

STRUCTURAL RACISM AND COVID-19

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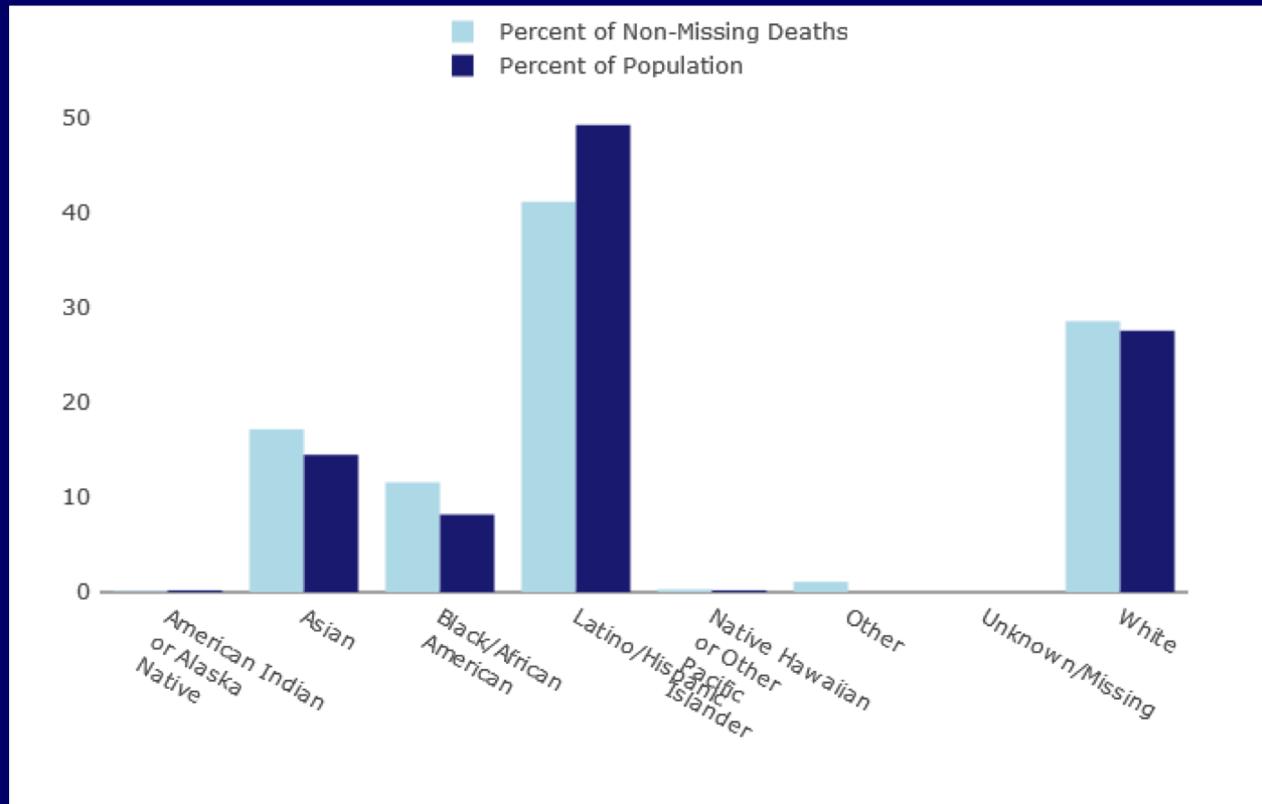
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Communities in Action Pathways to Health Equity



