

Annual Deaths from Colorectal Cancer in Senate District 4

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Each year thousands of Californians die from colorectal cancer – a disease that is **preventable, treatable and curable**. In Senate District 4, an average of 180 citizens die unnecessarily each year.

Screening saves lives, and should start at age 50 for those with no family history of the disease. Unfortunately, not everyone knows this, and many more do not have access to screening – **the most cost-effective cancer screening program**.

Anyone can get colorectal cancer, especially those over age 50. Everyone should have access to screening, but not everyone does.

Annual deaths from colorectal cancer among adults 50 years and older (per 100,000)

	DISTRICT 4 (per 100,000)	CALIFORNIA (per 100,000)
Population Average	66.1	58.1
Men	71.6	69.8
Women	61.7	49.7
Non-Hispanic White	69.4	64.0
Black	93.4	95.3
Hispanic	50.3	50.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	45.2	47.7

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