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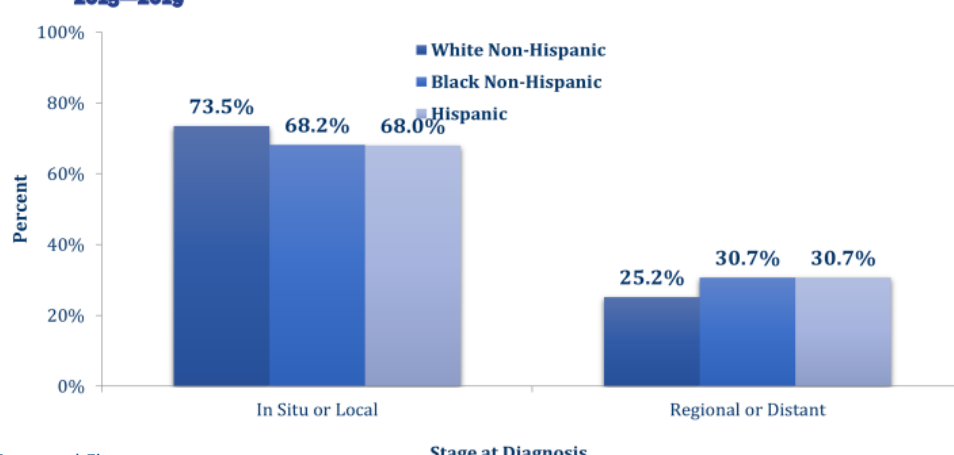
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Spotlight

Breast Cancer

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death and, excluding skin cancers, the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in Indiana and in the United States. There were 5,378 cases of breast cancer diagnosed during 2019 in Indiana. African American women are at an increased risk for poor outcomes relating to breast cancer, in part because they are often diagnosed at a younger age, at a later stage of disease and with more aggressive forms of breast cancer. [See Figure 1].¹

Figure 1. Percent of Female Breast Cancer Cases by Stage of Diagnosis and Race –Indiana 2015–2019



¹ Indiana Facts and Figures

Stage at Diagnosis

Indiana Resources

Indiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)

The Indiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) is the Hoosier implementation of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP). The BCCP provides access to breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic testing, and treatment for underserved and underinsured people who qualify for services.²

The BCCP receives funds from both the NBCCEDP and the State of Indiana and serves between 3,000 and 4,000 people annually.

Through the BCCP, Indiana residents may qualify for free breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic tests. Services provided include:

- Colposcopies (with or without biopsies)
- Liquid-based cytology tests
- High-risk panel HPV testing
- Office visits
- Pelvic exams/tests
- Clinical breast exams (CBEs)
- Mammograms (screening and diagnostic)
- Diagnostic breast ultrasounds
- Breast biopsies
- Consultations²



² Indiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

Take Action

Ways to Get Involved

- Educate friends, coworkers, and family on the importance of getting screened. Visit [USPSTF](#) for screening recommendations.
- Know your risk.
- Visit the [ICC webpage](#) for free resources and share facts and statistics with others.
- Find local establishments to volunteer your time helping those with breast cancer.

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