

Camden County Cancer Fact Sheet

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County Demographic Profile 2000 vs. 2006		
	2000 ¹	2006 ²
Population	508,932	517,001
Median Age*	36	37
Racial Composition:		
% White	71	68
% Black	18	19
% Asian	4	5
Ethnic Composition:		
% Hispanic	10	12
Median Household Income*	\$48,097	\$56,913
% of Residents ≥ 25 years of age without high school diploma	20	17
% of Residents living below the poverty level*	8	11

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 634 men and 470 women per 100,000 were diagnosed with cancer each year in Camden County, compared to the New Jersey rate of 614 for men and 447 for women. The average annual cancer death rate was 261 for men and 191 for women in Camden 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 Camden 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

- **Access and Resources:** Many residents indicate that their top priority problem is lack of affordable healthcare. Thirteen percent of Camden County residents are without health insurance. Both the 2007 Camden County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the Camden City Community Health Needs Assessment (being completed) have Health Access as a priority, with improving transportation as one objective.
- **Comprehensive Health Education:** Many schools do not teach students breast and testicular self-exams as recommended in curriculum standards. There needs to be more Youth Quit2win programs established for helping young people stop smoking.
- **Nutrition and Physical Activity:** The educational message that needs to be disseminated is for residents to become aware of the link between nutrition and physical activity and decreasing their risk for cancer. All municipalities need to sign on to the 2007 Mayor's Wellness Initiative.
- **Strengthening Partnerships:** Continuing the paid role of a part time Coalition Coordinator has facilitated networking and needs to be continued.
- **Research:** The last County/Region health needs assessment targeting primary care health providers was 1993, 14 years ago. Professional education events for local health care providers are still a necessity to make the NJ Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan a reality at the primary medical practice level which is a KEY entry point for persons in our health system.

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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**			
	Camden County			NJ	Camden County			NJ
	1996-2000 ¹	2000-2004 ²	% Change	2000-2004 ²	1996-2000 ³	2000-2004 ²	% Change	2000-2004 ²
Male	626.8	634.4	1.2	614.4	281.8	260.6	-7.5	236.8
Female	447.9	460.9	2.9	447.0	194.9	190.8	-2.1	171.9
NJ-CCCP Priority Cancer by Gender								
Breast, female	128.0	128.1	0.1	131.9	34.6	30.3	-12.4	28.5
Cervical, female	10.5	11.5	9.5	9.6	2.3	2.5	8.7	2.7
Colorectal, male	81.1	74.0	-8.8	70.2	30.5	28.3	-7.2	25.9
Colorectal, female	59.9	54.4	-9.2	50.8	19.7	20.6	4.6	18.3
Lung, male	107.0	96.0	-10.3	82.4	87.5	79.1	-9.6	66.5
Lung, female	60.1	66.3	10.3	55.4	47.5	52.2	9.9	40.7
Melanoma, male	14.1	24.8	75.9	24.4	5.5	3.8	-30.9	3.9
Melanoma, female	8.1	12.1	49.4	15.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.7
Oral/Oropharyngeal, male	17.3	15.6	-9.8	14.6	4.5	4.4	-2.2	3.8
Oral/Oropharyngeal, female	5.4	5.9	9.3	6.0	1.2	1.9	58.3	1.4
Prostate, male	172.0	178.9	4.0	192.7	33.6	27.6	-17.9	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.

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