

FIGURE 1

## Overall Cancer Death Rate Differences Are Narrowing

The age-adjusted overall cancer death rate for each of the racial and ethnic groups for which cancer statistics are collected by the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program has been declining steadily since 2000. The extent of the decline has varied among the different groups, with the greatest overall cancer death rate decline (30 percent) occurring among African Americans (yellow line) and the least (11 percent) occurring among American Indians/Alaska Natives (red line). The declines in the overall cancer death rates for whites (green line), Hispanics (dark blue line), and Asians/Pacific Islanders (light blue line) were all about 20 percent.

