



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” 2023 found that people of color who are diagnosed with lung cancer face worse outcomes compared to white individuals as they are less likely to be diagnosed early, less likely to receive surgical treatment, and more likely to receive no treatment. Close to two-thirds of the 28 million uninsured people in American 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 is critical to addressing racial disparities in lung cancer care.

Black Individuals



Early Diagnosis

15% worse than white individuals

Surgical Treatment

19% worse than white individuals

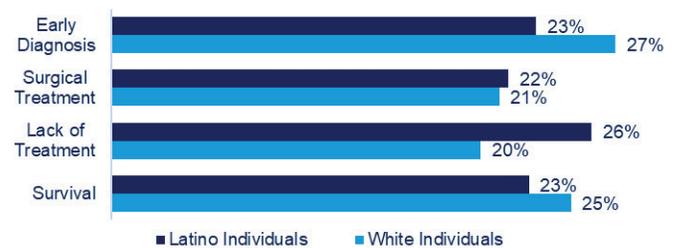
Lack of Treatment

11% worse than white individuals

Survival

16% worse than white individuals

Latino Individuals



Early Diagnosis

16% worse than white individuals

Surgical Treatment

2% better than white individuals

Lack of Treatment

30% worse than white individuals

Survival

9% worse than white individuals

Asian or Pacific Islanders Individuals



Early Diagnosis

17% worse than white individuals

Surgical Treatment

17% better than white individuals

Lack of Treatment

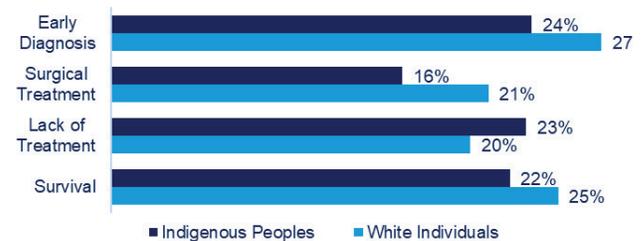
Same as white individuals

Survival

14% better than white individuals

Indigenous Peoples

(American Indians/Alaska Natives)



Early Diagnosis

14% worse than white individuals

Surgical Treatment

23% worse than white individuals

Lack of Treatment

15% worse than white individuals

Survival

Same as white individuals