## Mortality

# **Cancer Mortality**





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### Definition

Cancer mortality is the rate of death due to malignant neoplasms (cancer) per 100,000 population. Cancer deaths include ICD–10 codes C00–C97.

### **Related Objectives**

Reduce the cancer mortality rate to 127.4 per 100,000 population. - *HEALTHY ALASKANS 2030, OBJECTIVE #1.* Reduce the overall cancer death rate to 122.7 per 100,000 population. - *HEALTHY PEOPLE 2030, OBJECTIVE C-01* 

#### Summary

- » During 2016–2019, cancer was the leading cause of death among Alaska Native people with a mortality rate of 196.3 per 100,000.
- » The cancer mortality rate among Alaska Native people has appeared to decline between 1984– 1987 and 2016–2019. Cancer mortality rates had been significantly higher for Alaska Native people compared to Alaska non–Natives from 1992–1995 until 2016–2019, where the rates are not statistically significantly different.
- » Cancer mortality rates varied by Tribal health region, ranging from 179.9 to 271.0 deaths per 100,000.

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## Table C-26: Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality Rate per 100,000 Population, 1984-1987 to 2016-2019

|           | Alaska Native People<br>Statewide |       | Alaska Non-Natives<br>Statewide |       |  |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|--|
|           | Deaths                            | Rate  | Deaths                          | Rate  |  |
| 1984-1987 | 344                               | 232.2 | 1,230                           | 208.0 |  |
| 1988-1991 | 356                               | 229.3 | 1,367                           | 198.7 |  |
| 1992-1995 | 422                               | 247.2 | 1,663                           | 195.0 |  |
| 1996-1999 | 498                               | 248.0 | 1,865                           | 179.1 |  |
| 2000-2003 | 545                               | 244.0 | 2,118                           | 174.1 |  |
| 2004-2007 | 620                               | 243.7 | 2,296                           | 158.1 |  |
| 2008-2011 | 678                               | 233.3 | 2,697                           | 158.9 |  |
| 2012-2015 | 752                               | 242.7 | 3,114                           | 154.5 |  |
| 2016-2019 | 803                               | 196.3 | 3,092                           | 136.5 |  |

### Table C-27: Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality Rate by Sex, 2016-2019

|                              | Alaska Native People<br>Statewide |       | Alaska Non-Natives<br>Statewide |       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                              | Deaths                            | Rate  | Deaths                          | Rate  |
| Male                         | 406                               | 235.5 | 1,749                           | 160.2 |
| Female                       | 397                               | 188.2 | 1,343                           | 116.3 |
| <b>Both Genders Combined</b> | 803                               | 196.3 | 3,092                           | 136.5 |

# Table C-28: Age-Adjusted Alaska Native Cancer Mortality Rate per 100,000 by Tribal Health Region, 2016-2019

|                                   | Alaska Native People |       |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------|--|
|                                   | Deaths               | Rate  |  |
| Kodiak Area                       | 18*                  | 271.0 |  |
| Interior                          | 101                  | 227.0 |  |
| Copper River/Prince William Sound | 11*                  | 219.9 |  |
| Aleutians & Pribilofs             | 9*                   | 218.0 |  |
| Arctic Slope                      | 34                   | 217.9 |  |
| Southeast                         | 108                  | 207.4 |  |
| Kenai Peninsula                   | 38                   | 195.4 |  |
| Bristol Bay                       | 40                   | 189.2 |  |
| Norton Sound                      | 48                   | 184.8 |  |
| Northwest Arctic                  | 36                   | 183.9 |  |
| Anchorage/Mat-Su                  | 238                  | 181.9 |  |
| Yukon-Kuskokwim                   | 114                  | 179.9 |  |
| Statewide                         | 803                  | 196.3 |  |

Note: Rates based on fewer than 20 cases are not statistically reliable and should be used with caution.

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