

Focus Area 3: Cancer

Objective 3-14. Increase the number of States that have a statewide population-based cancer registry that captures case information on at least 95 percent of the expected number of reportable cancers. Target = 45 states [State Data Source: National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR), CDC, NCI]

State-based cancer registries are data systems that collect, manage, and analyze data about cancer cases and cancer deaths. In each state, medical facilities report these data to a central cancer registry. Established by Congress through the Cancer Registries Amendment Act in 1992, and administered by the CDC, the NPCR collects data on the occurrence of cancer; the type, extent, and location of the cancer; and the type of initial treatment. Today, NPCR supports central cancer registries in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Republic of Palau, and the Virgin Islands. These data represent 96% of the U.S. population. Together, NPCR and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program collect data for the entire U.S. population.

The California Cancer Registry (CCR) is California's statewide population-based cancer surveillance system. In 1985, statewide population-based cancer reporting was required with the enactment of sections 103875, 103885, and 100330 of the California Health and Safety Code. Today, the CCR is a collaborative effort involving the California Department of Public Health, ten regional registries, hospitals, cancer researchers throughout the nation and the Public Health Institute. The CCR collects information about all cancers diagnosed in California (except basal and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin and carcinoma in situ of the cervix). This information furthers the understanding of cancer and is used to develop strategies and policies for its prevention, treatment and control. The availability of data on cancer in the state allows health researchers to analyze geographic, ethnic, occupational and other differences that provide clues that point to risk factors. The data also helps determine where early detection, educational or other programs should be directed.

For more information on cancer in California, visit the California Cancer Registry Web site at: <http://www.ccrca.org/>

For more information on Healthy People 2010 objective 3-14, please visit:

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/Volume1/03Cancer.htm>

and the DATA2010 Web site at: <http://wonder.cdc.gov/data2010/>