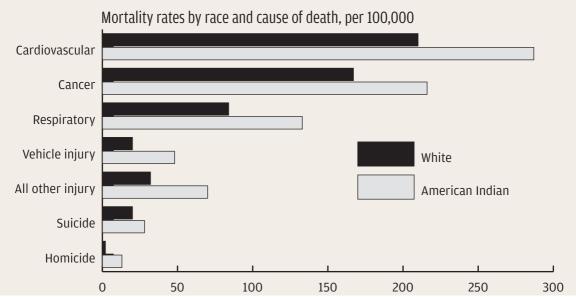# Montana American Indians die 20 years sooner because of health disparities

Vital statistics from the state show that American Indians, on average, die 20 years younger than white Montanans. Because of a variety of environmental, economic and social factors, as well as barriers accessing health care, tribal members experience higher rates of some diseases and are more likely to die from them.

Mortality rates by race and cause of death, per 100,000

Legend:
- ■ White
- □ American Indian

Categories (top to bottom): Cardiovascular, Cancer, Respiratory, Vehicle injury, All other injury, Suicide, Homicide

X-axis: 0, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300

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