

The Louisiana Legislature Can Help Eliminate Colorectal Cancer



A Colorectal Cancer Demonstration Project Will Save Lives

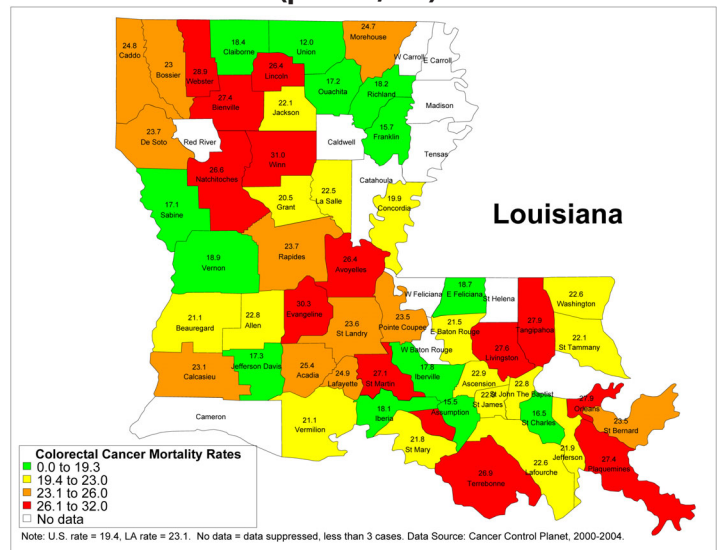
The American Cancer Society supports state insurance mandates requiring access to colon cancer screenings.

A personal or family history of colorectal cancer or polyps of inflammatory bowel disease of significant duration increases the likelihood of having colorectal cancer. Early detection saves lives.

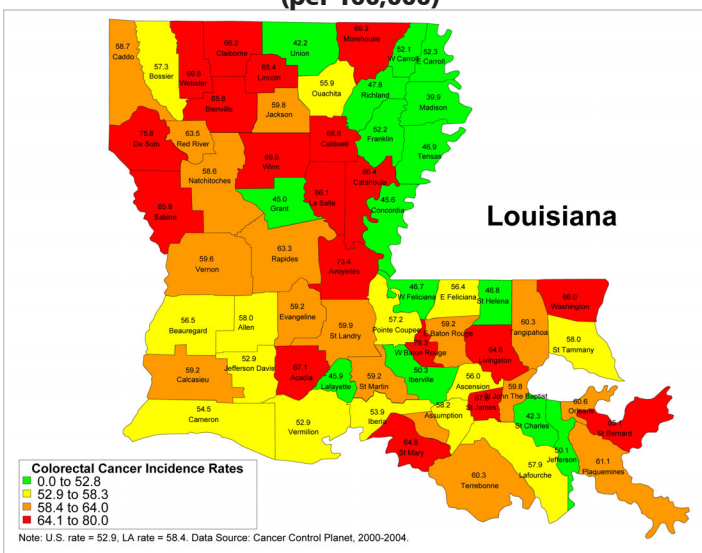
Demonstration Project Summary

- Three key components: evaluation, education and screening
- Target: uninsured and underserved Louisianans
- Goal: demonstrate the need to establish a statewide colorectal cancer screening program for disparate populations.

Colon Cancer Death Rates (per 100,000)



Colon Cancer Incidence Rates (per 100,000)



Facts About Colorectal Cancer

- ✓ A polyp removed during a screening costs about \$1,100. Treating colorectal cancer after symptoms arise can cost \$58,500
- ✓ Colon cancers are the third most common cancers in men and women, and the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States.
- ✓ The risk of colon cancer increases with age. More than 90 percent of cases are diagnosed in individuals over the age of 50.

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