

Colorectal Cancer (CRC) in Maine

2023 Stats and Facts from the Maine CDC Cancer Registry



772

New cases in 2023¹

6,181

Survivors since 2001¹⁺

Incidence rate per 100,000^{1*}

Male 44.2

Female 34.9

Mortality rate per 100,000^{2*}

Male 13.6

Female 9.7

CRC is the **3rd** leading cause of cancer death in Maine.²

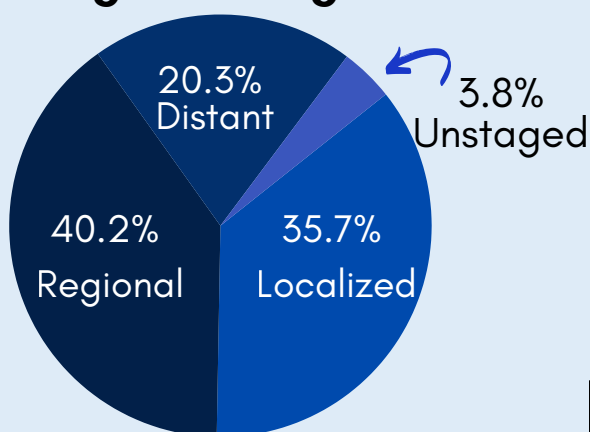
The 5-year relative survival is **66.3%**.¹

Maine ranks **8th** highest in the US for CRC 5-year survival rate.¹

Risk Factors

- Age
- Poor diet
- Obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Smoking
- Alcohol consumption

Stage at Diagnosis¹



Nearly **9 in 10**



people diagnosed at a localized stage will survive at least 5 years (vs 2 in 10 at a distant stage).¹



7 in 10 people

45-75 years old were up to date with their CRC screening in 2024.^{1**}

1. U.S. Cancer Statistics Data Visualizations Tool.

<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dataviz>

2. United States Cancer Statistics - Incidence: 1999-2022,

WONDER Online Database. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/cancer.html>

+ Prevalence counts are an estimate of the number of survivors on 1/1/2023 who were diagnosed between 2001-2022.

* Rate per 100,000 age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population

** In 2021, CRC screening recommendations changed from screening at age 50 to screening at age 45.

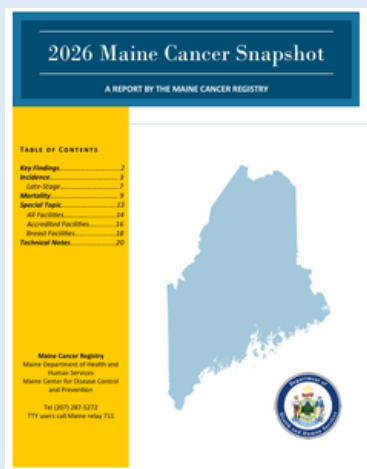
Maine CDC Cancer Registry

Collects information about all newly diagnosed cancers in Maine residents to better understand cancer, identify areas in need of public health interventions, and improve cancer prevention, treatment, and control.

Maine CDC Colorectal Cancer Control Program

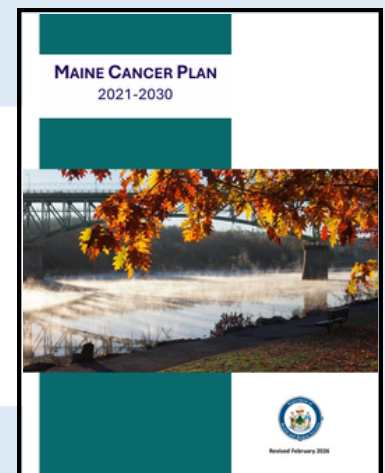
Works to increase colorectal cancer screening rates among Maine residents between 45–75 years of age. Our program works with participating federally qualified health centers to use and strengthen strategies that have been shown to increase colorectal cancer screening, called evidence-based interventions.

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For CRC screening options visit: [Screen Maine](#)

For more on health behaviors, chronic diseases, and social determinants of health visit: [Maine Community Health Needs Assessment](#)

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