

Ethnicity of Confirmed Silicosis Cases

Hispanic ethnicity was not consistently tracked until 1993. Between 1993 and 2013, cases of Hispanic ethnicity were underrepresented among confirmed cases (n=14, 6.5%) when compared with the 2010 NJ Hispanic population at risk (35%). Much of this can be explained by the movement of Hispanics to NJ as a relatively recent phenomenon; the employed NJ Hispanic population grew by 69% between 2000 and 2010. But some of the under-representation must also be attributed to problems with access to healthcare among Hispanics; hospitalization data are the major source (87%) of NJ's silicosis cases.

Distribution of Silicosis Cases by Hispanic Ethnicity
New Jersey, 1979-2013
N=225

