



# Arkansas

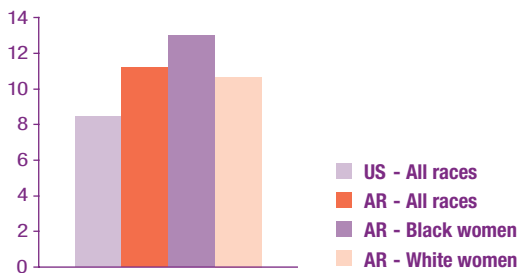
State population estimate: 2,752,629

## Incidence and Mortality

- The incidence rate was 11.2/100,000 for a score of 1.
- This is higher than the national average of 8.4/100,000.
- *The incidence rate in last year's report was 11.4/100,000 for a score of 1.*
- The mortality rate was 4.1/100,000 for a score of 1.
- This is higher than the national average of 2.5/100,000.
- *The mortality rate in last year's report was 3.5/100,000 for a score of 1.*
- Incidence and mortality rates of cervical cancer were higher among black women than white women.

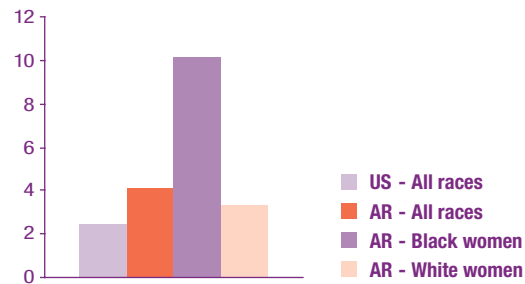
### Cervical Cancer Incidence

US and AR (# of cases per 100,000 women)



### Cervical Cancer Mortality

US and AR (# of deaths per 100,000 women)

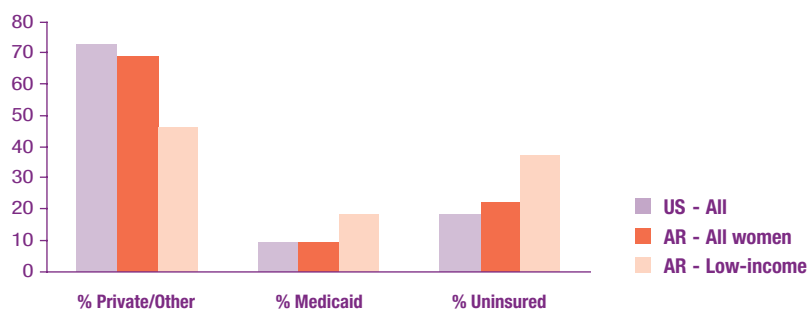


## Healthcare Access and Utilization

- The cervical cancer screening rate was 81.7% for a score of 1
- This is lower than the national average of 85.9%.
- *The screening rate in last year's report was 80.5% for a score of 0.*
- In this state, Medicaid offers unrestricted coverage of HPV testing, for a score of 2.
- In this state, 22% of women are uninsured for a score of 0.
- This is higher than the national average of 18%.
- *The rate of uninsured in last year's report was 22% for a score of 0.*

## Health Insurance Coverage of Women

US and AR (ages 18-64)



## Policy Initiatives and Infrastructure

- **Coverage mandates for cervical cancer screening**
  - There are no new coverage or screening mandates for a cumulative score of 0.
- **Task force/commissions for cervical cancer prevention**
  - AR House Bill 2668, introduced on March 7, 2005, creates a cervical cancer task force to coordinate statewide efforts to combat the debilitating effects of cervical cancer and to improve health care for cervical cancer victims. Cumulative score of 2.
- **Miscellaneous support of cervical cancer prevention**
  - HCR 1017, introduced on March 4, 2005, recognizes that cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women worldwide after breast cancer and encourages state agencies to educate women on the importance of cervical cancer screenings.
  - AR House Bill 2403, introduced on February 28, 2005, makes an appropriation to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for cervical cancer research. Signed by the Governor.
  - AR House Bill 2542, introduced on March 4, 2005, creates a cervical cancer research program to educate women about the risk of cervical cancer, to prevent cervical cancer and to encourage women to seek treatment for cervical cancer.
  - Cumulative score of 2.

## Statewide Cervical Cancer Prevention Resources

### BreastCare Program

<http://www.arbreastcare.com/core.html>

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## Score

<b>2006:</b>	<b>Good</b>
	9 out of 16 points (56%)
<b>2005:</b>	<b>Fair</b>
	6 out of 16 points (38%)

See Appendix B to compare Arkansas to other states.