

# Cancer Registry

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
Maine Department of Health and Human Services

The Maine Cancer Registry (MCR) is a statewide population-based cancer surveillance system. The MCR collects information about all newly diagnosed cancers in Maine residents (except basal and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin). This information is used to further our understanding of cancer and to develop and evaluate strategies for its prevention, treatment and control.

Cancer is second only to heart disease as a cause of death among Maine citizens. Each year approximately 7,800 Maine residents are diagnosed with cancer and over 3,000 die due to their cancer. Many of these deaths could be prevented through early detection or behavioral changes.



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Cancer is not a single disease. There are over 100 different types of cancer. Four types of cancer account for over 50% of all cases diagnosed in Maine: Lung, female breast, prostate, and colorectal cancer.

Among Maine males, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer, followed by lung and colorectal cancer. The most commonly diagnosed cancer in Maine women is breast cancer, followed by lung and colorectal cancer.

The rate of lung cancer incidence in Maine males and females is significantly higher than the national estimates. Lung cancer, primarily caused by cigarette smoking, is the number one cause of cancer death. Other cancers associated with cigarette smoking are cancers of the oral cavity, larynx, esophagus, pancreas, cervix, bladder and kidney.

## Program Goals:

The Cancer Registry seeks to reduce morbidity and mortality due to cancer by providing data for research and intervention programs.

## Program Activities:

- ❑ Collecting and assuring quality data on all malignant tumors and all brain tumors diagnosed among Maine residents;
- ❑ Producing an annual report that provides information on cancer incidence and mortality in Maine;
- ❑ Participating in epidemiological research to determine the risk factors associated with cancer incidence and mortality;
- ❑ Responding to concerns about local cancer rates;
- ❑ Providing data for the planning and evaluation of cancer prevention and control programs.

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