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INTRODUCTION TO THE TASK FORCE REPORT

Background

The Task Force on Black and Minority Health was established by Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret M. Heckler in response to the striking differences in health status between many minority populations in the United States and the nonminority population.

In January 1984, when Secretary Heckler released the annual report of the Nation's health, Health, United States, 1983, she noted that the health and longevity of all Americans have continued to improve, but the prospects for living full and healthy lives were not shared equally by many minority Americans. Mrs. Heckler called attention to the longstanding and persistent burden of death, disease, and disability experienced by those of Black, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian/Pacific Islander heritage in the United States. Among the most striking differentials are the gap of more than 5 years in life expectancy between Blacks and Whites and the infant mortality rate, which for Blacks has continued to be twice that of Whites. While the differences are particularly evident for Blacks, a group for whom information is most accurate, they are clear for Hispanics, Native Americans, and some groups of Asian/Pacific Islanders as well.

By creating a special Secretarial Task Force to investigate this grave health discrepancy and by establishing an Office of Minority Health to implement the recommendations of the Task Force, Secretary Heckler has taken significant measures toward developing a coordinated strategy to improve the health status of all minority groups.

Dr. Thomas E. Malone, Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Health, was appointed to head the Task Force and 18 senior DHHS executives whose programs affect minority health were selected to serve as primary members of the Task Force. While many DHHS programs significantly benefit minority groups, the formation of this Task Force was unique in that it was the first time that attention was given to an integrated, comprehensive study of minority health concerns.

Charge

Secretary Heckler charged the Task Force with the following duties:

- Study the current health status of Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Islanders.
- Review their ability to gain access to and utilize the health care system.
- Assess factors contributing to the long-term disparities in health status between the minority and nonminority populations.

- Review existing DHHS research and service programs relative to minority health.
- Recommend strategies to redirect Federal resources and programs to narrow the health differences between minorities and nonminorities.
- Suggest strategies by which the public and private sectors can cooperate to bring about improvements in minority health.

Approach

After initial review of national data, the Task Force adopted a study approach based on the statistical technique of "excess deaths" to define the differences in minority health in relation to nonminority health. This method dramatically demonstrated the number of deaths among minorities that would not have occurred had mortality rates for minorities equalled those of nonminorities. The analysis of excess deaths revealed that six specific health areas accounted for more than 80 percent of the higher annual proportion of minority deaths. These areas are:

- Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases
- Cancer
- Chemical dependency
- Diabetes
- Homicide, suicide, and unintentional injuries
- Infant mortality and low birthweight.

Subcommittees were formed to explore why and to what extent these health differences occur and what DHHS can do to reduce the disparity. The subcommittees examined the most recent scientific data available in their specific areas and the physiological, cultural, and societal factors that might contribute to health problems in minority populations.

The Task Force also investigated a number of issues that cut across specific health problem areas yet influence the overall health status of minority groups. Among those reviewed were demographic and social characteristics of Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Islanders; minority needs in health information and education; access to health care services by minorities; and an assessment of health professionals available to minority populations. Special analyses of mortality and morbidity data relevant to minority health also were developed for the use of Task Force. Reports on these issues appear in Volume II.

Resources

More than 40 scientific papers were commissioned to provide recent data and supplementary information to the Task Force and its subcommittees. Much material from the commissioned papers was incorporated into the subcommittee reports; others accompany the full text of the subcommittee reports.

An inventory of DHHS program efforts in minority health was compiled by the Task Force. It includes descriptions of health care, prevention, and research programs sponsored by DHHS that affect minority populations. This is the first such compilation demonstrating the extensive efforts oriented toward minority health within DHHS. An index listing agencies and program titles appears in Volume I. Volume VIII contains more detailed program descriptions as well as telephone numbers of the offices responsible for the administration of these programs.

To supplement its knowledge of minority health issues, the Task Force communicated with individuals and organizations outside the Federal system. Experts in special problem areas such as data analysis, nutrition, or intervention activities presented up-to-date information to the Task Force or the subcommittees. An Hispanic consultant group provided information on health issues affecting Hispanics. A summary of Hispanic health concerns appears in Volume VIII along with an annotated bibliography of selected Hispanic health issues. Papers developed by an Asian/Pacific Islander consultant group accompany the report of the Subcommittee on Data Development appearing in Volume II.

A nationwide survey of organizations and individuals concerned with minority health issues was conducted. The survey requested opinions about factors influencing health status of minorities, examples of successful programs and suggestions for ways DHHS might better address minority health needs. A summary of responses and a complete listing of the organizations participating in the survey is included in Volume VIII.

Task Force Report

Volume I, the Executive Summary, includes recommendations for department-wide activities to improve minority health status. The recommendations emphasize activities through which DHHS might redirect its resources toward narrowing the disparity between minorities and nonminorities and suggest opportunities for cooperation with nonfederal structures to bring about improvements in minority health. Volume I also contains summaries of the information and data compiled by the Task Force to account for the health status disparity.

Volumes II through VIII contain the complete text of the reports prepared by subcommittees and working groups. They provide extensive background information and data analyses that support the findings and intervention strategies proposed by the subcommittees. The reports are excellent reviews of research and should be regarded as state-of-the-art knowledge on problem areas in minority health. Many of the papers commissioned by the Task Force subcommittees accompany the subcommittee report. They should be extremely useful to those who wish to become familiar in greater depth with selected aspects of the issues that the Task Force analyzed.

The full Task Force report consists of the following volumes:

- Volume I: Executive Summary
- Volume II: Crosscutting Issues in Minority Health:
Perspectives on National Health Data for Minorities
Minority Access to Health Care
Health Education and Information
Minority and other Health Professionals Serving Minority
Communities
- Volume III: Cancer
- Volume IV: Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Diseases
- Volume V: Homicide, Suicide, and Unintentional Injuries
- Volume VI: Infant Mortality and Low Birthweight
- Volume VII: Chemical Dependency
Diabetes
- Volume VIII: Hispanic Health Issues
Survey of the Non-Federal Community
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INTRODUCTION

Cancer is a disease with major public health impact. It is the second leading cause of death in the United States, surpassed only by cardiovascular disease. Although the group of illnesses termed "cancer" is of importance to the general population, cancer has a particularly severe impact on specific minority population groups, especially Blacks.

This report focuses on cancer mortality in minorities with emphasis on areas of excess mortality. However, analysis of the cancer problem today and projections about the future cannot be made on the basis of mortality data alone. Information on incidence and survival rates is also required, as mortality, incidence, and survival rates for cancer are interrelated. Changes in incidence and/or survival for a particular cancer over time can result in changes in the mortality rate for that cancer. In addition, a change in exposure to factors which predispose individuals to greater risk for a cancer will affect incidence and later mortality for that cancer.

Lung cancer mortality rates illustrate the interrelation of these factors. Tobacco is a known causative factor for lung cancer. An increase in cigarette smoking in the first half of the century resulted in a sharp rise in the incidence and mortality rates for lung cancer. Changes in cigarette smoking practices, particularly following the Surgeon General's report on smoking in 1964, have resulted in recent decreased incidence of lung cancer among some groups (notably white males) and an early indication that this trend of lower incidence will extend to other groups where the smoking prevalence rates are falling. Since lung cancer has a low survival rate, incidence trends are predictors of future mortality rates with an increase or decrease in incidence being followed, within a very short time, by a corresponding increase or decrease in the mortality rate. For groups where smoking prevalence is still increasing (notably women), we can expect rising incidence and mortality rates for lung cancer in the future. This holds true for other cancers--stomach, pancreatic, and esophageal--for which survival rates are presently low. Another way to illustrate the interrelation of these factors is where an improvement in survival rates over time, particularly when incidence rates hold steady, will result in decreases in the mortality rate. One example is testicular cancer, where mortality rates fell sharply following a rise in survival rates in the mid-1970's.

The following report describes the cancer experience of U.S. Blacks and other ethnic minorities based on current, available data. Blacks are the major focus of this report for two reasons: (1) historically they have been the largest U.S. ethnic minority, and (2) more cancer-related data are available for Blacks than for other minority groups. Based on these data, Blacks have experienced dramatic increases in age-adjusted cancer incidence and mortality since the mid-1950's. Blacks develop and die of certain cancers at greater rates than non-minorities, even when matched for stage.

There is a need for continuing development of similar information on other ethnic minority groups, particularly among the rapidly increasing Hispanic and Asian populations. Preliminary data suggest an increased risk for certain cancers common to members of these groups, e.g., primary liver cell and nasopharyngeal cancers among Asians. As the numbers of persons at risk for these cancers

increase, observance of these types of cancer in the U.S. may also increase. These large groups contain subpopulations for which cancer experience differs. For Hispanics the subgroups include those of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and other Latino descendants; for Asian/Pacific Islanders, subgroups are of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Hawaiian, and other descendants. Accurate registration of these subpopulations in the census and in cancer case registration is necessary, since existing data and analysis of those data are not adequate to clearly understand the current cancer experience of these groups.

Part I of this report presents highlights of available descriptive epidemiology for incidence, mortality, and survival experience for Blacks and, where possible, other minorities as well as comparisons to non-minorities when differences in cancer rates exist. Information on cancer-related risk factors and behaviors is presented which may explain in part the differences in cancer rates between the two groups. The General Overview section discusses epidemiological data, but focuses primarily on more detailed information relating to risk factors such as tobacco, occupation, and health behaviors including Pap smears and breast self-examinations.

Risk factors are discussed because they are critical to the understanding of exposures that may predispose a person to cancer development. Major risk factors--tobacco, alcohol, nutritional and dietary factors, and occupation--account for approximately 70 percent of cancer mortality and 69 percent of incidence. Environmental factors that increase risk for cancer may be endogenous, as in dietary and nutritional status, or exogenous, such as exposures in the workplace. It should be noted that an individual is exposed to a variety of environmental risk factors and a combination of risk factors accumulated throughout life. Effects of exposures and risk factors may not be immediately apparent because long latency periods or lag time exist between exposure and cancer development.

The concept of competing risks and co-morbidity are also important when considering cancer incidence and mortality. Tobacco use, a major risk factor for several cancers, is also a contributing factor in heart and pulmonary disease. Alcohol, a risk factor for cancer, may contribute to the high rate of accidents in American Indians, where mortality due to accidents is higher than from cancer. Cancer incidence and mortality data for groups where competing risks are prominent may be influenced by early death rates from other diseases, thus masking actual cancer rates. Additionally, the presence of multiple chronic diseases, e.g., hypertension and renal disease, may affect cancer survival negatively.

Socioeconomic status (SES) is an important factor in considering cancer incidence and survival and, therefore, mortality. Socioeconomic status has an impact on such factors as educational attainment; access, availability, quality and utilization of health care including state-of-the-art cancer care; occupation; and nutrition, immune status, and response to cancer treatment. Blacks, in particular, are overrepresented in lower socioeconomic groups, have lower educational attainment, and are subject to discriminatory practices in employment, including the greater likelihood of work assignments to worksites where they are exposed to hazardous materials. These adverse problems affect other minority population segments as well.

The data included in this report were derived from numerous sources and individual studies. The data cover a variety of denominators, time periods and groupings, including cancer rates by sex, both sexes combined, all sites combined, etc. Although data will be consistent within studies, they may not be consistent across studies and, therefore, exact comparability may not be possible between all racial/ethnic groups.

This report is divided in two parts. Part I is a narrative discussion of risk factors and cancer epidemiology in major racial/ethnic minority groups. The narrative is followed by a bibliography of available literature on subjects of relevance to this report to which readers are directed for further information. Part II is a compendium of cancer statistics: Blacks, non-minorities, and other group comparisons. It contains charts, tables and graphic presentations, and provides further information on cancer incidence, mortality, and survival in minorities and non-minorities.

A report prepared by the National Cancer Institute, "Demographic and Health Services Patterns" discusses (1) the demographic characteristics of the major minority groups: Blacks, Hispanics, American Indians, and Asian/Pacific Islanders, and (2) health service patterns in minority populations. This report can be obtained from the National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, Blair Building, Room 4A01, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-4200.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Patterns of cancer distribution among U.S. population groups vary according to racial and ethnic background. These patterns challenge investigators and health providers to provide explanations for the large differences in cancer incidence, mortality, and survival among minority and non-minority Americans. In examining these differences, this report looks at the available epidemiological and statistical information regarding incidence, mortality, and survival; information relating to prominent factors that affect risk for cancer development; and available observations on knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding cancer. In short, differences in cancer experience and possible contributing factors to these differences between minorities and non-minorities are discussed.

Most of the statistical information relating to cancer incidence and survival rates is derived from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) program of the National Cancer Institute. Mortality data are derived from the National Center for Health Statistics.

The SEER program obtains cancer patient incidence and survival information from 11 population-based cancer registries that cover more than 12 percent of the U.S. population. Within the racial and ethnic groups in the United States, SEER data cover 12 percent of non-minorities, 12 percent of Blacks, 27 percent of American Indians, 32 percent of Chinese, 47 percent of Japanese, 38 percent of Filipinos, and 12 percent of Hispanics. The 11 areas covered by SEER are six states (Connecticut, New Jersey, Iowa, New Mexico, Utah, and Hawaii), four metropolitan areas (Atlanta, Detroit, San Francisco, and Seattle), and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Because numbers for minority populations are small, particularly when examining cancer experience by site and stage at diagnosis, SEER data must be utilized and interpreted with caution, particularly for comparisons between groups. Where statistically significant comparisons can be made, they have been. Where data or comparisons should be viewed with caution, this has been noted.

Blacks are the largest U.S. minority and the one for which most data are available. For this reason, this report focuses mainly on Blacks. However, where relevant, reliable information is available for other minority groups (Hispanics, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and American Indians). These are presented.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Blacks have the highest overall age-adjusted rates of cancer incidence and cancer mortality of any U.S. population group. The overall 5-year relative survival for cancer for Blacks was 12 percentage points below that of non-minorities (1973-81). Of the 25 primary cancer sites for which survival data were available, Blacks had lower survival rates for all but three cancer sites--ovary, brain, and multiple myeloma, all cancers with relatively low incidence and low survival in all population groups. In general, survival rates for other racial/ethnic minority groups are lower than for non-minorities also. It can be hypothesized, supported by much of the scientific literature, that the differences in cancer survival among Blacks and non-minorities involve

social and/or environmental factors. As discussed in the section on Black Americans, preliminary data indicate that differences in survival status between Blacks and non-minorities seem to be substantially based on socioeconomic status and the overrepresentation of a race/ethnic group in the lower categories of socioeconomic status. Socioeconomic status affects access to health services, nutritional status, immune status and function, educational level and employment status, and cancer prevention attitudes, awareness, and practices. In turn, all of these affect survival and ultimately mortality.

RISK FACTORS

Lower socioeconomic status, then, may be correlated with poorer survival for cancer. It also is seen to be a factor in increased incidence of certain types of cancer. These include lung, esophagus, stomach, and cervix. Other major risk factors for cancer have been identified and will be discussed here. These include tobacco, nutritional/dietary factors, occupational exposures, and combined tobacco-alcohol consumption.

Scientific evidence accumulated over the last two decades indicates that factors in the social and natural environments either cause the majority of cancers or promote their development. This does not mean that host factors, genetic or otherwise, are unimportant to the biology of neoplastic diseases because most people who are similarly exposed to external risk factors do not develop cancer. Host factors, such as nutritional and immune status, clearly influence the biological response. It is estimated that the genesis of that biological response may be triggered by environmental factors in approximately 80 percent of the cases. These factors, because they are environmental, in principle are preventable.

The risk factors of greatest concern at this stage of scientific knowledge are listed below:

- Tobacco. Smoking today causes more cancer than any other risk factor. When combined with excess alcohol consumption, the risk from tobacco is significantly enhanced. Smokeless tobacco use has also been associated with causation of certain cancers.
- Nutrition. The relationship of diet to cancer is gaining rapidly in importance. Nutritional and dietary factors may promote certain types as well as protect against certain types of cancer.
- Occupational exposures. Exposures in the workplace carry significant cancer risks. However, these risks are thought to be concentrated in the "blue collar" population segments and, therefore, are potentially of greater significance to minorities because of historic patterns in employment practices.

Although these risk factors are, for the most part, discussed separately in this section and the following sections relating to specific minority groups, this separation is not an accurate representation of reality. Indeed, more often than not, these risk factors occur in combination, and with detrimental results, such as the following:

- Tobacco use is higher in blue collar workers. When it is combined with agents in the workplace (such as asbestos) that interact with tobacco, it creates additive or synergistic risks for lung and other cancers.
- Alcohol is a powerful solvent and may enhance body absorption of carcinogens such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.
- Alcohol abuse may result in nutritional deficiencies that aggravate cancer incidence and deter survival following treatment.

The interaction of many risk factors for cancer has two major implications: (1) By initiating actions to prevent one factor, a number of other factors will also be affected (the multiplier effect); but (2) it is difficult to address each factor in isolation if the aim is to create effective cancer prevention.

TOBACCO

Cigarette smoking is responsible for 30 percent of all cancer deaths. Nearly 90 percent of all lung cancers are caused by cigarette smoking. Cigarette smoking also is a contributing factor in laryngeal, oral, esophageal, bladder, pancreatic, kidney, and cervical cancers. Blacks have higher incidence rates for the tobacco-related cancers of the lung, esophagus, pancreas, and stomach. Survival for these particular cancers is poor, regardless of racial or ethnic groups.

Smoking-related cancers seem to be particularly high among Blacks. Blacks have higher prevalence rates for smoking than non-minorities and develop a proportionately greater number of smoking-related cancers. Research shows that, although more likely to be smokers, a smaller percentage of Blacks than non-minorities are heavy smokers, and evidence pointing to the fact that cigarette smoking is more easily modified among light smokers offers hope that prevention efforts among Blacks might reduce this high prevalence rate. In addition, although Blacks are less likely than non-minorities to be former smokers, more Blacks than non-minorities indicate an interest in stopping smoking. This finding of greater desire to stop smoking among Blacks is based on a small sample. If accurate, however, it suggests that smoking cessation efforts aimed at Blacks might have good potential to be effective.

Although Hispanics have lower rates of lung cancer and are generally believed to have lower rates of smoking than Blacks or non-minorities, one review of recent surveys suggests that smoking prevalence among Hispanic males is at least as high as that of non-minority males. (Hispanic female smoking rates are considerably lower than those of white females.) These findings suggest that Hispanic rates for tobacco-related cancers may increase in the future and that special attention to cessation and prevention efforts aimed at this group is needed.

It is now established that smokeless tobacco use causes cancer. There is evidence that use of smokeless tobacco products is growing, particularly among young Americans. According to one regional study, American Indians may be the highest users of smokeless tobacco. Although other minority groups appear to be somewhat lower users of smokeless tobacco than non-minorities,

vigilance is required to ensure that they do not adopt higher levels of use in the face of increased commercial enticements.*

ALCOHOL

Alcohol is estimated to be responsible for 3 percent of all cancer deaths. Alcohol has been demonstrated in epidemiological studies to be an etiological factor in cancers of the mouth, larynx, tongue, and esophagus.

Alcohol abuse appears to be correlated more with SES than with race. When social class was controlled in one study, the quantity and frequency of alcohol consumption among Blacks and non-minorities were found to be comparable. One survey, however, observed a general difference between Black and non-minority women, with Black women more likely than non-minorities to be either abstainers or heavy drinkers. Similarly, Hispanics appear to be concentrated at the extremes of the drinking scale distribution (i.e., more heavy drinkers and abstainers than frequent light drinkers).

The exact way in which alcohol promotes cancer is unknown, but possible mechanisms have been proposed by a number of investigators. These include:

- Local effects of alcohol on the upper gastrointestinal tract due to direct contact with the agent.
- Direct effect of carcinogens present in alcoholic beverages.
- Induction of enzyme activities by alcohol in microsomes of the liver, intestine, and lungs.
- Alcohol-induced liver injuries.
- Nutritional disturbances involving vitamins A, B, B₁, B₆, E, and C, folic acid, iron, or minerals associated with chronic alcohol abuse.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

Alcohol combined with tobacco use presents a risk for cancer. Epidemiologic data indicate that the combination of chronic alcohol consumption and tobacco use substantially increases the risks of cancers of the oral cavity, esophagus, and pharynx, though probably not of the lung. The cancer sites for which tobacco and alcohol jointly are major determinants occur with greater frequency in Blacks than non-minorities.

*Readers are referred to the following recent literature:

- Health Implications of Smokeless Tobacco Use. National Institutes of Health, Consensus Development Conference Statement, Bethesda, MD. Jan 1986.
- IARC Monograph on the Evaluation Of The Carcinogenic Biology Of Chemicals To Humans: Tobacco Habits Other Than Smoking, Betel-quid And Areca-nut Chewings And Some Related Nitrosamines. Vol. 37, Lyon, Sept 1985.
- Winn, D: Tobacco Chewing and Snuff Dipping: An Association With Human Cancer. In: N-nitroso Compounds: Occurrence, Biological Effects and Relevance to Human Cancer. (O'Neill, I.K. et al, eds.) IARC Scientific Publications No. 57. International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon, 1984.

Evidence points to an association between cigarette smoking and alcohol consumption in general. It appears that the level of consumption of either substance increases with the increased use of the other. Although several theories exist, there is uncertainty regarding alcohol's role, the modifying effects of tobacco, and the dose-response relationships among the two agents in cancer causation.

NUTRITION

Dietary factors are thought to account for 35 percent of all cancer deaths. The most important factors associated with cancer causation are total dietary fat, alcohol, and N-nitroso compounds. Dietary factors which appear to have a protective effect against cancer include fiber, vitamins such as A and C, and minerals such as selenium and zinc.

Several mechanisms relating to cancer have been proposed, but the exact nature of causation is not known. Studies have associated specific foods and nutritional factors with risk to specific cancers, with some variance in the strength of supporting data. The list below summarizes, by cancer site, dietary and other risk factors found in nutritional studies related to specific cancers.

- Esophageal: high alcohol intake, hot beverages, poor nutritional status, smoking.
- Stomach: N-nitroso compounds; pickled, spiced, and smoked foods; low socioeconomic status; smoking.
- Breast: total and saturated fat, cholesterol, fried foods, obesity.
- Endometrium: obesity, high fat consumption, hypertension, diabetes mellitus.
- Prostate: "Western" diet, e.g., high fat consumption.

Found to be generally protective for cancers are fresh fruits and vegetables, fiber, vitamin A, and vitamin C.

Research in the area of nutrition, diet, and cancer is important, but it is difficult to conduct studies that yield conclusive results because of many methodologic problems. Rigorous studies in the population groups that are the subject of this report are lacking or nonexistent.

OCCUPATION

Occupational exposures are believed to account for 4 percent of overall U.S. cancer deaths. Most epidemiological studies of occupational factors associated with cancer risk have been studies of non-minority males. Limited information is available on occupational factors associated with cancer in Blacks, and because of major differences historically in social and employment patterns, it would be improper to extrapolate from risks identified in non-minority workers to those expected among Black workers.

Blacks entered the industrial workforce in large numbers in response to improved employment opportunities during and following World War II. This trend accompanied a migration of Blacks from the South to the industrial, urban Northeast and mid-West, and later the western part of the nation. Studies of these migratory populations to Ohio suggest that rising cancer rates, especially for lung cancer, were associated with the migration and, hence, industrial employment. At the same time, it was thought that the adverse conditions of early life predisposed these workers to the effects of the carcinogenic exposures experienced in the industrial workplaces.

Minorities are more likely to be excluded from selected industries and jobs, are more likely to start work at a lower entry level job (usually unskilled), and are less likely to be promoted to jobs demanding more skills. At least for Black workers these employment practices have resulted in quite different exposure profiles, both in terms of a complete work history and exposures incurred within a single industry. As a result, even if risks for the same occupational or exposure group are assessed, a comparison between non-minority and Black workers is likely to be confounded by different exposure experiences that precede and follow the specific industry or occupation of interest.

Findings of cohort mortality studies reporting risks by race and occupation or exposure within race subgroups indicate that differences in risk are apparent between non-minorities and minorities for selected occupations. One study of steel industry workers suggests that the higher lung cancer risk among Blacks has resulted from a higher concentration of Blacks in high-risk jobs. Other occupations where studies have found higher cancer rates among minorities include dye manufacturing and the rubber industry.

KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND PRACTICES

The available scientific literature about cancer-related knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) among minorities is scant. Sample sizes in the two existing national studies on Blacks and non-minorities are too small to provide meaningful comparisons, and studies of Blacks and non-minorities in specific locales may identify differences that are peculiar to a specific geographic area. These potential problems should be considered in interpreting the points discussed below.

In general, Blacks and Hispanics tend to know less about cancer than non-minorities, although the differences vary depending on specific cancers, screening, tests, etc. One national survey (EVAXX, Inc.) reported that Blacks tend to underestimate the prevalence of cancer and that their knowledge of warning signs is lower than that of non-minorities. The National Breast Cancer Survey indicated that Blacks are closer to non-minorities in their knowledge of breast self-examination (BSE) than they are to Hispanics, almost 25 percent of whom had never heard of BSE. A telephone survey of Illinois residents found Blacks to be less aware than non-minorities of specific cancer tests, including the Pap smear, BSE, proctoscopy, and prostate palpation.

The EVAXX survey found that Blacks also tend to be more pessimistic than non-minorities about their chances for survival should they develop cancer. Blacks tend to be more fatalistic and less likely to believe that early detection

makes a difference and that existing treatments are effective. A substantial proportion of Blacks (25 to 50 percent in some cases) accept many of the common myths (e.g., bruises cause cancer) as fact.

Hispanics in the National Breast Cancer Survey's purposive sample perceived themselves as more likely to contract cancer some day than did non-minorities. Hispanics also tended to believe that breast cancer would affect sexual and social relationships much more than non-minorities or Blacks. On the other hand, more Blacks in the national sample believed that breast cancer would affect their ability to do strenuous housework than non-minorities did.

The Illinois telephone survey found that, despite virtually equal access to general physical examinations, Blacks were likely to obtain fewer screening tests, which suggests potential differences in quality of care even when access is equal.

Generally, findings from these surveys suggest that differentials in KAPs seem to exist between minorities and the general population, but that these differentials are not uniform across minority groups or across specific cancer topics.

The exact relationship of differences in KAPs between minorities and the general population and their subsequent effect on cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality rates is suggestive but speculative. For example, the marked difference in cancer survival between Blacks and non-minorities is well established. Available data on KAPs suggest similar differences. However, it is not known if participation in regular gynecologic screening by Blacks at the same rate as non-minorities would eliminate the current survival differences. Further, it is not specifically known which of the differences in KAP measures have any real impact on cancer rates. For example, does the belief among some Blacks that breast cancer affects their ability to do strenuous housework also affect their utilization of breast self-examination and mammography and, in turn, does this result in poorer survival from breast cancer? These interactions across KAP measures are likely to be highly variable, and their full complexity is not well explored.

Current levels of KAP are related to demographic differences, both between minorities and the general population and within each minority group itself. A study of participation in Pap smear screening by Blacks in Buffalo, New York, found an inverse relationship between age and participation in Pap testing, a finding consistent with many earlier studies. Education was clearly related to Pap testing behavior, but two common measures of socioeconomic status, source of income and occupation, were not related to either number or recency of Pap testing.

There is a strong connection between social status and KAPs. For example, to the extent that minorities are overrepresented in low SES groups, they will evidence KAP consistent with that condition. It has been shown that low SES individuals are generally less knowledgeable about disease and health status, are often hard to recruit to screening and other health service programs, and often delay seeking medical care in the presence of symptoms. On the other hand, cultural influences also have been shown to influence the beliefs and acceptance of preventive services. Basic issues about health KAP of various minorities are beginning to emerge and call into question some of the stereotyping that

may have occurred in the past. For example, are low-income Blacks more like low-income non-minorities in their health and cancer-related KAP than they are like middle- or upper-income Blacks?

DEMOGRAPHY

This section discusses the demographic characteristics of Blacks, Hispanics, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and American Indians. Demographic profiles include population characteristics such as regional distribution, median age, family size, median family income, and education.

Although Blacks represent the largest U.S. ethnic minority group, the most dramatic increases in population are for Asian/Pacific Islanders.

Similarities in regional distribution between Blacks, Hispanics, and Asian/Pacific Islanders, with the majority residing in central cities, are in contrast to the American Indian/Alaska Native population, who reside primarily in 11 of the 28 reservation states.

For American Indians, the birth rate is almost twice that of all U.S. racial/ethnic groups, except Hispanics, and life expectancy is 6 years less. Birth rates for Blacks are also increasing. In contrast to American Indians, however, Blacks are living longer, narrowing the gap between life expectancy for non-minorities and Blacks.

Among American Indians, the median age of 22.4 is lower than the median age of all U.S. racial/ethnic groups, except Puerto Ricans and Mexican Americans, and the average number of persons per family for American Indians is 4.6 compared to 3.8 for all groups. A higher proportion of Black families have a significantly lower median income which falls below the poverty level.

Asian/Pacific Islanders show the most substantial increase in educational attainment compared to non-minorities but represent higher percentages in service occupations compared to non-minorities. Unemployment rates are lower for Asians (4.7 percent) in comparison to the U.S. unemployment rate of 6.5 percent in 1980 and higher for Blacks (approximately 14% in 1980), revealing double the unemployment rate for non-minorities.

HEALTH SERVICES PATTERNS

The crucial question in examining health services patterns is whether improvements in the health care system would have a major impact in reducing morbidity and mortality in special populations. It is unclear whether the differences in health outcomes and access to health information and health services are due to factors other than race or ethnic backgrounds. The key issue concerns the role that the health services system may play in eliminating differences in mortality and morbidity rates among non-minorities and Blacks, Hispanics, and other minority populations.

Blacks experience higher rates of morbidity and mortality than non-minorities from major illnesses such as cancer. Because Blacks and other minorities have higher rates of unemployment, they tend to have less continuous and/or more limited health insurance coverage. This inhibits health

services utilization. Also, lower income individuals are less likely to have a private physician as a usual source of medical care and are less likely to receive preventive health care screening.

BLACKS

In 1980, the Black population in the United States was 26.5 million, an increase of 17.3 percent over 1970. Blacks comprised about 12 percent of the total U.S. population in 1980. Blacks have the highest overall age-adjusted cancer rates for both incidence and mortality of any U.S. population.

For cancer incidence, the SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results) data, 1973-81, show a 10 percent excess incidence of cancer among Black Americans compared to non-minority Americans. Excess incidence is particularly pronounced among Black males. The incidence rate is 25 percent higher among Black males compared to non-minority males. Cancer rates among Black females are 4 percent lower than those for non-minority females. The overall trend in incidence for all cancers combined suggests an increase for the total population. The rate of increase for Blacks, however, is much higher. Between 1973-77 and 1978-81, non-minorities showed a 2 percent increase while the increase for Blacks was 7 percent. The greatest increase was among Black males, with a 10 percent increase; while non-minority males had a 4.3 percent increase, non-minority females experienced a slight (0.4 percent) decrease and Black females had a 3.3 percent increase.

Blacks also experience excess cancer mortality. The overall cancer mortality rate among Black and non-minority females is about the same, but Black males had an 11 percent excess compared to non-minority males according to the SEER data through 1981. Black males had the largest increase (8 percent) in cancer mortality between 1973-77 and 1978-81. Non-minority women have the lowest increase (2 percent). Until the early 1950's, reported U.S. cancer mortality rates for Blacks were lower than those for non-minorities among both males and females. However, over the past three decades, cancer deaths among Black males have risen even faster than those for non-minority males; rates for Black females have remained steady; and rates for non-minority females have declined slightly. From 1955 to the present, the highest U.S. mortality rates have occurred among Black males, followed by non-minority males, Black females, and non-minority females.

Although the rise in cancer mortality rates for U.S. males from 1915 to 1975 may be partially a result of improved reporting for causes of death, many experts feel that it also represents a true increase in the number of cancer deaths. During this period, there also has been a continuing decrease in mortality for all races by other causes such as heart disease and infectious diseases. Exposures to carcinogenic agents including smoking and tobacco use has also increased.

Another factor contributing to the increase in cancer mortality among both non-minority and Black males may be due in part to a shift to occupations that entail greater exposures to carcinogenic agents. This has been clearly demonstrated for Black workers in certain occupational categories including those assigned to coke ovens in the U.S. steel industry. Also during the 1940's, a large rural to urban migration began among Blacks brought about increased individual exposures to environmental factors now known to be associated with cancer.

EXCESS MORTALITY AND INCIDENCE

Sites of excess mortality in the Black population include lung, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, prostate, cervix, and corpus uteri. Mortality and incidence data for these sites are discussed below by site.

Lung

Black males experienced a 45 percent excess death rate compared to non-minority males. The death rate among Black and non-minority females is about the same. A large increase in the lung cancer death rate occurred among all females between 1973-77 and 1978-81. High lung cancer mortality rates for Blacks are matched by excess incidence, which is expected to rise even more in the future. It is estimated that there will be a 31.8 percent increase in lung cancer incidence among Black males compared to a 20.7 percent increase in non-minority males from 1980 to 1990. Among women, it is estimated there will be a 98.6 percent increase in lung cancer incidence among Black females compared to an 86 percent increase among non-minority females between 1980 and 1990. Similar increases in mortality rates for lung cancer can be anticipated.

