

# Cancer Disparities in Illinois

An opportunity to improve health equity.



## Top 5 causes of cancer deaths



**24,000**

Almost 24,000 people died of cancer in Illinois in 2019.



**Over half**

These 5 sites account for more than half of all cancer deaths.

1. Lung

2. Breast

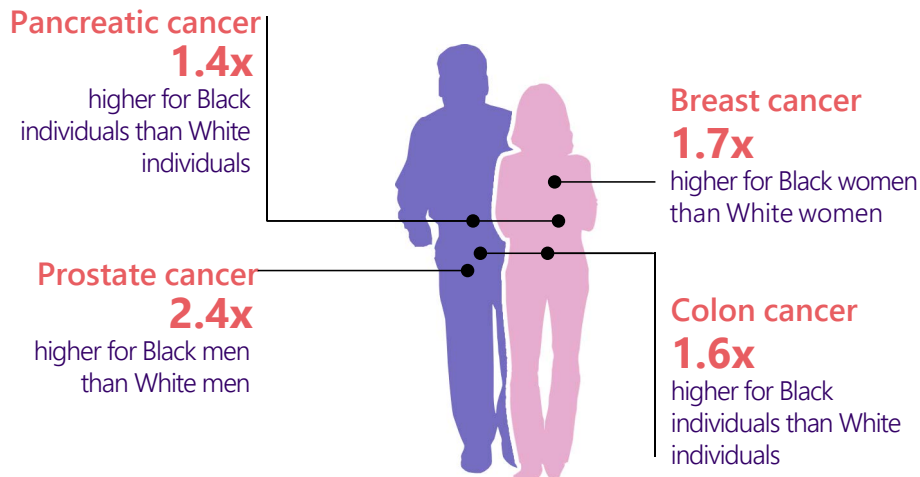
3. Prostate

4. Colorectal

5. Pancreas

**For 4 of the top 5, Black individuals have a significantly higher death rate than non-Hispanic White individuals.**

### Mortality rates



**These health disparities can be reduced.**

- Equity is when everyone has an equal opportunity to prevent cancer, find it early, and get proper treatment and follow-up, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Address social determinants of health impacting cancer equity.
- Ensure equitable access to screening, treatment, and care.

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Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Cancer Registry, public data file, data as of November 2021.



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