### Diversity Influences on Healthcare

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## California has the largest population of any State

California's total population

38,340,074

Making it the largest state in the US by more than 10 Million people



#### Top 5 States by population

1.	California	38 million
2.	Texas	26 million
3.	New York	19 million
4.	Florida	19 million
5.	Illinois	12 million







Between 2000 and 2010, Riverside and Placer counties were the fastest growing counties in the state.

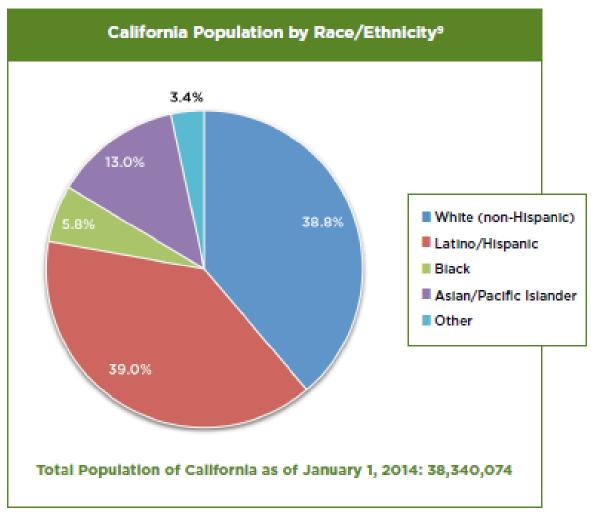
7 counties grew between 20% to 29.9%

Fastest Growing Counties in California





# No Racial/Ethnic Group is the Majority of the California Population

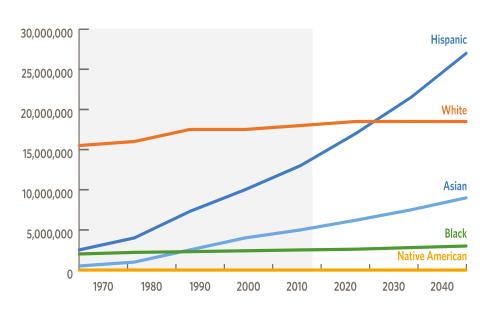




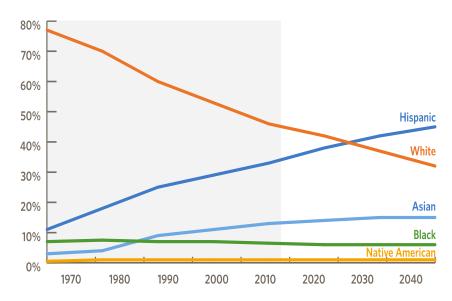


# Latino and Asian populations will continue to grow

Population by Ethnicity, California 1970–2040

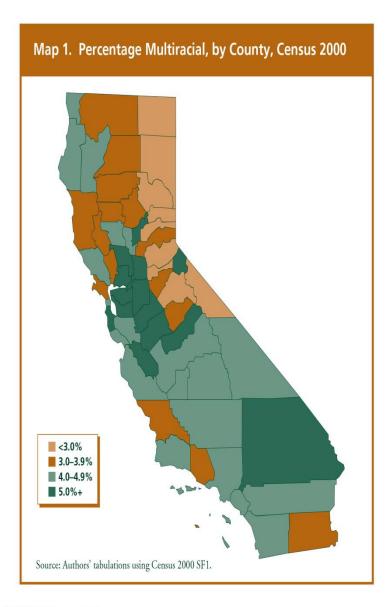


Ethnicity as Proportion of Population, California 1970–2040









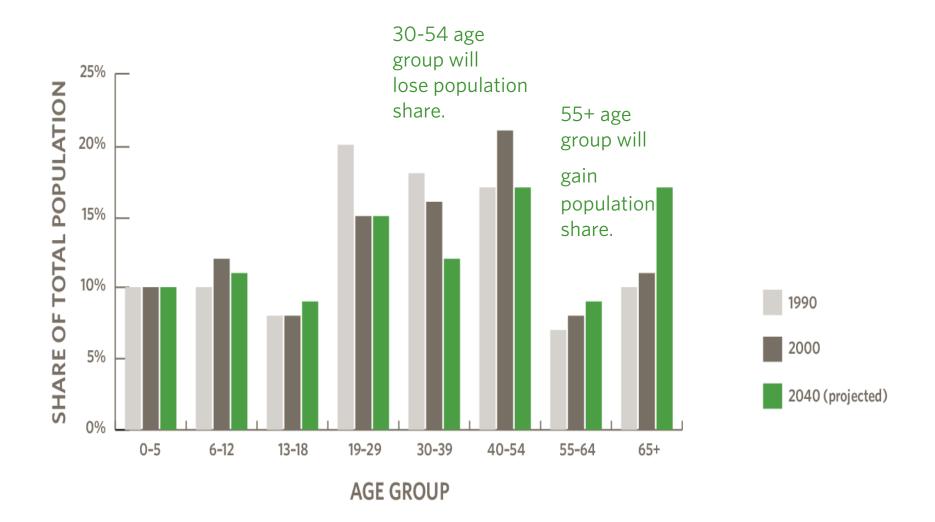
Beginning in 2000, the US census began allowing respondents to identify more than one race.

