

Melanoma Cancer in Illinois

Melanoma incidence has doubled in 20 years.



Increased Exposure

The sun is the main source of ultraviolet rays, which add up over time, increasing risk of developing skin cancer.

2x

Melanoma rates have more than doubled over the past 20 years.

3.6k

new cases in 2019.

5th most common cancer.

Melanoma in men and women



Men have a higher risk of developing skin cancer over their lifetime, partially because men are more likely to work outdoors than women.



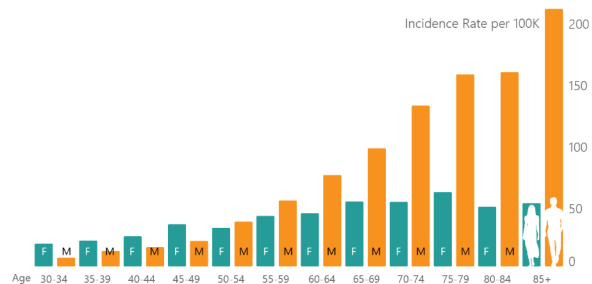
Women are more likely to use skin products that contain sunscreen.



Help reduce melanoma by:

- Increasing shade at parks, pools, and other public spaces.
- Promoting sun protection, especially at outdoor worksites.
- Educating about sun safety and skin protection.
- Restricting indoor tanning by minors.

Incidence rates are higher among men after age 60.



In women, rates are higher before age 50.

Melanoma rates are on the rise, and they are especially high in older men.

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