

# ANNUAL REPORT

## Ten Leading Sites of New Cancer Deaths by Gender, 2020

### New Jersey Women, 2020

Rank	Cancer Site	Rate <sup>^</sup>	Count
	All Sites	119.6	7867
1	Lung and Bronchus	23.8	1592
2	Breast	19.5	1249
3	Pancreas	10.7	721
4	Colon and Rectum	10.6	700
5	Ovary	6.1	396
6	Corpus and Uterus, NOS	5.6	373
7	Leukemia	4.0	263
8	Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct (IBD)	3.5	229
9	Brain and Other Nervous System (ONS)	3.4	210
10	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)	3.2	221

### New Jersey Men, 2020

Rank	Cancer Site	Rate <sup>^</sup>	Count
	All Sites	153.5	7709
1	Lung and Bronchus	30.3	1540
2	Prostate	16.2	776
3	Colon and Rectum	14.1	713
4	Pancreas	12.9	667
5	Leukemia	8.1	391
6	Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct (IBD)	7.7	405
7	Urinary Bladder	6.6	318
8	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)	6.2	310
9	Esophagus	5.5	292
10	Brain and Other Nervous System (ONS)	4.7	241

Source: Underlying mortality data provided by NCHS ([www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs)). <sup>^</sup>Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 US population standard.

Note: an approximate 10% decrease in the number of cancer cases diagnosed in 2020 compared to 2019, partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to 2020 Census delays, preliminary estimates were used as population denominators for calculating cancer incidence rates for 2010–2020. For more information, see <https://seer.cancer.gov/popdata/>

- ◆ A total of 15,576 deaths occurred among New Jersey residents in 2020 for which cancer was designated on the death certificate as the underlying cause. Overall cancer mortality rates were slightly lower for women and men compared to 2019.
- ◆ The leading cause of cancer death among New Jersey women in 2020 was lung and bronchus cancer, followed by breast and pancreatic cancers. The 10 most common types of cancer deaths among NJ women in 2020 were similar to those in 2019 with slightly lower mortality rates, except for the rates for colorectal, pancreas, and ovarian cancers, which increased slightly.
- ◆ The leading cause of cancer death among New Jersey men in 2020 was lung and bronchus cancer, followed by prostate and colorectal cancers. The 10 most common types of cancer deaths among NJ men in 2020 were similar to those in 2019 with slightly lower mortality rates, except for the rates for prostate, leukemia, NHL, and esophagus cancers which increased slightly.
- ◆ The overall decrease in cancer mortality rates may be partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic as people with cancer are at an increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness and mortality.