

Colorectal Cancer in Senate District 3

Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and curable, yet thousands of Californians are suffering and dying from this disease.

This is completely unnecessary because *colorectal cancer screening is the most cost-effective cancer screening program* – more cost-effective than breast or prostate cancer screening. It is also far more cost-effective than colorectal cancer treatment.

Despite this, the majority of cases are diagnosed at a late stage, when the chances of survival are drastically reduced.

Annual new cases of colorectal cancer among adults 50 years and older

	DISTRICT 3 (per 100,000)	CALIFORNIA (per 100,000)
Population Average	159.2	157.3
Men	185.5	187.7
Women	138.8	134.2
Non-Hispanic White	169.8	174.5
Black	207.2	207.4
Hispanic	135.2	137.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	148.6	148.5

Late-Stage Diagnoses

	DISTRICT 3	AVERAGE
Percent diagnosed at Late Stage	55.7%	55.4%
Cases diagnosed at Late Stage	216	184

Source: California Cancer Registry; October 2007 incidence data 1998-2002; 2000 Census population at block level, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Population
Late stage = regional or distant stage: cancer has spread beyond the colon

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