



Colorado
Cancer
Coalition

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



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The Colorado Cancer Coalition (CCC or Coalition) is a statewide collaborative working to reduce the impact of cancer in Colorado. We bring together partners from across the state – including public health agencies, healthcare systems, community organizations, researchers, advocates, and people with lived experience – to work toward shared goals in cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship, and palliative care.

By creating space for collaboration and shared learning, the CCC helps align cancer efforts across Colorado. We connect partners to trusted resources, expertise, and data. We also support coordinated strategies that are equitable, practical, and responsive to the needs of communities statewide.

Our work is carried out through 10 volunteer-led Task Forces, each focused on a key area of cancer control. These Task Forces address site-specific cancers, priority populations, and cross-cutting topics such as patient navigation and survivorship. Task Force members collaborate to identify gaps, share best practices, and take action to improve cancer outcomes. Together, they form the foundation of the Coalition's work – turning ideas into meaningful progress against cancer across Colorado.



More About Us

The CCC unites and strengthens a statewide network working to improve the lives of all Coloradans affected by cancer. Our vision is to eliminate the burden of cancer across our state.

To advance this work, the CCC provides collaboration, education, advocacy, and leadership across the cancer continuum. We develop and share educational resources focused on cancer prevention and risk reduction, evidence-based cancer screening guidelines, and cancer support and survivorship services. Through webinars and learning opportunities, we address timely and important topics such as early detection of colorectal cancer, breast cancer screening data, advance directives and healthcare planning, and more.

The CCC also connects patients and caregivers to quality-of-life programs and supportive services that promote well-being during and after cancer treatment. We facilitate access to expert leaders in cancer prevention, screening, treatment, survivorship, and palliative care, helping partners learn from one another and apply best practices in their work.

To keep partners informed and engaged, the CCC produces two Colorado-specific e-newsletters that share updates on cancer research, policy, funding opportunities, and initiatives taking place across the state.

The CCC is a neutral, trusted network within oncology and public health communities. Together, we advance prevention and early detection, strengthen survivorship and quality of life, and empower patients, caregivers, and professionals to advocate for better cancer outcomes across Colorado.



Ways to Get Involved

Join a Task Force

Collaborate with experts and advocates to advance cancer prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship.

Engage Through Events & Sponsorships

Attend the Annual Symposium – Connect with oncology professionals and advocates.

Become a Symposium Sponsor – Support CCC’s mission while gaining visibility in the cancer care community.

Stay Connected & Help Shape the Future of Cancer Care in Colorado

Subscribe to the CCC Newsletter for the latest cancer-related news, resources, and events: [Sign up here](#)

Support the CCC’s Work

Donate to the Colorado Cancer Fund through the tax check-off program on your Colorado State Income Tax Form, or use our Paypal to donate year round

Help carry out the 2026 - 2030 Colorado Cancer Plan

Support, sponsor or lead activities that advance the cancer plan. The plan provides a five-year framework to reduce cancer risk, incidence, and mortality in Colorado.

Check out our event calendar

The CCC event calendar shares all the need-to-know events in Colorado

Join us as a member or serve on our advisory board

More information coming - sign up for our newsletter to be the first to know!

Colorado Cancer Fund

Achieving Impact Through the Colorado Cancer Fund

The CCC is primarily funded through contributions to the Colorado Cancer Fund. Each year, Coloradans have the opportunity to support the CCC by donating through the Colorado Cancer Fund on the Voluntary Contributions Schedule when filing their state income taxes. These donations are the Coalition's main source of funding and play a critical role in sustaining our work.

Contributions to the Colorado Cancer Fund support cancer education, strengthen collaboration, and help advance coordinated strategies that reduce the impact of cancer in Colorado.

In December 2024, Trailhead Institute partnered with Barefoot Public Relations to launch a tax check-off awareness campaign during the 2025 tax season, helping increase visibility of the Colorado Cancer Fund and encouraging more Coloradans to support cancer control efforts through their tax filings. Thanks to the generosity of Colorado taxpayers, more than \$100,000 was donated to the Colorado Cancer Fund in 2025.

Looking ahead to the 2026 tax season, we invite Coloradans to continue this momentum by choosing the Colorado Cancer Fund on their state tax return. Every contribution – no matter the amount – helps efforts to eliminate cancer's impact across Colorado.

[Learn More](#)

The 2026 - 2030 Cancer Plan

Development of the 2026–2030 Colorado Cancer Plan began in November 2024 through a collaborative, data-informed process led by the Cancer Plan Revision Team. This team was composed of staff from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the CCC, and Trailhead Institute. Together, they established the scope, purpose, and timeline for the revision and prioritized grounding the Plan in current, high-quality data and equity-focused decision-making.

In early 2025, a dedicated Data Workgroup assessed goals and objectives from prior Cancer Plans, reviewed available cancer data, and identified gaps - particularly for underserved and disproportionately impacted communities. From January through March, members conducted baseline analyses, evaluated data sources, and delivered recommendations to inform revised goals, objectives, and measures across prevention, screening and treatment, survivorship, and cross-cutting priorities.

Between April and August 2025, the Revision Team integrated data recommendations into draft Plan content, further developed the Health Equity Framework, and coordinated feedback with Task Forces and subject matter experts. The team also developed an organizational highlight process to elevate real-world implementation efforts aligned with Cancer Plan goals.

The Plan opened for public comment in fall 2025. Individuals and organizations across Colorado submitted over 150 comments. The Revision Team reviewed, synthesized, and incorporated feedback into revised drafts and continued to refine evaluation approaches, accessibility considerations, and design planning.

By the end of 2025, the Plan was positioned for final refinement and design - a major milestone. Informed by robust data analysis, statewide collaboration, and extensive public input, this work set the stage for a Plan that is actionable, equity-centered, and responsive to the needs of communities across Colorado. Implementation will begin in the coming years.



The Colorado Cancer Coalition Annual Symposium

In October 2025, the CCC hosted its hybrid, one-day Annual Symposium at the University of Colorado (CU) Anschutz Health Sciences Building, bringing together more than 150 attendees from across Colorado. Participants included public health professionals, healthcare providers, community-based organizations, advocates, researchers, and individuals with lived experience, all united by a shared goal of reducing the burden of cancer statewide.

The Symposium fostered shared learning and collaboration across the cancer continuum, highlighting statewide efforts, current data, and cross-sector strategies that support coordinated cancer control work. The event also helped build connections among partners working in prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship, and supportive care.

The Coalition is deeply grateful to the Symposium speakers, whose diverse work and lived experiences grounded discussions in real-world challenges and opportunities across Colorado.

The 2025 Symposium was made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. We thank ACS; Merck & Co; Genentech; Northstar by Billion to One; AstraZeneca; Exact Sciences; Novartis; Advent Health; Cheeky Charity; CU COE; CU Cancer Center; Epic Experience; Komen; Live By Living; Shift Healing; WeCanWork; and Wills Simplified for their partnership.

We invite partners and community members to follow us for details on the 2026 Annual Symposium, coming this fall.



