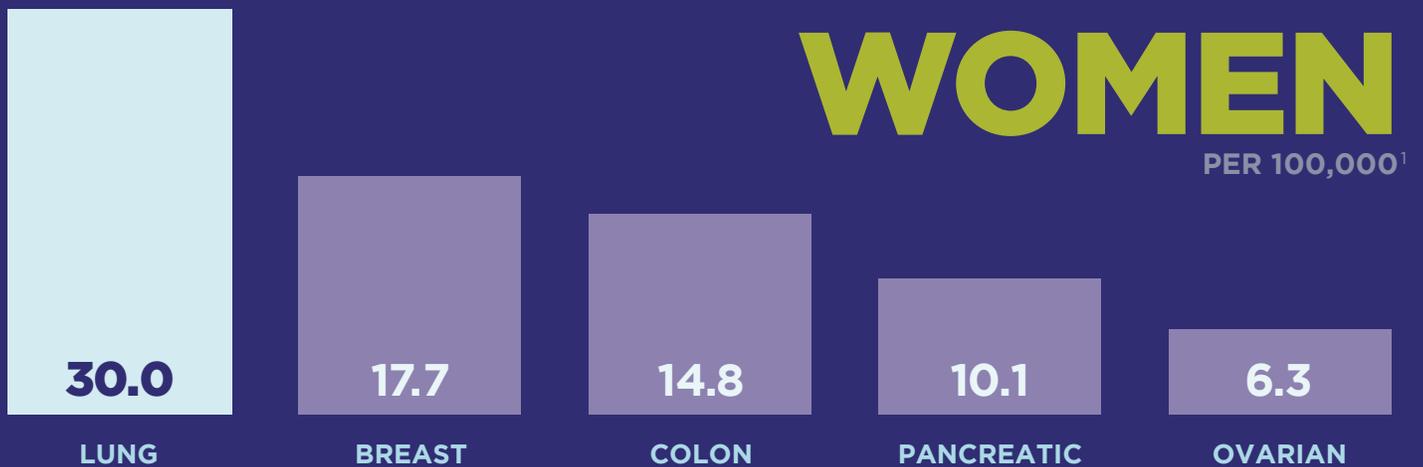
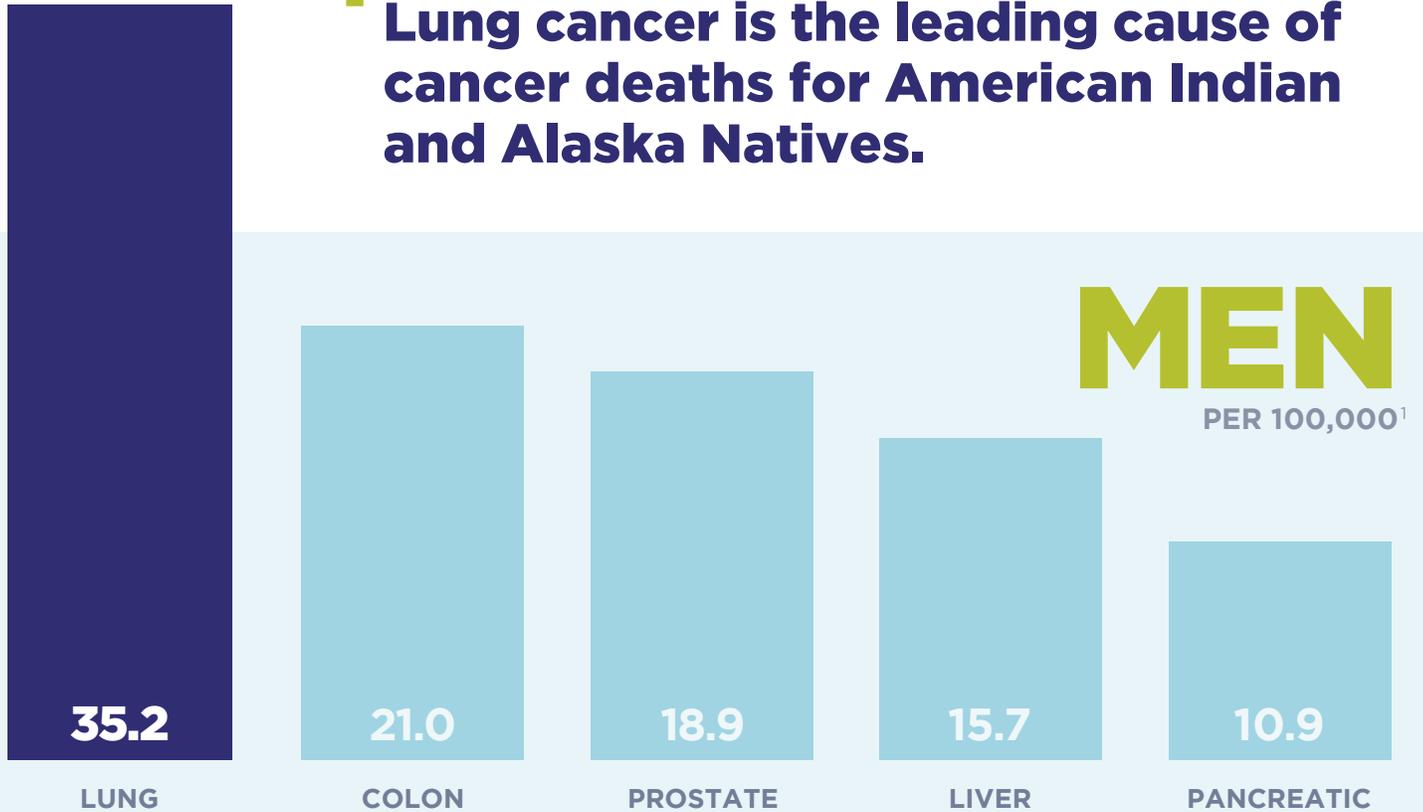




