

Tuberculosis In Minorities



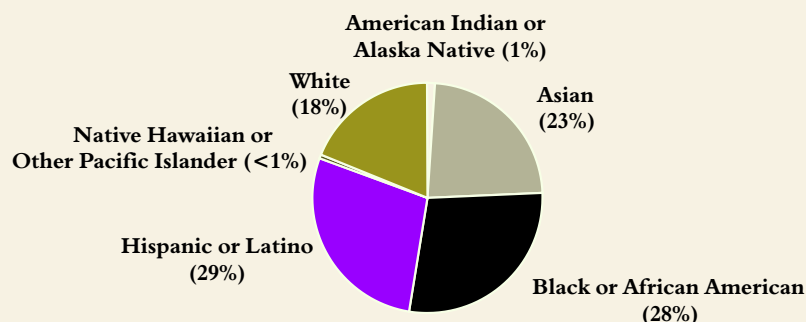
TB Elimination: Now Is The Time!

Disparities in tuberculosis (TB) persist among members of racial and ethnic minority populations. In 2004, the majority (82%) of all reported TB cases in the United States occurred in racial and ethnic minorities.

Several factors likely contribute to the burden of TB in minorities:

- Among people from countries where TB is common, TB disease may result from an infection acquired in their country of origin.
- Among racial and ethnic minorities, unequal distribution of TB risk factors, particularly HIV infection, can also increase the chance of developing the disease.

Reported TB Cases by Race/Ethnicity*
United States, 2004



*All race are non-Hispanic. Persons reporting two or more races accounted for less than 1% of all cases and are not shown.

