societal Values

Socioeconomic Position

Social Class  
Gender  
Ethnicity (racism)

Education

Occupation

Income

Social Cohesion & Social Capital

Material Circumstances  
*(Living and Working, Conditions, Food Availability, etc.)*

Behaviors and Biological Factors

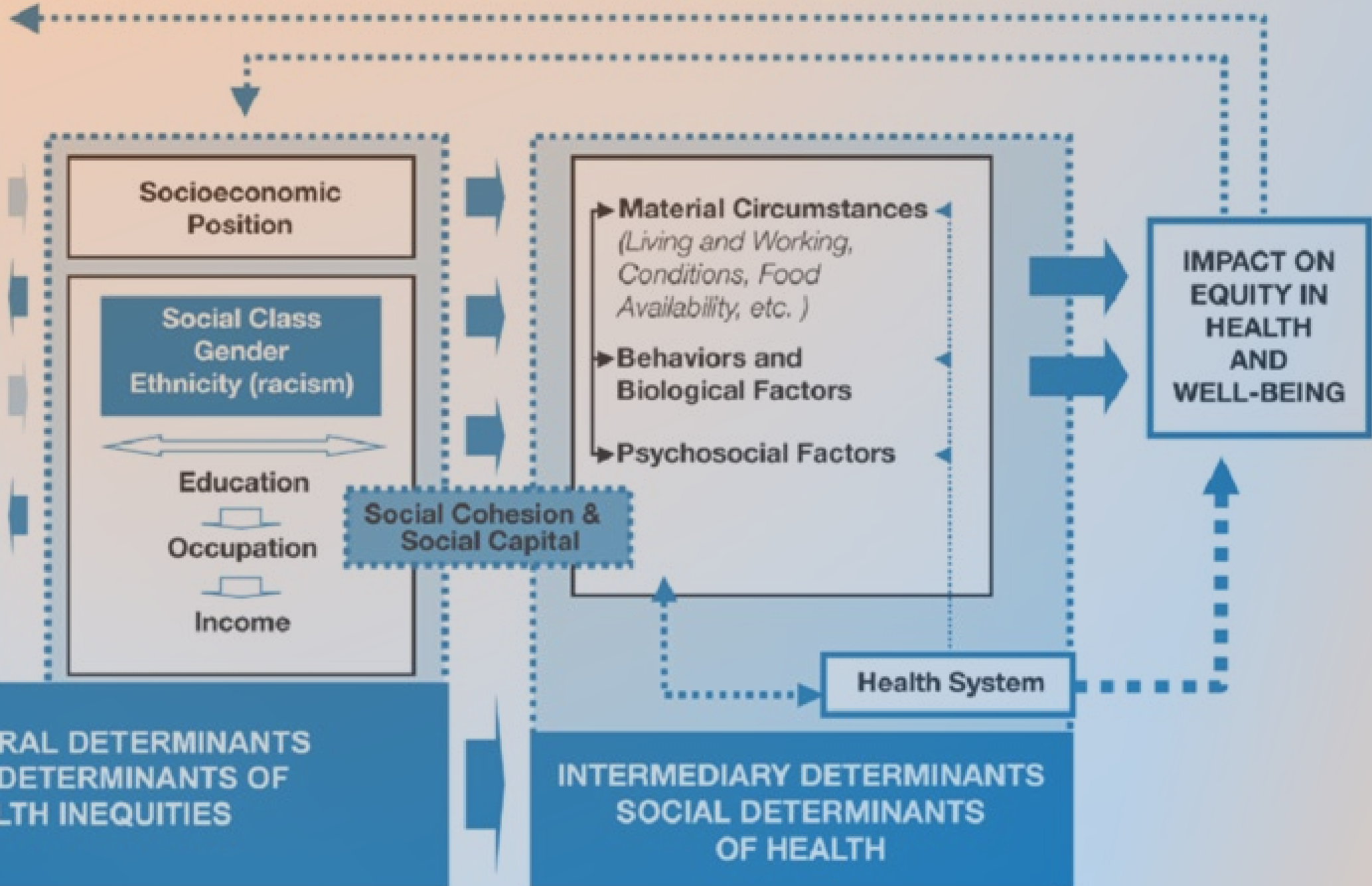
Psychosocial Factors

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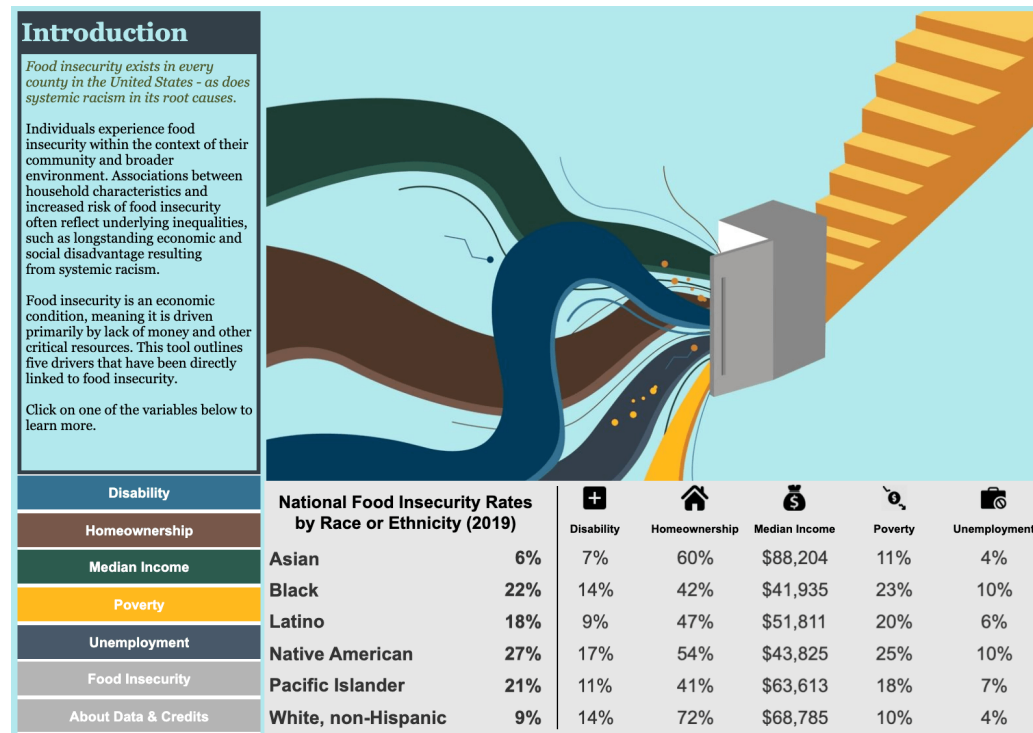
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INTERMEDIARY DETERMINANTS  
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS  
OF HEALTH



# Identifying Racism in the Drivers of Food Insecurity

## Differences in Cardiovascular Risk Factors by Race and Ethnicity, Adjusting for Social Determinants of Health, During 1999-2008 and 2009-2018



Source: <https://www.tableau.com/foundation/data-equity/economic-power/feeding-america-racism-food-insecurity>