Cigarette smoking is a major cause of lung cancer, with fully 90 percent of lung cancer deaths being related to cigarette smoking. Survey data indicate that the prevalence of smoking is greater among Blacks than non-minorities. Most of this difference is due to the high smoking rates of Black males rather than Black females. Other factors predisposing an individual at increased risk for lung cancer include lower socioeconomic status and residing in an urban rather than a rural setting. Occupational exposure to a variety of elements including asbestos, polycyclic hydrocarbons, and chromium is an additional risk. One dietary factor associated with lung cancer incidence is a low level of vitamin A intake.

Esophagus

For cancer of the esophagus, excess mortality is pronounced among Blacks, particularly among Black males. For this group, mortality is 3 times higher than for non-minority males. Mortality rates among Black women are 2.5 times higher than for non-minority women. Age-adjusted incidence rates for esophageal cancer are correspondingly high: 3.5 times higher for Black men compared to non-minority men, and almost 3 times higher in Black women than non-minority women. Urban Blacks appear to be more likely to develop esophageal cancer than rural Blacks.

Major risk factors for cancer of the esophagus include alcohol intake and tobacco use (both smoking and chewing). One study of Washington, D.C. Blacks identified the major factor responsible for excess deaths from esophageal cancer to be alcoholic beverage consumption and nutritional deficiencies. While it is not possible to generalize the findings of this small, localized study based on death certificates, it does support the general concept of alcohol consumption as a major factor in increasing the risk for esophageal cancer.

Both cigarette smoking and alcohol consumption have been shown to be etiologic factors in cancer of the esophagus. In combination the two represent an additional risk. The exact role of these factors and the dose-response relationship between the two are not known. Regardless of this lack of infor-

mation on the specific nature of the interaction, epidemiologic data indicate that the combination of chronic alcohol and tobacco consumption substantially increases the risk of cancer of the esophagus.

Other factors associated with increased risk for cancer of the esophagus include exposure to radiation and to asbestos. A possible dietary factor is consumption of hot food and drink or thermal irritation.

Prostate

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among U.S. males. Mortality and incidence rates for prostate cancer are higher among Blacks than non-minorities. Death from prostate cancer is two times higher among Black males than among non-minority males. The death rates increased by 11.8 percent among Blacks and only 4.2 percent among non-minorities between 1973-77 and 1978-81. Incidence data show that Black males have a 60 percent excess incidence of prostate cancer compared to non-minority males in the United States. The reported incidence and mortality from prostatic cancer among Black males has risen sharply over the past 3 decades. Between 1973-77 and 1978-81, there has been a 10 percent increase in these incidence rates for both Black and non-minority males. Age-specific incidence and mortality rates for prostate cancer are higher in all age groups for Blacks than non-minorities.

The causes of prostate cancer are unknown, but incidence varies according to familial aggregation and whether an individual has ever married. High consumption of fat may play a role in the risk of developing this cancer. Some studies have suggested that the hormone testosterone may also play a role in the development of prostatic cancer. At least one occupational hazard, cadmium, has been suggested as a risk factor. Because the causes of prostate cancer are unclear, the reasons for this excess among Black males are equally unclear.

Stomach

Mortality from stomach cancer is more than 1.5 times greater among Blacks than non-minorities. Mortality rates for both groups have decreased during the time period 1973-77 and 1978-81, with non-minorities experiencing an 11 percent decrease in death from stomach cancer, while the decrease for Blacks was lower, only 6 percent. Stomach cancer incidence is almost twice as high among Blacks compared to non-minorities. Moreover, between 1973-77 and 1978-81, the incidence decreased by 6, 7, and 4.5 percent among non-minority males, non-minority females, and Black females, respectively. Incidence, however, did not decrease during this time period for Black males, who instead showed a 3.4 percent increase in the incidence of stomach cancer.

Lower socioeconomic status has been correlated strongly with increased rates of stomach cancer. As in many other cancers, tobacco and alcohol use have been implicated in stomach cancer, as has dietary intake of salty foods. N-nitroso compounds, as found in foods, the environment, and the workplace (asbestos) have been implicated. Foods rich in ascorbic acid seem to be protective against stomach cancer.

Cervix

Both mortality and incidence rates for cervical cancer are 2.5 times higher among Black females than non-minority females. Between 1973-77 and 1978-81, cervical cancer incidence rates for both groups increased about 20 percent. Mortality rates in this period went down for non-minorities but not for Blacks. Non-minority females showed a 20 percent decrease in cervical cancer deaths between 1973-77 and 1978-81, while Black females experienced a 27 percent increase during this same period.

Cervical cancer is one of the most extensively studied cancers and yet no clear causes have been found. A number of risk factors have been suggested, including recent data linking papilloma virus as a possible cause of this disease. The major risk factors suggested for all women are multiple sex partners and early age at first intercourse.

Corpus Uteri

Black females experienced a 33 percent excess death rate from cancers of the corpus uteri compared to non-minority females. Over the period 1973-81, non-minority females showed a 10.5 percent increase in death from cancer of the corpus uteri and Black females showed a 3.4 percent increase. Blacks have lower incidence than non-minorities.

Cancer incidence for corpus uteri has been associated with higher socioeconomic status and nulliparity along with early menarche and older age at menopause. Additional risk factors include diabetes mellitus, obesity, and hypertension.

EXCESS INCIDENCE

Increased incidence among Blacks has been noted for the following cancers: multiple myeloma, pancreatic cancer, and laryngeal cancer, as well as where noted in discussions of cancer for which excess mortality rates are known to exist.

Multiple Myeloma

The incidence of multiple myeloma is more than twice as high for Blacks than for non-minorities. The incidence for Black males is 9.6 per 100,000 and for Black women it is 6.7. The rate for non-minority males is 4.3 and for non-minority females it is 3.0.

Several preliminary studies have linked occupational exposures, ionizing radiation, immune competence, and genetic susceptibility with increased risk for the development of multiple myeloma. At the present time, none of the studies offer any conclusive evidence for the causes of multiple myeloma. Risk factors associated with race and gender have yet to be identified.

Pancreas

The incidence of pancreatic cancer among Blacks is 1.5 times higher than for non-minorities. During 1973-77 and 1978-81, Black males showed an increase in the incidence of pancreatic cancer. This type of cancer is more common among males than females, among older persons, and among those who are not married. Excess risk has been found among cigarette smokers and some studies have linked diabetes mellitus with the risk of developing pancreatic cancer.

Larynx

The incidence rate is 1.5 times higher for cancer of the larynx among Black males and 1.3 times higher among Black females compared to non-minority males and females, respectively. The greatest increase in incidence between 1973-81 was found for non-minority females (23 percent) followed by Black females (11.1 percent) and Black males (8.7 percent). Only a slight increase occurred among non-minority males (1.2 percent). Risk factors include combined tobacco and alcohol use.

SURVIVAL EXPERIENCE

Survival Experience for Blacks

According to data derived from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) program of the National Cancer Institute, the 5-year overall relative survival rate for 1976-81 was 50 percent for non-minorities and 38 percent for Blacks--a difference of 12 percentage points. There are striking differences in Black/non-minority survival for cancers of certain sites from 1976-81, as shown below.

5-Year Relative Survival

<u>Cancer Site</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Non-minority</u>	<u>Difference Black/Non-minority</u>
Breast	63%	75%	12%
Prostate	61	71	10
Corpus Uteri	55	86	31
Bladder	54	74	20
Rectum	37	49	12

Of the 25 primary cancer sites for which survival data were available, Blacks had higher 5-year relative survival rates for three sites (1973-81)--ovary, brain, and multiple myeloma--all relatively low incident cancers with only small percentage point advantages in Blacks.

When comparing survival rates for 18 selected cancer sites between 1973-75 and 1976-81, 5-year relative survival improved in Blacks for all sites but three; survival for cancer of the pancreas and cancer of the breast remained the same; and survival for corpus uteri cancer decreased by 4 percentage points.

Survival by Stage

Black/non-minority survival within primary cancer stage for selected cancer sites is of interest, although the sample of Blacks for many sites is too small in certain stage categories to present reliable information from which to draw conclusions. For all stages combined, Black patients had significantly lower survival than non-minorities for several cancer sites. However, these differences tend to decrease within individual stage categories for a number of cancer sites. This is due to the greater distribution of lower stages (less advanced cancers) in non-minority patients. Highlights of Black survival by stage are reviewed below.

- Survival for uterine corpus cancer showed the greatest difference in stage-specific survival between the Blacks and non-minorities. The stage I disease difference (92 percent non-minorities versus 75 percent Blacks) was statistically significant. The distribution of Black patients in other stage categories was too small to make reliable conclusions.
- Black patients had better survival rates than non-minorities for ovarian cancer for all stages combined and also within each stage category.
- The breast cancer survival difference (Blacks, 63 percent; non-minorities, 75 percent) was statistically significant. This was related to the large number of Blacks who had lymph node involvement or direct extension of tumor to adjacent tissue at the time of diagnosis (stage III B).
- The difference in 5-year relative survival for Blacks and non-minorities, for all stages combined (Blacks, 37 percent; non-minorities, 49 percent) for rectal cancer was statistically significant. The same is true for the Black and non-minority survival difference for all stages combined for colon cancer (Black, 47 percent; non-minority, 53 percent) and bladder cancer (Black, 54 percent; non-minority, 74 percent).

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO POORER SURVIVAL IN BLACKS

Among the primary factors in survival to be considered are: socioeconomic status, stage at diagnosis (late), delay in detection and treatment, treatment differences, and biologic/constitutional factors.

Much of the scientific literature to date supports a hypothesis that the differences in cancer survival between non-minorities and Blacks are attributable to social or environmental factors rather than inherent genetic or biologic deficits. Emerging theory suggests that distribution of resources (for example, health services behavior) can affect cancer outcome, e.g., survival. The Black/non-minority difference does not seem to be based on race/ethnic origin but rather on socioeconomic status and the overrepresentation of a race/ethnic group in the lower categories of socioeconomic status.

Socioeconomic status has major ramifications, including accessibility, availability, utilization, distribution, and delivery of health services. These health services include state-of-the-art cancer screening, detection, treatment, and rehabilitation services; nutritional status and dietary patterns; immune

status and function; education level/attitude and awareness of cancer preventive concepts/behaviors; and acceptance of cancer as a real and potential threat.

Cancer patient survival studies indicate that when adjustments are made for stage at diagnosis, survival differences decrease for certain cancers between Blacks and non-minorities, but when adjustments for socioeconomic status are made, the gap between the two groups is further reduced. Further support for the hypothesis that socioeconomic status affects cancer survival is shown in studies where non-minority patients' survival was examined according to socioeconomic status. These studies found the survival experience of indigent patients to be worse than that of non-indigent patients when type of cancer care was held constant.

A study of Black and non-minority cancer patients from a VA hospital showed that there was no difference (except for bladder cancer) in survival between the two groups because they received the same type of cancer care.

For cancers of the bladder and corpus uteri, blacks experience significantly lower survival rates than whites and have higher distributions of more aggressive histologic types of cancer.

KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND PRACTICES

The body of knowledge about Blacks' cancer-related knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) is scant. Those studies that have been conducted generally involve such small samples that they should be viewed with caution, but may still provide an indication of potential cancer-related KAP among Blacks and the relation of these to those of non-minorities.

In general, Blacks tend to know less about cancer than non-minorities although differences vary depending on specific cancers, tests, etc. One study reports that Blacks tend to underestimate the prevalence of cancer and that their knowledge of warning signs is lower than non-minorities. In addition, Blacks were reported to be more pessimistic than non-minorities about their chances for survival should they get cancer. They also tend to be more fatalistic and are less likely to believe that early detection makes a difference and that existing treatments are effective. A substantial proportion of Blacks (25 to 50 percent in some cases) were reported to accept many of the common myths (e.g., bruises cause cancer) as fact. This study also found that Blacks are less likely to report seeing a physician in response to symptoms than are non-minorities.

Information for one specific cancer-related behavior, cigarette smoking, is of special interest. The prevalence of cigarette smoking is greater among Blacks than among non-minorities. This difference is due largely to the high smoking rates of Black males rather than Black females. Although they are more likely to be smokers, Blacks are less likely than non-minorities to be heavy smokers (25 or more cigarettes per day). While non-minorities are more likely than Blacks to be former smokers, one 1980 survey found that more Blacks than non-minorities were interested in stopping smoking.

CONCLUSION

Blacks experience greater incidence rates than non-minorities for cancers of the esophagus, pancreas, stomach, cervix, prostate, and larynx. Excess mortality exists for cancers of the following sites: esophagus, stomach, lung, cervix, corpus uteri, bladder, and prostate. Poorer survival occurs for many cancers and is marked for cancer of the breast, corpus uteri, bladder, prostate, and rectum. Excess incidence and mortality is particularly pronounced among Black males.

Where there is excess mortality or incidence in Blacks, many cancers are related to similar risk factors including tobacco, tobacco and alcohol combined, occupation, and dietary patterns and nutritional status. These risk factors are also significant for other illnesses including cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, pulmonary, and other diseases.

Certain exposures in the workplace impact significant cancer risk. However, these risks are thought to be concentrated in the "blue collar" population segments and are, therefore, potentially more significant to Blacks because of historic patterns in employment practices. Due to past employment practices and socioeconomic factors in general, Black workers are disproportionately represented in unskilled positions that may have the greatest exposure potential to carcinogens.

A number of the cancers that occur at greater rates in Blacks are uniformly fatal regardless of ethnic group. However, Blacks generally present at later stages for cancer diagnosis than non-minorities. Once diagnosed, Blacks delay as much as 3 to 12 months before seeking definitive treatment.

SEER data indicate that the overall 5-year relative survival rate for 1976-81 was 50 percent for non-minorities and 38 percent for Blacks, a 12 percentage point difference. Of the 25 primary cancer sites for which survival data are available, Blacks had better (only by a few percentage points) 5-year relative survival for three sites (1973-81)--ovary, brain, and multiple myeloma --all relatively low incident cancers.

Factors to be considered as contributing to poor cancer survival in Blacks include socioeconomic status, later stage at diagnosis, delay in detection and treatment, treatment differences, and biologic/constitutional factors.

In general, Blacks tend to know less about cancer than non-minorities although differences vary depending on specific cancers, screening test, etc. One study reports that Blacks tend to underestimate the prevalence of cancer and that their knowledge of warning signs is lower. Blacks were also reported to be more pessimistic than whites about their chances for survival should they develop cancer. Many Blacks were reported to accept common myths about cancer as fact.

HISPANICS

In 1980, the 14.6 million U.S. Hispanics (an increase of 61 percent over 1970) represented 6.4 percent of the total population. When discussing the cancer experience in Hispanics, it is important to remember that the Hispanic population within the United States is diverse. Sixty percent of the 1980 Hispanic category were of Mexican descent (9 million). The remainder of the Hispanic population was represented by 2 million of Puerto Rican origin, fewer than 1 million of Cuban origin, and 3 million originating in other Hispanic areas of the Caribbean or Central or South America. Although these groups are frequently aggregated in statistical analyses, specific differences exist among the groups in terms of socioeconomic status, cancer experience, and cultural heritage. Further analysis of existing data is necessary to accurately present the cancer experience of subgroups. If population growth among Hispanics continues as expected, cancer among members of this population will become of even greater importance in health planning efforts.

Cancer-related statistics are available from SEER data for three Hispanic subpopulations--Hispanics in Puerto Rico, San Francisco, and New Mexico. Thus, the Hispanic cancer rates in this report are not representative of the various U.S. Hispanic populations nor their geographic distribution. This should be kept in mind when interpreting comparisons with U.S. groups. Overall age-adjusted incidence rates for Hispanics from New Mexico and Puerto Rico are lower than for Blacks or non-minorities. SEER age-adjusted incidence data for 1978-81 indicate that Hispanics have an overall age-adjusted cancer incidence rate of 246.2 per 100,000 compared to 335 for non-minorities and 372.5 for Blacks. Overall incidence rates for New Mexico and Puerto Rico are considerably lower than those for non-minorities. However, an overall upward trend in incidence appears for New Mexico males and Puerto Rico males and females.

EXCESS INCIDENCE (Mortality data on Hispanics are not available.)

Specific sites of excess incidence among Hispanics are the stomach, esophagus, pancreas, and cervix. Stomach cancer incidence in Hispanics is twice that of non-minorities. While stomach cancer is higher for most minority groups, a downward trend exists for all U.S. groups except New Mexico Hispanic females and American Indian males. Stomach cancer incidence has been correlated with diets high in smoked, pickled, and spiced foods, especially those high in N-nitroso compounds. Tobacco use also has been implicated in stomach cancer development.

While the incidence of prostate cancer is slightly higher among New Mexico Hispanic males than among non-minorities (2 percent) in the U.S. population, it is lower than New Mexico Anglos. Although the excess incidence is not great, it represents a 40 percent increase over earlier figures, four times the increase among non-minorities during the same period. Puerto Rican males, with lower rates than non-minorities, showed an upward trend that was slightly higher than that of non-minority males. Although the causes of prostate cancer are unknown, suggested risk factors include environmental influences such as diets high in fat and low in green or yellow vegetables, the hormone testosterone, and occupational exposures in the rubber industry.

Incidence of esophageal cancer is 20 percent higher among New Mexico Hispanic females. Studies suggest a link between the development of esophageal cancer and smoking and alcohol consumption with these two having a synergistic effect. Other suggested risk factors include poor nutritional status and drinking hot beverages.

New Mexico Hispanics have rates of cancer of the pancreas that are higher than those of non-minorities. Excess risk for this cancer has been found among cigarette smokers.

Cervical cancer is twice as high among Hispanics in New Mexico and Puerto Rico as non-minorities. The incidence among Hispanics is, however, lower than that for Blacks, American Indians, and Chinese-Americans. Recent studies have suggested the papilloma virus as a possible cause of cervical cancer. Major risk factors are multiple sex partners and early age of first intercourse.

SURVIVAL

Survival data on Hispanics are derived mostly from New Mexico and San Francisco Hispanics. The overall 5-year relative survival rate in Hispanic males is almost identical to that of non-minorities. Hispanic females have somewhat lower survival rates than non-minority females. Survival data are similar for Hispanics and non-minorities for all but three sites. These are bladder cancer and Hodgkin's disease, where survival is poorer among Hispanics, and ovarian cancer, where survival is poorer among non-minorities.

Data were not available from Puerto Rico when this report was prepared. A preliminary study of Puerto Rico's survival data suggests that survival experience for this population is similar to that of U.S. Blacks, which is 12 percentage points below non-minorities, but further analysis of these data are required.

KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND PRACTICES

Information on cancer-related knowledge, attitudes, and practices among Hispanics is limited. Smoking rates among Hispanics are considered to be lower than for Blacks or non-minorities, but a review of recent surveys suggests that prevalence among Hispanic males is as high as that of non-minority males. Also, recent marketing efforts in the Southwest aimed at encouraging tobacco use may result in increased smoking among Hispanics.

In general, Hispanics tend to know less about cancer than do non-minorities. One small purposive sample (417) of Hispanic women within a larger survey on breast cancer found the Hispanic women to be less informed than non-minorities about breast cancer. Hispanic females were much less aware than non-minorities of family history as a risk factor for breast cancer. Only 25 percent of Hispanic females had heard of breast self-examination. Hispanics in this purposive sample perceived themselves as being more likely to believe that breast cancer would affect sexual and social relationships. Information from this small sample cannot be generalized to the Hispanic population.

CONCLUSIONS

The Hispanic population in the United States is diverse and includes individuals of Puerto Rican, Mexican, and Cuban descent as well as individuals from the Caribbean or South America. The cancer experience among these groups varies widely.

SEER data are available for Hispanics in Puerto Rico and New Mexico. Overall age-adjusted incidence rates for Hispanics are lower than those for Blacks or non-minorities. However, an overall upward trend in incidence appears for New Mexico males and Puerto Rico males and females. Specific sites of excess incidence among Hispanics are the stomach, prostate, esophagus, pancreas, and cervix.

Mortality data are not available for Hispanics. Hispanics have particularly high incidence of stomach cancer. The rate for stomach cancer is higher for Hispanics than for Blacks and almost double that for non-minorities. Cervical cancer is twice as high among Hispanics as non-minorities. The incidence among Hispanics is, however, lower than that for Blacks, American Indians, and Chinese-Americans.

The overall 5-year relative survival rate of Hispanic males is almost identical to that of non-minorities. Hispanic females have somewhat lower survival rates than non-minority females. Survival data are similar for Hispanics and non-minorities for all sites except bladder cancer and Hodgkin's disease, where survival is poorer for Hispanics, and ovarian cancer, where it is poorer for non-minorities.

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDERS

According to the 1980 census, the Asian/Pacific Islander population was 3.5 million in size, more than double that of the 1970 census. If the present upward trend continues, an even greater increase in this population is expected by 1990. This population growth may have implications for future U.S. rates of certain types of cancer known to be prevalent among Asians, including refugees, thus impacting the health care system and requirements for future health surveillance and planning.

The U.S. Asian/Pacific Islander population is diverse, with several subgroups existing within this larger population. These groups may have different cultures, languages, and different cancer experiences. Subpopulations are identified primarily by country of origin, but length of residence in the U.S. and whether native or foreign born are also important factors in the diversity of the Asian/Pacific Islander populations. In terms of country of origin, Chinese-Americans are the largest subpopulation among Asians, followed by Filipinos and Japanese. Overall, three-fifths of the Asian/Pacific Islander population are foreign born. The proportion of foreign born is relatively small among Japanese and higher for Chinese and Filipinos.

This section will focus primarily on four subpopulations with the larger group of Asian/Pacific Islander for which certain data on cancer experience are available. These are Americans of Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, and Hawaiian descent. Although rates for Hawaiians are provided here, these should be interpreted with caution because the small population base from which they are drawn may artificially inflate rates.

Cancer incidence varies widely among the four Asian/Pacific Islander subpopulations for which statistics are available. Hawaiians have an overall age-adjusted cancer incidence rate of 357.9 per 100,000 (second highest of any American population), lower than Blacks at 372.5 per 100,000 and higher than non-minorities at 335 per 100,000. Three Asian American groups have incidence rates at least 100 points below those of Hawaiians. The rate for Chinese is 252.9, for Japanese it is 247.8, and for Filipinos it is 222.4. These three groups also have lower incidence than that of non-minorities. Among Chinese and Japanese, rates for males are higher than those for females, with Chinese rates being 293.8 for males and 230.3 for females while those for Japanese are 225.5 for males and 210.1 for females. There is, however, an upward trend in incidence rates for both sexes of the Chinese population with a 3.2 percent increase for males and a 0.4 percent increase for females, and for Japanese males where the increase is 2.2 percent for the period 1973-81.

EXCESS MORTALITY AND INCIDENCE

Among Asian/Pacific Islanders, excess mortality is found among Japanese-Americans for stomach cancer and Chinese-Americans for cancer of the cervix and for nasopharyngeal cancer. Hawaiians have excess mortality for cancers of the breast and lung.

The mortality rate for stomach cancer among Japanese-Americans is higher than for any other Asian group. The standard rate ratio for stomach cancer in Japanese-Americans is the highest of any other Asian group for this type of cancer.

Stomach cancer mortality for Japanese-Americans is higher for both sexes than the rates for non-minorities. These mirror the excess incidence rates found among Japanese of both sexes, where incidence is 2.5 times higher for Japanese males and 3.8 times higher for females than for non-minority males and females. A general downward trend in incidence for most minority groups, including the Japanese, has been noted. Stomach cancer has been correlated with smoking tobacco and with consumption of smoked, pickled, and spiced foods, especially those high in nitrate.

Migratory studies of Japanese point to environmental influences, in this case primarily dietary practices, in three major cancer sites: stomach, breast, and colon. Stomach cancer incidence and mortality rates in Japan are quite high. Incidence rates for Japanese living in Hawaii are lower than for those in Japan, and lower still for Japanese living on the U.S. mainland. For breast and colon cancers, incidence is higher among Japanese living on the U.S. mainland than for those in Hawaii or Japan. Again, incidence among Japanese in Hawaii is between that of those on the mainland or in Japan, in this case higher than in Japan and lower than on the mainland. Dietary practices are believed to influence the differences among the three groups, with incidence falling for stomach cancer and rising for breast and colon cancers as migrating Japanese adopt a "western" diet.

Chinese-Americans have excess mortality rates for cervical cancer. The mortality rate for this group is three times that of non-minorities. In terms of age-adjusted incidence, Chinese Americans have a cervical cancer rate of 11.2 compared to 8.8 for non-minorities. Japanese females are the only U.S. minority group that does not have cervical cancer incidence rates above that of non-minorities. However, both Chinese and Japanese females exhibit a trend toward higher rates. The cause of cervical cancer is still unknown, but major risk factors include multiple sex partners and early age at first intercourse. Recently, the papilloma virus has been suggested as a possible cause.

Chinese-Americans have unusually high incidence and mortality rates for nasopharyngeal cancer, which is an extremely rare cancer. One literature review of all countries for which cancer registries exist found an average incidence rate of less than 1 per 100,000. Nasopharyngeal cancer age-adjusted incidence rates greater than 5 per 100,000 were reported only for these areas or populations: San Francisco Bay Area Chinese (19.1 for males, 7.1 for females), Singapore Chinese (18.7 for males, 7.1 for females), and Hawaii Chinese (10.3 for males, 5.1 for females). Although data for China and Taiwan were not available for review, rates of nasopharyngeal cancer are known to be high in those countries as well.

Research into the high rate of nasopharyngeal cancer points to both genetic and environmental factors. Chinese have been known to have a genetic susceptibility to this kind of cancer. In addition, they have a high rate of exposure

to chemical agents formed from ingestants that are popularly consumed in the folk diet. The Epstein-Barr virus may also be linked with nasopharyngeal cancer.

Hawaiians indicate a high overall cancer mortality rate (200.5). Since this is based on a small number and may be artificially inflated, these figures should be viewed with caution. They are provided here to indicate possible areas of excess mortality and incidence among Hawaiians. As in cancer incidence, the mortality rate is second only to the 208.5 mortality rate of Blacks, and above the 163.6 rate of non-minorities. Sites of excess incidence and mortality are breast cancer and lung cancer (both male and female). The high cancer rates of Hawaiians are closer to those of Blacks and non-minorities than to those of Chinese, Japanese, or Filipinos.

Lung cancer is associated with cigarette smoking, while breast cancer has been correlated with family history of breast cancer, age at first birth, previous breast benign disease, and age at menarche. A high fat diet also has been linked with breast cancer.

INCIDENCE AMONG JAPANESE AND CHINESE

As stated earlier, the three Asian populations have lower incidence for cancers of all sites than non-minorities. This section will discuss incidence of various major cancers among Japanese and Chinese, groups for which this information is most available.

For prostate cancer, Japanese and Chinese have incidence rates that are about 70 percent lower than the rate in non-minorities. There is, however, an upward trend in incidence among Japanese.

Chinese-Americans have an increased incidence of about 17 percent over non-minorities in multiple myeloma. Although there is no conclusive evidence for the cause of multiple myeloma, preliminary studies have linked occupational exposure, ionizing radiation, immune competence, and genetic susceptibility with increasing risk for this cancer.

Incidence of esophageal cancer is higher for Japanese males and Chinese males and females than for non-minorities. The rate for Japanese males is 2.5 times higher, for Chinese males it is 1.8 times higher, and for Chinese females it is 1.6 times higher. Most studies into the causes of esophageal cancer suggest that the major risk factors are smoking and alcohol consumption, with the use of both having a synergistic effect. Consumption of hot beverages has been associated with esophageal cancer. In Japan, a strong direct relationship was found between esophageal cancer and high intake of tea-cooked rice gruel.

Pancreatic cancer incidence is about 20 percent higher among Chinese females than among non-minorities, and an upward trend in incidence exists for Chinese of both sexes. Japanese, particularly Japanese females, show considerably lower incidence than non-minorities. Excess risk for pancreatic cancer has been found among cigarette smokers and some studies have suggested a link with diabetes mellitus.

Blacks and non-minorities have the highest incidence rates for cancer of the larynx. However, there is a trend toward higher rates for all minorities except Chinese males. Within this rising trend, the most dramatic increases are in Asians, with Chinese females showing an increase of 250 percent and Japanese males showing an increase of 157 percent.

Other sites of increased incidence rates for Asians, discussed along with mortality rates above, are stomach cancer for Japanese males and females and cervical and nasopharyngeal cancer in Chinese.

SURVIVAL

Survival data, presented here by major Asian/Pacific Islander subpopulations, varies--according to sample size--in its ability to express differences between the population noted and the U.S. non-minority population. Overall survival rates for each group are presented here, as are site-specific survival rates when statistically reliable data (standard error <10 percent) exists.

The total number of Chinese-American cancer cases in the SEER registry is small (3,048 during 1973-79), and site-specific survival rates are therefore often unreliable and will not be examined here. Five-year relative survival for all sites was 35 percent in males and 50 percent in females compared to 40 percent and 55 percent in non-minorities during the 1973-79 time period.

Japanese-American cancer cases totaled 5,030 in 1973-79. Survival experience of this group was generally higher than for other groups. Overall 5-year relative survival was 40 percent for males and 59 percent for females. The 5-year survival rates for both sexes was the highest of 8 ethnic groups in the period 1973-79 for cancers of the stomach, colon, and breast (27, 59, and 84 percent respectively). Survival among Japanese was also higher than for non-minorities for cancers of the lung and bronchus (14 percent), prostate (74 percent), cervix (70 percent), and ovary (39 percent). Japanese males also had greater survival for bladder cancer with a 5-year relative survival of 79 percent compared to 73 percent for non-minority males.

Filipino-American cancer cases totalled 2,355 during 1973-79. The site-specific relative survival rates vary widely with some rates being the lowest of 8 ethnic groups and others being much higher. Overall 5-year relative survival was 34 percent for males and 56 percent for females. For stomach cancer, 5-year relative survival was identical to that in Blacks and non-minorities, and survival from prostate cancer was higher in Filipinos with 70 percent compared to 56 percent for Blacks and 66 percent for non-minorities. Survival for cervix and corpus uteri cancers were 70 percent and 85 percent respectively. Filipinos had the lowest survival of all ethnic groups for colon cancer (35 percent) and the highest for ovarian cancer (55 percent).

Survival rates for Hawaiians vary widely and are, again, to be viewed with caution as they are based on a small number of cases. Overall survival was 30 percent for males and 52 percent for females. Hawaiians experienced comparatively high survival rates for lung, breast, prostate, and cervix cancer and comparatively lower survival rates for ovarian (38 percent) and corpus cancers (76 percent.)

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Documented information on Asian/Pacific Islander knowledge, attitudes, and practices relating to cancer in general or to the particular cancers where excess rates exist could not be located during the preparation of this report.

CONCLUSION

Cancer incidence varies widely among Americans of Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, and Hawaiian descent. Hawaiians have an overall age-adjusted cancer incidence rate that is second highest of any American population, below Blacks and above non-minorities. The rates for Chinese, Japanese, and Filipinos are below non-minorities. There is, however, an upward trend in incidence rates for both sexes of the Chinese population and for Japanese males.

Excess mortality among Asian/Pacific Islanders is found among Japanese-Americans for stomach cancer. Chinese-Americans have excess rates for cancer of the cervix and for nasopharyngeal cancer. Hawaiians have excess mortality for cancers of the breast and lung. The high cancer rates of Hawaiians are closer to those of Blacks and non-minorities than to those of Chinese, Japanese, or Filipinos.

Survival data vary, according to sample size, in their ability to express differences between the population noted and the U.S. non-minority population. SEER registry data (1973-79) indicate that for Chinese-Americans the 5-year relative survival for all sites was 35 percent in males and 50 percent in females compared to 40 percent and 55 percent in non-minorities.

Among Japanese-Americans the overall 5-year relative survival was 40 percent for males and 59 percent for females. The 5-year relative survival rates for both sexes were the highest of 8 ethnic groups for cancers of the stomach, colon, and breast. Survival rates among Japanese were also higher than non-minorities for cancers of the lung and bronchus, prostate, cervix, and ovary. Japanese males had greater survival than non-minority males for bladder cancer.

Filipino-American site-specific relative survival rates vary widely with some rates being the lowest of 8 ethnic groups and others being much higher. Filipinos had the lowest survival of all ethnic groups for colon cancer and the highest for ovarian cancer. (It should be noted that standard errors for 5-year relative survival for colon and ovarian cancers was 10-20% of the rate.)

Survival rates for Hawaiians also show large variations. Hawaiians have comparatively high survival rates for lung, breast, prostate, and cervix cancers and comparatively low rates for ovarian and corpus cancers.

AMERICAN INDIANS

Existing data on the cancer experience of the U.S. American Indian/Alaska Native population are presented here. These data are limited, however, in that they are drawn from the small sample of American Indians in the SEER program or from a sample of American Indians residing in reservation states. The data should be used with caution in interpreting the cancer experience of American Indians and in comparing this with the experience of other groups.

