

# Workshop on Health and Disability among Working-Age Adults: Trends, Disparities, and Implications for Employment and Federal Programs

Oct 15-16, 2024

**HIGH AND RISING MORTALITY RATES  
AMONG WORKING-AGE ADULTS**

# Background

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Americans have a shorter life expectancy and poorer health than individuals in comparable countries

Committee on Population released consensus report in 2021

Deaths of despair among working-age adults

Affects most racial/ethnic groups in most areas of the U.S.

# Identifying Midlife Social Exposures that Might Modify Risk for Cognitive Impairment Associated with Early Life Disadvantage

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Early life disadvantages have been associated with a higher risk of dementia, but the risk may be modified by early life and midlife exposures. While attention is often given to individuals' behavior and choices, structural and institutional forces may be more effective in addressing inequities. This workshop examined what measures, data infrastructure needs, and analytic measures can advance understanding of how

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DATE(S)  
Aug 29 - 30, 2024

# Calls for Applications

**Previous: Understanding Place-Based Health Inequalities in Midlife (RFA-AG-23-004)**



**Current: U.S. Health in the International Perspective (NOT-AG-24-004)**



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# Workshop goals

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Examine trends and disabilities and disabling morbidities among working age adults

Social and economic factors influencing these observed trends with a focus on work and employment-related drivers

Implications of acute COVID era and current developments for key public programs