

Table 7 : Cancer Deaths and Mortality Rates by County  
South Dakota, 2017 and 2013-2017 Average

## VII. CANCER MORTALITY

Cancer age-adjusted mortality rates for 2017 ranged from a low of 59.8 in Faulk County to a high of 487.7 in Hanson County. South Dakota's age-adjusted mortality rate was 160.5 in 2017 compared to a five-year mortality rate of 159.8.

In 2017, seven counties had a significantly lower rate than that of the entire state and two had a significantly higher rate. The five-year rates show five counties having significantly lower rates and five counties with significantly higher rates. South Dakota's mortality rate for 2013-2017 was 159.8 per 100,000 persons.

The United States mortality rate for 2017 was 152.6 and the South Dakota rate was 160.5 per 100,000 persons. When comparing the two rates there is no significant difference.

The South Dakota 2017 mortality rates are displayed in a state map on page 15 of this report.

County	2017		2013-2017 <sup>^</sup>	
	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
<b>South Dakota</b>	1,751	160.5	1,693	159.8
Aurora	9	188.2	6	124.0
Beadle	45	201.2	43	175.8
Bennett	7	194.8	7	207.5
Bon Homme	25	212.7	17	145.0
Brookings	32	105.6 ▼	45	152.5
Brown	78	152.2	86	169.5
Brule	9	105.0	11	139.3
Buffalo	3	202.3	4	271.2
Butte	41	287.0 ▲	26	175.9
Campbell	*	80.4	3	106.4
Charles Mix	23	161.4	24	175.7
Clark	14	209.9	10	158.9
Clay	27	201.9	23	182.4
Codington	54	143.4	64	176.0
Corson	9	239.0	8	207.6
Custer	12	64.4 ▼	20	122.9 ▼
Davison	45	148.0	48	165.3
Day	15	152.4	13	135.8
Deuel	17	242.3	12	162.7
Dewey	10	234.3	9	194.5
Douglas	8	150.6	8	151.5
Edmunds	8	120.8	8	123.9
Fall River	24	170.1	24	188.5
Faulk	3	59.8 ▼	7	159.6
Grant	21	173.7	17	142.6
Gregory	15	194.6	14	176.5
Haakon	7	229.5	6	167.4
Hamlin	13	174.5	13	152.4
Hand	6	100.7	10	149.6
Hanson	16	487.7 ▲	8	287.3 ▲
Harding	3	126.3	*	89.6 ▼
Hughes	21	78.9 ▼	33	149.5
Hutchinson	20	156.8	18	130.0
Hyde	5	114.0	4	120.1
Jackson	7	194.0	8	206.4
Jerauld	8	166.9	7	171.4
Jones	5	251.8	3	163.3
Kingsbury	16	182.0	17	202.7
Lake	23	122.4	25	128.1 ▼
Lawrence	47	129.5	50	142.3
Lincoln	63	118.6 ▼	56	117.1 ▼
Lyman	5	112.2	7	161.5
McCook	17	212.3	19	238.0 ▲
McPherson	7	189.9	7	120.1
Marshall	7	97.7	10	145.4
Meade	61	189.6	48	160.4
Mellette	7	285.7	4	158.2
Miner	8	223.2	8	197.5
Minnehaha	345	183.7	321	171.9 ▲
Moody	6	62.5 ▼	11	140.0
Oglala Lakota	18	222.1	18	216.4 ▲
Pennington	231	165.5	208	155.8
Perkins	9	157.4	9	157.5
Potter	6	117.9	7	120.9
Roberts	25	165.2	25	174.1
Sanborn	5	132.1	6	164.2
Spink	18	163.7	17	168.5
Stanley	11	239.7	7	176.5
Sully	4	159.4	3	129.7
Todd	19	297.5	14	215.5 ▲
Tripp	16	152.1	14	140.3
Turner	21	168.9	22	168.8
Union	40	197.7	30	159.0
Walworth	12	114.5	15	152.0
Yankton	35	107.2 ▼	46	143.3
Ziebach	*	90.3	*	62.0 ▼

\* Counts less than three are suppressed. Mortality rates with counts less than 20 are generally considered unstable. ▲ Rate significantly higher; ▼ Rate significantly lower  
^ 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 2017 estimated population. Source: South Dakota Department of Health