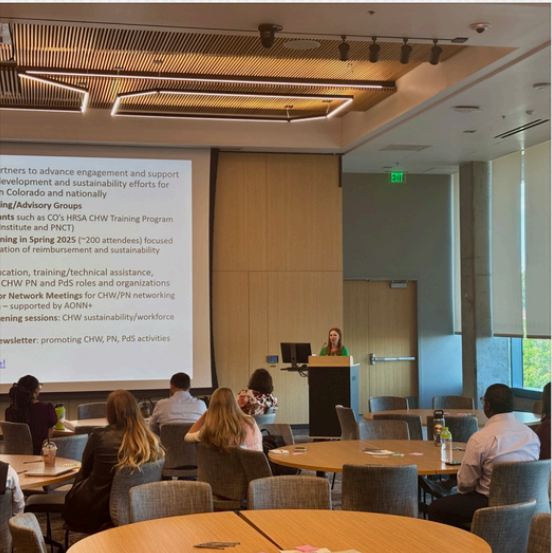
The Colorado Cancer Coalition Annual Symposium



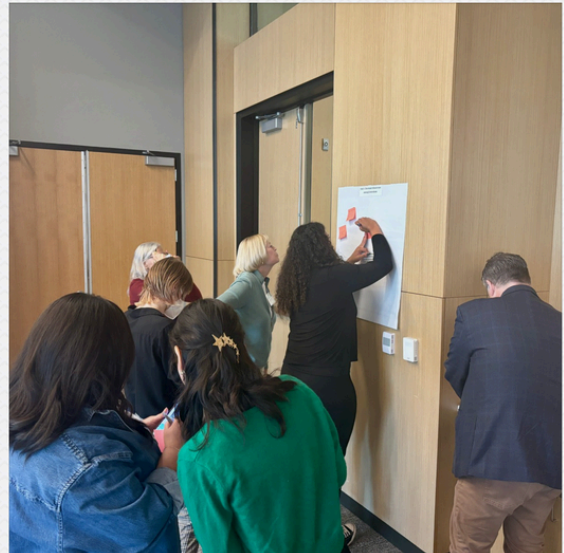
Dr. Cathy Bradley welcomes the group



Dr. Stacy Fischer shares her research with psychedelics for cancer survivorship



Elsa Staples, MPH shares about the Alliance of Colorado Community Health Workers



Attendees provide feedback on the 2026 - 2030 Colorado Cancer Plan

2025

Year in Numbers

65

Task Force Meetings

5

New Chairs

17

Task Force Chairs

1

New Task Force

2,000

Newsletter Subscribers

41

Resource Newsletters

\$120,000

Donated to the CO Cancer Fund

125,000

Website Visits

4

In-Person Events

7

Educational Webinars

3

Public Comment Sessions

167

Public Comments Analyzed

150

Symposium Attendees

24

Cancer Plan Meetings

6

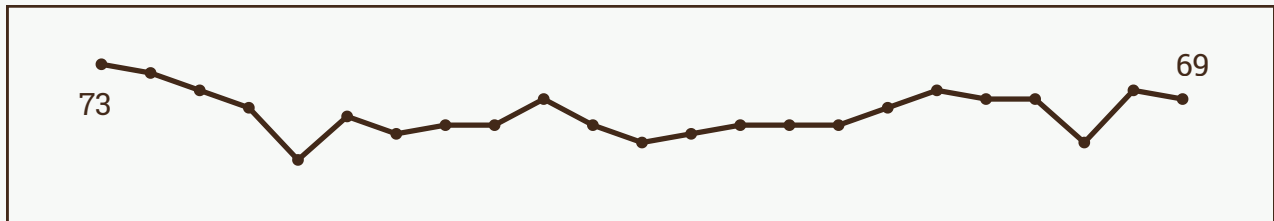
CDPHE Projects Supported by Task Forces



Breast Cancer Data

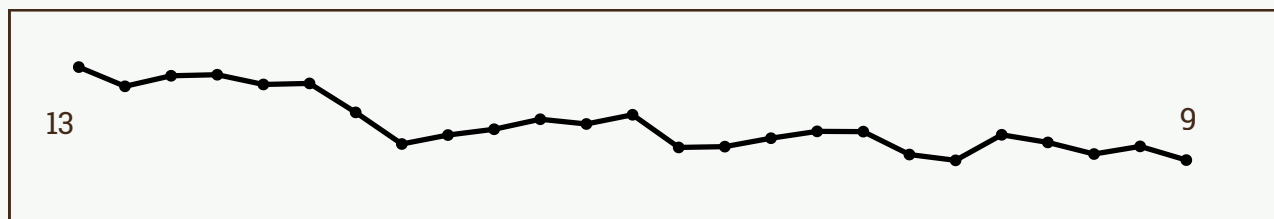
Age Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Population

Breast Cancer Incidence Rate in Colorado (2001 - 2022)



Source: COHID

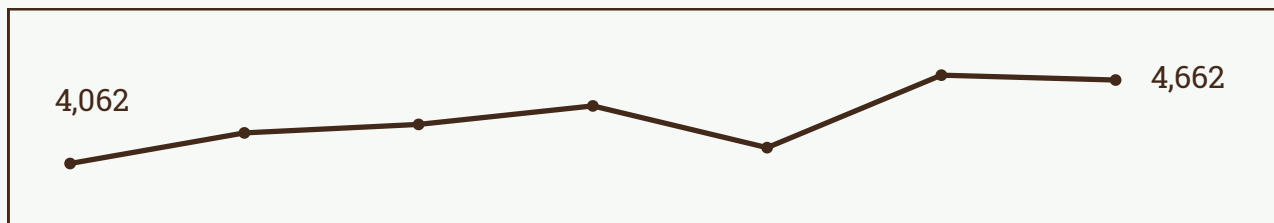
Breast Cancer Mortality Rate in Colorado (2000 - 2024)



Breast Cancer Data

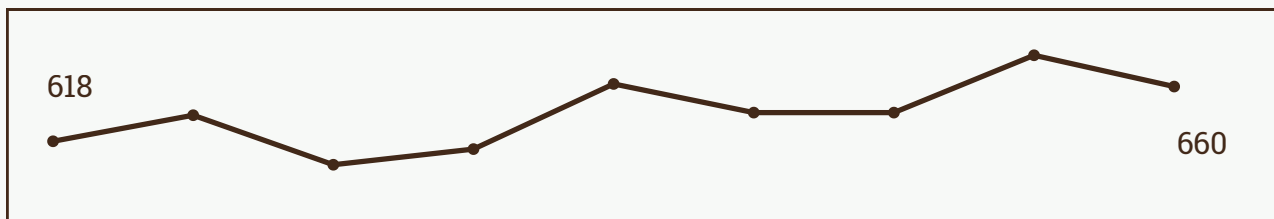
Counts

Breast Cancer Cases in Colorado (2016 - 2022)



Source: COHID

Breast Cancer Deaths in Colorado (2016 - 2024)



Source: VISION, 2022

Breast Cancer Data

Breast Cancer Screening Rates by Age

58%

of Coloradans aged 40-49 years have met breast cancer screening guidelines

79%

of Coloradans aged 50-74 years have met breast cancer screening guidelines

Breast Cancer Screening Rates by Geography

80%

of Coloradans living in urban areas have met breast cancer screening guidelines

72%

of Coloradans living in rural areas have met breast cancer screening guidelines

Breast Cancer Screening Rates by Insurance Status

68%

of privately insured Coloradans have met breast cancer screening guidelines

19%

of uninsured Coloradans have met breast cancer screening guidelines

Breast Cancer Screening Rates by Primary Physician Status

64%

of Coloradans with a personal doctor have met breast cancer screening guidelines

22%

of Coloradans without a personal doctor have met breast cancer screening guidelines

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in Colorado

Breast Cancer Task Force

The Breast Cancer Task Force advanced its work in 2025 under the leadership of Tiffany Nam, Rachel N. Jacques, and Emily Kinsella, with a focus on delivering accessible, high-quality education content to support breast cancer awareness, prevention, and survivorship across Colorado.

