
The American Journey to Health Equity

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Life Expectancy at birth by race and gender, U.S. 1900-2000

Highlights from the National Healthcare Qualities and Disparities Report, 2010

• Health care quality and access are *suboptimal*, especially for minorities and low income groups

• Quality of care is improving for most Americans, but access to care is not

• The narrowing of health disparities is minimal

**Urgent attention is needed for:**

– Disparities in preventive services and access to care

– Residents of inner cities and rural areas

– Nutritional counseling and obesity

– Diabetes management

– Cancer screening