



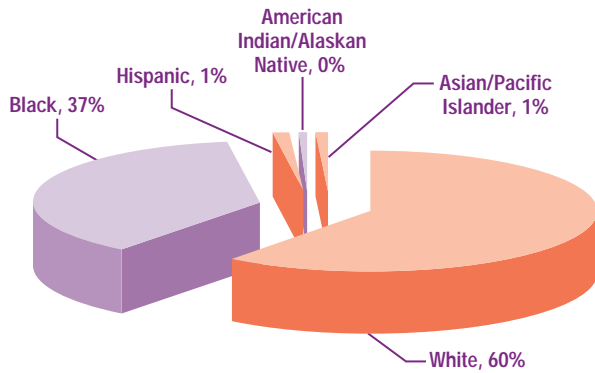
Mississippi

Grade: Good

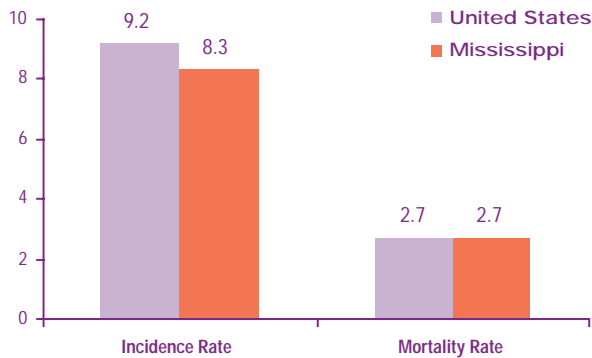
Demographics

Population: 2,881,281
 Percent of women aged 18-64: 31%
 Percent of women who are low-income: 45%

Distribution of Females in State, by Race



Incidence and Mortality

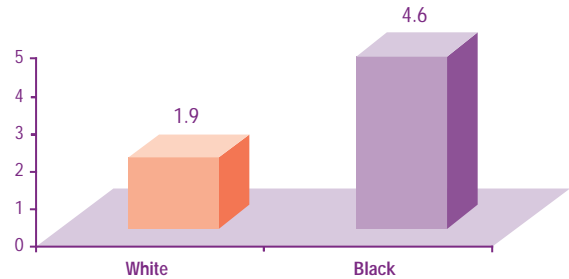


- The incidence rate of cervical cancer in Mississippi, 8.3/100,000, is lower than the national average of 9.2/100,000.
- The mortality rate of cervical cancer in Mississippi, 2.7/100,000, is the same as the national average.

Incidence Rates by Race

- The incidence rate of cervical cancer by race is not available for Mississippi.

Mortality Rates by Race



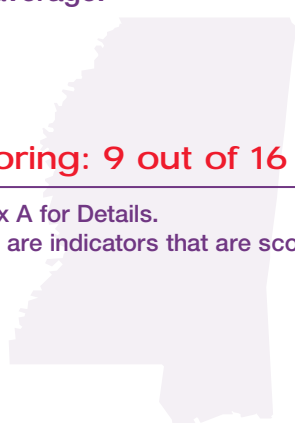
- The mortality rate of cervical cancer is significantly higher for black women than for white women in Mississippi.

Healthcare Access & Utilization

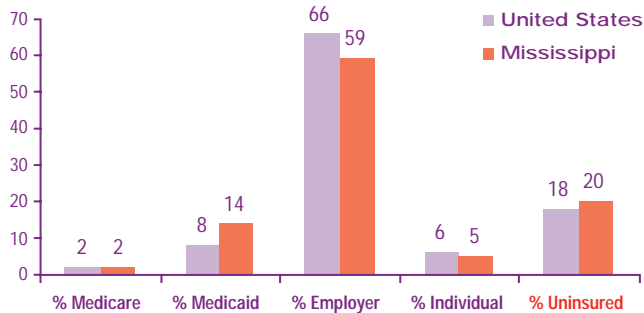
- 83.4% of women reported being screened for cervical cancer in the past 3 years.
- Mississippi Medicaid offers coverage of HPV testing without restriction.
- Mississippi mandates that health insurers allow women access to OB/GYNs without a referral from their primary care provider (PCP), and OB/GYNs to be designated as a woman's PCP.

Total Scoring: 9 out of 16 points (56%)

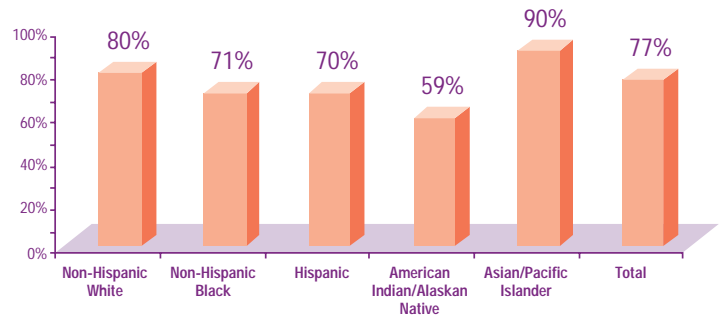
See Appendix A for Details.
 Bolded items are indicators that are scored.



Health Insurance Coverage of Women, Ages 18-64



% Covered by Health Insurance, By Race



Policy Initiatives & Infrastructure

- **Coverage mandates for cervical cancer screening**
 - Mississippi does not have legislation in place mandating cervical cancer screening coverage for Pap testing.
- **Task force/commissions for cervical cancer prevention**
 - HCR 95 creates a cervical cancer task force. *Status: May 8, 2004 house concurred in Senate amendments.*
- **Miscellaneous support of cervical cancer prevention**
 - HB 891 creates the Healthcare Coordinating Council to establish a comprehensive preventive health care plan, which includes expanding cervical cancer screening and treatment. *Status: March 25, 2002; signed by the Governor.*

Data Collection and Tracking

- Mississippi does not have one of the leading cancer tracking systems in the United States.

Statewide Prevention Programs

- The Mississippi Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (MBCCEDP) addresses the screening needs of those women at highest risk, including the uninsured, medically underserved, poor, African American women (and other minorities), and elderly women. Pap exam screening services are available to uninsured women 18 years of age and older at MSDH clinics, Community Health Centers (CHC) and private providers. The program will also provide for colposcopy and biopsy, if indicated, follow-up and referral for abnormal Pap exams and educational programs for professional and the public. A total of 11,124 Pap tests have been provided through the program from 1999 through February 18, 2004.