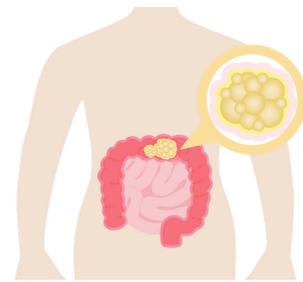


COLORECTAL CANCER DISEASE IN HAWAI'I

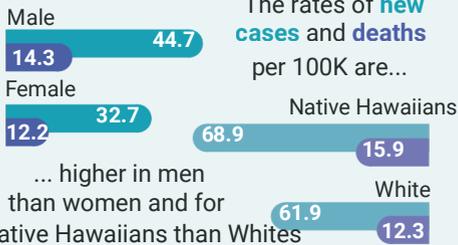
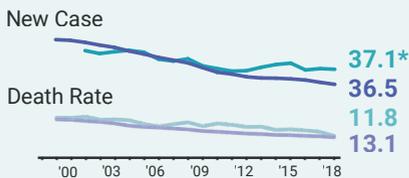


Colorectal cancer (CRC) is now the leading cause of cancer-related death among men and women under age 50.

In Hawaii, 820 residents will be newly diagnosed with CRC, and 260 will die, in 2026.

Colorectal cancer is the 2nd most diagnosed and deadliest cancer in Hawai'i and the U.S. among men and women. Screening prevents CRC and helps with early detection.

Hawaii's CRC new case rates per 100K are above U.S. rates.1



58.6% of new CRC diagnoses in Hawaii are, on average, **late-stage**



Screening is the key to reducing CRC new cases and deaths.

Only 10.5% of Hawaii residents ages 45-75 completed a stool test in 2022 and only 54% completed a colonoscopy.

17% of individuals completed a stool test prior to a colonoscopy.



In 2021, The USPSTF** lowered the screening age range from 50-75 to 45-75 years.

45 years screening age

AANHPI are screened at lower rates than their white counterparts

41% of AANHPI ages 45 for CRC.

57% of white individuals aged 45 years and older are screened for CRC.

Despite increased accessibility, CRC screenings remain low compared to breast and cervical cancer screenings.

Barriers to screening include:

- financial barriers, such as cost-sharing or lack of health coverage
- failure to recommend screening by providers
- transportation.
- language barriers
- patient fear 6

Removing financial barriers such as cost-sharing is an effective way to improve screening rates.

For late stage diagnoses, colorectal cancer treatment can cost over \$100,000.

In 2020, the total medical expenditure for CRC care was approximately \$24.3 billion, making it the second most costly cancer type after breast cancer.

Why is this important?



In 2022, **64%** Hawai'i residents reported being **unprepared to pay** for their cancer treatment.

A study among Medicare enrollees found that removing the 20% coinsurance for a colonoscopy with a polyp removal or a follow-up colonoscopy would be **cost effective** if the screening rate increased by only 0.6 percentage points.



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