

# Access: Preventive Screening

“Preventive screening is a cost-effective way to identify and treat potential health problems before they develop or worsen”

-Center for Disease and Control

## Hawaii County Pap Smear Rate Same as State

Preventive screening such as pap tests, mammograms and sigmoidoscopy and/or colonoscopy can help to detect diseases at an earlier more treatable stage. According to the CDC (2009) “the pap test—the main test for cervical cancer is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available for women.” Hawaii County women had pap smears at about the same rate as the City and County of Honolulu, though approximately 20% did not follow recommendations.

## Fewer Hawaii County Women Had a Mammogram

Only 75% of Hawaii County women 40+ years surveyed had a mammogram, within the past two years compared to 77.1% for the state.

## Fewer Hawaii County Residents Screened for Colon Cancer

In 2008, slightly fewer Hawaii County residents (58%) vs. (60%) were screened for colon cancer with a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy.

Though there has been increased screening at both the County and the State levels, Hawaii County screening is consistently lower than the State.

### Resource:

The Guide to Clinical Preventive Services (2009) Recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force provides useful recommended screenings (<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/USpstfix.htm>).

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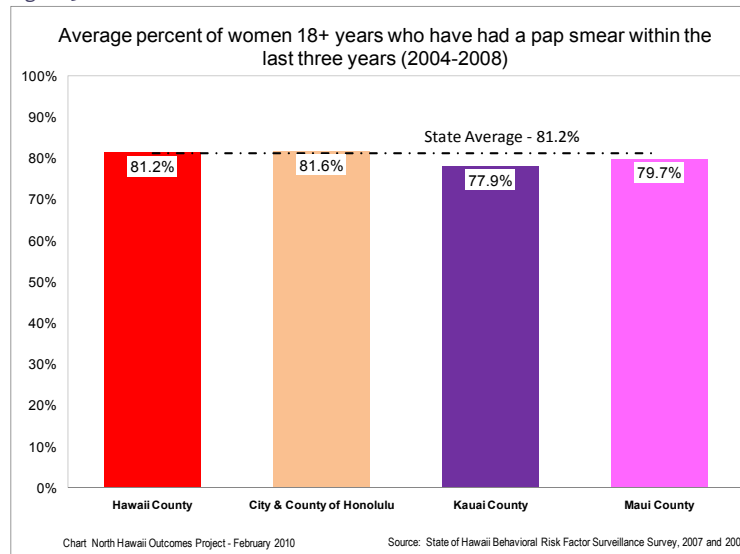


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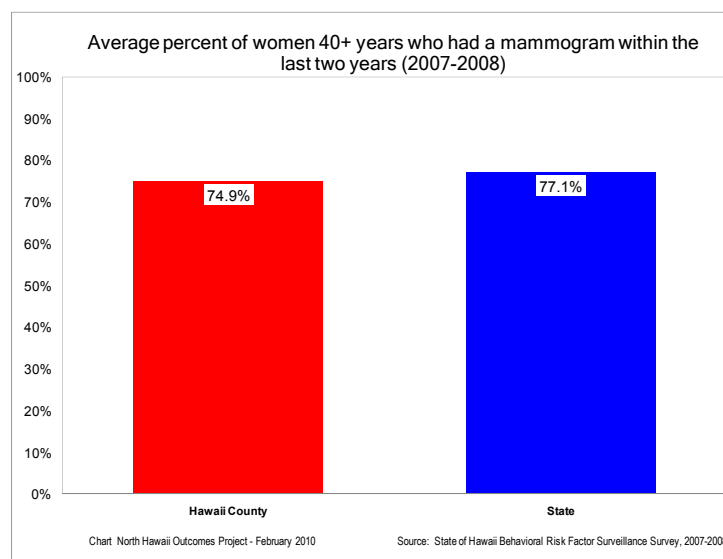


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