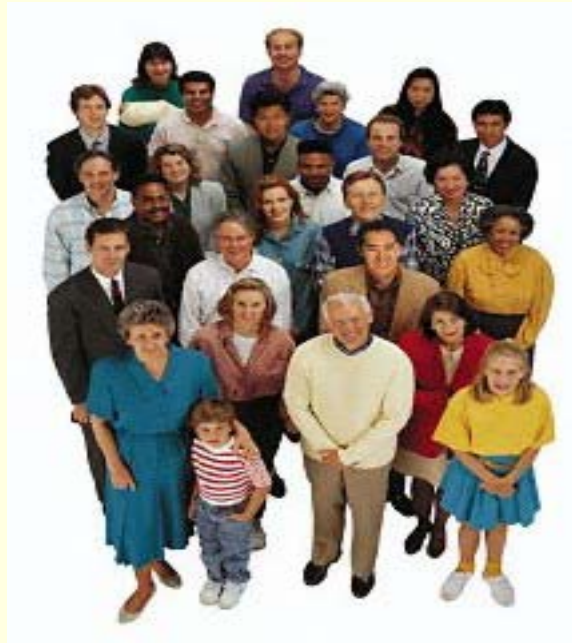


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MDH mission

To protect, maintain and improve the health of  
*all* Minnesotans



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## Office of Minority and Multicultural Health

- To strengthen the health and wellness of Minnesota's racial/ethnic, cultural, and tribal populations by engaging diverse populations in health systems, mutual learning, and actions essential for achieving health parity and optimal wellness.

# Public health – American Indian & Populations Of Color

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- Assessing the public's health

*What challenges do we face?*

*- 1990's OMH & community dialog*

- Promoting sound policies

*How do we address those challenges?*

*- 2000/01 EHDI established*

- Assuring effectiveness

*Did we succeed in improving health?*

*- 52 grantees*

# Eliminating Health Disparity Initiative

Target Population: Primarily Immigrants, Immigrants and others

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- Breast & Cervical Cancer (4)
- Cardiovascular Disease (5)
- Violence and Unintentional Injury (3)
- HIV/AIDS (2)
- Immunization (6)
- Infant mortality (4)
- Healthy youth development (7)
- Diabetes (7)

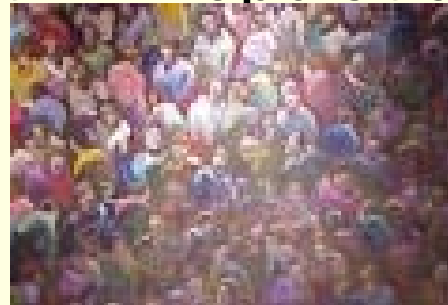
# The difference between health care and public health

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- Health Care = Individual Health



- Public Health = Population Health



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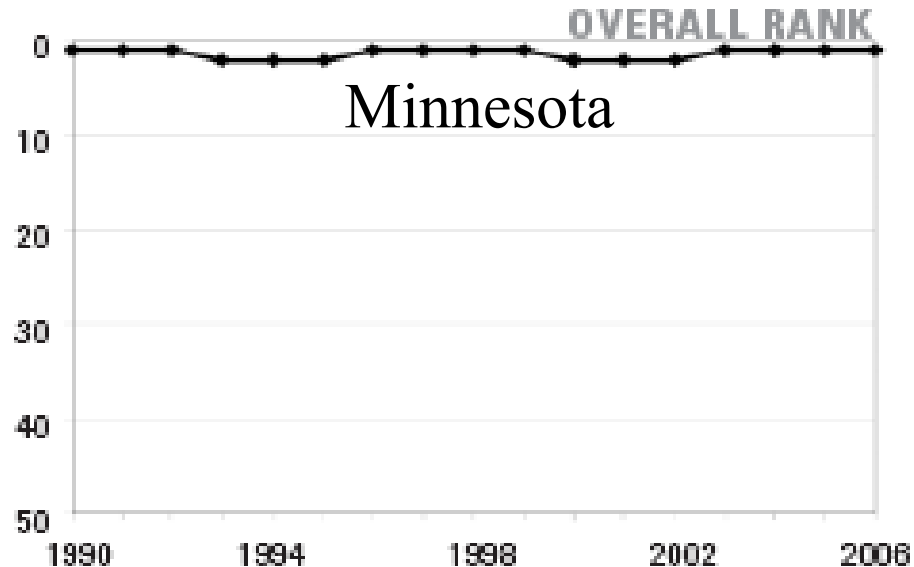
- OMMH Priorities
  - Community Asset Strategy
  - Health Disparities
  - Research & Data Collection
  - Planning & Implementation
  - Collaborative Partnerships
  - Education & Training

