

Table 7 : Cancer Deaths and Mortality Rates by County  
South Dakota, 2012 and 2008-2012 Average

## VII. CANCER MORTALITY

Cancer age-adjusted death rates for 2012 ranged from a low of 68.4 in Hyde County to a high of 387.3 in Dewey County. South Dakota's age adjusted death rate was 161.2 in 2012 compared to a 5-year death rate of 163.7.

In 2012, five counties had a significantly lower rate than that of the entire state and one had a significantly higher rate. The five-year rates show nine counties having significantly lower rates and five counties with significantly higher rates. South Dakota's mortality rate for 2008-2012 was 163.7 per 100,000 persons.

The United States mortality rate for 2012 is not available. The United States mortality rate was 168.7 and the South Dakota mortality rate was 167.3 per 100,000 persons in 2011. South Dakota's mortality rate for 2012 is 161.2 per 100,000 persons.

The South Dakota 2012 mortality rates are displayed in a state map on page 15 of this report.

County	2012		2008-2012 <sup>^</sup>	
	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
<b>South Dakota</b>	1,623	161.2	1,599	163.7
Aurora	10	231.5	7	151.0
Beadle	37	146.8	41	169.2
Bennett	8	229.7	6	175.9
Bon Homme	15	157.0	15	142.2
Brookings	55	192.4	43	156.0
Brown	69	144.9	73	154.0
Brule	18	262.8	14	190.1
Buffalo	0	0.0	3	244.6
Butte	25	181.9	27	210.4
Campbell	6	216.3	4	127.7
Charles Mix	19	145.8	23	181.0
Clark	5	73.6	9	131.8
Clay	26	218.1	20	164.4
Codington	63	187.7	58	175.5
Corson	8	198.4	8	224.3
Custer	24	153.6	22	172.4
Davison	46	158.4	42	156.3
Day	16	140.8	17	161.7
Deuel	6	78.4	8	113.4
Dewey	17	387.3	11	241.0
Douglas	11	188.5	9	174.5
Edmunds	11	135.1	10	147.3
Fall River	22	172.0	25	183.3
Faulk	6	135.1	5	105.4
Grant	11	98.9	16	144.7
Gregory	14	167.0	15	187.0
Haakon	4	185.1	5	159.3
Hamlin	11	145.7	12	154.1
Hand	4	75.1	7	116.4
Hanson	6	186.0	6	184.7
Harding	0	0.0	*	61.8
Hughes	29	135.3	33	165.8
Hutchinson	15	103.4	21	150.7
Hyde	3	68.4	3	133.5
Jackson	4	152.8	4	147.7
Jerauld	5	96.6	7	202.1
Jones	*	107.0	*	123.7
Kingsbury	12	136.5	14	157.1
Lake	26	152.4	27	162.9
Lawrence	56	162.5	53	162.3
Lincoln	49	117.4	46	138.9
Lyman	8	165.1	6	144.1
McCook	18	223.3	18	213.2
McPherson	6	98.5	4	76.7
Marshall	14	194.7	14	197.0
Meade	44	158.8	43	169.0
Mellette	6	311.5	5	242.7
Miner	5	141.6	9	191.7
Minnehaha	321	184.9	304	173.7
Moody	15	164.8	13	161.9
Oglala Lakota	18	266.8	15	217.7
Pennington	184	151.4	183	160.0
Perkins	8	163.2	10	181.1
Potter	9	192.6	10	199.0
Roberts	26	198.7	27	197.0
Sanborn	5	143.0	4	105.5
Spink	14	139.5	15	135.4
Stanley	7	182.5	7	194.6
Sully	6	279.0	3	172.0
Todd	15	257.2	13	243.7
Tripp	17	185.5	14	144.9
Turner	18	137.6	19	144.5
Union	31	163.3	30	176.0
Walworth	14	137.6	14	137.6
Yankton	39	124.1	41	139.0
Ziebach	0	0.0	*	143.3

\* Counts less than three are suppressed. Mortality rates with counts less than 20 are generally considered unstable. ▲ Rate significantly higher; ▼ Rate significantly lower

<sup>^</sup> Number of the cases and rates are averaged over the five-year period.