American Indians and Alaska Natives have the lowest rates of overall cancer incidence and mortality of all U.S. populations (including non-minorities). SEER data indicate that the cancer incidence rates for American Indians in New Mexico, both males and females, are about half that of the non-minority majority. Cause of death data indicate that cancer, the second leading cause of death for the U.S. population as a whole, is the third most common cause of death (preceded by accidents and heart disease) among American Indians and Alaska Natives. In 1975, the age-adjusted mortality for cancers was 39 percent lower for Indians than for the general U.S. population.

American Indians generally experience low survival rates according to 1973-79 SEER data. Overall 5-year relative survival for males was 26 percent compared with 40 percent for non-minority males, and 39 percent for females compared with 55 percent for non-minority females.

RATE COMPARISONS: AMERICAN INDIANS RESIDING IN RESERVATION STATES

One researcher, whose findings are the basis for the following discussion, points out that in reservation states relative frequency of various types of cancer differs widely in American Indians. They have rates below non-minorities for the most common cancers--lung, colon, breast, and prostate cancer--and much higher rates for cancers of the cervix, gallbladder, and kidney.

The Standard Mortality Ratio (SMR) for all American Indians in the 28 reservation states shows the level of excess mortality in cancer sites to be: cervix--229, gallbladder--435, and kidney--154. SMR deficits are: lung--43, colon--49, breast--53, and prostate--81.*

Rates vary among American Indians. Those populations having substantially non-Indian ancestry and living off reservations (here principally tribes in Oklahoma) have mortality for most sites that is between the national average and the rates of tribes in the Southwestern states living on the reservation and of mostly Indian heritage.

Differences in overall cancer mortality for American Indians and non-minorities is believed to be due more to environmental and cultural factors than to genetic factors. Examples of cancer sites for which American Indians have rates differing from the non-minority population illustrate this.

*Standard Mortality Ratios (SMR's) show proportionate relationship of observed to expected deaths based on the standardized national rates in non-minorities; over 100 indicates an excess mortality, while less than 100 indicates a deficit.

For example, the lung cancer SMR is 43 for all Indians in reservation states. However, Oklahoma Indians have an SMR of 89, while Southwestern tribes have a much lower SMR of 9. The mean lung cancer mortality among Oklahoma tribes is 9 times greater than that of Southwestern tribes. Environmental and cultural factors, in this case heavy smoking among Oklahoma Indians but not among Southwestern tribes, undoubtedly play a role in this discrepancy.

Indians of the Southwest, who seldom smoke extensively, have low rates of squamous cell bronchogenic carcinoma, a common type of lung cancer and the one most commonly associated with heavy smoking. Their rates of less common lung cancers (not associated with smoking) are in keeping with national averages. Among Oklahoma Indians, where lung cancer SMR is higher, both cigarette smoking and lung cancer mortality more closely mirror the national average.

One particular type of bronchogenic carcinoma (small cell, undifferentiated) is higher among one group of Indians--Navajo uranium miners--pointing to the possible contribution of occupational exposure to cancer incidence and mortality.

For colon cancer, the overall SMR for American Indians is 49. Again, the SMR is higher for Oklahoma tribes (71) than for those in the Southwest (17). Here, dietary factors are likely to play a role in cancer incidence, since most Southwestern tribes consume large amounts of beans and, therefore, fiber when compared with Oklahoma Indians.

In breast cancer, where mortality is lower for Indians than non-minorities, factors associated with decreased incidence such as pregnancy, multiparity, and lower socioeconomic status are more common among Indians than among non-minorities.

In cancer of the gallbladder, where American Indians show excess mortality, it is Indians of the Southwest who have the greater SMR (636) when compared with Oklahoma Indians (227). The excess incidence of cancer of the gallbladder is generally attributed to the Indians' high rate of cholelithiasis. This high rate probably has a genetic basis.

American Indians also have excess mortality from cancer of the cervix. Factors associated with high rates of cervical cancer (including lower socioeconomic status and multiple pregnancies) are found as a risk factor in most Indian populations. The papilloma virus has been implicated as a risk factor in cervical cancer.

ALASKA NATIVES

Alaska Natives are reported to have increased incidence of cancer of the gallbladder and excess mortality from primary liver cell cancer.

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Research on cancer-related knowledge, attitudes, and practices among American Indians was not available for inclusion in this report.

CONCLUSIONS

Limited data are available to describe the cancer experience among American Indians. Interpretation of the data and comparisons with other groups should be made with caution. American Indians, as a group, are younger in age than the majority population. American Indians have a shorter life expectancy and as a result many times do not reach the age to develop cancer. Cause of death data indicate that cancer, the second leading cause of death for the U.S. population as a whole, is the third most common cause of death, preceded by accidents and heart disease among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

American Indians are considered to be a low-risk population for cancer when compared with the general population. However, according to 1973-79 SEER data, American Indians have low survival rates. Overall 5-year relative survival for males was 26 percent compared with 40 percent for non-minority males, and 39 percent for females compared with 55 percent for non-minority females.

According to one study, the relative frequency of various types of cancer differs widely in American Indians. They have cancer rates below non-minorities for lung, colon, breast, and prostate and much higher rates for cancers of the cervix, gallbladder, and kidney.

It is believed that differences in overall cancer mortality for American Indians and non-minorities is due more to environmental and cultural factors than to genetic factors. American Indians have a high rate of obesity and have high rates of diseases associated with alcohol and tobacco use. These risk factors could lead to higher cancer rates in the future.

Table A

Numbers and Standardized Mortality Ratios (SMR's) for the 10 Leading Cancer Sites among the Amerind of the 26 Reservation States, 1974-1976

Site	Male SMR	Female SMR	Total		SMR
			Observed (No.)	Expected (No.)	
Lung	39	66	153	352.1	43
Colon	51	47	89	181.8	49
Breast	--	53	78	148.0	53
Stomach	89	113	76	78.1	97
Pancreas	71	98	74	90.9	81
Cervix	--	229	66	28.8	229
Gallbladder	--	432	54	12.4	435
Prostate	57	--	53	93.5	57
Kidney and renal pelvis	145	171	52	33.8	154
Liver	101	138	29	25.3	115
All cancer deaths	55	89	1,202	1,736.9	69

Items listed in order of frequency. Data from Indian Health Service (supplied by Mr. Mozart I. Spector, Director, Office of Program Statistics.)

SMR=(observed/expected) x 100

Table B

Numbers and Standardized Mortality Ratios (SMR's) for Cancer of the Lung,
Colon, and Gallbladder, 1974-1976, Compared by Sex,
for the Tribes of the Southwest and of Oklahoma

Site	Southwest			Oklahoma		
	Observed (No.)	Expected (No.)	SMR	Observed (No.)	Expected (No.)	SMR
Lung						
Male	5	105.8	5	47	55.1	85
Female	<u>6</u>	<u>21.2</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11.0</u>	<u>109</u>
TOTAL	<u>11</u>	<u>127.0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66.1</u>	<u>89</u>
Colon						
Male	7	34.0	21	15	17.7	85
Female	<u>4</u>	<u>31.4</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16.3</u>	<u>55</u>
	<u>11</u>	<u>65.4</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>34.0</u>	<u>71</u>
Gallbladder						
Male	8	1.2	667	2	0.6	333
	<u>20</u>	<u>3.2</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>188</u>
	<u>28</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>636</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>227</u>

From Indian Health Service (IHS) data supplied by Mr. Mozart I. Spector, Director, Office of Program Statistics. The 1975 IHS Indian population base for the Southwest (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah) = 223,437; for Oklahoma = 116,394 (U.S. Department of HEW, 1978a).

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Table 1

**Age-Adjusted (1970 U.S. Standard) Death Rates per 100,000
Population for Lung Cancer in the United States, 1969-1981**

Year of Death	White Males	Black Males
1969	55.55	63.68
1970	57.39	65.54
1971	59.11	66.70
1972	60.86	73.35
1973	61.58	74.76
1974	63.16	78.10
1975	64.16	79.29
1976	65.69	81.56
1977	66.82	87.34
1978	68.18	88.31
1979	68.76	89.22
1980	70.03	92.70
1981	69.86	94.93
AAPC*	1.91	3.36

*AAPC=average annual percent change from 1969 to 1981.

Source: National Cancer Institute.

Table 2

Age-Adjusted (1970 U.S. Standard) Death Rates per 100,000
Population for Lung Cancer in the United States, 1969-1981

Year of Death	White Females	Black Females
1969	10.30	10.56
1970	11.01	11.54
1971	11.94	12.50
1972	12.76	12.44
1973	13.28	13.53
1974	14.34	14.17
1975	15.27	14.80
1976	16.51	15.78
1977	17.37	17.25
1978	18.72	17.78
1979	19.46	19.11
1980	20.96	21.41
1981	21.69	21.74
AAPC*	6.19	5.92

*AAPC=average annual percent change from 1969 to 1981.

Source: National Cancer Institute.

**ESTIMATES OF LUNG CANCER INCIDENCE
PER 100,000 PERSONS
(BASED ON SEER DATA)**

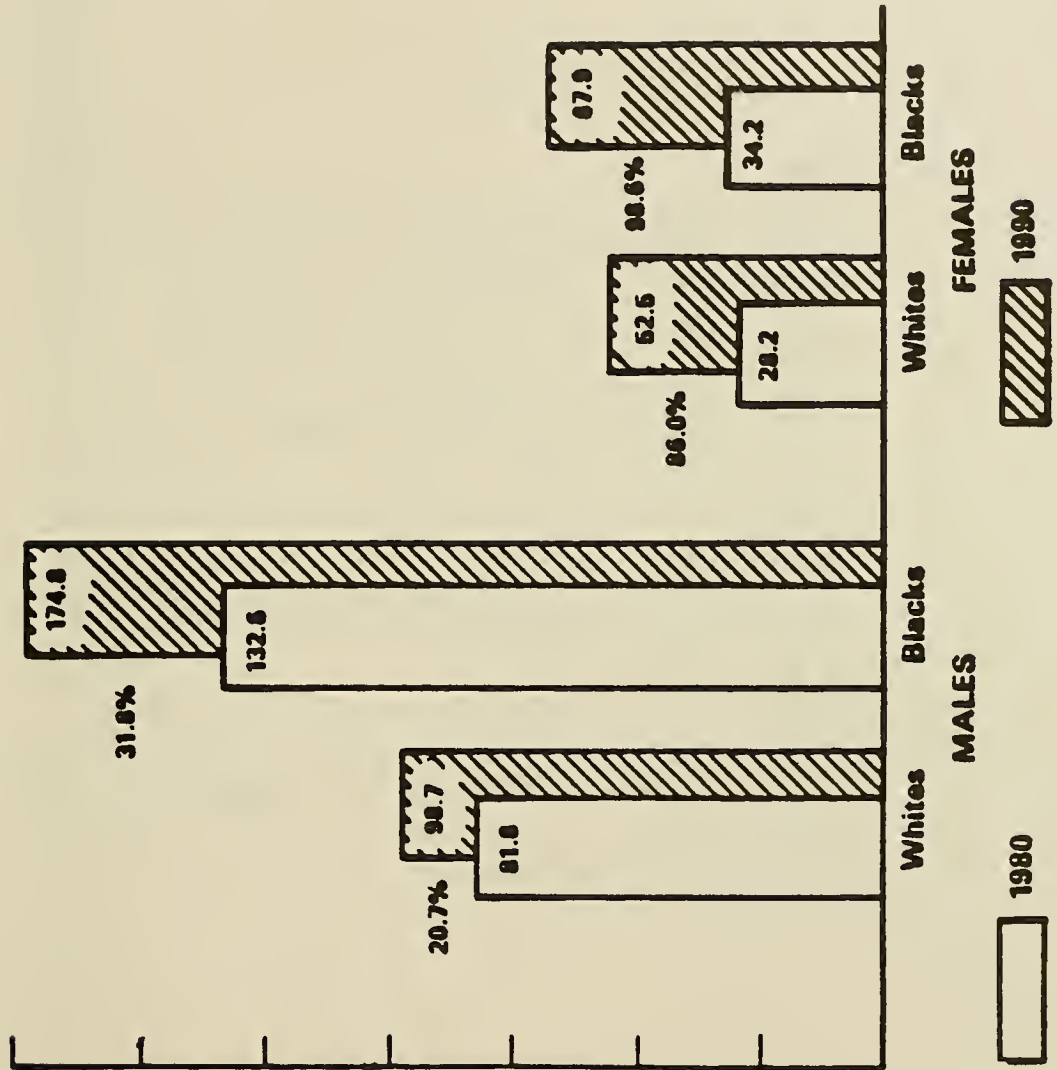


Table 4

**TRENDS IN SURVIVAL BY SITE OF CANCER, BY RACE
Cases Diagnosed in 1960-63, in 1970-73 and in 1973-80**

Site	WHITE			BLACK		
	1960-63 ¹ Relative 5-year Survival (%)	1970-73 ¹ Relative 5-year Survival (%)	1973-80 ² Relative 5-year Survival (%)	1960-63 ¹ Relative 5-year Survival (%)	1970-73 ¹ Relative 5-year Survival (%)	1973-80 ² Relative 5-year Survival (%)
Prostate	50	63	68	35	55	58
Kidney	37	46	50	38	44	52
Uterine Corpus	73	81	88	31	44	58
Bladder	53	61	73	24	36	48
Colon/Rectum	41	48	50	31	35	42
Uterine Cervix	58	64	68	47	61	62
Breast	63	68	74	46	51	62
Ovary	32	36	37	32	32	39
Brain and Central Nervous	18	20	21	19	19	23
Lung and Bronchus	8	10	12	5	7	10
Stomach	11	13	14	8	13	14
Esophagus	4	4	5	1	4	3
Hodgkin's Disease	40	67	70	1	1	70
Lymphocytic Leukemia-Acute	4	28	43	1	1	1
Leukemia	14	22	32	1	1	27
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	31	41	46	1	1	46
Larynx	53	62	67	1	1	57
Melanoma of Skin	60	68	79	1	1	1
Testis	63	72	82	1	1	67
Thyroid	83	86	92	1	1	89

Source: Biometry Branch, National Cancer Institute

¹Rates are based on data from a series of hospital registries and one population-based registry.

²Rates are from the SEER Program and include patients diagnosed through 1980 and follow-up on all patients through 1981. They are based on data from population-based registries in Connecticut, New Mexico, Utah, Iowa, Hawaii, Atlanta, Detroit, Seattle-Puget Sound, and San Francisco-Oakland.

*Rates could not be calculated because of insufficient number of cases.

Table 5

**Current Cigarette Smokers Among Males 20 Years of Age and Over,
by Race; United States, 1965, 1976, 1980**

Race	Current Smoker		
	1965	1976	1980
All Males	52.1	41.6	37.9
White Males	51.3	41.0	37.1
Black Males	59.6	50.1	44.9

Source: National Health Interview Survey.

Table 6

**Current Cigarette Smokers Among Females 20 Years of Age and Over,
by Race; United States, 1965, 1976, 1980**

Race	Current Smoker		
	1965	1976	1980
All Females	34.2	32.5	29.8
White Females	34.5	32.4	30.0
Black Females	32.7	34.7	30.6

Source: National Health Interview Survey.

Table 7

**Cigarettes Smoked per Day by Male Current Smokers 20 Years of Age
and Over, by Race; United States, 1965, 1976, 1980**

Race	Cigarettes Smoked per Day					
	Less than 24			25 or more		
	1965	1976	1980	1965	1976	1980
All Males	75.8	69.3	65.9	24.1	30.7	34.2
White Males	74.0	66.7	62.7	26.0	33.3	37.3
Black Males	91.4	89.3	86.3	8.6	10.8	13.8

Source: National Health Interview Survey.

Table 8

Cigarettes Smoked per Day by Female Current Smokers 20 Years of Age and Over, by Race; United States, 1965, 1976, 1980						
Race	Cigarettes Smoked per Day					
	Less than 24			More than 25		
	1965	1976	1980	1965	1976	1980
All Females	87.0	81.0	76.7	13.0	19.0	23.2
White Females	86.1	79.2	74.8	13.9	20.9	25.2
Black Females	95.3	94.5	91.5	4.6	5.6	8.6

Source: National Health Interview Survey.

Table 9

**Former Cigarette Smokers Among Males 20 Years of Age and Over,
by Race; United States, 1965, 1976, 1980**

Race	Former Smoker		
	1965	1976	1980
All Males	20.3	29.6	30.5
White Males	21.2	30.7	31.9
Black Males	12.6	20.2	20.6

Source: National Health Interview Survey.

Table 10

**Former Cigarette Smokers Among Females 20 Years of Age and Over,
by Race; United States, 1965, 1976, 1980**

Race	Former Smoker		
	1965	1976	1980
All Females	8.2	13.9	15.7
White Females	8.5	14.6	16.3
Black Females	5.9	10.2	11.8

Source: National Health Interview Survey.

Table 11. Cancer Death and Proportion Attributable to Alcohol Consumption by Site and Sex, 1974

ICDA code and site	Total for males	Proportion attributable to alcohol	Number attributable to alcohol	Total for females	Proportion attributable to alcohol	Number attributable to alcohol
140 149 Buccal cavity and pharynx	5,686	0.50	2,843	2,282	0.40	913
150 Esophagus	4,917	0.75	3,688	1,735	0.75	1,301
155 Liver	1,600	0.30	480	865	0.30	260
161 Larynx	2,826	0.50	1,413	436	0.40	174
Total (all sites)	199,194	0.04	8,424	166,338	0.02	2,648

Source: Rothman (1980)

Table 12. Relationship of Average Daily Smoking and Drinking Habits Before the Diagnosis of the Index Primary Cancer

Risk Factors*		Men				Women			
		Single Primary		Multiple Primaries		Single Primary		Multiple Primaries	
Tobacco	Alcohol	No.	%†	No.	%†	No.	%†	No.	%†
Low	Low	45	9	--	--	63	37	3	21
Low	High	28	6	1	3	12	7	2	14
High	Low	110	22	5	13	30	18	2	14
High	High	273	54	28	72	51	30	7	50
	Unknown	53	10	5	13	15	9	--	--
	Total	509	100	39	100	171	100	14	100

*Tobacco: Low = 0-19 equivalents/day; high = 20 or more equivalents/day.
 Alcohol: Low = 0-2 equivalents/day; high = 3 or more equivalents/day.
 Data on smoking were translated into cigarette equivalents as follows: 1 cigar = 5 cigarettes; 1 pipe = 2.5 cigarettes. Alcohol consumption was translated into units of absolute alcohol as follows: 1 unit (approximately 12 cc absolute alcohol) = 1 ounce liquor or spirits = 4 ounces wine = 8 ounces beer.

†Percentage distribution does not total 100 because of rounding.

Source: Schottenfeld, et al. (1974)

Table 13

Results of Selected Prospective Studies on the Relationship Between Alcohol Consumption and Cancer*

Investigator and Date of Publication	Population and Years of Observation	Size of Study Group	Total Deaths	Deaths from All Cancers	Number of Deaths from Specific Cancers										
					MOUTH 145 ¹	PHARYNX 149 ¹	LARYNX 181 ¹	LUNG 162 ¹	ESOPHAGUS 150 ¹	STOMACH 151 ¹	COLON 153 ¹	RECTUM 154 ¹	LIVER 155 ¹	PANCREAS 156 ¹	
Sundby, 1967	Alcoholics treated in Oslo, 1925-62	1,722	Observed 1,081 Expected 496.0	204	4 ¹	9 ¹	5 ¹	19 ¹	40 ¹	45	9	12	6	5	
Schmidt and De Lini, 1972	Alcoholics treated in Toronto, 1951-63	8,478	Observed 736 Expected 346.23	87 ¹ 68 11	0.5	0.7	0.8	5.4	3.4	36.0	8.2	4.2	3.1	3.1	
Nicholls et al, 1974	Abnormal drinkers in 4 mental hospitals in London, 1953-67	835	Observed 309 ² Expected 112.7	50 ¹ 29 30	1/5	7 ¹	0.78	30 ¹	7 ¹	7	8	—	—	—	
Hakulinen et al, 1974	Alcohol misusers in Finland (males), 1965-68	Chronic Alcoholics 205,000	Observed — Expected —	—	—	—	—	200 ¹	101 ¹	—	82	—	66 ¹	—	
Hirayama, 1975 ³	Alcoholic males, 30+ in Helsinki, 1967-70	4,370	Observed — Expected —	81 ¹ 63.3	—	3 ¹	2.16	33 ¹	4 ¹	6	3	—	2	4	
	Daily users of alcohol in sample of male population in Japan, 1966-73	(285,116)	— Standard Mortality Rate (21,187)	(5,560)	—	—	—	20.17	0.98	7.99	1.63	—	0.77	2.21	
Monson and Lyon, 1975 ⁴	Alcoholics in Massachusetts mental hospitals, 1930-71	1,382	Observed 894 Expected —	107 ¹ 137.3	3.53 ¹	1.51	1.40	1.28 ¹	1.82 ¹	0.97	1.22	0.82	1.22	1.06	
Lemon et al, 1964	Seventh Day Adventists in California, 1955-59	47,866	Observed 3,458 Expected 4,919	608 800	3	16	10	14.1	2.6	14.6	11.2	5.7	4.2	5.1	
Eneiron, 1975	Mormons in California, 1951-1970-72	—	Observed 4,038 Expected 6,439.4	910 1,138.0	22	30.7	—	240.6	21.1	52.8	108.2	34	19.9	62.9	
Lyon et al, 1976	Mormon Non-Mormon ratio (males), 1966-70	—	—	0.9	—	—	0.42	0.61	0.42	0.78	0.86	—	—	0.99	

*From Albert Tuyns. Alcohol and cancer. Paper prepared for National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism under Contract No. HSM 42-73-116, 1977.

¹Excessive alcohol cancer-related mortality also found in mediastinum and thyroid cancer and leukemia were excessive in whiskey drinkers

²Significant at the 0.05 level

³Significant at the 0.01 level

⁴Significant at the 0.001 level

⁵Three digit categories in the Eighth Revision, International Classification of Diseases, Adapted 1965 (ICDA).

Table 14. Age-adjusted annual incidence rates for selected cancer sites in various population groups in the United States

Place	Population	Tongue	Mouth	Oropharynx	Hypopharynx	Esophagus	Liver	Larynx	Total for all cancer sites'	Proportion of all cancers (%)
California Alameda	White	3.0	3.7	2.2	1.1	3.6	2.2	7.9	23.70	8.5
	Black	2.2	4.1	2.2	1.5	13.2	4.3	12.9	40.40	12.3
Bay Area	White	3.2	4.2	2.6	1.5	4.0	2.8	7.5	25.80	8.6
	Black	2.1	4.8	3.3	1.5	15.2	4.2	11.8	42.90	12.5
Connecticut	White	2.8	4.3	2.1	1.5	5.7	2.0	7.8	26.20	9.2
	Black	1.4	2.6	1.1	1.2	3.0	1.6	5.8	16.70	6.7
Detroit	White	2.7	3.3	2.0	1.2	4.0	2.6	7.5	23.30	8.7
	Black	3.3	3.3	2.1	1.1	14.1	4.5	7.7	36.10	11.3
New Mexico	Spanish	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	2.2	3.0	2.7	9.60	6.1
	Other white	2.2	2.8	1.4	0.3	3.0	3.1	5.8	18.60	6.7
New York State		2.2	3.2	1.3	0.8	4.5	1.9	5.9	19.80	8.0
Puerto Rico		7.5	7.8	4.3	4.4	14.8	3.3	6.4	48.50	27.9
Utah		2.1	2.5	0.9	0.4	1.8	0.9	4.4	13.00	6.1

Source: Thuyns (1979)

Table 15

Percentage distribution of persons aged 1-74 years
by race, poverty level, and frequency of different food groups

	Frequency of intake per day (# of times)	Black		White	
		Below Poverty	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	Above Poverty
MILK					
Whole	Less than 1	52	48	42	38
	1 - 2	34	39	38	39
	3 or more	13	14	20	22
Skim	Less than 1	97	96	91	95
	1 - 2	3	3	7	5
	3 or more	0	0	2	1
MEAT & FISH					
Meat & Poultry	Less than 1	16	18	14	26
	1 - 2	80	78	84	72
	3 or more	4	4	2	1
Fish & Shellfish	Less than 1	99	99	99	99
	1 - 2	1	1	1	1
	3 or more	0	0	0	0
MEAT ALTERNATES					
Eggs	Less than 1	78	76	86	77
	1 - 2	21	25	14	23
	3 or more	0	0	0	0
Cheese	Less than 1	94	95	87	91
	1 - 2	5	5	13	9
	3 or more	0	0	0	0
Legumes Seeds & Nuts	Less than 1	90	86	91	81
	1 - 2	9	14	8	19
	3 or more	0	0	0	0
FRUITS & VEGETABLES					
All	Less than 1	16	22	7	17
	1 - 2	65	65	69	66
	3 or more	18	13	24	17
Vit. A Rich	Less than 1	90	94	95	97
	1 - 2	11	6	4	3
	3 or more	0	0	0	0
Vit. C Rich	Less than 1	64	66	61	71
	1 - 2	35	32	38	29
	3 or more	1	1	1	0

Table 15 (continued)

	Frequency of intake per day (# of times)	Black		White	
		Below Poverty	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	Above Poverty
BREADS & CEREALS					
Breads	Less than 1	14	13	12	14
	1 - 2	56	55	67	59
	3 or more	31	33	20	28
FATS & OILS					
Fats	Less than 1	44	48	28	36
	1 - 2	51	46	61	53
	3 or more	5	7	12	10
SWEETS					
Desserts	Less than 1	62	62	58	64
	1 - 2	36	37	40	34
	3 or more	2	1	2	1
Candy	Less than 1	76	69	84	79
	1 - 2	22	29	16	21
	3 or more	2	3	1	1
Beverages, Sweetened	Less than 1	51	53	66	67
	1 - 2	40	40	30	28
	3 or more	8	7	5	5
OTHER BEVERAGES					
Beverages, Sweetened Artificially	Less than 1	97	98	95	97
	1 - 2	3	2	4	3
	3 or more	0	0	0	0
Coffee & Tea	Less than 1	57	64	37	44
	1 - 2	35	30	34	36
	3 or more	8	7	29	20
SNACK FOODS					
Salty Snacks	Less than 1	85	78	89	91
	1 - 2	15	20	11	9
	3 or more	1	0	0	0

Source: DHEW Publication No. (PHS) 79-1658

Table 16

Mean percent of standard and percent of population below standard
for nutrient intake and
biochemical measures of nutritional status, by race

	Mean percent of standard (S.E)		Percent of population below standard (S.E)	
	Black	White	Black	White
Protein intake	150(2.1)	166(1.9)	26.8(1.5)	19.0(0.7)
Total serum protein	114(0.4)	110(0.3)	2.8(0.4)	6.9(0.6)
Serum albumin	125(0.3)	128(0.3)	0.6(0.1)	0.4(0.1)
Vitamin A intake	109(3.3)	111(2.7)	68.7(1.2)	65.2(0.9)
Serum vitamin A	248(3.5)	274(2.5)	0.4(0.1)	0.2(0.1)
Thiamine intake	100(2.1)	106(1.0)	60.6(1.6)	54.8(0.8)
Urinary thiamine/ creatinine ratio	457(96.8)	895(32.5)	28.5(1.6)	13.7(0.6)
Riboflavin intake	112(1.9)	137(1.2)	50.8(1.2)	33.7(0.7)
Urinary riboflavin/ creatinine ratio	499(58.8)	768(28.7)	7.6(0.9)	2.5(0.3)

Source: Kerr, G.R. et al. Amer J. Clin. Nutr. 35: 294-307, 1982

Table 17

Mean caloric and nutrient intakes of persons aged 1-74 years
as a percent of standard according to income level
and race (black and white only)

	Black		White	
	Below Poverty	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	Above Poverty
Calories	83.6	86.4	102.0	93.2
Protein	142.4	147.3	161.6	161.6
Calcium	135.3	142.2	184.5	193.0
Iron	82.8	85.8	82.2	96.2
Vitamin C	155.7	170.8	143.7	183.3
Thiamine	169.0	169.0	161.5	162.6
Riboflavin	169.3	167.4	161.5	188.4

Source: DHEW Publication No. (PHS) 79-1657; Series 11, No. 209

Table 18

Mean values for biochemical measures of nutritional status
for persons aged 3-74 years according to race and poverty level

	Black				White			
	Below Poverty No	Below Poverty Mean	Above Poverty Mean	Above Poverty SE	Below Poverty No	Below Poverty Mean	Above Poverty Mean	Above Poverty SE
Hemoglobin (gm/dl)	904	13.1	13.11	0.06	1885	14.0	14.1	0.03
Hematocri (%)	904	39.4	39.6	0.19	1885	41.1	41.3	0.09
White blood cell ct. (x 10 ⁹ /L)	885	6.7	6.5	0.09	1881	7.6	7.4	0.03
Serum iron (mg/dl)	841	91.1	94.3	1.49	1796	97.7	101.1	0.40
Serum TIBC (mg/dl)	691	380.9	374.9	2.20	1576	378.3	374.5	1.34
Transferrin sat. (%)	691	24.1	25.7	0.37	1574	26.4	27.4	0.16
Serum zinc (mg/dl)	652	82.7	85.2	0.64	1584	85.1	87.0	0.32
Serum copper (mg/dl)	627	140.3	134.2	1.27	1562	125.0	121.4	0.46
Serum vit. C (mg/dl)	720	0.9	1.0	0.02	1670	1.0	1.1	0.01
Serum albumin (g/dl)	734	4.6	4.7	0.01	1628	4.7	4.8	0.01
Serum vit. A (mg/dl)	184	31.0	33.8	0.56	335	33.1	33.9	0.30
Red blood cell ct. (x 10 ¹² /L)	890	4.6	4.6	0.02	1878	4.7	4.7	0.01

Source: DHHS Publication No. (PHS) 83-1682

Table 19

Nutrition

Mean caloric and nutrient intakes and percent adequacy
for persons aged 10-16 and 60 and over
by income level and race (black, white and Hispanic)

	#	Blacks		Hispanic		Whites	
		Below	Above	Below	Above	Below	Above
Calories							
10-16 yrs	MI	1863.30	2426.40	2219.50	2383.20	2232.40	2498.90
	PA	71.60	90.10	94.60	89.70	86.50	94.00
60 yrs & over	MI	1299.70	1483.80	1710.40	1562.90	1670.20	1794.90
	PA	59.80	66.10	81.90	77.20	81.50	84.00
Protein							
10-16 yrs	MI	69.48	93.00	81.74	88.95	80.79	97.37
	PA	129.70	169.40	173.30	164.50	154.60	184.80
60 yrs & over	MI	54.40	63.70	73.10	64.80	67.07	75.03
	PA	77.80	87.80	108.90	98.60	101.80	108.90
Calcium							
10-16 yrs	MI	709.95	941.40	655.19	1034.00	995.30	1190.90
	PA	98.00	144.20	100.30	143.00	152.60	182.80
60 yrs & over	MI	508.04	511.80	528.89	681.77	737.18	691.19
	PA	126.90	127.20	131.70	167.30	183.60	172.00
Iron							
10-16 yrs	MI	10.72	13.26	14.35	13.30	12.14	13.40
	PA	66.90	82.30	97.10	92.10	77.40	89.50
60 yrs & over	MI	8.89	9.57	12.29	9.88	10.72	12.39
	PA	88.50	95.30	122.50	97.10	106.40	123.60
Vitamin A							
10-16 yrs	MI	4935.00	895.20	2760.86	3764.50	3847.00	4658.80
	PA	167.70	189.80	95.40	129.00	133.90	176.80
60 yrs & over	MI	5551.19	5343.10	3400.77	2781.00	4411.90	5457.17
	PA	158.00	152.40	96.60	78.80	125.50	176.30
Thiamine							
10-16 yrs	MI	1.12	1.37	1.49	1.68	1.25	1.32
	PA	108.30	123.80	159.40	159.90	120.80	123.90
60 yrs & over	MI	0.84	0.93	1.12	1.22	1.05	1.00
	PA	94.80	100.70	128.90	143.30	124.70	113.30
Riboflavin							
10-16 yrs	MI	1.81	1.99	1.80	2.24	2.04	2.32
	PA	128.00	134.90	139.00	153.60	128.90	158.90
60 yrs & over	MI	1.49	1.22	1.52	1.60	1.60	1.58
	PA	123.90	101.10	133.20	142.60	140.30	137.40
Preformed Niacin							
10-16 yrs	MI	13.45	17.41	15.42	15.67	14.42	18.35
	PA	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 yrs & over	MI	13.23	12.95	21.46	11.36	14.12	19.23
	PA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vitamin C							
10-16 yrs	MI	57.36	65.63	74.70	74.80	62.63	76.54
	PA	190.10	218.30	248.30	248.70	208.10	254.62
60 yrs & over	MI	59.45	58.01	64.15	47.92	62.10	67.54
	PA	197.60	193.00	213.20	159.10	206.60	224.60

Source: DHEW Publication No. (HSM) 72-8133. (TSNS - V)

