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Dear Governor Blagojevich and Members of the General Assembly:

Public Act 093-0956 created the Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force on August 19, 2004. This Act requires the Task Force to submit a report on April 1, 2005 and by April 1 each year thereafter.

To date, I have appointed 12 members representing the categories identified in the legislation. In addition, several ex-officio members have been identified who bring special expertise to the process. A list of members is attached.

The first meeting was convened on December 6, 2004 and the chair and co-chair were selected. Stacie E. Geller, Ph.D., Director of the Center of Excellence on Women's Health at the University of Illinois Chicago is the Chair, and Stephani Cox, a nurse practitioner from Planned Parenthood in Springfield is Co-chair. The first meeting focused on reports from all state programs that provided services related to cervical cancer screening. A medical presentation on cervical cancer also was provided.

The second meeting was held on February 8, 2005 and the agenda included discussion on epidemiological data on cervical cancer in Illinois, legislation related to cervical cancer, and insurance issues. One of the members presented information on health communication and marketing strategies.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2005. Once the fact-finding aspects of the Task Force are complete, the group expects to move into the planning phase. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Director Sharon Green in the Department's Office of Women's Health at 312-814-2684.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric E. Whitaker M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Director

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Attachments

cc: Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force

State of Illinois  
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# Cervical Cancer Task Force Annual Report

2005

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CERVICAL CANCER ELIMINATION TASK FORCE  
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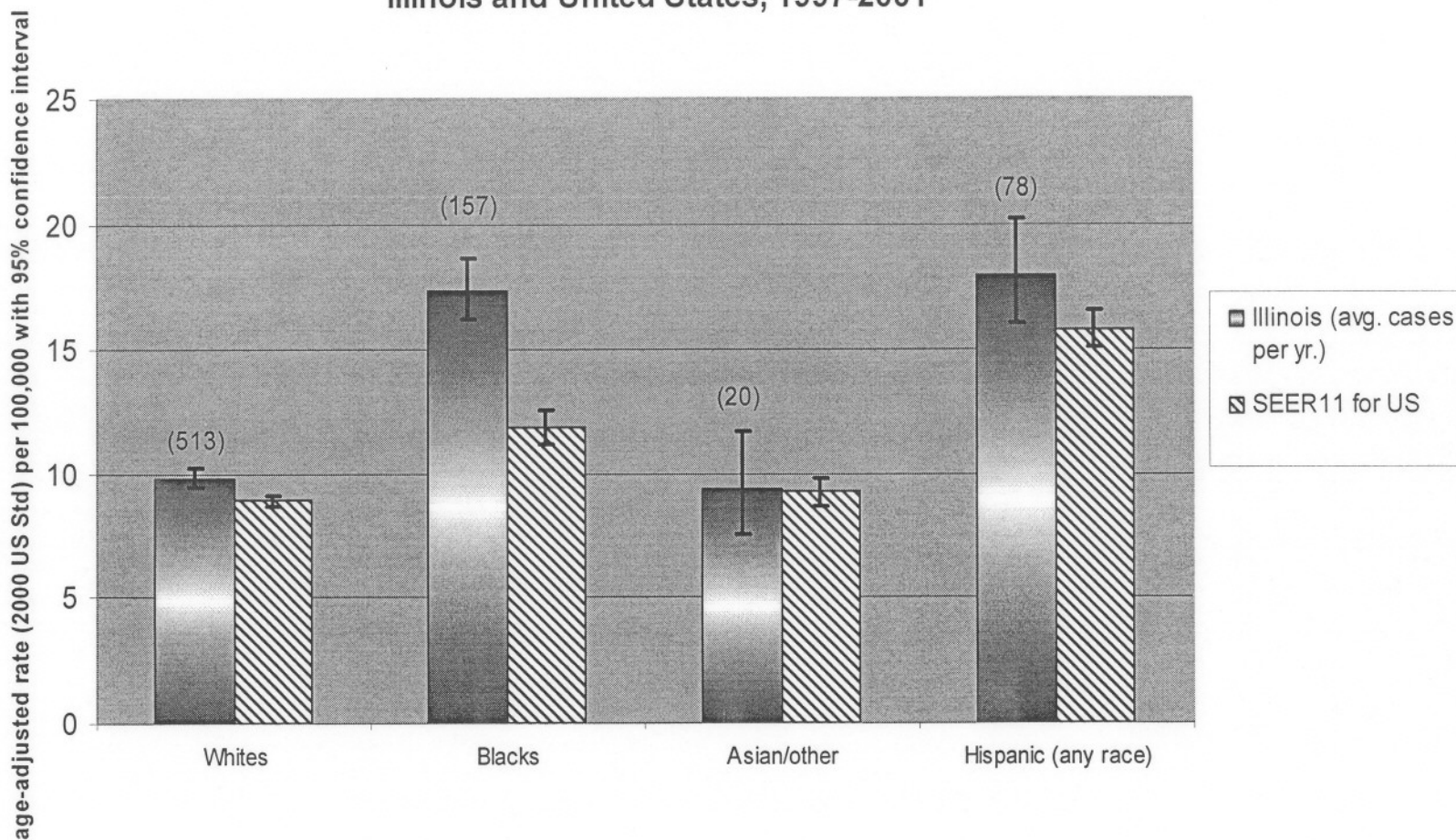
**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

