

Mammography Use and Women with Disabilities

A Tip Sheet for Public Health Professionals

Did you know that breast cancer is a major public health concern for all women, including women with a disability? However, women with disabilities are less likely to have been screened within recommended guidelines. You can help improve the health and wellness of women with disabilities by requesting that your state's public health surveillance activities include disability as a demographic (similar to age, sex, race, etc.) and that health promotion activities include people with disabilities.

In most states, there is a difference in mammography rates by disability status, suggesting a disparity in access to preventive services. Interested in your state? Use the table below to determine the prevalence of mammography use among women with disabilities compared to those without.

Prevalence of Mammography use in the past two years among women age 40 years or older with and without Disabilities, BRFSS 2008.¹

Encourage your state to:

- **Include disability in public health surveillance activities**
- **Include people with disabilities in health promotion activities**

State, District or Territory	Disability			No Disability			Total			Difference
	Weighted Population	Percent ²	95% CI ³ (±)	Weighted Population	Percent	95% CI (±)	Weighted Population	Percent	95% CI (±)	Percentage Points
Alabama	295,656	68.2	3.6	530,868	76.1	2.5	826,524	73.2	2.0	-7.9
Alaska	27,501	62.1	8.1	61,385	69.9	5.1	88,886	67.6	4.3	-7.8
Arizona	326,550	73.6	6.4	712,963	77.2	3.7	1,039,514	76.5	3.1	-3.6
Arkansas	168,140	67.6	4.3	316,007	71.8	2.7	484,147	70.2	2.3	-4.2
California	1,721,607	75.9	3.2	4,340,363	79.4	1.8	6,061,970	78.4	1.5	-3.5
Colorado	201,213	69.1	2.9	534,590	74.3	1.6	735,803	72.5	1.4	-5.2
Connecticut	189,521	79.8	3.8	568,385	85.5	2.0	757,906	84.0	1.8	-5.7
Delaware	49,896	81.4	4.3	127,773	82.9	2.6	177,669	82.1	2.2	-1.5
District of Columbia	33,614	77.8	4.9	70,619	80.5	2.6	104,233	79.9	2.3	-2.7
Florida	985,570	72.6	4.5	2,695,569	79.7	2.2	3,681,139	78.3	2.0	-7.1
Georgia	472,184	73.6	4.4	1,175,313	80.0	2.3	1,647,497	78.4	2.0	-6.4
Hawaii	54,007	74.1	4.9	189,273	78.9	2.3	243,280	77.7	2.1	-4.8
Idaho	68,419	63.8	4.4	145,865	69.4	2.7	214,284	67.6	2.3	-5.6
Illinois	596,781	69.5	4.2	1,703,902	77.9	2.2	2,300,683	75.6	2.0	-8.4
Indiana	286,371	67.9	4.8	763,817	76.1	2.8	1,050,188	73.6	2.4	-8.2
Iowa	135,405	71.5	4.5	415,073	77.4	2.1	550,478	75.7	1.9	-5.9
Kansas	139,775	69.9	3.2	341,737	76.0	1.8	481,512	74.2	1.6	-6.1
Kentucky	259,386	69.3	3.3	517,758	76.8	2.1	777,144	74.5	1.8	-7.5
Louisiana	231,604	70.7	3.9	559,712	77.6	2.1	791,316	75.5	1.9	-6.9
Maine	81,159	78.6	3.6	216,785	84.0	1.8	297,943	82.8	1.6	-5.4
Maryland	294,943	70.5	3.5	753,831	79.0	1.9	1,048,774	76.4	1.7	-8.5



