

# DEFINING THE PROBLEM: CULTURAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN ACCESS, COVERAGE, CARE, AND HEALTH STATUS

## Books, Reports, and Other Key Resources

*2006 American Community Survey and Census Data on the Foreign Born by State.* Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute, n.d.

Interactive map provides national and state-by-state data on immigrant populations from the 1990 and 2000 Decennial Censuses and the 2006 American Community Surveys.

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/DataHub/acscensus.cfm>

*2007 National Healthcare Quality & Disparities Reports.* Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2008.

Summarizes health care quality and access among various racial, ethnic, and income groups and other populations, such as children and older adults.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/qrdr07.htm>

*Americans' Views of Disparities in Health Care: A Poll Conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and ICR/International Communications Research.*

Princeton, NJ: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2005.

Results of a survey conducted to examine the extent to which the American public was aware of disparities in health care.

[http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/Disparities\\_Survey\\_Report.pdf](http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/Disparities_Survey_Report.pdf)

Anderson, N. B., and others, eds. *Critical Perspectives on Racial and Ethnic Differences in Health in Late Life.* Washington, DC: National Academies Press, 2004.

Looks at the various elements that contribute to disparities in the health status of Americans of different racial and ethnic backgrounds in their later years.

[http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11086](http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11086)

Arroyo, L. *The Health of Latino Communities in the South: Challenges and Opportunities.* Washington, DC: National Council of La Raza, 2004.

Discusses the health care needs, challenges, and realities of Latino communities in the southern U.S., based on focus group research and primary interviews with health care providers in Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

<http://www.nclr.org/content/publications/download/26898>

Barr, D. A. *Health Disparities in the United States: Social Class, Race, Ethnicity, and Health.* Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008.

Explores the relationship between socioeconomic status, race, and ethnicity and how they affect health disparities; examines the impact of health disparities; and makes recommendations for reducing disparities.

Bethell, C., and others. *Measuring and Interpreting Health Care Quality Across Culturally-Diverse Populations: A Focus on*

*Consumer-Reported Indicators of Health Care Quality.* Portland, OR: Foundation for Accountability, 2003.

Identifies key issues and opportunities to advance consumer-reported measurement and communication of health care quality information for culturally-diverse populations. Focus is on the Hispanic population.

[http://www.hablamosjuntos.org/resources/pdf/Across\\_Culturally\\_Diverse\\_Populations\\_\(March\\_2003\).pdf](http://www.hablamosjuntos.org/resources/pdf/Across_Culturally_Diverse_Populations_(March_2003).pdf)

Brach, C., and Chevarley, F. M. *Demographics and Health Care Access and Utilization of Limited-English-Proficient and English-Proficient Hispanics.* Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2008.

Compares limited-English-proficient Hispanic adults to English-proficient Hispanic adults as well as English-proficient Hispanic adults to the white non-Hispanic population to determine whether disparities persist when only the English-proficient Hispanic population is examined.

[http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data\\_files/publications/rf28/rf28.pdf](http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_files/publications/rf28/rf28.pdf)

*Cancer Health Disparities: Questions and Answers.* Bethesda, MD: National Cancer Institute, 2008.

Describes the current incidence and death rates for selected cancers among racial and ethnic groups living in the United States. Also includes a description of NCI programs that are addressing the causes of cancer health disparities.

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/cancer-health-disparities>

Collins, K. S., and others. *Diverse Communities, Common Concerns: Assessing Health Care Quality for Minority Americans.* New York: The Commonwealth Fund, 2002.

Survey results and analysis on a wide range of health care quality measures--including effective patient-physician communication, overcoming cultural and linguistic barriers, and access to health care and insurance coverage--for minority Americans.

[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/publications\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=221257](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=221257)

Cooper, L., and Powe, N. R. *Disparities in Patient Experiences, Health Care Processes, and Outcomes: The Role of Patient-Provider Racial, Ethnic, and Language Concordance.* New York: The Commonwealth Fund, July 2004.

Looks at the impact of "race-discordant" relationships--patients from ethnic groups treated by professionals from a different ethnic background--and links patient-physician race/ethnic concordance with higher patient satisfaction and better health care processes.