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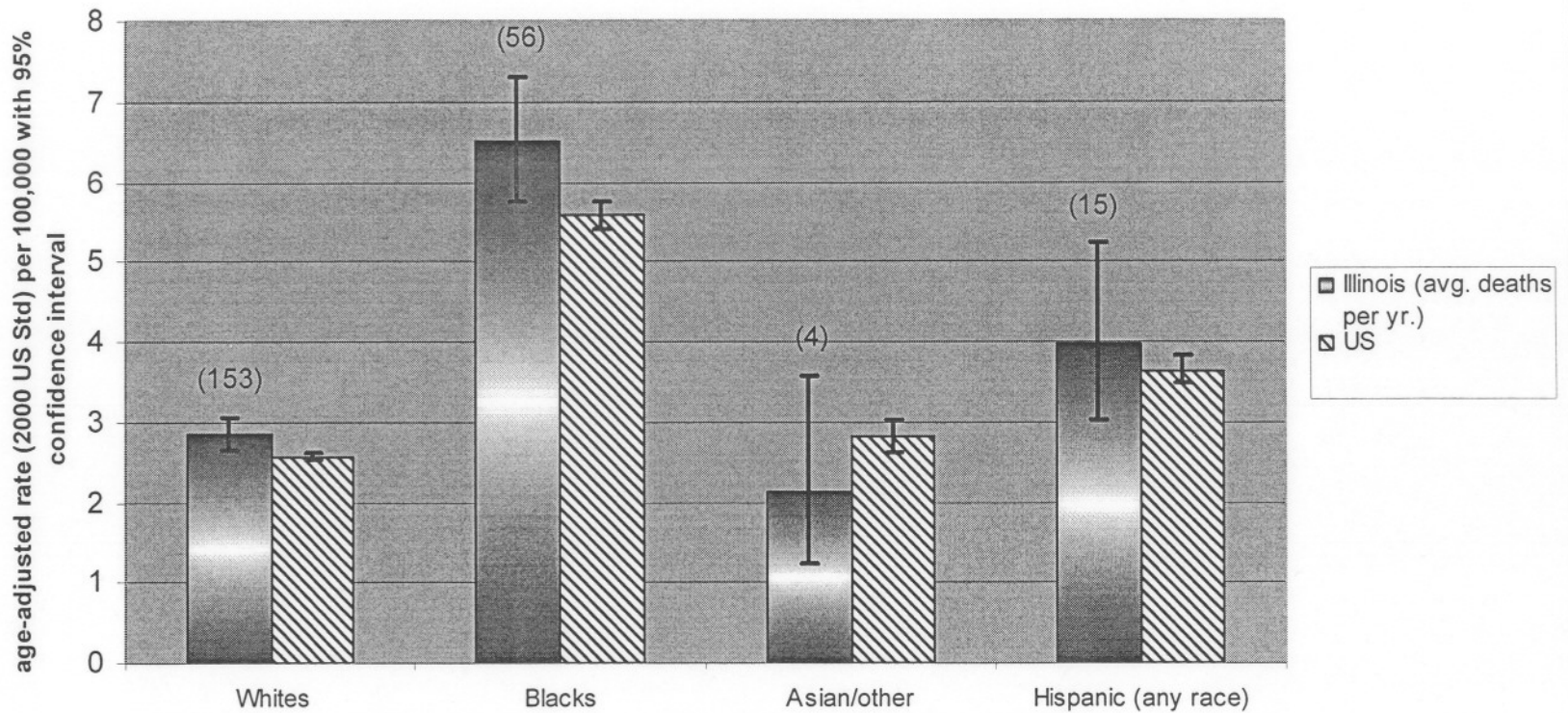
### Cervical Cancer Age-adjusted Incidence Rates, by Race and Ethnicity Illinois and United States, 1997-2001



