Breast Cancer in Illinois
Black women are at increased risk of dying.

#1 cause of cancer in women #2 cause of cancer death in women

10,647 new cases 1,758 deaths

In 2019

Screening rates are similar for Black and White women
Illinois is 13th in U.S. for breast cancer screening. Screening and incidence rates are about equal among Black women and White women.

Screening rate for women over 50 years of age
80%
Healthy People 2030 goal is 83%

Diagnoses, survival, and mortality

Late stage diagnoses 5-year survival by race Mortality per 100k

Black women White women Black women

39.9% 91.0% 32.5%
31.2% 82.8% 19.3%
Black women White women

Despite similarities in screening and incidence rates, Black women are significantly more likely to die from the disease.

Improving timely access to cancer treatment and services can improve outcomes for Black women.

Health systems should make systemic changes to encourage equal treatment and access to resources for all patients.

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