**Quick Facts**

**Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening in District of Columbia**

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System - 2016

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**CRC screening test use** in D.C. has increased since 2012.

In 2016, 70.0% of age-eligible residents had a current CRC screening test. 48,000 residents were not currently screened. While overall screening test use increased, African Americans lagged behind whites when it came to having a current screening test. Screening occurred more frequently in women and people aged 65 to 75, who were likely insured by Medicare.

**CRC screening test use, by race/ethnicity:**

- Whites (72.0%)
- African Americans (69.7%)

**CRC screening test use, by insurance status:**

- Insured (65.2%)

*No data on uninsured population.*

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**CRC screening test use, by age:**

- 50 to 64 Years (64.2%)
- 65 to 75 Years (81.9%)

Men and women aged 65 to 75 years were eligible for Medicare insurance.

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**Factors that affect CRC screening:**

Data on factors—such as poverty, educational level, and insurance status—that affect who gets CRC screening tests are available at statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov

CRC Screening Info and Resources:

- DC Cancer and Chronic Disease Prevention
  www.cdc.gov/cancer/ncccp

Learn more about CRC incidence and mortality at CDC’s Cancer Data Visualizations Tool.

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**Footnotes:**

- *Proportion of people who reported completing a screening test for CRC among all people who could be screened based on age (50 – 75 years).
- People who were current with CRC screening in 2016 either received a home-based blood stool test within the past year; a colonoscopy within the past 10 years; or sigmoidoscopy within the past 5 years combined with a blood stool test within the past 3 years (2008 US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations).
- Prevalence of screening test use account for the differences in age among states; estimates based on small numbers not shown. The U.S. CRC screening test use prevalence estimate excludes Puerto Rico.
- Population estimates for states and D.C. are from CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics (released 6/26/2017).
- Available on CDC WONDER
- Population estimates for Puerto Rico are from the U.S. Census Bureau. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016 (Release Date: June 2017).