

50-State Environmental Scan of State Publications Documenting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Status and Health Care

This summary is the product of an environmental scan conducted by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to identify state data-driven documents (strategic plans, report cards, or reports) addressing racial and ethnic disparities in health status and health care. NASHP performed the scan in Spring and Summer 2010. The purpose of the scan was to identify documents that met the criteria listed below:

- The document included a primary or secondary focus on health care disparities.
- The document was published in 2007 or later.
- The document included a significant amount of race/ethnicity data.
- There was evidence of state action on (e.g., use of information in) the document.

This 50-state environmental scan summary highlights the state documents that best met the search criteria. The summary includes the following information about each document (organized by state):

- Title
- Year of publication
- Web-link (current as of February 3, 2011)
- Health topics/conditions addressed in the document
- Clarification of whether the document focus on disparities in health status, health care or both
- Impetus for creation of the document
- The lead agency or entity in creating the document
- Funding source(s)
- Data sources
- Units of analysis
- Racial and ethnic minority populations included
- Indication of whether socio-economic status data are included
- Evidence of action in the state as a result of the document

The environmental scan informed the AHRQ report *State Documentation of Racial and Ethnic Disparities to Inform Strategic Action* published in March 2011.¹ The information on this scan is accurate as of January 1, 2011.

¹ Report available online: <http://nashp.org/publication/racial-and-ethnic-health-disparities-inform-strategic-action>.

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Alabama	Strategic Plan for Eliminating Tobacco-related Disparities (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4j5988	Tobacco Related Disparities	Health Status	CDC's Best Practices for Tobacco Control Programs (1999) and Alabama Comprehensive Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Plan 2000	Alabama Department of Public Health	CDC Office on Smoking and Health	DHHS, CDC, Alabama Hispanic Tobacco Survey, Alabama Youth Tobacco Survey	Geographic (State)	Black, White, Hispanic	Education level, Income level	None identified	A 2010 Alabama Health Disparities Status Report is expected.
Alaska	Strategic Plan for Eliminating Tobacco-related Disparities (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4gpglmw	Tobacco Related Disparities	Health Status	Builds on 1 year grant from CDC in 2005	Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services - State of Alaska Tobacco Prevention and Control Program	State of Alaska Tobacco Prevention and Control Program	Alaska BRFSS, Alaska YRBS	Geographic (State)	African American, Pacific Islander, Alaska Native, Rural Residents	Homelessness	None identified	
Arizona	Differences in the Health Status Among Race/Ethnic Groups (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4safuyx	Maternal and Child Health, Heart Disease, STD/STIs, Cancer, Mortality, Violent Deaths, Unintentional Injury, Kidney Disease, Diabetes, Obesity, Liver Disease, Teenage Pregnancy, Alcohol Use, Tobacco Use	Health Status	Not specified	Arizona Department of Health Services	Not specified	Vital Records, Census, 2006 Postcensal Population Estimates for Calculating Vital Rates (CDC)	Geographic (State)	White non-Hispanic, Hispanic or Latino, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian or Pacific Islander	None	Document lists a number of disparities initiatives. The paper also lists a link to a website which contains updates (http://tinyurl.com/4vfdnhh).	The state also produced a disparities report in 2005: http://tinyurl.com/47fu457 and a Health Status and Vital Statistics report in 2007: http://tinyurl.com/4vjzgxw
Arkansas	Arkansas Racial and Ethnic Health Disparity Study II: A Minority Health Update (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/67ex8fm	Race Relations, Awareness of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Access to Health Care and Choice, Satisfaction with the Health Care System, Trust of the Health Care System, Cultural Competency, Perceptions of Discrimination, Sources of Health Information	Health Care	Not specified	Arkansas Minority Health Commission	Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission's tobacco settlement funds	Survey of 1800 Arkansans	Geographic (State)	Urban White, Urban Black, Rural White, Rural Black, Hispanic	Education, Income	"What Can We Do" Pamphlet	A follow up to a 2004 report: http://tinyurl.com/5ruh13y
	Progressing Toward a Healthier Arkansas: Healthy People 2010 Health Status Report (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4cqv4o2	Access to Care, Cancer, Diabetes, Family Planning, Heart Disease, HIV, Injury, Maternal Infant and Child Health, Nutrition, Oral Health, Physical Activity, Tobacco Use	Both	Not specified	AR DOH	Not specified	Census, BRFSS, Vital Records	Geographic (State)	White, Black, Latino	None	This plan is evidence of action from previous report.	
California	Strategic Plan for Asthma in California 2008-2012 (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4jrqu7n	Asthma	Both	Not specified	California Department of Public Health	CDC	Medicaid and Medicare Asthma Data, Doctor's First Reports of Occupational Injury or Illness (DFR), Hospital Discharge Data, Worker's Compensation Information System	Geographic (State, County, Subcounty, by Zip Code)	None	Income, Education Level, Insurance Status, Occupation, Literacy Level	None identified	A mental health disparities plan is in process. See: http://tinyurl.com/4hzu85m . A number of condition specific publications (e.g., Heart Disease and Stroke, and Tobacco) include information on disparities. California also has an HIV/AIDS disparities framework that contains some data.

