

Bergen County Cancer Fact Sheet

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County Demographic Profile 2000 vs. 2006		
	2000 ¹	2006 ²
Population	884,118	904,037
Median Age*	39	41
Racial Composition:		
% White	78	75
% Black	5	6
% Asian	11	14
Ethnic Composition:		
% Hispanic	10	14
Median Household Income*	\$65,241	\$75,851
% of Residents ≥ 25 years of age without high school diploma	13	10
% of Residents living below the poverty level*	5	5

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; ¹ Census 2000, and ² 2006 American Community Survey

* Compare 2000 and 2006 data with caution; some differences exist due to differences in data methods.

Overall Cancer Burden

From 2000-2004, an average of 610 men and 450 women per 100,000 were diagnosed with cancer each year in Bergen County. This is comparable to the New Jersey rate of 614 for men and 447 for women. The average annual cancer death rate was 215 for men and 163 for women in Bergen County, compared to the state rate of 237 for men and 172 for women. As in the state, the types of cancers which affect the most people in Bergen County are prostate, breast, lung, and colorectal.

Note: Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. Census population standards.

Overarching Issues

- **Education and Prevention:** Continue to increase the awareness of and participation in cancer education and prevention programs.
- **Palliation/Survivorship:** Increase the awareness of the general public about the resources available.
- **Providers and Treatment:** There are no major gaps in cancer services.
- **Access to Care:** Minority and low-income residents may experience cultural, language, and economic barriers which decrease access to care.
- **Transportation:** There is a lack of centralized, efficient public transportation within the county.
- **Advocacy:** Advocacy efforts have led to cancer-related policy development and legislation.
- **Nutrition and Physical Activity:** Because obesity is a major cancer risk factor, the percentage of residents who eat an appropriate diet and exercise regularly should be increased.
- **Childhood Cancer:** Bergen County hospitals offer treatment, home care and support services for pediatric cancer patients.

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Average Annual Age-Adjusted Incidence & Mortality Rates by Site 1996-2000 vs. 2000-2004

All Cancers	Incidence Rate per 100,000*				Mortality Rate per 100,000**			
	Bergen County			NJ	Bergen County			NJ
	1996-2000 ¹	2000-2004 ²	% Change	2000-2004 ²	1996-2000 ³	2000-2004 ²	% Change	2000-2004 ²
Male	633.3	610.2	-3.6	614.4	241.2	214.6	-11.0	236.8
Female	456.8	449.9	-1.5	447.0	173.2	163.2	-5.8	171.9
NJ-CCCP Priority Cancer by Gender								
Breast, female	146.6	142.4	-2.9	131.9	30.1	28.3	-6.0	28.5
Cervical, female	8.8	7.6	-13.6	9.6	1.9	2.0	5.3	2.7
Colorectal, male	76.5	67.3	-12.0	70.2	26.3	22.9	-12.9	25.9
Colorectal, female	54.9	48.6	-11.5	50.8	19.2	16.6	-13.5	18.3
Lung, male	80.7	71.9	-10.9	82.4	65.5	54.7	-16.5	66.5
Lung, female	50.5	50.4	-0.2	55.4	37.8	34.9	-7.7	40.7
Melanoma, male	23.3	28.6	22.7	24.4	4.6	3.8	-17.4	3.9
Melanoma, female	14.1	16.2	14.9	15.0	2.1	1.7	-19.0	1.7
Oral/Oropharyngeal, male	12.2	13.2	8.2	14.6	3.3	2.8	-15.2	3.8
Oral/Oropharyngeal, female	5.9	5.8	-1.7	6.0	1.5	1.3	-13.3	1.4
Prostate, male	208.7	198.1	-5.1	192.7	30.2	23.8	-21.2	27.0

Sources:

- ¹ New Jersey State Cancer Registry, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, August 2003.
- ² New Jersey State Cancer Registry, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Cancer-Rates. *Info/NJ*. <http://www.nj.gov/health/ces/cancer-rates.shtml> (November 2007).
- ³ National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State Cancer Profiles (Accessed at <http://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/>).

Notes:

Rates are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. Census population standards.

A rate at least 10% higher than the corresponding state rate is shown in **bold italics**.

The annual rates for relatively uncommon cancers tend to fluctuate substantially from year to year because of small numbers of cases. The % change for cancers with low incidence and/or mortality rates should be interpreted with caution.

* The number of newly diagnosed cases of disease in a specific population during a specific time period per 100,000 people.

**The number of deaths due to a disease in a specific population during a specific time period per 100,000 people.

For More Information

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