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**The Next Five-Year Plan  
2022-2026**



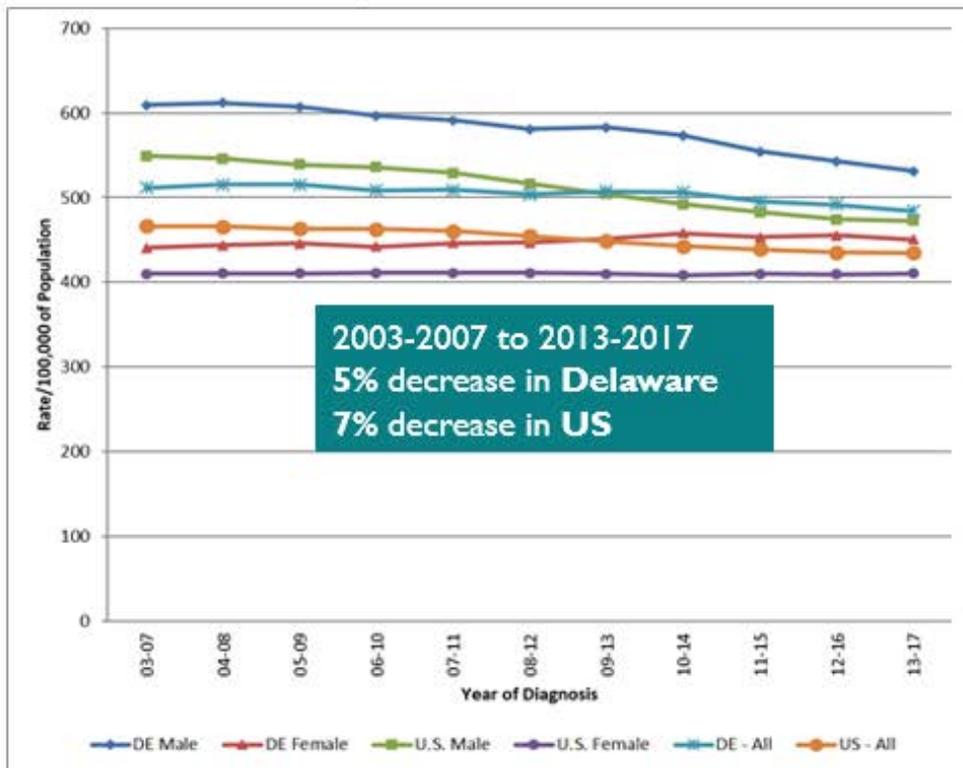
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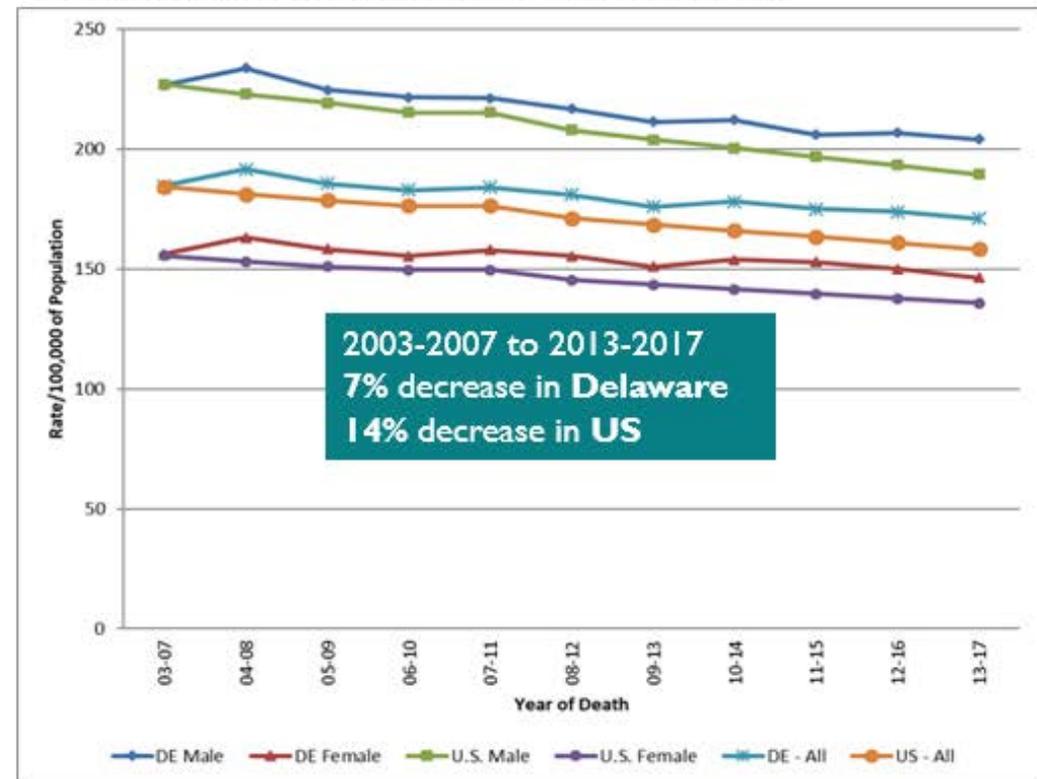
**DELAWARE  
CANCER  
CONSORTIUM**