Throughout the year, the Task Force developed and released five educational videos and webinars addressing priority breast cancer topics. The Task Force prioritized content in Spanish, expanding reach and accessibility for diverse communities statewide. By leveraging virtual platforms, including YouTube, the Task Force broadened access to education beyond traditional in-person engagement and supported learning for individuals and organizations across Colorado.

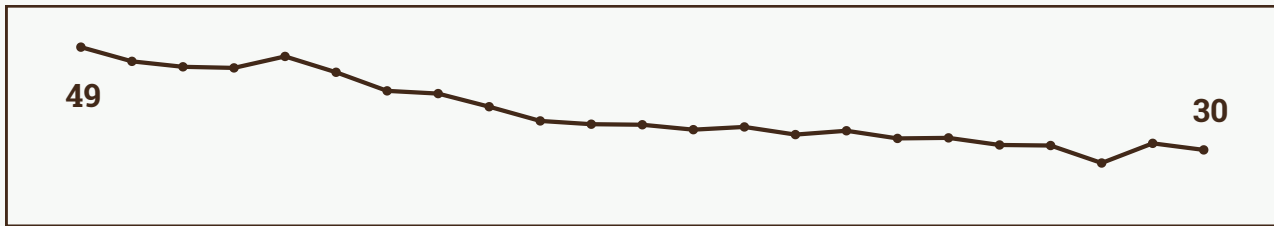
Looking ahead, the Breast Cancer Task Force plans to continue expanding accessible programming and strengthening connections with partners and communities statewide.



Colorectal Cancer Data

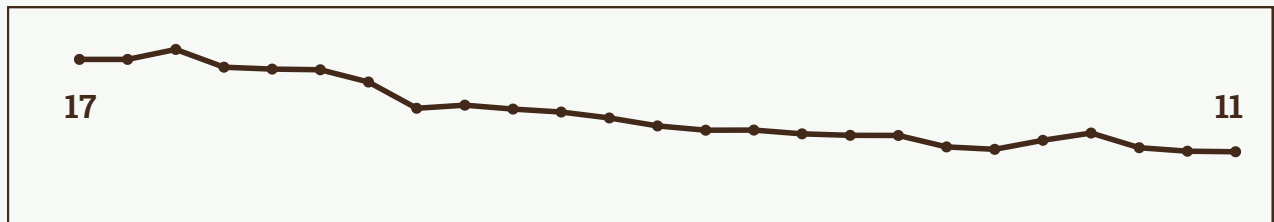
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Colorectal Cancer Incidence Rate in Colorado (2000 - 2024)



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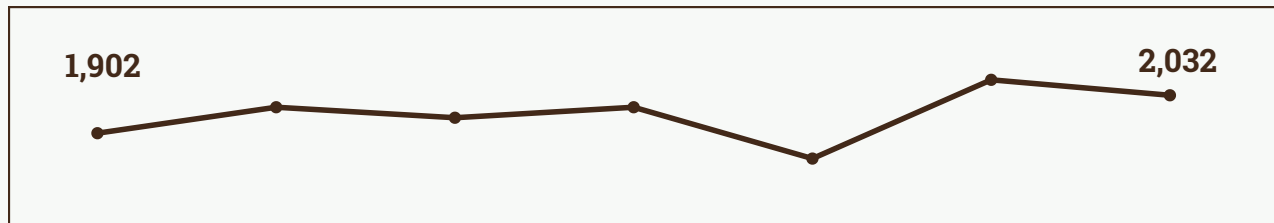
Colorectal Cancer Mortality Rate Colorado (2000 - 2024)



Colorectal Cancer Data

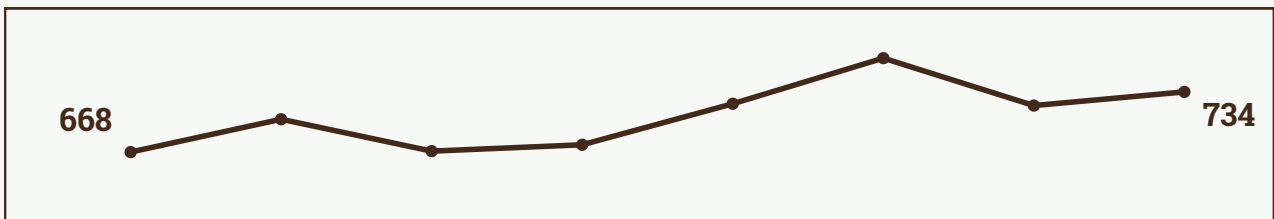
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Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Cases in Colorado (2016 - 2022)



Source: COHID

Colorectal Cancer Deaths in Colorado (2016 - 2024)



Source: [VISION](#), 2022

Source: BRFSS, 2022

Colorectal Cancer Data

Screening Guideline Rates

56%

of Coloradans aged 45-54 have met CRC screening guidelines

76%

of Coloradans aged 55 - 64 have met CRC screening guidelines

83%

of Coloradans aged 65+ have met CRC screening guidelines

Geographic Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates

69%

of Coloradans living in urban areas have met CRC screening guidelines

63%

of Coloradans living in rural areas have met CRC screening guidelines

Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates by Insurance Status

71%

of privately insured Coloradans have met CRC screening guidelines

38%

of uninsured Coloradans have met CRC screening guidelines

CRC Screening Rates by Primary Physician Status

79%

of Coloradans with a personal doctor have met CRC screening guidelines

38%

of Coloradans without a personal doctor have met CRC guidelines

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for people living in Colorado

Colorectal Cancer Task Force

The Colorectal Cancer Task Force advanced its work in 2025 under the leadership of Ian Kahn and Peggy Thomas, with a continued focus on increasing colorectal cancer screening and strengthening follow-up care across Colorado. Through collaboration and shared learning, the Task Force supported coordinated and equitable colorectal cancer screening efforts statewide.

During the year, the Task Force hosted a [webinar](#) centered on improving colorectal cancer screening in rural and Latino communities and participated in community partnership events to promote screening and education. The Task Force also supported the development and dissemination of follow-up colonoscopy resource guides, helping to improve screening continuity and access to care.

The Task Force also explored additional education through [Colorectal Cancer Screening 101 videos](#) and remained engaged in policy discussions relevant to colorectal cancer screening.

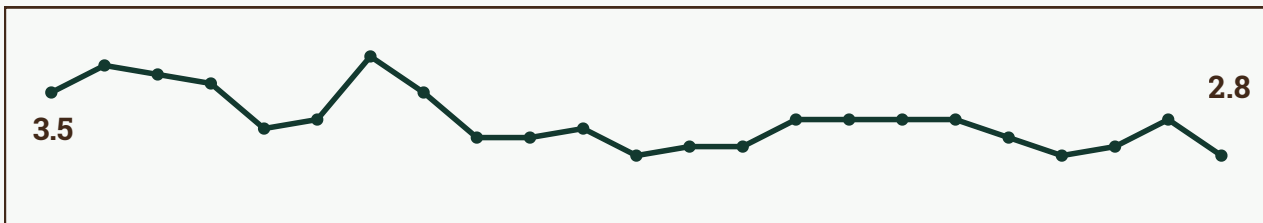
Looking ahead, the Colorectal Cancer Task Force will build on its 2025 activities by expanding education for providers and communities, strengthening collaboration, and continuing to advance equitable access to colorectal cancer screening and follow-up care across Colorado.



