



# Melanoma in Illinois

Melanoma is a less common form of skin cancer, but it is the most dangerous

**6th**

Most common cancer in men and women in Illinois

**2,900**

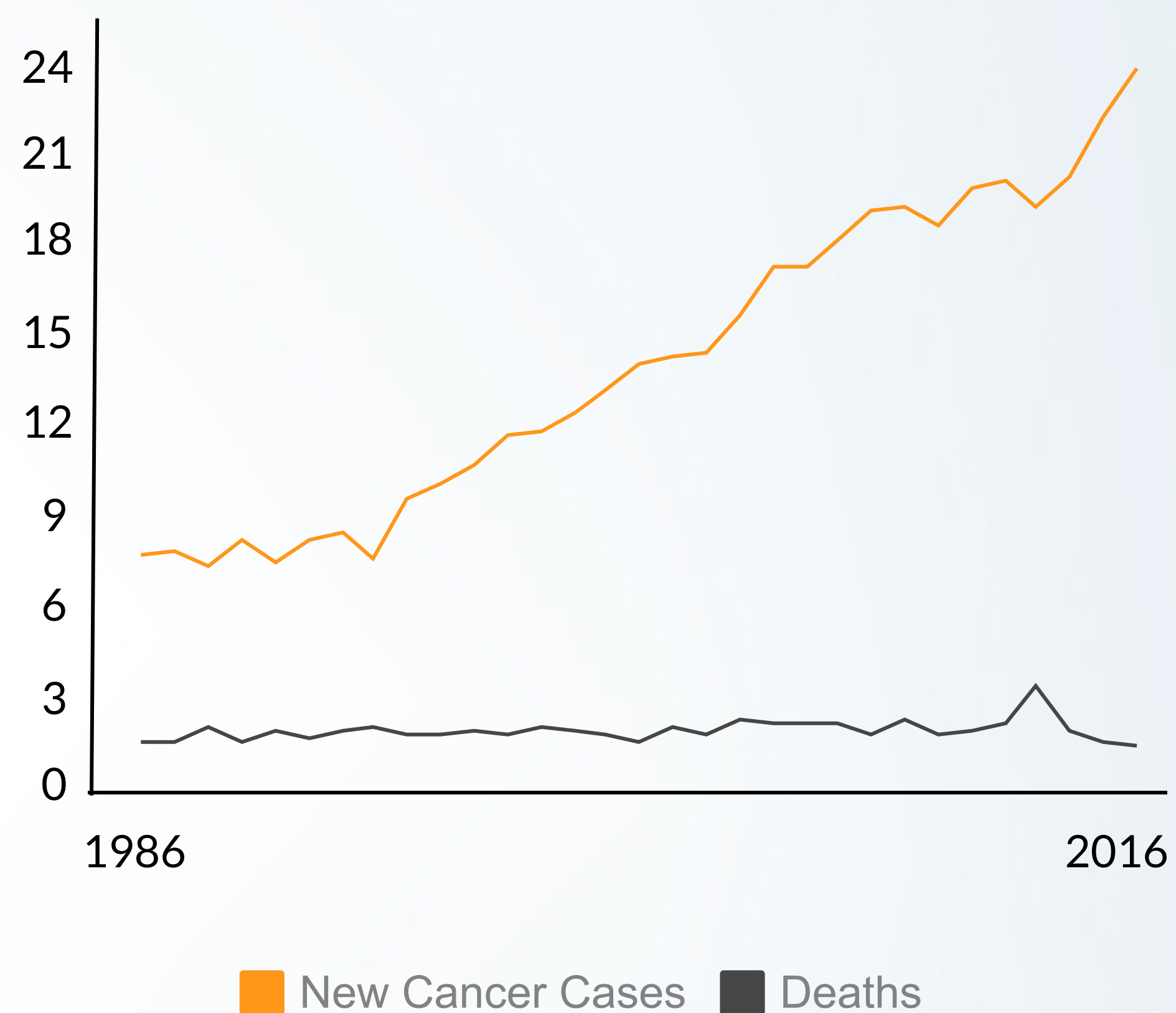
People diagnosed every year

**91%**

Of people diagnosed with melanoma survive 5+ years

1 in 48 men & 1 in 65 women will be diagnosed in their lifetime

Melanoma diagnoses have increased in Illinois while death rates have remained stable

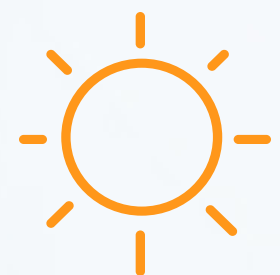


\*Rates are per 100,000 people in the population

## Risk Factors



Personal or family history of melanoma



Fair skin, freckling, & light hair



Personal history of cancer and/or weakened immune system



Excess exposure to UV light from sunlight, tanning beds, etc.

Talk to your doctor if you have a mole with the following characteristics:



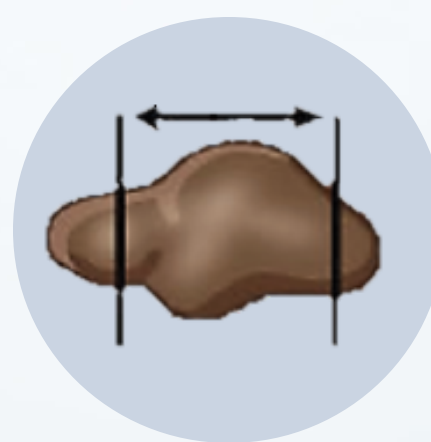
**A**SYMMETRY  
sides that do not match



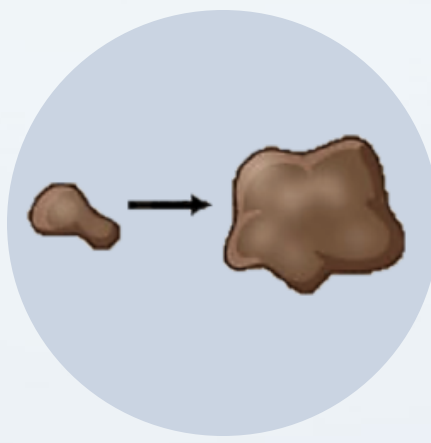
**B**ORDER  
uneven or irregular borders



**C**OLOR  
inconsistent color/variety of colors



**D**IAMETER  
diameter larger than a pencil eraser (1/4 inch)



**E**VOLVING  
changing size, shape, or color

NOTE: All cancer incidence and mortality data are specific to Illinois residents. Five-year survival estimates reflect age standardized, relative survival. Methods are described in the 'Cancer in North America: 2011-2015' report, cited below. All presented rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard million population. Unless otherwise noted, displayed incidence and mortality rates have been calculated for the 2016 calendar year.