(MI = mean intake; PA = percentage adequacy; # = poverty level)

Table 20

Percent of persons having deficient or low values for biochemical measures
of nutritional status by ethnic group and income

	B l a c k s				H i s p a n i c s				W h i t e s								
	Below Poverty		Above Poverty		Below Poverty		Above Poverty		Below Poverty		Above Poverty						
	No	Def Low	No	Def Low	No	Def Low	No	Def Low	No	Def Low	No	Def Low					
Hemoglobin																	
8590	7.6	29.8	3446	3.5	23.4	1896	8.3	12.3	2910	2.3	15.4	3822	1.8	13.8	12127	1.0	8.3
Albumin																	
4126	2.0	11.1	2006	0.2	2.8	1553	2.3	10.6	2060	0.0	1.0	2561	0.5	3.5	8730	0.2	2.3
	#		#			#						#			#		
Protein																	
4298	3.5	6.0	2158	0.2	0.7	1580	5.4	5.8	2106	0.2	0.5	2621	3.0	5.3	8999	0.4	1.9
	#		#			#						#			#		
Vitamin A																	
6225	0.8	8.2	1970	0.6	5.5	1712	4.0	29.1	2051	0.2	2.1	2952	0.6	5.1	7224	1.1	6.4
Vitamin C																	
5909	2.5	8.5	1849	0.3	2.6	1526	2.9	4.9	1831	0.3	1.6	3025	2.3	6.5	7815	0.5	2.5
Riboflavin																	
4026	5.2	21.9	2176	1.2	12.5	1736	3.0	16.6	2338	0.7	6.0	2439	2.0	8.5	8847	0.9	6.0
Thiamine																	
3791	1.7	9.5	1886	1.4	7.8	1719	0.7	5.4	1878	0.6	4.8	2358	1.4	5.8	6527	0.6	3.6
Iodine																	
3715	0.5	1.8	1775	0.4	2.1	1838	0.0	0.2	1035	0.1	1.6	2118	0.9	2.1	5831	0.3	1.1

- Based on values for persons over sixteen years of age Def - deficient

Source: DHEW Publication No. (HSM) 72-8132

Table 21

Percent of persons with a poverty income ratio less than one
having deficient or low values for biochemical measures
of nutritional status by ethnic group and income

	B l a c k s				H i s p a n i c s				W h i t e s								
	Below Poverty		Above Poverty		Below Poverty		Above Poverty		Below Poverty		Above Poverty						
	No	Def Low	No	Def Low	No	Def Low	No	Def Low	No	Def Low	No	Def Low					
Hemoglobin																	
5152	7.7	29.5	1012	4.4	25.7	1165	5.5	11.9	856	2.0	14.6	1325	2.3	14.6	1842	1.5	9.3
Albumin																	
2575	2.2	10.4	593	0.0	3.7	951	1.2	10.7	633	0.0	1.3	970	0.6	3.4	1346	0.3	3.3
	#					#						#				#	
Protein																	
2665	3.6	5.5	646	0.0	0.9	972	4.8	5.3	643	0.2	0.6	982	2.6	4.1	1395	0.4	1.9
	#					#				#		#			#		
Vitamin A																	
3562	0.9	9.5	578	1.4	5.5	1050	5.4	30.2	612	0.0	1.9	1015	1.0	5.7	1071	0.8	5.2
Vitamin C																	
3307	2.4	6.9	535	0.7	1.9	913	2.8	5.0	536	0.4	1.7	1080	3.0	6.7	1171	0.5	2.8
Riboflavin																	
2695	5.4	23.2	664	1.4	13.0	1078	3.0	18.4	700	0.9	6.7	922	2.9	8.7	1368	1.1	6.7
Thiamine																	
2517	1.7	9.6	563	1.1	7.6	1059	0.8	5.4	533	0.5	6.3	905	1.2	5.2	1006	0.8	3.2
Iodine																	
2555	0.6	2.1	524	0.0	1.9	1144	0.0	0.2	329	0.0	1.8	828	1.9	3.3	983	0.4	1.2

Source: DHEW Publication No. (HSM) 72-8132 (TSNS - IV)

Table 22

Percentage of days intake per individual
of energy and energy nutrient, vitamins and minerals,
total respondents for 1979-80 and 1977-78 (USDA)

		<u>Milk & Milk Products</u>	<u>Meat, Poultry, Fish</u>	<u>Eggs, Legumes</u>	<u>Grain Products</u>	<u>Fruits, Vegetables</u>	<u>Fats, Sweets, Beverages</u>
Sources of Energy and Energy Nutrients							
Food Energy	1979-80	15	26	7	27	13	12
	1977-78	15	26	6	30	12	11
Protein	1979-80	19	43	10	19	8	1
	1977-78	18	44	8	22	7	1
Fats	1979-80	19	39	9	15	8	10
	1977-78	19	40	8	17	8	8
Carbohydrate	1979-80	11	6	4	42	21	16
	1977-78	11	5	3	45	19	17
Vitamins							
Vitamin A Value	1979-80	20	10	8	17	37	8
	1977-78	20	11	8	18	37	6
Thiamine	1979-80	12	22	5	42	18	1
	1977-78	11	21	5	45	17	1
Riboflavin	1979-80	30	23	7	28	10	2
	1977-78	29	22	7	31	9	2
Preformed Niacin	1979-80	3	39	4	34	14	6
	1977-78	3	41	3	35	13	5
Vitamin B6	1979-80	13	36	9	19	21	2
	1977-78	13	38	7	21	20	1
Vitamin C	1979-80	10	6	2	10	66	6
	1977-78	10	5	1	10	64	10

Table 22 (continued)

		<u>Milk & Milk Products</u>	<u>Meat, Poultry, Fish</u>	<u>Eggs, Legumes</u>	<u>Grain Products</u>	<u>Fruits, Vegetables</u>	<u>Fats, Sweets, Beverages</u>
Minerals							
Calcium	1979-80	47	8	7	23	11	4
	1977-78	46	7	6	26	11	4
Iron	1979-80	4	31	11	35	14	5
	1977-78	4	31	9	37	14	5
Magnesium	1979-80	20	16	10	21	21	12
	1977-78	20	17	8	24	19	12
Phosphorus	1979-80	30	26	10	20	10	4
	1977-78	28	26	9	23	10	4

Source: USDA Human Nutrition Service, Preliminary Reports, No. 11 and 13

Table 23

Amount of Food disappeared per capita by civilians
in 1960 and 1980 (USDA)

	Amount of Food		1980 values as
	1960	1980	Percent of 1960 values
<u>MEAT</u>			
Beef	85.0 (a)	103.4	121
Veal	6.1	1.8	30
Lamb & mutton	4.8	1.5	31
Pork	77.7	73.4	95
Total	173.7	180.0	104
Edible offals	10.2	9.6	94
<u>FISH</u>			
Fresh & frozen	5.7	7.9	139
Canned	4.0	4.5	113
Cured	0.6	0.3	50
Total	10.3	12.7	123
<u>POULTRY</u>			
Chicken	27.8	50.0	180
Turkey	6.2	10.5	169
Total	34.0	60.5	178
<u>MEAT ALTERNATES</u>			
Eggs	334.4 (b)	272.4	81
Cheese	8.4	17.6	210
Peanuts (kernel)	4.9	6.1	124
Tree nuts	4.5	1.7	38
Dry edible beans	7.3	3.6	49
Dry field peas	0.6	0.4	67
Total	360.1	301.8	84
<u>MILK</u>			
Milk fat	24.5	19.9	81
Milk solid	43.4	36.6	84
Cheese	8.4	17.6	210
Condensed & evap.	13.7	3.8	28
Dry whole	0.3	0.3	100
Dry nonfat	6.2	3.2	52
Frozen dairy	18.3	17.3	95
All dairy milk equivalent	653.4	541.7	83
<u>FATS & OILS</u>			
Butter	7.5	4.5	60
Lard	7.5	2.4	32
Margarine	9.3	11.3	122
Shortening	12.6	18.3	145
Other edible	11.5	22.4 (c)	198
Total	45.3	57.2 (c)	126

Table 23 (continued)

	Amount of Food		1980 values as Percent of 1960 values
	1960	1980	
<u>FRUITS & VEGETABLES</u>			
<u>FRUIT</u>			
Citrus	33.7	28.7	85
Apples	18.3	16.7	91
Other	41.9	42.0	100
Total			
Fresh (d)	93.9	87.4	93
Canned fruit	22.6	17.4	77
Canned juices	12.9	16.9	131
Frozen juices	5.9	9.9	168
Frozen noncitrus (fruits & juices)	3.5	3.0	86
Dried	3.1	2.9	94
Melons	25.8	18.6	72
Total	261.6	233.5	89
<u>VEGETABLES</u>			
Fresh	105.7	108.3	102
Canned (rice, potatoes)	44.7	52.0	116
Frozen	7.0	10.4	149
Frozen potato products	2.7	16.9	626
Potatoes	101.3	79.9	79
Sweet Potatoes	7.1	4.4	62
Corn (inch grain)	47.5	109.0	229
Total	316.0	380.9	121
<u>BREADS & CEREALS</u>			
Wheat (grain)	164.7	159.3	97
Wheat flour	118.0	117.0	99
Rye	1.4	0.9	64
Rice	6.1	9.3	152
Oats	7.5	6.5	87
Barley	1.6	1.7	106
Total	199.3	194.7	98
<u>SWEETS</u>			
Total cane & beet sugar	97.6	83.6	86
<u>BEVERAGES</u>			
Coffee	15.8	10.4	66
Tea	0.6	0.7	117
Cocoa	3.6	3.2	89
Total	20.0	14.3	92
<u>CONDIMENTS</u>			
Spices & flavouring	1.0 (e)	1.6	160

(a) refers to pounds unless footnoted

(b) refers to number of eggs

(c) 1979 figure, 1980 not available

(d) variable frequently

(e) 1000 pounds

Table 24

Amount of Food Groups disappeared per capita by civilians
in 1960 and 1980 (USDA)

	Amount of Food		1980 values as
	1960	1980	Percent of 1960 value
Milk	653.4	541.7	83
Cheese	8.4	17.6	210
Meat & Poultry			
Meats	173.7	180.0	104
Edible offals	10.2	9.6	94
Poultry	34.0	60.5	178
Total	217.9	259.1	119
Fish	10.3	12.7	123
Meat Alternates	360.1	301.8	84
Fruits and Vegetables			
Fruits Fresh	93.9	87.4	93
Citrus Fresh	33.7	28.7	85
Citrus Frozen	2.4	6.9	288
Total Fresh	130.0	123.0	95
Vegetables Fresh	105.7	108.3	102
Sweet Potatoes	7.1	4.4	62
Total	112.8	112.7	100
Breads & Cereals	199.3	194.7	98
Fats & Oils	45.3	57.2	126
Sweets	97.6	83.6	86
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, & Cocoa	20.0	14.3	92
Condiments	1.0	1.6	160

Table 25

Percent of persons who reported using specific foods for which there is a significant difference by race (USDA)

Food Groups	-----R a c e-----		
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Other</u>
Fruits	74	64	70 (a)
Noncritus fruits	61	37	54
Potatoes	80	64	84
Dried beans and peas	22	29	62
Dark green vegetables	14	27	13
Whole grain bread	24	8	16
Quickbreads	34	46	49
Breakfast cereals	54	64	66 (a)
Cooked cereals	15	34	26
Rice	15	47	51
Milk, yoghurt, cheese	93	80	93
Milk	85	76	88 (a)
Lowfat milk	20	4	2
Cheese	50	23	36
Natural cheese	24	10	15
Processed cheese	25	13	20
Red meats	82	83	98 (a)
Beef	70	62	88
Poultry	41	64	60
Eggs	53	66	69
Nuts	28	11	13
Desserts	73	52	57
Soups	32	22	49
Snack foods	31	17	18
Potato chips	20	13	12 (a)
Condiments	36	28	23 (a)
Candy	16	7	5
Sugar-based beverages	60	76	74
Carbonated beverages	55	69	64
Fats	87	78	84 (a)
Table spreads	70	50	62
Salad dressings	47	32	38
Cream and substitutes	18	4	5
Bacon and salt pork	24	39	18
Coffee and tea	68	48	52

(a) - significant at the 1 percent level ($p < 0.01$)

All other differences significant at the 0.1 percent level ($p < 0.001$)

Table 26

Percent of persons who reported using specific foods for which there is a significant difference by income (USDA)

	---Income level---	
	under \$5,000	\$20,000 or more
Noncitrus fruit	53	66
Dried beans and peas	27	20
Other vegetables #	82	92
Whole grain bread	21	30
Rice	27	16 (a)
Grain mixtures	27	42 (a)
Milk, yoghurt, cheese	86	95 (a)
Lowfat milk	8	25
Cheese	34	53
Natural cheese	14	29
Meat, fish, poultry	98	100 (a)
Beef	60	77
Eggs	63	52
Nuts	20	31 (a)
Desserts	58	79
Grain-based desserts	50	72
Dairy desserts	25	38 (a)
Candy	9	20
Snack foods	17	38
Potato chips	10	25
Condiments	22	41
Fats	74	87
Salad dressings	33	50

(a) - significant at the 1 percent level ($p < 0.01$)

All other differences significant at the 0.1 percent level
($p < 0.001$)

Source: Cronin, F J et. al. JADA 81: 661-673, 1982

Table 27

Percent of persons who reported using specific foods for which there is a significant difference by sex (USDA)

	-----S e x-----	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Fruits	70	75 (a)
Whole milk	55	48 (a)
Yoghurt	1	4
Luncheon meats	61	51
Meat, fish, poultry sandwiches	23	18 (a)
Eggs	59	52 (a)
Desserts	74	67 (a)
Grain-based desserts	64	58 (a)
Sugar and sweet spreads	68	59
Coffee and tea	61	67 (a)
Low calorie carbonated beverages	6	11

(a) - significant at the 1 percent level ($p < 0.01$)

All other differences significant at the 0.1 percent level ($p < 0.001$)

Source: Cronin, F J et al. JADA 81: 661-673, 1982

Table 28

Mean number of times per day that users reported foods,
by food groups, for which there is a significant difference by race

Food Groups	-----R a c e-----		
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Other</u>
Fruits and vegetables	2.9	2.3	3.2
Fruits	1.2	1.0	1.4
Vegetables	2.0	1.7	2.2
Breads and cereals	2.4	2.5	2.8
Yeast breads	1.4	1.3	1.4 (a)
Ready to eat cereals	0.7	0.6	0.6
Milk, yoghurt and cheese	2.0	1.4	2.0
Milk	1.8	1.3	1.9
Skim milk	1.2	0.6	2.7 (a)
Meat, fish, poultry, eggs	1.8	2.0	2.0
Desserts	1.0	0.8	0.8
Grain-based desserts	0.8	0.6	0.7
Fats	1.3	1.1	1.0
Coffee and tea	1.9	1.1	1.6

(a) - significant at the 1 percent level ($p < 0.01$)

All other differences significant at the 0.1 percent level ($p < 0.001$)

Source: Cronin, F J et al. JADA 81: 661-673, 1982

Table 29

Mean number of times per day that users reported foods,
by food groups, for which there is a significant difference by income

	---Income level---	
	under \$5,000	\$20,000 or more
Fruits and vegetables	2.6	3.1
Fruits	1.2	1.4 (a)
Vegetables	1.8	2.1
Vegetables (exclude potatoes, dried beans and peas)	1.2	1.5
Other vegetables #	1.0	1.2 (a)
Meat, fish, poultry	1.4	1.6 (a)
Desserts	0.8	1.1
Grain-based desserts	0.7	0.9
Fats: table spreads	1.0	0.9 (a)

(a) - significant at the 1 percent level ($p < 0.01$)

All other differences significant at the 0.1 percent
level ($p < 0.001$)

Source: Cronin, F J et al. JADA 81: 661-673, 1982

Table 30

Mean number of times per day that users reported foods,
by food groups, for which there is a significant difference by sex

	-----S e x-----	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Breads and cereals	2.6	2.3
Yeast breads	1.5	1.3
White breads	1.4	1.2
Milk, yoghurt, cheese	2.0	1.8 (a)
Milk	1.8	1.6 (a)
Meat, fish, poultry, eggs	2.0	1.7
Meat, fish, poultry	1.7	1.5
Red meats	0.8	0.7
Desserts	1.0	0.9 (a)
Grain-based desserts	0.9	0.8 (a)
Sugar and sweet spreads	1.1	1.0 (a)

(a) - significant at the 1 percent level ($p < 0.01$)

All other differences significant at the 0.1 percent
level ($p < 0.001$)

Source: Cronin, F J et al. JADA 81: 661-673, 1982

Table 31

Industrial Processes and Chemicals with Known Human Carcinogenicity

Industrial Processes and Occupations:

Auramine manufacture
 Boot and shoe manufacture and repair
 (certain occupations)
 Furniture manufacture
 Isopropyl alcohol manufacture
 (strong-acid process)
 Nickel refining
 Rubber industry (certain occupations)
 Underground haematite mining
 (with exposure to radon)

Chemicals and groups of chemicals:

4-Aminobiphenyl
 Analgesic mixtures containing phenacetin
 Arsenic and arsenic compounds
 Asbestos
 Azathioprine
 Benzene
 Benzydine
 N,N-Bis(2-chloroethyl)-2-naphthylamine (Chlornaphazine)
 Bis(chloromethyl)ether and technical-grade chloromethyl methyl ether
 1,4-Butanediol dimethanesulphonate (Myleran)
 Certain combined chemotherapy for lymphomas (including MOPP)
 Chlorambucil
 Chromium and certain chromium compounds^a
 Conjugated oestrogens
 Cyclophosphamide
 Diethylstilboestrol
 Melphalan
 Methoxsamen with ultra-violet A therapy (PUVA)
 Mustard gas
 2-Naphthylamine
 Soots, tars and oils
 Treosulphan
 Vinyl chloride

Source: International Agency for Research on Cancer.
 IARC Monographs Supplement 4. Lyons, 1982

Table 32

Minority Representation by Occupational Category

<u>Occupational Category</u>	<u>Percent Non-white</u>	
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1981</u>
All Occupations	10.6	11.6
Professional Technical	7.2	9.9
Managers and Administrators (non-farm)	4.0	5.8
Sales	3.6	5.4
Clerical	8.7	11.6
Crafts	6.9	8.5
Operatives (non-transportation)	13.2	16.2
Transportation Operatives	14.8	15.5
Laborers (non-farm)	20.2	16.5
Farm Laborers	15.1	12.3
Service	18.5	18.4
Private Household Workers	40.6	32.4

Source: U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Statistical Abstract of the United States 1982-83, table 651, pp. 388-390. U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1983.

Table 33

SUMMARY OF STUDIES OF OCCUPATIONAL RISK FACTORS BY RACE

Author, Year, Country	Study Design	Industry	Occupation	Exposure	Cancer Site	Risk Estimates				comments				
						Blacks n*	% risk	Whites n*	% risk					
Bradshaw & Schonland, 1969, Africa	Population-based Case-control Study	Industries and occupations were translated into exposure variables.	Petrol & oil Tar Lead Asbestos Soot Bagasse	Esophagus		11	1.9			Cancer of the esophagus and lung are the most common tumors among African males. Cases were relatively young, 79% of lung ca. cases were less than 60 years of age. No statistical adjustment for age. Cases & controls were asked about specific jobs & industries with carcinogenic related exposures. Lung ca. cases had a lower SES ranking & higher amount smoked				
						15	2.5							
						37	3.1							
						18	3.2							
						6	7.2							
						3	1.7							
						8	3.3							
						14	7.3							
						13	2.1							
						3	1.0							
2	5.1													
1	1.2													
Keller, 1969, US VA Hospitals	Population-based Case-control study. Cases identified from VA hospitals	Professionals Managerials Clericals Sales workers Craftsmen Operators Service workers Laborers Farmers	Mouth & Pharynx		3	4.4	1.2	35	5.5	1.0	Occupation was taken from the medical record and classified into broad categories based on the Dept. of Labor classification scheme. The job taken probably represents the most recent.			
					1	1.4	0.3	22	3.4	0.6				
					4	5.8	2.5	53	8.3	1.6				
					1	1.4	--	41	6.4	1.1				
					11	16.0	1.3	191	30.0	1.2				
					9	13.0	0.9	67	10.5	1.3				
					22	31.9	1.8	103	16.2	1.3				
					9	16.0	0.7	36	5.7	1.3				
					6	8.7	1.1	2	0.3	0.1				

*For case-control studies n refers to the number of cases exposed and the % is the corresponding percent of cases exposed.

Table 33 (continued)

Author, Year, Country	Study Design	Industry	Occupation	Exposure	Cancer Site	Risk Estimates				comments
						Blacks n*	% risk	Whites n*	% risk	
Lloyd, 1971, U.S.	Non-concurrent prospective	Steel	Coke Oven Non-oven	Coal Tar	Lung	17	3.0	3	1.6	The coke oven group includes workers required to spend some of their time at the topside or side of the ovens. The analysis is limited to workers employed on or before 1953. 91% of all blacks & 42% of whites were employed in the coke oven areas.
						4	3.6	1	0.6	
Monson and Nakamo, 1976, U.S.	Non-concurrent prospective	Rubber	Production workers		Digestive	15	0.8	47	0.7	986 black & 5501 white males were employed sometime between 1933-71. Usual work area was used to define exposure, however, analysis by exposure status is not presented.
					Lung	11	0.8	41	0.8	
					Bladder	--	---	8	1.1	
					Brain	--	---	4	0.8	
					Lymphatic & myeloma Leukemia	3	1.3	12	1.2	
	--	---	8	0.9						
Ross et al, 1979, U.S.	Rates for 1972-75	Professionals Managers Salesman Clerical Craftman Operatives Transportation Laborers Service Workers	Prostate		Prostate	Not Presented		185	1.5	Cases identified from the Los Angeles County Cancer Surveillance Prgm. Only 11 black cases of testicular ca. were identified. However, 792 prostate cases were found.
						Presented		263	1.6	
								96	1.2	
								49	0.8	
								156	0.7	
								53	0.6	
								30	0.8	
								35	0.9	
								63	0.9	

*For case-control studies n refers to the number of cases exposed and the % is the corresponding percent of cases exposed.

Table 33 (continued)

Author, Year, Country	Study Design	Industry	Occupation	Exposure	Cancer Site	Risk Estimates				comments
						Blacks n* % risk	Blacks % risk	Whites n* % risk	Whites % risk	
Goldsmith et al, 1980	Nested Case-Control Study	Rubber & Tire	Batch prep. Batch service Reclaim Fabrication Janitorialing Shipping & Receiving Salary	Heavy metals, oxides, and organic accelerators	Prostate	8	2.3	9	3.2	Cohort is comprised of active & retired hourly rubber workers. 88 cases & 258 controls were identified from DC. Risk estimates are for those employed at least 1 month in the defined occupational group.
						8	2.1	--	---	
						-	---	7	2.6	
						-	---	24	1.4	
						5	1.0	10	0.7	
Pickle & Gottlieb, 1980, US	Population-based Case-Control Study		White collar Craftsmen Operators Laborers Service workers Farmers		Pancreatic Males		0.3		0.9	19 parishes in Louisiana were selected for a case-control study because of high ca. rates.
							1.0		1.0	
							1.3		1.2	
							1.1		0.9	
							0.7		1.1	
							1.0		1.2	
							0.6		1.4	
							0.6		---	
							0.8		0.9	
							1.0		---	
Sheffet et al, 1982, US	Non-concurrent prospective		White collar Laborers Service workers Farmers		Females		0.6		1.4	1,296 white & 650 non-white males employed sometime between 1940-69. Results are presented for all 3 exposure groups combined.
							0.6		---	
							0.8		0.9	
							1.0		---	
							---		1.0	
							1.6		2.0	
							---		0.5	
							2.2		1.4	
							1.7		1.7	
							1.6		1.6	
Sheffet et al, 1982, US	Non-concurrent prospective		White collar Laborers Service workers Farmers		Females		0.6		1.4	1,296 white & 650 non-white males employed sometime between 1940-69. Results are presented for all 3 exposure groups combined.
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							1.0		---	
							---		1.0	
							1.6		2.0	
							---		0.5	
							2.2		1.4	
							1.7		1.7	
							1.6		1.6	

*For case-control studies n refers to the number of cases exposed and the % is the corresponding percent of cases exposed.

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Cancer Statistics Review: Black, White, and Other Group Comparisons

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Section I: Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present selected examples of cancer statistics in order to show comparisons between blacks, whites, and other racial and ethnic groups. This presentation displays in greater detail than in the past comparisons of the cancer experience of these groups. Differences between blacks and whites indicate where efforts must be directed to address the cancer needs of blacks in order to achieve improvement in survival and mortality.

The data presented in this report are derived from two sources. Mortality data are obtained from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Data tapes on all deaths in the United States are obtained annually from the NCHS and form the basis for all of the mortality statistics. Incidence and survival data are derived from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program of the National Cancer Institute. Cancer incidence and patient survival data are derived from the eleven population-based cancer registries of the SEER Program (Figure I.B-1). The patients in SEER cover over 12 percent of the U.S. population. From 1973 to 1979, 462,613 cancer cases were diagnosed in the SEER areas; of these, 402,752 cancer cases were used for data analysis. These cases had the following racial/ethnic distribution:

Anglo (non-Hispanic white)	87.0
Black	7.5
Hispanic	2.1
American Indian	0.3
Chinese	0.8
Japanese	1.2
Filipino	0.6
Hawaiian	0.5
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Table I. shows how these eight racial/ethnic groups of cancer cases were distributed within the SEER geographic areas.

The SEER program began in 1973 and presently includes six entire states (Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, New Mexico, New Jersey, and Utah), four large metropolitan areas (Atlanta, Detroit, San Francisco, and Seattle) and Puerto Rico. New Jersey joined the SEER program in late 1983 but its data are not yet available. It is now possible to analyze changes within the time period covered by SEER since it has been in operation for over 10 years. The majority of the SEER data on blacks is obtained from Atlanta, Detroit, and San Francisco.

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Definitions

Rate: An expression of the frequency of an event in an entire population. It is characterized by "counts of an event" during a specified time period. The total number of events, the numerator is divided by the population at risk (or mid-year population), the denominator. For example, the crude death rate is calculated by dividing the total number of deaths registered during the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) by the total population at the middle of the year (July 1). This is then multiplied by 1000.

Mortality Rate: The cancer mortality rate is the number of deaths from cancer occurring during the year in a specified population. It is expressed as a number per 100,000 population and includes those deaths where cancer is the reported underlying cause of death. This can be calculated for each specific type of cancer as well as for all cancer sites combined.

Observed Survival Rate: The proportion of newly diagnosed cancer patients surviving for a specified period of time after diagnosis.

Relative Survival Rate: The ratio of the observed survival rate for the patient group to the expected survival rate for persons in the general population similar to the patient group with respect to age, sex, race and calendar year of observation. Since almost half the cancers occur in persons 65 years of age or older, many of these individuals die of other causes with no evidence of recurrence of the cancer. Thus, because it is obtained by adjusting observed survival for the normal life expectancy of the general population of the same age, the relative survival rate is an estimate of the chance of surviving the effects of cancer. The Five-Year Relative Survival Rate, then, can be considered the proportion potentially curable.

Definitions (Continued)

Age-Adjusted Rate: A weighted average of the age-specific cancer mortality (or incidence) rates, where the weights are the numbers of persons in the corresponding age groups of a standard population. This has the effect of eliminating differences in age distributions of two populations as a factor in comparing their mortality (or incidence) rates for all ages combined. For this report, the 1970 United States population is used as a standard.

Standard Error: The standard error of a survival rate indicates the amount of sampling variability in the rate. Throughout this report, those rates for which the standard error is greater than 10% are indicated by "**" and those with a standard error between 5 and 10% by "*". All other survival rates have standard errors less than 5%.

Statistical Significance: A difference in survival rates is considered statistically significant if the probability that the difference is due to chance is less than 5%. These are indicated by "t" throughout this report.

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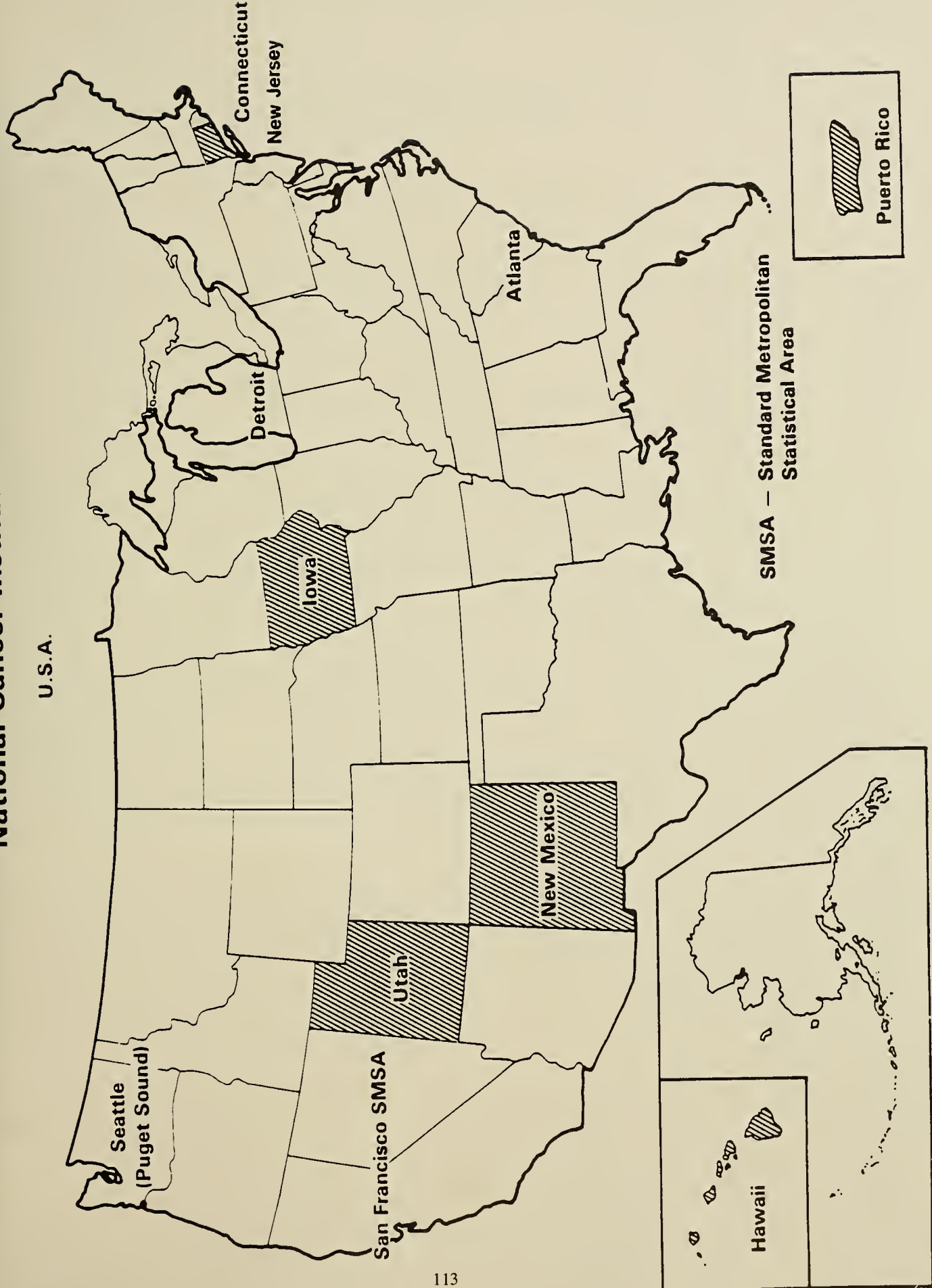


TABLE I. Percent Distribution of Cancer Cases by Geographic Area and Ethnic Group
SEER Program, 1978-81

Area	Total for all ethnic groups	American						Filipino	Hawaiian
		Anglo	Hispanic	Black	Indian	Chinese	Japanese		
No. of cases	297,571	252,095	6,158	23,952	872	2,299	3,682	1,815	1,331
Percent residing in:									
All areas	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
San Francisco-	16.8	15.7	33.5	20.4	3.8	64.1	9.2	36.1	2.4
Oakland									
Connecticut	16.9	18.8	5.4	8.6	1.4	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
Detroit	19.4	18.3	1.4	45.9	1.5	1.4	0.4	1.7	0.1
Hawaii	3.4	1.4	-	0.2	-	28.6	82.9	55.8	97.0
Iowa	15.1	17.6	1.6	1.8	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	-
New Mexico	4.4	3.8	51.3	0.8	42.4	0.2	0.1	-	-
Seattle	12.7	13.7	1.6	3.2	12.6	3.8	5.6	6.6	0.4
Utah	4.3	4.8	4.8	0.2	3.2	0.2	1.3	0.2	-
Atlanta	3.1	5.6	0.6	16.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Arizona Indians	0.1	-	-	-	32.7	-	-	-	-

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Section II: Incidence and Mortality for Blacks, Whites, and Other Groups

A. Discussion

The information about cancer incidence contained in this section is based on SEER data collected between 1978 and 1981. Cancer incidence rates measure the rate of occurrence of new cases of cancer during a year per hundred thousand persons in that population. The cancer incidence rates presented here are an average of four annual cancer incidence rates: 1978, 1979, 1980, and 1981.