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Colorado	2008-2010 Office of Health Disparities Strategic Plan (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4grfd2r	General	Both	Grant	Office of Health Disparities (OHD)	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Kaiser Permanente; OMH	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Created the 2009 Health Disparities Report (see below)	
	Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in Colorado 2009 (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4a4cxwa	Mental Health, Children's Health, Oral Health, Obesity, Pregnancy Risk Factors, All Cancers, Cardiovascular Disease, Chronic Diseases, Diabetes, Hepatitis B, Motor Vehicle Injury, HIV/AIDS, General Mortality	Both	Legislation, Senate Bill 242 which created the Office of Health Disparities	OHD	State	Census, Vital Statistics, BRFSS, Child Health Survey, PRAMS, Disease Incidence	Geographic (State, County)	African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian, White	Income	OHD Website links to disparities data, including by region. It also links to an inter-agency health disparities youth council, and advertises that a recruiting and retaining youth of color into the health care professions task force as coming soon.	
	Colorado Health Disparities Strategic Plan 2008: Interagency Health Disparities Leadership Council (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4uwybm4	General	Both	Not specified	Interagency Health Disparities Leadership Council (IHDLIC)	Not specified	None	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	This plan serves as a guide for Colorado health agencies to work with when developing grant applications.	Colorado has done data reports on four different racial and ethnic groups (African American, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian). Another site on OHD has an interactive map that shows disparity data by county: http://tinyurl.com/4n8w89k
Connecticut	The 2009 Connecticut Health Disparities Report (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4zvfv4y	All Cause Mortality; Chronic Disease; Injury; Infectious and Sexually Transmitted Diseases; Maternal and Child Health; Oral Health; Environmental and Occupational Health; Access to Health/Health Care Workforce	Both	Connecticut Health Disparities Project	Department of Public Health (DPH)	Connecticut Health Foundation grant	BRFSS, Discharge Data, CHIME data (hospital discharge and ED data from Hospital Association), US Census Bureau (Census, American Community Survey, National Center for Health Statistics), US Department of Labor (Survey of Occupational Injury and Illnesses, Census of Fetal Occupational Injuries, Current Population Survey), DPH Infectious Diseases Section, Vital Records (birth and death registries), Linked File of Life and Infant Births, Lead Poisoning and Prevention Control Program Blood Lead Level Data	Geographic (State)	Black or African American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native, White, Other non-White and non-Hispanic	Income, Educational Attainment, Unemployment, Poverty, Insurance Status	None identified	
D.C.	None identified												
Delaware	2008 Delaware Racial and Ethnic Disparities Health Status Report Card (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4zpb239	Maternal and Child Health, Chronic Disease, Violence, Child and Adolescent Health, Social and Economic Well-Being, Behavioral Risk Factors	Both	IOM's 2002 report Unequal Treatment	DE Dept. of Health & Social Services (DHSS), DE Div. of Public Health (DPH)	Not specified	Birth and Death Certificates, BRFSS, State Residence Data, Bureau of Health Statistics - DE Health Statistics Center and Office of Vital Statistics (births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, divorces), Cancer Incidence and Mortality Report (DE DPH), American Community Survey (Census Bureau)	Geographic (State)	Hispanic, Black, White	Income, Unemployment, Home-Ownership, Education	None identified	The next report card is expected to be produced in 2011.
Florida	None identified												Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Sets (CHARTS) minority health profiles are available at http://tinyurl.com/45eo5gk Additionally the state is working on a plan to eliminate health disparities.

