

Addressing Health Disparities in Austin/Travis County

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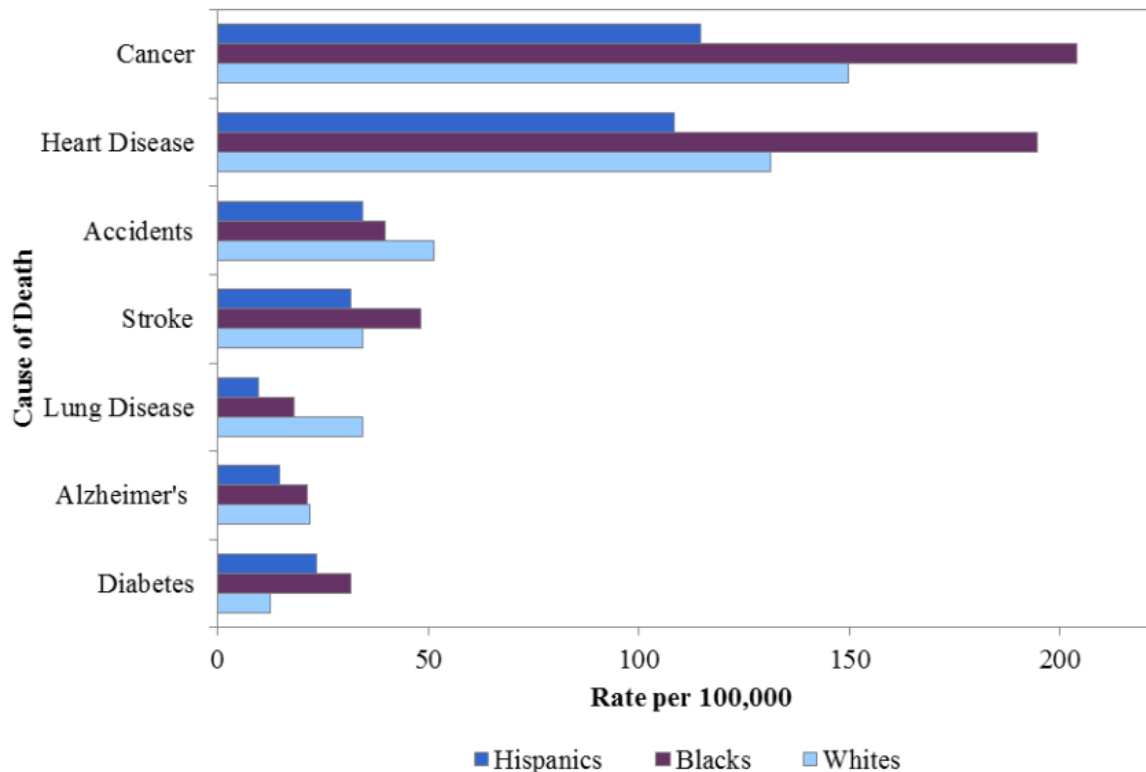
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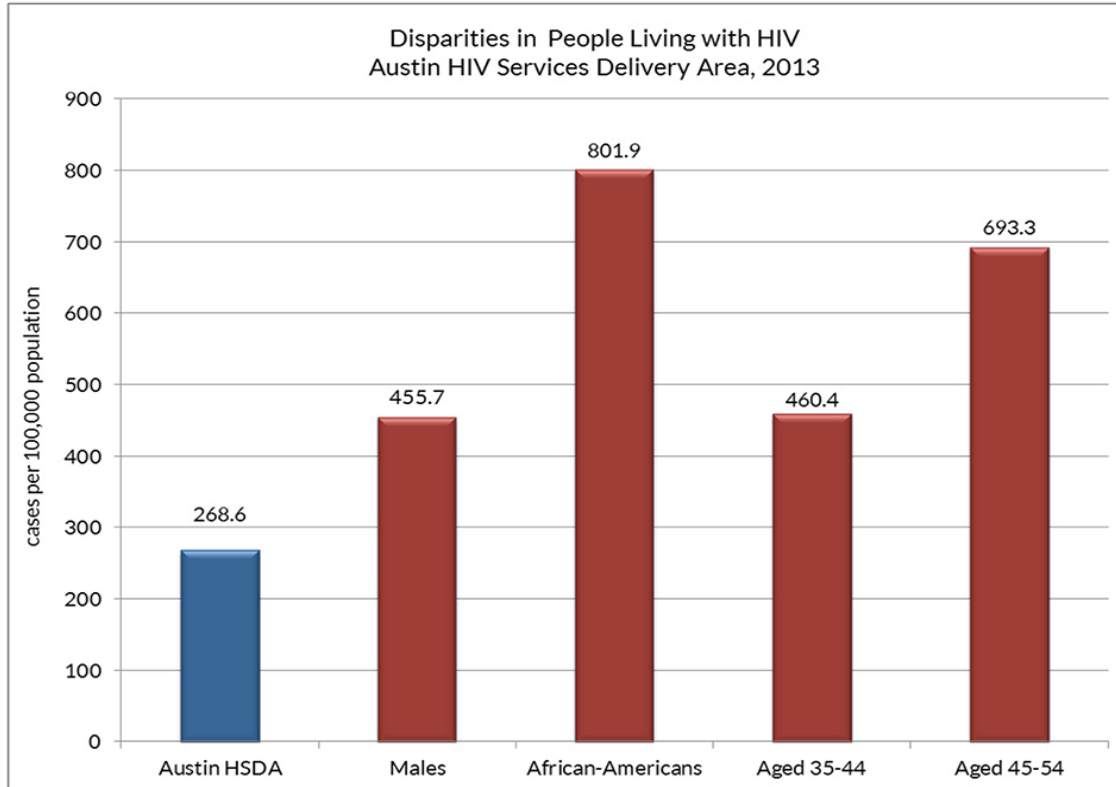
- Recognize, identify, and reduce health disparities and promote health equity



Figure 3.2. Age-adjusted Mortality Rates for Seven Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity, Travis County, 2009-2011.