1.6 million Californians (5% of the population) identified as more than one race.

Twice the rate of the U.S.











### Estimated adult LGBT Population, 2012

Lesbian

Gay

Bisexual

Transgender

California has the **largest** number of LGBT residents in the US (over 1.3 million), but ranks **10**<sup>th</sup> **by percentage** of total population (4%).

Challenges affecting LGBT community cancer risk:

- Past negative experiences with health care providers may cause some members of the LGBT community to wait too long before seeking health care services
- LGBT individuals are more likely to be uninsured
- Lesbians reported having fewer mammograms and pelvic exams than the heterosexual population
- Less frequent Pap tests among lesbians
- Gay men are more likely to smoke





### **Diversity and Disparities**





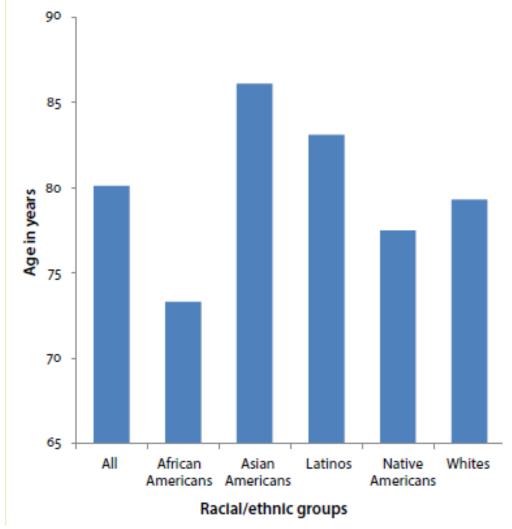
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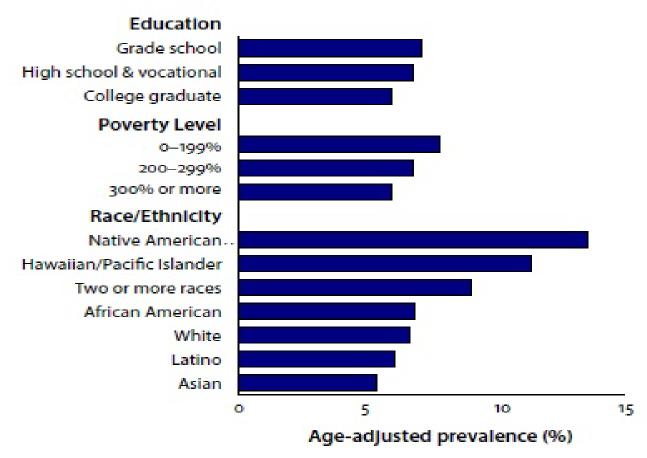
### Life Expectancy Varies by Ethnicity







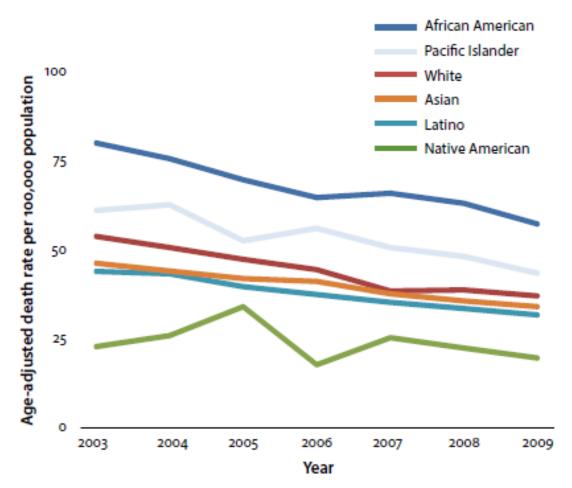
# Heart Disease More Common in Less Educated, Poor, and Some Racial/Ethnic Minorities







## Stroke Death Rates have declined, but remain highest for African Americans





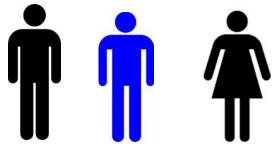


# Risk Factors for Heart Disease and Stroke include High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, and Obesity

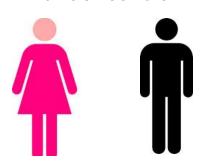




### A Closer Look at High Blood Pressure



1 of 3 Americans have High Blood Pressure, but only 1 of 2 have it under control.

