

Melanoma in Maine

2021 STATS AND FACTS FROM THE MAINE CDC CANCER REGISTRY



503

NEW CASES IN 2021

5,489⁺

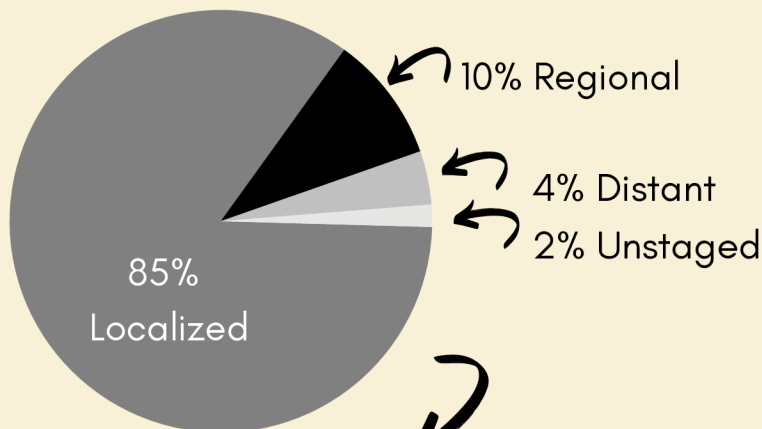
MELANOMA SURVIVORS
SINCE 2001¹

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

The 5-year relative survival is **93.4%**.²

Maine ranks **25th** in the US for melanoma 5-year survival rate.³

STAGE AT DIAGNOSIS DISTRIBUTION



Nearly **10 in 10**



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

MELANOMA CASES PER 100,000

Male	29.1
Female	25.3

MELANOMA MORTALITY PER 100,000

Male	3.2
Female	1.5

Average annual rate per 100,000 age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population

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.⁴

1-3,5 U.S. Cancer Statistics Data Visualizations Tool.

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

4. 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 1/1/2021 who were diagnosed between 2001-2020.

Combined 5-year estimate (2018-2022)

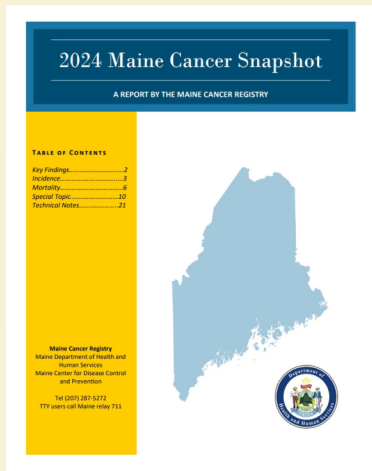
MAINE CDC CANCER REGISTRY

The MCR 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

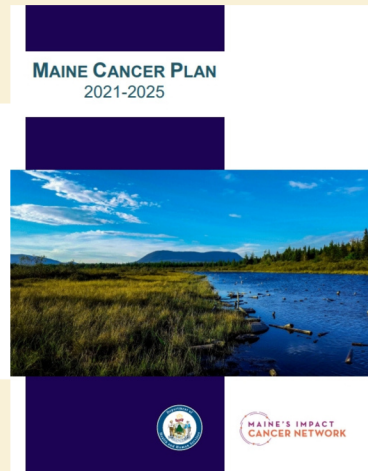
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REPORTS



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[Maine Cancer Plan 2021-2025](#)



For more on screening options for skin cancer visit: [Screen Maine](#)
For more on health behaviors, chronic diseases, and social determinants of health in Maine visit: [Maine Community Health Needs Assessment](#)
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