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Georgia	Health Disparities Report 2008: A County Level Look at Health Outcomes for Minorities in Georgia (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/pxop6w	Social and Economic Well-Being, Health Behaviors, Health Status Indicators-Disease Prevalence and Premature Death; Quality and Access to Care	Both	Not specified	Department of Community Health's Office of Health Improvement	Not specified	Census; Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS) uses data from BRFSS, Vital Records Information System, Multiple-Cause of Death File; Hospital Discharge Data	Geographic (County)	White, African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, American Indian, Other or Multi-Racial	None	Held townhall meetings throughout the state in 2009 to discuss the current report (at that time) findings and created a grant opportunity to address the elimination of health disparities. Provided \$1M in competitive grant funding to community-based partnerships with plans to resolve identified disparities.	
Hawaii	None identified												
Idaho	Profile of Idaho Health Disparities (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4fn6qo6	Alcohol Abuse, Mental Health, Obesity, Influenza, Tobacco Use, Access to Usual Healthcare Provider, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Suicide, Liver Disease	Both	Not specified	Idaho State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care	State	Census, American Community Survey, Idaho Vital Statistics, BRFSS	Geographic (State)	White/Non Hispanic, American Indian/Non Hispanic, All Other Races/Non Hispanic, Hispanic	Income, Housing	Reports on Language Access to Health Care. Not identified as action steps in the plan, steps have been taken through reports to provide better language access and interpreters to Idaho's Spanish Speaking Population. Idaho also held a focus group with Spanish Speaking patients.	
Illinois	None identified												Illinois Center for Minority Health Services is currently in the process of creating a state plan to reduce health disparities.
Indiana	The Interagency Council on Black and Minority Health 2008 Annual Report (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/45zp5fw	Long-Term Disability and Aging, Teenage Pregnancy, HIV/AIDS	Health Status	Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Efforts, Healthy People 2010, APHA's Call to the Nation to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health	Indiana State Department of Health Office of Minority Health: Interagency Council on Black and Minority Health	Not specified	BRFSS, State Natality Report, State Mortality Report; Census; American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates	Geographic (State)	White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native	Income, Employment, Housing, Education	None identified	Indiana Minority Health Commission is slated to produce an annual report in September 2010.
Iowa	None identified												Iowa created a strategic plan in 2007 focused on development of its Office of Multicultural Health. See: http://tinyurl.com/4b53qtq
Kansas	Strategic Plan "Building the Infrastructure of the Kansas Center for Health Disparities" (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4qnaucv	Cancer, Diabetes, HIV/AIDS, Immunizations, Cardiovascular Disease, Maternal and Child Health, and Mental Health	Both	Healthy Kansas 2010; study by Kansas Health Institute on Racial and Ethnic Minority Health Disparities (2005)	Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE)	Not specified	Census	Geographic (State)	African American, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian/Pacific Islander, Immigrant, Migrant	None	None identified	
	Working Together for A Healthier Kansas: A Status Report on the Social Determinants of Health in Kansas (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/46tflsy	Physical Activity, Mental Health, Tobacco Use, High Blood Pressure, Obesity, Stroke, Heart Disease	Health Status	Not specified	KDHE	Not specified	BRFSS, CDC, Census	Geographic (State, County)	White, Black, Hispanic, Category for All Races/Ethnicities	Income, Education	None identified	
Kentucky	None identified												The state is conducting focus groups to address health disparities in African American infant mortality and will devise a Health Disparities Report.

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Louisiana	Eliminating Health Disparities 'From A Grass Roots Perspective' (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/45tldvy	Mortality, Chronic Disease, Obesity, Infectious Disease, Maternal and Child Health, Access to Care, Workforce, Limited English Proficiency Populations, Homeless, Gender Disparities	Both	Natural Disaster; 2005 Minority Health Needs Assessment in Hurricane-Plagued Areas	Bureau of Minority Health Access	OMH	BRFSS; Intercensal Population Estimates Program; United States Postal Service provided a special Hurricane Katrina Change of Address File; Census	Geographic (County)	Black or African American, White, Hispanic or Latino (of any race), Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Other Hispanic or Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native - Several Tribes Listed (Sioux, Cherokee, Chippewa, etc.); Asian, Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Other Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Bi - or Multiracial	Income, Occupation, Education, Poverty, Wealth	None identified	
Maine	None identified												Disparities reduction plans are incorporated into condition-specific reports (e.g. chronic disease, cancer).
Maryland	Maryland Chartbook of Minority Health and Minority Health Disparities Data (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/49s9gdp	Diabetes, Hypertension, Tobacco Use, Obesity, HIV/AIDS, Asthma, Health Access and Utilization, Heart Disease, Cancer, Stroke, All Causes of Death, Gender Specific	Both	One of the charges of the MD Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MMHD)	MD MMHD	State	Vital Records, Census, BRFSS, Hospital Discharge	Geographic (State, County)	Non-Hispanic White, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native	None	See below	
	Maryland Plan to Eliminate Minority Health Disparities Plan of Action 2010 - 2014 (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/4w5capg	General	Both	Health Care Reform	MD MMHD	State	Census, Mortality, See above, data was used more heavily in chart book.	Geographic (State, County)	Non-Hispanic White, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native	None	The document is a follow up to a 2006 report and provides some updates on action steps taken.	
Massachusetts	None identified												MA has produced a plan on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) available here: http://tinyurl.com/4bop3t8

