

2007: Good
(10 out of 18 points)

2006: Good
(9 out of 16 points)

Pennsylvania

Population: 12,429,616

Incidence & Mortality		2007 Score	2006 Score
Cervical Cancer Incidence Rate:	8.1/100,000 ▼	1	2
Cervical Cancer Incidence Rate/Race:	White: 7.5 Black: 13.0		
Cervical Cancer Mortality Rate:	2.1/100,000 ▼	1	1
Cervical Cancer Mortality Rate/Race:	White: 2.3 Black: 4.8		

Screening

Cervical Cancer Screening Rate:	84.3%	1	1
Cervical Cancer Screening Rate/Race:	White: 88% Black: 88% Hispanic: 89%		
% Uninsured/Unscreened:	27.6%	1	
Medicaid Coverage HPV Testing:	Restricted	0	0

Health Care Access

Rate Uninsured Women:	14%	—	1
% Low Income/Uninsured Women:	30%		

▲ Rate increased over last report ▼ Rate decreased over last report — Rate stayed the same since last report

Policy Initiatives & Infrastructure

- Coverage mandates for cervical cancer screening**
 There are no new coverage or screening mandates. Cumulative score: 1.
- Task force/commissions for cervical cancer prevention**
 HB 801 directs the Department of Health to establish a Cervical Cancer Task Force to evaluate proposals and make recommendations for education and prevention of cervical cancer. Will provide for recommendations to raise public awareness on prevention, early screening and detection of cervical cancer. Signed by Gov. Ed Rendell on July 7, 2006. Cumulative score: 2.
- Miscellaneous support of cervical cancer prevention**
 HB 1606 establishes a program for breast and cervical cancer screening services (Pap tests) for eligible women and provides for powers and duties of the department of health. Signed by Gov. Ed Rendell on November 22, 2005. Cumulative score: 2.

State Summary

Pennsylvania saw a slight decrease in its incidence rate over the previous report but lost some ground relative to other states for a decrease of one point. The cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates for Black women are nearly double those for White women in the state, although screening rates are similar. Pennsylvania is only one of four states that do not allow unrestricted HPV testing under Medicaid.

