INTRODUCTION

This is the fourth annual publication to present forecasted cancer incidence and mortality statistics for the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Utilizing information collected by the Pennsylvania Cancer Registry, the Department of Health can develop programs to better address Pennsylvania's cancer program needs. Registry data can be used to plan and evaluate cancer control measures in areas of risk assessment, prevention, early detection, patient care, public and professional education, and clinical research. Detailed incidence data for Pennsylvania are now available to government agencies, as well as educational, planning and research organizations and concerned private citizens.

A Technical Notes section appears at the beginning of this report to emphasize the importance of understanding and appropriately using the data shown. This section explains all steps used in the presentation of the data for this report. If you use any of the statistics presented in this report, we highly recommend that you read the Technical Notes section carefully and thoroughly. Especially note all the qualifications listed and review as many of the cited references as possible before you proceed any further.

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