[http://www.cmwf.org/programs/minority/cooper\\_raceconcordance\\_753.pdf](http://www.cmwf.org/programs/minority/cooper_raceconcordance_753.pdf)

*Critical Disparities in Latino Mental Health: Transforming Research into Action.* Washington, DC: National Council of La Raza, 2005. Examines six major issues affecting Latino mental health--depression, immigration and acculturation, chemical use and dependency, domestic violence, suicide, and depression and co-morbidity Issues--and makes recommendations for the development of mental health strategies that meet the needs of this population.  
<http://www.nclr.org/content/publications/detail/34795/>

Cunningham, P. *Health Coverage and Access to Care for Hispanics in "New Growth Communities" and "Major Hispanic Centers."* Washington, DC: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2006. Examines coverage and access to care for Hispanics living in "new growth" communities (those with a small but rapidly growing Hispanic population) and those living in "major Hispanic centers" (areas that traditionally have had a large Hispanic population). It also compares Hispanics with non-Hispanic whites in these communities.  
<http://www.kff.org/uninsured/upload/7551.pdf>

*Data on Health and Well-Being of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Other Native Americans.* Washington, DC: U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of Human Services Policy, 2006. Catalog of data sources that document AI/AN/NA population characteristics and measures of health and well-being.  
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/06/Catalog-AI-AN-NA/report.pdf>

DeNavas-Walt, C., Proctor, B. D., and Smith, J. C. *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2007.* Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008. Data on income, poverty, and health insurance coverage by race and Hispanic origin.  
<http://www.census.gov/prod/2008pubs/p60-235.pdf>

*Disparities in Children's Health and Health Coverage.* Washington, DC: Children's Defense Fund, 2008. Fact sheet on disparities in health, access, and coverage of children.  
[http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/DocServer/Disparities\\_in\\_Children\\_4-22-08.pdf?docID=7283](http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/DocServer/Disparities_in_Children_4-22-08.pdf?docID=7283)

*Disparities in Health Coverage, Access, and Quality: The Impact of Citizenship Status and Language on Low-Income Immigrants.* Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2003. Examines the roles of race/ethnicity, citizenship, and language on insurance coverage, access to care, and quality of care, with a focus on the low-income Latino population.  
<http://www.kff.org/uninsured/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/>

[security/getfile.cfm&PageID=22107](http://www.kff.org/uninsured/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=22107)

*Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance: Already Poor Access Dwindles Further for Working Latino Families.* Washington, DC: National Council of La Raza, 2008. Examines data and issues related to employer-sponsored health insurance for Hispanics.  
<http://www.nclr.org/content/publications/detail/50277/>

Escarce, J. J. *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to and Quality of Health Care.* Princeton, NJ: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2007. Assesses whether racial and ethnic disparities in access remain after adjusting for factors such as insurance and socioeconomic status and discusses the contributions of these factors to the observed disparities in non-Hispanic whites, non-Hispanic blacks and Hispanics.  
[http://www.rwjf.org/pr/synthesis/reports\\_and\\_briefs/pdf/no12\\_researchreport.pdf](http://www.rwjf.org/pr/synthesis/reports_and_briefs/pdf/no12_researchreport.pdf)

*Fact Sheet: Young African American Men in the United States.* Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2006. Fact sheet highlighting key information on the education, health, and overall status of young African American men, including comparisons to other groups.  
<http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/7541.cfm>

Finegold, K., and Wherry, L. *Race, Ethnicity, and Health.* Washington, DC: The Urban Institute, 2004. Data from the 1997, 1999, and 2002 rounds of the National Survey of America's Families identifies changes in health insurance coverage and health status by race and ethnicity.  
<http://www.urban.org/publications/310969.html>

Fisher E. S., Goodman, D. C., and Chandra, A. *Disparities in Health and Health Care among Medicare Beneficiaries A Brief Report of the Dartmouth Atlas Project.* Lebanon, NJ: Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, 2008. Examines both racial and geographic disparities in the delivery and quality of care.  
<http://www.dartmouthatlas.org/af4q.shtm>

Fox H. B., and others. *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health and Access to Care among Older Adolescents.* Washington, DC: National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health, 2007. Presents national data on disparities and health status and access to care among Hispanic, black, and white adolescents ages 18 through 21.  
<http://www.incenterstrategies.org/jan07/factsheet2.pdf>

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Provides an overview of how America's communities are changing, what new needs for care are emerging, and what kind of potential there is for employing members of these new and growing populations.

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[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/topics/topics\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=228596](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/topics/topics_show.htm?doc_id=228596)

*Health Coverage and Access to Care among Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders*. Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2008.

