

CANCER and ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS & PACIFIC ISLANDERS



NATIONAL CANCER TRENDS FOR AAs AND NHPIs^{[1][2][3]}

National cancer trends (1990-2008) among Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs) and Asian Americans (AAs) identified persistent cancer disparities and new ethnic-specific issues. NHPIs share a similar burden in common cancers such as breast, prostate, lung, and colorectal as non-Hispanic Whites (NHW), but they face higher risks from cancers such as stomach, liver, and uterus. In addition, NHPIs have higher cancer incidence rates compared to AAs. Increasing cancer incidence rates among Samoans and Guamanians/Chamorros and differences for Native Hawaiians in Hawai'i versus the mainland are key areas of concern. Further understanding social factors such as migration, acculturation, and geography may provide insights for reducing NHPI cancer disparities.

A ccording to CDC, Asian Americans are the only racial group in which cancer is the leading cause of death. Among AAs, breast cancer was the most common cancer, followed by prostate, lung, colorectal, liver, and stomach cancers. AAs continue to experience the lowest screening rates (breast, cervical, colorectal cancers) compared to all other racial groups. Disparities in cancer incidence and mortality after diagnosis are more evident among foreign-born, low income AAs and those living in ethnic enclaves. Targeted ethnic-specific community prevention and screening efforts are critical to reducing AA cancer disparities.

IMPACT OF CANCER ON AAs AND NHPIs^{[1][2][4]}

- Among NHPI women, increase in cancer incidence was found in breast, uterine, and colorectal cancers among Samoan women.
- Among NHPIs, increase in overall cancer incidence was found among Guamanians/Chamorros.
- Samoan women experienced higher rates of stomach (4.8 times) and uterine (3.3 times) cancers compared to Non-Hispanic White women.
- Samoan men experienced higher rates of liver (3.8 times), stomach (2.8 times), and lung (1.3 times) cancers compared to Non-Hispanic White men.
- Among AAs, screening rates for breast (64.1%), cervical (75.4%), and colorectal (46.9%) cancer were the lowest compared with all other racial groups.
- Among AA women, increasing cancer incidence were found in uterine (Asian Indians, Chinese, Filipina, Japanese), colorectal (Koreans, Laotians, Vietnamese), lung (Filipinas, Koreans), thyroid (Filipinas), and breast cancer (most AAs).
- Among AA men, increasing cancer incidence were found for prostate (Asian Indians and Pakistanis, Filipinos, Koreans, Kampuchean), liver (Filipinos, Vietnamese, Kampuchean), and colorectal (Koreans) cancers.
- Southeast Asian women: Kampuchean (24.8), Laotian (23.7), and Vietnamese (20.9) women have the higher rates of liver cancer compared with Non-Hispanic White women.
- Southeast Asian men: Laotian (64.5), Vietnamese (58.5), and Kampuchean (52.7) have the higher rates of liver cancer compared with Non-Hispanic White men.

WISCONSIN'S STATE POPULATION (ALONE)

Race	Population 2009-2011	Percent	
White	4,967,262	87.28%	
African American	354,891	6.24%	
American Indian and Alaska Native	48,643	0.85%	
Asian American	129,235	2.27%	
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	1,304	0.02%	
Other race	78,995	1.39%	
Two or more races	110,568	1.94%	
Total	5,690,898	100.00%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

• 4.50% (256,304) of Wisconsin's population is Hispanic or Latino. (Federal agencies only recognize five race categories: White, African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian American, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander. The federal government considers race and Hispanic/Latino origin to be two separate and distinct concepts.)

WISCONSIN'S MINORITY POPULATION

21.29% of Wisconsin's minority population is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI). The largest concentrations of AAs (32,165) and NHPIs (430) are in Milwaukee County. Hmongs are the largest Asian subgroup residing in Wisconsin, specifically concentrated in Milwaukee County.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey



WISCONSIN'S ASIAN AMERICAN POPULATION (ALONE)

Asian American Group	Population 2005-2007	Population 2009-2011	Percent 2009-2011	Percent Change
Asian Indian	18,958	21,977	17.01%	15.92%
Bangladeshi	155	127	0.10%	-18.06%
Cambodian	862	1,239	0.96%	43.74%
Chinese, except Taiwanese	14,237	19,192	14.85%	34.80%
Filipino	7,231	8,659	6.70%	19.75%
Hmong	37,437	46,478	35.96%	24.15%
Indonesian	254	160	0.12%	-37.01%
Japanese	3,135	2,178	1.69%	-30.53%
Korean	7,595	8,053	6.23%	6.03%
Laotian	5,368	5,786	4.48%	7.79%
Malaysian	169	264	0.20%	56.21%
Pakistani	2,390	2,882	2.23%	20.59%
Sri Lankan	427	366	0.28%	-14.29%
Taiwanese	918	566	0.44%	-38.34%
Thai	1,676	1,057	0.82%	-36.93%
Vietnamese	5,679	3,722	2.88%	-34.46%
Other Asian	1,607	3,098	2.40%	92.78%
Other Asian, not specified	2,433	3,431	2.65%	41.02%
Total	110,531	129,235	100.00%	16.92%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2005-2007, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

About 2.3% of Wisconsin's population is Asian American. Hmong are the largest group, comprising of about 36% of the Asian American population. Asian Indians (17.01%) and Chinese (14.85%) are the next most prevalent groups. The fastest growing group at 56.21% is Malaysian.

