

## Data Source Documentation

<b>Indicator</b>	Mesothelioma incidence
<b>Demographic Group</b>	Wisconsin residents
<b>Details about Data Item</b>	<p>Mesothelioma is a rare form of cancer in which malignant (cancerous) cells are found in the mesothelium, a protective sac that covers most of the body's internal organs. Most people who develop mesothelioma have worked on jobs where they inhaled asbestos particles.</p> <p>Cases with mesothelioma were selected if they met the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wisconsin resident</li> <li>2. International Classification of Diseases for Oncology: morphology codes 9050-9053</li> </ol> <p>Numbers of reported cancer cases for a given year may differ slightly from previous publications, as a few cases are reported to the system years after they are diagnosed. In every report the most recent year is the most incomplete. Caution should be used in evaluating trends especially when the number of cases is small.</p>
<b>Reference Time Period</b>	Diagnosis year
<b>Data Source</b>	<p>Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System (WCRS), Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.</p> <p>The WCRS collects reports of all newly diagnosed Wisconsin resident cancer cases from hospitals, clinics and physician offices. Since 1976, WCRS has collected cancer incidence data on Wisconsin residents as mandated by section 255.04, Wisconsin Statutes. All invasive and noninvasive malignant tumors, except basal and squamous cell carcinomas of the skin and noninvasive cervical cancers, are reportable to WCRS. Starting in 1994, WCRS entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and became part of the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR).</p> <p>The WCRS data set now includes cases identified from Indian Health Service linkage, North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) Hispanic/Latino Identification Algorithm and NAACCR Asian/Pacific Islander Identification Algorithm.</p> <p>WCRS publications can be found at <a href="http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/wcrs/pubs.htm">http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/wcrs/pubs.htm</a>.</p>