# Minnesota consistently ranks as the healthiest state in the nation

**Minnesota has ranked number one in health 11 times since national rankings began in 1990.**

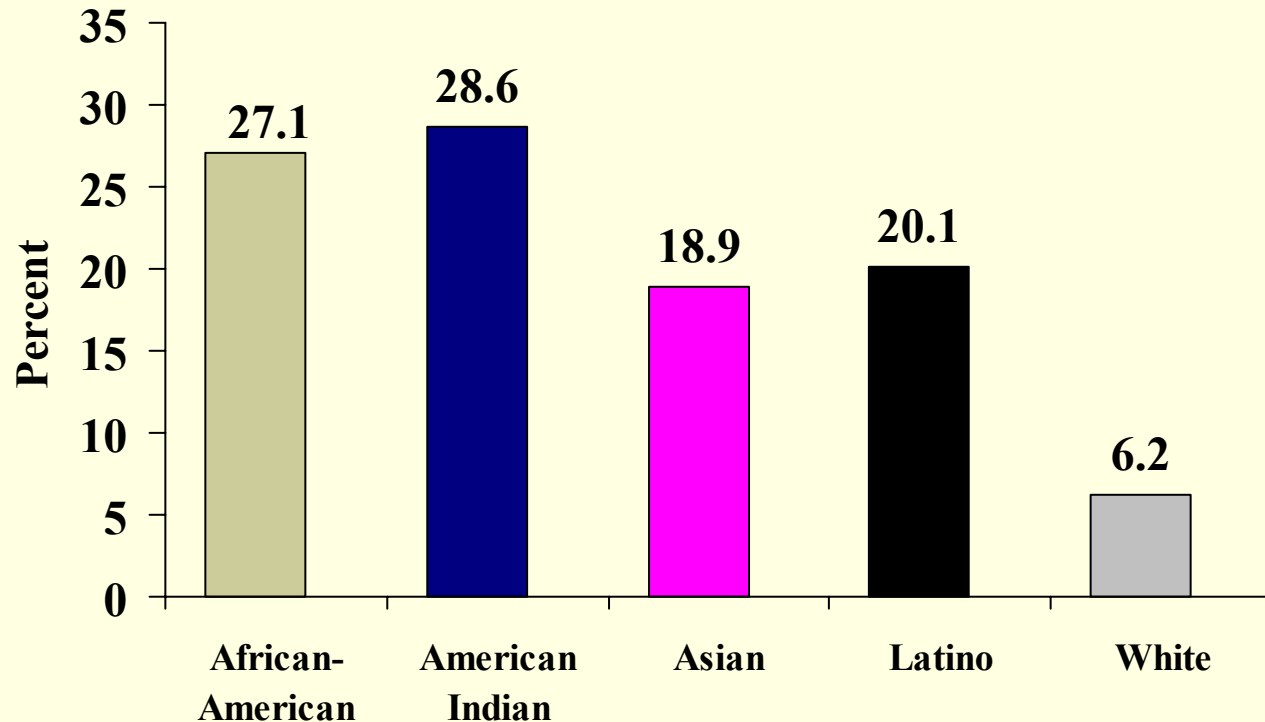
**Minnesota has never ranked lower than second.**

-- United Health Foundation,  
America's Health Rankings



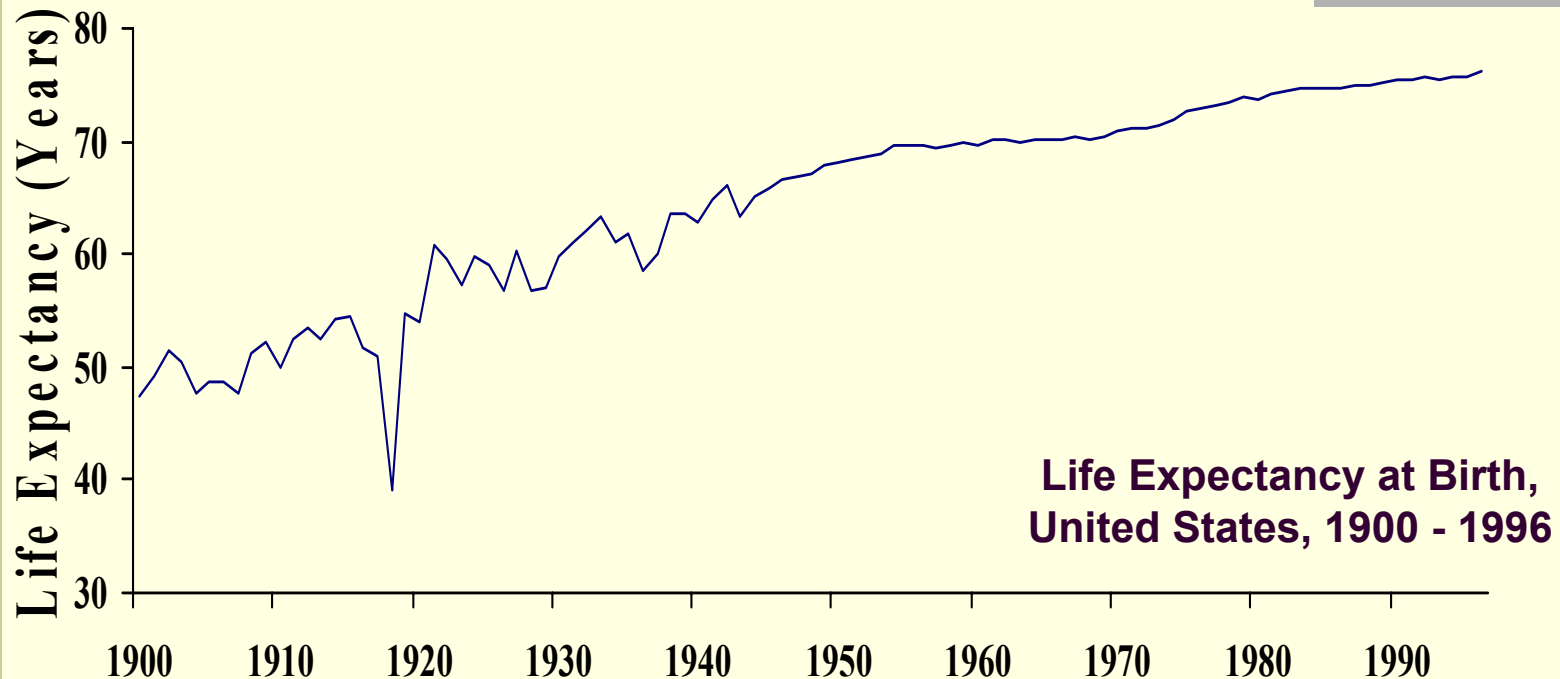
***Number-one ranking is partly due to Minnesota's strong commitment to public health***