**Table 8: Age-adjusted Mortality Rates by County for Selected Sites, 2017**

	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>158</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Aurora	*	21.4	*	44.9	*	26.7	*	81.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Beadle	3	17.1	8	36.4	5	50.2	*	9.7	0	0.0	*	6.2
Bennett	0	0.0	3	77.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	26.4
Bon Homme	3	22.3	0	0.0	*	15.2	*	21.8	0	0.0	*	13.5
Brookings	*	3.5	9	30.4	*	15.6	*	24.4	*	3.6	*	3.6
Brown	13	21.6	14	31.3	6	19.4	*	6.1	*	3.9	*	2.7
Brule	*	19.7	*	23.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	31.5
Buffalo	0	0.0	*	145.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Butte	4	26.8	13	87.5	3	40.2	*	34.0	*	6.5	*	4.8
Campbell	*	40.2	*	40.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	5	33.8	9	61.3	0	0.0	*	14.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clark	*	18.5	*	34.6	*	18.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clay	*	5.9	7	52.5	*	12.2	0	0.0	*	5.9	0	0.0
Codington	7	18.6	11	28.1	7	33.6	*	11.0	3	6.0	4	11.6
Corson	0	0.0	*	56.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Custer	3	13.3	*	12.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Davison	*	8.0	11	40.7	*	6.0	*	15.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Day	3	37.3	3	36.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	18.3	*	6.4
Deuel	0	0.0	4	54.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Dewey	*	23.0	4	82.0	*	50.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	31.0
Douglas	*	34.5	3	65.7	*	14.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Edmunds	0	0.0	4	52.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	17.3	0	0.0
Fall River	*	7.2	4	27.1	*	11.0	4	67.3	*	6.5	0	7.2
Faulk	*	32.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	13.8	*	13.8
Grant	*	7.4	5	43.7	5	76.7	*	41.5	0	0.0	*	6.8
Gregory	*	13.8	7	94.9	0	0.0	*	29.7	0	0.0	*	12.1
Haakon	*	19.4	*	101.5	*	53.9	*	52.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hamlin	*	13.5	4	54.8	*	49.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hand	*	29.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	22.9	*	19.7
Hanson	4	173.4	*	52.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Harding	*	47.0	0	0.0	*	66.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hughes	*	7.0	8	30.7	*	9.5	0	0.0	*	7.3	0	0.0
Hutchinson	*	10.9	*	8.0	*	15.3	3	39.8	*	3.9	3	24.1
Hyde	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	33.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jackson	*	24.6	*	39.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	19.9	*	35.0
Jerauld	*	27.6	*	31.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jones	*	91.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	*	19.1	3	38.7	*	35.2	0	0.0	*	17.7	*	11.2
Lake	3	16.7	7	30.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	5.6
Lawrence	8	19.9	5	13.8	4	25.5	*	6.2	0	0.0	3	7.3
Lincoln	5	9.8	15	27.1	4	12.0	5	24.4	3	5.5	5	9.0
Lyman	*	14.7	*	45.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
McCook	*	21.3	3	37.5	*	25.9	*	54.5	0	0.0	*	18.9
McPherson	*	10.9	*	23.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	10.9	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0.0	*	28.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Meade	4	10.9	18	53.1	3	13.8	4	36.1	0	0.0	*	4.1
Mellette	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	133.6	*	169.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0.0	3	90.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Minnehaha	20	10.6	84	43.5	20	18.3	13	19.2	4	2.3	21	11.0
Moody	*	8.6	3	31.9	0	0.0	*	35.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Oglala Lakota	*	20.3	4	54.8	*	19.5	*	108.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pennington	14	10.8	61	42.7	11	15.0	11	16.8	14	10.2	7	5.1
Perkins	*	21.7	*	23.7	*	77.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Potter	0	0.0	3	57.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Roberts	4	28.5	3	20.1	0	0.0	*	11.2	*	5.2	*	5.2
Sanborn	*	41.6	*	69.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	21.2	0	0.0
Spink	*	20.6	5	43.7	*	26.7	*	23.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Stanley	*	22.5	5	108.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0.0	*	48.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Todd	*	23.2	5	76.4	*	25.3	*	43.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tripp	*	6.5	*	17.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	6.5
Turner	0	0.0	5	39.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Union	*	10.7	14	65.4	*	26.6	*	11.2	*	6.4	*	12.4
Walworth	3	27.6	0	0.0	*	18.2	0	0.0	*	11.5	0	0.0
Yankton	3	13.0	11	38.2	3	11.6	0	0.0	*	7.2	*	2.1
Ziebach	*	36.3	*	54.0	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. Rates per 100,000 age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population and 2017 SD estimated population.