	NHANES 1999-2008			NHANES 2009-2018		
Cardiovascular risk factors	No. of participants	Age- and sex-adjusted difference	Age-, sex-, and SDOH-adjusted difference <sup>b</sup>	No. of participants	Age- and sex-adjusted difference	Age-, sex-, and SDOH-adjusted difference <sup>b</sup>
Mean body mass index <sup>c</sup>						
Black – White	4253/10 407	2.1 (1.8 to 2.4)	2.0 (1.7 to 2.4)	5124/9826	2.0 (1.7 to 2.4)	1.8 (1.5 to 2.1)
Hispanic – White	5280/10 407	0.7 (0.3 to 1.1)	0.9 (0.5 to 1.2)	5677/9826	1.2 (0.9 to 1.5)	1.2 (0.8 to 1.5)
Mean systolic blood pressure, mm Hg						
Black – White	3516/9100	5.5 (4.7 to 6.4)	4.6 (3.8 to 5.5)	4831/9409	6.4 (5.6 to 7.2)	5.3 (4.5 to 6.1)
Hispanic – White	4585/9100	1.7 (0.7 to 2.7)	0.2 (-0.8 to 1.2)	5375/9409	1.7 (1.0 to 2.4)	0.2 (-0.5 to 0.9)
Mean hemoglobin A <sub>1c</sub> , %						
Black – White	3991/10 295	0.4 (0.3 to 0.4)	0.3 (0.3 to 0.4)	4801/9663	0.4 (0.3 to 0.4)	0.3 (0.3 to 0.4)
Hispanic – White	5207/10 295	0.3 (0.2 to 0.3)	0.2 (0.2 to 0.3)	5535/9663	0.3 (0.3 to 0.4)	0.3 (0.2 to 0.3)
Mean total cholesterol, mg/dL						
Black – White	3933/10 194	-5.6 (-7.3 to -3.9)	-4.4 (-6.3 to -2.5)	4694/9571	-5.9 (-7.8 to -4.1)	-4.3 (-6.0 to -2.5)
Hispanic – White	5167/10 194	0.1 (-1.7 to 1.9)	0.4 (-1.5 to 2.3)	5493/9571	0.5 (-1.8 to 2.8)	1.3 (-1.1 to 3.6)
Prevalence of current cigarette smoking, %						
Black – White	4388/10 697	-0.5 (-2.9 to 1.8)	-8.0 (-10.0 to -5.9)	5183/9973	3.8 (1.7 to 6.0)	-4.0 (-5.9 to -2.1)
Hispanic – White	5412/10 697	-6.1 (-9.1 to -3.1)	-17.5 (-20.6 to -14.4)	5740/9973	-6.1 (-8.3 to -3.9)	-16.6 (-18.9 to -14.3)
Mean 10-y risk of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, % <sup>d</sup>						
Black – White	2855/7633	1.4 (1.0 to 1.7)	-0.3 (-0.6 to 0.1)	3905/7828	2.0 (1.7 to 2.4)	0.7 (0.3 to 1.0)
Hispanic – White	4054/7633	0.8 (0.3 to 1.3)	-1.3 (-1.9 to -0.7)	4752/7828	0.7 (0.3 to 1.0)	-0.7 (-1.1 to -0.4)

Abbreviation: NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

SI conversion factor: To convert total cholesterol to millimoles per liter, multiply by 0.0259.

<sup>a</sup> Racial and ethnic differences in cardiovascular risk factors were defined as mean values in Black participants minus mean values in White participants or mean values in Hispanic participants minus mean values in White participants. NHANES participants with complete data for cardiovascular risk factors were included in the analysis. Absolute values on which this table is based can be found in eTable 5 in the Supplement. Additional data on obesity, hypertension, diabetes, high total cholesterol, and self-reported history of cardiovascular disease can be found in eTable 6 and eTable 7 in the Supplement.

<sup>b</sup> Social determinants of health (SDOH) included education (less than high school, high school graduate, some college, or college graduate or higher), family income-to-poverty ratio, home ownership, employment (employed, student, retired, or unemployed), health insurance (private, government, or none), and regular access to health care facility.

<sup>c</sup> Calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared.

<sup>d</sup> The 10-year risk of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease was calculated using the Pooled Cohort Equations among individuals without a self-reported history of cardiovascular disease. The probability of developing atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease over 10 years ranged from 0% to 100%.