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Massachusetts	331,447	80.0	2.6	987,392	85.7	1.2	1,318,839	84.4	1.1	-5.7
Michigan	603,101	74.9	3.0	1,306,759	80.3	1.7	1,909,859	78.8	1.5	-5.4
Minnesota	284,725	72.9	4.4	696,321	81.6	2.2	981,046	79.0	2.0	-8.7
Mississippi	157,872	63.6	3.4	314,946	70.9	2.3	472,818	68.4	1.9	-7.3
Missouri	308,375	63.0	4.6	721,185	76.6	2.7	1,029,560	72.4	2.4	-13.6
Montana	51,871	65.9	4.2	114,689	73.0	2.4	166,561	70.8	2.1	-7.1
Nebraska	78,745	67.7	3.9	218,268	73.7	2.0	297,013	72.2	1.8	-6.0
Nevada	109,334	62.7	6.2	256,938	69.4	3.6	366,272	67.5	3.1	-6.7
New Hampshire	80,267	79.2	3.3	200,269	84.0	1.7	280,535	82.7	1.5	-4.8
New Jersey	387,115	74.3	3.1	1,198,867	76.4	1.8	1,585,982	75.6	1.6	-2.1
New Mexico	98,747	67.2	4.3	222,087	71.6	2.6	320,834	70.3	2.2	-4.4
New York	1,111,785	77.3	3.5	2,623,766	80.8	1.9	3,735,551	79.6	1.7	-3.5
North Carolina	526,309	74.4	2.6	1,155,694	79.4	1.5	1,682,003	77.8	1.3	-5.0
North Dakota	29,932	73.4	5.1	85,990	75.9	2.3	115,923	75.5	2.1	-2.5
Ohio	632,067	71.6	3.1	1,491,602	76.2	1.8	2,123,669	75.0	1.5	-4.6
Oklahoma	204,439	63.4	3.2	382,348	70.6	2.2	586,787	68.2	1.8	-7.2
Oregon	230,067	73.3	4.1	460,625	76.1	2.5	690,692	75.1	2.1	-2.8
Pennsylvania	699,968	71.9	3.3	1,759,512	77.4	1.8	2,459,480	75.7	1.6	-5.5
Rhode Island	57,724	77.4	4.0	157,599	82.3	2.2	215,323	80.9	1.9	-4.9
South Carolina	245,847	70.9	4.0	555,218	75.3	2.5	801,065	74.0	2.1	-4.4
South Dakota	36,036	70.1	4.3	102,725	75.7	2.3	138,761	74.2	2.0	-5.6
Tennessee	373,015	70.6	4.4	764,197	75.8	2.9	1,137,212	74.0	2.4	-5.2
Texas	1,027,074	70.6	3.6	2,591,062	73.2	2.2	3,618,135	72.4	1.8	-2.6
Utah	96,996	63.7	5.0	213,167	69.1	3.1	310,164	67.2	2.6	-5.4
Vermont	34,878	78.7	3.3	95,121	80.2	1.8	129,999	79.7	1.6	-1.5
Virginia	362,495	74.6	4.3	1,085,913	79.6	2.8	1,448,408	77.9	2.4	-5.0
Washington	364,686	71.0	2.1	788,764	77.8	1.2	1,153,451	75.6	1.1	-6.8
West Virginia	139,829	71.4	3.8	214,684	73.5	2.9	354,514	72.5	2.3	-2.1
Wisconsin	264,005	71.6	4.7	760,327	77.8	2.6	1,024,332	76.1	2.2	-6.2
Wyoming	20,728	60.2	3.7	60,332	68.6	2.1	81,061	66.3	1.8	-8.4
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Puerto Rico	205,372	77.7	4.8	489,016	78.4	2.5	694,388	78.2	2.2	-0.7
Virgin Islands	2,495	70.2	7.7	12,321	69.1	3.6	14,816	68.9	3.3	1.1
Total	15,778,861	72.3	0.7	38,842,633	77.8	0.4	54,621,495	76.2	0.4	-5.5

Notes:

1. BRFSS refers to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.
2. Estimates are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.
3. CI denotes confidence interval.
4. DS: Data suppressed due to small sample size (N<50)

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