Source: South Dakota Department of Health

**Table 9: Age-adjusted Mortality Rates by Site, Gender, and Race, South Dakota, 2017**

	TOTAL		MALE		FEMALE		WHITE		AMERICAN INDIAN	
	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>184.9</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>142.9</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>157.6</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>241.5</b>
<b>Oral Cavity</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Lip	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tongue	5	0.5	4	0.8	1	0.1	5	0.5	0	0.0
Salivary Gland	3	0.2	2	0.4	1	0.1	3	0.3	0	0.0
Floor of Mouth	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
Gum and Other Mouth	8	0.7	6	1.2	2	0.3	7	0.7	1	1.5
Nasopharynx	1	0.1	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
Hypopharynx	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tonsil	2	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3	2	0.3	0	0.0
Oropharynx	4	0.4	4	0.8	0	0.0	4	0.4	0	0.0
Other Oral Cavity and Pharynx	4	0.4	4	0.8	0	0.0	4	0.4	0	0.0
<b>Digestive System</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>77.0</b>
Esophagus	60	5.8	49	10.1	11	1.8	57	5.9	3	5.3
Stomach	20	2.0	11	2.4	9	1.5	16	1.7	3	8.1
Small Intestine	9	0.9	6	1.3	3	0.6	8	0.9	0	0.0
Colorectal	158	14.1	85	17.0	73	11.8	140	13.2	15	33.4
Colon Excluding Rectum	123	11.0	62	12.5	61	9.7	110	10.4	11	24.1
Rectum and Rectosigmoid	35	3.1	23	4.4	12	2.1	30	2.9	4	9.3
Anus, Anal Canal and Anorectum	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct	61	5.5	42	8.2	19	2.9	55	5.3	5	8.2
Gallbladder	7	0.6	1	0.2	6	0.9	7	0.6	0	0.0
Other Biliary	5	0.4	4	0.9	1	0.1	5	0.5	0	0.0
Pancreas	124	11.5	55	11.3	69	11.5	116	11.3	8	22.0
Retroperitoneum	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	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>432</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>65.2</b>
Nose, Nasal Cavity and Middle Ear	2	0.2	2	0.4	0	0.0	2	0.2	0	0.0
Larynx	7	0.6	5	1.1	2	0.3	7	0.6	0	0.0
Lung and Bronchus	421	38.4	219	43.6	202	34.8	389	37.7	30	65.2
Pleura	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mediastinum and Other Resp Organs	2	0.2	2	0.4	0	0.0	2	0.2	0	0.0
<b>Bones and Joints</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Soft Tissue</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Skin</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Melanoma of the Skin	26	2.5	17	3.7	9	1.4	26	2.6	0	0.0
Other Nonepithelial Skin	7	0.7	4	0.9	3	0.5	6	0.6	1	1.5
<b>Breast</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.2</b>
Breast, Female	102	17.5			102	17.5	97	17.7	4	16.6
Breast, Male	4	0.9	4	0.9			4	0.9	0	0.0
<b>Female</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>19.2</b>			<b>106</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Vulva	4	0.6			4	0.6	4	0.7	0	0.0
Vagina	2	0.3			2	0.3	2	0.3	0	0.0
Cervix Uteri	11	2.2			11	2.2	9	1.6	0	0.0
Corpus and Uterus, NOS	34	6.0			34	6.0	33	6.3	0	0.0
Corpus Uteri	20	3.6			20	3.6	20	3.9	0	0.0
Uterus, NOS	14	2.4			14	2.4	13	2.4	0	0.0
Ovary	51	9.5			51	9.5	50	10.1	0	0.0
Other Female Genital Organs	4	0.6			4	0.6	4	0.7	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>73</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>16.1</b>			<b>66</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42.1</b>
Penis	1	0.3	1	0.3			0	0.0	0	0.0
Prostate	71	15.6	71	15.6			65	15.1	6	42.1
Testis	1	0.1	1	0.1			1	0.1	0	0.0
Other Male Genital Organs	0	0.0	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Urinary</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14.2</b>
Bladder	48	4.3	29	6.2	19	2.8	46	4.3	2	7.7
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	43	3.9	29	5.6	14	2.4	39	3.8	3	6.5
Ureter	2	0.2	2	0.4	0	0.0	2	0.2	0	0.0
Other Urinary Organs	2	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	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>59</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Brain	58	5.3	34	6.6	24	4.4	56	5.6	2	3.2
Meninges and CNS	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0
<b>Endocrine</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Thyroid	4	0.3	1	0.2	3	0.5	3	0.3	1	2.4
Other Endocrine	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0
<b>Lymphomas</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Hodgkin's Disease	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas	71	6.4	39	8.2	32	5.3	70	6.6	1	4.0
<b>Multiple Myeloma</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Leukemia</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14.4</b>
Acute Lymphocytic	2	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0	2	2.6
Chronic Lymphocytic	13	1.2	6	1.4	7	1.1	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	23	2.1	14	2.8	9	1.5	22	2.1	1	3.7
Acute Monocytic	2	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.1	1	2.4
Chronic Myeloid	5	0.4	4	0.9	1	0.1	5	0.5	0	0.0
Other Myeloid/Monocytic	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
Other Acute Leukemia	6	0.5	4	0.8	2	0.2	6	0.5	0	0.0
Other Leukemia	9	0.8	5	1.0	4	0.5	7	0.7	2	5.8
<b>Myeloproliferative &amp; Myelodysplastic</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Mesothelioma</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>III-Defined and Unspecified Sites</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23.3</b>

Rates per 100,000 age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population and 2017 SD estimated population.  
Source: South Dakota Department of Health

Table 9 shows death and age-adjusted mortality rates by SEER recode primary sites (Appendix D), gender and race. Approximately 1,700 persons die from cancer in South Dakota each year with a small change in counts. Overall more males than females die from cancer.