The cancer mortality information used in this section is taken from national mortality data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics.

Organization of Figures and Tables

The first figure contains two line graphs presenting age-specific incidence and mortality rates for blacks and whites for all cancer sites combined. This is followed by a set of bar graphs showing age-adjusted cancer incidence rates for blacks, whites, and other racial/ethnic groups. A set of line graphs follow which compare age-specific mortality rates for selected cancer sites for blacks and whites. The next two tables present average annual age-adjusted cancer incidences and mortality rates for all and selected cancer sites for blacks, whites, and other racial/ethnic groups. The last table shows black/white ratios of age-adjusted cancer incidence and mortality rates.

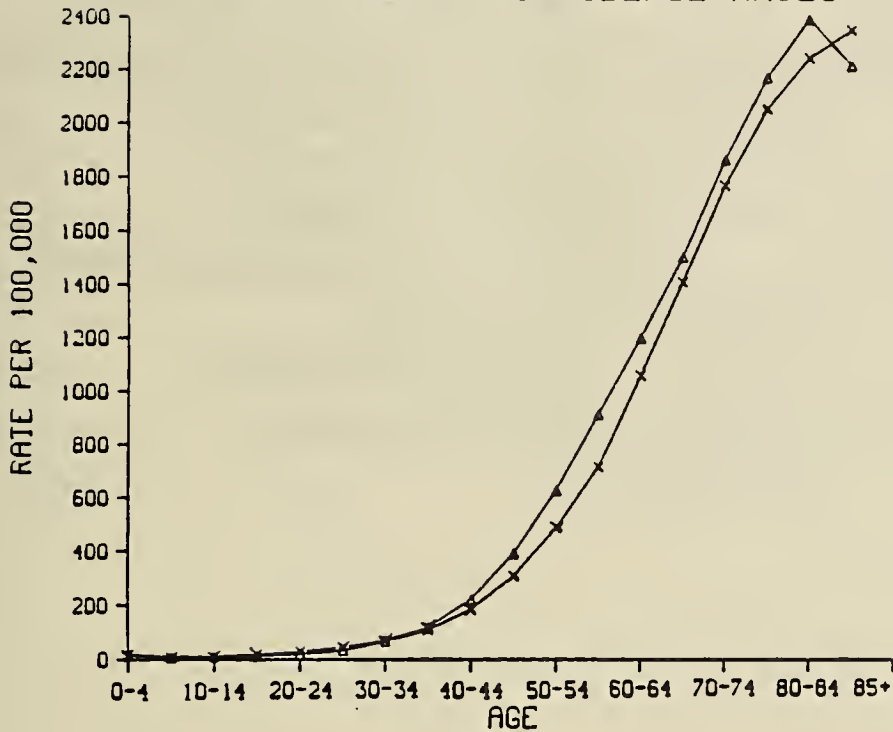
Highlights

- After ages 35-39 blacks had higher age-specific incidence rates for all cancer sites combined than whites. This difference increases to ages 55-59 and then decreases until ages 70-74 where it begins to increase again.
- Blacks experienced higher age-specific mortality rates for all cancer sites combined than whites after ages 30-34.
- Among the major racial/ethnic groups, blacks had the highest overall incidence rate for cancer followed by Hawaiians and then whites. American Indians had the lowest cancer incidence rate.
- Among the racial/ethnic groups for which cancer data is available:
 - Blacks had the highest incidence rate for cancers of the colon, larynx, lung, pancreas and prostate.
 - Whites had the highest incidence rate for cancers of the bladder, brain and CNS, melanoma, and pancreas. They also had the highest incidence rates for the three hematopoietic and lymphoid cancers: Hodgkin's disease, leukemia, and non-Hodgkin's disease.

- American Indians had the highest incidence rate for cancers of the female cervix, and kidney. They had the lowest incidence rate for cancers of the bladder, colon, rectum, larynx, male and female lungs, female breast, corpus, ovary, brain and CNS, buccal cavity and the three hematopietic and lymphoid cancers: Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's disease and leukemia.
- Hawaiians had the highest incidence rate for cancers of the female breast, ovary, corpus, stomach and female lung.
- Puerto Ricans had the highest incidence rate for cancers of the buccal cavity.
- Japanese Americans had the highest incidence rate for cancer of the rectum. They had the lowest incidence rate for cancers of the cervix and multiple myeloma.
- Hispanics had the lowest incidence rate for cancer of the esophagus.
- Chinese Americans had the lowest incidence rate for cancer of the prostate gland.
- Filipinos had the lowest incidence rate for cancers of the kidney and stomach.
- Blacks were nearly four times as likely as whites to have cancer of the esophagus and more than twice as likely to have multiple myelomas.
- Black females were more than twice as likely as white females to have cancer of the cervix uteri.
- Blacks had a mortality rate that was over three times the rate of whites for cancer of esophogus and more than twice the mortality rate of whites for cancers of the cervix uteri, prostate gland, and multiple myeloma.

WHITES AND BLACKS, 1978-81
ALL SITES

AGE SPECIFIC INCIDENCE RATES

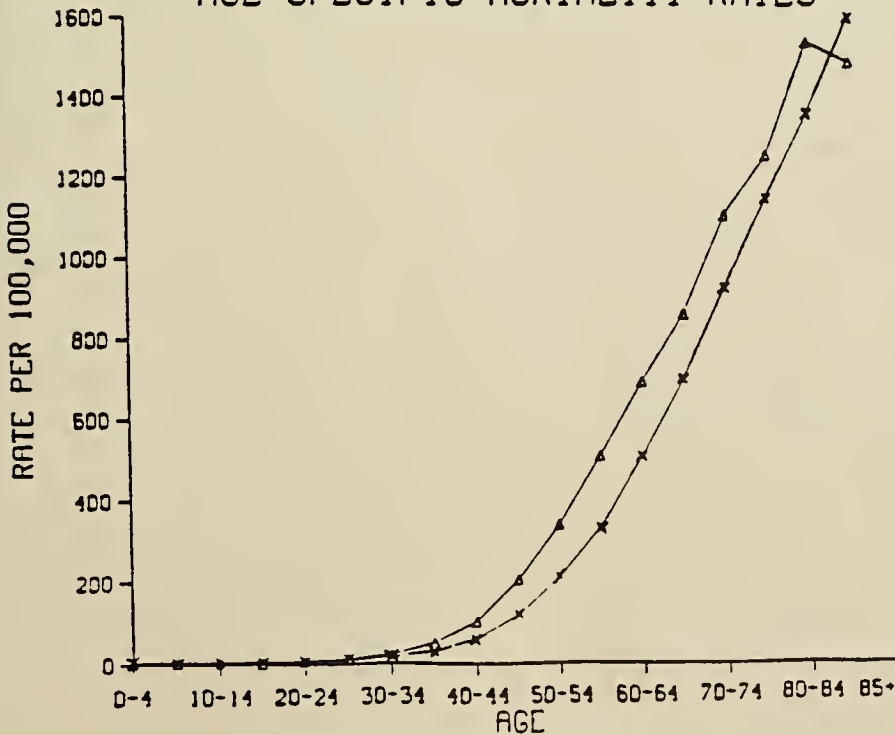


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AGE SPECIFIC MORTALITY RATES



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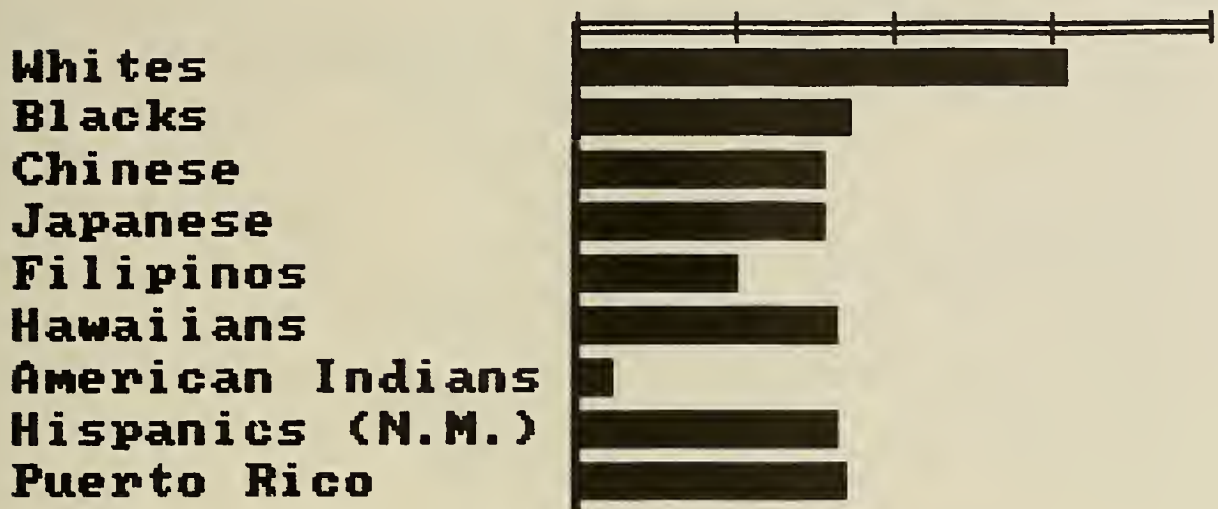
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 RATE PER 100,000
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**1978-81 INCIDENCE, BLADDER
RATE PER 100,000**

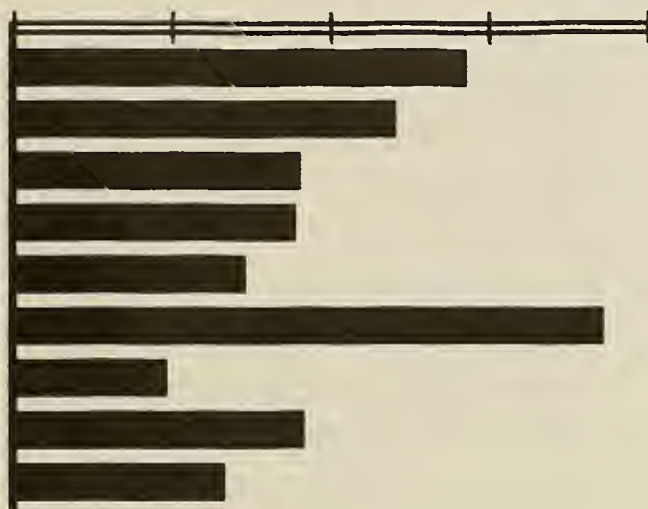


1978-81 INCIDENCE, BRAIN & CNS
RATE PER 100,000



1978-81 INCIDENCE, BREAST, FEMALES
 RATE PER 100,000
 0 60 120

Whites
 Blacks
 Chinese
 Japanese
 Filipinos
 Hawaiians
 American Indians
 Hispanics (N.M.)
 Puerto Rico



1978-81 INCIDENCE, BUCCAL CAVITY
 RATE PER 100,000
 0 10 20



1978-81 INCIDENCE, CERVIX, FEMALES
 RATE PER 100,000
 0 15 30



1978-81 INCIDENCE, COLON
 RATE PER 100,000
 0 20 40

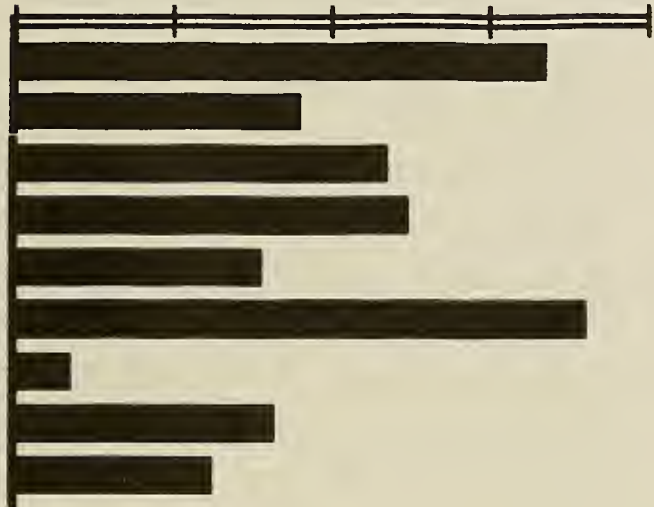


1978-81 INCIDENCE,

**CORPUS, FEMALES
RATE PER 100,000**

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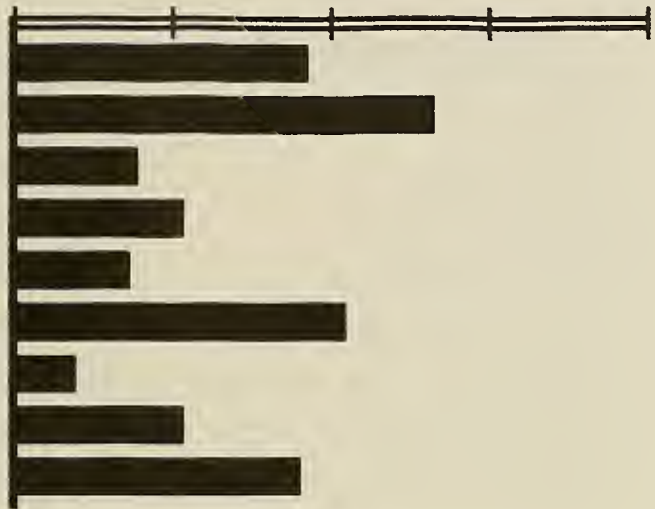
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 RATE PER 100,000



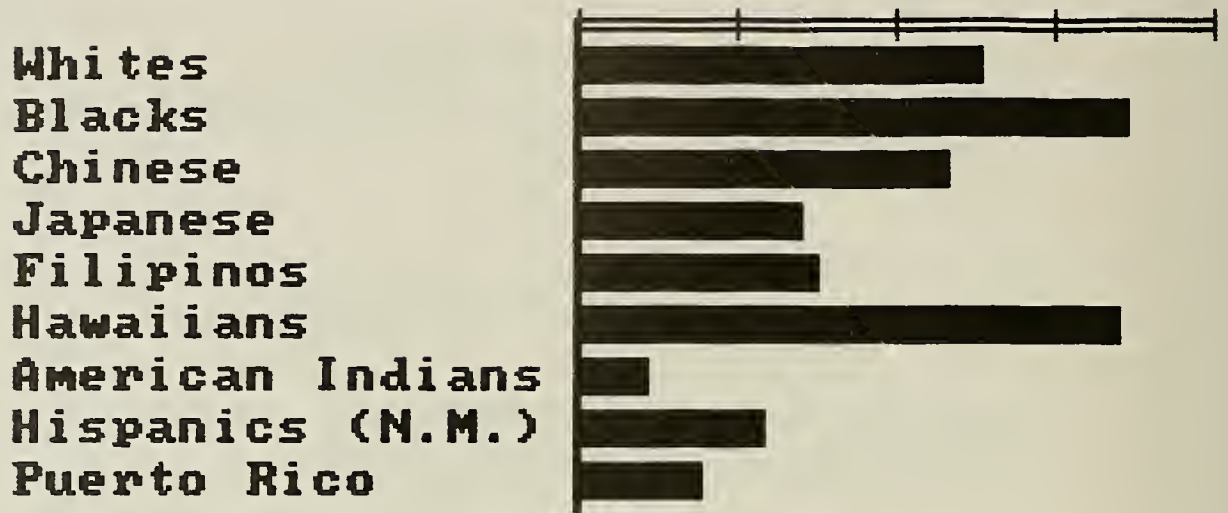
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 RATE PER 100,000

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 Hawaiians
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 Hispanics (N.M.)
 Puerto Rico



1978-81 INCIDENCE, LUNG
RATE PER 100,000
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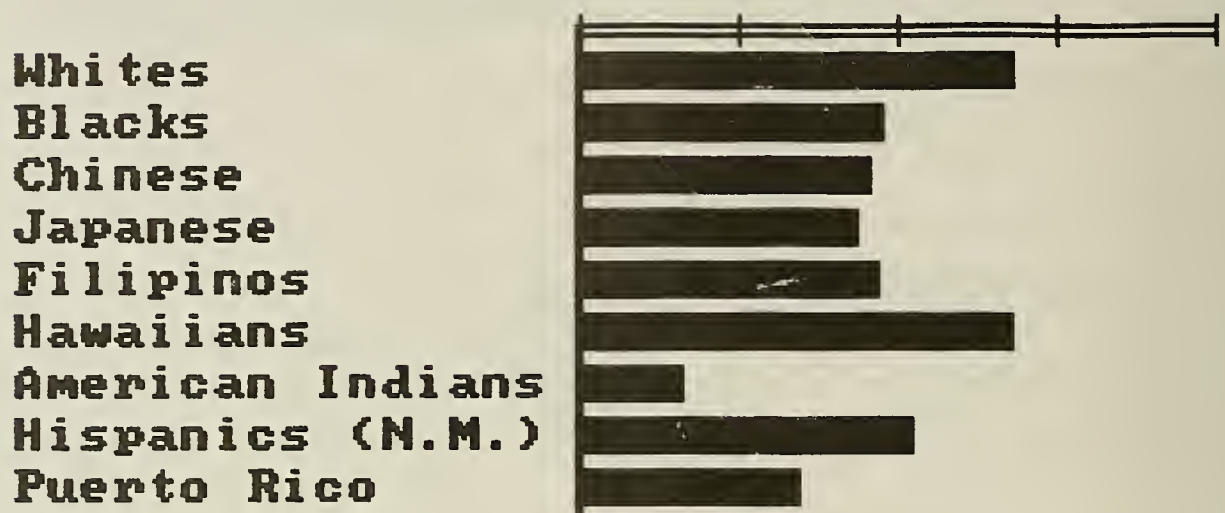


1978-81 INCIDENCE, MELANOMA
RATE PER 100,000

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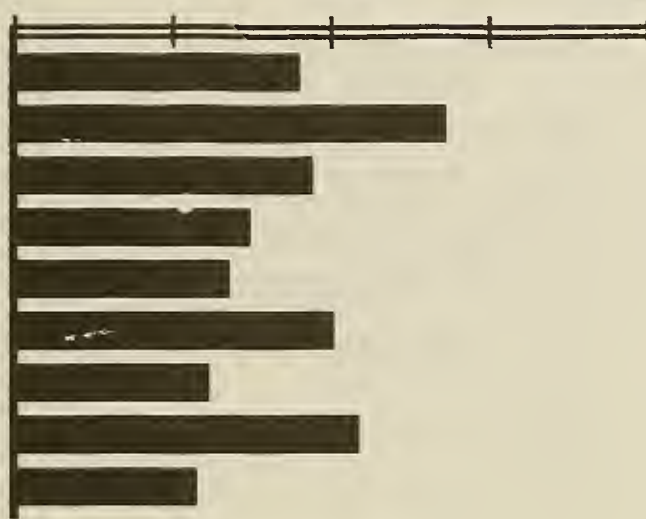
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RATE PER 100,000**



1978-81 INCIDENCE, PANCREAS
 RATE PER 100,000

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 American Indians
 Hispanics (N.M.)
 Puerto Rico



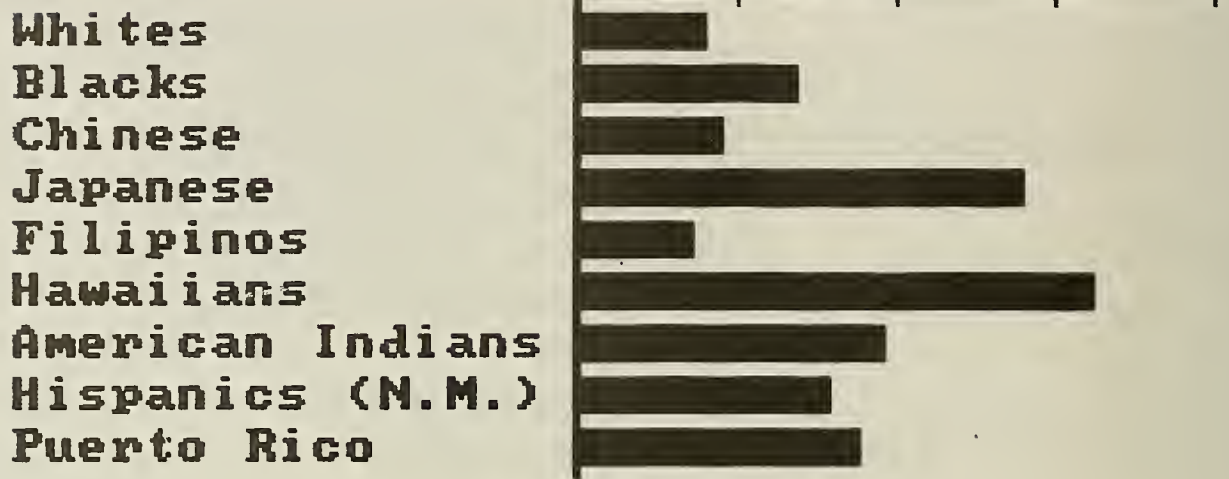
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 RATE PER 100,000
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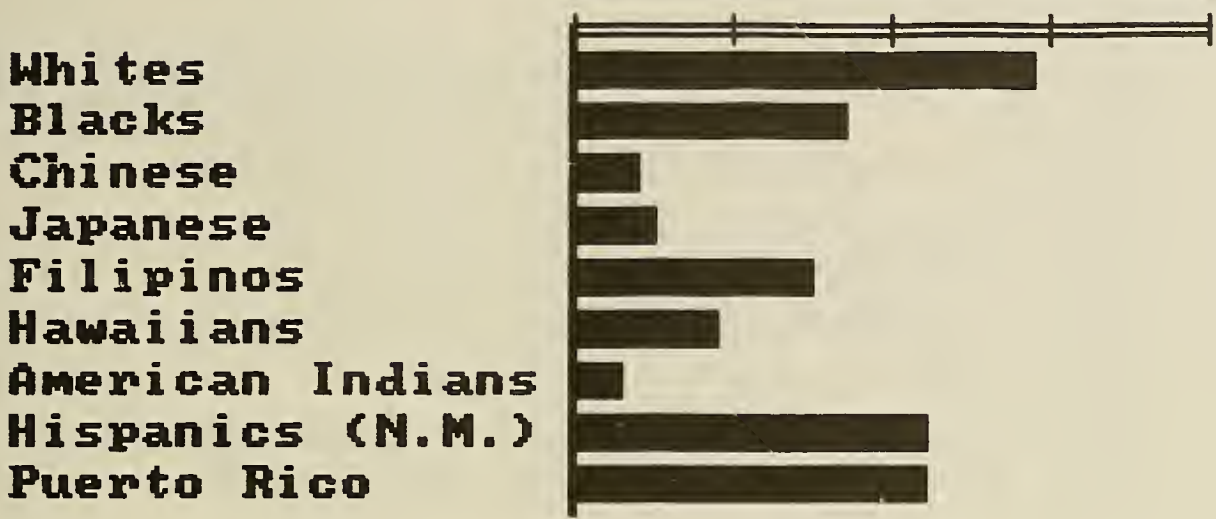
1978-81 INCIDENCE, RECTUM
 RATE PER 100,000
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1978-81 INCIDENCE, STOMACH
 RATE PER 100,000
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**1978-81 INCIDENCE, HODGKIN'S DISEASE
RATE PER 100,000**



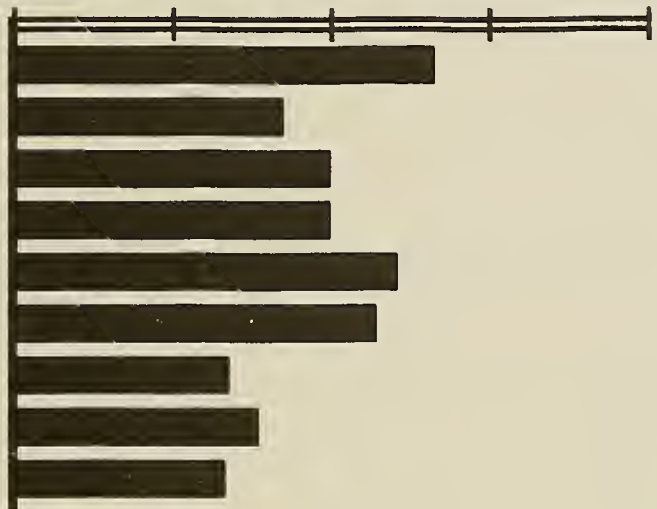
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RATE PER 100,000



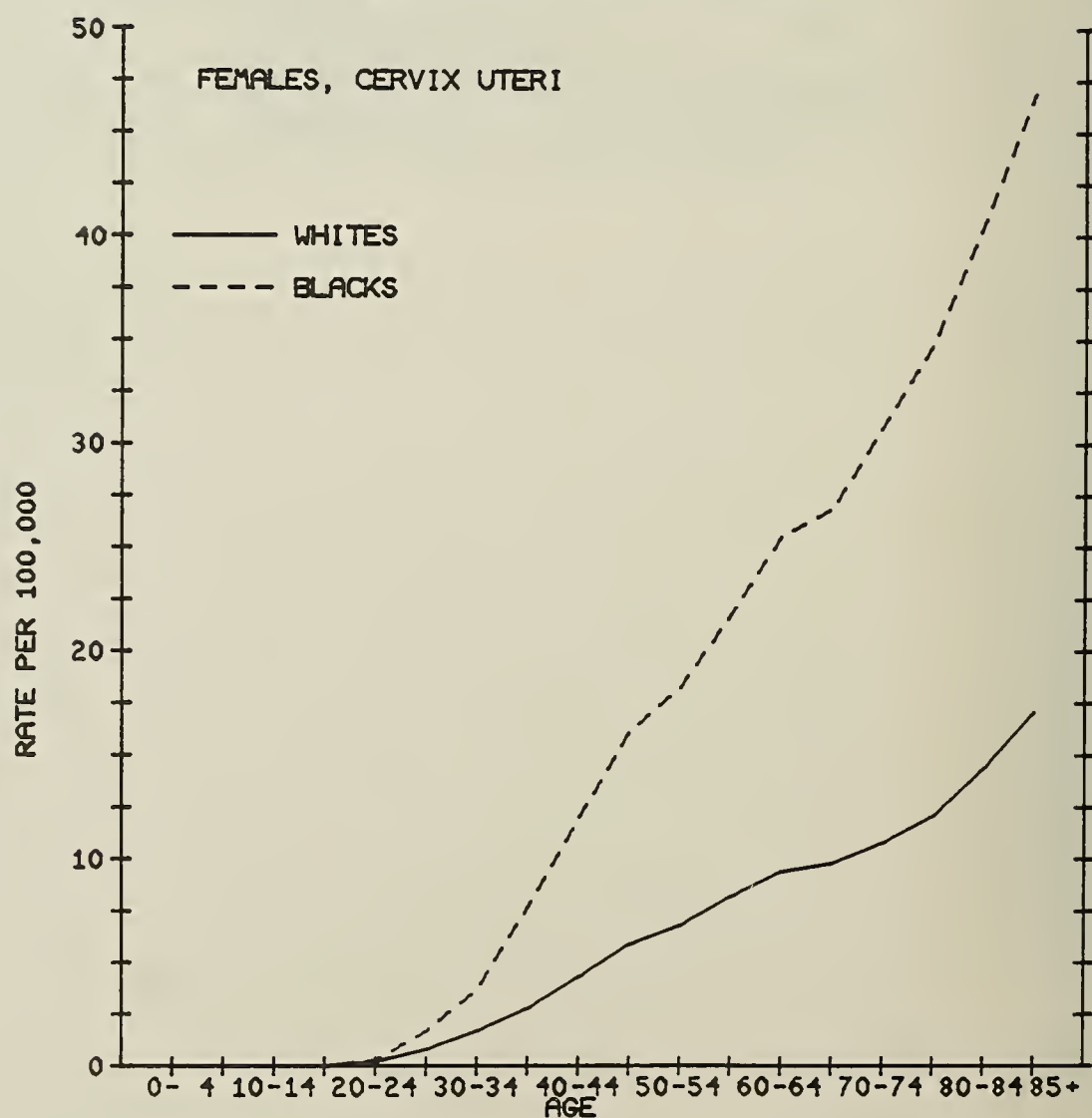
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RATE PER 100,000**

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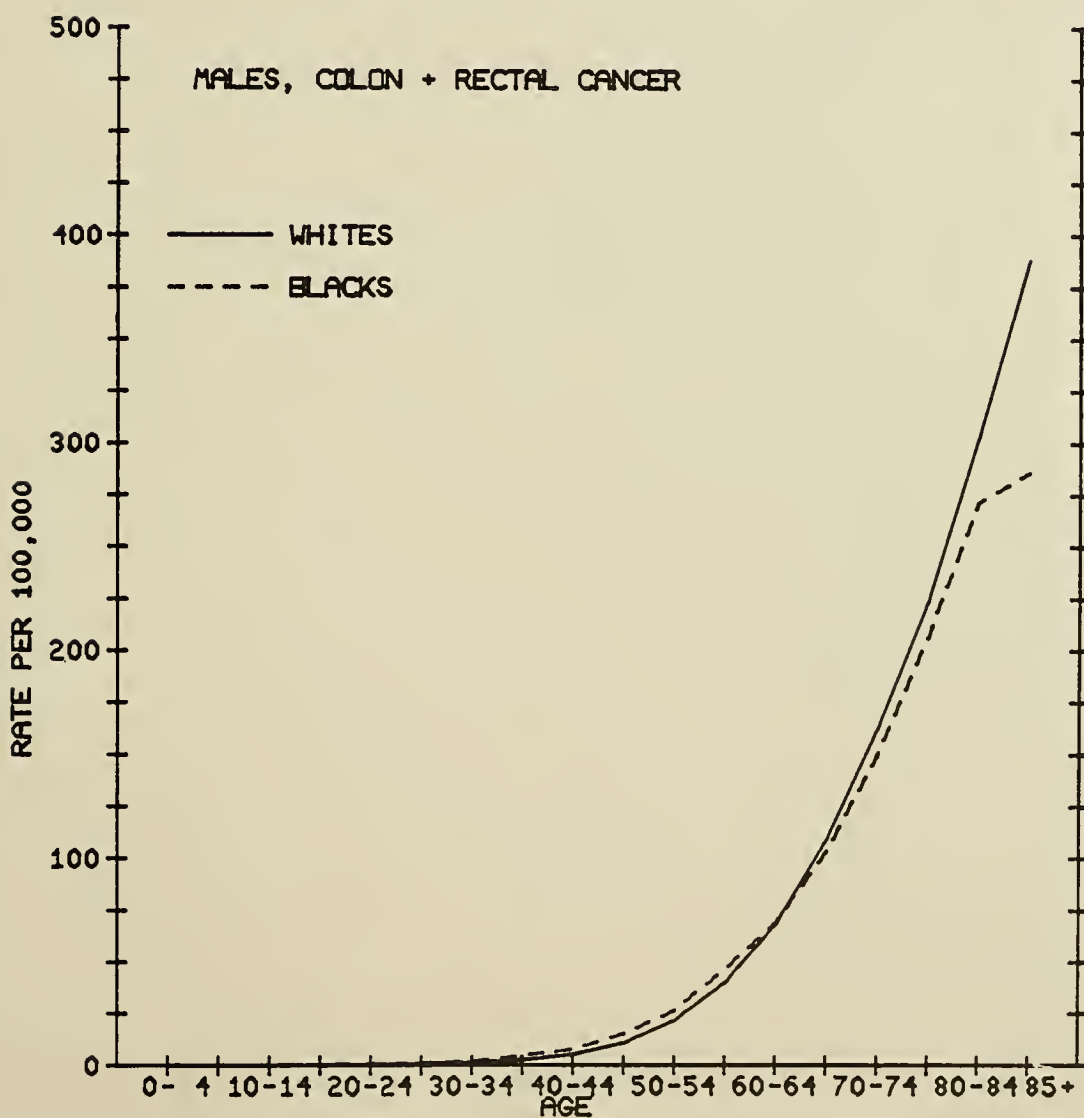
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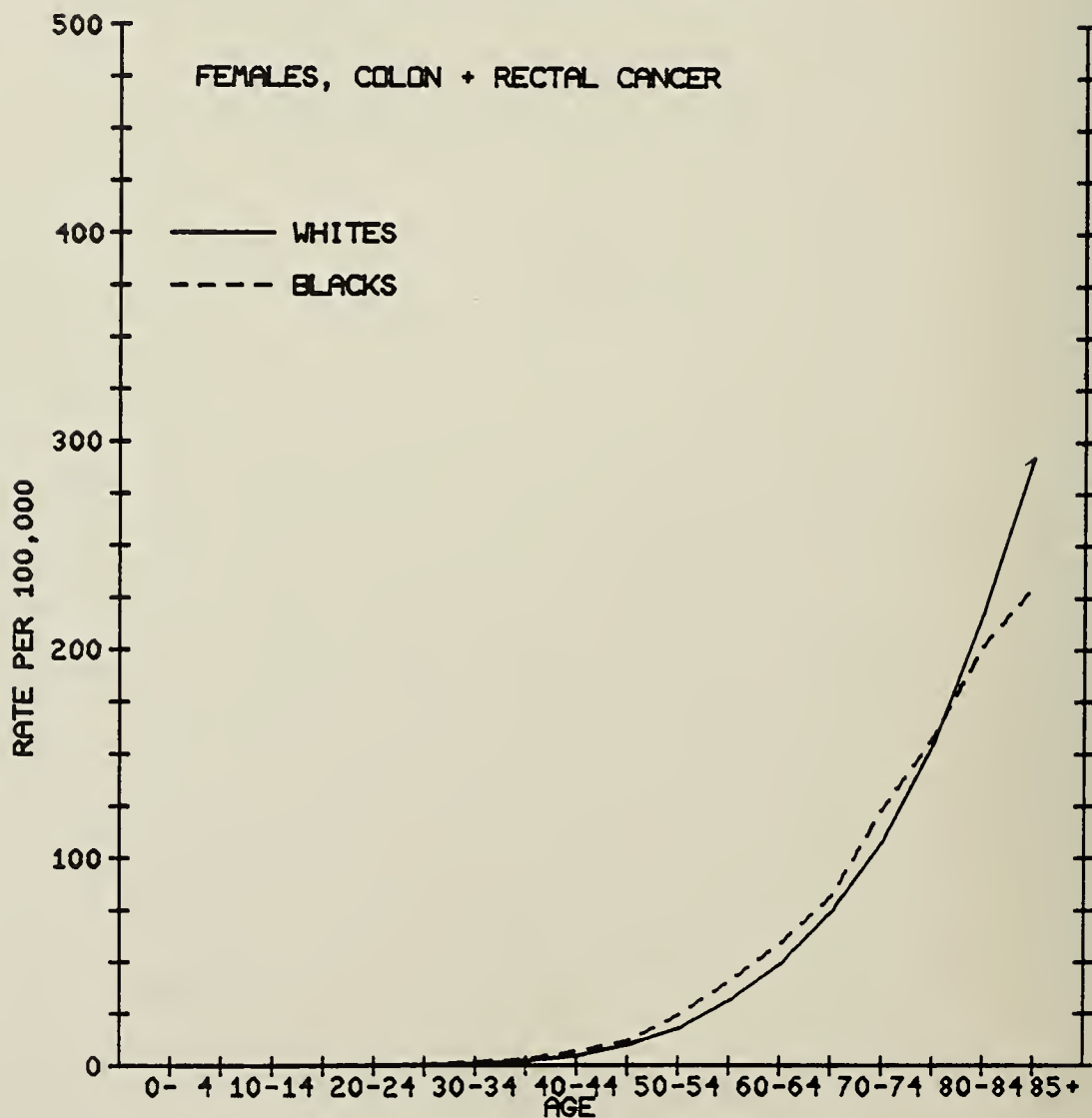
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UNITED STATES, 1978-81