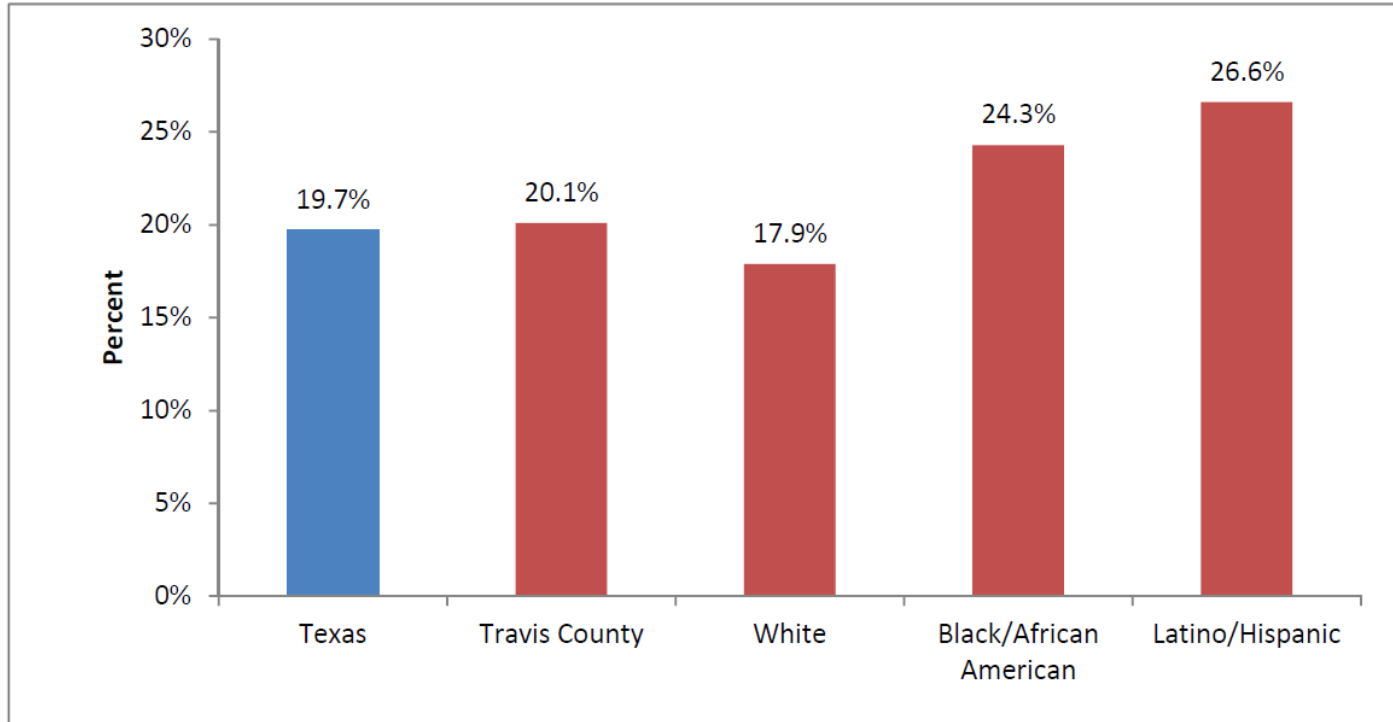
Data Source: Austin/Travis County Health & Human Services Department. *2015 Critical Health Indicators Report*. 22 April 2015.



According to the Austin/Travis County Health & Human Services Department, the number of residents in Austin/Travis County living with HIV increased 40% since 2006.

Data Source: My Healthy ATC. *Disparities in People Living with HIV in the Austin HIV Services Delivery Area.* myhealthyatc.org. 2015

Figure 42: Percentage of Adults Reporting 5+ Days in Past Month of Poor Mental Health in Texas and by Race/Ethnicity in Travis County, 2008-2010



Data Source: Austin Travis County Health & Human Services Department. *Together We Thrive: Austin/Travis County Community Health Assessment Plan. December 2012.*



- People living 200% below poverty line
- People Of Color
- Substance Use Disorders
- Mentally Ill
- *In Austin 60 % of the incarcerated may be mentally ill*

Sandra Joy Anderson Wellness Center

“The health center will be a place where medical students are educated and new doctors are trained under the auspices of the UT Dell Medical School, set to open in summer 2016. Officials said they hope the clinic will bring African-American psychiatrists and minority mental health workers to an area where too few are found today. The medical school also will promote wellness at the clinic and seek to reduce disparities in health care affecting minorities and low-income people.”

-- Austin American Statesman, 17 Feb 2015



Council Member Ora Huston and Huston-Tillotson University
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Goals

- Establish a trajectory for additional education
- Use of mental health screening and stigma reduction in the primary care clinic and the community
- Research on the causes and prevention of disparities



Services

- Educate the community about nutrition and exercise
- Provide prevention programs for substance abuse and prevention of chronic diseases
- Establish a primary care clinic for the community and faculty
- Deliver student counseling and behavioral health services for the community



The Sandra Joy Anderson Wellness Center will be located at Huston-Tillotson University on the corner of East 11th Street and Chalmers Avenue

We Are Getting There Slowly but Surely!