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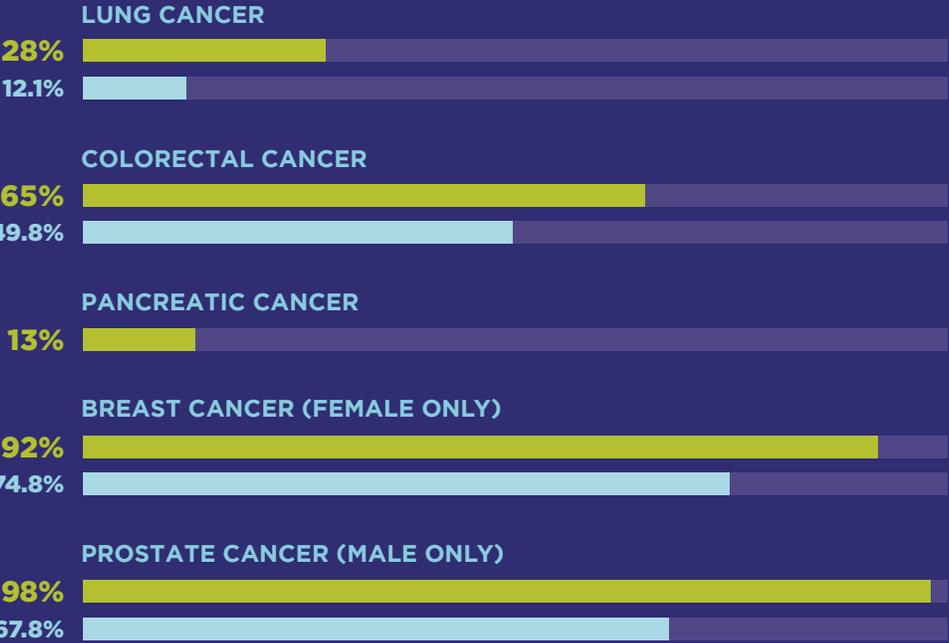
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NIH RESEARCH DOLLARS PER DEATH  
Of Top Five Cancer Killers (2024)<sup>2</sup>



FIVE YEAR SURVIVAL RATE  
Of Top Five Cancer Killers<sup>3</sup>

- 2015-2021
- 1975-1977



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