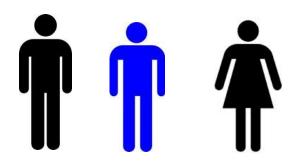


- Non-Hispanic blacks are more likely to develop high blood pressure earlier in life.
- In a recent study, Yoon et al (2012):
  - Non-Hispanic black adults were more aware of their hypertension than were Hispanic adults.
  - Hispanic adults were less likely to take antihypertensive medication compared with non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic black adults.

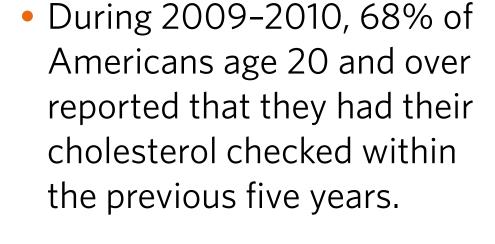


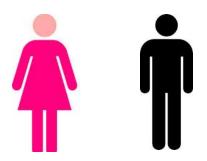


### A Closer Look at High Cholesterol



1 of 3 Americans with high LDL Cholesterol have it under control. Less than half of adults with high LDL Cholesterol get treatment.



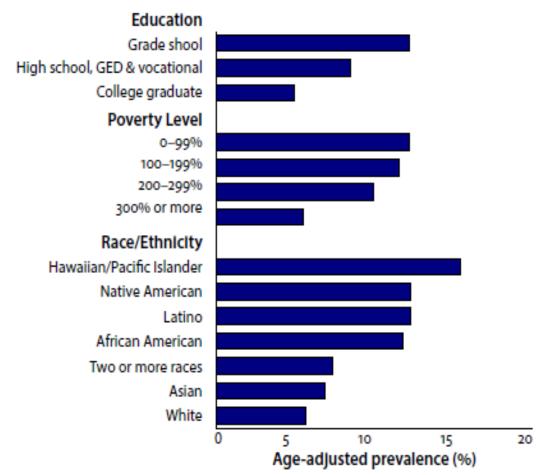


 Less than half (49.7%) of Hispanic men were screened for high cholesterol in the previous five years.





### 9% of California Adults are Diagnosed with Diabetes More Common Among Less Educated, Poor, and Racial/Ethnic Minorities

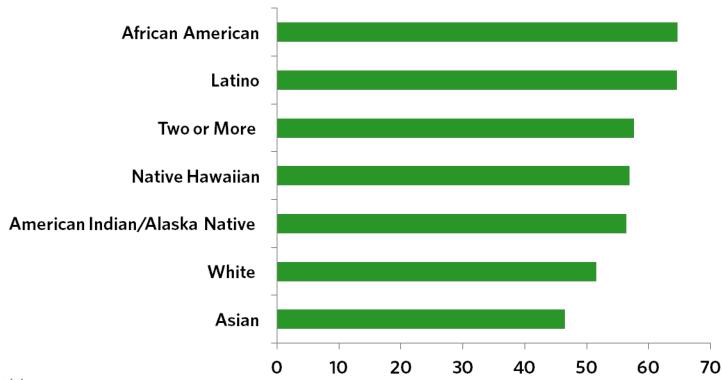






### Diabetes can be Controlled, but Confidence in Ability to Control and Manage Diabetes Varies

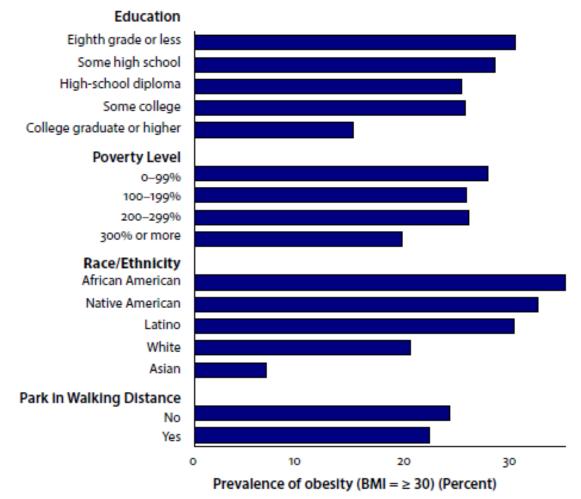
### Report being "Very Confident" in Controlling and Managing Diabetes







### Obesity More Common Among Less Educated, Poor, and Some Racial/Ethnic Minorities







# Only 50% of Californians get the recommended amount of regular physical activity, and nearly 25% get NO regular physical activity.

