

Colorectal Cancer in the Asian Pacific Islander Community

Fact Sheet

Colon cancer is a *preventable, treatable and beatable* disease, *but only with proper screening*. It is known as a silent killer because symptoms only show up in the later stages when the cancer has already spread.

About 41 percent of colorectal cancer cases among Asian Pacific Islander women are detected early. It is slightly higher for Asian Pacific Islander men, with 43 percent detected early ¹

Asian Pacific Islanders: Most Common Cancer Types²

MEN	WOMEN
Prostate	Breast
Lung	Colorectal
Colorectal	Lung

Asian Pacific Islanders: Most Common Cause of Cancer Death²

MEN	WOMEN
Lung	Lung
Colorectal	Breast
Prostate	Colorectal

Japanese¹

Colorectal cancer is the second most common cancer among Japanese men and women. Prostate cancer is first for men; breast cancer for women.

Korean

Colorectal cancer is **the most common cancer** among Korean men and second most common among Korean women¹. Unlike other groups who have had decreasing or stable rates, Koreans in California have experienced an increase in colorectal cancer rates over the past 20 years³.

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¹ Source: California 2013 Cancer Facts & Figures, p.9, 23, 13

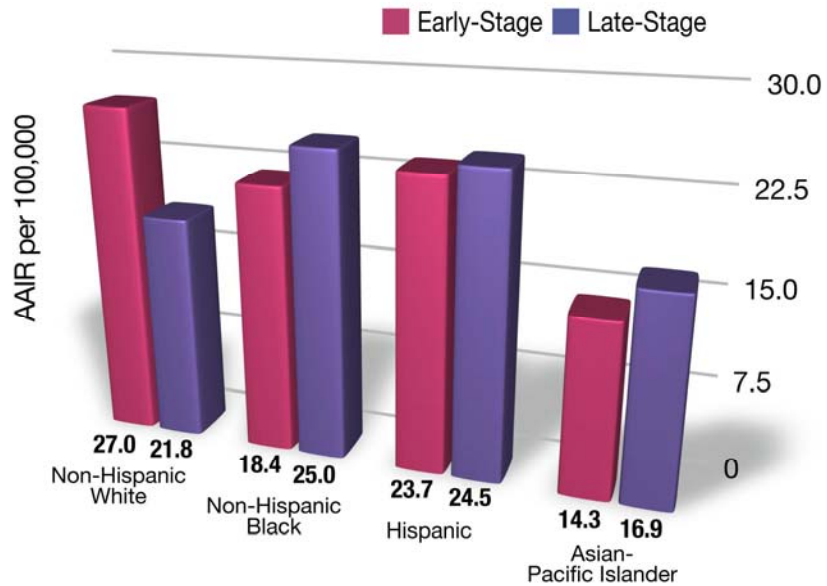
² Source: CA A Cancer Journal for Clinicians

³ Facts about Colorectal Cancer in California, 1988-2007, California Department of Public Health, California Cancer Registry

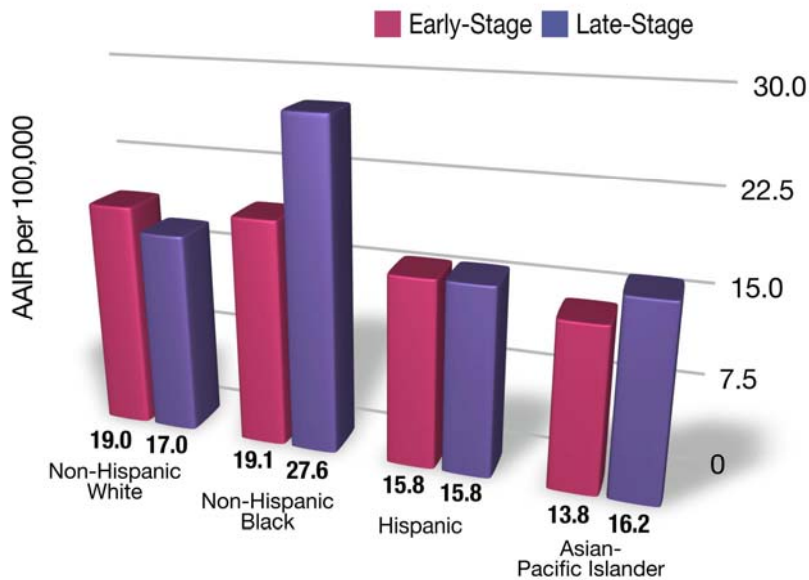
Asian Pacific Islanders: Late-Stage Diagnosis

Asian Pacific Islanders are one of the ethnic groups more often diagnosed at a late stage.³

Male African-Americans, Hispanic and Asian-Pacific Islanders are more often diagnosed at a late stage



Female African-Americans, Hispanic and Asian-Pacific Islanders are more often diagnosed at a late stage



³ Data and analysis provided by Monica Brown, Ph.D., epidemiologist with the California Cancer Registry. Data is for Sacramento area, which is reflective of the overall population of California. Stage at Diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer Cases by Sex and Race, 2001-2005-Sacramento Region.