# Percent in Poverty by Race/Ethnicity, Minnesota, 1999



Source: U.S. Census

# Public Health = Longer Lives



***25 of the 30 years of life gained in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century resulted from public health accomplishments***

A photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a blue shirt, holding a young child with curly hair. The child is wearing a yellow shirt and a grey hat. The man is looking at the child with a smile.

# What is a Health Disparity?

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It is a difference in health status between a defined group and the majority of people.

Our goal is to give all populations of color and American Indians the opportunity to enjoy good health.

# Racial & Ethnic Disparities

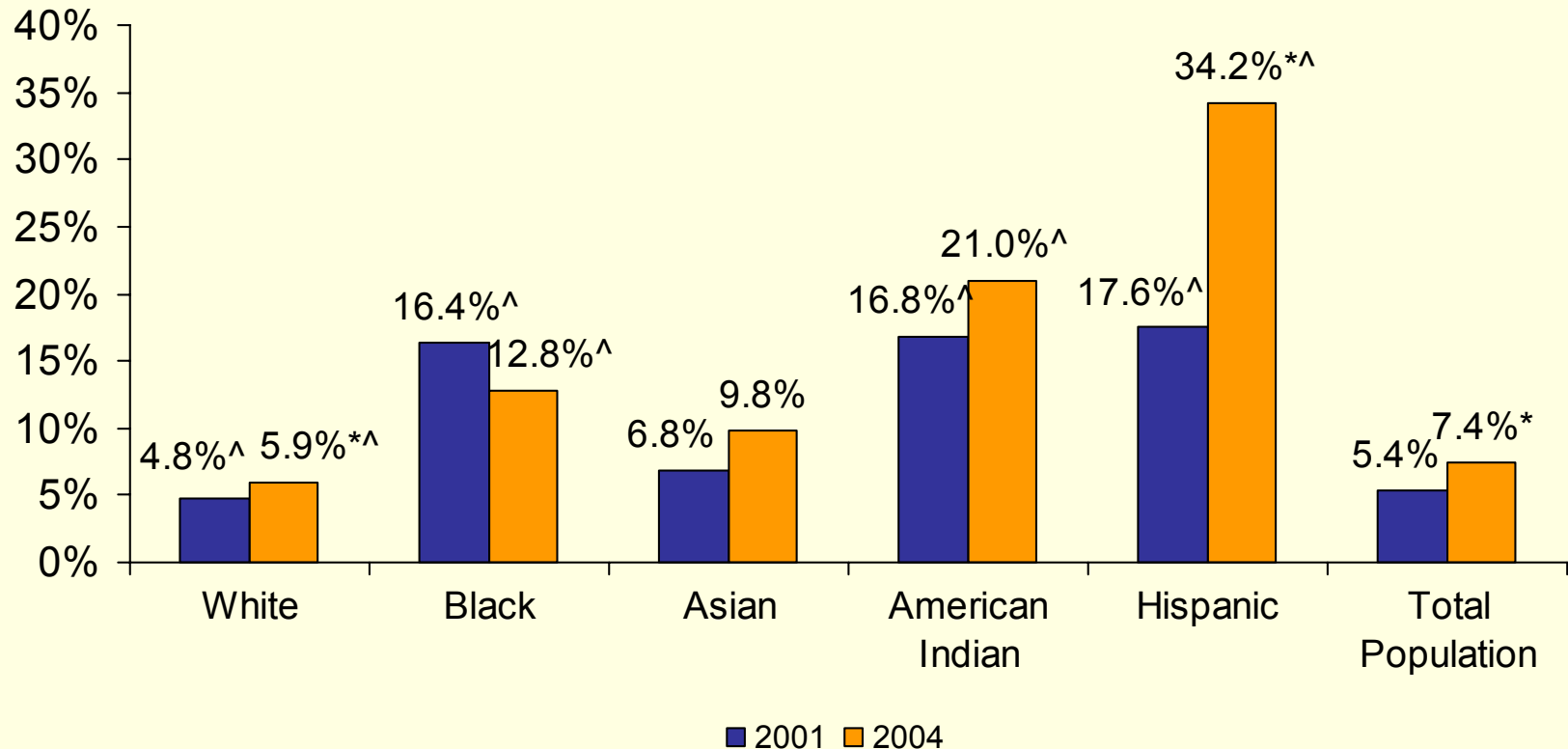
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**Racial and Ethnic minorities tend to receive lower-quality healthcare than whites, even when insurance status, income, age and severity of conditions are comparable.**