Inactivity among
Hispanics is nearly
twice that of Whites.

	California	US Average White	US Average Hispanic	US Average African American
Percent reporting no regular physical activity	23.5%	16.7%	32%	26.3%





### Cancer is the second leading cause of death in California.

35%

of deaths in 2011 were caused by heart disease and stroke 23%

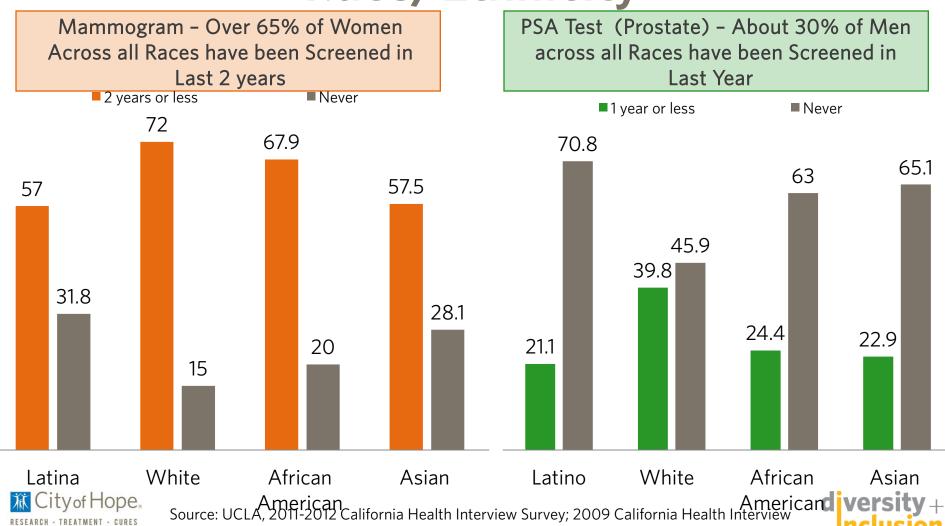
of deaths in 2011 were caused by Cancer #1