Source: IL data: Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Cancer Registry, Public-Use data (1986-2001), released December 2004, based on data as of November 2003.

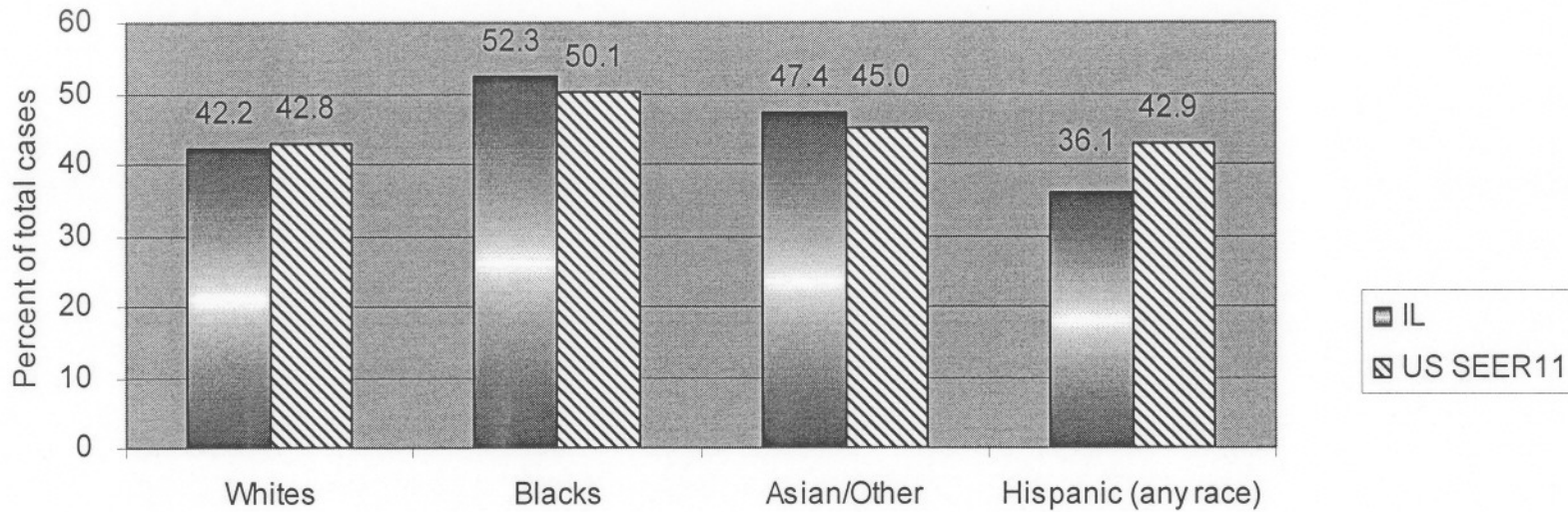
