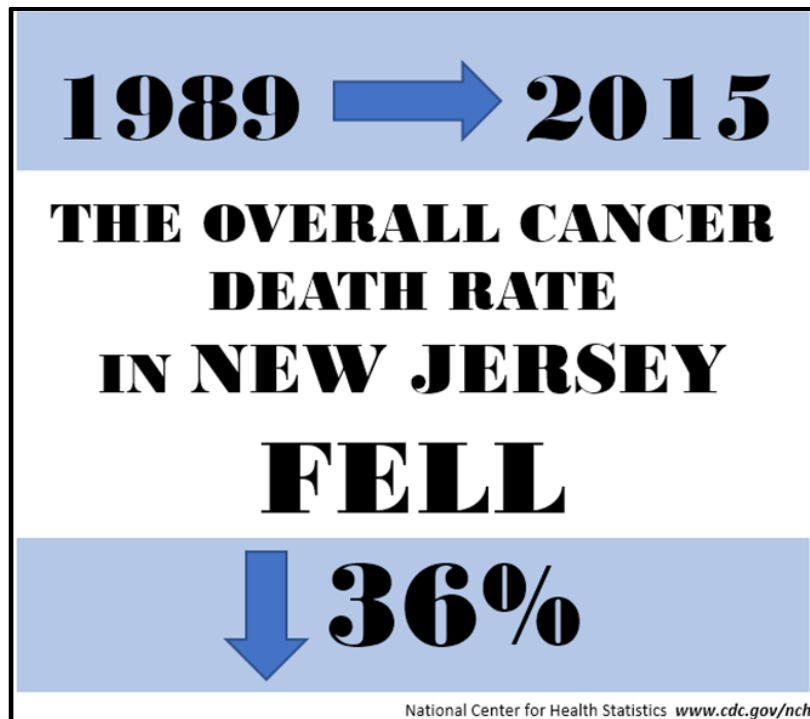


Cancer Mortality Trends – Cancer Declining in New Jersey

In New Jersey, the overall cancer death rate has **declined** since the late 1980s from 234.4 to 150.8 per 100,000.* The most recent mortality data from the National Center for Health Statistics show that cancer death rates decreased by:

- 2.1%^ per year among NJ men from 1989 to 2015
- 1.5%^ per year among NJ women from 1989 to 2015
- 1.6%^ per year among NJ children ages 0-19 from 1989 to 2015



Having had **the highest** cancer mortality rate in the Nation in the late 1970's, New Jersey now has the **13th lowest** cancer mortality rate in the Nation.

The decline in cancer deaths in New Jersey and the U.S. is mostly due to steady reductions in smoking and advances in early detection and treatment¹.

* Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 US population standard. APCs were calculated using weighted least squares method. ^APC significantly different from zero at $p < 0.05$.

¹American Cancer Society. *Cancer Facts & Figures 2018*. <https://www.cancer.org/latest-news/facts-and-figures-2018-rate-of-deaths-from-cancer-continues-decline.html>.

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