Cancer is the leading cause of death among Hispanics in California



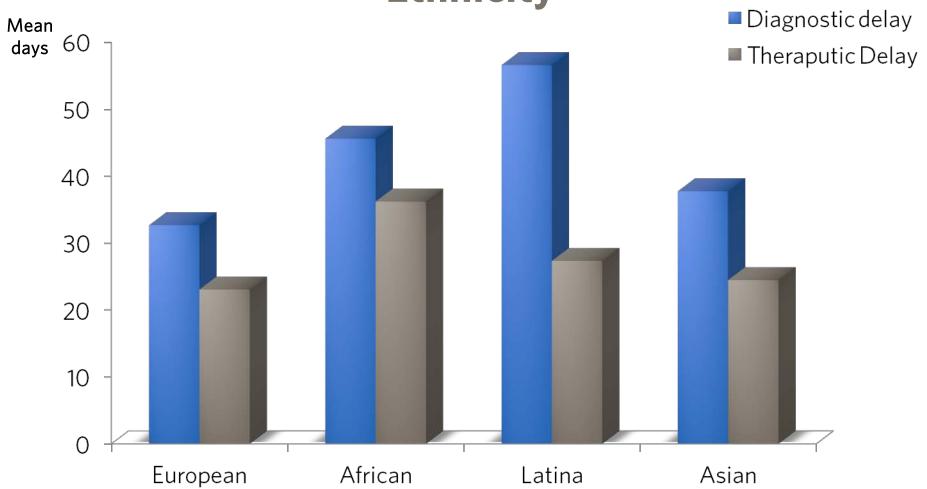


# Cancer Screening Rates Vary by Race/Ethnicity



Survey

### Diagnostic and Therapeutic Care Delay by Ethnicity

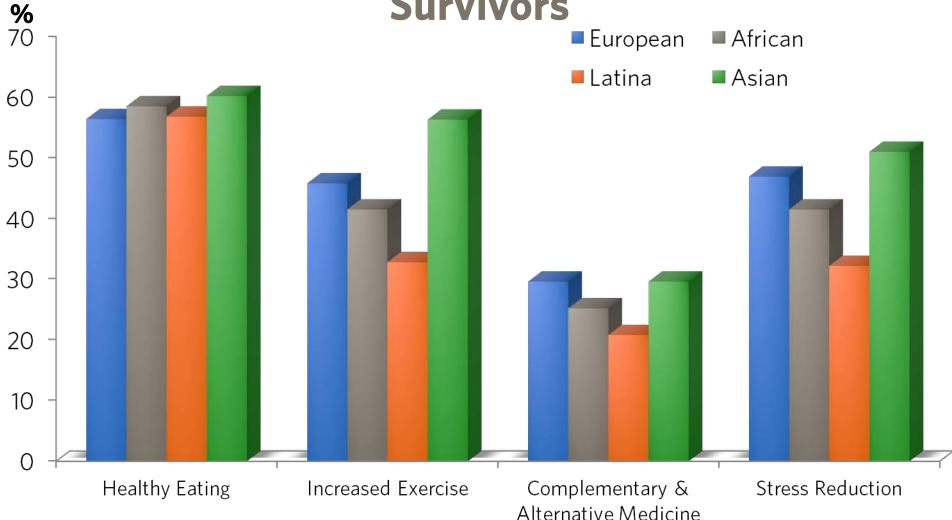




Note. Ashing-Giwa et al. (Cancer, 2010); "Diagnostic delay" was defined as the time interval (days) between the first symptom and medical diagnosis; "Therapeutic delay" was defined as the time interval (days) between receiving a medical diagnosis to treatment.



### Lifestyle Changes by Ethnicity for Breast Cancer Survivors





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# Selected Vaccination Rates Indicate Disparities by Race/Ethnicity, Income

#### **CHILDREN**

Latino and
Whites are less
likely to receive
flu and 4+ DTaP
vaccines than
Asian children.

African
American
kindergartners
are less likely to
have had DTaP,
polio & MMR
vaccines.

#### **TEENS**

Latinas are more likely to have received the 1+HPV vaccine dose than White females.

No other significant differences for race/ethnicity exist for other immunizations.

#### **ADULT**

Compared to
Whites and
Asians,
Latinos and
African
American
adults are less
likely to
receive the flu
vaccine.

#### **OLDER ADULT**

African Americans
are less likely to
receive the flu
vaccine than
Whites and Latinos.

Those living at 200% above the federal poverty line (\$23K) are less likely to have a flu vaccine than those at 300% above the federal poverty line (\$35k)





### **Medication Adherence**

### Nearly ¼ of Prescriptions are Not Filled



50% of the time, medications are not taken as prescribed.

#### A few examples:

- Elderly African Americans reported following physician instructions on taking medications less frequently than did elderly whites, even after adjusting for differences in demographic characteristics, health literacy, depression, and social support. (Gerber et al.)
- 46% of African American and 28% of Asians were nonadherers, compared to 14% of non-Hispanic whites – partially explained by single-parent households, low income household, low maternal education levels, etc. (Bhatia, et al.)





### Many Factors Influence Medication Non-Adherence

- Personal connection with a pharmacist or pharmacy staff
- Affordability of medications
- Continuity of health care
- Perceived importance of taking medication exactly as prescribed
- Health literacy
- Extent of unpleasant side effects



### **Diversity and Insurance**

The Case of Covered California





### **ACA Has Impacted Many People**

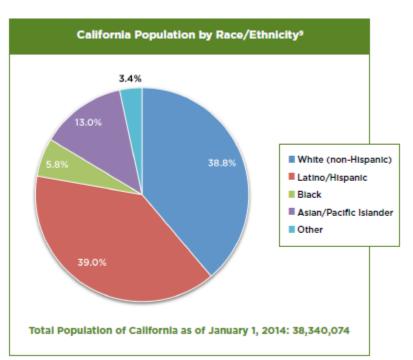
#### Facts about Covered California

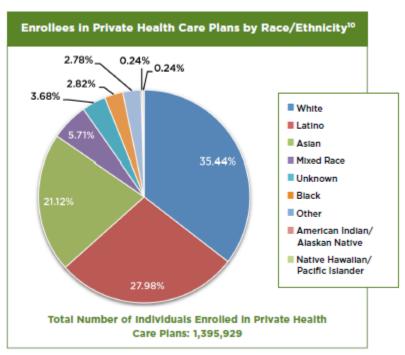
- 3.3 million signed up in 2014
  - 1.4 million enrolled in private insurance
  - 1.9 million gained coverage through the expansion of Medi-Cal
  - 88 % received subsidies
- Expect 300,000 additional enrollees in 2015





