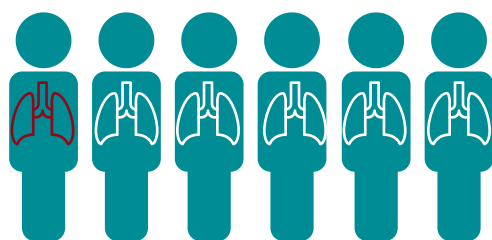


Black Missourians and Asthma Inequity

Health inequities are differences in health status or in the distribution of health resources between different population groups, arising from the social conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. Health inequities are unfair and could be reduced by the right mix of government policies.

1 in 6 Black Missourians have Asthma



Black Missourians are more likely to suffer from severe asthma and die from asthma compared to White Missourians



7x
higher

emergency room
visits



6x
higher

hospitalizations



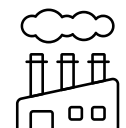
3x
higher

death rate
from asthma

What causes health inequities in asthma?



Racism, classism, and discrimination in policies that disadvantage certain groups of people.



Pollution in the environment that makes asthma symptoms worse.

And poor access to:



healthy and
affordable
housing



quality
food
choices



healthy schools
and quality
education



quality
health
care



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