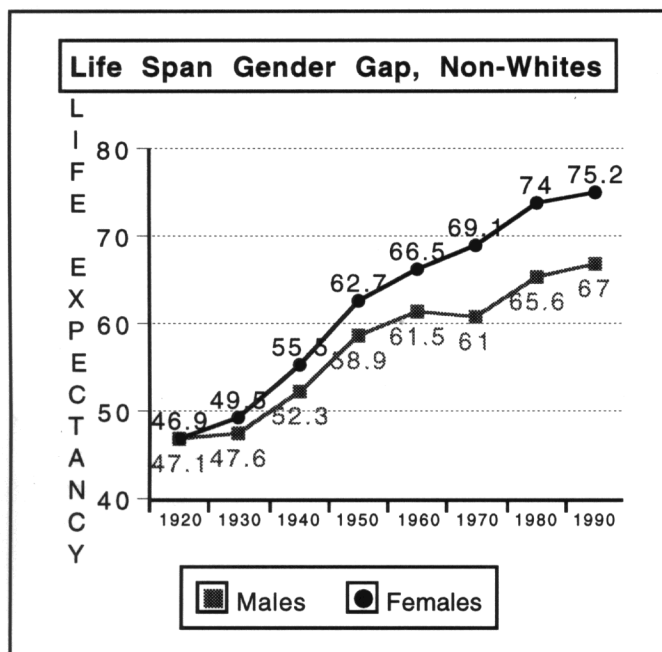


The Crisis in Minority Men's Health

America's minorities have long experienced poorer health outcomes. Life expectancy trends show that minority men are hit even harder:



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. Compiled in *Time Almanac*, 1999, p. 811.

Break-down by Racial/Ethnic Group

A look at mortality rates by racial or ethnic group reveals which groups are at greatest risk:

	Black	Hispanic	American Indian/ Alaska Native
Men	967	475	556
Women	561	268	368
Gender Gap	72.4%	77.2%	51.1%

Age-adjusted mortality rates per 100,000 population. Source: DHHS: *Health, United States*, 1998, Table 37.

Minority Boys at Risk

African-American youth are disproportionately represented in homicide statistics (eight times higher than White males). Black and Hispanic youth are at higher risk of dying from AIDS, compared with Whites. And by any comparison, the overall mortality figures for Black adolescent males are staggering:

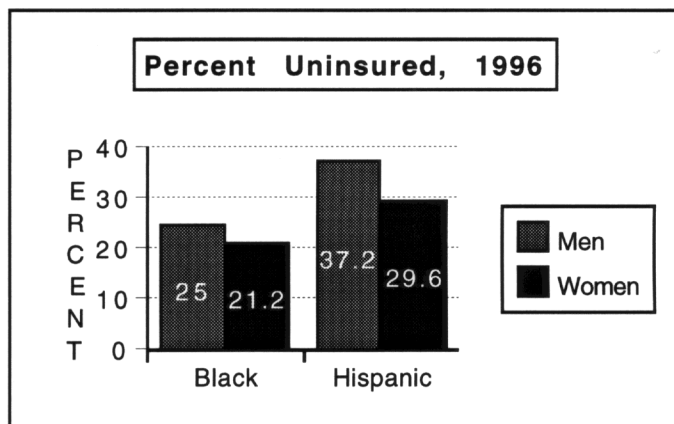
Black males:	185.0
White males:	98.4
Black females:	53.3
White females:	42.8

15-19 year-olds, per 100,000 population. Source: NCHS: Death rates for 72 selected causes, by 5-year age groups, 1996. Table 291.

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Men Lack Health Insurance

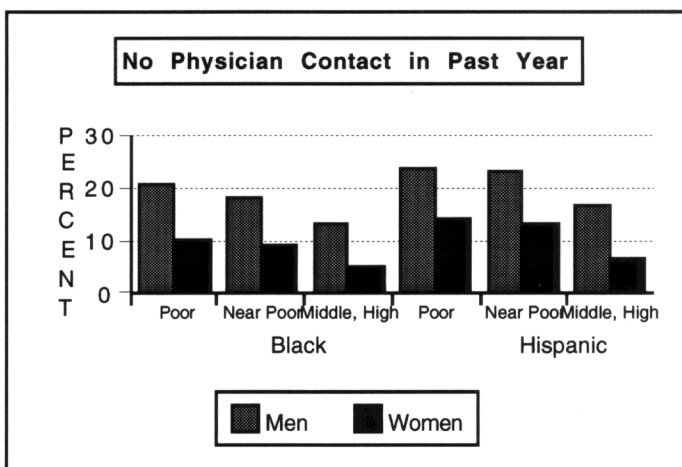
Lack of health insurance is a serious problem for minority men. Poor Black and Hispanic men are 6-7 times as likely to be uninsured as their White counterparts. Even in comparison to their female counterparts, minority men are less likely to have any form of health insurance:



Source: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research: *Racial and Ethnic Differences in Health*, 1996, page 9.

No Physician Contact a Problem, Too

Minority men in all income brackets are twice as likely to have had no physician contacts in the past year:



Ages 18-64. Source: DHHS: *Health, United States*, 1998, Figure 43.

Conclusion: For youth and adults, both in comparison with minority women and with White men, and on every key indicator, the health of minority men is in dire straits.