STRESSED OUT: THE INVISIBLE EPIDEMIC

Why Chronic Stress is Worsening U.S. Care Disparities in 2021

75% OF AMERICANS REPORT MODERATE TO HIGH STRESS IN **ANY GIVEN MONTH**







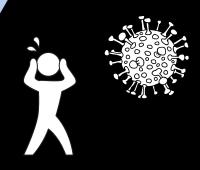


SOURCES OF STRESS





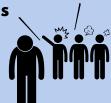




78% ARE DEEPLY STRESSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

RACISM & DISCRIMINATION CAUSE HIGH STRESS FOR:

- 48% of Black Americans
- 43% of Hispanic Americans
- 42% of Native Americans
- 41% of Asian Americans



"We are facing a national mental health crisis that could yield serious health and social consequences for years to come." - American Psychological Association



STRESS COSTS EMPLOYERS **\$300 BILLION A YEAR IN HEALTHCARE COSTS &** ABSENTEEISM.

73% OF STRESSED PEOPLE **EXPERIENCE MENTAL HEALTH** SYMPTOMS.





77% EXPERIENCE PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS.

STRESS CAN INFLUENCE:

- Accidents
- **Depression**
- **Diabetes**
- Stroke
- Hypertension



- Insomnia
- Anxiety
- **Heart disease**
- Addiction
- Digestive issues

Stress in the United States is a public health crisis.

Chronic stress aggravates care disparities by uniquely affecting the disadvantaged. A world of fewer stressors and greater access to equitable care is a healthier world for all.



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