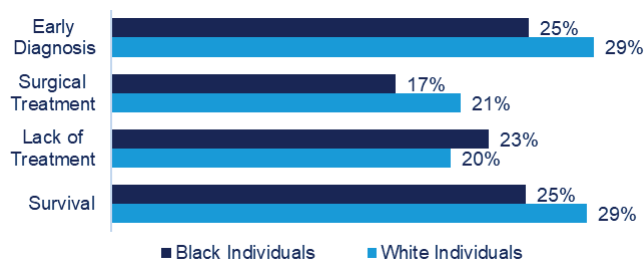




The American Lung Association believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to lead a full and healthy life. Sadly, many systemic issues have contributed to health disparities, including for those facing lung cancer. The “State of Lung Cancer” 2025 found that people of color who are diagnosed with lung cancer face worse outcomes compared to white individuals as they are less likely to be diagnosed early, less likely to receive surgical treatment, and more likely to receive no treatment. Close to two-thirds of the 25 million uninsured people in America are people of color, and research is clear that having health coverage impacts people’s medical care and ultimately their health outcomes. Addressing racial disparities in healthcare coverage is critical to addressing racial disparities in lung cancer care.

Black Individuals



Early Diagnosis

13% worse than white individuals

Surgical Treatment

19% worse than white individuals

Lack of Treatment

11% worse than white individuals

Survival

13% worse than white individuals

Latino Individuals



Early Diagnosis

18% worse than white individuals

Surgical Treatment

2% better than white individuals

Lack of Treatment

26% worse than white individuals

Survival

Same as white individuals

Asian or Pacific Islanders Individuals



Early Diagnosis

18% worse than white individuals

Surgical Treatment

18% better than white individuals

Lack of Treatment

3% better than white individuals

Survival

16% better than white individuals

Indigenous Peoples (American Indians/Alaska Natives)



Early Diagnosis

13% worse than white individuals

Surgical Treatment

26% worse than white individuals

Lack of Treatment

23% worse than white individuals

Survival

Same as white individuals