Source: He J, Zhu Z, Bundy JD, Dorans KS, Chen J, Hamm LL. Trends in Cardiovascular Risk Factors in US Adults by Race and Ethnicity and Socioeconomic Status, 1999-2018. *JAMA*. 2021;326(13):1286–1298. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.15187



# CHARACTERISTICS OF A TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTIST

Translation is the process of turning observations in the laboratory, clinic and community into interventions that improve the health of individuals and the public – from diagnostics and therapeutics to medical procedures and behavioral changes. The professionals involved in this process, either developing interventions or improving the process itself, are **TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTISTS**.

## RIGOROUS RESEARCHER

Conducts research at the highest levels of rigor and transparency, possesses strong statistical analysis skills, and designs research projects to maximize reproducibility.

## BOUNDARY CROSSER

Breaks down disciplinary silos and collaborates with others across research areas and professions to collectively advance the development of a medical intervention.

## TEAM PLAYER

Practices a team science approach by leveraging the strengths and expertise and valuing the contributions of all players on the translational science team.

## PROCESS INNOVATOR

Seeks to better understand the scientific and operation principles underlying the translational process, and innovates to overcome bottlenecks and accelerate that process.

## DOMAIN EXPERT

Possesses deep disciplinary knowledge and expertise within one or more of the domains of the translational science spectrum ranging from basic to clinical to public health research and domains in between.

## SKILLED COMMUNICATOR

Communicates with understanding with all stakeholders in the translational process across diverse social, cultural, economic and scientific backgrounds, including patients and community members.

## SYSTEMS THINKER

Evaluates the complex external forces, interactions and relationships impacting the development of medical interventions, including patient needs and preferences, regulatory requirements, current standards of care, and market and business demands.

# Team and Implementation Science

- The National Institute of Health's concept of team science is a means of addressing complex clinical problems by applying conceptual and methodological approaches from multiple disciplines and health professions.
- Implementation Science is the scientific study of methods to promote the systematic uptake of research findings and other evidence-based practice into routine practice and, hence, to improve the quality and effectiveness of health services and policies.
- Both can serve as a bridge between discovery and implementation and help incorporate social and structural factors



Types of Interventions		
<p><b>Structural</b></p> <p><b>Aim</b> Change economic, legal, political, or social environmental factors that shape public health outcomes</p> <p><b>Example</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decriminalise sex work</li> <li>• Community empowerment, such as enhancing skills to mobilise or engage in legal advocacy</li> <li>• Sensitivity training for law enforcement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Behavioral</b></p> <p><b>Aim</b> Support changes in human behavior to influence health outcomes</p> <p><b>Example</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer education on strategies to improve condom use with clients and partners</li> <li>• Self-efficacy building workshops to increase treatment adherence</li> </ul>	<p><b>Biomedical</b></p> <p><b>Aim</b> Provide clinical or medical approach to health outcomes</p> <p><b>Example</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PrEP program for sex workers</li> <li>• STI treatment services</li> <li>• Post-violence response medical care and reporting support</li> </ul>



Source: Integrated Interventions to Address Sex Workers' Needs and Realities: Academic and Community Insights on Incorporating Structural, Behavioural, and Biomedical Approaches. In S. M. Goldenberg (Eds.) et al., *Sex Work, Health, and Human Rights: Global Inequities, Challenges, and Opportunities for Action*. (pp. 231–253). Springer.

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# SANKOFA



**Go Back and Get It**

## Reflecting on Progress... Using a Lens of 'Sankofa'

The word Sankofa comes from the Akan people of Ghana.

It has been embraced as a symbol of Pan-Africanism and African Diaspora

Se wo were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi” (translated from the Akan language to mean “it is not taboo to go back and fetch what you forgot”).

The power of Sankofa centers around this: to know history and your heritage is to know your current self, the world around you, and how to better both.

Taking from the past what is good and bringing it into the present in order to make positive progress through the benevolent use of knowledge.



Motivate  
one another  
to acts of love  
and good works.

HEBREWS 10:24

Thank you!