Rates per 100,000 age-adjusted to 2000 US standard population and SD 2012 estimated population. Source: South Dakota Department of Health

**Table 8: Age-adjusted Mortality Rates by County for Selected Sites, 2012**

	Colorectal		Lung and Bronchus		Female Breast		Prostate		Bladder		NHL	
	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Aurora	*	34.5	4	99.6	*	110.7	*	95.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Beadle	6	23.2	4	16.2	4	27.0	*	19.7	*	4.9	3	10.4
Bennett	*	55.5	*	59.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	*	12.7	4	39.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	7.6	*	13.0
Brookings	3	9.9	15	53.2	*	7.7	4	34.9	*	2.9	4	15.9
Brown	7	11.7	23	50.3	7	29.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	7.8
Brule	*	31.9	6	93.6	0	0.0	*	31.4	*	15.3	*	23.0
Buffalo	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Butte	*	13.8	5	36.5	*	16.4	3	50.8	*	8.5	*	7.8
Campbell	*	31.0	*	38.3	*	45.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	0	0.0	4	29.7	3	37.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	8.9
Clark	0	0.0	*	10.7	*	36.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clay	*	20.7	12	97.4	*	13.9	3	68.3	0	0.0	*	18.7
Codington	8	22.0	15	47.0	4	19.5	4	26.9	0	0.0	3	8.0
Corson	*	64.5	*	21.4	*	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Custer	3	17.5	6	30.9	*	9.6	*	23.9	0	0.0	*	4.7
Davison	0	0.0	19	68.9	3	11.5	*	8.1	*	3.4	4	13.7
Day	0	0.0	3	28.4	*	28.8	5	102.0	0	0.0	*	8.6
Deuel	0	0.0	*	17.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	11.3	0	0.0
Dewey	*	43.8	6	150.3	*	43.5	*	62.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Douglas	*	41.8	4	75.5	*	37.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	15.8
Edmunds	*	9.0	3	47.3	0	0.0	*	28.1	*	9.0	0	0.0
Fall River	3	20.2	7	54.3	*	22.7	*	16.5	*	7.3	*	8.3
Faulk	0	0.0	3	67.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	23.9	0	0.0
Grant	*	6.5	3	28.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gregory	*	14.1	6	70.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	11.4
Haakon	*	85.9	*	38.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	29.4
Hamlin	*	15.4	*	39.6	0	0.0	3	84.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hand	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hanson	0	0.0	*	40.3	*	36.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Harding	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hughes	4	18.5	3	19.1	*	17.2	0	0.0	*	3.5	3	13.3
Hutchinson	3	17.1	*	12.5	0	0.0	3	36.9	0	0.0	*	10.1
Hyde	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	81.6	0	0.0	*	22.8
Jackson	0	0.0	*	68.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jerauld	*	34.1	*	23.5	0	0.0	*	55.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jones	*	47.0	0	0.0	*	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0.0	3	33.1	*	38.9	0	0.0	*	9.1	*	13.1
Lake	*	7.6	4	25.7	*	21.0	*	14.2	*	6.6	*	7.6
Lawrence	3	7.5	14	43.6	*	10.2	7	51.9	3	7.0	5	13.9
Lincoln	4	10.2	7	16.7	8	32.2	*	6.4	*	4.6	*	5.6
Lyman	3	66.9	4	77.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
McCook	*	16.9	6	76.9	0	0.0	*	25.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
McPherson	*	21.4	*	30.6	*	18.2	*	47.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Marshall	*	27.9	5	70.3	*	22.9	*	31.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Meade	7	25.8	15	57.5	*	6.1	*	11.4	*	8.4	*	3.0
Mellette	*	36.1	*	44.3	*	132.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0.0	*	31.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Minnehaha	32	18.7	89	51.3	17	17.1	11	17.0	9	4.4	10	5.1
Moody	*	15.4	5	56.4	*	14.5	*	28.2	*	9.6	0	0.0
Oglala Lakota	*	8.6	4	48.4	0	0.0	*	46.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pennington	15	12.0	47	37.3	13	18.9	7	14.9	5	4.2	3	2.4
Perkins	*	16.8	3	46.3	*	34.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Potter	*	17.9	4	93.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Roberts	4	26.5	3	23.0	*	20.6	0	0.0	*	6.2	*	6.2
Sanborn	*	20.3	*	58.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Spink	*	16.7	7	65.6	*	33.4	0	0.0	*	8.8	0	0.0
Stanley	*	40.9	3	54.0	*	142.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sully	*	50.4	*	49.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Todd	4	65.9	4	72.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tripp	*	23.3	4	38.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	12.8	0	0.0
Turner	*	7.1	*	16.6	5	49.7	*	15.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Union	5	25.8	7	34.4	3	26.1	0	0.0	*	5.1	*	5.1
Walworth	*	11.7	3	29.0	*	12.3	*	22.2	*	6.8	*	16.5
Yankton	5	12.7	13	43.3	4	25.0	3	22.5	*	8.4	*	4.2
Ziebach	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Note: \* Counts less than 3 are suppressed. Mortality rates with counts less than 20 are generally considered unstable.

