

Breast Cancer in Illinois

Black women are at increased risk of dying.



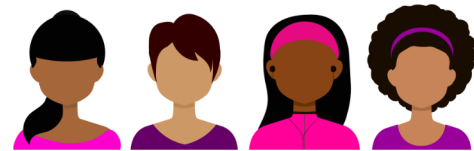
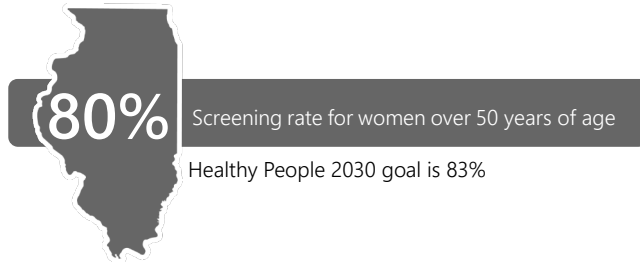
#1 cause of cancer in women

#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.



Diagnoses, survival, and mortality

Late stage diagnoses

39.9%

Black women

31.2%

White women

5-year survival by race

91.0%

White women

82.8%

Black women

Mortality per 100k

32.5

Black women

19.3

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.

Sources:

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

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