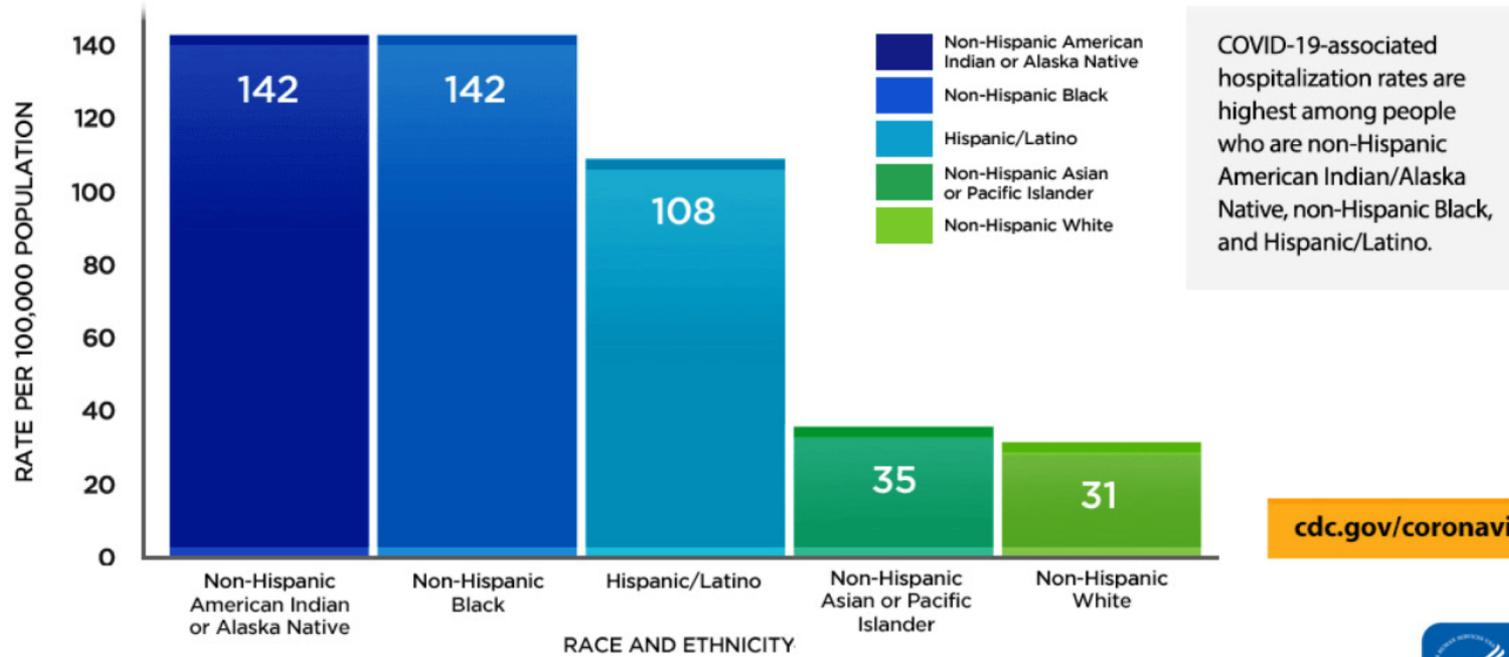
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DEATHS (LA County) by Race/Ethnicity and Population Size