# THE BIG PICTURE

Age-Adjusted All-site cancer **Incidence** Rates by Sex; U.S. and Delaware, 2003-2007 to 2013-2017

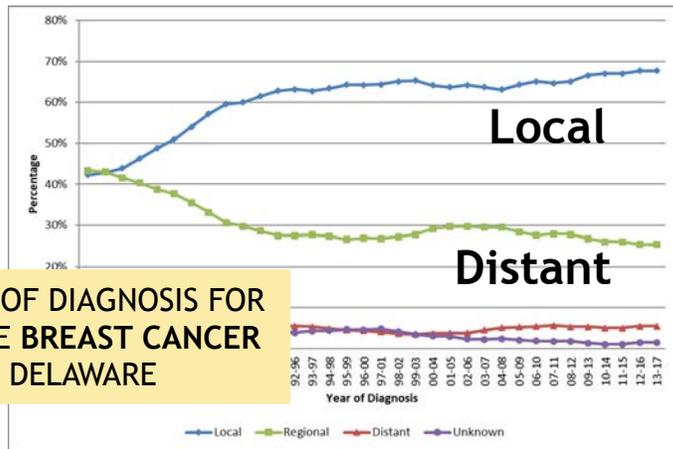


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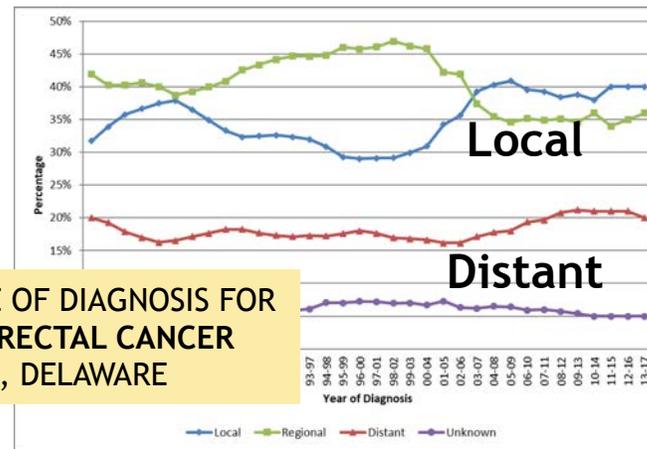


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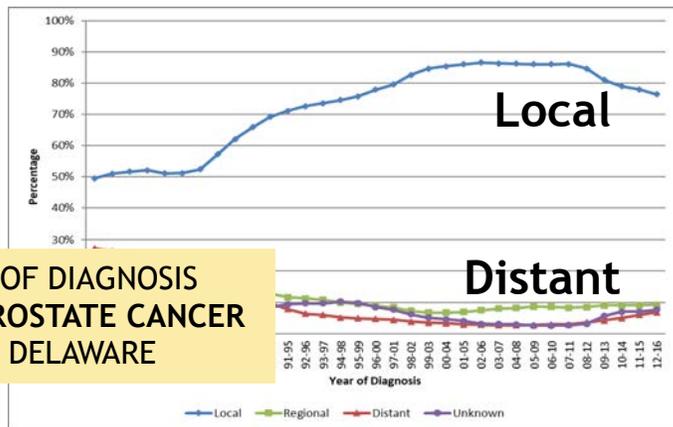
STAGE OF DIAGNOSIS FOR FEMALE BREAST CANCER CASES, DELAWARE



