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According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), certain population groups may be more vulnerable to malnutrition due to a variety of social and environmental factors. These include the inability to purchase safe and nutritious food, illiteracy, poor access to quality healthcare, living/working in neighborhoods with high rates of crime, societal norms and policies causing discrimination, isolation, and stigma, and a lack of community-based resources and support. The synergistic effects of these conditions restrict their ability to make healthy food choices, ultimately predisposing them to an increased risk for one or more nutrition-related chronic diseases such as overweight/obesity, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and cancer.

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