

Health Equity & Digital Divide in Tennessee

In Tennessee, health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities and rural populations are prevalent, resulting in significant health and financial costs to the state. This document provides a snapshot of the state of health and health disparities in Tennessee, highlighting the challenges and opportunities for advancing health equity.



POPULATION: About 7 Million

2% Asian | 17% Black | 3% Other | 78% White





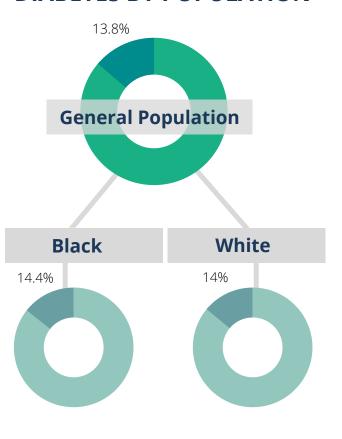
22% live in a rural area

Ethnicity:

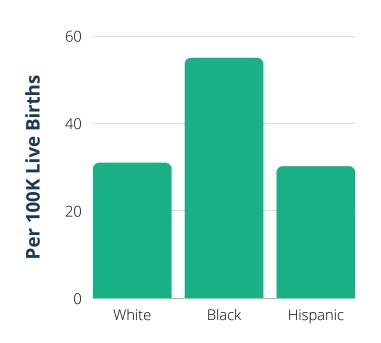
6% Hispanic

Tennessee Health Disparities

DIABETES BY POPULATION¹



MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE BY POPULATION²



National Average 10.9% **HYPERTENSION**

39% of all adults have hypertension³



Social Determinants of Health in Tennessee



12% Living in poverty



10% Living without health insurance

12%

Black/African Americans Living Without Health Insurance



113,000 Living Within the Medicaid Coverage Gap



100 Medically Underserved Areas



88 Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas



7% Zero car households

The Digital Divide

Digital health tools provide primary care clinicians with opportunities to address the social determinants of health. However, many Tennesseeans lack access to internet and needed technology at home.

Households without access to the internet 20%



Households without access to broadband 25%

Households without any type of computer 15%



Households that access the internet only through a smartphone