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PUERTO RICO

Estimated 2019 Population¹: 3,193,694

IMPACT

Impact of Cancer in Puerto Rico²

The most recent information on cancer incidence and mortality for Puerto Rico was published as part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's United States Cancer Statistics in 2017, covering the period of 2013-2017.

- In Puerto Rico in 2017, there were **8,301** new cases of cancer. For every 100,000 people, **370** cancer cases were reported.
- In 2017, there were **5,303** residents of Puerto Rico died of cancer. For every 100,000 people in Puerto Rico, **111** died of cancer

Note: Puerto Rico's 2017 incidence counts and rates are based on the first six months of reported data coupled with half of the population estimate. Data from July to December 2017 are excluded to account for the population shift that occurred due to Hurricane Maria.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

University of Puerto Rico Comprehensive Cancer

The **University of Puerto Rico Comprehensive Cancer Center** (UPRCCC) is a public corporation created under Law 230 to lead the efforts on research, prevention, early detection, and treatment of cancer in Puerto Rico. UPRCC uses a research model that includes: Cancer Control & Population Sciences, Cancer Biology, Cancer Medicine, Research and Education, and Administrative Support. The cancer center aims to deliver research-driven cancer care by integrating patient care, research, and prevention and to eradicate cancer in Puerto Rico using a multidisciplinary approach of basic, clinical, and population sciences research.

Sources: ¹U.S. Census Bureau; ²Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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