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Michigan	2009 Health Disparities Report (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/4i6748m	Mortality, Heart Disease, Infant Mortality, Stroke Mortality, HIV/AIDS Prevalence, Diabetes Prevalence, Diabetes Mortality, Cancer Incidence, Cancer Mortality, Suicide, Homicide, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia	Both	Legislation (House Bill 4455 – PA 653 requirement)	Department of Community Health	Combination of federal, state, and private resources	Dept. of Community Health Survey, BRFSS, BRFSS with Oversampling, Contractor Evaluation, Medicaid Data, Mortality Review, Partner Data, PRAMS, Program Databases, Program-Specific Surveys, Vital Stats, Census, MI Inpatient Database, MI Care Improvement Registry, HEDIS, MI Maternal Morbidity Database, Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance System, Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System, Disease Surveillance, Asthma Call-Back Survey, National Aging Program Information System, US Renal Data System	Geographic (State)	African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Arab American/Chaldean	None	Has provided data for 50 different programs to reduce health disparities, including Asthma Case Management, Birth Defect Follow-up, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia screening, Health Asian American Project, and SPLASH which is a school nutrition and physical activity program.	
	2008 Health Disparities Reduction Report (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4px7xkg	General	Both	Legislation (House Bill 4455 – PA 653 requirement)	Department of Community Health	Combination of federal, state, and private resources	BRFSS, Medicaid, Mortality Review, PRAMS, Program Databases, Program-Specific Surveys, Vital Statistics, Census, MI Inpatient Database, MI Care Improvement Registry, HEDIS, MI Maternal Morbidity Database, Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance System, Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System, Disease Surveillance, National Aging Program Information System, US Renal Data System	Geographic (State)	African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Asian American, Arab Ancestry, Other	None	2008 Addressing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities through Public Policy Conference.	Capacity Building RFP 2010 for Health Disparities Reduction/Minority Health and Health Equity Road Maps available here: http://tinyurl.com/4uyrmco
	Color Me Healthy: A Profile of Michigan's Racial/Ethnic Populations (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4hehrfa	Cardiovascular Disease, Infant Mortality, Diabetes, Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Violence	Health Status	Not specified	Department of Community Health	Not specified	Census, Vital Records, BRFSS, YBRFSS	Geographic (State)	White, African American/Black, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander/Other, Multi-Racial, Hispanic/Latino	Education	None identified	
Minnesota	Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI): Report to the Legislature (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4sqsvtm	Breast and Cervical Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, HIV/AIDS, Immunizations, Infant Mortality, Healthy Youth Development, Violence	Depends on Grantee	2001 Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI) Legislation (MN Statute 145.928)	Office of Minority and Multicultural Health	EDHI statewide grant program funds, Federal TANF funds, Minnesota Dept. of Health grant program	Minnesota Retrospective Kindergarten Survey; Minnesota Immunization Information Connection; National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) for the Midwest region (not state-specific), and Medicare; Morbidity and Mortality Data from Minnesota Department of Health's Surveillance Systems and Vital Statistics	Geographic (State)	African American/African American Indian, Asian, Hispanic, White	None	Describes disparities work carried out through grant program and includes case studies on grantee programs.	
	2009 Health Care Disparities Report for Minnesota Health Care Programs (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4ulxp9f	Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Breast Cancer, Cervical Cancer, Colon Cancer, Chlamydia, Childhood Immunizations, Childhood Upper Respiratory Infection, Asthma	Health Care	Not specified	MN Department of Human Services	Not specified	MN Community Measurement developed a data structure using the HEDIS 2009 Technical Specifications	Provider (Health Plan)	White, Black/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Unknown	None	Optimal Diabetes Care Website	

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Mississippi	No recent reports												Mississippi produced a Plan to Eliminate Racial & Ethnic Health Care Disparities in 2002 and a report card on cardiovascular health disparities in 2006. The Office of Health Disparity Elimination aims to release a work in progress plan by early 2011.
Missouri	State of Missouri Health Disparities Report: Promoting Health Equity & Reducing Health Disparities in Missouri (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4cmqhov	Disease/Condition and Risk Factor Priorities According to Life Stage - Infants and Children; Adolescents, Adults, Seniors; Barriers to Health Care Access; Affordability; Quality; Community Perspectives of Disparities and Disease; Infant Mortality; Asthma Rates; ER Use; Mortality Assaults/Homicides; Diabetes; COPD; Heart Disease; Cancer; Mental Health; Obesity; Insurance Coverage; HIV/AIDS	Both	Legislation creating Missouri Office of Minority Health, House Bill 1565	Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Office of Minority Health	State	Census; Interactive Internet-Based Data System: Priority MICA (Missouri Information for Community Assessment) - combines data from multiple sources; Focus Groups; American Community Survey; Birth and Death Certificates, Information from the Patient Abstract System (i.e., ER Visits and Hospitalizations), (BRFSS), and other data files such as from the Department of Social Services regarding child abuse and information such as from the World Health Organization regarding disability burden	Geographic (State, by region-NW, NE, Central, E, SW, SE)	White, African, African American, Bosnian, American Indian, Hispanic, and Vietnamese (Mostly comparisons between White, African American, and "All" populations)	None	None identified	
Missouri	Minority Health Disparities in Missouri African American and Hispanic Data Books (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4t7lwm	Births to Unmarried Mothers, Prenatal Care, Infant Deaths, Low Birth Weight, Births to Mothers Receiving Medicaid, Assault, Alcohol and Drug Use, Asthma, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Epilepsy, HIV/AIDS	Both	Grant from Missouri Foundation of Health (MFH)	MFH	MFH	Census, Vital Records, Death Records, BRFSS, ED/ER	Geographic (County)	African American (in one data book), Hispanic (in the other data book)	Income, Education	OMH presented twice in 2009 on relevant health disparities before the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus, OMH-MDHSS has partnered with health and community organizations to form an African-American Infant Mortality Task Force, OMH-MDHSS awarded contracts to two organizations within Missouri to combat obesity. OMH-MDHSS conducted regional minority community focus groups across the state to identify solutions for the barriers to health care access, affordability of health care, quality of health care, and treatment of chronic diseases.	
Montana	None identified												Montana's Dept. of Health has produced reports related to lung cancer and tobacco use in the Native American population. See: http://tinyurl.com/4gev5f3
Nebraska	Cultural Competency Assessment of Health Care Providers across Nebraska: A Survey of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Individuals (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/487gspg	Cultural Competency	Health Care	Not specified	Nebraska Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE)	Not specified	Census, Survey Conducted by NE OMHHE	Geographic (State, County)	White non-Hispanic, African American/Black-non Hispanic, Native American non-Hispanic, Asian non-Hispanic, Two or More Races non-Hispanic, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander non-Hispanic	Income, Education Level	The state has put CLAS standards on its website.	Nebraska has also produced two report cards (Maternal Health by Race and Ethnicity; Substance Abuse by Race and Ethnicity) and reports on the Socio-Economic Status of African-Americans, Asians, and Hispanics.

