

Disparities in the Burden of COVID-19 in the United States

Not all segments of the U.S. population have shouldered the burden of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) equally. Examples of such disparities include:

Hispanics

Hispanics account for about **18 percent of the U.S. population**, but **34 percent of COVID-19 cases**.

African Americans

African Americans account for about **13 percent of the U.S. population**, but **20 percent of COVID-19 cases** and **23 percent of deaths** from the disease.

American Indians/Alaska Natives

American Indians/Alaska Natives have a **rate of hospitalization for COVID-19 that is five times higher** than the rate of hospitalization for COVID-19 among whites.

Men

Men account for about **49 percent of cases of COVID-19 in the United States**, but **55 percent of deaths** from the disease.

Age 75+

People age 75 and older account for **10 percent of COVID-19 cases**, but **58 percent of deaths** from the disease.

Medicare Recipients in Urban vs Rural Areas

Medicare recipients in **urban areas** have a **rate of hospitalization for COVID-19 that is more than three times higher** than Medicare recipients in **rural areas**.