

Ten Leading Sites of New Cancer Deaths by Sex, 2021

New Jersey Females, 2021

Rank	Cancer Site	Rate ^a	Count
	All Sites	116.6	7846
1	Lung and Bronchus	21.9	1511
2	Breast	18.4	1205
3	Pancreas	10.4	719
4	Colon and Rectum	10.3	695
5	Corpus and Uterus, NOS	6.1	407
6	Ovary	5.7	375
7	Leukemia	4.2	279
8	Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct (IBD)	4.1	268
9	Brain and Other Nervous System (ONS) ^b	3.2	199
10	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)	3.2	219

New Jersey Males, 2021

Rank	Cancer Site	Rate ^a	Count
	All Sites	148.7	7635
1	Lung and Bronchus	29.9	1569
2	Prostate	16.0	761
3	Colon and Rectum	13.2	681
4	Pancreas	13.1	687
5	Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct (IBD)	7.6	413
6	Urinary Bladder	7.0	336
7	Leukemia	6.6	322
8	Esophagus	5.7	309
9	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)	5.6	285
10	Brain and Other Nervous System (ONS)	4.6	250

Abbreviations: NOS, Not otherwise specified.

Source: Underlying mortality data provided by NCHS (www.cdc.gov/nchs).

^aRates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 US population standard. Rankings are by rate and may differ from count rankings due to rates being age-adjusted.

^bThe brain and ONS rate is slightly higher than the NHL rate for females, but the difference is not displayed due to rounding.

- A total of 15,481 deaths occurred among New Jersey residents in 2021 for which cancer was designated on the death certificate as the underlying cause. Overall cancer death (mortality) rates were slightly lower for females and males compared to 2020.
- The leading cause of cancer death among New Jersey females in 2021 was lung and bronchus cancer, followed by breast and pancreatic cancers. The 10 most common types of cancer deaths among NJ females in 2021 were similar to those in 2020 with the same or slightly lower mortality rates, except for the rates for corpus and uterus, leukemia, and liver and IBD cancers, which increased slightly.
- The leading cause of cancer death among New Jersey males in 2021 was lung and bronchus cancer, followed by prostate and colorectal cancers. The 10 most common types of cancer deaths among NJ males in 2021 were similar to those in 2020 with the same or slightly lower mortality rates, except for the rates for pancreas, urinary bladder, and esophagus cancers which increased slightly.



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