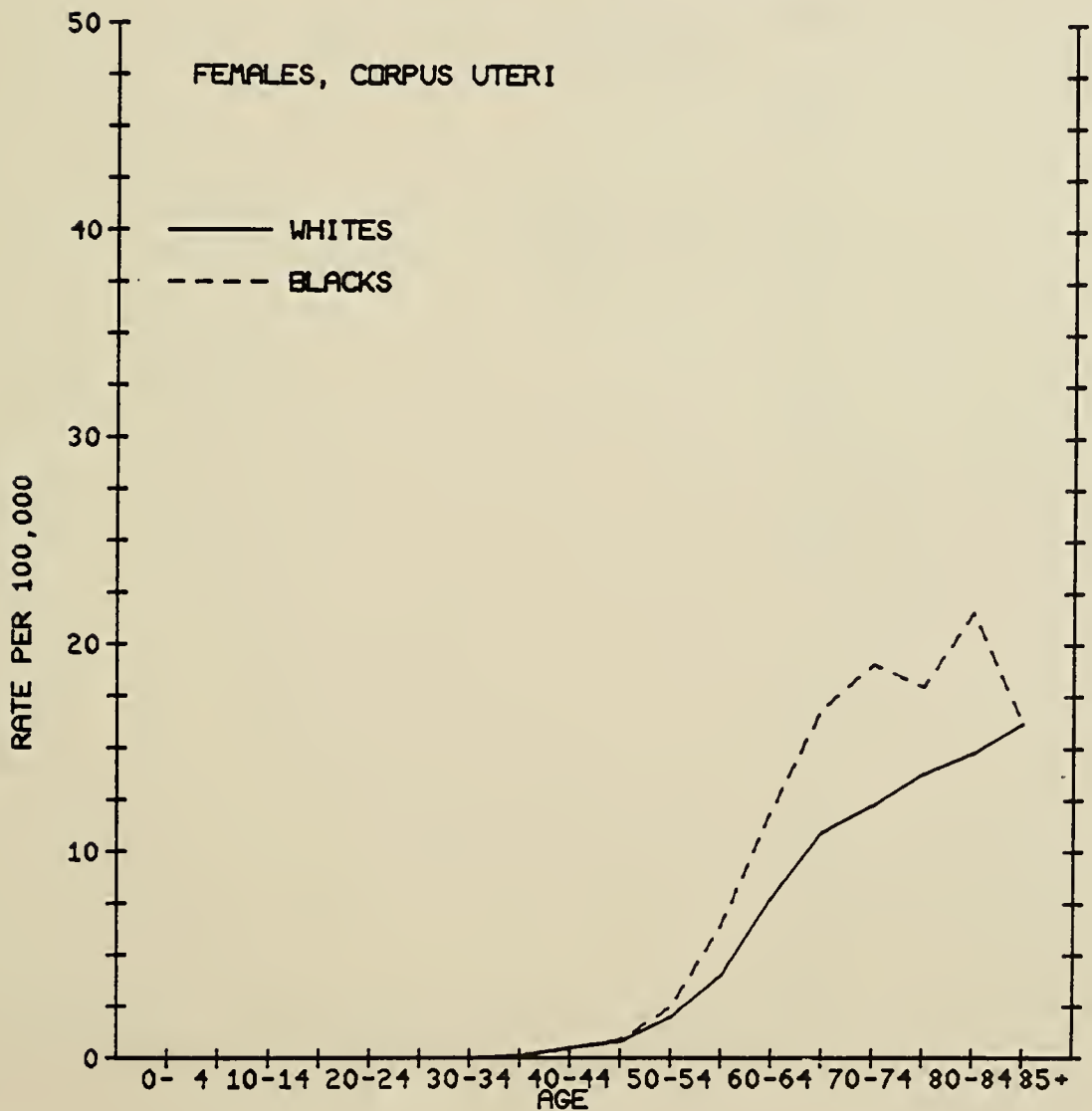
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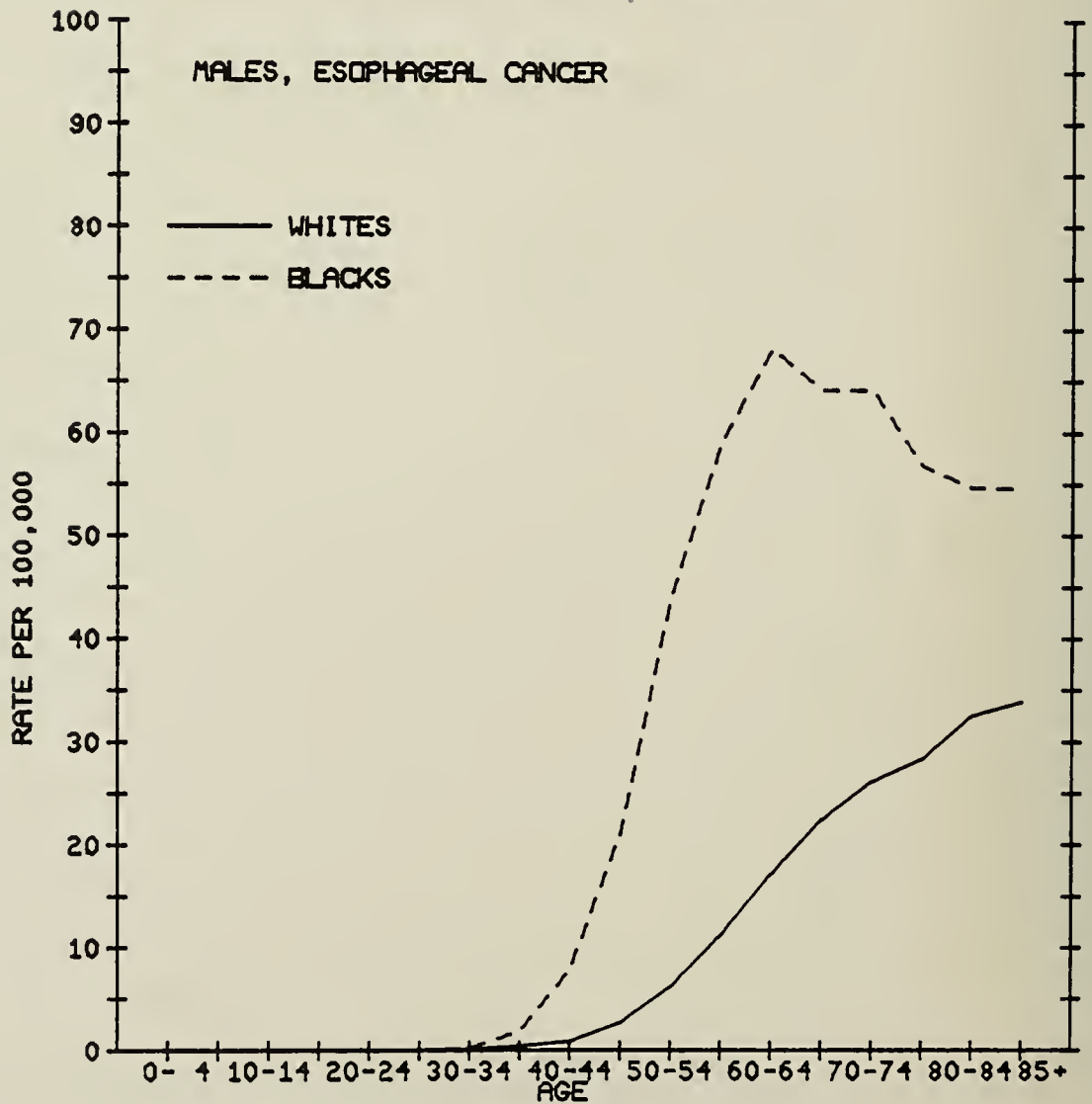
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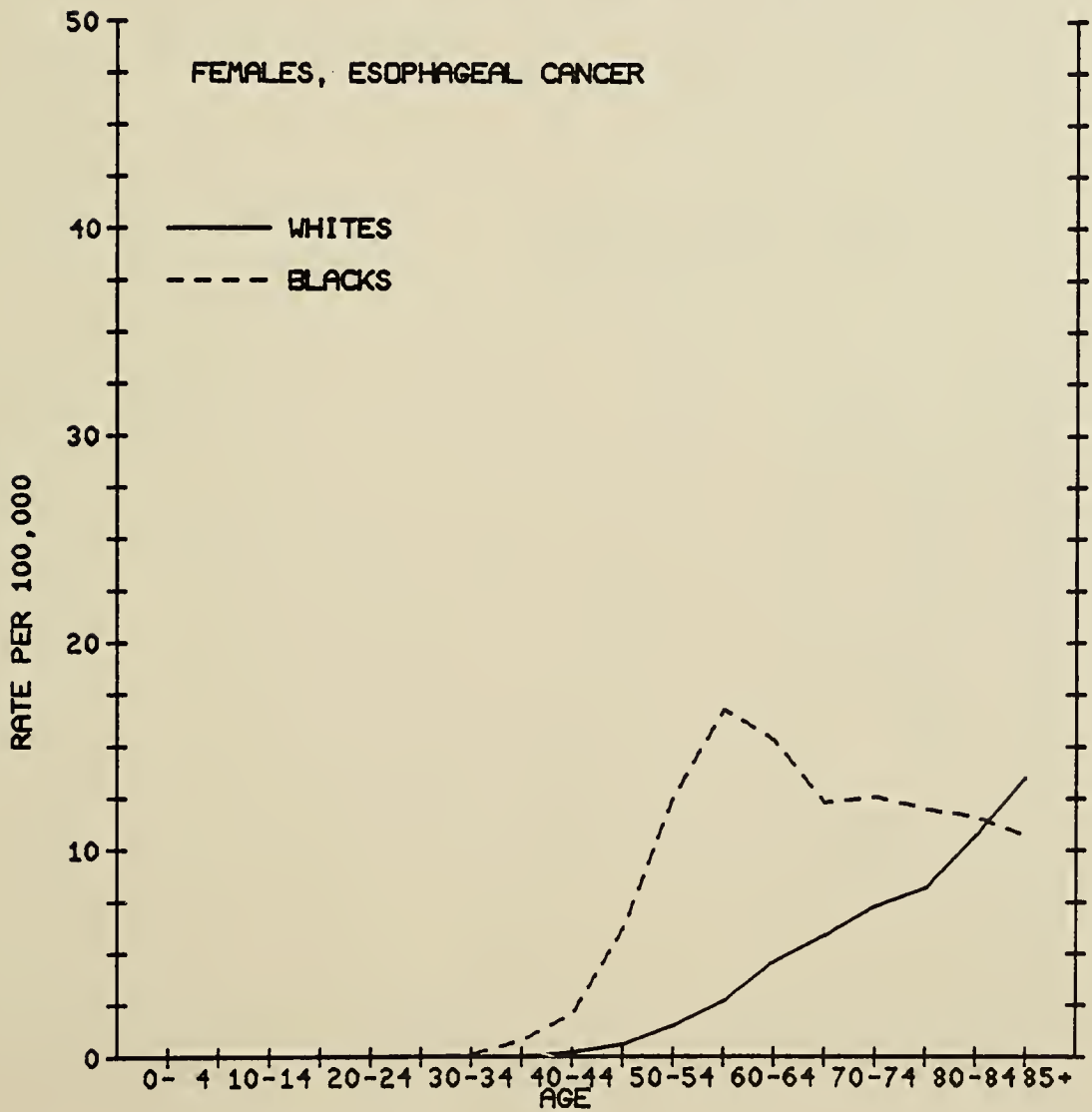
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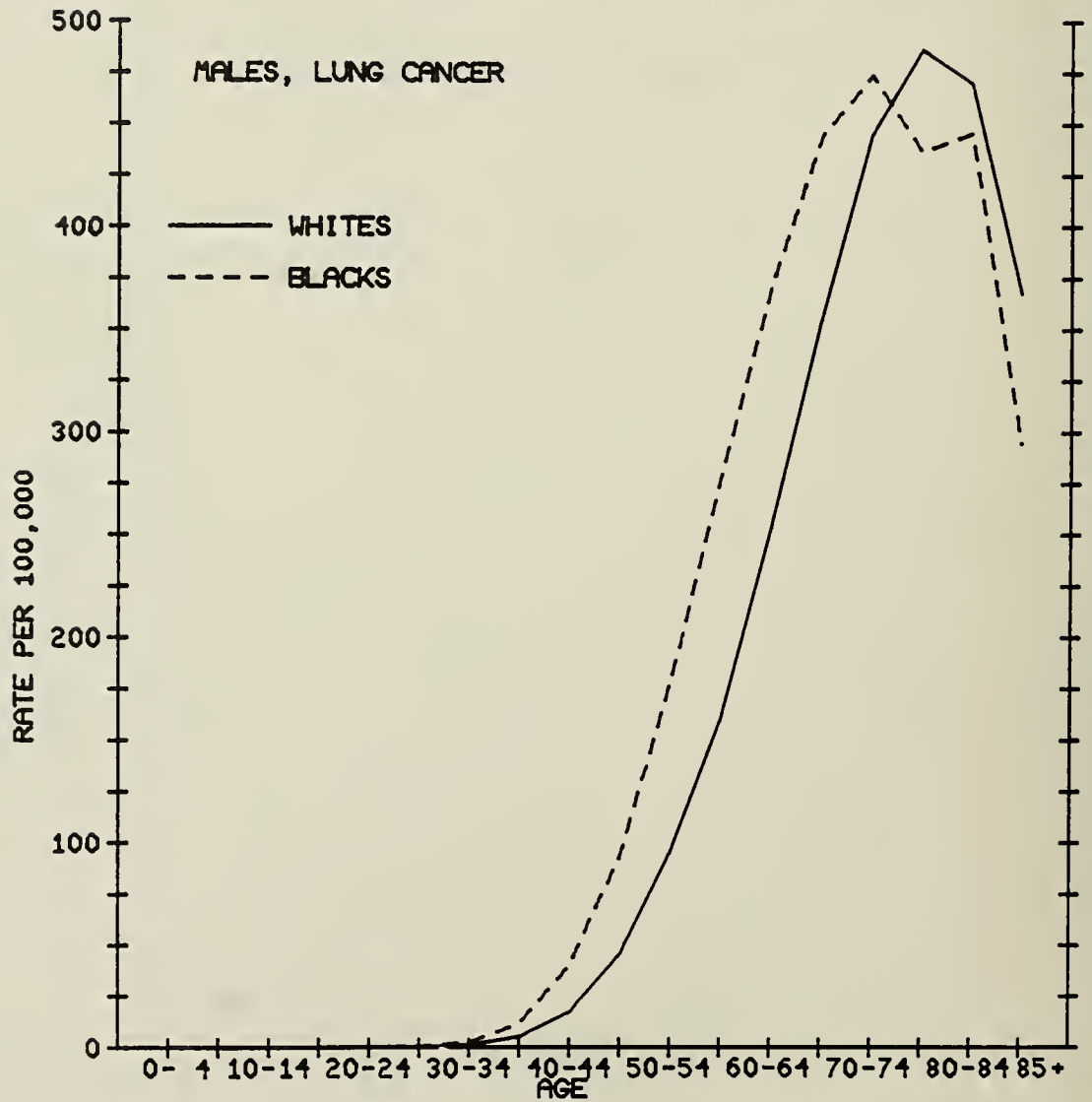
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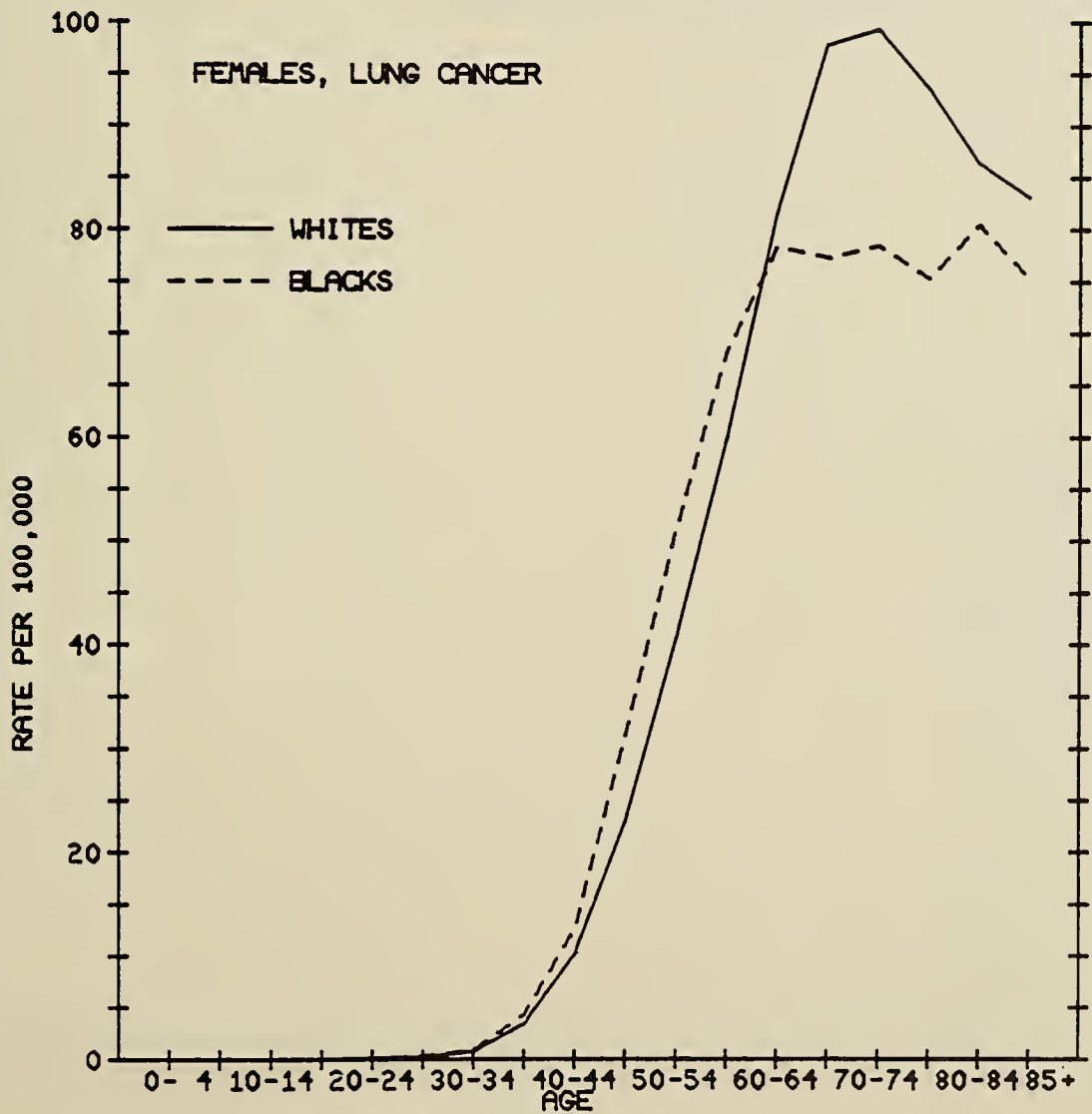
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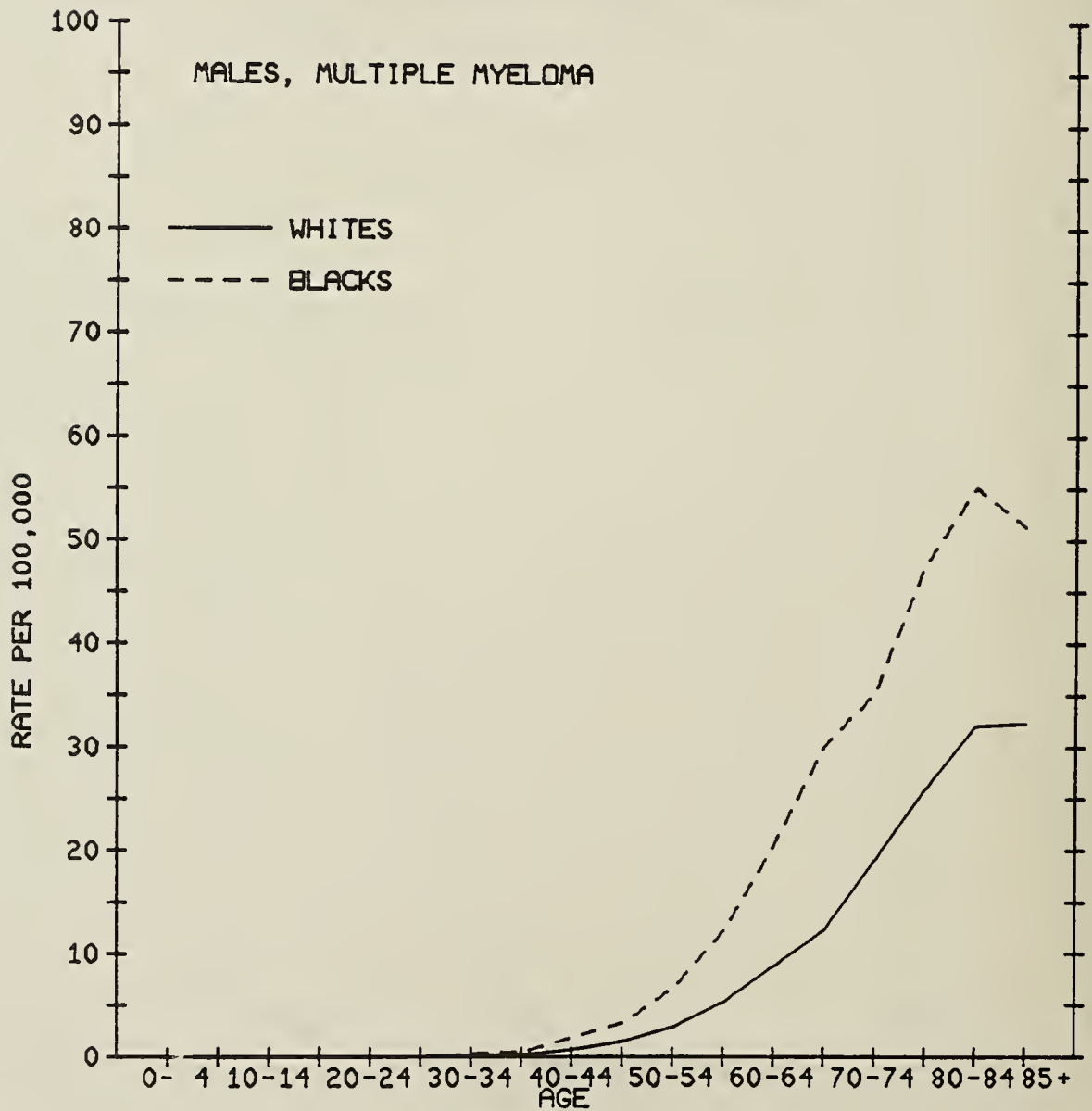
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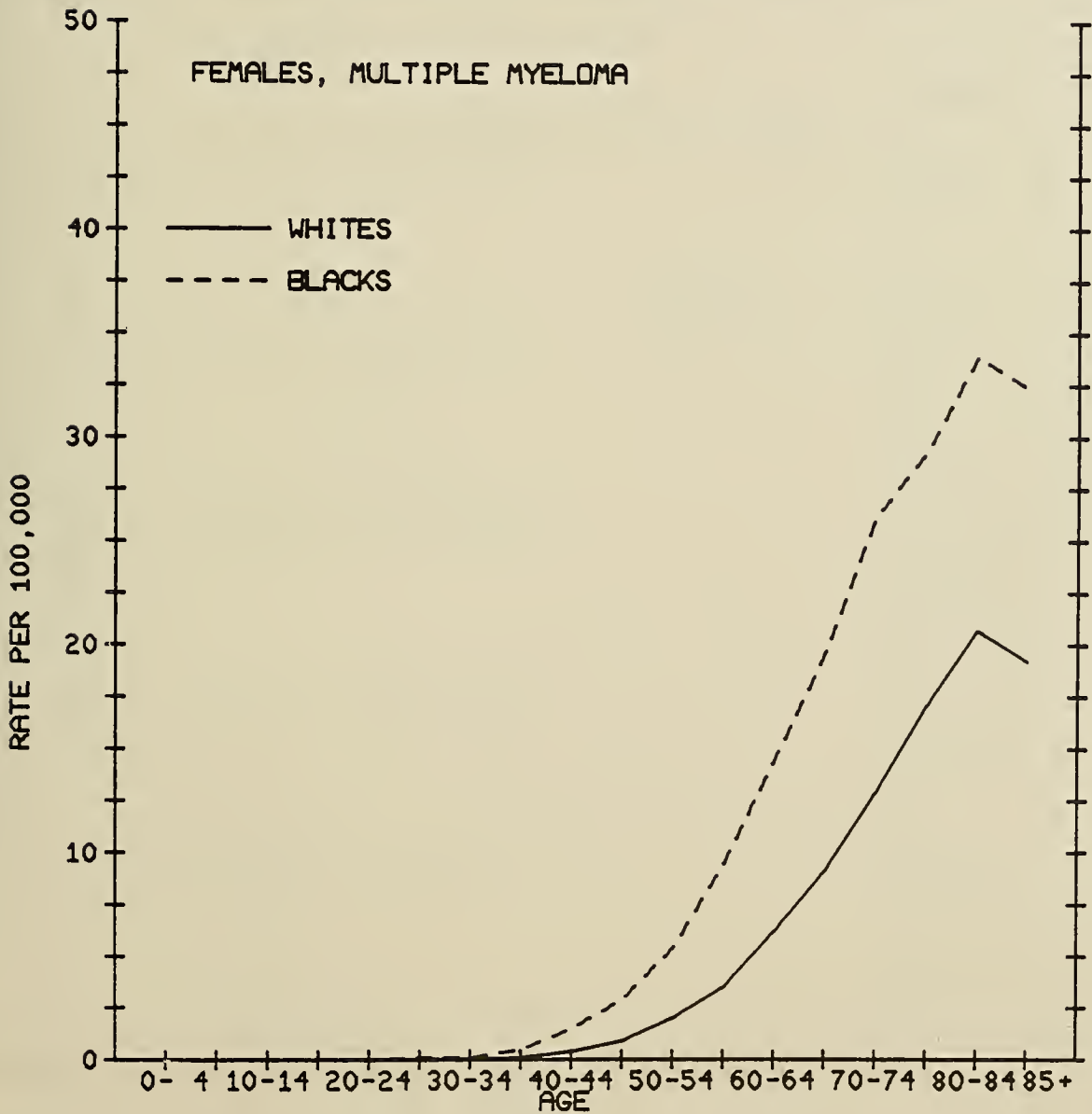
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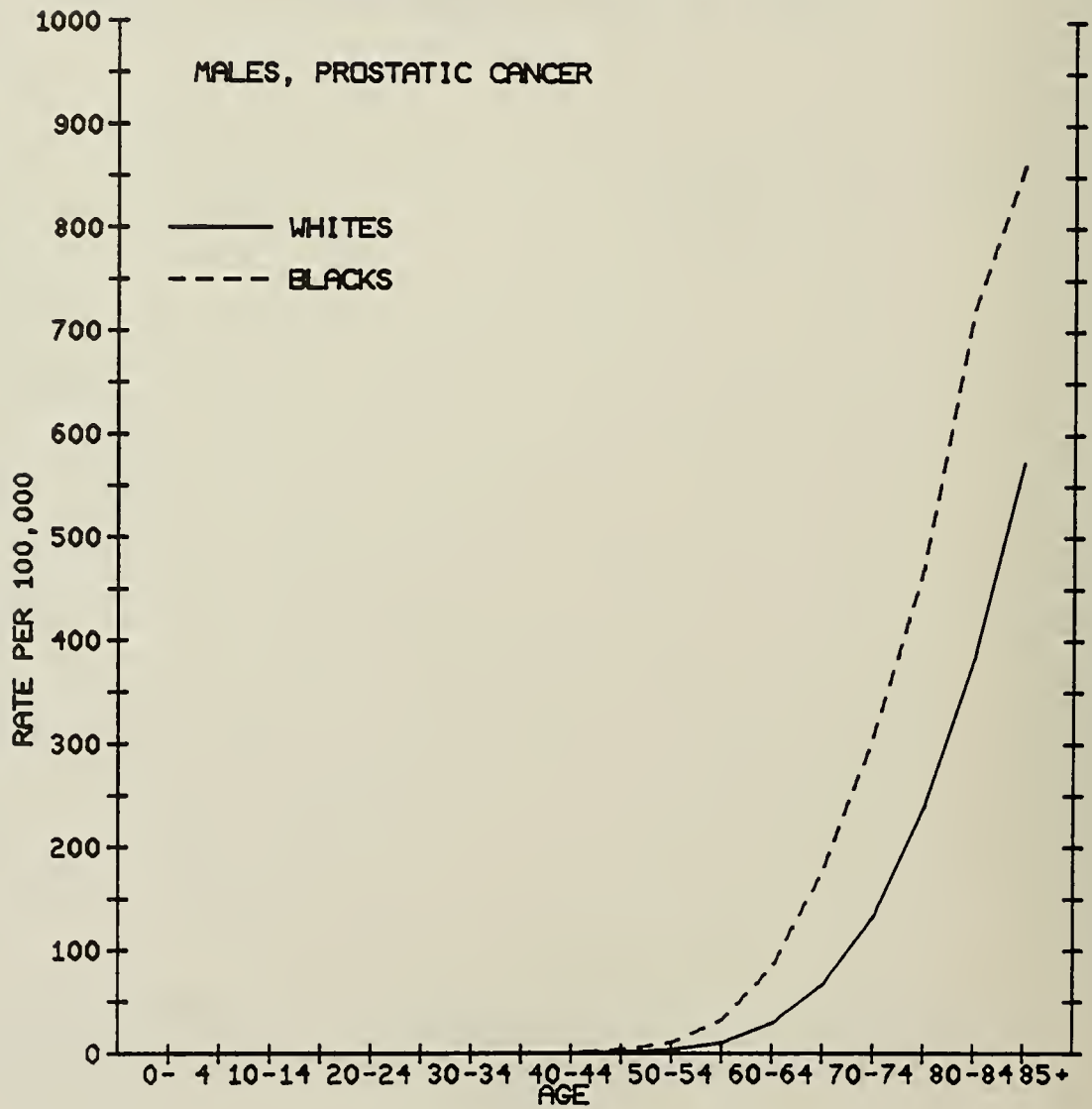
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AGE-SPECIFIC CANCER MORTALITY RATES PER 100,000
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AGE-SPECIFIC CANCER MORTALITY RATES PER 100,000
UNITED STATES, 1978-81



Average annual age-adjusted (1970 U.S. standard) cancer incidence rates by primary site and ethnic group
 Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program, 1978-81

Primary site	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics	Chinese	Japanese	Filipino	Hawaiians	Native Americans
All sites	335.0	372.5	246.2	252.9	247.8	222.4	357.9	164.2
Esophagus	3.0	11.5	1.6	3.4	2.4	3.6	6.4	2.4
Colorectal	49.6	48.9	25.2	40.8	50.4	30.1	32.7	9.9
Colon	34.6	37.9	15.8	27.7	34.0	17.7	18.4	8.0
Rectum	15.0	11.7	9.4	13.1	16.4	12.4	14.3	1.9
Pancreas	8.9	13.6	10.8	9.3	7.4	6.7	10.0	6.0
Larynx	4.6	6.6	2.6	1.9	2.6	1.8	5.2	0.9
Lung - male	81.0	119.0	34.3	62.6	45.1	38.1	100.9	14.5
- female	28.2	30.5	13.0	31.2	14.1	18.4	38.6	3.1
Breast	85.6	71.9	54.1	54.0	53.1	43.4	111.1	28.5
Cervix	8.8	20.2	17.7	11.2	7.6	8.8	14.1	22.6
Prostate gland	75.1	120.3	76.5	26.1	44.2	48.9	57.9	45.4
Multiple myeloma	3.4	7.9	2.5	1.6	1.2	4.1	5.5	2.8

Average annual age-adjusted (1970 U.S. standard) cancer mortality rates by primary site and race, Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program, 1978-81

Primary site	Whites	Blacks	Chinese	Japanese	Filipino	Hawaiians	Native Americans
All sites	163.6	208.5	131.5	104.2	69.7	200.5	87.4
Esophagus	2.6	9.2	3.3	1.9	1.9	6.5	2.1
Colorectal	21.6	22.3	19.3	17.2	8.1	15.0	8.6
Colon	18.1	18.8	15.5	13.6	5.8	11.4	6.8
Rectum	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.6	2.3	3.6	1.8
Pancreas	8.4	11.0	7.4	7.0	3.3	10.9	4.5
Larynx	1.3	2.5	0.7	0.2	0.4	1.4	0.9
Lung - male	69.3	91.4	48.2	32.7	20.0	88.0	28.0
- female	20.2	20.1	21.2	8.6	6.8	31.5	8.6
Breast	26.6	26.3	13.0	9.9	8.0	33.0	8.2
Cervix	3.2	8.8	2.9	2.7	1.6	4.2	5.8
Prostate gland	21.0	43.9	7.5	8.8	8.2	11.6	15.5
Multiple myeloma	2.4	5.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.8	1.9

Ratio of black to white age-adjusted (1970 U.S. standard)
 cancer incidence and mortality rates by primary site,
 Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program
 1978-81

Primary site	Incidence rates	Mortality rates
All sites	1.11	1.27
Esophagus	3.89	3.47
Colorectal	1.00	1.03
Colon	1.10	1.04
Rectum	.78	1.00
Pancreas	1.53	1.31
Larynx	1.43	1.92
Lung - male	1.47	1.32
- female	1.08	1.00
Breast	.84	.99
Cervix uteri	2.30	2.75
Prostate gland	1.60	2.09
Multiple myeloma	2.30	2.08

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Section III: Five-Year Relative Survival For Blacks, Whites, and Other Groups

A. Discussion

This section presents information about the relative five-year cancer survival patterns of blacks, whites, and other racial/ethnic groups. The survival rates shown represent the percent of persons with cancer who are alive five years after diagnosis. This information comes from the reports of patients first diagnosed within SEER geographic areas 1973-81. The term Anglo as shown in the bar graphs and tables in this section is synonymous with white.

