

Melanoma in Maine

2023 Stats and Facts from the Maine CDC Cancer Registry



571

New cases in 2023¹

6,108

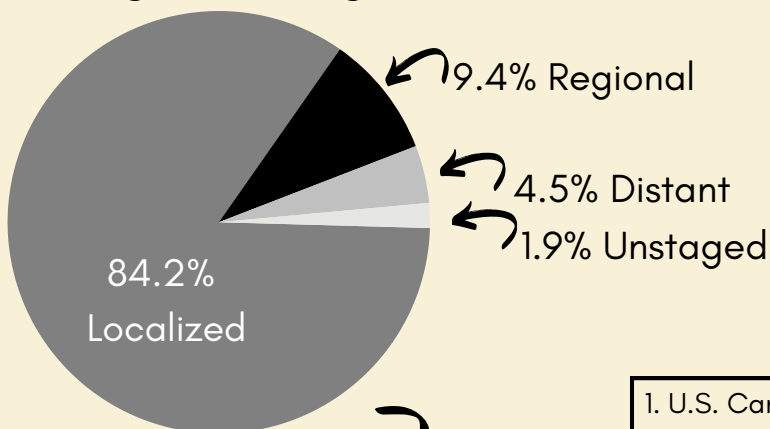
Survivors since 2001^{1*}

Melanoma is **not** a leading cause of cancer death.²

The 5-year relative survival is **95%**.¹

Maine ranks **17th highest** in the US for melanoma 5-year survival rate.¹

Stage at Diagnosis¹



Nearly All



people diagnosed at a localized stage will survive at least 5 years (vs 3 in 10 at a distant stage).¹

Incidence rate per 100,000^{1**}

Male 32.9

Female 24.4

Mortality rate per 100,000^{2**}

Male 2.7

Female 1.4

Risk Factors

- Sun exposure
- Race (white)
- Having many or abnormal moles
- Having fair complexion
 - Blue or green eyes
 - Blonde or red hair

Talk to your doctor if you are at increased risk of skin cancer or if there are any unusual changes in your skin or moles.³

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

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

2. United States Cancer Statistics - Mortality: 1999 - 2023, WONDER Online Database. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/cancer.html>

3. U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<https://www.cdc.gov/skin-cancer/screening/index.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

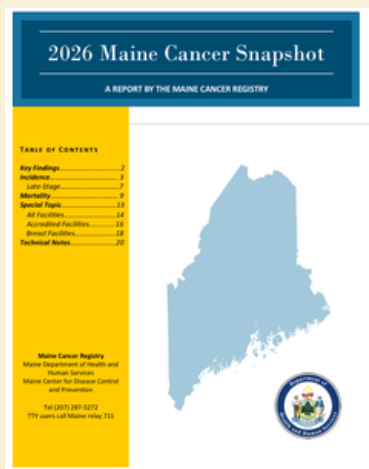
Maine CDC Cancer Registry

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 Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

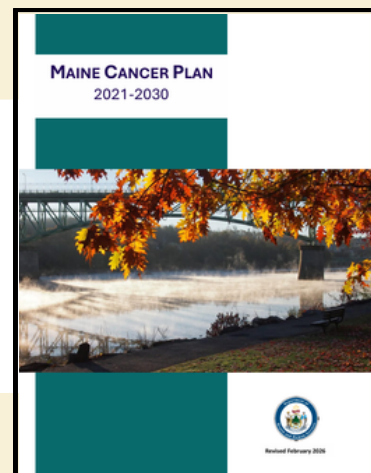
Provides leadership and coordination of Maine's statewide comprehensive cancer control efforts and is guided by the goals and objectives outlined by the Maine Cancer Plan.

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For skin cancer 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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