

Release of 1999-2005 United States Cancer Statistics: Incidence and Mortality Web-Based Report

The *1999-2005 United States Cancer Statistics (USCS): Incidence and Mortality* web-based report, released today, marks the seventh time that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) have jointly produced official federal cancer incidence statistics for each state having high-quality cancer data. The report is produced in collaboration with the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries.

This year's report features information on more than one million cases of cancer diagnosed in 2005 among residents of 48 states, 6 metropolitan areas, and the District of Columbia -- geographic areas in which about 96% of the U.S. population reside. Incidence data are from CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) and NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program. Data from population-based central cancer registries in these states and metropolitan areas meet the selected criteria for inclusion in this report.

The report also provides cancer mortality data collected and processed by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. Mortality statistics, based on records of deaths that occurred during 2005, are available for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The *1999-2005 USCS: Incidence and Mortality* web-based report exemplifies the progress achieved in creating a national system of cancer surveillance. We especially want to acknowledge the continued efforts and commitment of local and state cancer registries to providing high-quality cancer incidence data. Regional and state level data can be used to plan and evaluate cancer control programs, conduct research, and monitor cancer trends. National partner organizations are also crucial to the success of cancer surveillance in the United States. This publication, and many advances in cancer surveillance in the United States, would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and many achievements of these organizations. The *USCS* publication, as well as companion materials based on the report data, is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/uscs>.