Organization of Figures and Tables

The first figure is a bar graph that compares the five-year relative survival rates for cancer, all sites combined, for blacks, whites, and other groups. This is followed by a set of bar graphs showing five-year relative survival rates for selected cancer sites for the same groups. The information presented in these bar graphs is combined into one table at the end of this section.

Highlights

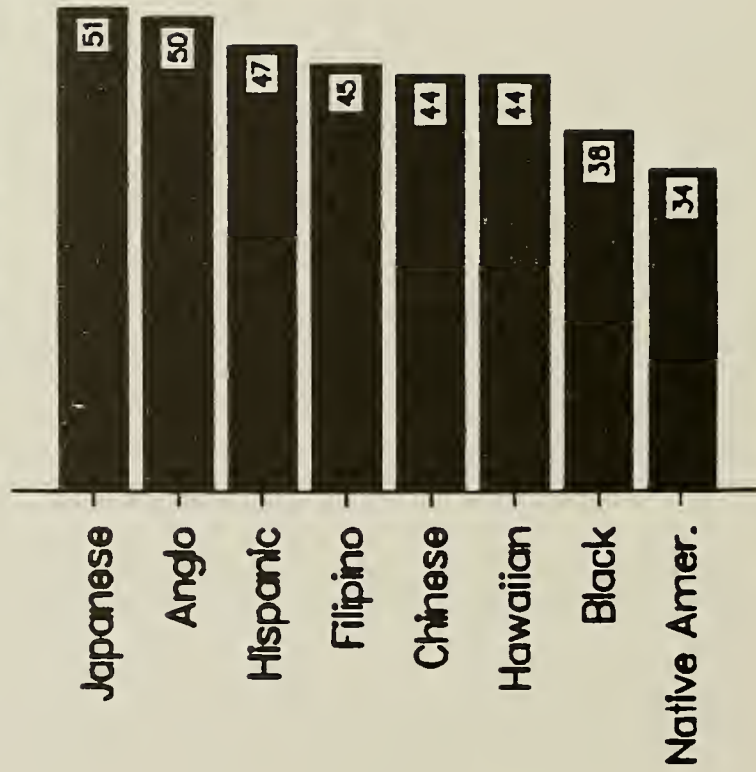
- The five-year relative survival rate for Japanese Americans was 51%, the highest rate among the eight racial/ethnic groups presented. Whites, or Anglos, had the next highest rate, (50%) and Native Americans had the lowest overall five-year relative survival rate (34%).
- Among the major racial/ethnic groups presented:
 - Chinese Americans had the highest five-year relative survival rate for cancers of the esophagus, lung and bronchus for men, and bladder (along with whites).
 - Japanese Americans had the highest five-year relative survival rate for cancers of the female breast, colon and rectum, multiple myeloma, and stomach.
 - Hawaiians had the highest five-year relative survival rate for cancers of the cervix uteri, larynx, lung and bronchus for women, and prostate.
 - Blacks had the lowest five-year relative survival rate for cancers of the cervix uteri and esophagus.
 - Filipinos had the lowest five-year relative survival rate for cancers of the colon, larynx, and lung and bronchus for women.

Highlights (Continued)

- Hispanics had the lowest five-year relative survival rate for multiple myeloma.
- Native Americans had the lowest five-year relative survival rate for cancers of the bladder, female breast, colon and rectum, lung and bronchus for men and women combined, lung and bronchus for men, prostate, rectum, and stomach.
- The lowest five-year relative survival rates among all racial/ethnic groups were for cancers of the pancreas. Only 2 to 3 percent of persons diagnosed with pancreatic cancer within each group were alive after five years.

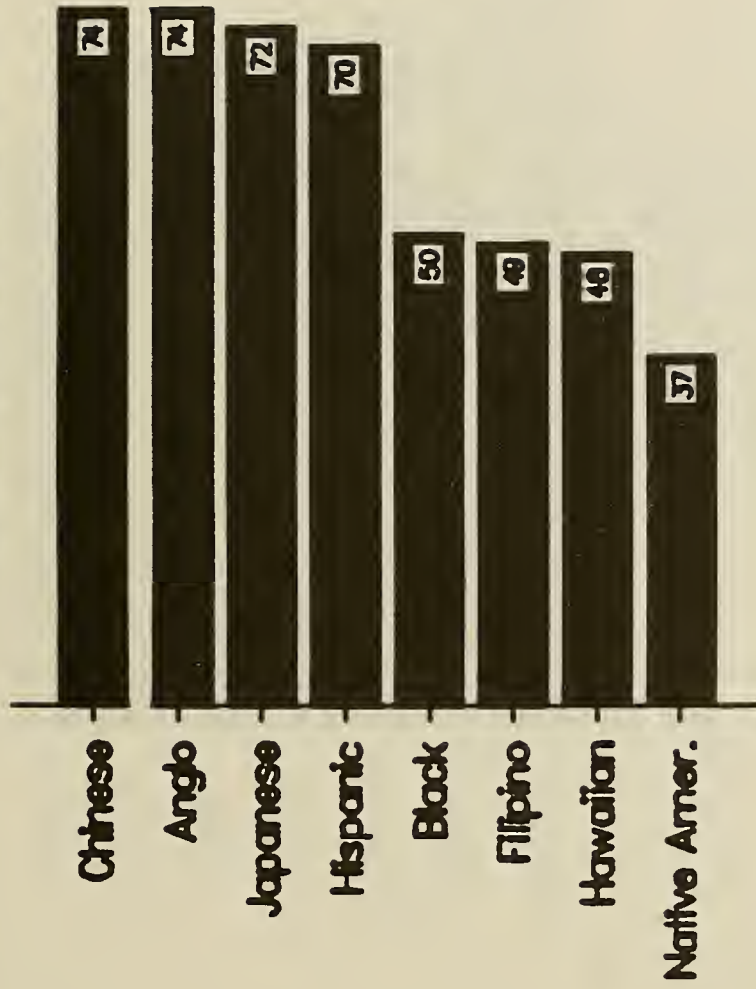
ALL SITES

SEER 1973-81 - MALES & FEMALES
FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



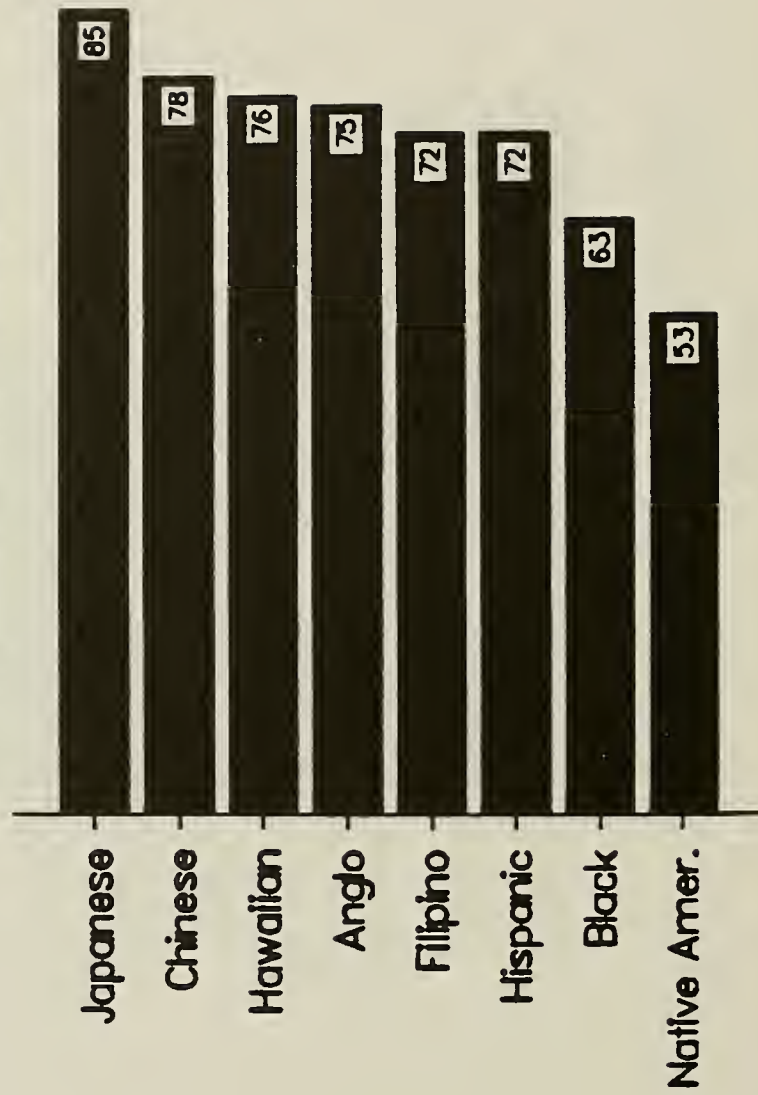
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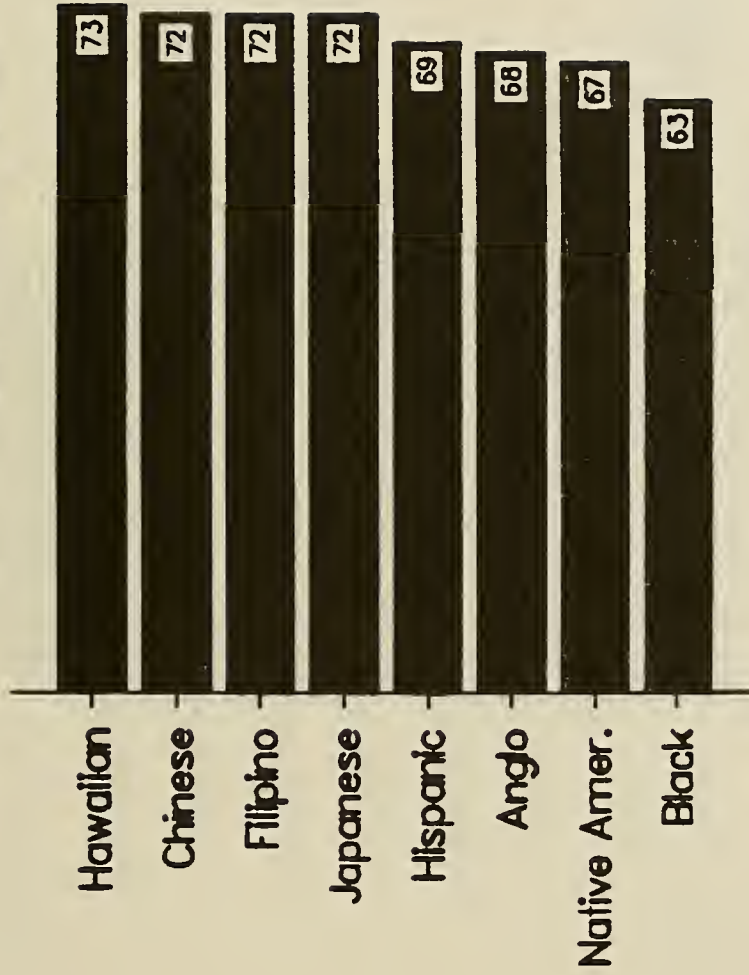
FEMALE BREAST

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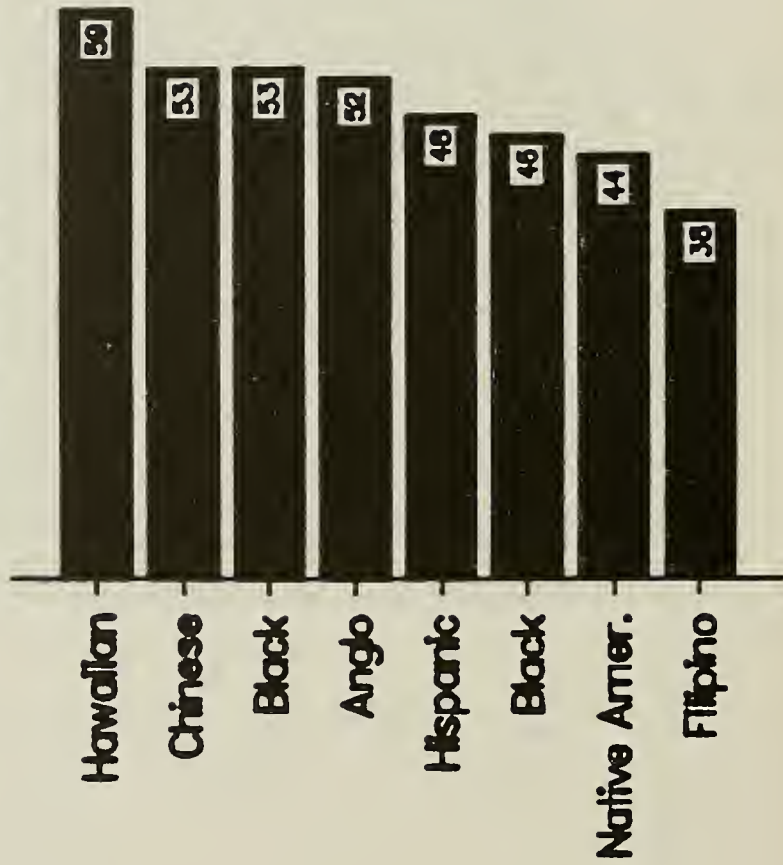
CERVIX UTERI

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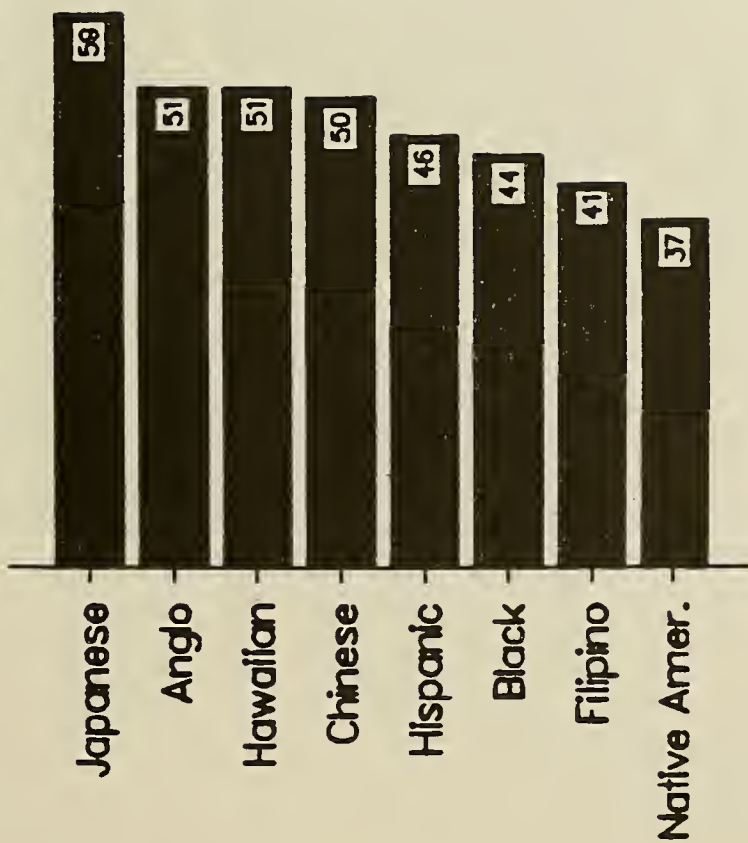
COLON

SEER 1973-81 - MALES & FEMALES
FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



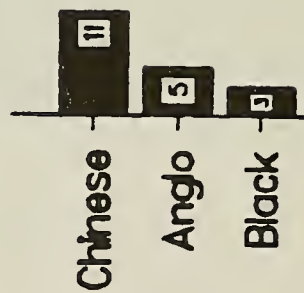
COLON AND RECTUM

SEER 1973-81 - MALES & FEMALES
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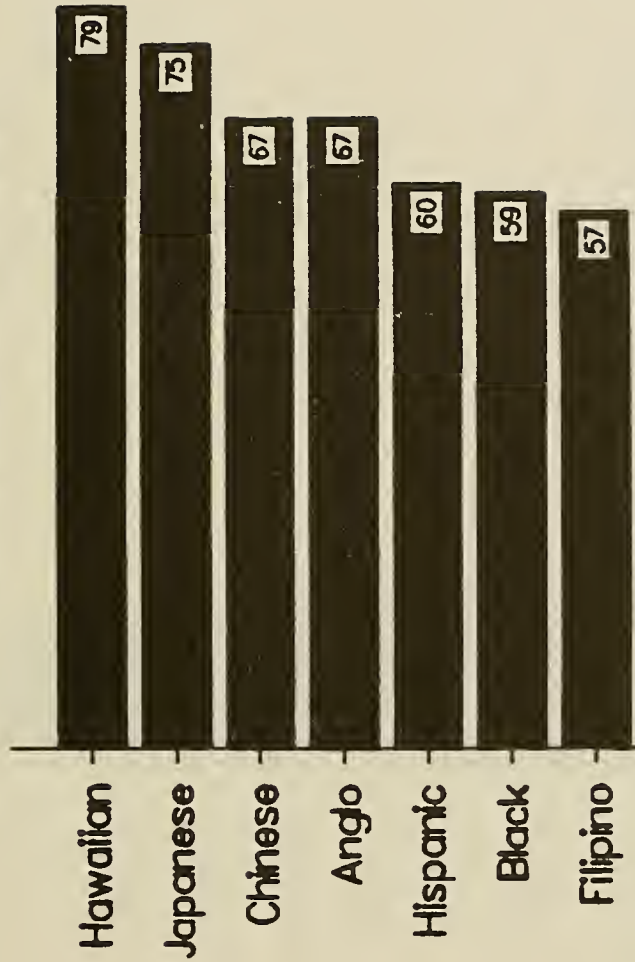
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SEER 1973-81 - MALES & FEMALES
FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



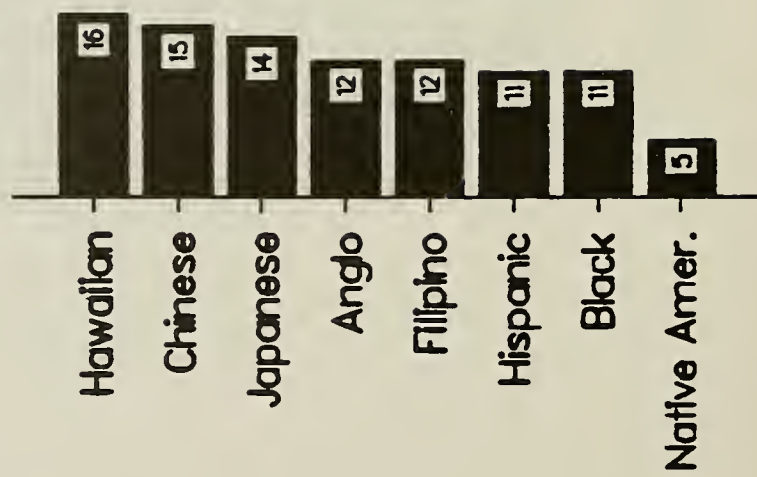
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SEER 1973-81 - MALES & FEMALES
FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



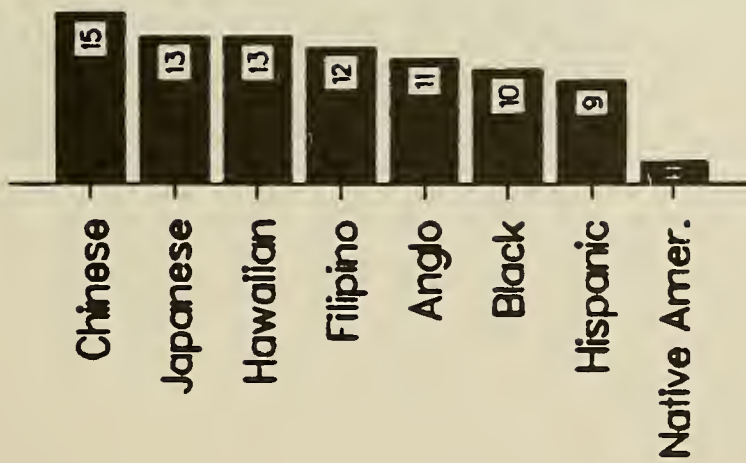
LUNG & BRONCHUS

SEER 1973-81 - MALES & FEMALES
FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



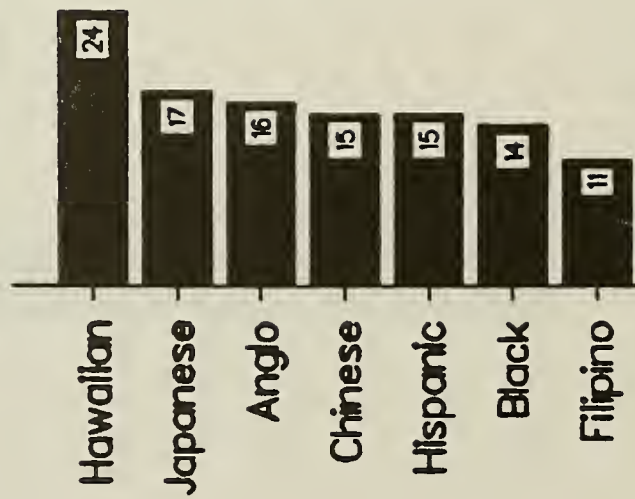
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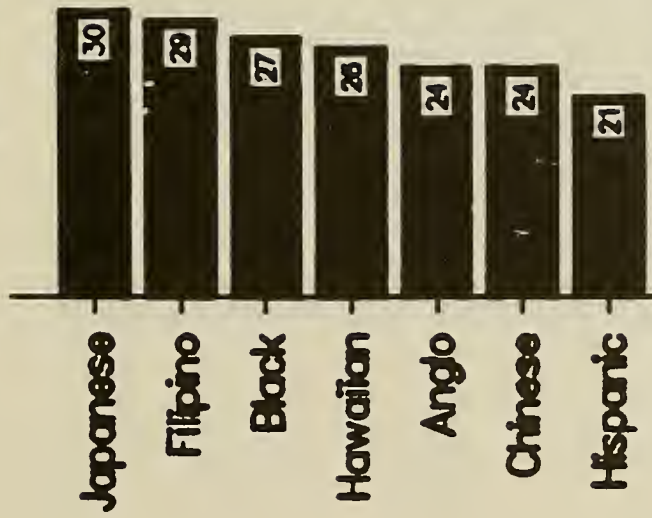
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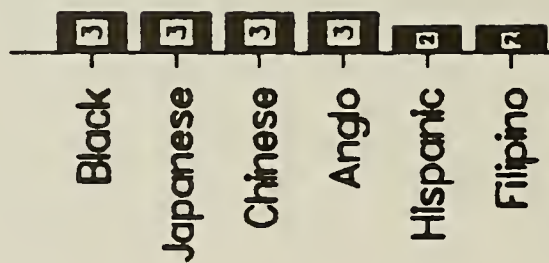
MULTIPLE MYELOMA

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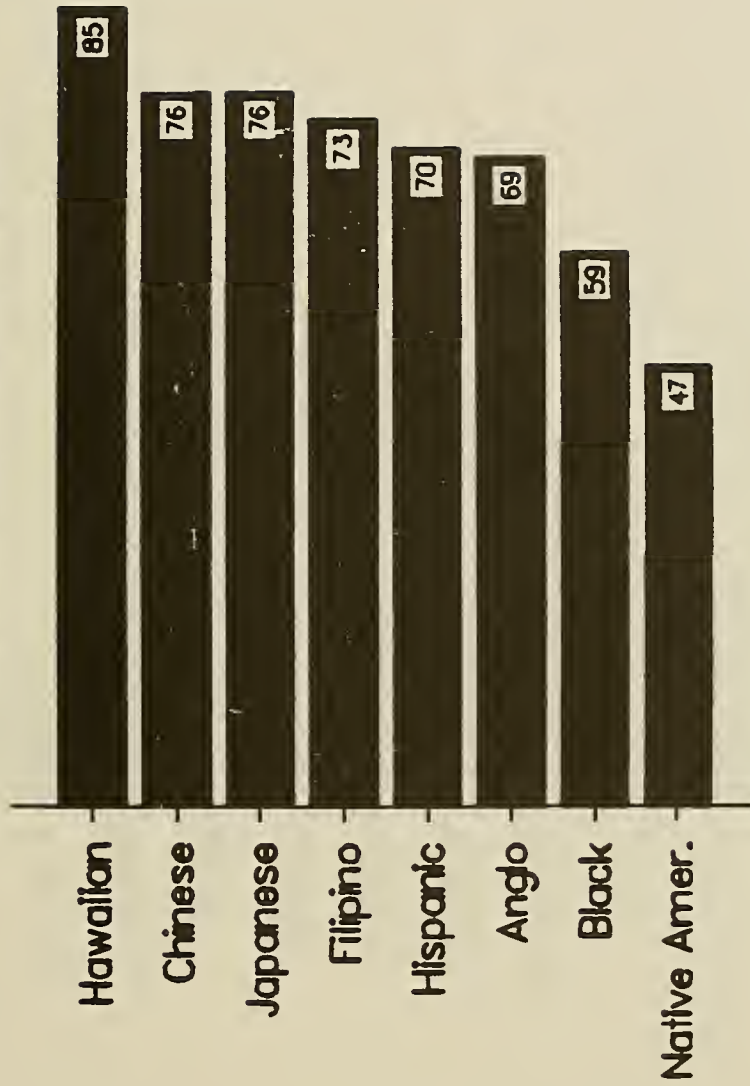
PANCREAS

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PROSTATE

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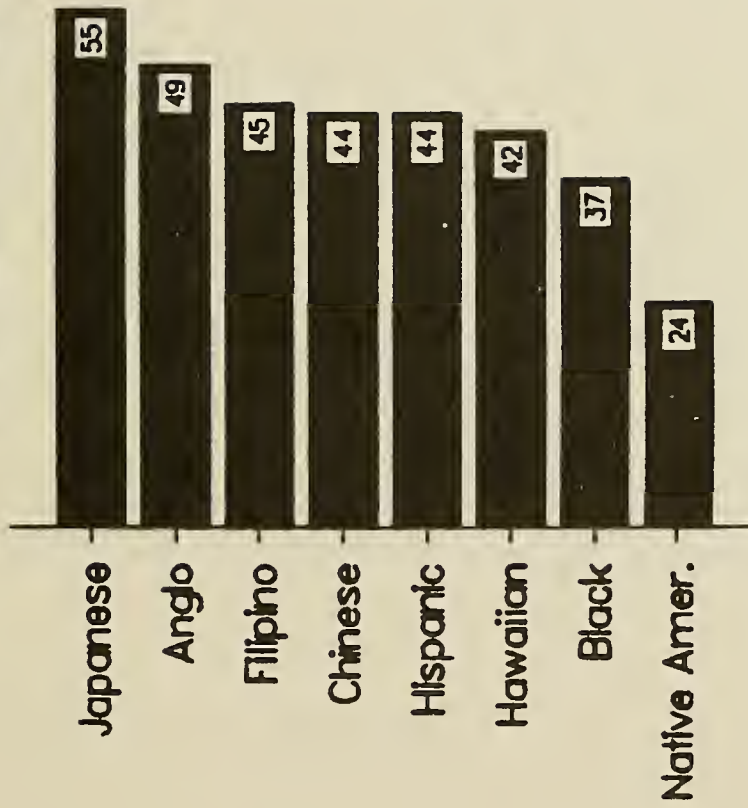
STOMACH

SEER 1973-81 - MALES & FEMALES
FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



RECTUM

SEER 1973-81 - MALES & FEMALES
FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



SEER 1973-81
Five Year Relative Survival Rates

Primary Site	Anglo	Hispanic	Black	Native Amer.	Chinese	Japanese	Filipino	Hawaiian
All Sites	50	47	38	34	44	51	45	44
Esophagus	5	-	3	-	11*	-	-	-
Stomach	14	16	15	9	16	28	16	14
Colon & Rectum	51	46	44	37*	50	59	41	51*
Colon	52	48	46	44*	53	61	38	59*
Rectum	49	44	37	24*	44	55	45	42*
Pancreas	3	2	3	-	3	3	2	-
Larynx	67	60*	59	-	67**	75*	57**	79**
Lung & Bronchus	12	11	11	5	15	14	12	15
Male	11	9	10	2	15	13	12	13
Female	16	15	14	-	15	17	11	24
Breast - female	75	72	63	53*	78	85	72	76
Cervix Uteri	68	69	63	67*	72*	72	72*	73*
Prostate	69	71	59	47*	76*	76	73	85*
Urinary Bladder	74	70	50	37**	74*	72	49*	48**
Multiple Myeloma	24	21*	27	-	24*	30*	29*	26*

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A. Discussion

The survival information presented in this section is based on SEER data collected from 1973-81. Cancer survival trends are shown by presenting a series of bar graphs comparing black and white five-year relative survival rates for two time periods, 1973-75 and 1976-81.