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Nevada	Minority Health in Nevada (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/65zqpmc	Heart Disease and Cerebrovascular Disease, Cancer, Unintentional Injury, Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease, Diabetes, Septicemia and Nephritis, Suicide and Homicide, Influenza and Pneumonia, HIV/AIDS, Health Insurance, Race and Ethnicity of Physicians	Both	Not specified	Nevada Health Division Bureau of Community Health	Not specified	Census, BRFSS, Hospital Discharge	Geographic (State)	White, Black, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, Some Other Race, Two or More Races, Hispanic	None	Nevada has developed a feedback form.	
New Hampshire	None identified												
New Jersey	Strategic Plan to Eliminate Health Disparities in New Jersey 2007 Update (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/6a6yxe3	Asthma, Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, Obesity, HIV/AIDS, Infant Mortality, Unintentional Injuries	Both	Public Law 2004, c. 137 (included on page 90 of the report)	New Jersey Office of Minority and Multicultural Health (OMMH)	State, OMH	BRFSS, Vital Records, ED/ER	Geographic (County)	Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander	None	The NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has developed initiatives for Asthma, Cancer, Caregiving, Diabetes, and Nutrition. Additionally the OMMH website offers links to translated health forms, and racial equity tools. There is also an NJ DHSS initiative: Exposing Diverse Students to Oral Health Professions. Furthermore the website contains links to the community roundtable discussion report.	DHSS created race and ethnicity coding guidelines for its grantees in 2007 as a result of the original 2007 plan. See: http://tinyurl.com/4oxv9mu
	New Jersey Asthma Strategic Plan 2008-2013 (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/6exkvp8	Asthma	Both	Grant	Department of Health and Senior Services	CDC (Cooperative Agreement)	NCHS, Asthma Prevalence, Health Care Use and Mortality, BRFSS, ED/ER	Geographic (County)	White, Black, Hispanic of Puerto Rican Decent, Hispanic of Mexican Decent, Asian	Income	May is Asthma awareness month in NJ, NJ has also published a fact sheet available online on Asthma Surveillance in NJ, also online NJ has published FAQs on Asthma, finally there is a fact sheet on Asthma and Women.	
	2009 Health Disparities Initiatives Self-Assessment Survey Report (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/4daetoa	Collecting Client-Level Information, Tracking Measurable Outcomes, Promoting Cultural, Competency, Promoting Health Literacy, Targeting Specific Groups, Making Outreach Efforts, Measuring Program Effectiveness	Not Applicable	Not specified	NJ Office of Minority and Multicultural Health (OMMH)	OMH	Survey emailed to DHSS staff	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Released with this document was the <i>Strategic Plan to Eliminate Health Disparities in New Jersey: Update and Addendum</i> , which provides an update to the 2007 plan above and tracks progress made from the plan.	
	Strategic Plan to Eliminate Health Disparities in New Jersey: Update & Addendum (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/4kcll8z	Hepatitis C, Chronic Kidney Disease, STDs, Adult and Child Immunization, Violence	Both	The 2004 Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative was established by Legislation (NJSA 26:2-167).	NJ DHSS	State	BRFSS, Vital Records, ED/ER, Other	Geographic (State)	White, Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander	None	This plan is evidence of action from the 2007 report and lists some of the actions taken since the publication of the previous plan.	
New Mexico	Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Report Card (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4ltv5yd	Infant Mortality, Teen Births, Diabetes, Obesity, Pneumonia Vaccinations, Pneumonia and Influenza Deaths, Chlamydia, Acute and Chronic Hepatitis B, HIV/Aids, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Motor Vehicle Deaths, Suicide, Youth Suicide, Homicide, Smoking Among Adults, Drug Induced Deaths, Alcohol Related Deaths	Health Status	Not specified	New Mexico Department of Health	Not specified	Birth system, death system, BRFSS, Youth Risk and Resilience Survey (YRRS), Infectious Disease Surveillance	Geographic (State)	African-American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Hispanic, White	Poverty Level	This is an update from previous report cards published by the state. Additionally New Mexico's Comprehensive Strategic Plans cite the report cards. See for example: http://tinyurl.com/4kn9kj .	
New York	New York Minority Health Surveillance Report (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4qjmawn	Premature Death, HIV/AIDS, Asthma, Cardiovascular Disease, Pulmonary Disease, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Homicide, Motor Vehicle Injury Death Rate, Suicide, Pregnancy Rate, Prenatal Care, Live Births, General Health, Access to Health Care	Both	Legislation, Title II F-Section 242, Public Health Law	New York State Department of Health	State	Census, American Community Survey, Vital Records, BRFSS, YRBS, New York State Cancer Registry, Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System	Geographic (County)	White non-Hispanic, Black non-Hispanic, Hispanic, Asian and Pacific Islander, American Indian and Alaska Native	Income	None identified	New York released a Minority Health Surveillance Report with County level data in December 2010, available here: http://tinyurl.com/6c25knk