Cervical Cancer Data

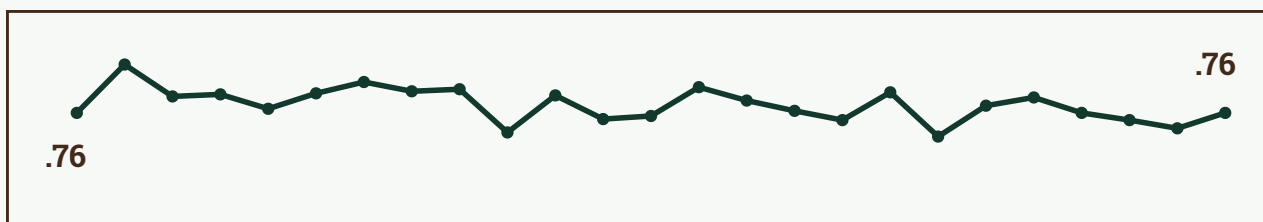
Age Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Population

Cervical Cancer Incidence Rate in Colorado (2000 - 2022)



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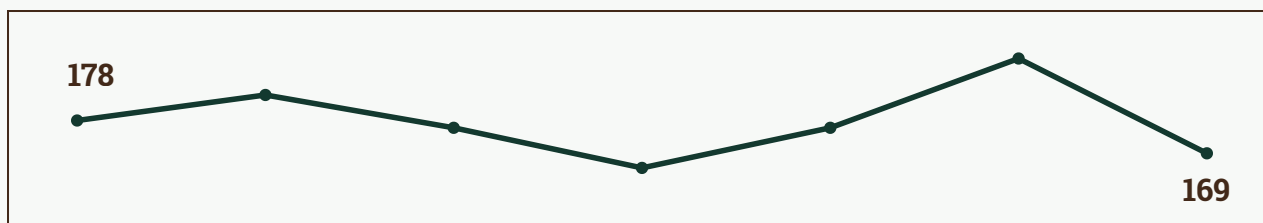
Cervical Cancer Mortality Rate Colorado (2000 - 2024)



Cervical Cancer Data

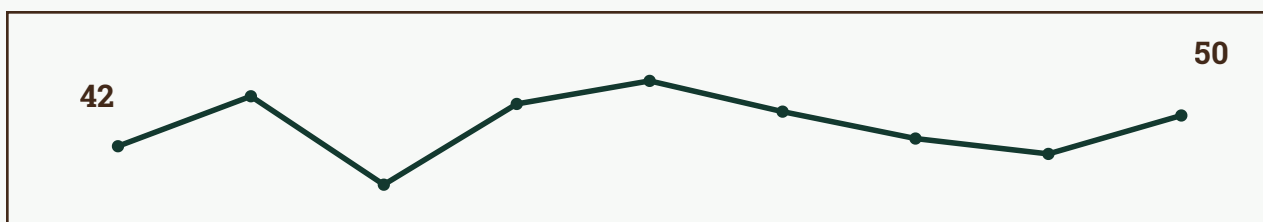
Counts

Cervical Cancer Cases in Colorado (2016 - 2022)



Source: COHID

Cervical Cancer Deaths in Colorado (2016 - 2024)



Source: BRFSS, 2024

Cervical Cancer and Vaccination Data

Screening Guideline Rates

Source: VISION, 2024

81%

of Coloradans aged 25 - 34
have met Cervical Cancer
screening guidelines

80%

of Coloradans aged 35 - 44 who
have met cervical cancer
screening guidelines

80%

of Coloradans aged 45 - 54
have met Cervical Cancer
screening guidelines

71%

of Coloradans aged 55 - 64
who have met cervical
cancer screening guidelines

Geographic Cervical Cancer Screening Rates

Source: VISION, 2024

78%

of Coloradans in urban
areas have met cervical
cancer screening guidelines

76%

of Coloradans in rural areas
have met cervical cancer
screening guidelines

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Data

Source: [TeenVaxView 2024](#)

64%

of Coloradans aged 13 - 17 are up to
date on their HPV vaccination

Although we report data on cervical cancer here, HPV is known to cause many types of cancer in adults, including cancers of the mouth and throat, cervix, vulva, vagina, penis, and anus.

Source: American
Cancer Society

HPV Vaccination Task Force

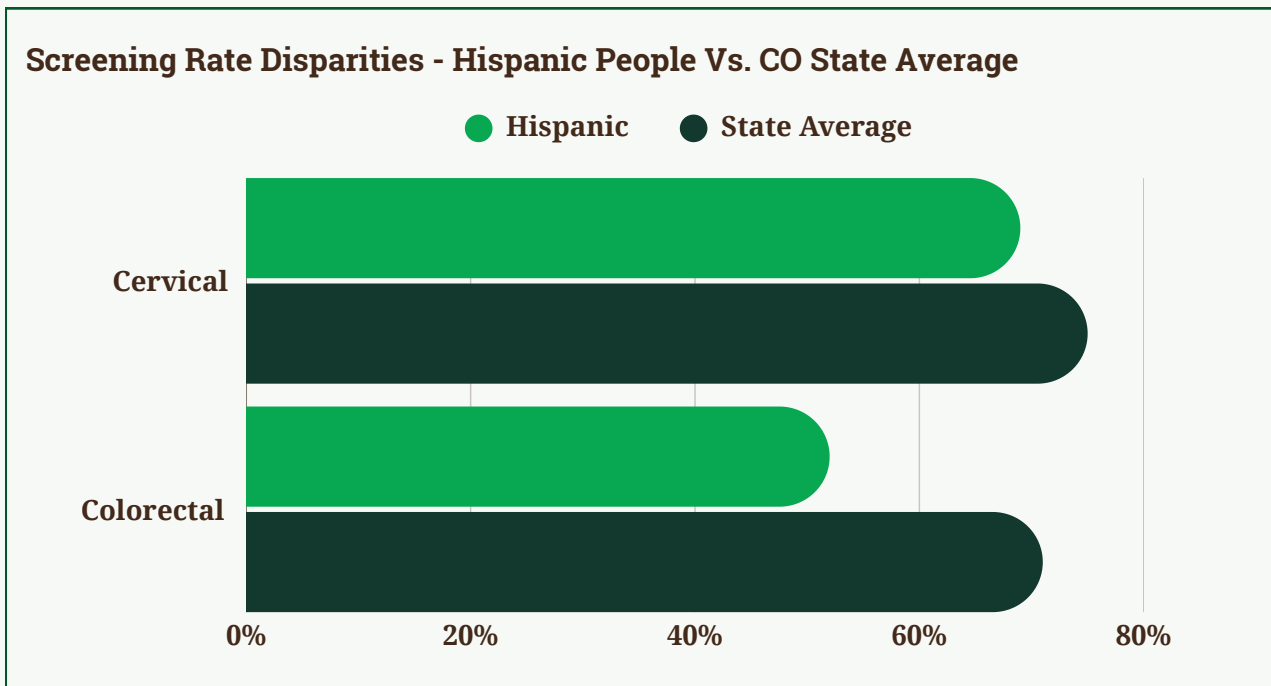
The HPV Vaccination Task Force advanced its work in 2025 under the leadership of Jenni Lansing, with a continued focus on increasing awareness of HPV-related cancers, promoting vaccination, and strengthening prevention efforts across Colorado. Jenni used her background in oral health and cancer prevention to guide the Task Force's work.

