

Colorectal Cancer in Senate District 4

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 4 (per 100,000)	CALIFORNIA (per 100,000)
Population Average	175.0	157.3
Men	197.0	187.7
Women	156.1	134.2
Non-Hispanic White	181.0	174.5
Black	300.3	207.4
Hispanic	184.9	137.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	135.4	148.5

Late-Stage Diagnoses

	DISTRICT 4	AVERAGE
Percent diagnosed at Late Stage	55.3%	55.4%
Cases diagnosed at Late Stage	265	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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