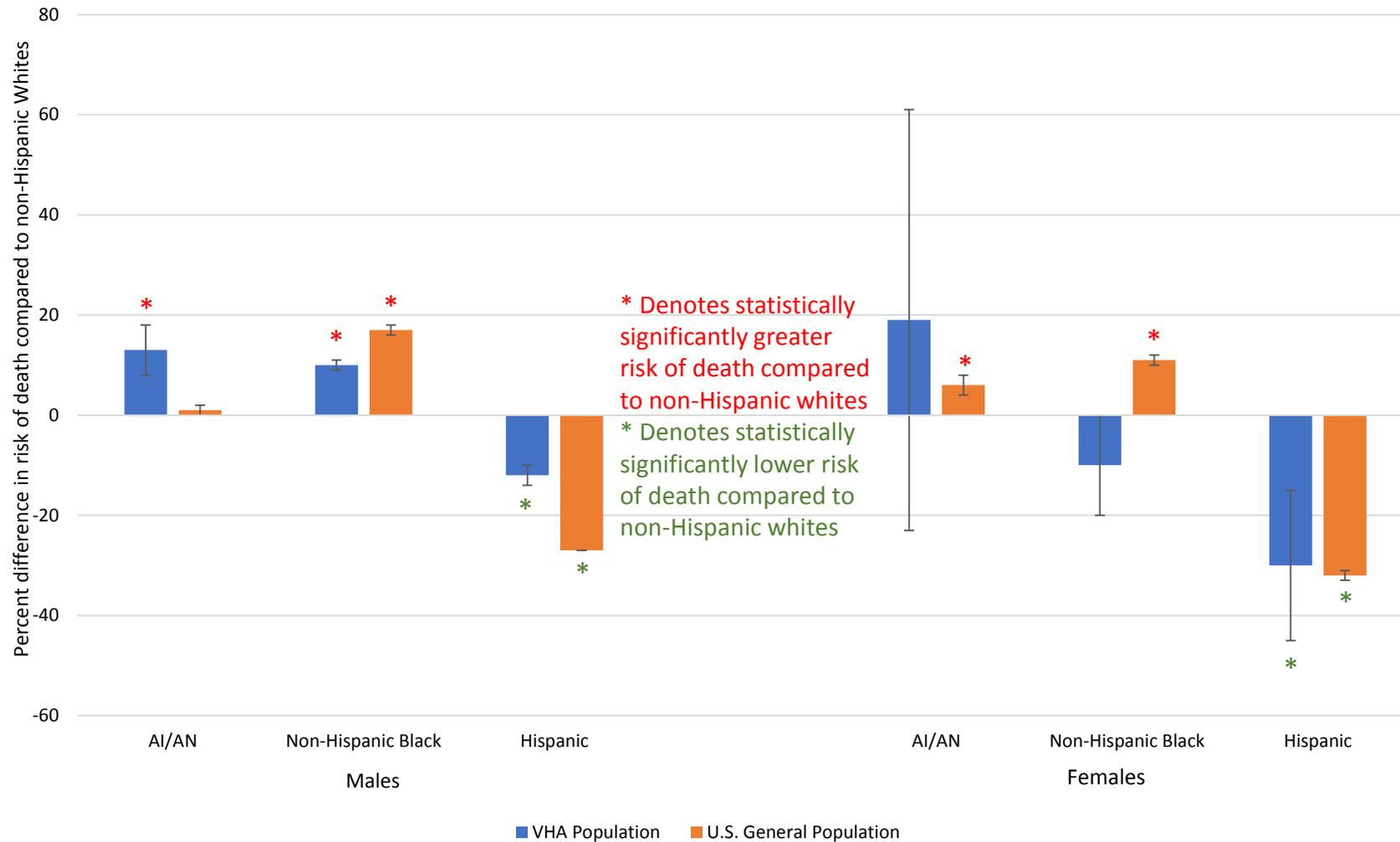


Percent difference in the risk of death compared to non-Hispanic White men and women
Veterans and the U.S. general population, accounting for population age differences



Notes: Graph show the percent difference in the risk of dying for each racial/ethnic group compared to non-Hispanic Whites. Percentages > 0 indicate a higher risk of death compared to non-Hispanic whites, while percentages < 0 indicate a lower risk of death. Differences in age composition between the VHA and U.S. general populations are accounted for through the direct standardization methods, where mortality proportions have been standardized using weights based on the FY 2009 non-Hispanic White men or female VHA-user population. Data for the U.S. general population came from the National Center for Health Statistic's detailed mortality file and the U.S. Census