

Hunterdon County Cancer Fact Sheet

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County Demographic Profile 2000 vs. 2006		
	2000 ¹	2006 ²
Population	121,989	130,783
Median Age*	39	41
Racial Composition:		
% White	94	93
% Black	2	2
% Asian	2	4
Ethnic Composition:		
% Hispanic	3	4
Median Household Income*	\$79,888	\$93,297
% of Residents ≥ 25 years of age without high school diploma	9	6
% of Residents living below the poverty level*	2	4

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 519 men and 466 women per 100,000 were diagnosed with cancer each year in Hunterdon County, compared to the New Jersey rate of 614 for men and 447 for women. The average annual cancer death rate was 207 for men and 160 for women in Hunterdon 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 Hunterdon 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:** Hunterdon Medical Center is the county's only hospital and is located in the center of the county (i.e., Flemington). While there has been a history of cancer education/ screening efforts near the medical center, these efforts have been conducted less frequently in municipalities near the perimeter of the county.
- **School Health Education:** Most public schools are lacking a formal health education coordinator. However, a number of schools have involved cancer coalition staff in their cancer education efforts for the students.
- **Providers and Treatment:** While there are some medical providers that practice in municipalities near the perimeter of the county, most of the facilities that provide mammographies and colonoscopies are located only in the center of the county.
- **Advocacy:** Top priorities of the Partnership for Health in their 2007 Community Health Improvement Plan include advocating for improved access to healthcare and improving weight and physical activity levels among county residents.
- **Palliative Care:** Hospice services are available through Hunterdon Hospice, and support and pain management services are available through Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center and Hunterdon Medical Center.
- **Nutrition and Physical Activity:** There are a number of organizations and programs that focus on improving nutrition and physical activity in the county.
- **Childhood Cancer:** There are few, if any, pediatric cancer services in Hunterdon County.

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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**			
	Hunterdon County			NJ	Hunterdon County			NJ
	1996-2000 ¹	2000-2004 ²	% Change	2000-2004 ²	1996-2000 ³	2000-2004 ²	% Change	2000-2004 ²
Male	565.2	518.7	-8.2	614.4	239.3	206.5	-13.7	236.8
Female	484.2	466.3	-3.7	447.0	172.9	160.0	-7.5	171.9
NJ-CCCP Priority Cancer by Gender								
Breast, female	158.1	132.1	-16.4	131.9	30.5	27.7	-9.2	28.5
Cervical, female	10.2	8.6	-15.7	9.6	3.3	2.1	-36.4	2.7
Colorectal, male	78.8	60.4	-23.4	70.2	26.2	27.6	5.3	25.9
Colorectal, female	59.1	49.1	-16.9	50.8	21.9	16.4	-25.1	18.3
Lung, male	74.4	63.4	-14.8	82.4	65.2	51.6	-20.9	66.5
Lung, female	53.0	50.8	-4.2	55.4	37.5	32.4	-13.6	40.7
Melanoma, male	24.4	32.6	33.6	24.4	8.7	4.7	-46.0	3.9
Melanoma, female	12.6	23.8	88.9	15.0	3.2	2.4	-25.0	1.7
Oral/Oropharyngeal, male	9.0	11.6	28.9	14.6	3.3	3.2	-3.0	3.8
Oral/Oropharyngeal, female	5.2	6.4	23.1	6.0	1.5	***		1.4
Prostate, male	164.4	133.1	-19.0	192.7	37.6	26.5	-29.5	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.
- *** Data not available because number is too small.

For More Information

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