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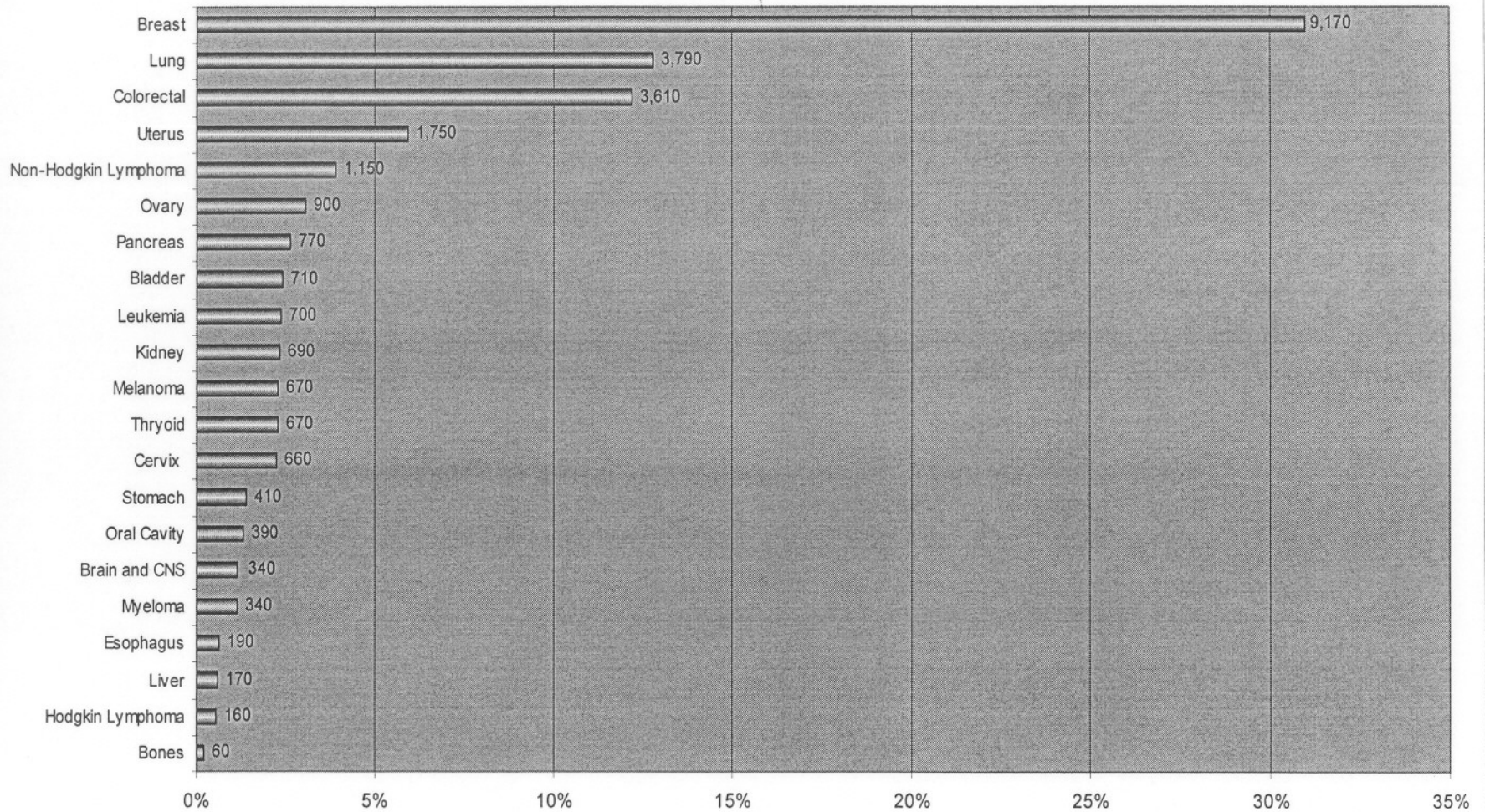
**Cervical Cancer Incidence**  
**Percent of Cases Diagnosed in Late Stage (regional and distant)**  
**by Race/Ethnicity, Females,**  
**Illinois and United States, 1997-2001**



