

The Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition (GCCC) over the past decade has worked in partnership with cancer stakeholders to prioritize and implement key strategies to reduce cancer gaps and enhance prevention and treatment services for the island community. It oversaw implementation of Guam's first Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2008-2012 and its evaluation, and completed the 2nd plan for the years 2013-2017. Data was a critical element informing the selection of priority action areas and sustained data collection remains the cornerstone for assessing progress.

The first Guam Cancer Facts and Figures report was published in June 2009, covering cancer registry data for the periods of 1998-2002 and 2003-2007. Data for these two periods remain the same in this report. Guam Cancer Registry (GCR) data for 2008-2012 was analyzed in Sept. 2014, and comprises the major portion of this report. Data on cancer risk prevalence from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS) surveys, and cancer costs from a study commissioned by the Data & Research Action Team (DRAT), supplemented the information in this publication.

In this document, cancer **Incidence Rates** represent the number of new cases of cancer per 100,000 population, and **Mortality Rates** are the number of cancer deaths per 100,000 population for a given time period. Using Rates enables comparisons with other populations, regardless of actual population size. Guam has a young population, and cancer tends to increase with age. Thus, Guam cancer rates were age-adjusted to the U.S. 2000 Standard Population for more valid comparisons between Guam and the U.S. Because of Guam's small population size, cancer incidence and mortality data were combined into 5-year periods for better statistical strength. Data is constantly changing and must be interpreted with caution.

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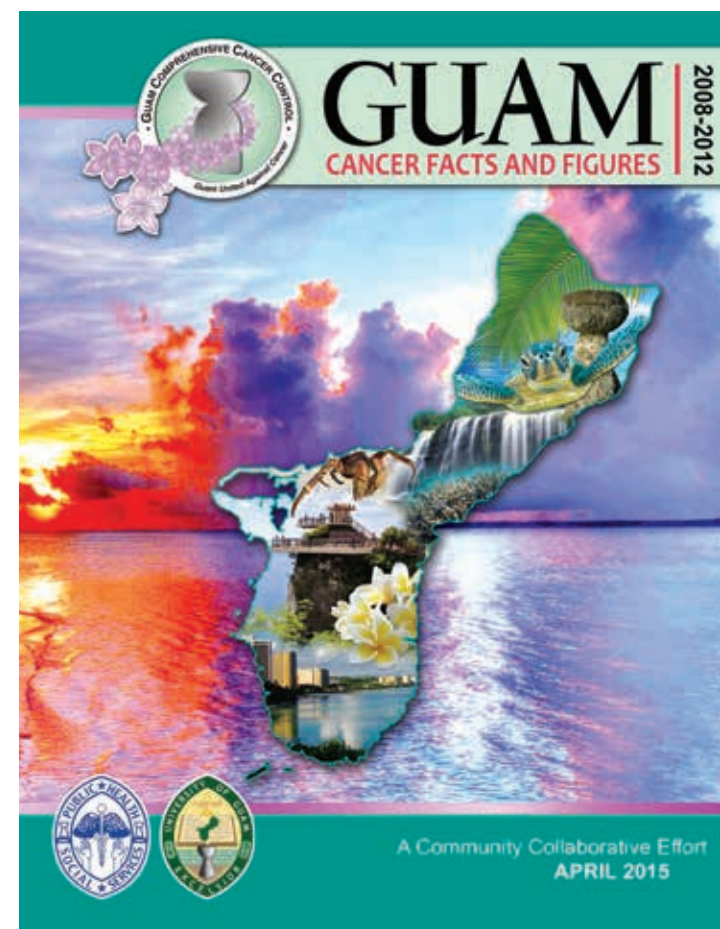


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GUAM CANCER FACTS & FIGURES

2008-2012

A Summary of Guam's Cancer
Incidence and Mortality





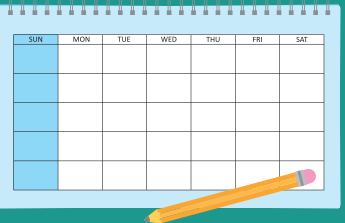
CANCER IN GUAM BY THE NUMBERS



Cancer is the #2 leading cause of death on Guam.
1 cause is Heart Diseases, while # 3 is Stroke.

