

# Morris County Cancer Fact Sheet

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<b>County Demographic Profile 2000 vs. 2006</b>		
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>2</sup>
Population	470,212	493,160
Median Age*	38	40
Racial Composition:		
% White	87	85
% Black	3	3
% Asian	6	9
Ethnic Composition:		
% Hispanic	8	10
Median Household Income*	\$77,340	\$89,587
% of Residents ≥ 25 years of age without high school diploma	10	7
% of Residents living below the poverty level*	3	4

**Sources:** U.S. Census Bureau; <sup>1</sup> Census 2000, and

<sup>2</sup> 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 603 men and 459 women per 100,000 were diagnosed with cancer each year in Morris County. This is comparable to the New Jersey rate of 614 for men and 447 for women. The average annual cancer death rate was 224 for men and 167 for women in Morris 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 Morris 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

- **Awareness and Education:** Educate the public on prevention, risk factors, healthy lifestyles, early detection, the need for funding of related programs (particularly for low income persons) and coordination with the NJ Cancer Education and Early Detection (NJCEED) Program and other service programs
- **Screening:** Promote awareness of, and access to cancer early detection and treatment services, expand the knowledge and awareness of NJCEED and other screening programs, increase physicians' knowledge and adoption of screening and treatment standards, and increase funding for screening and treatment of cancers for minority and medically underserved residents
- **Advocacy:** Strengthen and support local cancer service programs; increase funding for screening, research and treatment services available through NJCEED and other cancer related organizations; research, adopt, and publish best practices used by culturally relevant outreach and health education programs; strengthen and expand advocacy partners associated with the Morris County Cancer Coalition, and obtain additional funding for NJCEED
- **Access:** Provide residents with cancer specific education and early detection services; advocate for increased funding for the treatment of cancers identified by screenings of non-NJCEED eligible patients or for those services for which the NJCEED program is not able to pay; provide the NJCEED eligible community with screening, education, opportunities for risk factor review, and the means of early detection for skin, lung, and oral cancers; and encourage participation in cancer related events such as skin, lung and oral cancer screenings

# Morris County & New Jersey

## 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**			
	Morris County			NJ	Morris County			NJ
	1996-2000 <sup>1</sup>	2000-2004 <sup>2</sup>	% Change	2000-2004 <sup>2</sup>	1996-2000 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2004 <sup>2</sup>	% Change	2000-2004 <sup>2</sup>
Male	629.1	602.6	-4.2	614.4	236.5	224.1	-5.2	236.8
Female	463.6	459.2	-0.9	447.0	175.5	167.0	-4.8	171.9
NJ-CCCP Priority Cancer by Gender								
Breast, female	152.0	142.8	-6.1	131.9	31.1	29.8	-4.2	28.5
Cervical, female	8.2	7.5	-8.5	9.6	1.8	1.5	-16.7	2.7
Colorectal, male	75.6	66.6	-11.9	70.2	26.8	23.3	-13.1	25.9
Colorectal, female	52.8	47.8	-9.5	50.8	19.9	16.1	-19.1	18.3
Lung, male	78.1	65.3	-16.4	82.4	63.1	58.9	-6.7	66.5
Lung, female	55.7	54.7	-1.8	55.4	41.7	41.3	-1.0	40.7
Melanoma, male	<b>27.8</b>	<b>29.8</b>	7.2	24.4	4.8	<b>4.6</b>	-4.2	3.9
Melanoma, female	<b>15.7</b>	<b>22.9</b>	45.9	15.0	1.8	1.7	-5.6	1.7
Oral/Oropharyngeal, male	15.5	14.5	-6.5	14.6	4.1	3.0	-26.8	3.8
Oral/Oropharyngeal, female	5.7	4.8	-15.8	6.0	<b>1.8</b>	0.9	-50.0	1.4
Prostate, male	207.0	193.7	-6.4	192.7	29.7	24.4	-17.8	27.0

Sources:

- <sup>1</sup> New Jersey State Cancer Registry, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, August 2003.
- <sup>2</sup> 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).
- <sup>3</sup> 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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