A little more than 20% of Michigan’s population is made up of people who report being a member of a racial minority, and 4.7% of Michiganders report Latino or Hispanic ethnicity. 

The National Cancer Institute reported that regardless of ethnicity, Michigan residents who reported being

- **Black** had the highest rate of new cases of cancer: **501.1 cases** per 100,000 Black residents, compared to **463.1 cases** per 100,000 Michigan residents overall
- **Asian and Pacific Islanders** had the lowest rate of new diagnoses: **264.1 cases** per 100,000 Asian and Pacific Islander residents
  - Asian and Pacific Islanders are a diverse group, and their low incidence may not be true for all Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups
- **American Indians** had an incidence rate lower than the overall state of Michigan rate: **370.2** per 100,000 American Indian Residents
- Michigan residents who reported Latino ethnicity, regardless of race, had fewer new diagnoses of cancer than the overall Michigan rate: **365.2 cases** per 100,000 Latino Michigan residents

Michigan residents, regardless of ethnicity, who reported being

- **Black** had the highest mortality rates from cancer: **214.0 deaths** for 100,000 Black Michigan residents, compared to **177.1 deaths** per 100,000 Michigan residents overall
- **Asian and Pacific Islanders** had the lowest mortality rates from cancer: **90.4 deaths** per 100,000 Asian and Pacific Islander residents
  - Asian and Pacific Islanders are a diverse group, and their low mortality may not be true for all Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups
- **American Indians** had a mortality rate equal to the overall Michigan rate: 177.1 per 100,000 American Indian residents
- Michigan residents who reported Latino ethnicity, regardless of race, had fewer deaths than the overall Michigan mortality rate: **131.0 deaths** per 100,000 Latino residents

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Modifiable Risk Behaviors For Cancer
According to the 2013 and 2015 Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System ²

- **Current use of cigarettes** was highest among people who reported being American Indian, Other or Multi-racial:
  - 41.7% of American Indian residents reported currently using cigarettes
  - 29.8% residents who indicated multiple or other race reported currently using cigarettes
  - These were higher than the percent for the overall Michigan current use of cigarettes

The other or multi-racial category includes people who reported more than one race/ethnicity or a race that was not White, Black, Latino, Asian and Pacific Islander, American Indian, or Arab American.

Adult Obesity

- **Obesity** was highest among people who reported their ethnicity or race as Latino or Black:
  - 40.9% of Latino residents were classified as obese
  - 39.7% of Black residents were classified as obese
  - These were higher than the overall Michigan percents

Behaviors that Prevent Cancer

The 2013 and 2015 Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System ² found:

- **Asian and Pacific Islanders** reported the highest percent of people eating five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day at 20.0%*
  - This was statistically no different than the overall Michigan percent

- Residents in the other or multi-racial group had the highest percent of people meeting recommended physical activity at 28.5%*
  - This was higher than the overall Michigan percent

- **Arab American** residents reported the lowest percent of people meeting physical activity guidelines at 15.3%*
  - This was statistically no different than the overall Michigan percent