Source: Institute of Medicine, *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Economic Disparities*

# Health Disparities

## Minnesota Uninsurance Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2004



\* Indicates statistically significant difference (95% level) from 2001.

<sup>^</sup> Indicates statistically significant difference from all Minnesotans within year at the 95% level.

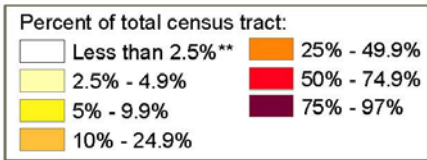
# Trends




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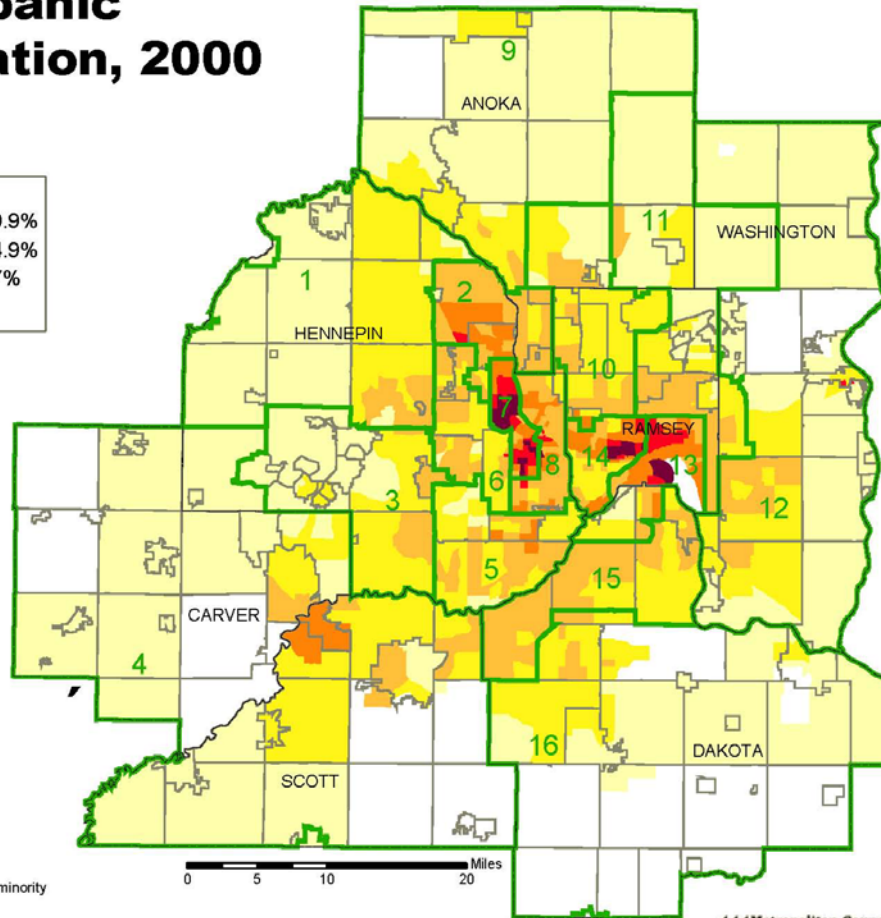
- Major public/private funders are addressing disparities through research and program development (e.g. National Health Plan Collaborative)
- National interest in primary/direct data collection (from patients/members) to measure disparities vs. “geocoding” or indirect methods.
- Minnesota clinics and plans are working together in key areas to improve cultural competency, language access and measuring disparities.

