Melanoma is a less common form of skin cancer, but it is the most dangerous.

**6th** Most common cancer in men and women in Illinois

**2,900** People diagnosed every year

**91%** Of people diagnosed with melanoma survive 5+ years

**1 in 48 men & 1 in 65 women will be diagnosed in their lifetime**

Melanoma diagnoses have increased in Illinois while death rates have remained stable.

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*Rates are per 100,000 people in the population

**Risk Factors**

- Personal or family history of melanoma
- Fair skin, freckling, & light hair
- Personal history of cancer and/or weakened immune system
- Excess exposure to UV light from sunlight, tanning beds, etc.

**Talk to your doctor if you have a mole with the following characteristics:**

- **A** SYMMETRY: sides that do not match
- **B** ORDER: uneven or irregular borders
- **C**OLOR: inconsistent color/variety of colors
- **D**IAMETER: diameter larger than a pencil eraser (1/4 inch)
- **E**VOLVING: changing size, shape, or color

**NOTE:** All cancer incidence and mortality data are specific to Illinois residents. Five-year survival estimates reflect age standardized, relative survival. Methods are described in the ‘Cancer in North America: 2011-2015’ report, cited below. All presented rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard million population. Unless otherwise noted, displayed incidence and mortality rates have been calculated for the 2016 calendar year.