In 2025, the Task Force prioritized accessible, trusted education to support public understanding of HPV vaccination as a cancer prevention tool. The Task Force produced two HPV public service announcement (PSA) videos to increase awareness of HPV-related cancer prevention. The PSAs featured both a cancer survivor and a dental hygienist and delivered relatable, credible messaging. These videos supported broader public education highlighting the role of HPV vaccination in preventing multiple cancers, including oropharyngeal cancers.

Looking ahead, the HPV Vaccination Task Force plans to continue leveraging education and storytelling to promote HPV vaccination, strengthen partnerships, and expand outreach to communities across Colorado. Through focused, evidence-based communication, the Task Force remains committed to advancing HPV-related cancer prevention and supporting informed decision-making statewide.



Latino Cancer Task Force



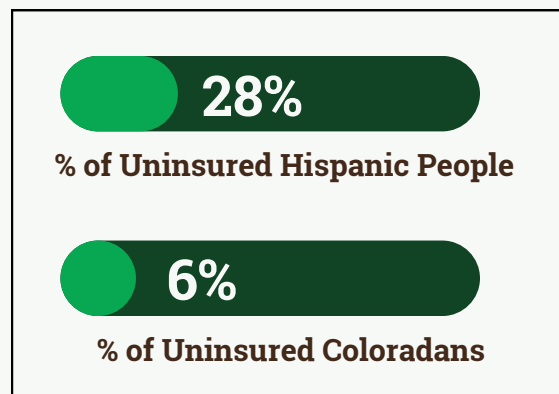
Source - [American Cancer Society](#).

Barriers to Care

Many Latino community members continue to face barriers to accessing healthcare, including language and cultural differences, lack of health insurance, limited health literacy, lack of paid sick leave, immigration-related fears, and mistrust of the healthcare system. These challenges have real consequences: a recent KFF survey found that **48% of likely undocumented immigrant adults and 14% of immigrant adults overall avoided medical care** for themselves or a family member since January 2025 due to immigration concerns, including 14% of lawfully present immigrants and 8% of naturalized citizens.

Source: [KFF](#)

Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Hispanic and Latino people in the U.S.



Source: [CDC](#)

Source - [American Cancer Society](#)

Latino Cancer Task Force

The Latino Cancer Task Force (LaCTF) continued its work in 2025 with a focus on supporting Latino communities across Colorado through culturally responsive cancer prevention, early detection, and survivorship efforts. Grounded in strong, trusted relationships with community members, the Task Force emphasized education, connection, and access to supportive resources for patients, survivors, caregivers, and those who have lost a loved one to cancer.

In 2025, the Task Force facilitated two hybrid monthly cancer support groups in Aurora and Colorado Springs. These groups served patients, survivors, caregivers, and community members, providing access to education, physical activity, nutrition support, mental health resources, and navigation assistance. Through these efforts, more than 500 individuals have directly benefited from LaCTF programs and resources from 2023 through 2025.

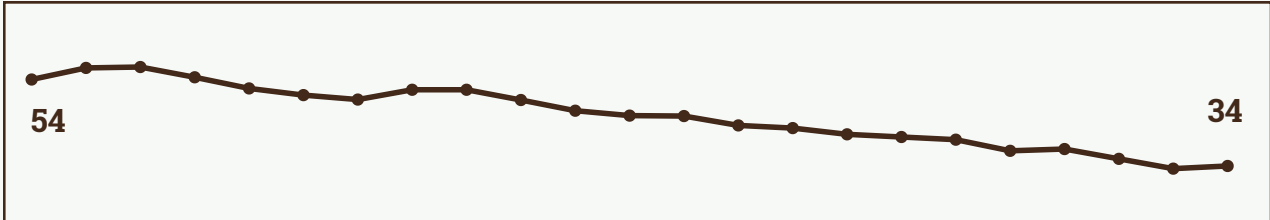
Task Force members also joined health fairs and cancer-focused community events, expanding outreach and strengthening connections to care. The Task Force also implemented and expanded an oncology self-care curriculum for providers working directly with cancer survivors, supporting workforce well-being and sustainable care delivery. In recognition of this work, the Task Force is highlighted in the 2026 - 2030 Colorado Cancer Plan.

Looking ahead, the LaCTF aims to expand support group offerings, increase volunteer participation, and deepen partnerships with healthcare providers, community organizations, and bilingual and bicultural service providers. Future goals include hosting cancer prevention events, incorporating additional physical activity opportunities, and addressing social determinants of health—such as food access—that community members most frequently identify as unmet needs. Through continued collaboration and culturally grounded approaches, the Task Force remains committed to advancing equitable cancer outcomes for Latino communities across Colorado.

Lung Cancer Data

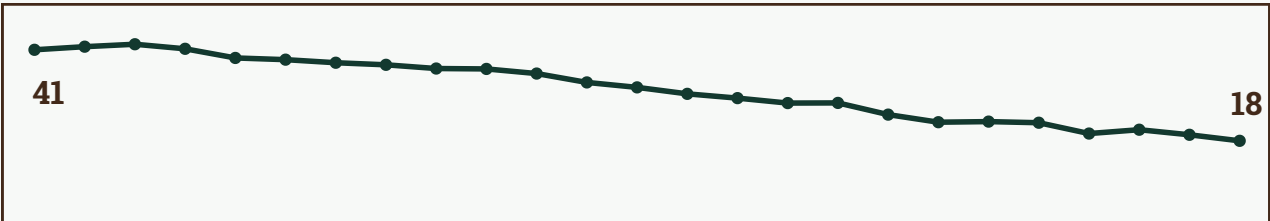
Age Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Population

Lung Cancer Incidence Rate in Colorado (2000 - 2022)



Source: [COHID](#)

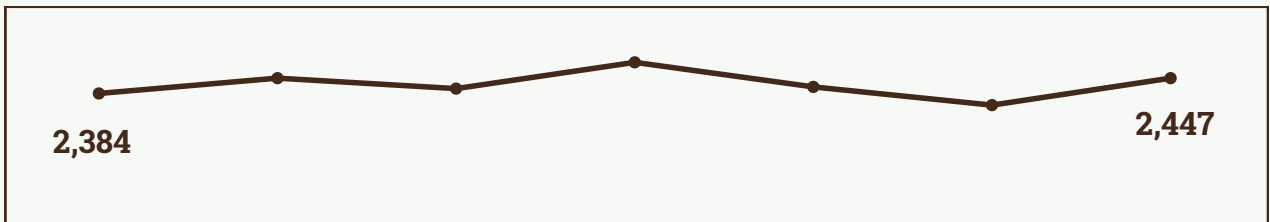
Lung Cancer Mortality Rate Colorado (2000 - 2024)