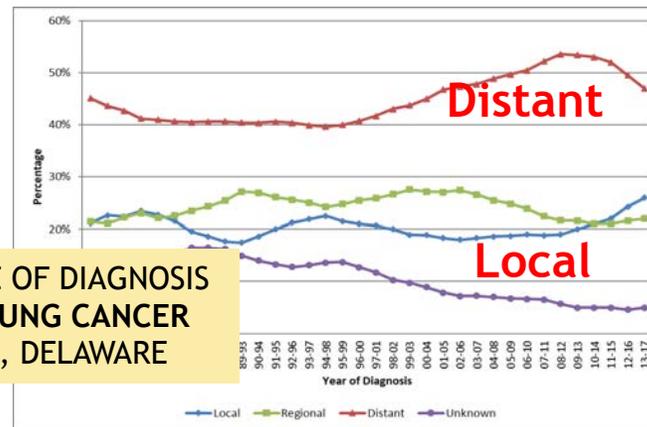
STAGE OF DIAGNOSIS FOR COLORECTAL CANCER CASES, DELAWARE



STAGE OF DIAGNOSIS FOR PROSTATE CANCER CASES, DELAWARE



STAGE OF DIAGNOSIS FOR LUNG CANCER CASES, DELAWARE

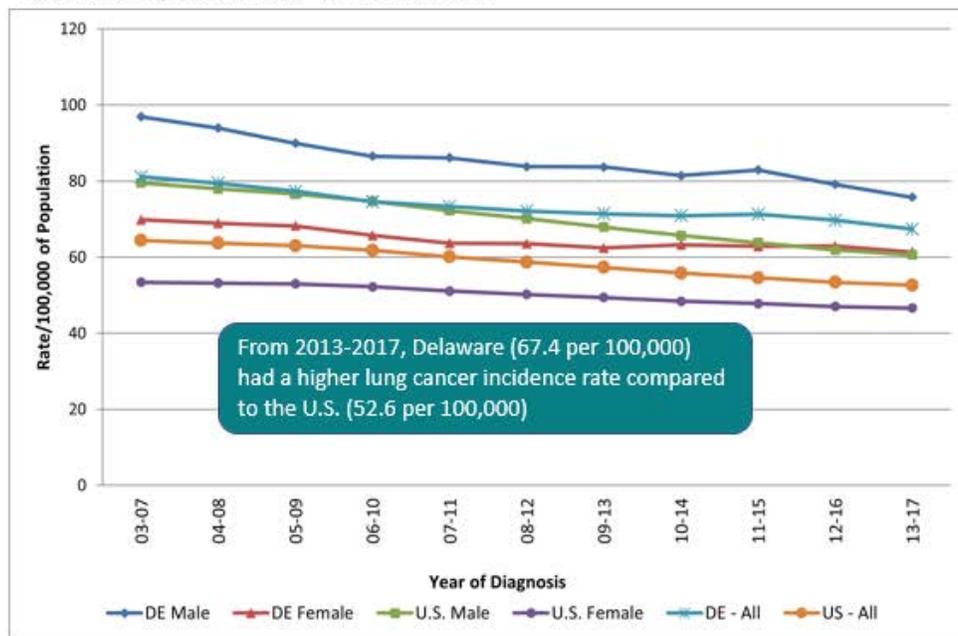


BREAST, PROSTATE, AND COLORECTAL CANCER ARE DIAGNOSED MOSTLY AT A LOCAL STAGE.

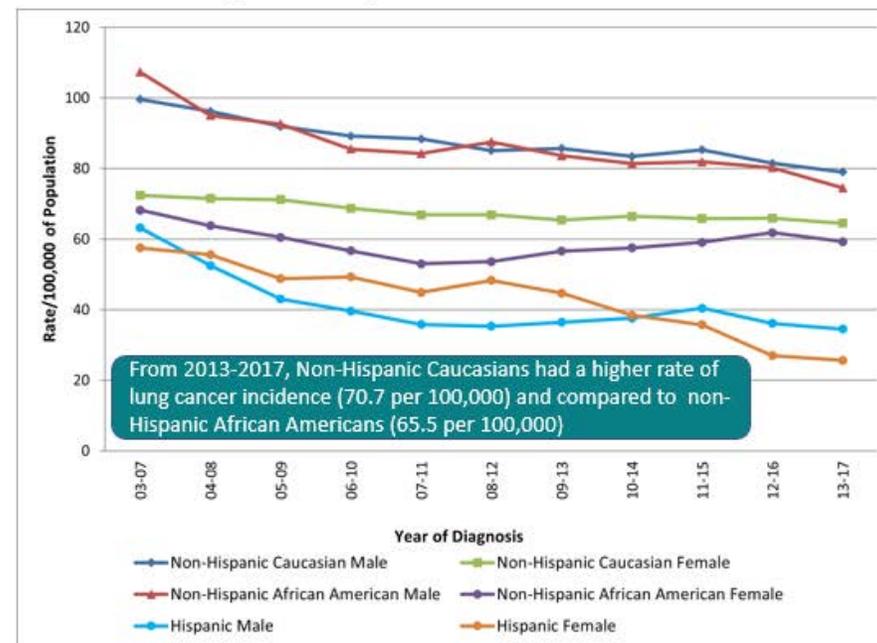
LUNG CANCER IS MOSTLY DIAGNOSED AT A DISTANT STAGE.

