

# Diabetes



## AFRICAN-AMERICANS/BLACKS

### DIABETES:

THE RATE OF DIABETES AMONG BLACKS IS MORE THAN TWICE THAT FOR WHITES AND ALMOST TWICE THE RATE FOR LATINOS. BLACKS ARE MORE THAN THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN WHITES TO BE HOSPITALIZED FOR DIABETES AND AT LEAST TWO TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN WHITES OR LATINOS TO DIE BECAUSE OF IT.

Connecticut residents diagnosed with diabetes (2007):

**Black 15.8 %**  
Latino 8.1 %  
White 6.7 %

Age-adjusted hospitalization rate for diabetes per 100,000 (2005):

**Black 359.4**  
Latino 213.4  
White 94.5

Age-adjusted hospitalization rate for diabetes with lower extremity amputation per 100,000 (2005):

**Black 74.5**  
Latino 60.4  
White 19.7

Age-adjusted death rates from diabetes in Connecticut per 100,000 (2005):

**Black 40.2**  
Latino 24.3  
White 15.8

*Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; CT Department of Public Health, 2009 Health Disparities Report*

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