# Metro Demographics

## Racial and Hispanic Minority Population, 2000



-  MCD boundary
-  County boundary
-  Metropolitan Council districts



\*Includes persons identifying themselves as all or part racial minority or of Hispanic ancestry.  
 \*\*Includes census tracts with fewer than 250 people.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

# Minnesota Health Facts

- Healthiest State in the Nation
- #1 in Rates of Insurance
- #1 in Health Care Quality

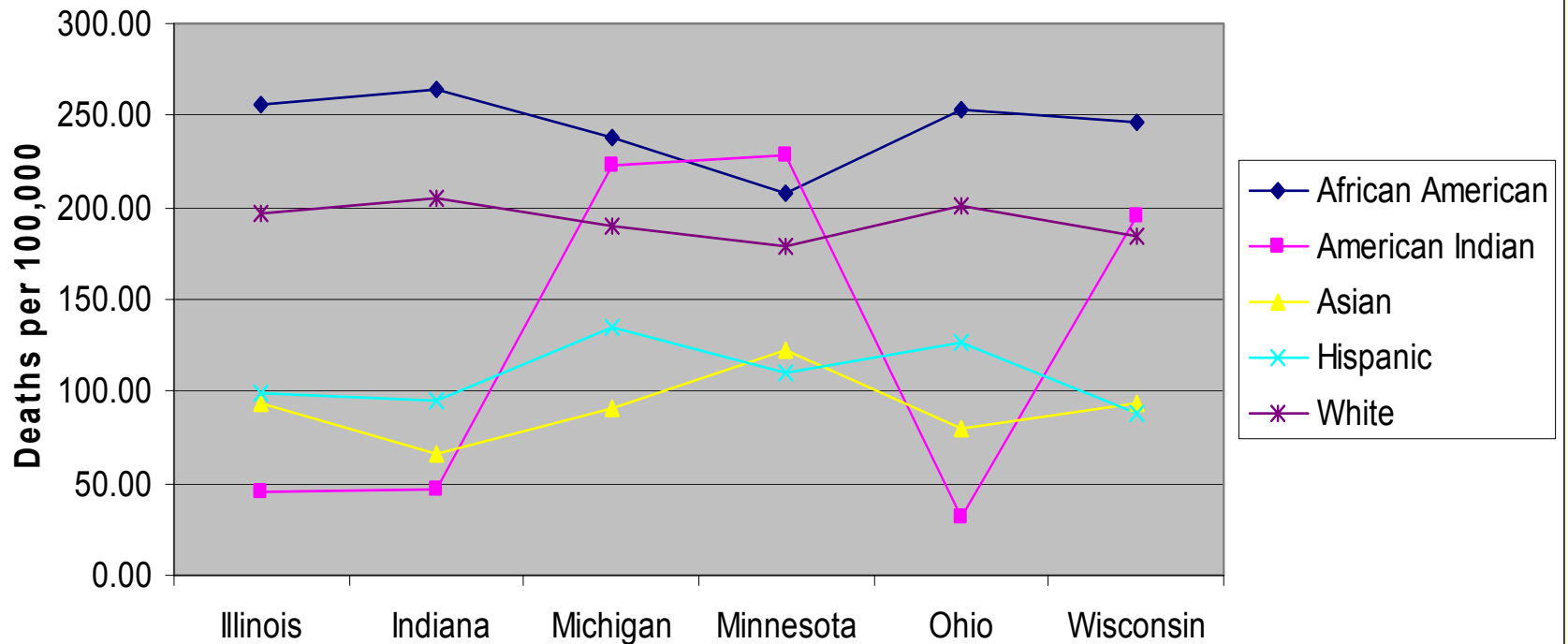
But....gaps exist.