# Lung Cancer Is Still the Leading Cause of Preventable Death

Age-Adjusted Lung Cancer Incidence Rates by Sex; **U.S. and Delaware, 2003-2007 to 2013-2017**



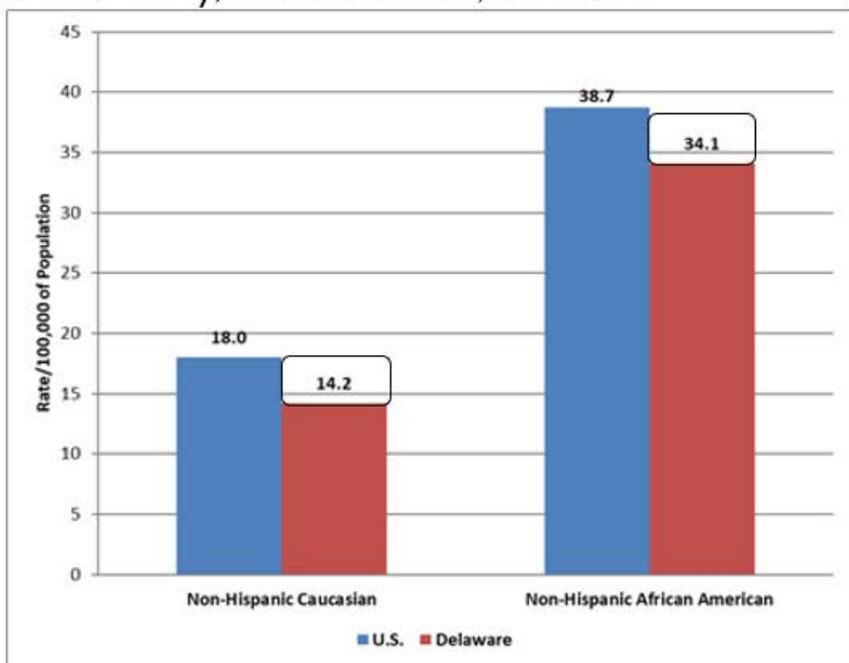
Age-Adjusted Lung Cancer Incidence Rates by Sex and **Race/Ethnicity; Delaware, 2003-2007 to 2013-2017**



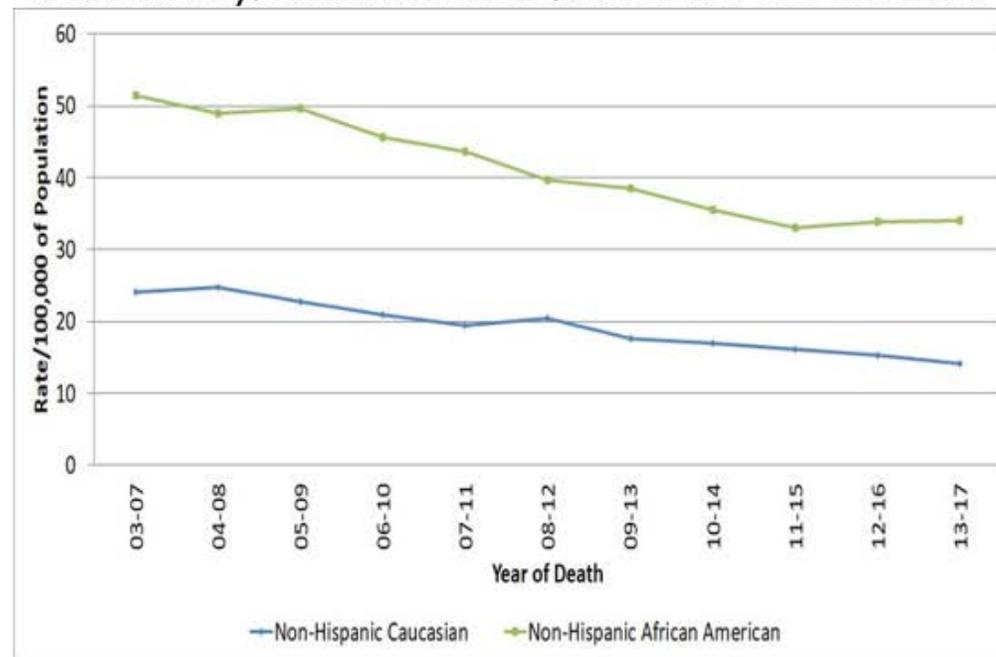
Although lung cancer incidence has trended downward since 2003-2007, males have consistently been more affected than females. From 2013 to 2017, the rates was 56.5 per 100,000 for males compared with a rate of 38.3 per 100,000 for females.