Examines the health coverage, access to health care, and health status of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander ethnic groups in the United States.

<http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/7745.cfm>

*Health Poll Search: Race/Ethnicity and Health*. Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, n.d.

Searchable archive of public opinion questions on health and health care issues, including race/ethnicity and health.

[http://www.kaisernetwork.org/faqs/faq\\_detail.cfm?search=&ID=136&Cat=10](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/faqs/faq_detail.cfm?search=&ID=136&Cat=10)

*The Health Status of African American Men in the United States*. Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2007.

Overview of the health of African American men, including mortality rates, health status, insurance coverage and access to care. It also looks at the population's socioeconomic factors that relate to health status.

<http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/7630.cfm>

*Indian Health Care in the 21st Century: A Case Study in Disparities* [webcast]. Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2005.

Webcast of a panel discussion on key Indian health issues, including the availability of mental health.

<http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/access050905pkg.cfm>

*Key Facts: Race, Ethnicity and Medical Care, 2007 Update*. Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2007.

Data on the uninsured and access to care by race/ethnicity as well as information about the disproportionate effect that specific conditions such as diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and asthma have on

minority populations.

<http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/6069.cfm>

*Key Health and Health Care Indicators by Race/Ethnicity and State*. Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2007.

Data showing variation across states and racial and ethnic groups for six key health and health care indicators.

<http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/7633.cfm>

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Examines the history and current status of racial and ethnic disparities as well as patient and provider factors contributing to disparities.

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Explores historical, social, conceptual, demographical, and epidemiological aspects of race/ethnicity and health. Examines health issues related to specific groups.

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Multidisciplinary resource that examines the factors that contribute to the large disparities in health status between African Americans and whites.

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Explores the ways in which the diverse characteristics of the Latino population influence their health information needs, their help-seeking behaviors, their access to health services, their perceptions of the quality of health care, and their level of understanding of chronic disease.

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Identifies the ethical issues as well as the technical challenges inherent in measuring variables of race, ethnicity, gender, and/or sexual orientation.

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Provides data on the U.S. population by race/ethnicity, income, and language and identifies disparities in health status and mortality, access to health care, and quality. Also documents strategies that may lessen or eliminate disparities in health and health care.

[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/publications\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=672908#areaCitation](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=672908#areaCitation)

*Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, n.d.

Web-based source for data on health care spending. Major topics include per capita health spending, health insurance coverage, and health care services use. Data can be segmented by a number of variables, including sex, race/ethnicity, age, and locale.

<http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/>

*MEDLINE/PubMed Search*. Bethesda, MD: National Library of Medicine, n.d.

Link to a pre-structured search of the medical and health care literature that retrieves citations to journal articles on various aspects of disparities.

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/health\\_disparities.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/health_disparities.html)

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Explores various issues related to disparities in health status and health care delivery.

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Data and conclusions from a number of studies that profile immigrant behavior and use of health care services.

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Data on mental health coverage benefits and enrollees' access to and use of mental health services through the Healthy Kids program in San Mateo County, California.

<http://www.urban.org/publications/411573.html>

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Discusses general systemic issues related to health disparities and issues related to specific population groups.

*Policy Challenges and Opportunities in Closing the Racial/Ethnic Divide in Health Care*. Menlo Park, CA: Kaiser Family Foundation, 2005.

Reviews the issues and the evidence underpinning five broad areas of policy initiatives that flow from recommendations made in the Institute of Medicine's 2002 report, *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Care*.

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Looks at issues of disparities in health care specifically related to African Americans, explores the health-seeking behaviors of this population, and examines their use of the health care system and health care providers.

*Racial/Ethnic Differences in Cardiac Care: The Weight of the Evidence*. Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2002.

Review and analysis of the body of research on racial/ethnic differences in cardiac care.

<http://www.kff.org/uninsured/20021009c-index.cfm>

*Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Women's Health Coverage and Access to Care: Findings from the 2001 Kaiser Women's Health Survey*.

Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2004.

Explores racial and ethnic disparities in health care among women, with information on the differences in health status, health insurance coverage, and selected measures of access to care across three racial/ethnic groups of women: African American, Latina, and white.

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Discusses the impact of lack of coverage on the health and well-being of Hispanic children.

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Comprehensive resource that looks at disease-specific disparities as well as issues related to delivery of and access to health care.

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