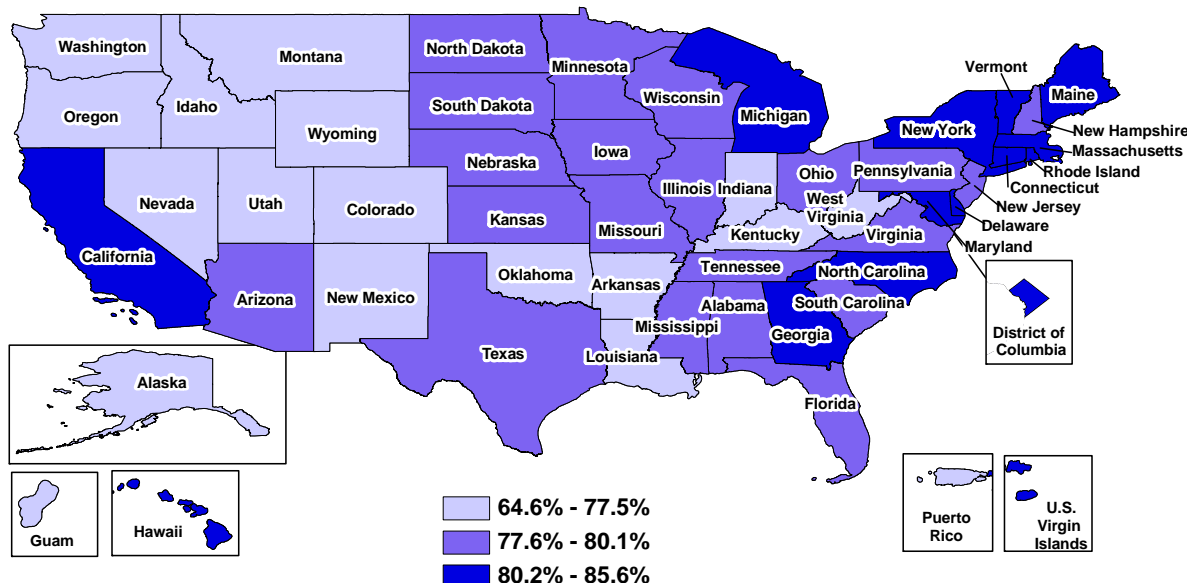


## Cervical Cancer Screening – Pap Smear

The Pap test, also called a Pap smear, checks for changes in the cells of the cervix, which may indicate infection, abnormal (unhealthy) cervical cells, or cervical cancer. It is recommended that all women age 21 and over as well as sexually active women under age 21 get regular pap smears. In 2008, 79.3% of women age 18 and over reported having had a pap smear in the past three years. None of the states met the Healthy People 2010 target of 90% for this indicator and rates have declined over four years.

### 2008 Percent Women Reporting Pap smear within Past Three Years\*, Age-Adjusted by State and US



	Percent of women reporting Pap smear within past 3 years				Percent of women reporting Pap smear within past 3 years		
	2004	2006	2008		2004	2006	2008
ALABAMA	86.5	83.4	78.4	NEVADA	82.8	80.9	73.2
ALASKA	87.0	86.2	76.6	NEW HAMPSHIRE	89.0	86.9	80.1
ARIZONA	85.0	83.4	78.7	NEW JERSEY	83.7	83.4	78.4
ARKANSAS	80.9	80.1	74.5	NEW MEXICO	84.0	81.9	77.1
CALIFORNIA	84.1	83.5	80.3	NEW YORK	85.0	84.9	81.8
COLORADO	86.8	84.0	77.2	NORTH CAROLINA	87.6	86.3	82.8
CONNECTICUT	87.2	86.1	80.6	NORTH DAKOTA	83.7	84.7	80.0
DELAWARE	87.4	88.6	85.5	OHIO	85.9	83.1	78.8
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	88.0	89.0	85.6	OKLAHOMA	81.8	78.0	74.8
FLORIDA	84.1	82.9	80.1	OREGON	82.7	82.6	75.4
GEORGIA	86.5	86.9	83.3	PENNSYLVANIA	84.2	82.7	79.6
HAWAII	**	81.8	80.9	RHODE ISLAND	89.1	87.5	82.5
IDAHO	77.4	76.4	69.1	SOUTH CAROLINA	86.3	85.7	80.1
ILLINOIS	87.0	82.8	79.1	SOUTH DAKOTA	87.0	85.2	79.1
INDIANA	81.4	80.6	74.7	TENNESSEE	86.2	84.7	78.0
IOWA	86.0	85.9	79.3	TEXAS	81.0	79.9	77.7
KANSAS	85.8	82.7	79.1	UTAH	79.2	75.0	68.9
KENTUCKY	83.8	81.5	77.4	VERMONT	87.0	86.8	82.1
LOUISIANA	83.4	83.9	74.5	VIRGINIA	86.7	84.5	79.8
MAINE	88.4	88.7	81.0	WASHINGTON	84.3	83.2	76.6
MARYLAND	87.8	86.9	80.6	WEST VIRGINIA	82.3	83.1	77.5
MASSACHUSETTS	89.1	87.2	84.1	WISCONSIN	85.5	85.5	78.0
MICHIGAN	86.0	85.8	81.4	WYOMING	84.5	80.1	73.6
MINNESOTA	87.4	85.8	80.1	GUAM	**	**	64.6
MISSISSIPPI	82.6	81.9	77.9	PUERTO RICO	73.5	73.6	76.3
MISSOURI	84.0	79.5	78.5	VIRGIN ISLANDS	80.6	80.5	80.7
MONTANA	85.8	82.1	75.2				
NEBRASKA	85.3	81.5	77.6	<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>79.3</b>

\* Percent of females responding "Within past year", "Within past 2 years" or "Within past 3 years" to question: How long has it been since you had your last Pap test?

Source: CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2004-2008; Data are age-adjusted to year 2000 population. Map presents data for 2008.

\*\*BRFSS surveillance not conducted in 2004 or 2006.