Lung Cancer Data

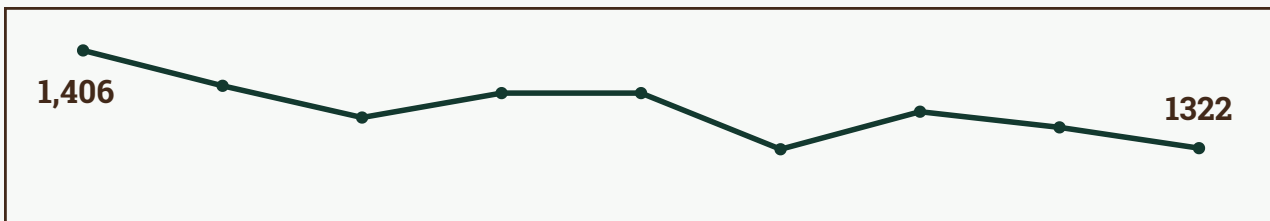
Counts

Lung Cancer Cases in Colorado (2016 - 2022)

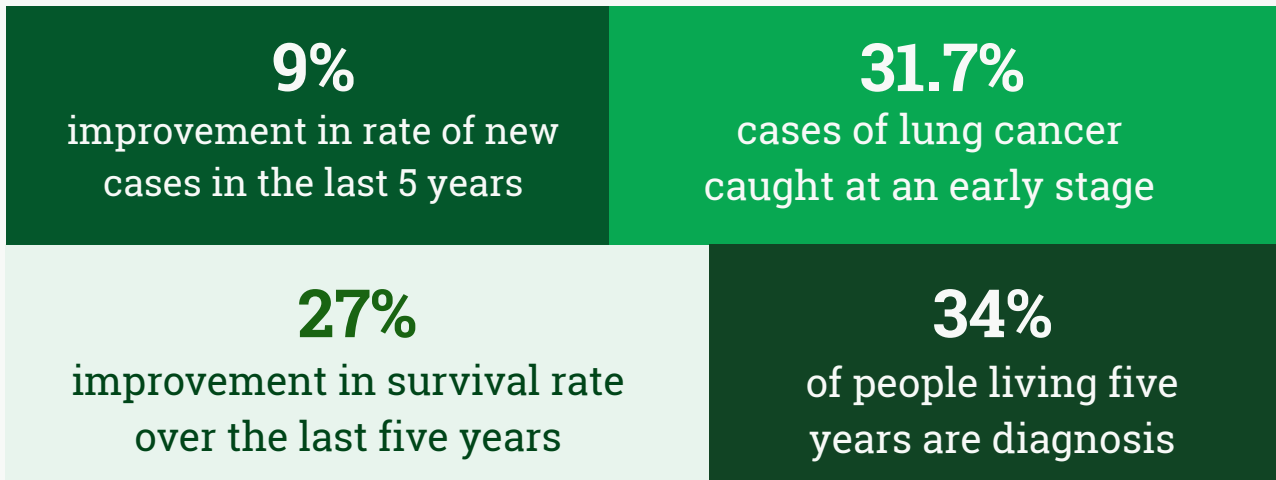


Source: [COHID](#)

Lung Cancer Deaths in Colorado (2016 - 2024)



Lung Cancer Data



Source: [ALA](#)

Screening Guideline Rates



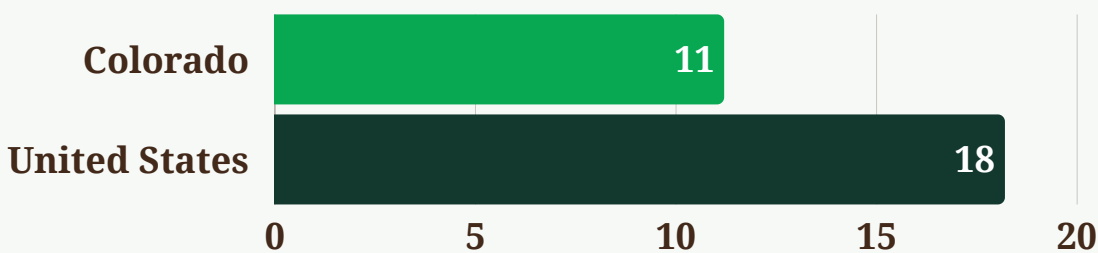
of Coloradans reported being current smokers
BRFSS 2023



of Coloradans had tested their homes for radon
Vision 2020

National Rates

Source: American Lung Association



Colorado ranks **48th** in the US for screening high-risk individuals.

For every 11 high-risk individuals screened in Colorado, about 18 are screened nationally

Lung cancer is the #1 cause of cancer deaths in Colorado

Lung Cancer Task Force

The Lung Cancer Task Force continued its work throughout 2025 under the leadership of Jamie Studts and Debby Dyer, convening partners across healthcare, public health, advocacy, and community organizations to advance lung cancer prevention and early detection in Colorado. The Task Force focused on strengthening collaboration, sharing updates, and aligning efforts to increase awareness of guideline-adherent lung cancer screening, particularly for individuals at highest risk.

In 2025, the Task Force expanded outreach for lung cancer screenings. Task Force members discussed and coordinated screening roadshows, community education, and health system engagement across urban and rural communities, with an emphasis on improving access and addressing stigma, fatalism, and nihilism associated with lung cancer. These conversations underscored the importance of person-centered messaging that emphasizes early detection and opportunity for improved outcomes.

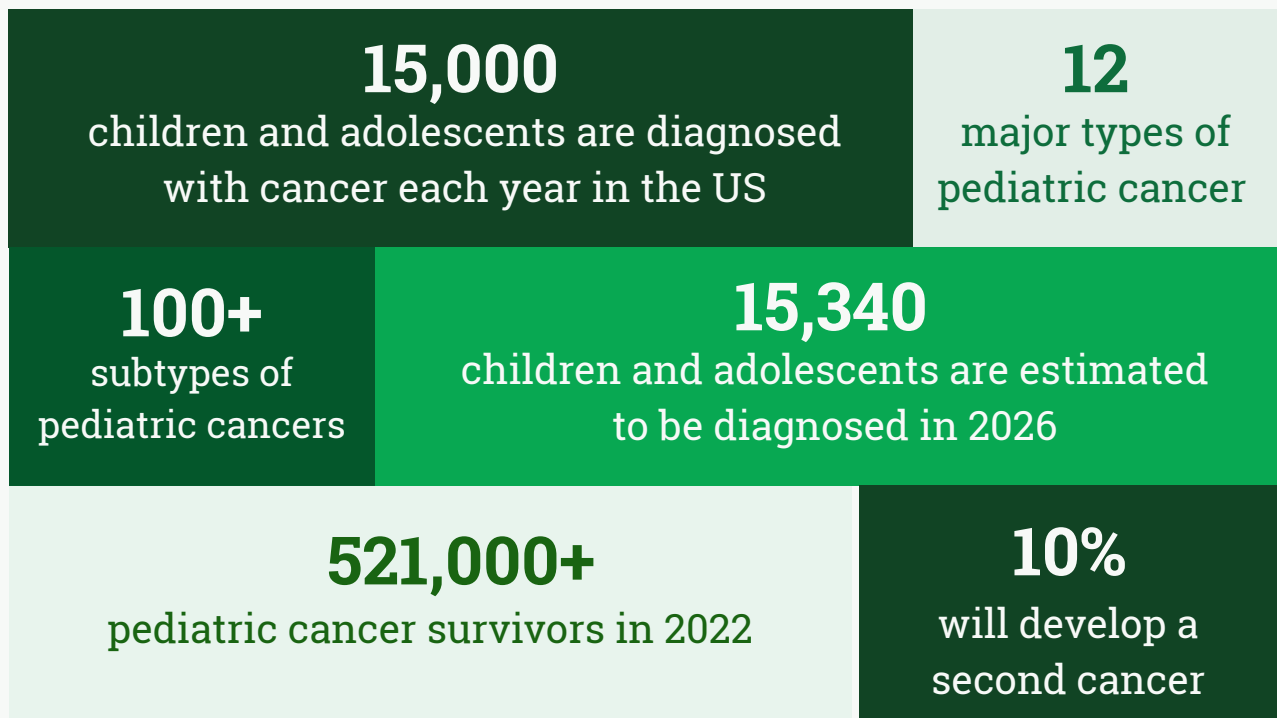
The Task Force also served as a forum for sharing updates related to tobacco control, radon awareness, lung cancer awareness campaigns, and national screening initiatives. In addition, Jamie Studts served as a presenter at the CCC Annual Symposium, helping orient attendees to the lung cancer landscape in Colorado and elevating shared understanding of screening, prevention, and care across the state.

