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Ethnic Disparities in Cancer Incidence Rates Observed among Guam Residents, 2003-2007

- **CHAMORROS:** high incidence rates for cancers of the **mouth and pharynx** (18.0 vs. 10.3 U.S.), **nasopharynx** (8.6 vs. 0.6 U.S.), **liver** (17.0 vs. 5.8 U.S.), and **cervix** (11.6 vs. 8.1 U.S.)
- **FILIPINOS:** did not have the highest incidence rate for any cancer site and had the lowest incidence rates for **stomach** (2.1 vs. U.S. 6.7), **liver** (5.1) and **cervix** (5.5)
- **MICRONESIANS:** highest incidence rates of all the ethnic groups on Guam for cancers of the **mouth & pharynx** (29.4), **lung & bronchus** (174.7 vs. U.S. 67.7), **liver** (38.2), **cervix** (21.1) and **thyroid** (34.9 vs. 10.1 U.S.)



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- **ASIANS:** highest incidence rates for **stomach** (24.4 vs. U.S. 6.7), **pancreas** (17.4 vs. U.S. 11.3), **colon-rectum-anus** (73.7 vs. U.S. 48.3), and **breast** (108.4 vs. U.S. 117.7)
- **CAUCASIANS:** high incidence rates for cancers of the **mouth & pharynx** (26.7 vs. U.S. 10.3), and the highest rates for cancer of the **esophagus** (15.4 vs. U.S. 4.9), **prostate** (188.3 vs. U.S. 142.4), **urinary bladder** (18.1 vs. U.S. 21.1), **non-Hodgkin lymphoma** (25.1 vs. U.S. 18.9), and **leukemia** (18.7 vs. U.S. 11.6)

NOTE: All rates are age adjusted and expressed as cases per 100,000 population of the respective ethnic group.

Source: *Guam Cancer Facts and Figures 2003-2007*