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**Table 9: Age-adjusted Mortality Rates by Site, Gender, and Race, South Dakota, 2012**

	TOTAL		MALE		FEMALE		WHITE		AMERICAN INDIAN	
	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>161.2</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>191.1</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>140.1</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>156.8</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>298.4</b>
<b>Oral Cavity</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Lip	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tongue	8	0.9	4	0.8	4	0.9	8	0.9	0	0.0
Salivary Gland	4	0.4	4	0.9	0	0.0	4	0.4	0	0.0
Floor of Mouth	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gum and Other Mouth	6	0.6	4	0.8	2	0.3	4	0.4	2	3.3
Nasopharynx	3	0.3	3	0.6	0	0.0	3	0.3	0	0.0
Hypopharynx	2	0.2	2	0.4	0	0.0	2	0.2	0	0.0
Tonsil	1	0.1	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
Oropharynx	3	0.3	2	0.4	1	0.2	3	0.3	0	0.0
Other Oral Cavity and Pharynx	2	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.1	1	3.1
<b>Digestive System</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>82.7</b>
Esophagus	43	4.1	37	7.9	6	1.2	39	3.9	3	7.5
Stomach	14	1.4	7	1.6	7	1.2	11	1.1	2	6.0
Small Intestine	4	0.4	3	0.7	1	0.2	4	0.4	0	0.0
Colorectal	164	15.9	84	18.7	80	14.1	152	15.5	9	24.2
Colon Excluding Rectum	136	13.1	66	14.7	70	12.2	126	12.7	9	24.2
Rectum and Rectosigmoid	28	2.8	18	4.0	10	1.9	26	2.8	0	0.0
Anus, Anal Canal and Anorectum	3	0.3	1	0.2	2	0.4	3	0.3	0	0.0
Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct	56	5.7	34	7.4	22	4.0	44	4.7	12	28.6
Gallbladder	9	0.8	2	0.5	7	1.2	8	0.7	1	3.9
Other Biliary	4	0.4	3	0.6	1	0.2	4	0.4	0	0.0
Pancreas	105	10.5	52	11.8	53	9.3	101	10.7	4	12.6
Retroperitoneum	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0
Peritoneum, Omentum and Mesentery	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Respiratory</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>102.7</b>
Nose, Nasal Cavity and Middle Ear	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
Larynx	7	0.8	6	1.5	1	0.2	5	0.6	2	5.6
Lung and Bronchus	433	43.3	251	55.4	182	34.2	398	42.1	33	97.1
Pleura	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mediastinum and Other Resp Organs	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
<b>Bones and Joints</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Soft Tissue</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Skin</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Melanomas Skin	19	1.9	12	2.6	7	1.4	17	1.7	1	2.0
Other Nonepithelial Skin	10	1.0	9	2.0	1	0.2	10	1.0	0	0.0
<b>Breast</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17.5</b>
Breast, Female	107	19.1			107	19.1	100	24.0	7	30.9
Breast, Male	1	0.2	1	0.2			1	0.2	0	0.0
<b>Female</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>14.7</b>			<b>76</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23.4</b>
Vulva	4	0.7			4	0.7	4	1.0	0	0.0
Vagina	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cervix Uteri	9	1.9			9	1.9	6	1.4	3	10.4
Corpus and Uterus, NOS	25	4.9			25	4.9	24	5.9	1	3.7
Corpus Uteri	17	3.3			17	3.3	16	4.0	1	3.7
Uterus, NOS	8	1.6			8	1.6	8	1.9	0	0.0
Ovary	37	7.1			37	7.1	33	8.1	2	9.4
Other Female Genital Organs	1	0.1			1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0

