**Quick Facts**

**Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening in Washington**

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System - 2016

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**CRC screening test use* in Washington has increased since 2012.**

In 2016, 70.0% of age-eligible residents had a current CRC screening test. 636,000 residents were not currently screened. While overall screening test use has increased, Hispanic/Latinos lagged behind whites and African Americans 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 (70.8%)
- African Americans (69.4%)
- Hispanic/Latinos (55.9%)

**CRC screening test use, by insurance status:**
- Insured (67.2%)
- Uninsured (35.6%)

**CRC screening test use, by age:**
- 50 to 64 Years (65.2%)
- 65 to 75 Years (79.4%)

**CRC screening test use, by sex:**
- 2012 – 68.6%
- 2014 – 70.1%
- 2016 – 70.9%

**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:
- WA Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- www.cdc.gov/cancer/ncccp
- www.cdc.gov/cancer/crccp

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

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*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 in the past 3 years (2008 US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations).

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Footnotes:
- 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).