

# Colorectal Cancer in Illinois

A different screening experience for men.

Colorectal cancer screening can decrease both cancer incidence and mortality. Men in Illinois have much lower screening rates, which is contributing to differences in cancer outcomes between men and women.



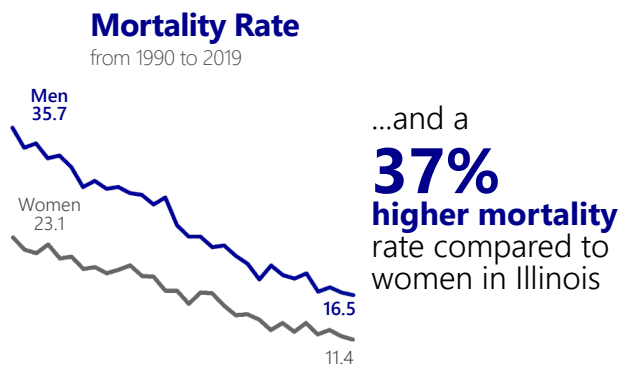
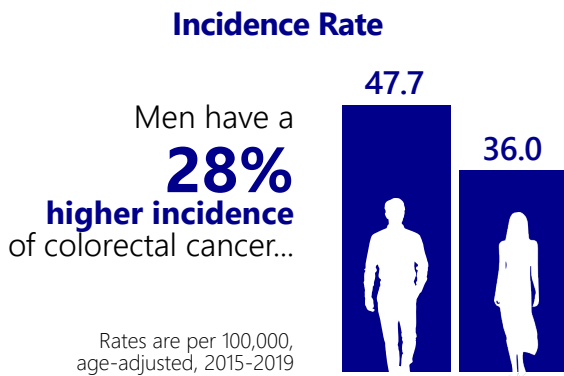
## The gender gap for screening in Illinois

Illinois has the lowest screening rate among men in the country.



## Incidence and mortality are higher for men than women.

This is likely because screening with colonoscopies can remove pre-cancerous lesions before they ever become cancer.



Deaths **2141**

In 2019, there were 2,141 colorectal cancer deaths. Increasing colorectal screening rates, especially in men, could decrease both new cancer cases and deaths from colorectal cancer in Illinois.

Sources:

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

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