



# Cancer STATS & FACTS for Ohio

## SKIN CANCER/MELANOMA May 2020

### Who Gets Skin Cancer/Melanoma

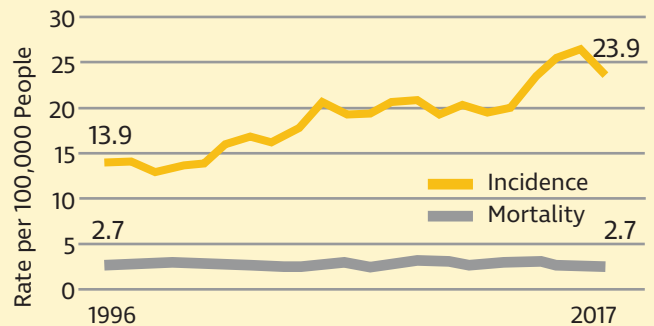
**Skin cancer** is the **most common cancer** in the United States. The two most common types of skin cancer — basal cell and squamous cell skin cancer — are not reportable and are often cured.

**Melanoma**, the third most common type of skin cancer, causes the most deaths.

An average of **3,238** cases of melanoma were diagnosed annually from 2013 to 2017 in Ohio, making up **5%** of all new cancer cases.

### Melanoma Trends

From 1996 to 2017, incidence rates increased 72%, while death rates were stable in Ohio.



### Melanoma incidence (new case) rates were:



40 times higher among whites than blacks.

### Melanoma death rates were:



2+ times higher among men than women.

### Early Detection is Important

**99%** of people diagnosed at an **early** stage when melanoma has not spread

**SURVIVE 5 YEARS.**

**25%** of people diagnosed when melanoma has **spread** to distant parts of the body

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The best way to find skin cancer early is to **look for changes on your skin**, such as a:

- New growth.
- Sore that doesn't heal.
- Change in a mole.



Report these changes to your doctor.

### Prevention Is Key

Exposure to **ultraviolet (UV) radiation** causes most cases of skin cancer. To reduce UV exposure:



- **Wear protective clothing**, such as long sleeves, a wide-brimmed hat, etc.
- **Wear sunglasses** that block UV rays.
- **Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen** with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher.
- **Seek shade**, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when UV light is strongest.
- **Avoid indoor tanning** booths and sun lamps.

Cancer reports and fact sheets are available on the [Cancer Data and Statistics](#) web page.

Sources: Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System and Bureau of Vital Statistics

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