



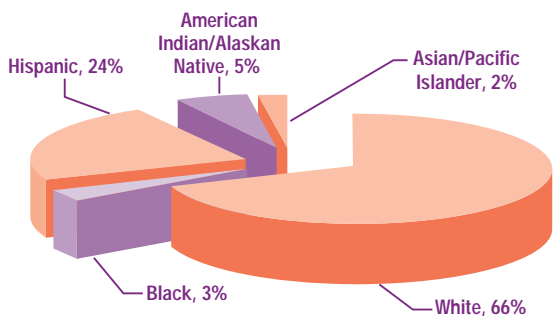
Arkansas

Grade: Fair

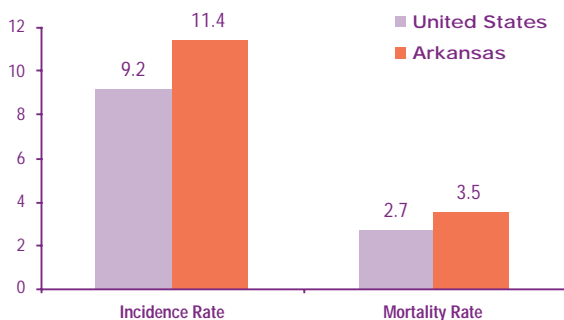
Demographics

Population: 2,725,714
 Percent of women aged 18-64: 31%
 Percent of women who are low-income: 40%

Distribution of Females in State, by Race

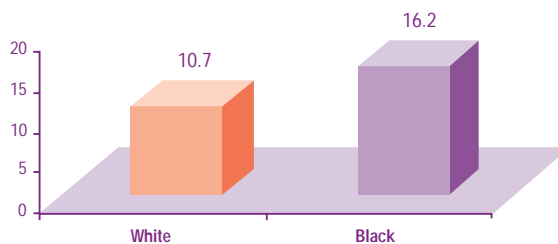


Incidence and Mortality



- The incidence rate of cervical cancer in Arkansas, 11.4/100,000, is higher than the national average of 9.2/100,000.
- The mortality rate of cervical cancer in Arkansas, 3.5/100,000, is higher than the national average of 2.7/100,000.

Incidence Rates by Race



- The incidence rate of cervical cancer in Arkansas is higher among black women than white women.

Mortality Rates by Race

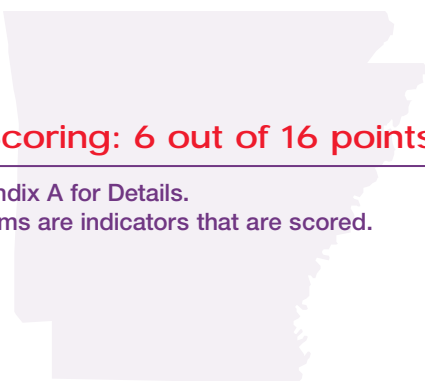
- Mortality rates by race in Arkansas are not available.

Healthcare Access & Utilization

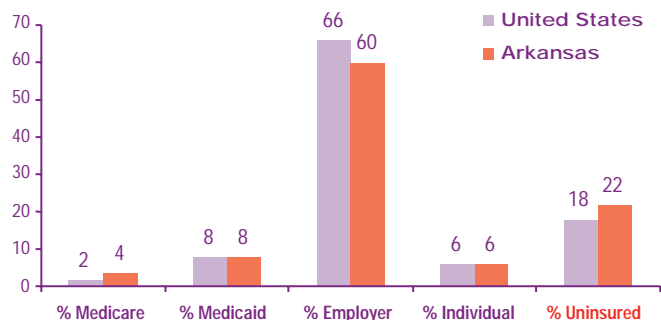
- 80.5% of women reported being screened for cervical cancer in the past 3 years.
- Arkansas Medicaid offers coverage of HPV testing without restriction.
- Arkansas mandates that health insurers allow women access to OB/GYNs without a referral from their primary care provider (PCP), but does not mandate that insurers allow OB/GYNs to be designated as a woman's PCP.

Total Scoring: 6 out of 16 points (38%)

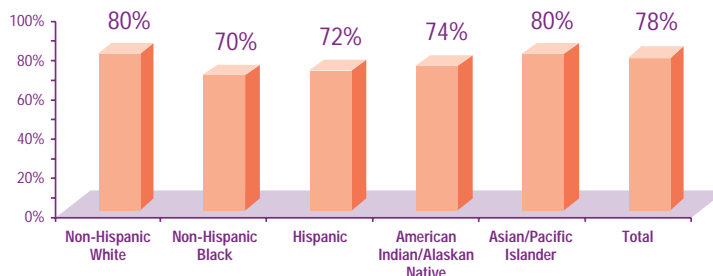
See Appendix A for Details.
 Bolded items are indicators that are scored.



Health Insurance Coverage of Women, Ages 18-64



% Covered by Health Insurance, By Race



Policy Initiatives & Infrastructure

● Coverage mandates for cervical cancer screening

- Arkansas does not have legislation in place mandating cervical cancer screening coverage for Pap testing.

● Task force/commissions for cervical cancer prevention

- Arkansas does not have legislation in place for a task force/commission for cervical cancer prevention.

● Miscellaneous support of cervical cancer prevention

- HB 1022 was introduced on January 13, 2001 and makes an appropriation to the Arkansas Department of Health for cervical cancer control programs. *Status: Signed by Governor February 21, 2003.*

Data Collection and Tracking

- Arkansas has made strides in their efforts to track cancer. It is one of the leading states at using cancer tracking data for prevention efforts.

Statewide Prevention Programs

- BreastCare, Arkansas' Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, provides free pelvic exams, Pap tests and follow-up treatment if needed. In 95 clinics run by Arkansas' Department of Health, Women's Health Office, approximately 60,000 Pap tests are provided per year. The clinics provide referrals to private providers or medical centers for follow-up to abnormal Pap tests.
- EncorePlus Services, run through the YWCA, helps women obtain cervical cancer screening. Free services include education about breast and cervical cancer, referrals for low-cost or free screening exams, and free child care and transportation for screenings in some areas.