

Health Disparities in Connecticut: CANCER

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in Connecticut and takes a disproportionate toll on Black and Hispanic state residents.

Cancer deaths in Connecticut, 2018
Rate per 100,000 people¹

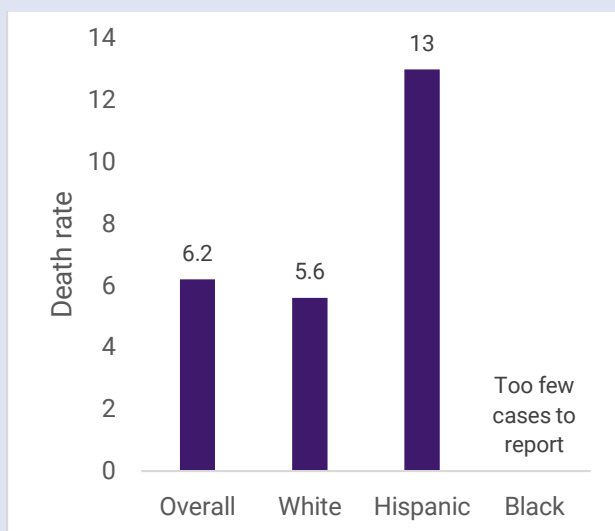
Race	Death Rate
White	135.7
Black	145.6

Both categories include people of Hispanic origin.

CERVICAL CANCER

Hispanic women are more than twice as likely as white women to be diagnosed with cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer incidence, Connecticut, 2016
Rate per 100,000 women²



BREAST CANCER

White women are more likely than Black women to be diagnosed with breast cancer,³ but Black women are significantly more likely to die from it.

Breast cancer deaths in women, Connecticut, 2018
Rate per 100,000 women⁴

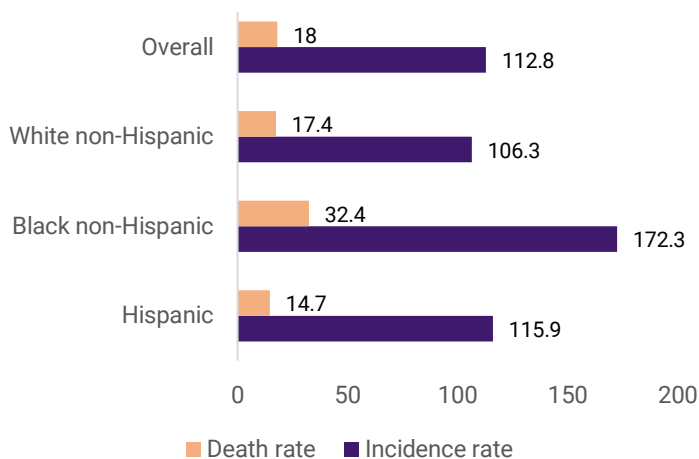
Race	Death Rate
White	15.8
Black	24.8

Both categories include people of Hispanic origin.

PROSTATE CANCER

Black men are nearly twice as likely as white men to die from prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer, Connecticut, 2011-2015
Rate per 100,000 men⁵



COLORECTAL CANCER

Black men in Connecticut are significantly more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and to die from it.

Colon and rectal cancer in men, Connecticut, 2011-2015
Rate per 100,000 men⁵

Race/ethnicity	Incidence rate	Death rate
Overall	42.9	13.5
White non-Hispanic	41.9	13.3
Black non-Hispanic	51.9	18.6
Hispanic	48	13.5

UTERINE CANCER

Black women are more than twice as likely as white women to die from uterine cancer.

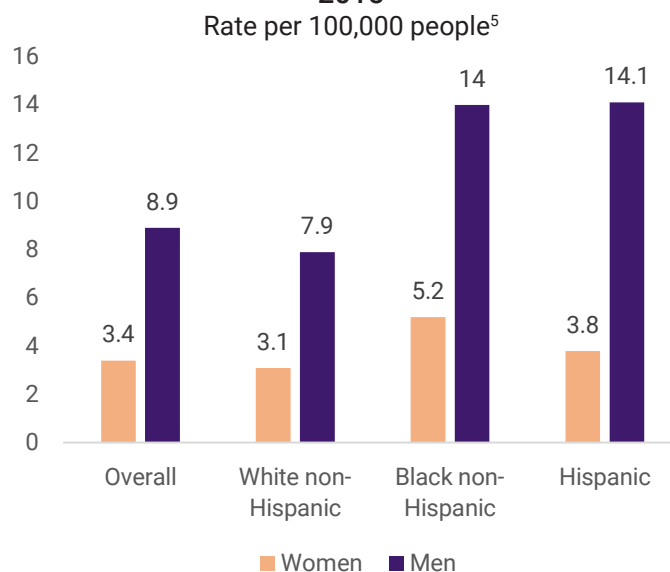
Uterus and corpus cancer deaths, not otherwise specified, Connecticut, 2011-2015
Rate per 100,000 women⁵

Race/ethnicity	Death rate
Overall	4.4
White non-Hispanic	4
Black non-Hispanic	9
Hispanic	3.9

LIVER AND BILE DUCT CANCER

Black and Hispanic men are nearly twice as likely to die from liver and bile duct cancer as white men. Deaths from this cancer are less common among women, but among Black women, the rate of death is significantly higher than among white women.

Liver and bile duct cancer deaths, Connecticut, 2011-2015
Rate per 100,000 people⁵



*All rates are age-adjusted.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Kaiser Family Foundation, "Number of cancer deaths per 100,000 population by race/ethnicity," 2018.
- 2 Kaiser Family Foundation, "Cervical cancer incidence rate per 100,000 women by race/ethnicity," 2016.
- 3 Kaiser Family Foundation, "Breast cancer incidence rate per 100,000 women by race/ethnicity," 2016.
- 4 Kaiser Family Foundation, "Breast cancer deaths per 100,000 women by race/ethnicity," 2018.
- 5 Connecticut Department of Public Health, "Cancer in Connecticut: A report on the burden of cancer in the state," March 2019.