

Colorectal Cancer Screening

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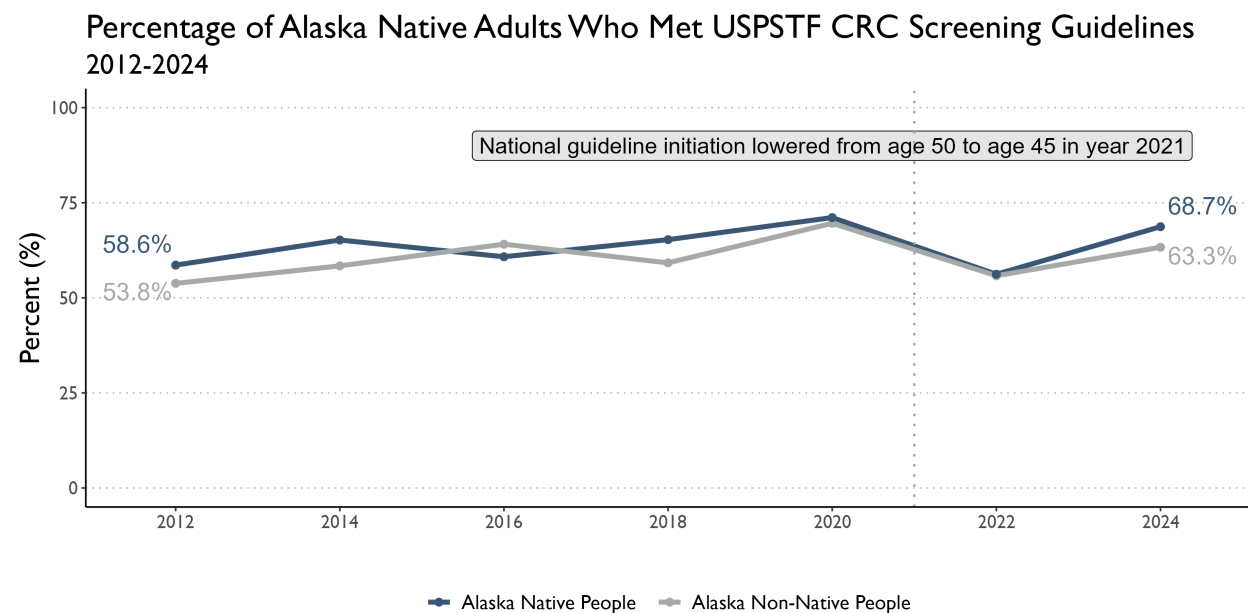
Definition

Colorectal cancer screening is measured among adults aged 50 to 75 years (through 2020) or aged 45- 75 (2021 and later) as those who report having stool testing, CT colonography, or endoscopy, with the recommended testing schedule depending on which test is performed.¹

Data in this report come from the Alaska Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). We use the term Alaska Native to refer to Alaska Native or American Indian adults residing in Alaska, alone or in combination with one or more other race groups.

Summary

- During 2020-2024, 63.6% of Alaska Native adults met USPSTF colorectal cancer (CRC) screening guidelines. This was higher than non-Alaska Native adults (61.4%), although the difference is not statistically significant.
- During 2020-2024, the percent of Alaska Native adults who met CRC screening guidelines varied by Tribal health region, ranging from 53.8% to 72.3%.
- The percent of Alaska Native adults who met CRC screening guidelines increased between 2012 and 2024, although the difference is not statistically significant.

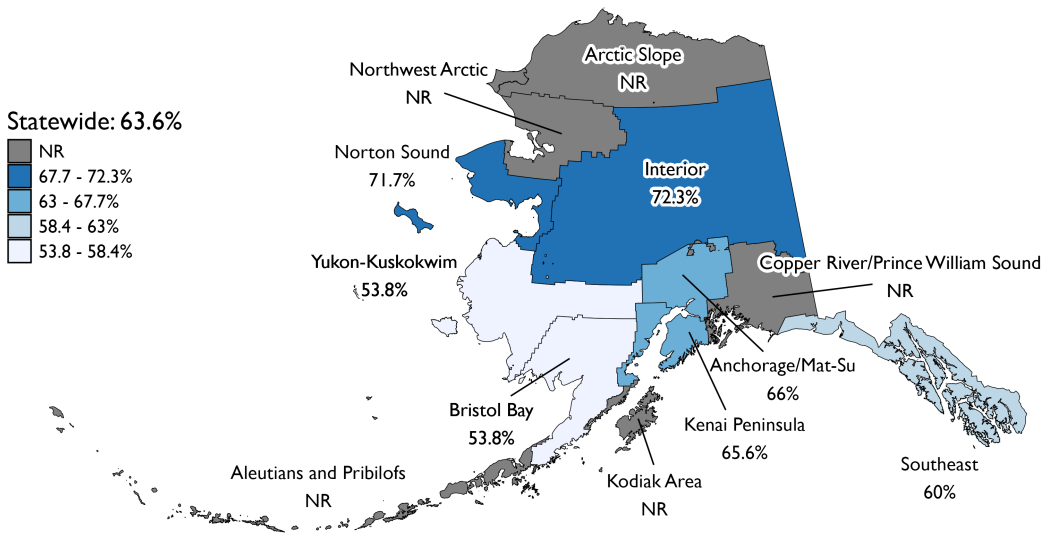


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Met USPSTF colorectal cancer screening guidelines: Adults 50-75 (through 2021); Adults 45-75 (post-2021)

¹U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. (2021). Colorectal Cancer: Screening. Retrieved from www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation/colorectal-cancer-screening.

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Percentage of Alaska Native Adults Who Met USPSTF CRC Screening Guidelines
Alaska Native People, 2020-2024



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Estimates not reportable (NR) when sample size < 50 and/or RSE > 50
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Met USPSTF CRC Screening Guidelines Statewide By Year				
Year	Alaska Native People		Non-Alaska Native People	
	Percent (%)	95% CI	Percent (%)	95% CI
2024	68.7%	(61.7% - 74.9%)	63.3%	(60.3% - 66.2%)
2022	56.2%	(49.6% - 62.6%)	55.8%	(53.2% - 58.3%)
2020	71.1%	(62.9% - 78.2%)	69.6%	(65.8% - 73.1%)
2018	65.3%	(56.9% - 72.8%)	59.2%	(55.2% - 63.1%)
2016	60.8%	(48.0% - 72.3%)	64.1%	(59.5% - 68.5%)
2014	65.2%	(57.0% - 72.6%)	58.4%	(55.1% - 61.7%)
2012	58.6%	(51.5% - 65.3%)	53.8%	(50.3% - 57.2%)
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Met USPSTF CRC Screening Guidelines | By Region | 2020-2024

Tribal Health Region	Alaska Native People	
	Percent (%)	95% CI
Aleutians and Pribilofs	NR	NR
Anchorage/Mat-Su	66.0%	(57.1% - 73.9%)
Arctic Slope	NR	NR
Bristol Bay	53.8%	(33.3% - 73.1%)
Copper River/Prince William Sound	NR	NR
Interior	72.3%	(62.0% - 80.8%)
Kenai Peninsula	65.6%	(50.6% - 78.1%)
Kodiak Area	NR	NR
Northwest Arctic	NR	NR
Norton Sound	71.7%	(56.7% - 83.0%)
Southeast	60.0%	(51.9% - 67.7%)
Yukon-Kuskokwim	53.8%	(44.4% - 63.0%)

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