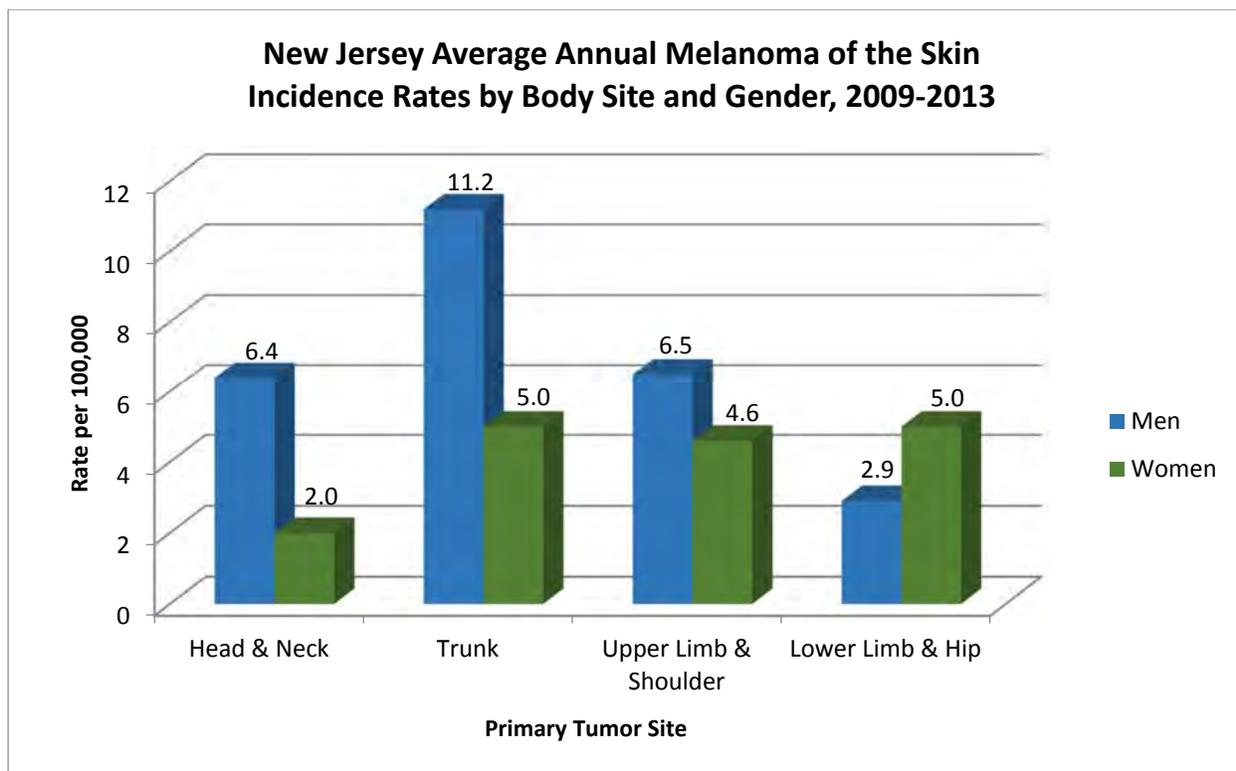


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Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 US population standard.

Data: New Jersey State Cancer Registry January 2016 file, New Jersey Department of Health.

- Melanoma can occur in various locations throughout the body, but the skin is by far the most common site.
- In 2013, melanoma of the skin was the fifth most common cancer diagnosed among New Jersey men, and the seventh most common cancer diagnosed among New Jersey women.
- In men, melanoma of the skin is more often found on the head and neck, trunk, and upper extremities.
- In women, melanoma of the skin often develops on the lower extremities.
- Experts believe that much of the worldwide increase in melanoma of the skin is related to an increase in the amount of time that people spend in the sun; therefore, prevention begins with avoidance of exposure to the sun, especially during midday.
- For more information on Melanoma in New Jersey, visit http://www.nj.gov/health/ces/documents/melanoma_report.pdf

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