

MELANOMA Facts



ON AVERAGE, ONE AMERICAN DIES EVERY HOUR FROM MELANOMA

What is melanoma?

Melanoma, the most aggressive form of skin cancer, is characterized by the uncontrolled growth of pigment-producing cells. Melanomas may appear on the skin suddenly without warning but also can develop on an existing mole. The overall incidence of melanoma continues to rise.

Melanoma is the most aggressive form of skin cancer

less than

1%

In 2016, melanoma will account for less than 1% of all skin cancer cases in the U.S. but the vast majority of skin cancer deaths.

It is estimated that

10,130 DEATHS IN THE U.S.

will be attributed to melanoma in 2016

6,750 MEN

3,380 WOMEN

1 in 50

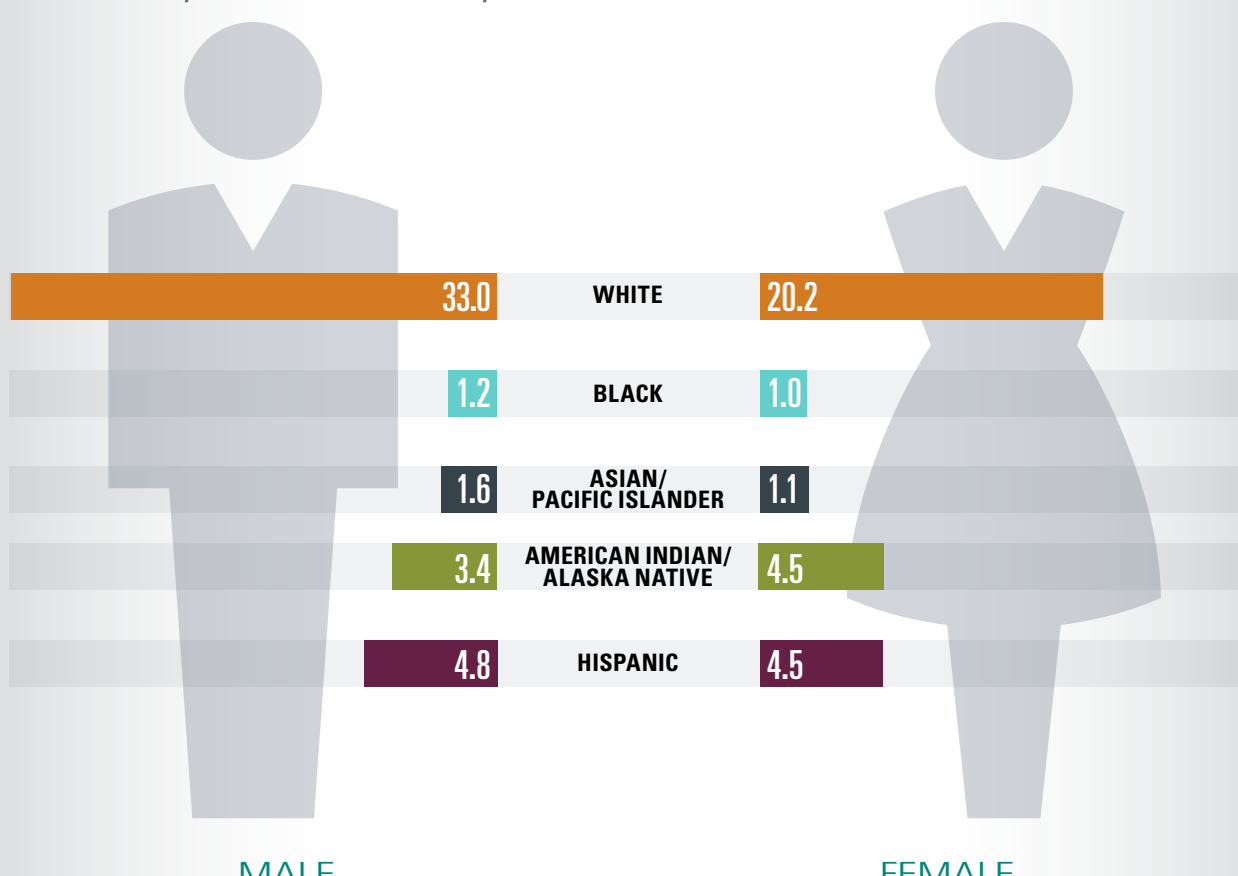
It is estimated that in the U.S., one in 50 people will develop melanoma in his/her lifetime.

Before age 50, melanoma incidence rates are higher in women than in men.

By age 65, melanoma rates in men are more than double those in women.

By age 80, the risk for men triples.

Number of new cases per 100,000 Persons by Race/Ethnicity & Gender: Melanoma of the Skin



(U.S. 2008-2012, age-adjusted)

A disease that affects people of all ages

Melanoma is one of the most common cancers in young adults – **especially young women.**

Melanoma is **the most common** form of cancer for young adults **25-29 years old.**

Melanoma is the second most common form of cancer for **adolescents** and young adults **15-29 years old.**

Melanomas can occur **anywhere on the skin** – including areas without sun exposure – but they are **more likely to start** in certain locations.

