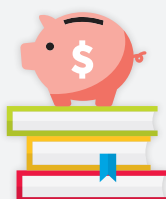


WHY DO U.S. CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES EXIST?

Complex and interrelated factors contribute to cancer health disparities in the United States. For racial and ethnic minorities, adverse differences in many, if not all, of these factors are directly influenced by structural and systemic racism. The factors contributing to differences or inequalities include:

Social factors

- Education
- Income
- Employment
- Health literacy



Clinical factors

- Access to health care
- Quality of health care



Psychological factors

- Stress
- Mental health



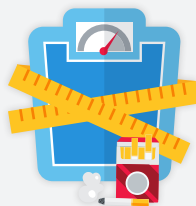
Cultural factors

- Cultural beliefs
- Cultural health beliefs



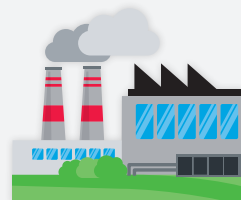
Behavioral factors

- Tobacco use
- Diet
- Weight
- Physical activity
- Adherence to cancer screening and vaccination recommendations



Environmental factors

- Air and water quality
- Transportation
- Housing
- Community safety
- Access to healthy food sources and spaces for physical activity



Genetic and biological factors



General health

- Infection with certain pathogens, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- Having other health conditions, e.g., diabetes