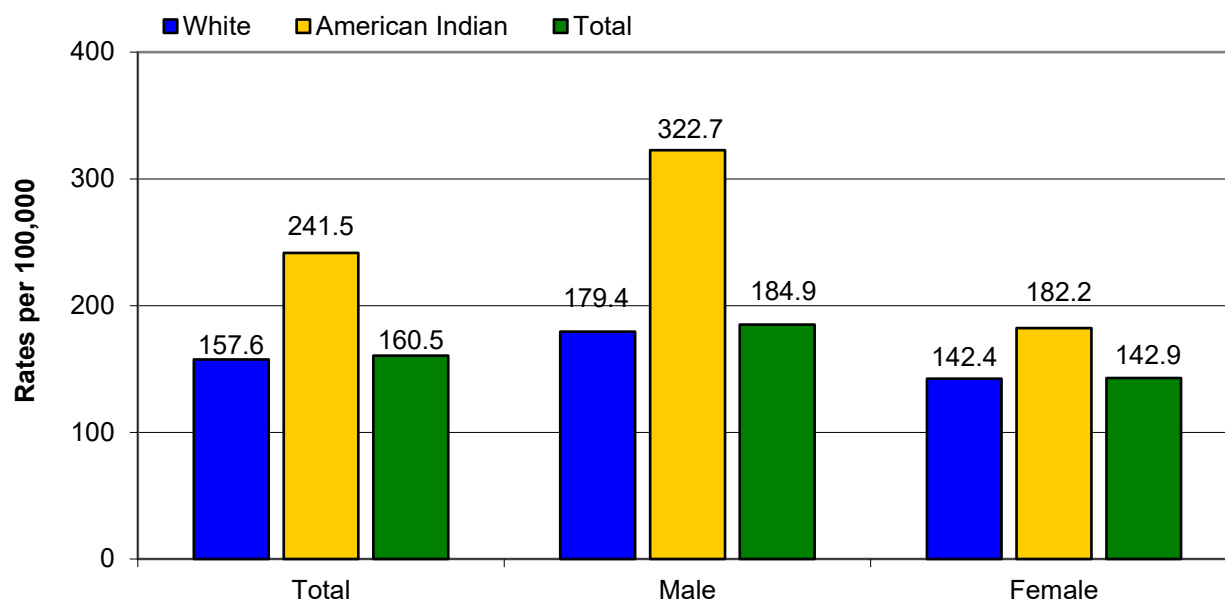
**Table 10: Percentage of Cancer Deaths by Age Groups and Selected Primary Sites, South Dakota, 2017**

Age Group	0-19	20-34	35-49	50-64	65-74	75-84	85+
All Sites	0%	1%	3%	19%	26%	29%	21%
Bladder	0%	2%	0%	4%	21%	38%	34%
Female Breast	0%	1%	6%	18%	35%	19%	20%
Colorectal	0%	1%	8%	18%	20%	23%	30%
Corpus and Uterus, NOS	0%	0%	5%	33%	33%	10%	19%
Meninges, Brain and CNS	4%	0%	8%	22%	30%	22%	14%
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	0%	0%	2%	24%	31%	27%	16%
Leukemia	2%	3%	3%	10%	23%	30%	30%
Lung and Bronchus	0%	0%	1%	21%	32%	30%	16%
Melanoma of the Skin	0%	0%	5%	30%	20%	30%	15%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	0%	0%	5%	16%	15%	44%	20%
Pancreas	0%	0%	4%	27%	27%	25%	18%
Prostate	0%	0%	2%	12%	14%	38%	34%

Source: South Dakota Department of Health

Overall, in 2017 more persons 75 to 84 years of age died from cancer in South Dakota than any other age group (Table 10).

**Figure 8: All Sites Cancer Mortality Rates by Race, and Gender, South Dakota, 2017**



Note: Rates per 100,000 age-adjusted to 2000 US standard population and 2017 SD estimated population.  
Source: South Dakota Department of Health

Figure 8 illustrates that American Indian males had a higher mortality rate than any other group. In 2012 American Indian females had a higher mortality rate than their male counterparts.