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## Cancer Mortality

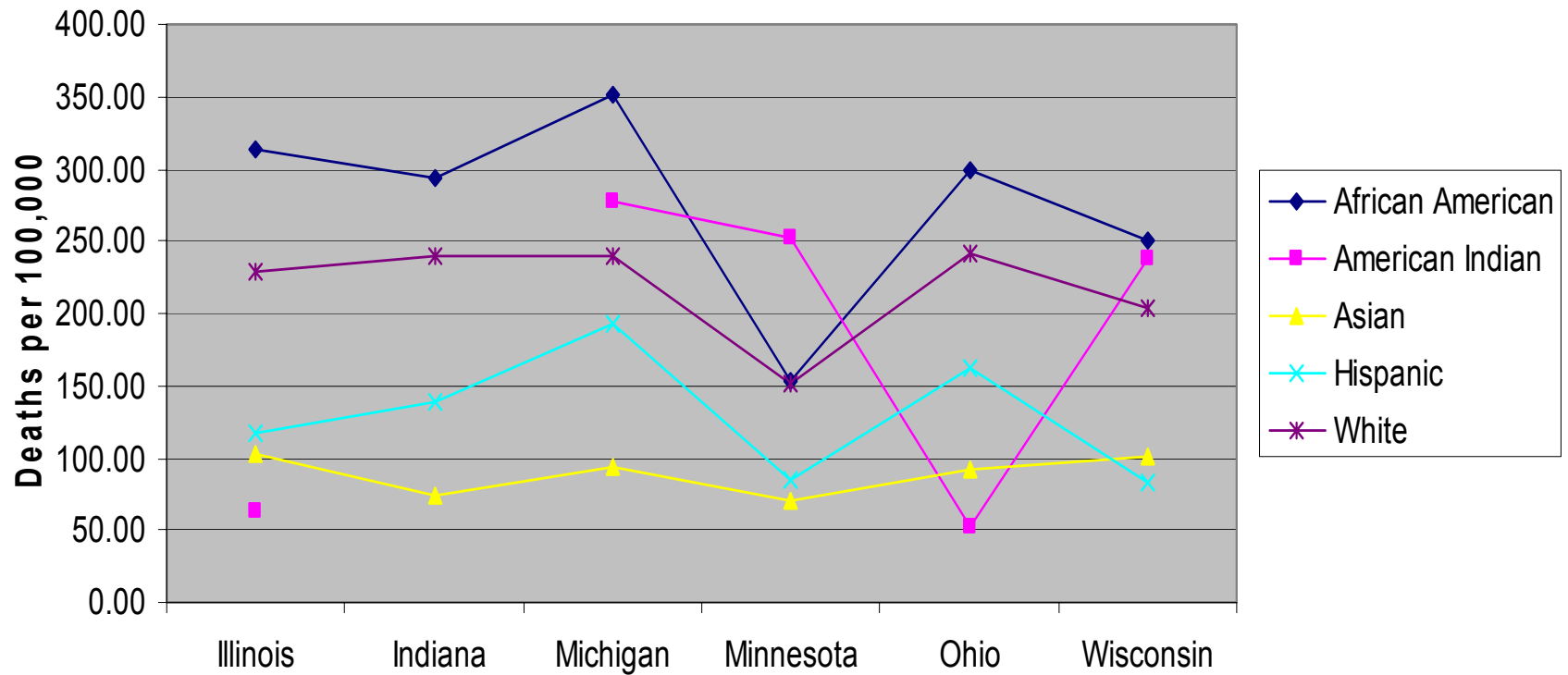
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## Heart Disease Mortality

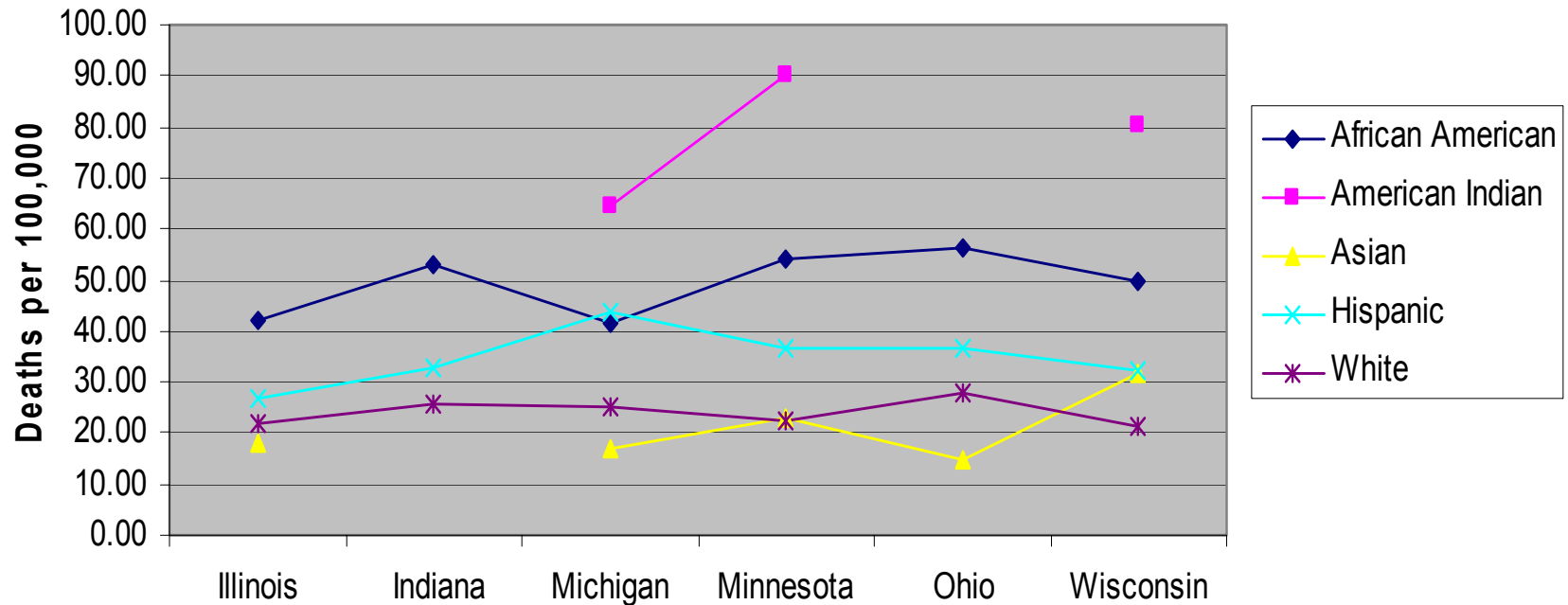
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## Diabetes Mortality

