

CANCER IN ARIZONA

What is cancer? Cancer is the general name for more than 100 diseases in which abnormal cells in the body start to grow out of control.



AZ Fast Fact

Arizona ranks:
Lowest in cancers among men²

Second lowest in cancers among women²

Some Statistics About the Most Common Cancers in Arizona

Prostate Cancer:

In Arizona:

- 1 in 1,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer.⁴
- Nearly 600 men will die from prostate cancer.⁴
- 14% of prostate cancer cases will be diagnosed **after** the cancer has spread beyond the prostate.³
- 40% of men have not had a prostate exam in the last two years.¹

Breast Cancer:

In Arizona:

- 1 in 1,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.⁴
- Nearly 700 women will die from breast cancer.⁴
- Almost one-third of all breast tumor cases will be diagnosed **after** the cancer has spread beyond the breast.³
- 60% of women have **not** had a mammogram in the past year.¹

The American Cancer Society Recommends

- Yearly mammograms for all women over 40 years of age.
- A prostate exam (PSA) every 1-2 years for men over age 45, dependent on personal risk factors
- A colonoscopy every 10 years for people over 50 years of age

Lung Cancer

In Arizona:

- Nearly 3,000 people will die from lung cancer this year.⁴
- Almost 60% of lung cancer cases will be diagnosed after the cancer has spread beyond the lung.³
- More men than women die from lung cancer each year.
- 90% of all lung cancer cases are believed to be caused by tobacco use.

Colorectal Cancer

In Arizona:

- Nearly 900 people will die from colorectal cancer this year.⁴
- Almost 50% of colorectal cancers are diagnosed after the cancer has spread beyond the colon.³
- More men than women die from colorectal cancer each year.
- 40% of people over 50 have **not** had a colonoscopy in the past ten years.¹

Further information and resources

American Cancer Society
cancer.org

A comprehensive web-based resource for those affected by cancer, including patients, family, friends, survivors, caregivers, health information seekers, professionals, donors and volunteers.

Arizona Cancer Coalition
azcancercontrol.gov

For more information on how to get involved locally in cancer prevention and control efforts, please contact the Arizona Cancer Coalition at the link above.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
cdc.gov/cancer

An online source for credible health information, including basic information about cancer, cancer screenings and cancer research.

Arizona Smokers' Helpline
1-800-55-66-222 or ASHLine.org

ASHLine provides free telephone and online quit coaching and free nicotine replacement therapies (NRT) to all Arizonans.



Bureau of Tobacco and Chronic Disease
www.azcancercontrol.gov

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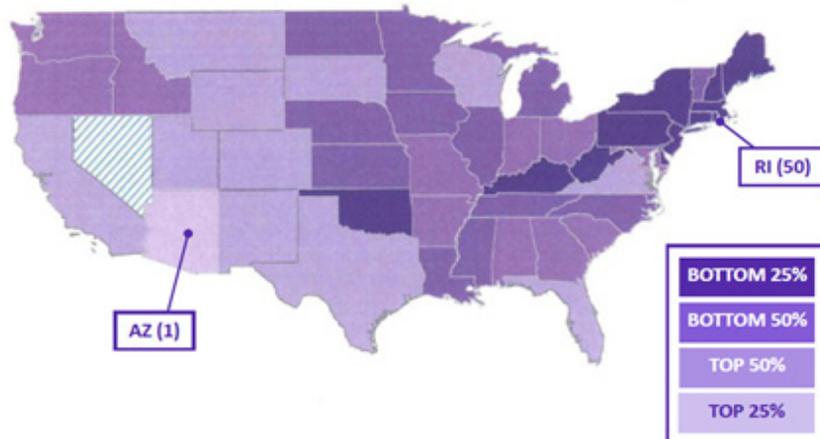
How Arizona Compares with Other States²

Lowest in all cancers among men and women

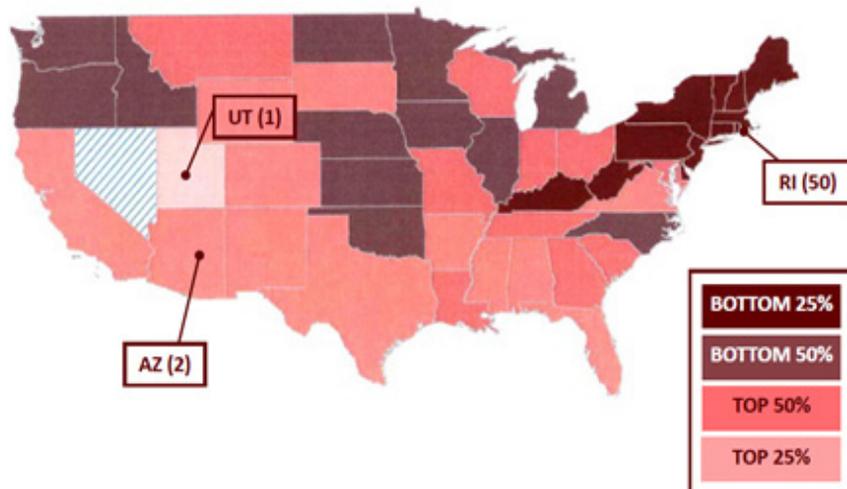
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