

Washington

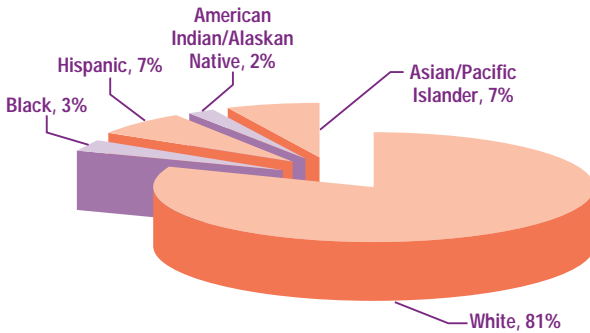


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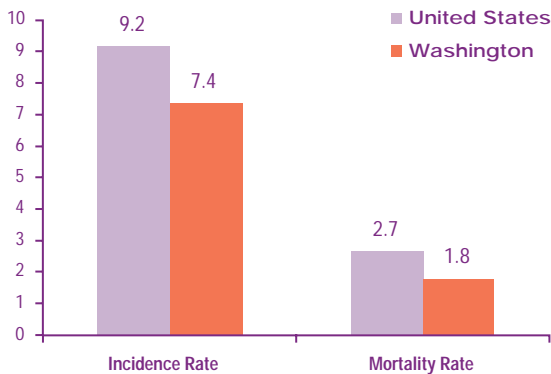
Demographics

Population: 6,131,445
 Percent of women aged 18-64: 32%
 Percent of women who are low-income: 32%

Distribution of Females in State, by Race



Incidence and Mortality



- The incidence rate of cervical cancer in Washington, 7.4/100,000, is lower than the national average of 9.2/100,000.
- The mortality rate of cervical cancer in Washington, 1.8/100,000 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 for Washington.

Mortality Rates by Race

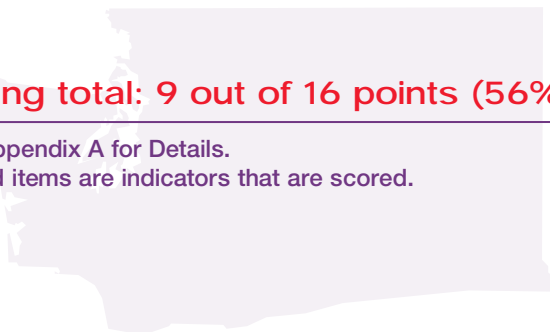
- The mortality rates of cervical cancer by race are not available for Washington.

Healthcare Access & Utilization

- 82.3% of women reported being screened for cervical cancer in the past 3 years.
- Washington Medicaid offers coverage of HPV testing without restriction when medically necessary.
- Washington 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.

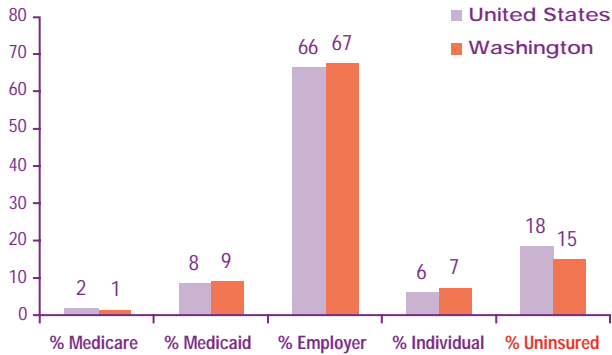
Scoring total: 9 out of 16 points (56%)

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

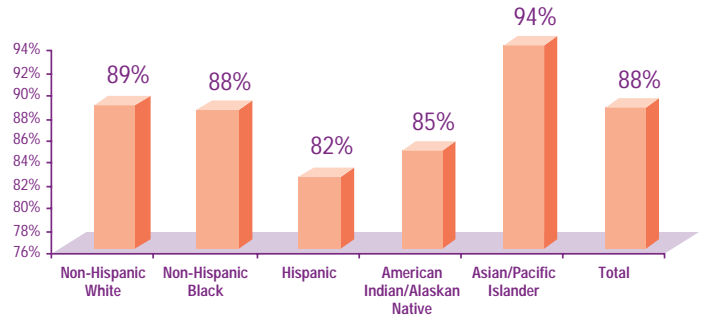


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Health Insurance Coverage of Women, Ages 18-64



% Covered by Health Insurance, By Race



Policy Initiatives & Infrastructure

● Coverage mandates for cervical cancer screening

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

● Task force/commissions for cervical cancer prevention

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

● Miscellaneous support of cervical cancer prevention

- HR 4617 recognizes breast and cervical cancer survivors. *Status: February 15, 1999 - passed House.*

Data Collection and Tracking

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

Statewide Prevention Programs

- Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program (WBCHP): WBCHP is designed to provide uninsured/underinsured women aged 40-64 with breast and cervical cancer screenings. Women who are at or below 200% of the Federal poverty level and are uninsured/underinsured are eligible. Nearly 49,000 women are eligible for services each year and over 8,000 women are enrolled and screened annually. Particular emphasis is placed on high-risk populations including women over 50, Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and lesbians.