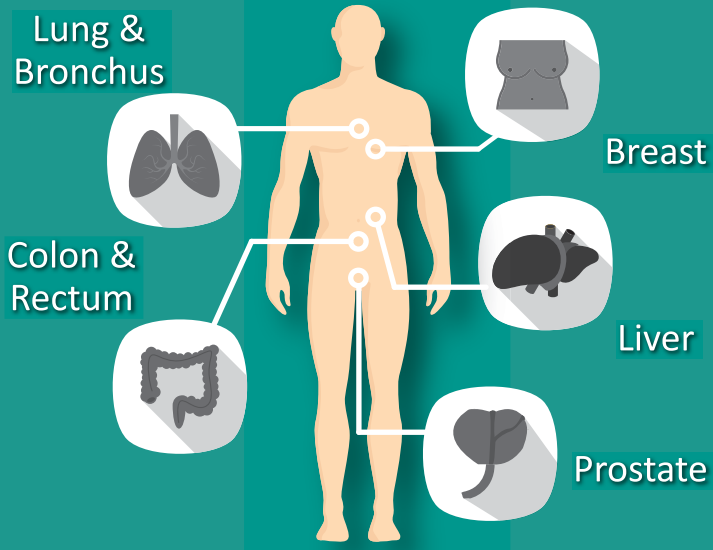


On average, in Guam 1 person is diagnosed with cancer each day.



1 person dies of cancer every 2.5 days.

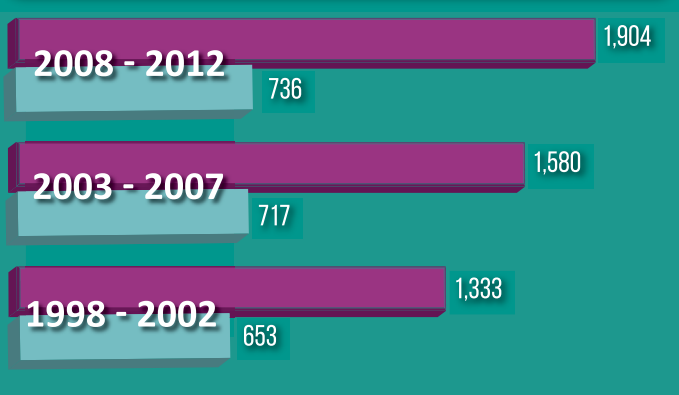
TOP 5 CANCERS ACCOUNT FOR MAJORITY OF GUAM'S CANCER BURDEN:



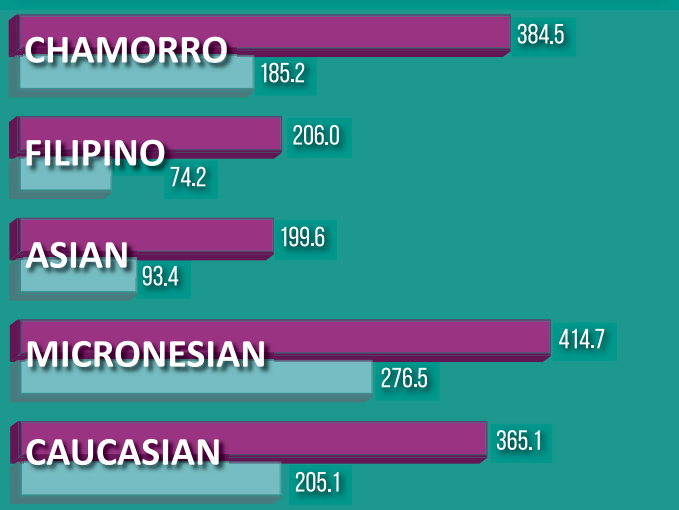
CANCER INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY RATES BY SEX:



CANCER INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY TRENDS



AVERAGE ANNUAL AGE-ADJUSTED CANCER INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY RATES BY ETHNICITY



DATA SOURCE: University of Guam, Guam Cancer Registry, September 15, 2014