Age-adjusted COVID-19-associated hospitalization rates by race and ethnicity

COVID-NET, MARCH 1 - MAY 23, 2020



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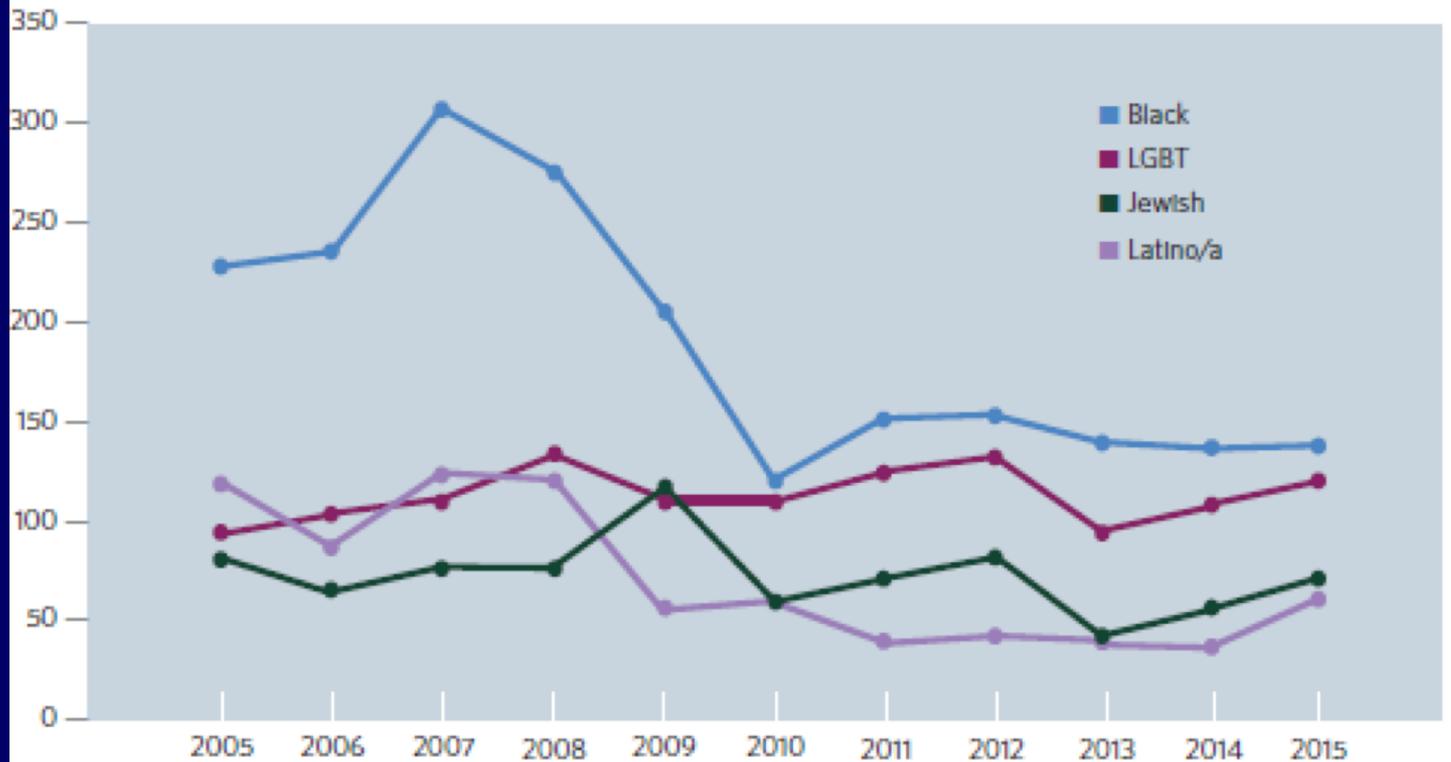
Rates are statistically adjusted to account for differences in age distributions within race and ethnicity strata in the COVID-NET catchment area. Rates are based on available race and ethnicity data which is now complete in 83% of cases from COVID-NET sites. COVID-19-associated hospitalization rates for American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) may be impacted by recent outbreaks among specific communities within this population and the small numbers of AI/AN cases included in COVID-NET.



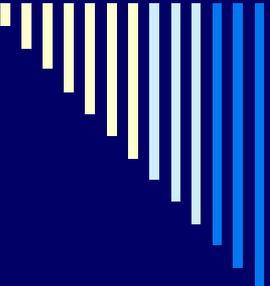
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RACISM IN THE “POST-RACIAL” PERIOD, LOS ANGELES

2005-2015 Hate Crimes: Most Frequently Targeted Groups



Source: LA County Commission on Human Relations, 2015

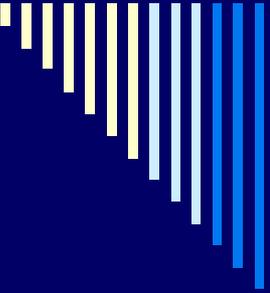


RACISM

RACISM is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on the social interpretation of how one looks (which is what [people] call "race"), that

- **unfairly disadvantages** some individuals and communities,
- **unfairly advantages** other individuals and communities, and
- **saps the strength of the whole society** through the waste of human resources.”