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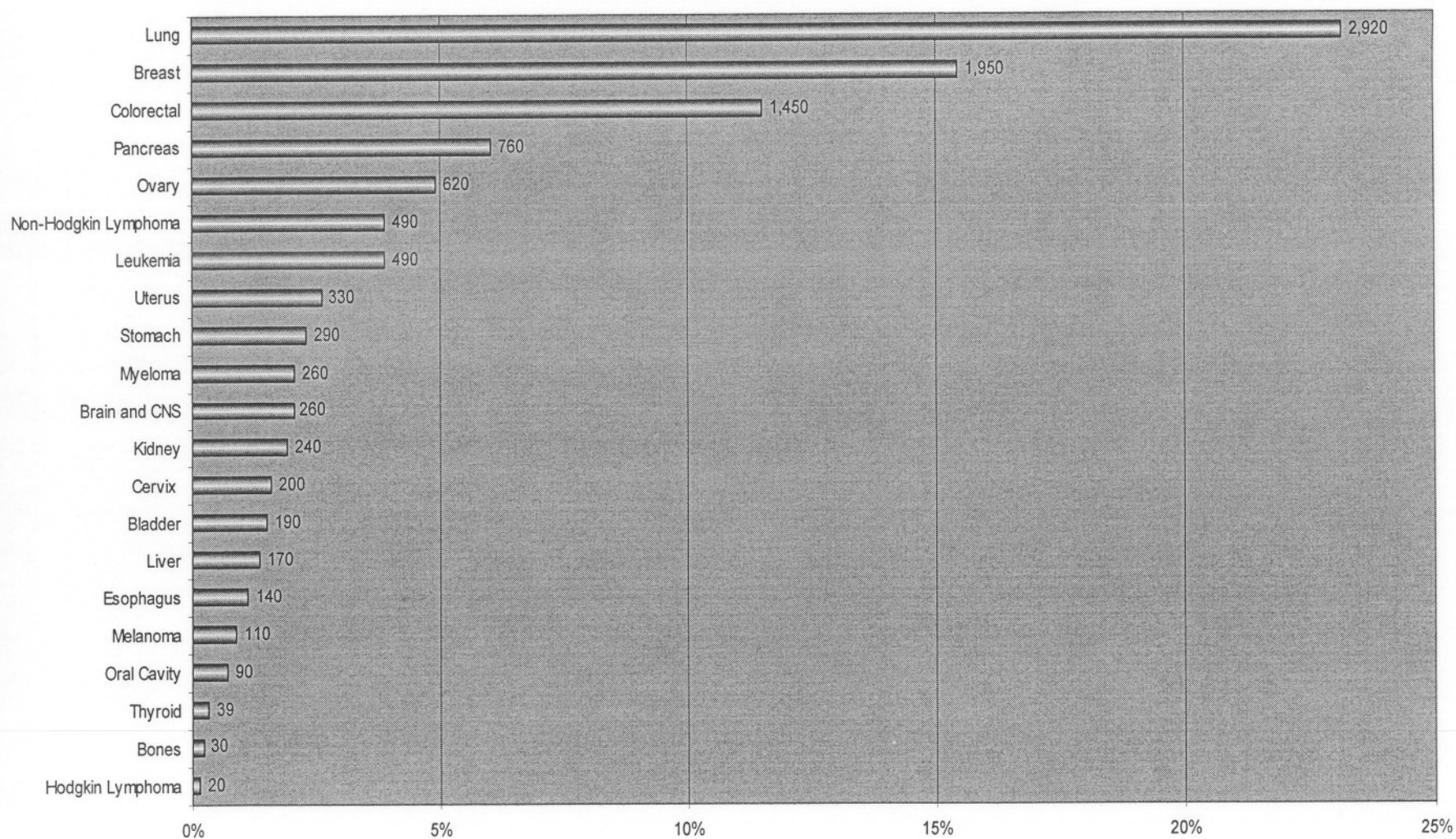
Leading Sites of New Cancer Cases (total 29,600)  
 Females, Illinois - 2005 Estimates



Expected new case projections were derived from cancer incidence data from Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Cancer Registry, Public-Use data (1986-2001), released December 2004, based on data as of November 2003.



Leading Sites of Cancer Deaths (total 12,620)  
 Females, Illinois - 2005 Estimates



Expected new deaths based on cancer mortality rates calculated using the following database: Mortality, All COD, public-use with state, total US (1969-2001) NCI, released April 2004. Underlying mortality data provided by NCHS.

