



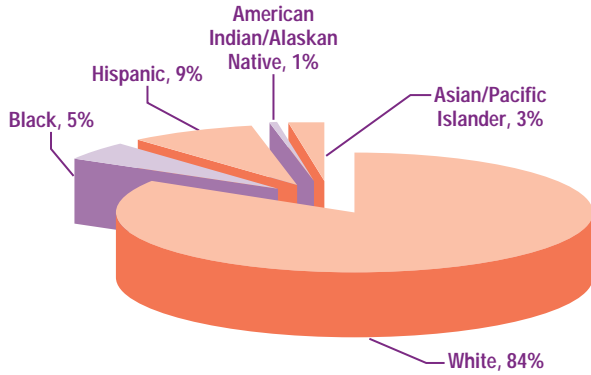
Rhode Island

Grade: Good

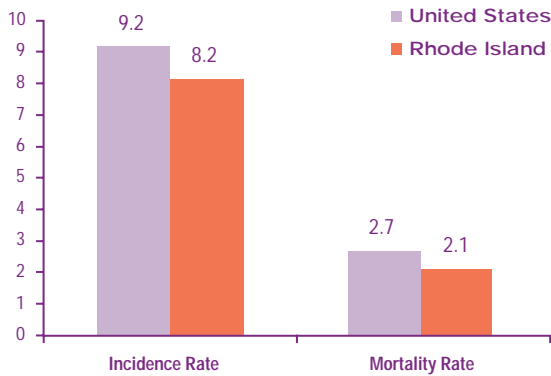
Demographics

Population: 1,076,164
 Percent of women aged 18-64: 32%
 Percent of women who are low-income: 27%

Distribution of Females in State, by Race



Incidence and Mortality



- The incidence rate of cervical cancer in Rhode Island, 8.2/100,000, is lower than the national average of 9.2/100,000.
- The mortality rate of cervical cancer in Rhode Island, 2.1/100,000, is lower than the national average of 2.7/100,000.

Incidence Rates by Race

- The incidence rates of cervical cancer by race are not available.

Mortality Rates by Race

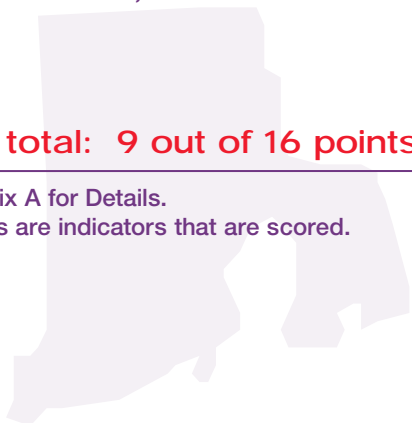
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Healthcare Access & Utilization

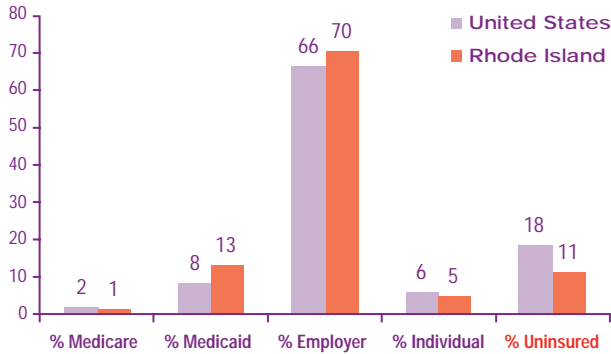
- 86.5% of women reported being screened for cervical cancer in the past 3 years.
- Specific information on Rhode Island Medicaid coverage for HPV testing could not be confirmed.
- Rhode Island mandates that health insurers allow women access to OB/GYNs without a referral from their primary care provider (PCP), but does not mandate that insurers allow OB/GYNs to be designated as a woman's PCP.

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

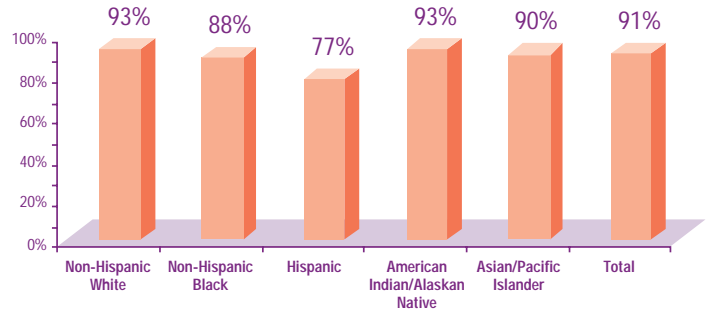
See Appendix A for Details.
 Bolded items are indicators that are scored.



Health Insurance Coverage of Women, Ages 18-64



% Covered by Health Insurance, By Race



Policy Initiatives & Infrastructure

● Coverage mandates for cervical cancer screening

- HB 5159 requires pap smears to be covered by individual, group hospital or medical expense insurance policies, or medical service plan contracts. *Status: July 2, 1997; Signed By Governor.*

● Task force/commissions for cervical cancer prevention

- Rhode Island does not have legislation in place for a Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force.

● Miscellaneous support of cervical cancer prevention

- HB 7907/SB 2959-Resolution urging the Rhode Island Department of Health to review data regarding cervical cancer and HPV. *Status: Introduced February 12, 2004, sent to House Health, Education and Welfare Committee. Passed the Senate March 10, 2004. **HB 7907: Adopted by House on May 5, 2004, Resolution No. 223, SB 2959: Adopted by Senate on March 10, 2004, Resolution No. 112.*
- HB 6970 reestablishes a special fund for research, diagnostic testing and treatment for women over 40 who are uninsured/underinsured with cervical cancer. *Status: Signed by Governor on June 30, 1995.*

Data Collection and Tracking

- Rhode Island maintains high quality cancer data and has one of the nation's best cancer registry programs.

Statewide Prevention Programs

- Women's Cancer Screening Program: The Rhode Island Women's Cancer Screening Program provides no-cost pelvic exams and Pap tests to eligible women in the State. To be eligible for all program services, women must live in Rhode Island, have no health insurance coverage for the services provided by the program, have a family income less than 250% of the federal poverty level, and be 40 years old or older. All services are also available to women ages 65 and over who are enrolled in Medicare but do not have Medicare Part B, and all undocumented women. As of October 21, 2003, 10,000 women have been screened through the program.