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(continued)**

	TOTAL		MALE		FEMALE		WHITE		AMERICAN INDIAN	
	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
<b>Male</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17.8</b>			<b>74</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Penis	0	0.0	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0
Prostate	75	17.8	75	17.8			74	13.1	1	9.4
Testis	0	0.0	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Male Genital Organs	0	0.0	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Urinary</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Bladder	43	4.0	31	6.9	12	2.2	42	4.1	1	4.6
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	50	5.2	32	7.1	18	3.5	47	5.1	3	8.8
Ureter	2	0.2	0	0.0	2	0.3	2	0.2	0	0.0
Other Urinary Organs	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0
<b>Eye and Orbit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Brain and CNS</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Brain	50	5.1	27	5.9	23	4.3	47	5.1	3	6.5
Meninges and CNS	2	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.1	2	0.2	0	0.0
<b>Endocrine</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Thyroid	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Endocrine	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0
<b>Lymphomas</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Hodgkin's Disease	4	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.3	4	0.4	0	0.0
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas	63	6.1	36	8.0	27	4.6	61	6.2	2	4.9
<b>Multiple Myeloma</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Leukemia</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Acute Lymphocytic	4	0.5	1	0.2	3	0.8	4	0.6	0	0.0
Chronic Lymphocytic	13	1.2	6	1.3	7	1.0	13	1.2	0	0.0
Other Lymphocytic	1	0.1	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
Acute Myeloid	28	3.0	17	4.0	11	2.2	26	3.0	2	3.1
Acute Monocytic	2	0.3	1	0.3	1	0.2	2	0.3	0	0.0
Chronic Myeloid	4	0.5	3	0.8	1	0.2	4	0.5	0	0.0
Other Myeloid/Monocytic	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Acute Leukemia	6	0.7	3	0.7	3	0.7	6	0.7	0	0.0
Other Leukemia	11	1.2	6	1.4	5	1.0	9	1.1	2	4.7
<b>Mesothelioma</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Immunoproliferative Diseases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>III-Defined and Unspecified Sites</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26.2</b>

Rates per 100,000 age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population and 2012 SD estimated population.

Source: South Dakota Department of Health

Table 9 shows death and age-adjusted death rates by SEER recode primary sites (Appendix D), gender and race. Approximately 1,600 persons die from cancer in South Dakota each year with little or no change in counts. Overall more males than females die from cancer, but that is starting to change as recent years of data have started to show (data not shown here).