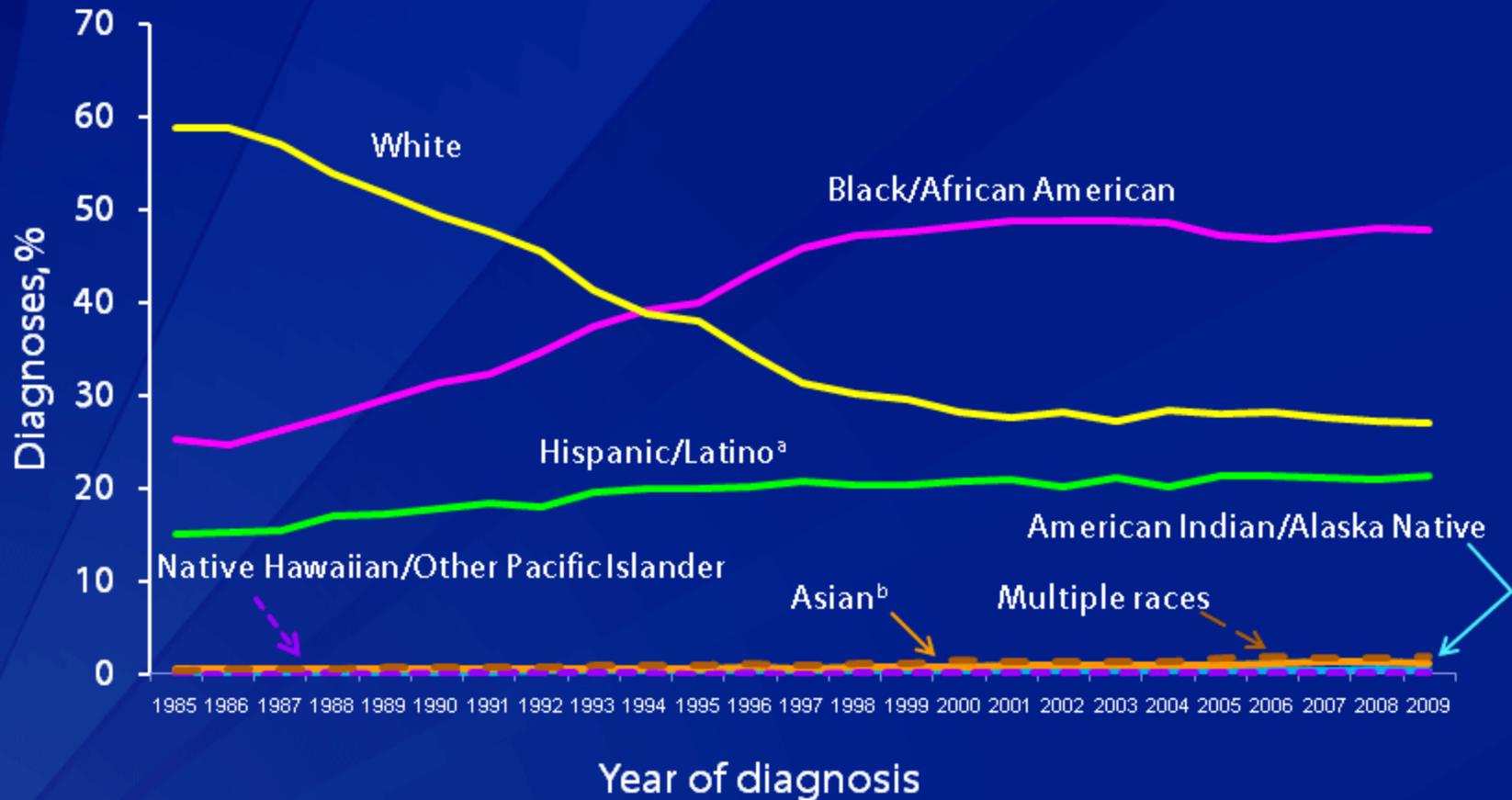




STRUCTURAL RACISM

- The totality of ways that systems in society (e.g., housing, healthcare) differentially treat groups based on race/ethnicity
- The results [of that treatment] may be used to justify continued discriminatory treatment

AIDS Diagnoses among Adults and Adolescents, by Race/Ethnicity and Year of Diagnosis, 1985-2009— United States and Dependent Areas

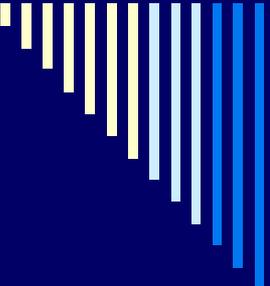


Note. All displayed data have been statistically adjusted to account for reporting delays, but not for incomplete reporting.

^a Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.

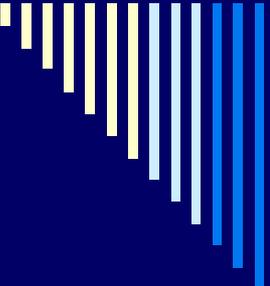
^b Includes Asian/Pacific Islander legacy cases.





SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS

- Monitor institutional racism
- Document exposures in communities
- To shift toward capturing social constructedness and inequities



Thank You.