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North Carolina	Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in North Carolina Report Card 2010 (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/4zssk6x	Maternal and Infant Health, Social and Economic Well Being, Heart Disease, Stroke, Diabetes, Chronic Lung Disease, Kidney Disease, HIV/AIDS, Prostate Cancer, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Homicide, Suicide, Motor Vehicle Deaths, Deaths of Children 1-17, Deaths of teens 15-17, Tobacco Use, General Nutrition, Blood Pressure Levels	Health Status	Not specified	North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Not specified	Census; Birth and Death Certificates; HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch information; Live Birth, Abortion, and Fetal Death Records; YRBS; North Carolina Nutrition and Physical Activity Surveillance System; BRFSS	Geographic (State)	All, White, African American/Black, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino	Poverty Level, Single Parent Families, Income, Adults Uninsured, Pregnant Not Owning a Home	This is evidence that the action plan from 2003 and report card from 2006 were acted upon.	
North Dakota	None identified												
Ohio	Preventing Infant Mortality in Ohio: Task Force Report (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4vji3yh	Infant Mortality	Both	Governor requested Department of Health (ODH) to launch task force	Infant Mortality Task Force	State	National Center for Health Statistics, Ohio Department of Vital Health Statistics	Geographic (County)	Black	None	None identified	
	The Ohio Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke: 2008-2012 (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4e25w96	Heart Disease and Stroke	Both	Not specified	Ohio Department of Health	Not specified	BRFSS, Hospital Discharge, Ohio Mortality records	Geographic (State)	African American, Appalachian, Asian/Asian American, Immigrant, Hispanic/Latino, and Refugee populations are listed as priority populations	None	Undertook a Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Focus Group with African American men.	
	Addressing Disparities in Ohio's Priority Populations: Summary Report and Recommendations 2007 (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4svzom9	Heart Disease and Stroke	Both	Not specified	ODH Heart Disease and Stroke Program	Not specified	BRFSS	Geographic (State)	African American, Appalachian, Asian/Asian American, Immigrant, Hispanic/Latino, Refugee	None	None identified	
Oklahoma	Governor's Task Force on the Elimination of Health Disparities (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/4gqucqm	Cardiovascular Disease, Infant Mortality, Diabetes, Cancer, Adult and Child Immunizations	Both	Legislation, Senate Bill 680 which created the Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities	Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities	State	Census	Geographic (State)	Black, Hispanic	Income	Community "Chat" held with 80+ people to discuss minority health issues and ways to raise awareness.	

