

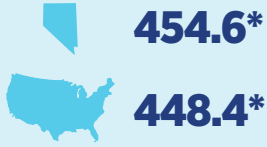
NEVADA

NAVIGATING ACCESS TO CANCER CARE

Nevada's population is heavily concentrated in three urban counties, 72% of which reside in or near Las Vegas, located in Clark County. Due to comparatively low primary care physician-to-population ratio, many patients tend to use hospitals as a source of primary care. The remaining population outside of these counties experience limited access to quality healthcare due to the scarcity of community hospitals and long distances that must be traveled to reach them. While Nevada's cancer incidence and mortality rates are on par with the national average, patients often face great barriers in access to cancer treatment and care.

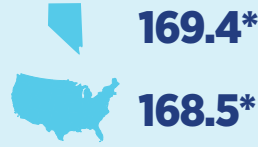
A SNAPSHOT OF CANCER IN NEVADA

Cancer Incidence Rate



Compared to Nat. Avg: 1.37%

Cancer Mortality Rate



Compared to Nat. Avg: 0.5%

*per 100K people

TOP CANCER RISK FACTORS FOR NEVADANS



**Overweight/
Obesity**
26.7%



**Smoking/
Tobacco**
17.5%



**Live in
Poverty**
15.2%

HEALTHCARE IN NEVADA

Nevada is among the lowest in the U.S. for quality healthcare. It ranks:

#1⁸

for adults without a usual place of medical care



#4⁸

for adults who hadn't seen or talked to a general doctor in a year



#9⁹

for most adults without health insurance



#11¹⁰
for fewest
hospitals



#11¹¹
for fewest practicing
oncologists



#12¹²
for fewest
rural health clinics

*higher than national average

SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS

Low income and access to medical care can result in:

Higher risk of
developing cancer



Later
diagnosis

Fewer treatment
options



Lower
survival rates

Higher
treatment costs



BARRIERS TO TREATMENT & CARE



Lack of Funding

Health agencies cannot afford to service rural areas



Lack of Transportation

Average distance to the nearest hospital
from a rural town: 115 miles



Language Barriers

Many residents do not speak English,
the primary language of the medical system



Cultural Barriers

Cancer can be defined as a death
sentence and can carry a lot of stigma



**Negative Public Perception of
Nevada's Quality of Healthcare**

10% of residents seek treatment out-of-state



FINDING AND RECEIVING SUPPORT

Nevada-based advocacy groups include:

**American
Cancer Society**
(Reno, Las Vegas)

**Leukemia and
Lymphoma Society**
(Las Vegas)

**Nevada Cancer
Coalition**
(Reno)

**Nevada Colon
Cancer Partnership**
(Reno)

**Susan G. Komen
for the Cure**
(Reno, Las Vegas)

Support groups also are often provided by local hospitals and cancer care centers.

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