Looking ahead, the Lung Cancer Task Force remains focused on strengthening cross-sector collaboration, expanding screening outreach - particularly in rural and underserved communities - and continuing to address stigma and barriers to care through shared learning and coordinated action.



Pediatric / Adolescent Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Data

Data on pediatric and adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer remains limited. Much of the available cancer data is grouped into broad age ranges or released several years after it is collected, making it difficult to understand the current experiences and needs of children and young adults with cancer. These gaps make it harder to track trends, identify disparities, and plan effective programs, highlighting the importance of improving how pediatric and AYA cancer data is collected and shared.



Cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death in children in the United States

Source: [Children's Cancer Cause](#)

Pediatric / Adolescent Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Task Force

The Pediatric/Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Task Force officially relaunched in 2025 under new leadership, renewing the Coalition’s focus on the unique needs of children, adolescents, and young adults impacted by cancer. The Task Force re-established itself as a collaborative space across Colorado to connect, share expertise, and elevate pediatric and AYA priorities within statewide cancer control efforts.

In 2025, the Task Force primarily focused on advocacy for greater pediatric and AYA inclusion in the Colorado Cancer Plan. Through sustained engagement and collaboration, the Task Force helped ensure that the distinct challenges facing pediatric and AYA patients, survivors, and families were more fully reflected in statewide planning and implementation efforts, as well as long-term survivorship goals.

Looking ahead, the Pediatric / AYA Cancer Task Force is focused on fostering stronger statewide collaboration among partners in Colorado’s pediatric and AYA cancer landscape. The Task Force aims to enhance communication across systems of care, improve access to high-quality services—particularly for patients in rural and underserved communities—and strengthen psychosocial support by connecting families to comprehensive networks of resources. Additional priorities include identifying gaps in care, supporting the development of new programs and initiatives to address unmet needs, and maintaining a visible presence within the CCC to raise awareness of pediatric and AYA cancer issues.

The Task Force also looks forward to collaborating with other CCC Task Forces on shared goals, leveraging collective expertise and resources to create a more coordinated and effective network of support for children, adolescents, young adults, and families affected by cancer across Colorado.

Patient Navigation Task Force

Patient navigators play an integral role in cancer care by providing personalized support to patients, families, and caregivers. They help navigate healthcare system challenges, ensuring timely access to high-quality medical and psychosocial care from pre-diagnosis through every stage of the cancer journey. Their guidance is essential in reducing barriers, improving health outcomes, and enhancing the overall patient experience.

Common Barriers for Patients

- Lack of transportation
- Lack of care for children or elderly relatives
- Unsure about the importance of screening
- Speaking a different language
- Mistrust of the health care system
- Fear of finding out they have cancer or fear of screening procedures

Patient Navigators Help By

- Personalizing care
- Providing tailored community resources
- Offering educational support
- Connecting with support networks
- Culturally tailoring support

Source: CU Anschutz

Patient Navigation Task Force

The Patient Navigation Task Force continued its work in 2025 under the leadership of Jennaya Colóns, with a sustained focus on increasing awareness of patient navigation and community health workers, supporting their workforce, and improving access to resources across the cancer care continuum. Grounded in a patient-centered approach, the Task Force emphasized outreach, engagement, and collaboration to strengthen navigation efforts throughout Colorado.

In 2025, the Task Force built on its established focus areas of survivorship, prevention, and workforce development while deepening connections with partners across sectors. Jennaya contributed to statewide dialogue throughout the year, including serving as a presenter at the CCC Annual Symposium, where she shared insights on integrating community health workers into community-based organizations. Her participation helped elevate the role of navigators and community health workers within broader cancer control conversations and highlighted practical strategies for strengthening community-based care models.

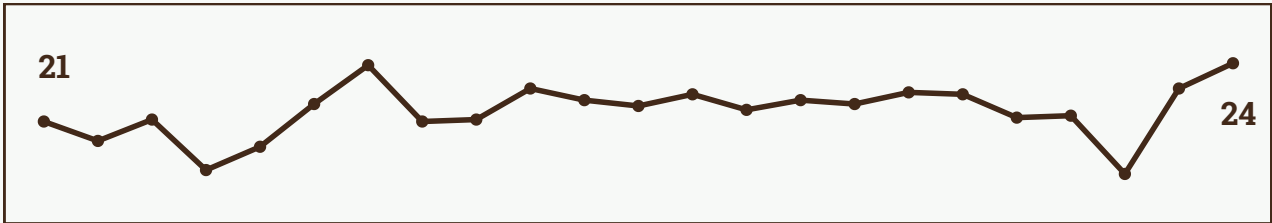
Throughout the year, the Task Force continued to advocate for expanded outreach and engagement with patient navigators and community health workers and forged new connections with organizations aligned in advancing equitable, patient-centered cancer care.

Looking ahead, the Patient Navigation Task Force is focused on strengthening partnerships, expanding education and outreach efforts, and supporting workforce development to ensure navigators and community health workers have the tools and resources they need to effectively support patients and families. In 2026, the Task Force welcomed Adrienne Frisbee as Chair, supporting shared leadership and long-term sustainability of the group's work.

Skin Cancer Data

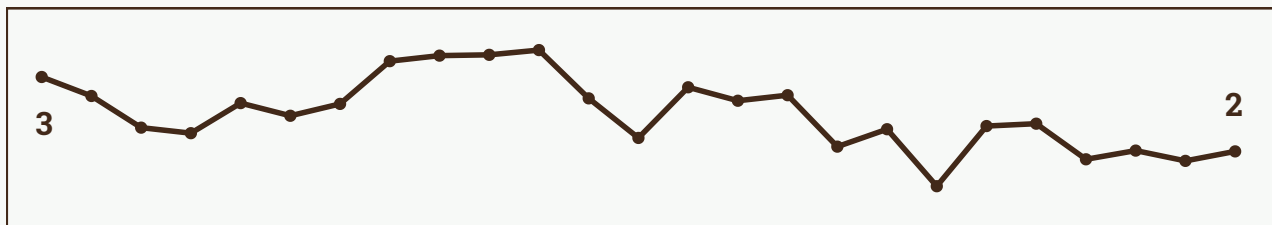
Age Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Population

Melanoma Skin Cancer Incidence Rate in Colorado (2000 - 2022)



