



The American Lung Association believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to lead a full and healthy life. Sadly, many systemic issues have contributed to health disparities, including for those facing lung cancer. The “State of Lung Cancer” 2021 found that people of color who are diagnosed with lung cancer face worse outcomes compared to white Americans as they are less likely to be diagnosed early, less likely to receive surgical treatment, more likely to receive no treatment, and have lower survival rates. More than half of the 29 million uninsured Americans are people of color, and research is clear that having health coverage impacts people’s medical care and ultimately their health outcomes. Addressing racial disparities in healthcare coverage will therefore be critical to addressing racial disparities in lung cancer care.

Black Americans



Early Diagnosis

18% worse than white Americans

Surgical Treatment

23% worse than white Americans

Lack of Treatment

9% worse than white Americans

Survival

21% worse than white Americans

Latinos



Early Diagnosis

16% worse than white Americans

Surgical Treatment

Same as white Americans

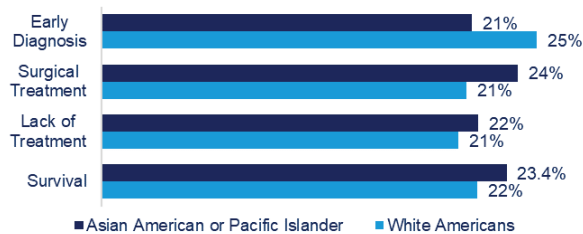
Lack of Treatment

26% worse than white Americans

Survival

16% worse than white Americans

Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders



Early Diagnosis

18% worse than white Americans

Surgical Treatment

17% better than white Americans

Lack of Treatment

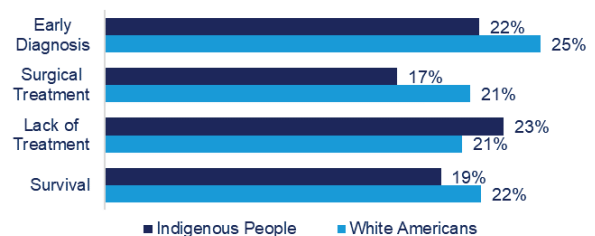
5% worse than white Americans

Survival

9% better than white Americans

Indigenous Peoples

(American Indians/Alaska Natives)



Early Diagnosis

17% worse than white Americans

Surgical Treatment

25% worse than white Americans

Lack of Treatment

11% worse than white Americans

Survival

13% worse than white Americans