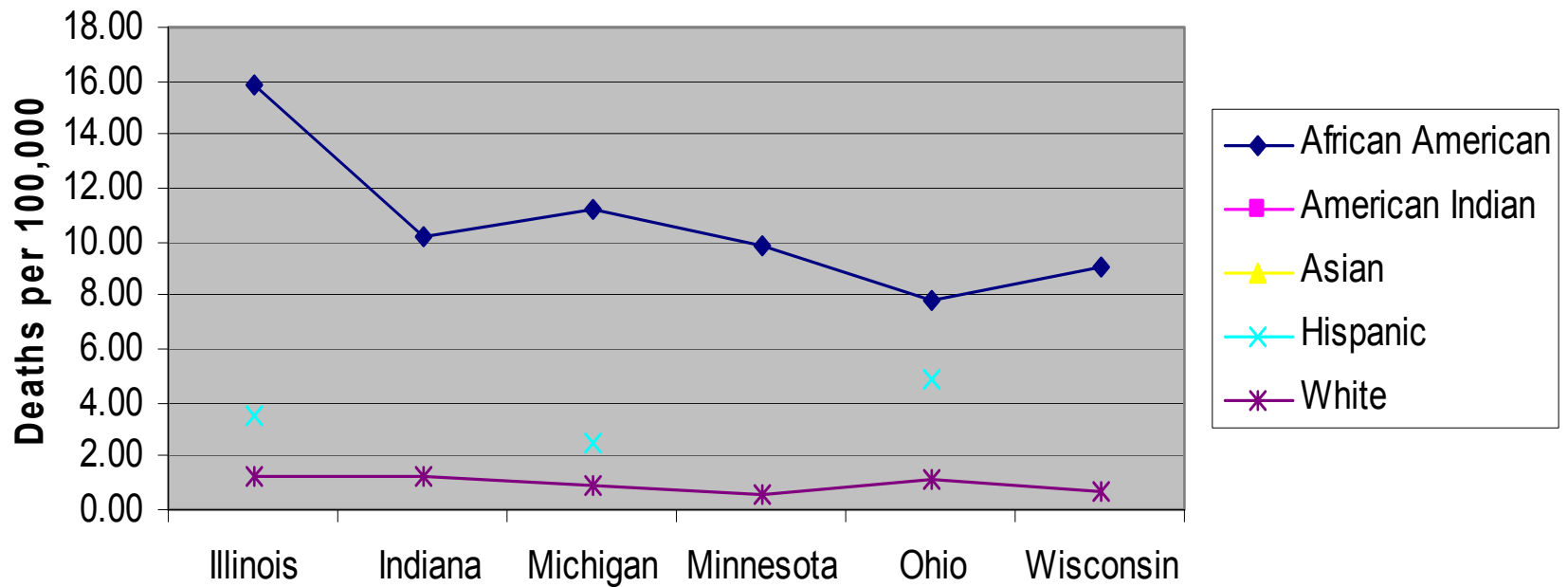
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## AIDS Mortality