WISCONSIN'S NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER POPULATION (ALONE)

NHPI Group	Population 2005-2007	Population 2009-2011	Percent 2009-2011	Percent Change
Native Hawaiian	653	508	38.96%	-22.21%
Samoan	75	56	4.29%	-25.33%
Guamanian or Chamorro	380	446	34.20%	17.37%
Other Pacific Islander	727	294	22.55%	-59.56%
Total	1835	1304	100.00%	-28.94%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2005-2007, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander population in Wisconsin is 0.02%. Native Hawaiians are the largest group, comprising of about 39% of Wisconsin's Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander population. Guamanian or Chamorro are the only growing group, having increased by 17.37% since 2007.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders speak over 100 languages and dialects. In Wisconsin, 31.68% (13,349) of native Asians and 16.12% (12,215) of foreign-born Asian Americans speak English only. Of Asians who speak other language(s) besides English, 19.72% (5,676) of natives and 51.61% (32,811) of foreign-born speak English not well or not at all. 76.92% (853) of native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders and 24.72% (44) of foreign-born Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders speak English only. Of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders who speak other language(s) beside English, 7.42% (19) of natives and 11.19% (15) of foreign-born speak English not well or not at all.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

INCOME

Group	Median Family Income	Per Capita Income
AA	\$63,040	\$22,421
NHPI	\$45,391	\$23,573
White	\$67,246	\$28,249
WI	\$64,492	\$26,562

Median family income of Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs) are lower than the state median, with NHPIs making up only 70%. AAs and NHPIs per capita incomes are much less due to a greater number of individuals living in each household.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over	WI	AA	NHPI
Less than high school diploma	9.95%	17.87%	2.62%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	33.42%	17.38%	25.52%
Some college or associate's degree	30.46%	18.13%	43.32%
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.17%	46.62%	28.53%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

As compared to all Wisconsin residents (26%), 47% of Asian Americans (AAs) and 29% of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs) hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The majority of NHPIs are some college or associate's degree.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

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Group	Number of Individuals Uninsured	Percent
AA	17,898	13.91%
NHPI	-	-
White	404,571	8.24%
WI	518,252	9.23%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

Asian Americans have higher rates of uninsurance than Whites and the average Wisconsin resident. Asians account for 3.45% of the total uninsured population. There is insuffient data regarding the uninsurance rate of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

CANCER INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY 2011, WISCONSIN^[5]

Although Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AAs and NHPIs) overall cancer incidence rate is lower than non-Hispanic whites, their number one cause of mortality is cancer. This indicates that AAs and NHPIs exhibit poorer survival from cancer than non-Hispanic whites or they are more likely diagnosed with more lethal cancers. AAs and NHPIs have increased cervical cancer incidence in women. In 2009, it was reported that Asian women are the smallest racial group that receive breast and cervical cancer screening, which may explain the increased cervical cancer incidents.

Cancer Site	Non-Hispanic White		AA and NHPI	
Cancer Site	Males	Females	Males	Females
All Cancers	530.1	421.5	306.2	293.8
Lung & Bronchus	73.7	52.5	35.6	30.4
Colorectal	53.2	41.1	34.4	25.6
Breast	-	121.7	-	74.8
Prostate	142.6	-	73.5	-
Cervical	-	6.1	-	11.1

Cancer Incidence, 2003-2007 (Rates per 100,000)

Cancer Mortality, 2003-2007 (Rates per 100,000)

Cancer Site	Non-Hispanic White		AA and NHPI	
Cancer Site	Males	Females	Males	Females
All Cancers	220.4	152.9	98.5	97.4
Lung & Bronchus	60.9	38.1	21.9	13.4
Colorectal	19.6	13.7	5.9	10.8
Breast	-	22.6	-	7.6
Prostate	26.7	-	5.0	-
Cervical	-	1.6	-	4.5

Source: American Cancer Society. Wisconsin Cancer Facts and Figures 2011.

TOP 6 CANCER SITES: 2002-2006, MALE AND FEMALE, WISCONSIN^[6]

	Cancer Site	White	AA and NHPI
	All sites	465.5	262.5
1	Prostate	152.1	65.4
2	Female Breast	123.5	64.7
3	Colorectal	48.6	28.5
4	Lung and Bronchus	63.5	25.0
5	Uterine	28.9	12.0
6	Cervix	6.1	9.4

Incidence (Rates per 100,000)

Source: Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services

Mortality (Rates per 100,000)

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	Cancer Site	White	AA and NHPI
	All sites	182.1	100.7
1	Lung and Bronchus	47.8	19.0
2	Colorectal	16.9	10.0
3	Female Breast	23.3	8.5
4	Pancreas	11.0	7.5
5	Cervix	1.6	7.1
6	Prostate	27.4	4.7

Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AAs and NHPIs) have lower rates of cancer incidence than whites in Wisconsin, except for cervical cancer. AA and NHPI women also suffer from much greater rates of cervical cancer mortality.

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