World Cancer Day
Promoting awareness to further encourage prevention, detection, and treatment

In 2019, an estimated 1,762,450 new cancer cases

606,880 cancer deaths are projected to occur in the United States

Over the past decade of data

- **2005 - 2015**
  - Cancer incidence rate was stable in women and declined by approximately 2% per year in men

- **2007 - 2016**
  - Cancer death rate declined annually by 1.4% and 1.8%, respectively

- **1991 - 2016**
  - The overall cancer death rate dropped continuously, by a total of 27%, translating into approximately 2,629,200 fewer cancer deaths than would have been expected if death rates had remained at their peak.

Most affluent counties comparison 2012-2016

- Mortality rates in the poorest counties were 2-fold higher for cervical cancer.
- For male lung and liver cancers, 40% higher.

Although the racial gap in cancer mortality is slowly narrowing, socioeconomic inequalities are widening, with the most notable gaps for the most preventable cancers.

Some states are home to both the wealthiest and the poorest counties, suggesting the opportunity for more equitable dissemination of effective cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment strategies. A broader application of existing cancer control knowledge with an emphasis on disadvantaged groups would undoubtedly accelerate progress against cancer.

Sources