

Colorectal Cancer in the Asian Pacific Islander Community

Fact Sheet

Colon cancer is a *preventable, treatable and beatable* disease, *but only with proper screening*. It is known as a silent killer because symptoms only show up in the later stages when the cancer has already spread.

Only about 40 percent of colorectal cancer in Asian Pacific Islanders is caught at the early stage (41 percent for men; 39 percent for women).¹

Asian Pacific Islanders: Most Common Cancer Types²

MEN	WOMEN
Prostate	Breast
Lung	Colorectal
Colorectal	Lung

Asian Pacific Islanders: Most Common Cause of Cancer Death²

MEN	WOMEN
Lung	Lung
Colorectal	Breast
Prostate	Colorectal

Japanese¹

Colorectal cancer is the second most common cancer among Japanese men and women. Prostate cancer is first for men; breast cancer for women.

Korean¹

Colorectal cancer is **the most common cancer** among Korean men and second most common among Korean women.

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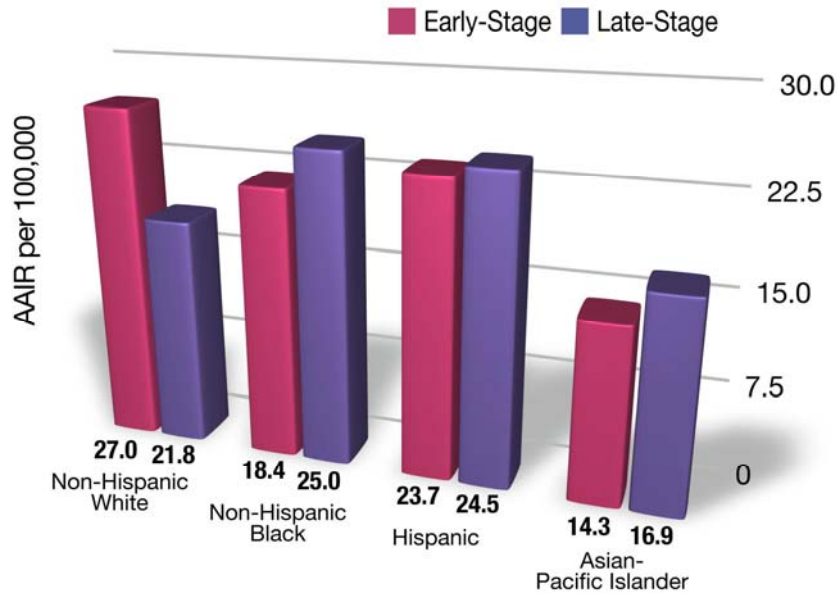
¹ Source: California 2008 Cancer Facts & Figures

² Source: CA A Cancer Journal for Clinicians

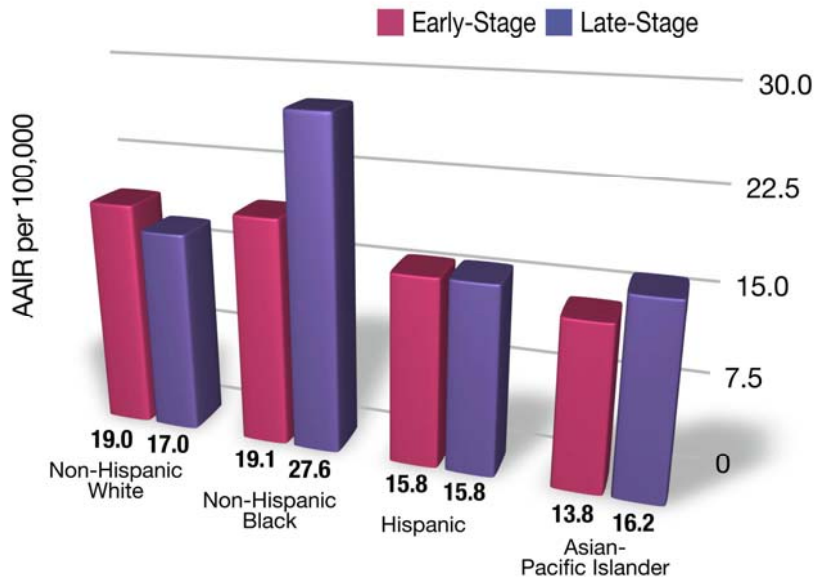
Asian Pacific Islanders: Late-Stage Diagnosis

Asian Pacific Islanders are one of the ethnic groups more often diagnosed at a late stage.³

Male African-Americans, Hispanic and Asian-Pacific Islanders are more often diagnosed at a late stage



Female African-Americans, Hispanic and Asian-Pacific Islanders are more often diagnosed at a late stage



³ Data and analysis provided by Monica Brown, Ph.D., epidemiologist with the California Cancer Registry. Data is for Sacramento area, which is reflective of the overall population of California. Stage at Diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer Cases by Sex and Race, 2001-2005-Sacramento Region.

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