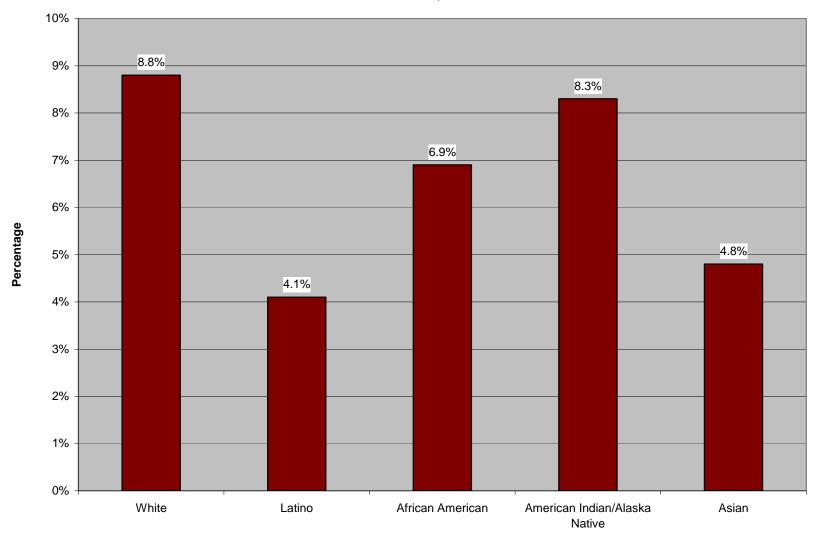
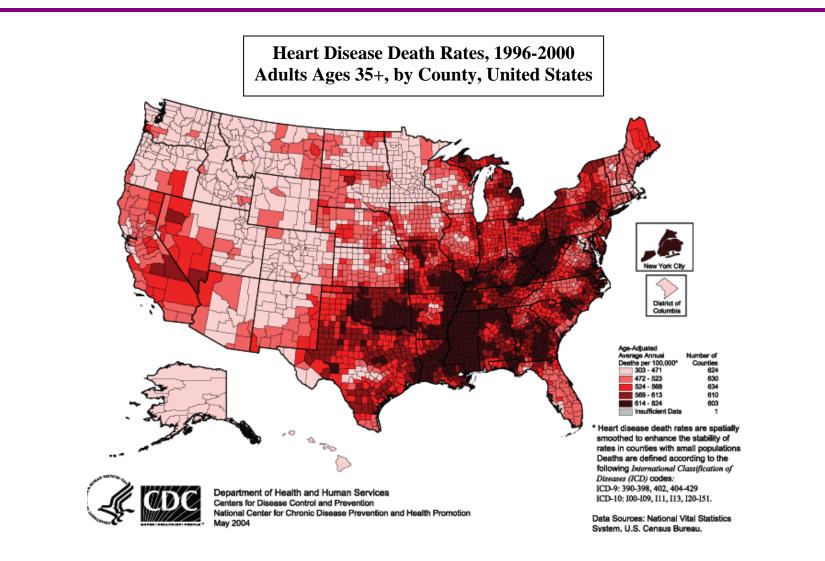
Heart Disease in California and the United States



Percentage of People Ever Diagnosed with Heart Disease, by Race/Ethnicity, California, 2003

Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2003 AskCHIS: <u>www.chis.ucla.edu</u>



- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both women and men in the United States.
- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives, blacks, Hispanics, and whites. Although cancer is the leading cause of death for Asians and Pacific Islanders (accounting for 26.1% of all deaths), heart disease is a close second (26.0%).
- Heart disease death rates per 100,000 population for the five largest U.S. racial/ethnic groups are as follows: Hispanics, 72; Asians and Pacific Islanders, 78; American Indians, 80; blacks, 206; and whites, 259.

Source: Centers for Disease Control, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention. Heart Disease Fact Sheet, http://www.cdc.gov/DHDSP/library/fs heart disease.htm