

This infographic is part of a series that explores health from the perspectives of different populations. Developed using health survey data, they collectively demonstrate Coloradans' varying experiences of health and health care.



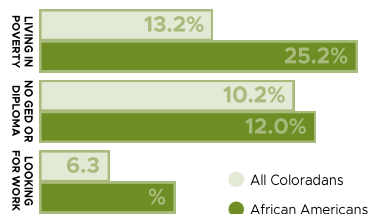
Colorado has nearly **250,000**  
African American residents\*

\*Includes individuals who identify as Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races

## African Americans are at an increased risk of poor health due to a variety of social factors



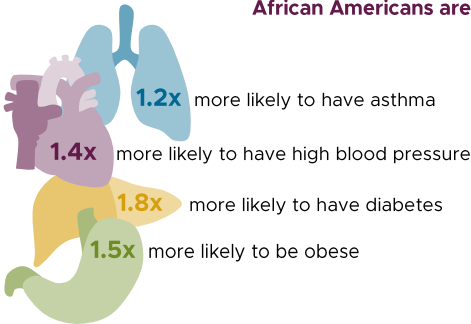
African Americans are more likely to **live in poverty, not graduate high school, and be unemployed**



Only **15.3% of Coloradans** are in fair or poor health, compared to **21.5% of African Americans** in Colorado

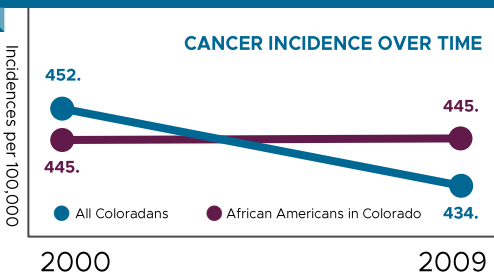
## African Americans are especially impacted by chronic disease

Compared to the overall Colorado population, African Americans are:



Average health care costs for people with chronic disease are **2.5x higher** than for people without chronic disease

Similarly, **cancer is a leading cause of death** among African Americans in Colorado



For most cancers, African Americans have the **highest mortality rates**;

however, in Colorado, African Americans have some of the **best survival rates** in the country



In many ways, African Americans face increased health challenges in Colorado. It is important we work to address the underlying social factors that affect health to ensure all Coloradans have the opportunity to live a healthy life.

**Sources:**

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