Source: [COHID](#)

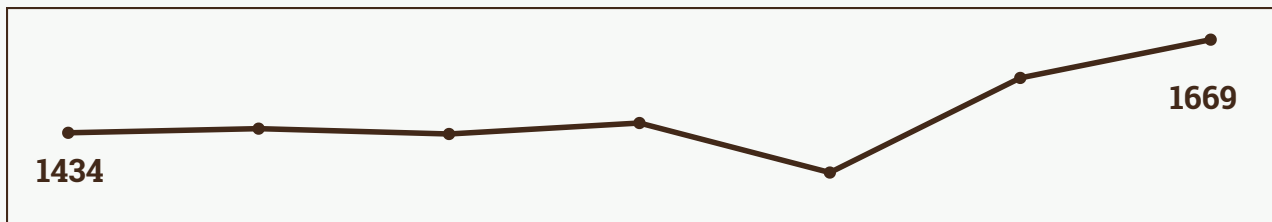
Melanoma Skin Cancer Mortality Rate in Colorado (2000 - 2024)



Skin Cancer Data

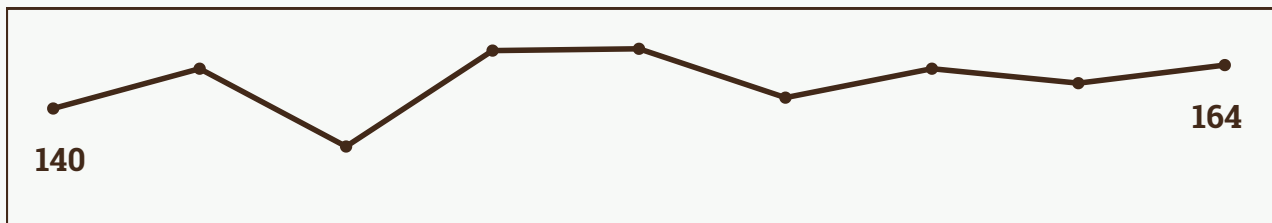
Counts

Melanoma Skin Cancer Cases in Colorado (2016 - 2022)



Source: [COHID](#)

Melanoma Skin Cancer Deaths in Colorado (2016 - 2024)



Skin Cancer Task Force

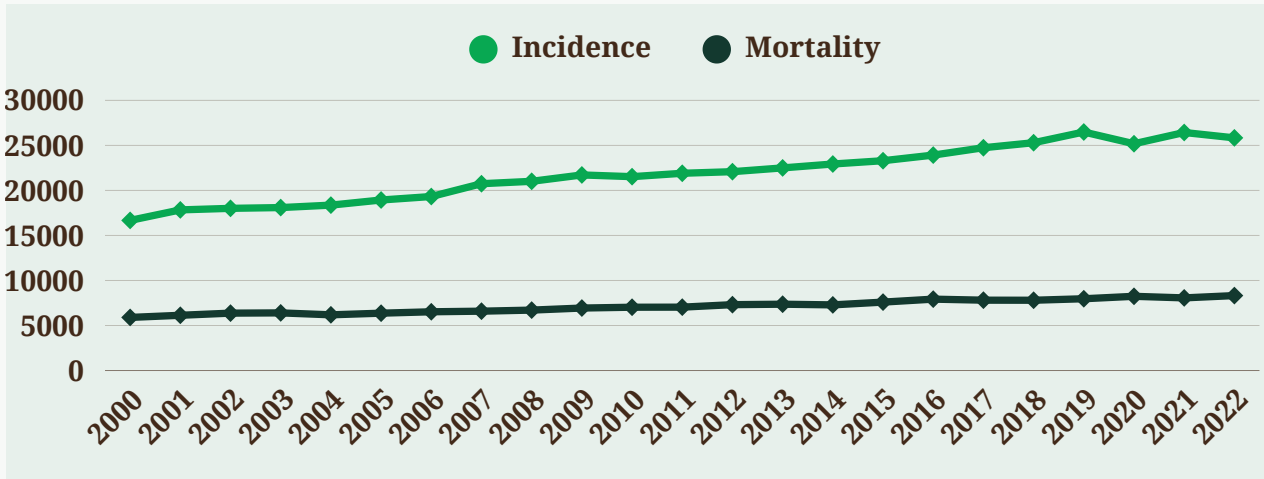
Given Colorado's high elevation and strong ultraviolet exposure, the Task Force works to increase awareness of sun safety practices, improve access to sun protection resources, and advocate for policy changes that support skin cancer prevention. In partnership with the Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, the Skin Cancer Task Force has supported

- An environmental scan to assess the feasibility of implementing shade canopies in public spaces.
- Securing funding and installing free sunscreen dispensers in seven state parks.
- Supporting the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in obtaining a Shade Structure Grant from the American Academy of Dermatology.
- Surveying school administrators and school-based health centers on sun safety policies.
- Partnering with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department to expand sun safety education and training for park staff.
- Participating in community events such as the National Western Stock Show and Yahweh Health Clinic, providing sun protection education and melanoma screenings.



Survivorship & Palliative Care Task Force

Incidence and Mortality Rates in CO, 2000 - 2022



51,658 Breast Cancer Survivors	2,281 Cervical Cancer Survivors	16,411 Colorectal Cancer Survivors
8,384 Lung Cancer Survivors	45,404 Prostate Cancer Survivors	72% of Coloradans live 5 years after diagnosis

What is your risk?



5 out of 10 men are likely to develop cancer in their lifetime



3 out of 10 women are likely to develop cancer in their lifetime

Survivorship and Palliative Care Task Force

The Survivorship & Palliative Care Task Force advanced its work in 2025 under the leadership of Carlin Callaway and Christa Burke, with a continued focus on supporting cancer survivors, individuals with advanced illness, and their caregivers through education, connection, and access to supportive resources. The Task Force is committed to uplifting survivor voices and strengthening community-centered survivorship programming across Colorado.

In 2025, the Task Force hosted two Survivors Day events in partnership with community-based organizations, creating spaces for connection, recognition, and support for cancer survivors and their loved ones. The Task Force also convened six informative Task Force meetings throughout the year, each focused on sharing resources and expertise relevant to survivorship and palliative care. Topics included mapping cancer survivorship resources in Colorado with the Visible Lab Network, two educational webinars on Wills, Trusts, and Estates 101 presented by Dave Strousberg of Wills Simplified, an informational session on YMCA offerings and supportive programs, an overview of the Remembering Our Veterans program, and a presentation by Image Reborn highlighting its retreats and survivor-centered work.

Looking ahead, the Survivorship & Palliative Care Task Force remains committed to strengthening collaboration with community partners, expanding awareness of survivorship and palliative care resources, and continuing to provide accessible, relevant education that supports individuals and families throughout and beyond the cancer journey.



About Trailhead

Trailhead serves as the program office for the CCC to build administrative capacity through supporting fundraising, community engagement, leveraging resources, building awareness, and enhancing coordination. Trailhead relies on members and subject matter experts within the CCC, including Task Force Chairs and CDPHE's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program to set the direction of the organization's work.

Trailhead values collaboration, curiosity, inclusion, innovation, and reflection. Trailhead supports gender-inclusive language and recognizes that gender exists beyond a binary. However, due to current limits on data collection, some information in this report is presented using binary gender categories. We acknowledge these limitations and remain committed to supporting more inclusive data practices in the future.