# The Prostate Cancer Mortality Race Disparity Continues to Exist

Age-Adjusted Prostate Cancer Mortality Rates by Race/Ethnicity; U.S. and Delaware, 2013-2017



Age-Adjusted Prostate Cancer Mortality Rates by Race/Ethnicity; U.S. and Delaware, 2003-2007 to 2013-2017



From 2013-2017, Non-Latino African American men died from prostate cancer at twice the rate of Non-Latino Caucasian men (34.1 vs. 14.2 per 100,000 people). This disparity gap has existed over time.



# Cultural Disparities and Health Inequities Affect Cancer Rates

- Education
- Appropriate language
- Better ways to access care

# Focusing on Healthy Lifestyles Is a Key Driver

- Healthy eating
- Physical activity
- Smoke-free environment
- Routine health checkups
- Management of chronic diseases

# THE PLAN:

## WHAT CAN BE DONE

- Goals are stratified by committee.
- Actions are set out clearly with responsible party and time frame.

# Delaware Cancer Consortium Advisory Council

## **GOAL 1**

Maintain a permanent council that reports directly to the governor to oversee implementation of the recommendations and comprehensive cancer control; the council should have committees that continually evaluate and work to improve cancer care and cancer-related issues in Delaware.

## **GOAL 2**

Develop and implement a five-year cancer control and prevention plan based on CDC guidelines and involve multiple stakeholders with assigned responsibilities.

## **GOAL 3**

The Delaware Cancer Consortium will serve as a leader and resource for the public.

# Delaware Cancer Consortium Advisory Council

## **GOAL 4**

Reimburse the cost of cancer treatment for every eligible Delawarean for up to two years after diagnosis.

## **GOAL 5**

Support the health and well-being of cancer survivors.

# Early Detection and Prevention Committee

## **GOAL 1**

Incorporate health equity principles into preventive cancer screening initiatives.

## **GOAL 2**

Promote breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer screenings.

## **GOAL 3**

Provide human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines to girls, young women, boys, and young men ages 9 to 26.

# Early Detection and Prevention Committee

## **GOAL 4**

Analyze data in state databases related to cancer screening.

## **GOAL 5**

Inform and educate health care providers and the general public on available resources.

## **GOAL 6**

Increase patient engagement and health literacy.

# Cancer Risk Reduction Committee

## **GOAL 1**

Encourage healthy lifestyles and reduce risky behaviors.

## **GOAL 2**

Initiate and support policies and programs to reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

## **GOAL 3**

Prevent initiation of tobacco, nicotine, and emerging-product use among youth and young adults.

# Cancer Risk Reduction Committee

## **GOAL 4**

Increase the number of Delawareans who stop using tobacco and nicotine products.

## **GOAL 5**

Implement a statewide initiative to address physical activity, nutrition, and obesity prevention.

# Delaware Cancer Registry Committee

## **GOAL 1**

Improve timeliness/completeness of reporting of cancer data.

## **GOAL 2**

Improve data quality to enable the routine evaluation of treatment practices and patterns against patient outcomes.

## **GOAL 3**

Increase the use of data to answer research questions.

## **GOAL 4**

Develop routes of efficient and effective communication between the Delaware Cancer Registry (DCR) and its stakeholders, to inform stakeholders of reporting requirements and benefits of the DCR.

## **GOAL 5**

Maintain National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) funding through adherence to NPCR program standards for data use and data collection.



Together, we can continue  
to make a difference in  
helping Delawareans reduce  
their cancer risk.