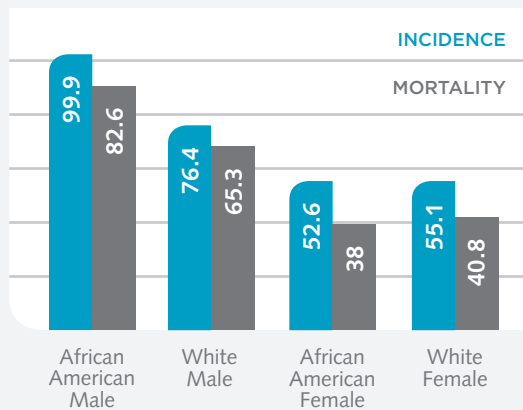


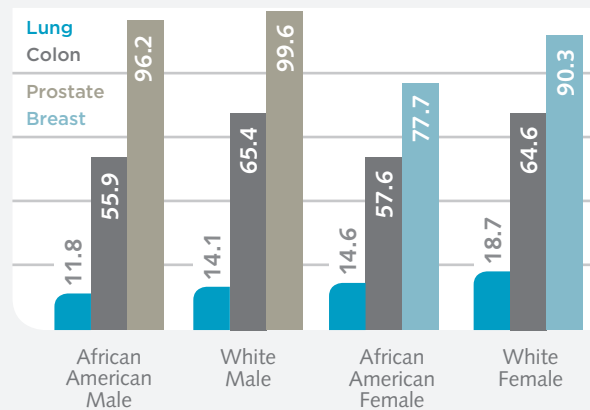
# LUNG CANCER IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN HAVE A 33% HIGHER INCIDENCE RATE AND A 28% HIGHER MORTALITY RATE OF LUNG CANCER THAN WHITE MEN



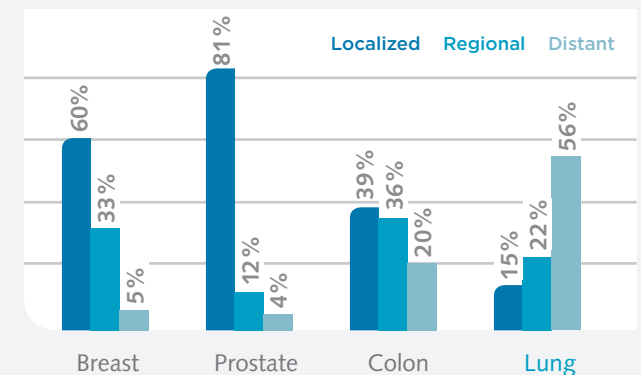
**INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY RATES 2005-2009 PER 100,000 OF POPULATION**

SURVIVAL RATES FOR THE THREE NEXT BIGGEST CANCERS HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY; THE RATE FOR LUNG CANCER HAS NOT



**FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES 2002-2008**

BECAUSE SO FEW CASES ARE DIAGNOSED AT EARLY STAGE WHEN CANCER IS MOST CURABLE



**LOCALIZED:** Cancer confined to the primary site  
**REGIONAL:** Cancer has spread to regional lymph nodes  
**DISTANT:** Cancer has metastasized to other sites

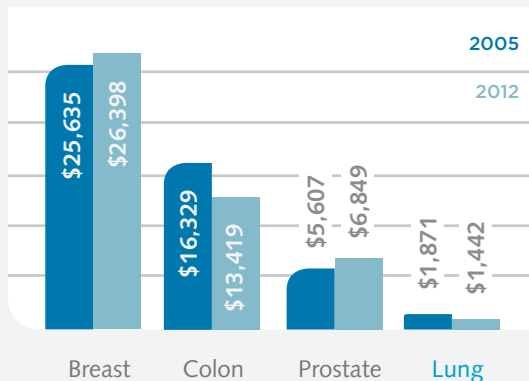
# SNAPSHOT OF PEOPLE WITH LUNG CANCER

20.9%  
CURRENT  
SMOKERS

60%  
FORMER  
SMOKERS

17.9%  
NEVER  
SMOKED

LUNG CANCER IS THE LEAST FUNDED IN DOLLARS PER DEATH OF THE LEADING CANCERS



FEDERAL RESEARCH FUNDING  
FISCAL YEAR 2012

(DOLLARS PER DEATH)

WHY IS LUNG CANCER RESEARCH UNDERFUNDED WHEN SO MANY PEOPLE ARE DYING AND SO MANY QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ANSWERED?

- Why does lung cancer have such a profoundly higher impact on African American men?
- Is there an increased sensitivity to tobacco smoke?
- What other environmental triggers in inner cities or on the job are involved?
- How is risk related to military service and exposure to asbestos, Agent Orange, depleted uranium, battlefield toxins and other carcinogens?
- How do barriers to early detection and care exacerbate the situation?
- What about socio-economic factors, diet and medical histories?

## RESOLUTION:

AS THE PAST FORTY YEARS OF SO LITTLE PROGRESS HAVE SHOWN, LUNG CANCER MORTALITY WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED UNTIL:

- The public is made aware of the statistics
- Lung cancer is viewed with greater compassion and support
- Lung cancer mortality reduction is made a public health priority
- A comprehensive, multi-agency plan of action is developed
- Lung cancer prevention, early detection and treatment are coordinated.
- Congress provides adequate funding and holds the agencies responsible