

Breast Cancer: A Disease with Disparities

While death rates are decreasing across ethnicities, ethnic disparities still exist in breast cancer care and prognosis.¹



African American Women

Are, on average, **40% more likely** to die of the disease than white women with breast cancer.²



Are **two times more likely** than white women in the U.S. to develop triple negative breast cancer, which is associated with a poorer prognosis.^{2,3}



Hispanic Women



Are **more likely** than non-Hispanic white women to be diagnosed with tumors that are **larger and are hormone receptor-negative**, both of which are more difficult to treat.⁴



Asian/Pacific Islander Women

Have seen their incidence of breast cancer **increasing steadily**.



In California, which has the **largest Asian population** in the U.S., the largest increase has been seen in⁵:

4.7%

Koreans
1988 to 2006

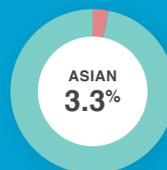
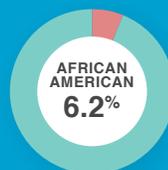
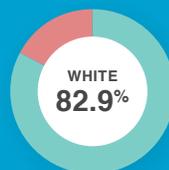
2.5%

Southeast Asians
1988 to 2013

Participation in Clinical Trials

There is an underrepresentation of minority participants in cancer clinical trials.⁶

In an analysis of cancer clinical trials, participants were⁶:



There is an urgent need to improve equity in breast cancer care and outcomes. In our endeavor to expand the breast cancer conversation, we strive to share diverse stories of people of all ages, races and backgrounds to ensure that all those who are living with metastatic breast cancer feel empowered and supported to receive the care they need.

To learn more about metastatic breast cancer, visit www.StoryHalfTold.com

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