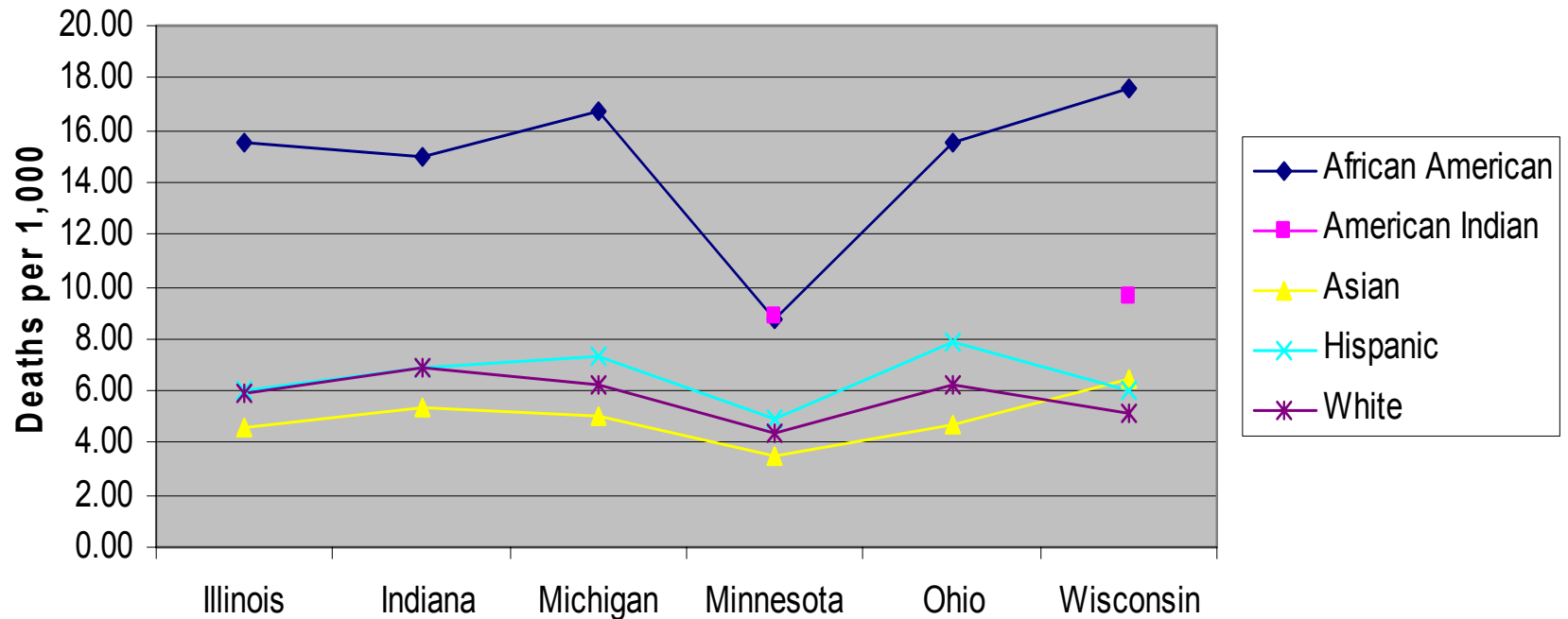
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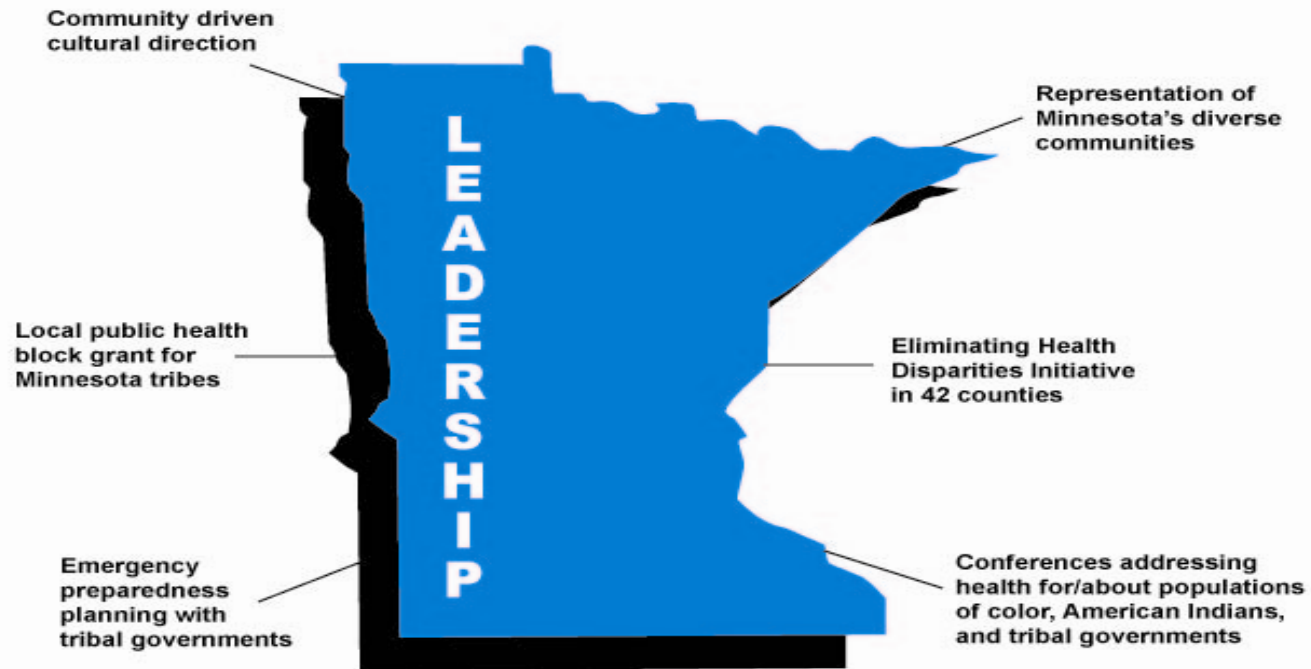
## Infant Mortality

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# ★ A focus on eliminating health disparities

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**Culturally-appropriate strategies that improve the health and wellness of Minnesota's populations of color, American Indians and tribal governments.**

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