# Asians are Disproportionately Represented in Covered California Plans, Blacks & Latinos are Underrepresented

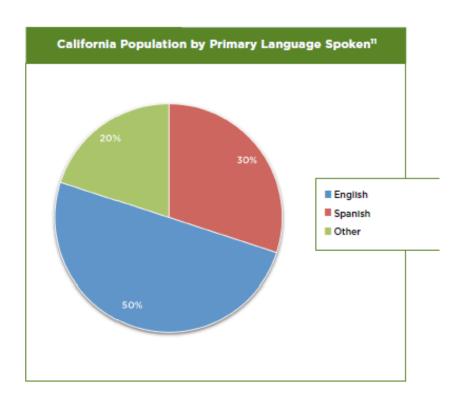


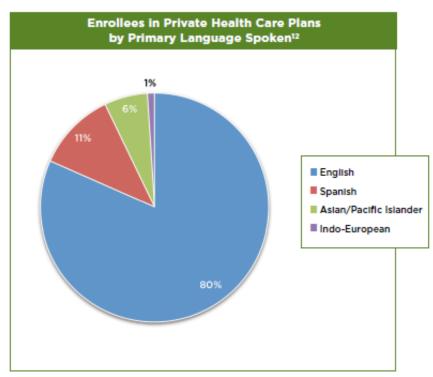






# **English Speakers are Disproportionately Represented in Covered California Plans**









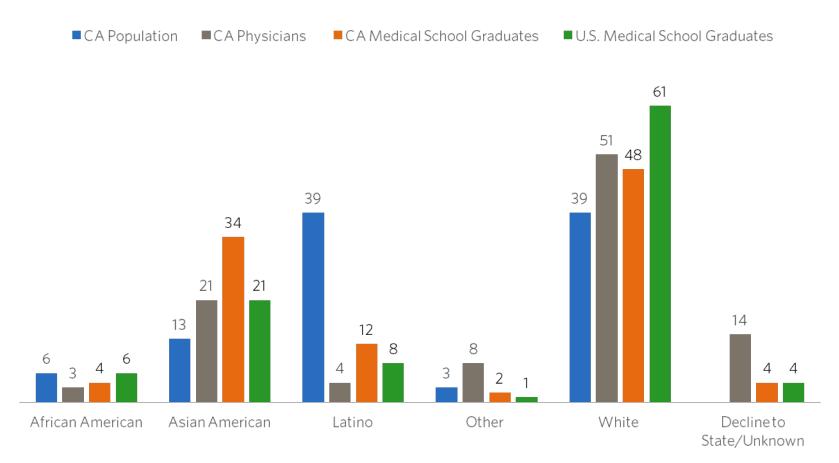
# Preparing the Physician Pipeline

Looking toward the future





# The Physician Workforce Does Not Currently Mirror California's Diversity







# Patient-Physician Race Congruency Contributes to Positive Patient Experiences

- Black patients preferred same-race provider if they believed discrimination existed in the provider-patient dyad (Malat and Hamilton)
- Patients with same race provider rated physician satisfaction higher (Cooper and Roter)
- If given a choice, people tend to choose a samerace provider (LaVeist and Nuru-Jeter)

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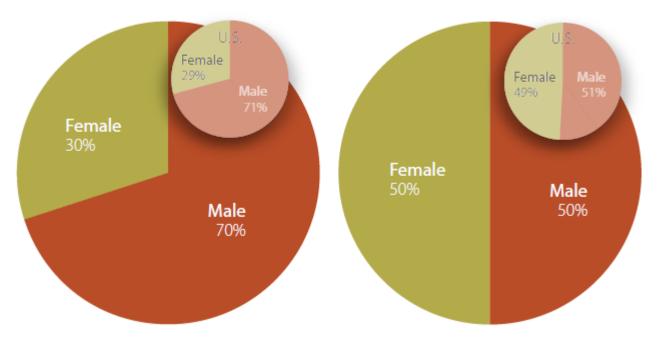


### A Gender Gap Exists in Active Physicians, But Gap Will Likely Lessen Over Time

Physicians and Medical School Graduates by Gender, California vs. United States, 2008

CALIFORNIA ACTIVE PHYSICIANS

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES







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