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Oregon	None identified												In 2000 the Racial and Ethnic Health Task Force of Oregon, which was designed to eliminate disparities, submitted its final report to the governor. Oregon is planning a new "State of Equity Report." For more information please visit: http://tinyurl.com/5tuz4gz
Pennsylvania	None identified												
Rhode Island	Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Rhode Island State Plan 2009 (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4cooqr	Heart Disease and Stroke	Both	Not specified	Rhode Island Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Steering Committee	CDC	RI BRFSS, Hospital Discharge, RI Emergency Department Data, Vital Records	Geographic (State)	Non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic	Income, Education	Healthy Weight and Heart Disease, brochures available online for people with Arthritis, Asthma, Cancer, Diabetes, and Heart Disease. Resources also include "ABC's of Heart Attack", "Heart Disease Prevention", "Preventing and Controlling High Blood Pressure", "Activity and Eating Log", and "Diet and Nutrition." Additionally, in association with the American Heart Association, two towns in RI have been designated, "Heart Safe Communities."	
	Reducing the Burden of Asthma in Rhode Island: Asthma State Plan, 2009-2014 (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/46w6n7q	Asthma	Both	Not specified	Rhode Island Asthma Control Coalition	CDC	RI BRFSS, RI YRBS, Hospital Discharge, RI Emergency Department Data, Vital Records (Death Certificates)	Geographic (State, County)	Non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic	Income, Education	Controlling your Asthma brochure available in both English and Spanish.	
South Carolina	State Health Improvement Plan for the Elimination of Health Disparities (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/45fdk2d	Diabetes, Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Heart Disease, Stroke, Infant Death, HIV/AIDS	Both	Legislation	Department of Health and Environmental Control	State	Census, Death Rate, Morbidity	Geographic (State)	African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic, Other (Other includes Native Hawaiian, other Pacific Islander, and other races, including persons of more than one race)	None	"Real Men Checkin' It Out" prostate cancer in African Americans awareness sheet.	A minority health report card is in progress.
South Dakota	Great Faces Great Smiles: Oral Health Plan for South Dakota (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4qfrfu	Oral Health	Both	Grant Number T12HP10690 from HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau	South Dakota Department of Health	HRSA	Vital Records, South Dakota New Mom's Survey, Statewide Oral Health Survey of South Dakotan Third Graders	Geographic (County, Native American Reservation)	White non-Hispanic Third Grade Age Children, American Indian Third Grade Age Children, includes discussion about other groups but no data	Income, Sealants History, Insurance	Oral Health Website which includes links to resources for parents, teachers, children, and health providers.	
	South Dakota Diabetes State Plan (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/49opffc	Diabetes	Both	Volunteer Organization	South Dakota Diabetes Coalition (SDDC)	Not specified	CDC National Diabetes Fact Sheet, Census, SD Vital Records, BRFSS	Geographic (State, County)	American Indian	None	The state offers diabetes related resources on website.	South Dakota has similar condition-specific reports on Cancer, Heart Disease, Nutrition and Physical Activity, and Tobacco.

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Tennessee	2009 Tennessee Women's Health Report Card (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/6atwzsr	Reproductive Health, STD/STI, Cancer, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Stroke, Homicide, Motor Vehicle Deaths, Suicide Deaths, Obesity, Tobacco Use, Blood Pressure, Alcohol Abuse, Preventive Health Practices, Barriers to Health Care	Health Status	Not specified	Tennessee Department of Health	Not specified	BRFSS, Vital Records, Census	Geographic (State)	White non-Hispanic, African American non-Hispanic, Hispanic	Employment Status, Poverty, Household Headed by Women	This Report Card compares the disparity rates from 2002 to 2007, and gives grades based on the change.	The website of the Dept. dealing with disparities (http://tinyurl.com/4w5b488) lists some fact sheets on disparities within TN. The 2010 Report Card on Men's Health has also been released: http://tinyurl.com/4a5cxre
Texas	The Health Disparities Task Force: 2008 Biennial Report to the Texas Legislature (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4w9s8sr	Childhood Immunization, Pertussis Morbidity, Obesity, Diabetes, Responsible Sexual Behavior, Prenatal Care, Tobacco Use, Youth Suicide	Both	Legislation, House Bill 757, creating the Health Disparities Task force. H.B. 1396 created the Office for the Elimination of Health Disparities	Health Disparities Task Force	State	BRFSS, Texas Department of State Health Services Center for Health Statistics, CDC	Geographic (State)	White, Hispanic, African American, Other (Other includes Asian, American Indian, Pacific Islander, persons identifying themselves as three or more races, and other groups too small to enumerate accurately)	Income	None identified	
	Utah Health Disparities Summaries Series (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/4pwkqn6	Alcohol Abuse, Immunizations, Infectious Diseases, Mental Health, Violence	Both	Not specified	Utah Center for Multicultural Health	Not specified	BRFSS, Vital Records, Census	Geographic (State)	African American/Black, Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, American Indian, Non Hispanic White	None	None identified	
Utah	Health Status: by Race and Ethnicity (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/4mmljpn	Insurance Coverage, Access to Health Care, Prenatal Care, Colon Cancer, Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Immunizations, Obesity, Physical Activity, High Cholesterol, High Blood Pressure, Tobacco Use, Alcohol Abuse, Maternal and Child Health, Tuberculosis, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Suicide, Homicide, Chronic Diseases	Both	Not specified	Utah Center for Multicultural Health	Not specified	BRFSS, Utah DOH Office of Public Health Assessment, Utah Healthcare Access Survey, Census, Utah Death Certificates Database, Vital Records	Geographic (State)	American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino, White, White non-Hispanic, Other non-Hispanic	None	This is an update from the 2005 plan, so the evidence of state action on the plan can be seen in the "How Are We Doing?" section on each condition, to see how the disparity compares now versus five years ago. Additionally Utah lists everything that is currently being done by the state on each condition in the report.	
	Action Plan to Eliminate Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities in the State of Utah (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/4dcd62m	General	Both	Not specified	Utah Center for Multicultural Health	OMH	None	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	The website is updated, it offers training and networking opportunities, tool kits and resource centers, information on various cultural groups, professional standards, and Community-Based Organizations and Government Ethnic Offices. They also provide services on the website for Spanish speakers. The website also links to the newsletter the state has developed, "The Connection."	

