

## HEALTH

**Percent of Black persons all ages in fair or poor health:** 14.2% percent of persons all ages with a limitation in usual activities due to one or more chronic health conditions:

% Source: Natnl Health Interview Survey, 2011



### **Health risk factors for non-Hispanic black men population**

- Black men 18 years and over who currently smoke: .....23.7%
- Black men 20 years and over who are overweight: .....71.8%
- Black men 20 years and over with hypertension: .....41.4%

Source: CDC Health, United States report, 2010

### **Access to health care**

- Black persons under 65 years without health insurance coverage: 18.9%
- Black adults 18 years and over without a usual source of health care: 21.5%
- Black children under 18 years without a usual source of health care: 5.9%

Source: National Health Interview Survey, 2010

### **Prostate Cancer in Black Men**

Black men are both more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and to die from prostate cancer than are white men, although the reasons for this are not clear.

Black men have considerably higher incidence rates (234.6 cases per 100,000 Black men in 2003-2007) than white men (150.4 cases per 100,000 white men in 2003-2007).

Black men may have the highest rate of prostate cancer incidence in the world. In addition, their prostate cancer mortality rate is more than twice as high as the rate for

white Americans. In the period from 2003 to 2007, mortality rates were 22.8 cases per 100,000 white men, and 54.2 cases per 100,000 African-American men.

Five-year relative survival rates are lower for Black men (96.5 percent during 1999 to 2006) than for white men (99.7 percent during 1999 to 2006).

The causes of higher rates of prostate cancer among black males are largely unknown. Some studies found that even when income and education are controlled for, Black have much higher rates than whites. Further studies are examining the impact of a wide variety of potential risk factors, including dietary and other lifestyle differences, occupational exposures, and hormonal and genetic differences.