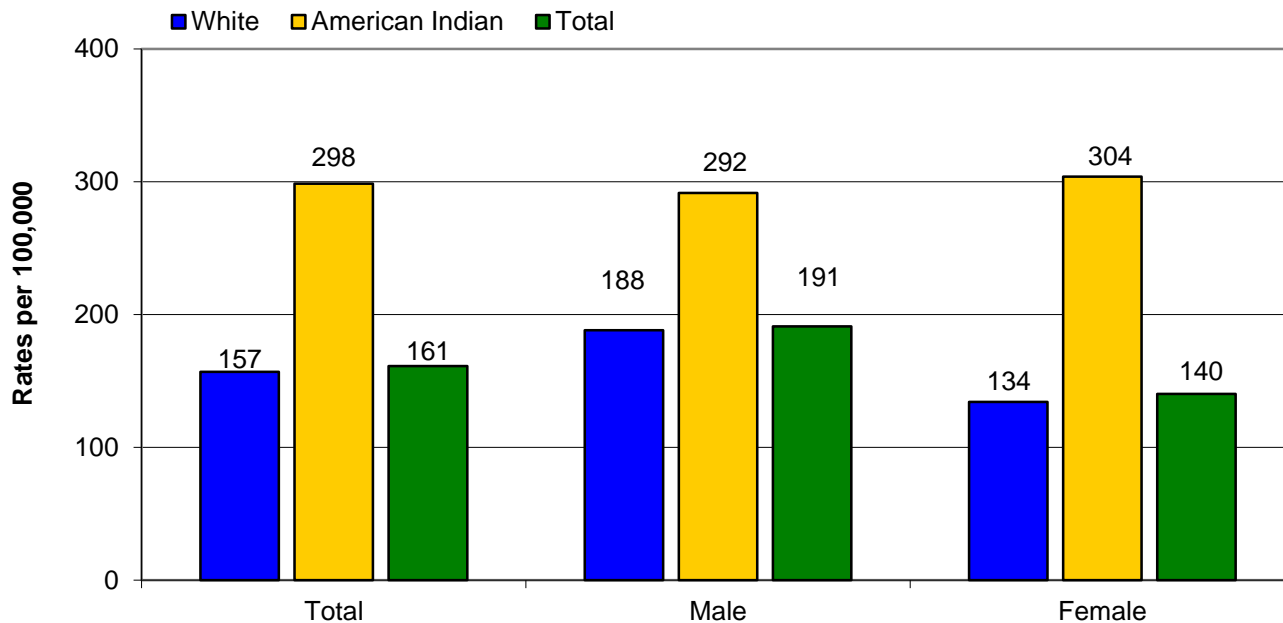
**Table 10: Percentage of Cancer Deaths by Age Groups and Selected Primary Sites, South Dakota, 2012**

Age Group	0-19	20-34	35-49	50-64	65-74	75-84	85+
All Sites	1%	0%	4%	22%	23%	29%	21%
Bladder	0%	0%	2%	21%	9%	28%	40%
Female Breast	0%	0%	6%	24%	18%	25%	27%
Colorectal	0%	1%	4%	19%	18%	32%	26%
Corpus and Uterus, NOS	0%	0%	8%	20%	32%	24%	16%
Meninges, Brain and CNS	4%	0%	10%	35%	13%	25%	13%
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	0%	2%	6%	24%	26%	28%	14%
Leukemia	7%	3%	9%	16%	19%	32%	14%
Lung and Bronchus	0%	0%	2%	24%	27%	33%	14%
Melanoma of the Skin	0%	0%	5%	37%	26%	16%	16%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	0%	0%	5%	16%	27%	29%	24%
Pancreas	0%	0%	2%	22%	31%	30%	14%
Prostate	0%	0%	1%	9%	16%	35%	39%

Source: South Dakota Department of Health

Overall, in 2012 more persons 75 to 84 years of age died from cancer in South Dakota than any other age group (Table 10). However, there would be cause for concern if too many people die from cancer at a young age.

**Figure 8: All Sites Cancer Mortality Rates by Race, and Gender, South Dakota, 2012**



Note: Rates per 100,000 age-adjusted to 2000 US standard population and 2012 SD estimated population.  
Source: South Dakota Department of Health

Figure 8 illustrates that American Indian females had a higher death rate than any other group. In recent years males have had higher death rates than females, however in 2012 this was not seen. American Indian males and females had higher death rates than whites.