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Vermont	Vermont 2007 Office of Minority Health Strategic Plan 2007-2009 (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4qovv4e	General	Both	Not specified	Vermont Office of Minority Health	State	Census	Geographic (State)	African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, American Indian, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)	None	None identified	
	The Health Disparities of Vermonters 2010 (2010)	http://tinyurl.com/49sf6fr	Income, Education, Housing, Access to Care, Stress, Disability and Depression, Chronic Disease	Both	Not specified	Vermont Department of Health	Not specified	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, Vital Statistics System, BRFSS, Blood Lead Surveillance System, Cancer Registry, VT Dentist Survey, Immunization Registry, VT Oral Health Survey, VT Physician's Survey, YRBS	Geographic (State, County)	White non Hispanic, Hispanic or Latino, Asian (Asian includes Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander), Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native	Income and Education	None identified	
Virginia	Unequal Health Access Across the Commonwealth, A Snapshot: Virginia Health Equity Report (2008)	http://tinyurl.com/67v55ao	Low Weight Births; Prenatal Care; Births to Mothers who used Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs; Natural Fetal Deaths; Induced Terminations; Teenage Pregnancy; Infant Mortality; Mortality; Life Expectancy; Causes of Death; Violent Death; Death by Firearm; Unintentional Injury Deaths; Non-Marital Births; HIV; Heart Disease; Cancer; Cerebrovascular Disease; Alzheimer's Disease; Diabetes; Years of Potential Life Lost	Both	Initiative started in early 1990s by state health commissioner	Virginia Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy	State	Census, Virginia Department of Health Vital Statistics, CDC NCHS, Virginia Division of Health Statistics	Geographic (State, County, Jurisdiction, Zip Code, Census Tract)	Black/African-American, American Indian/Native American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, White	Income, Education, Children under 18 years of age who experienced "Double Jeopardy" (live in poor families in poor neighborhoods)	The state produced a video on the report. The State OMH website includes links to Grants and Funding Opportunities, a Culturally Appropriate Public Health Training Series, and Health Equity Initiatives.	
Washington	No recent reports												The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities created a report in 2006: http://tinyurl.com/4onvpwt Washington aims to produce a disparities action plan in 2012 and has produced several reports documenting progress toward the plan (in 2008, 2009, and 2010).

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West Virginia	Racial Disparities in Cigarette Smoking Among Adults (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4w4ez7p	Tobacco Addiction	Health Status	Legislation	West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources	State	BRFSS, West Virginia Youth Tobacco Survey	Geographic (State)	Primarily White and Black, some data on Other (Other includes Asians, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians or Alaska Natives and other races), Multiracial	None	The report is about a disparity identified in a 2002 plan; the disparity has been remedied.	
Wisconsin	Asthma State Plan 2009-2014 (2009)	http://tinyurl.com/66baspz	Asthma	Both	3 year enhanced planning grant from CDC Cooperative Agreement	Wisconsin Asthma Coalition	CDC	BRFSS, ED Discharge Data, National Hospital Discharge Survey (CDC), YBRFSS, Youth Tobacco Survey	Geographic (State)	African American non-Hispanic, Native American/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, White non-Hispanic	Income, type of work (indoor, at risk)	Completed projects from previous plan: http://tinyurl.com/4ggvkf2	
Wyoming	Wyoming Health Disparity State Plan (2007)	http://tinyurl.com/4dfghep	Mortality, Tobacco Use, Lack of Healthcare Coverage, Alcohol Abuse, Diabetes, Chronic Liver Disease, Unintentional Injury Mortality	Both	State partnership grant	Wyoming Office of Multicultural Health (OMH)	WY OMH	Census, BRFSS	Geographic (County)	Hispanic/Latino Origin, Native American, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander	Income	Steering committees were created and are operational.	

Frequent Data Source Abbreviations: PRAMS--Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System; CDC-- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; BRFSS-- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; YBRFSS-- Youth Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; YRBS -- Youth Risk Behavior Survey; HEDIS--Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set; ED--Emergency Dept.; ER--Emergency Room; NCHS -- National Center for Health Statistics