Organization of Figures and Tables

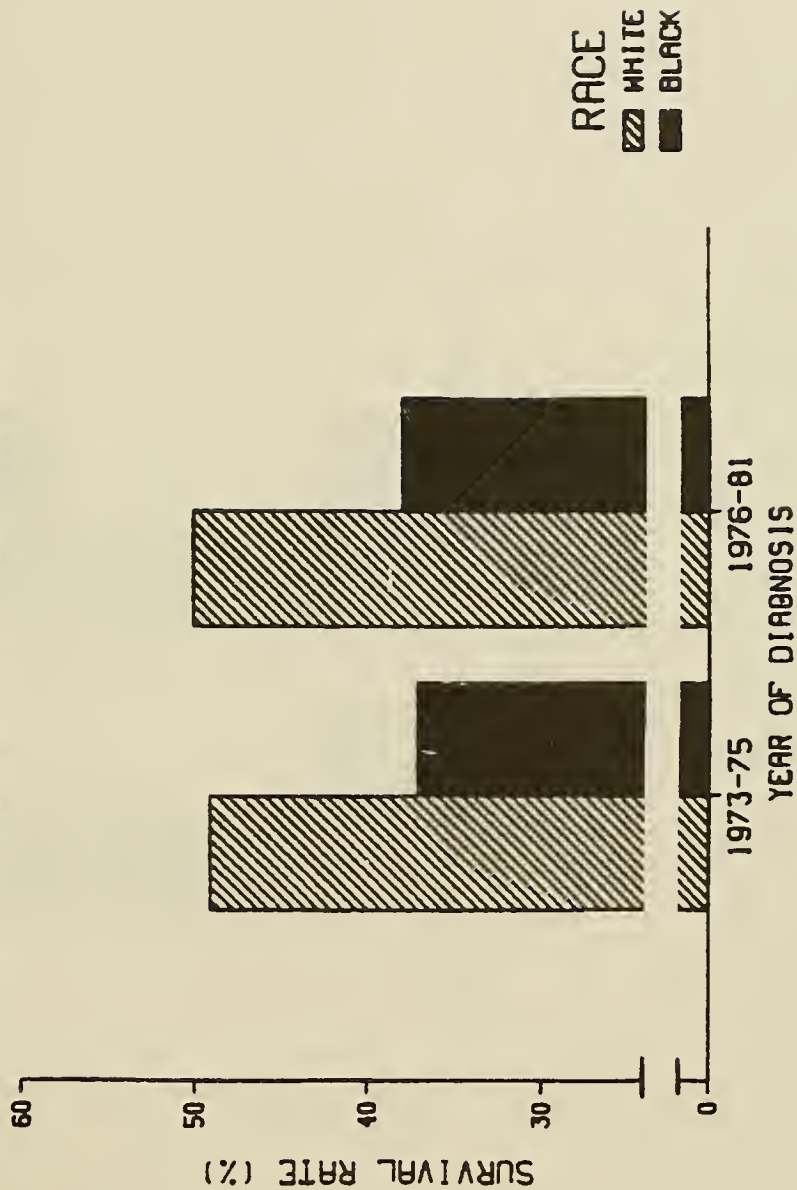
The first graph compares black and white five-year relative survival rates for cancer, all sites combined. The graphs that follow compare these rates for five selected cancer sites.

Highlights

- Overall survival rates for cancer increased slightly for both blacks and whites over the two time periods, 1973-75 and 1976-81.
- Blacks had substantial increases in survival rates for cancers of the bladder, prostate, and rectum.
- The gap in cancer survival rates between blacks and whites, where blacks had significantly lower survival rates than whites, narrowed from 1973-75 to 1976-81 for cancers of the bladder and rectum. The gap increased slightly for cancers of the female breast, colon, and prostate.

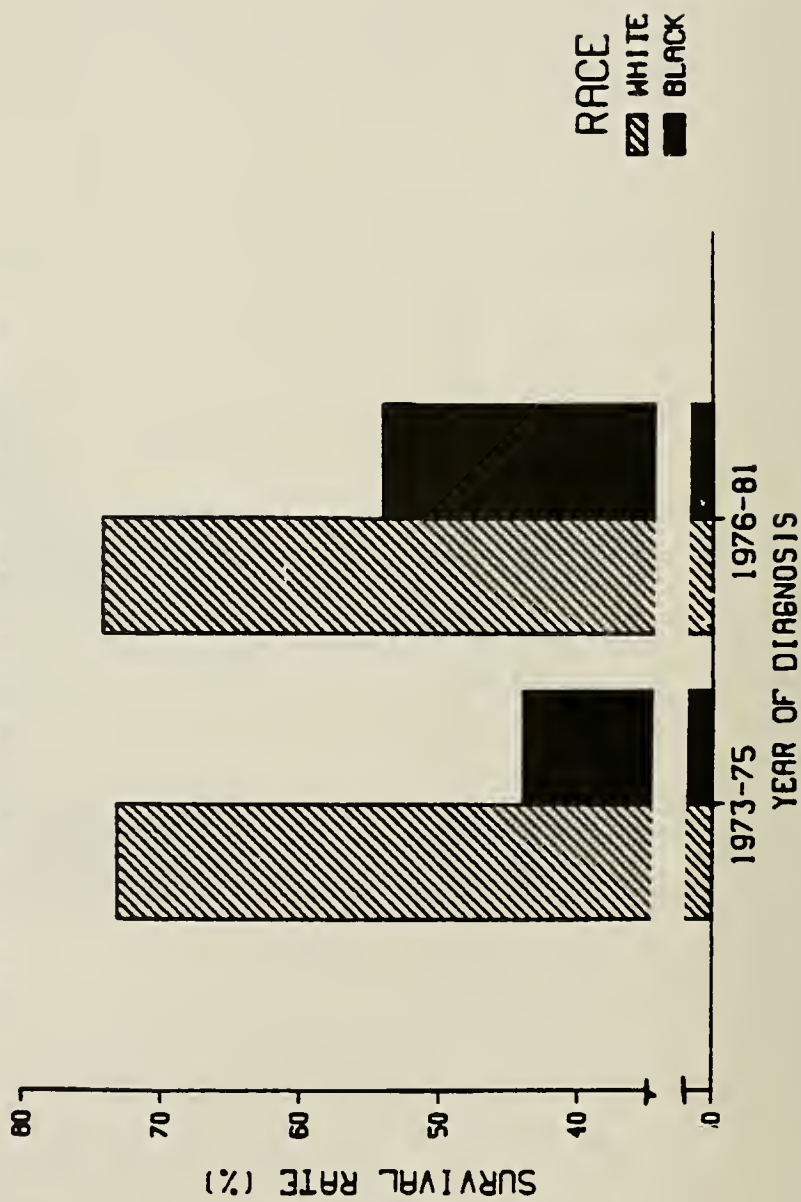
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SEER. 5-YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



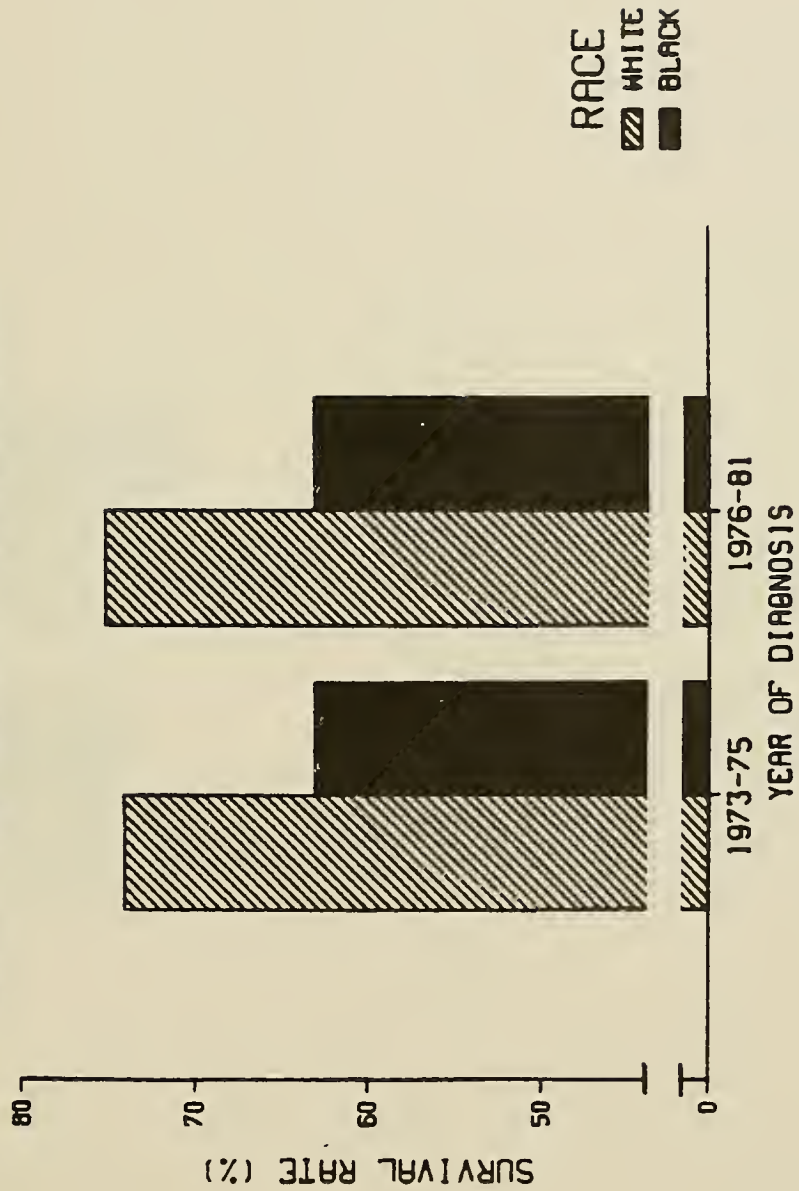
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SEER 5-YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



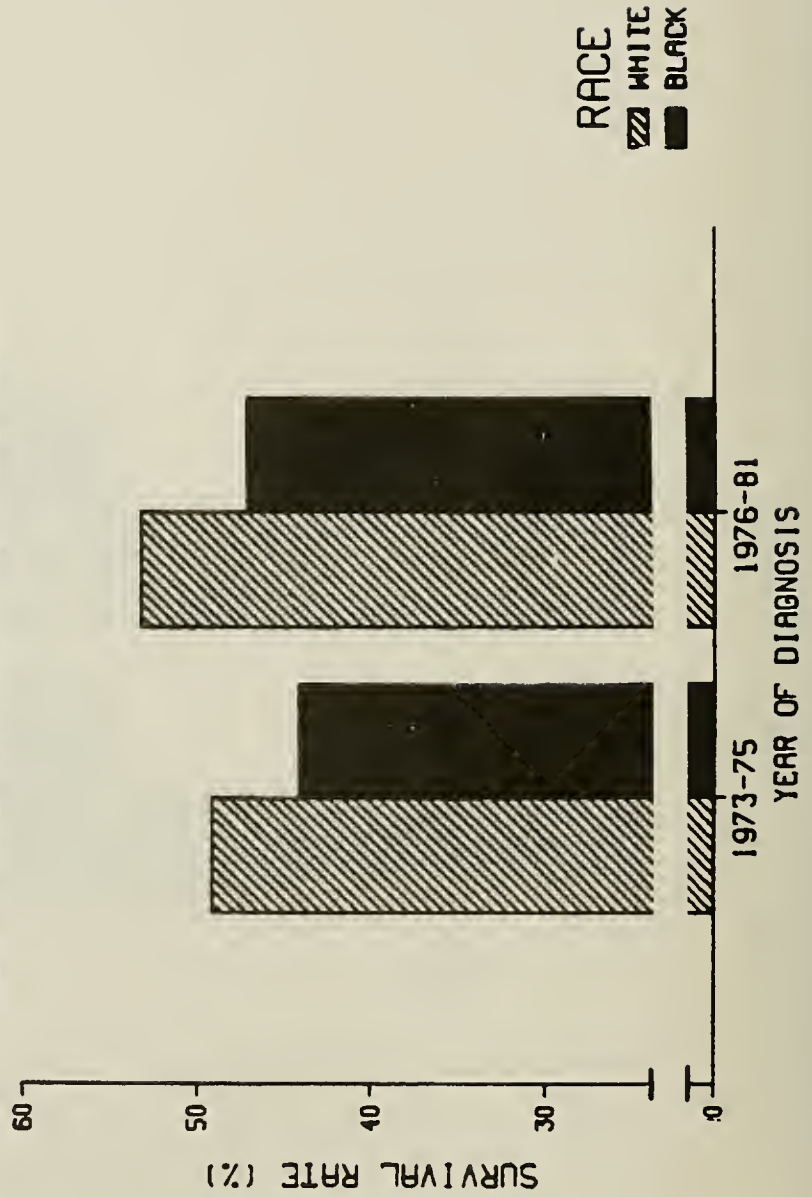
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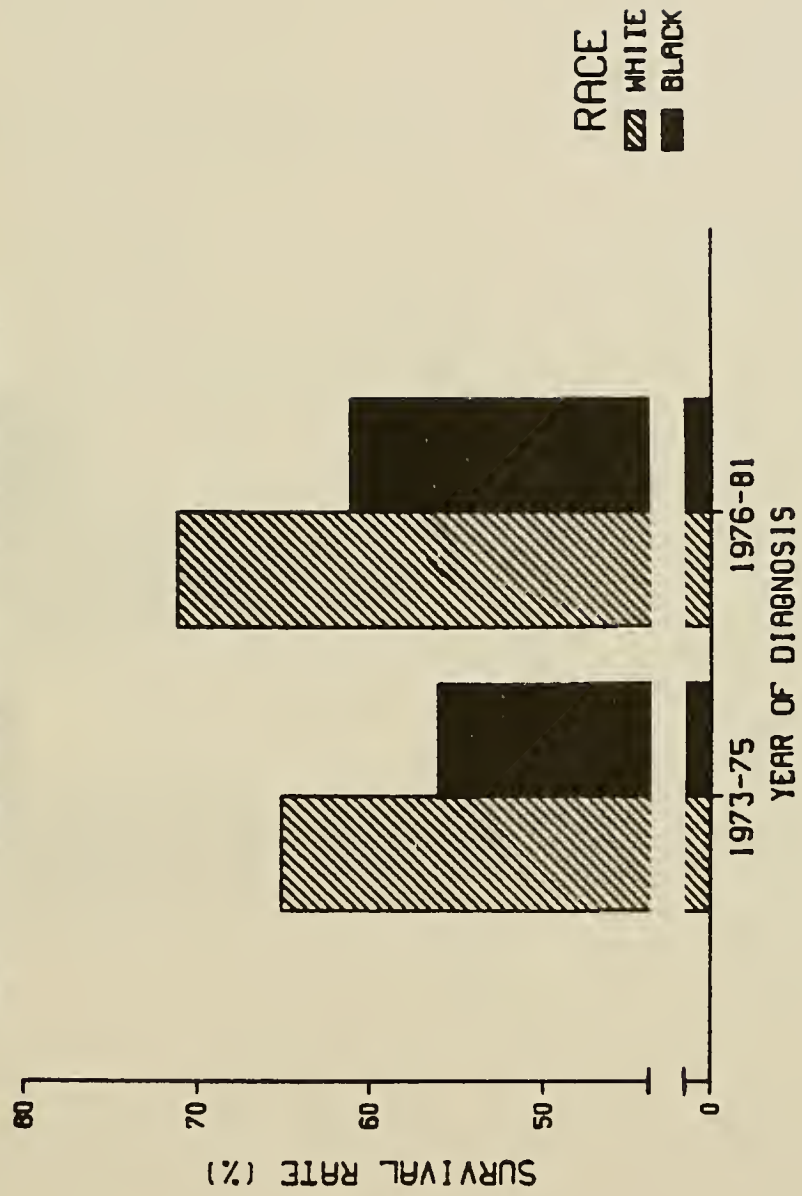
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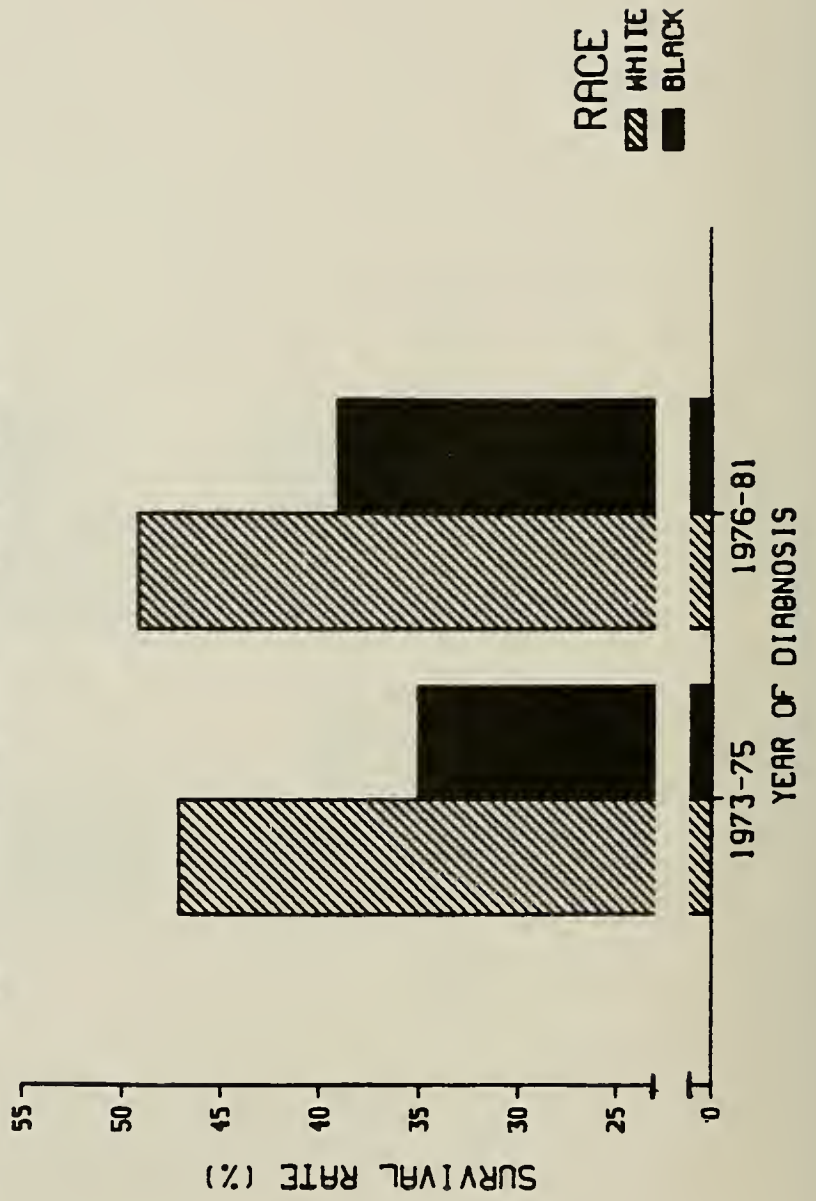
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Section V: Survival Trends:

Relative Survival by Year of Diagnosis and Number of Years after Diagnosis, 1973-1975 and 1976-1981, for Blacks and Whites

A. Discussion

In this section relative cancer survival rates for blacks and whites are presented by the number of years after a diagnosis of cancer is made. These rates are compared for two time periods 1973-75 and 1976-81. The data come from SEER reports.

Organization of Figures

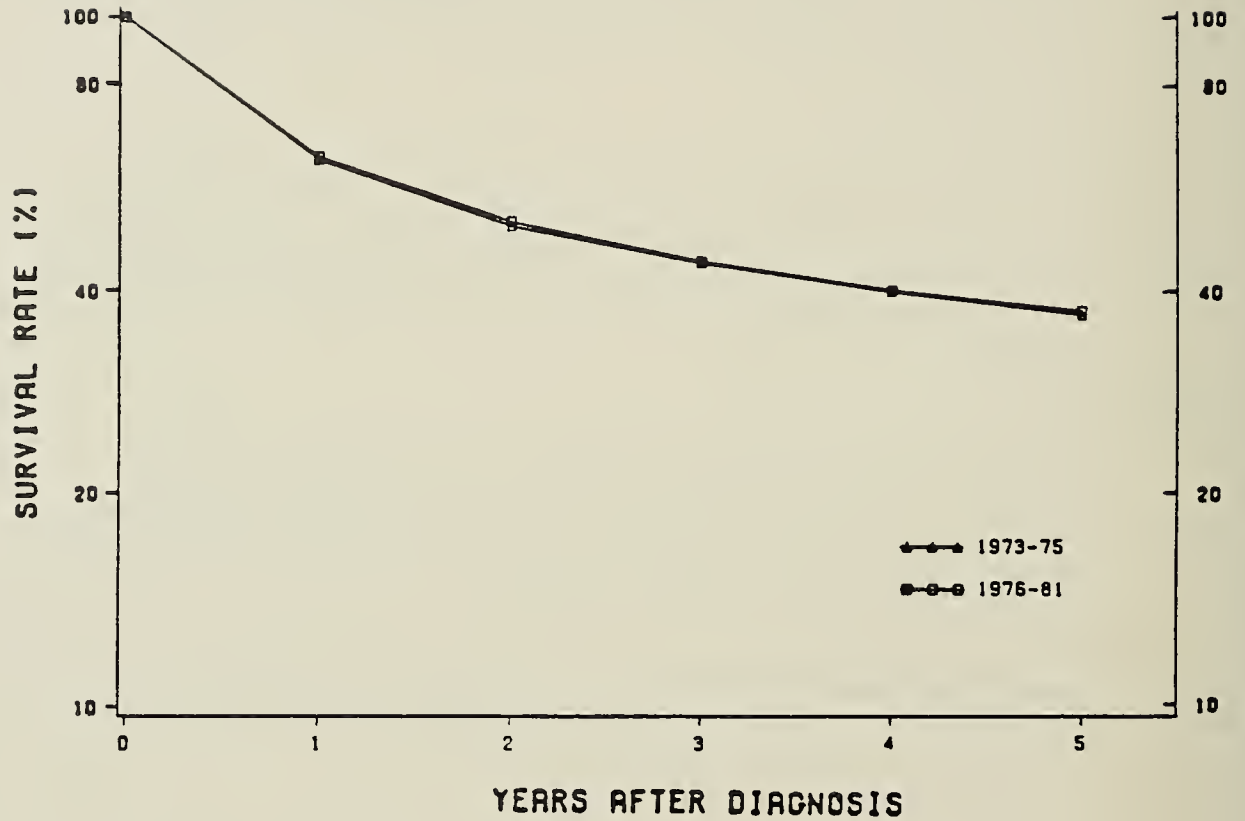
This section contains a set of line graphs that compare survival patterns for primary cancer sites for two time periods. Black and white survival patterns are shown on separate graphs. The first two graphs present overall cancer survival patterns for blacks and whites. These are followed by a series of graphs showing black and white survival patterns for primary cancer sites.

Highlights

- The overall cancer survival pattern for blacks was virtually unchanged from 1973-75 to 1976-81. Blacks experienced similar survival rates each year after diagnosis for the two time periods. Whites, however, had slightly higher survival rates in 1976-81 than 1973-75 for each year after diagnosis.
- Blacks had substantial increases in survival from 1973-75 to 1976-81 three, four, and five years after diagnosis for cancer for the esophagus.

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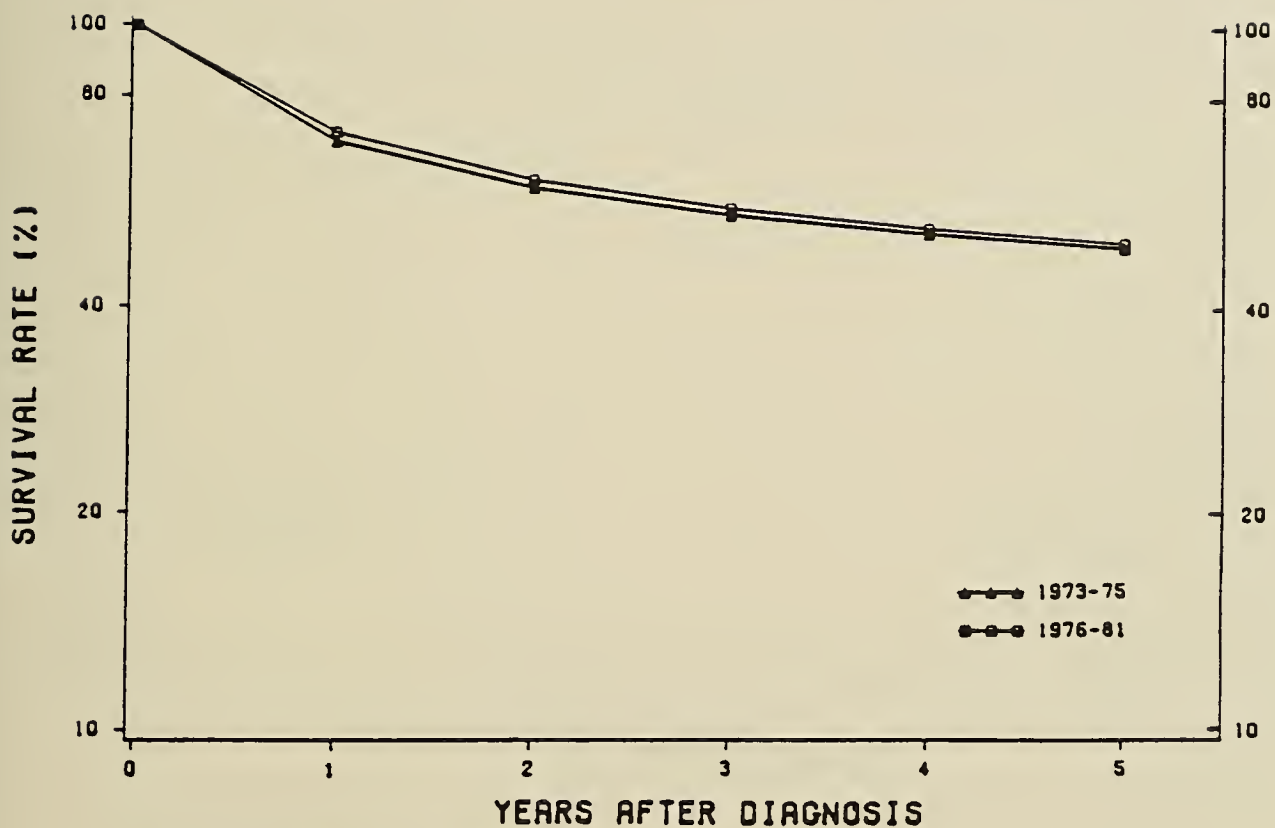
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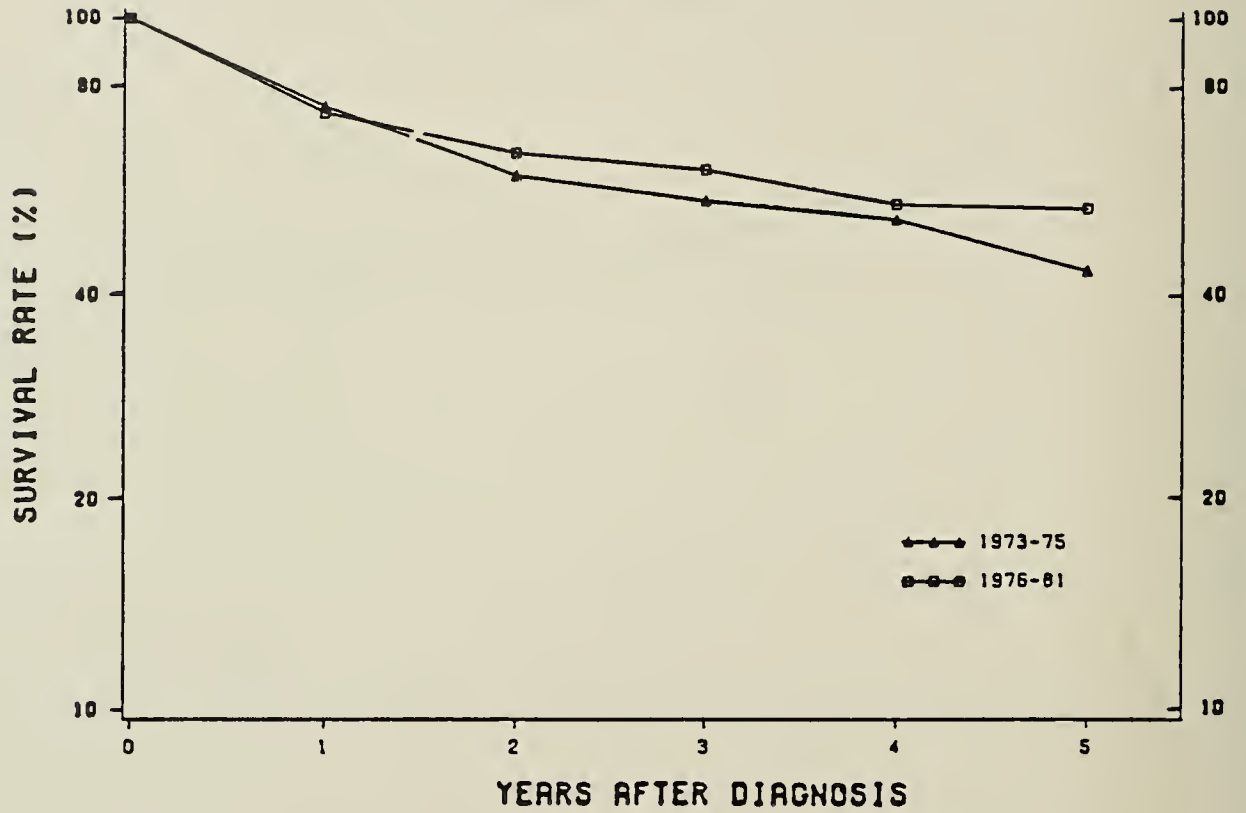
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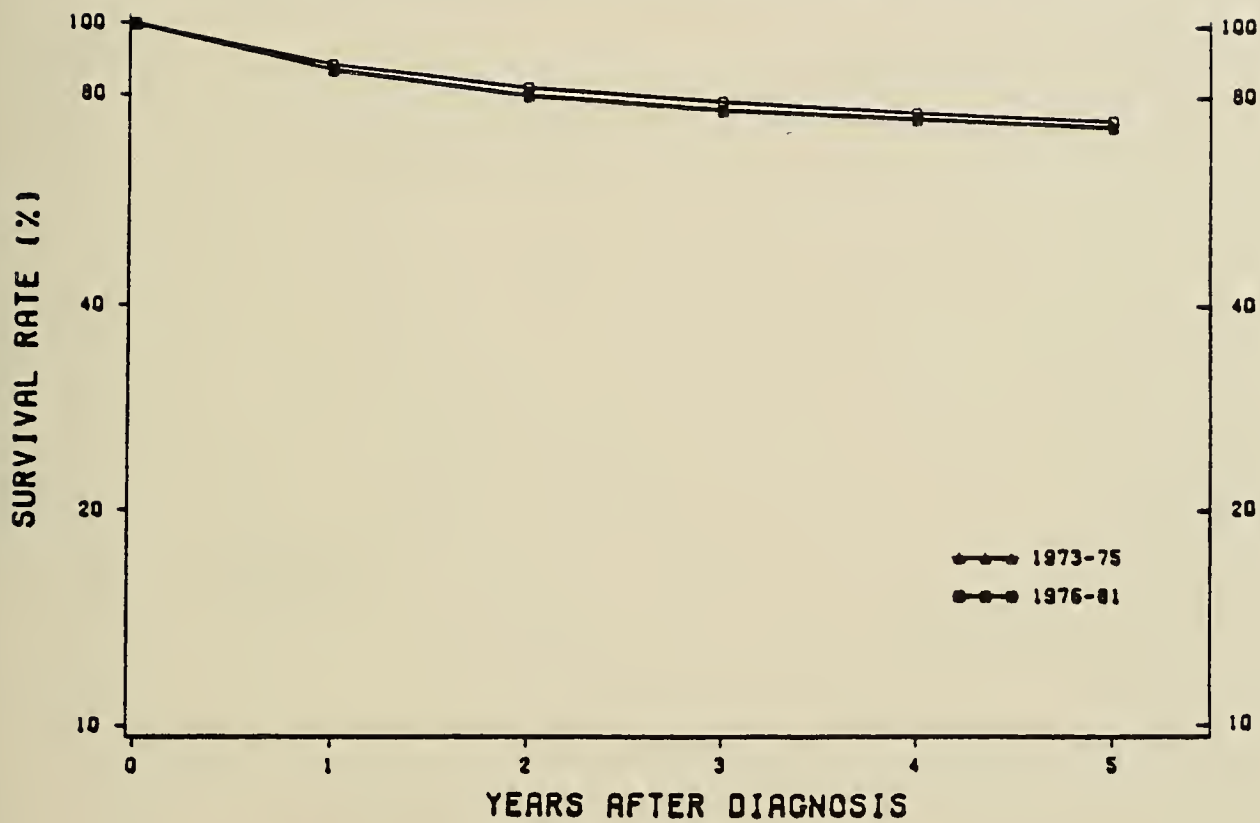
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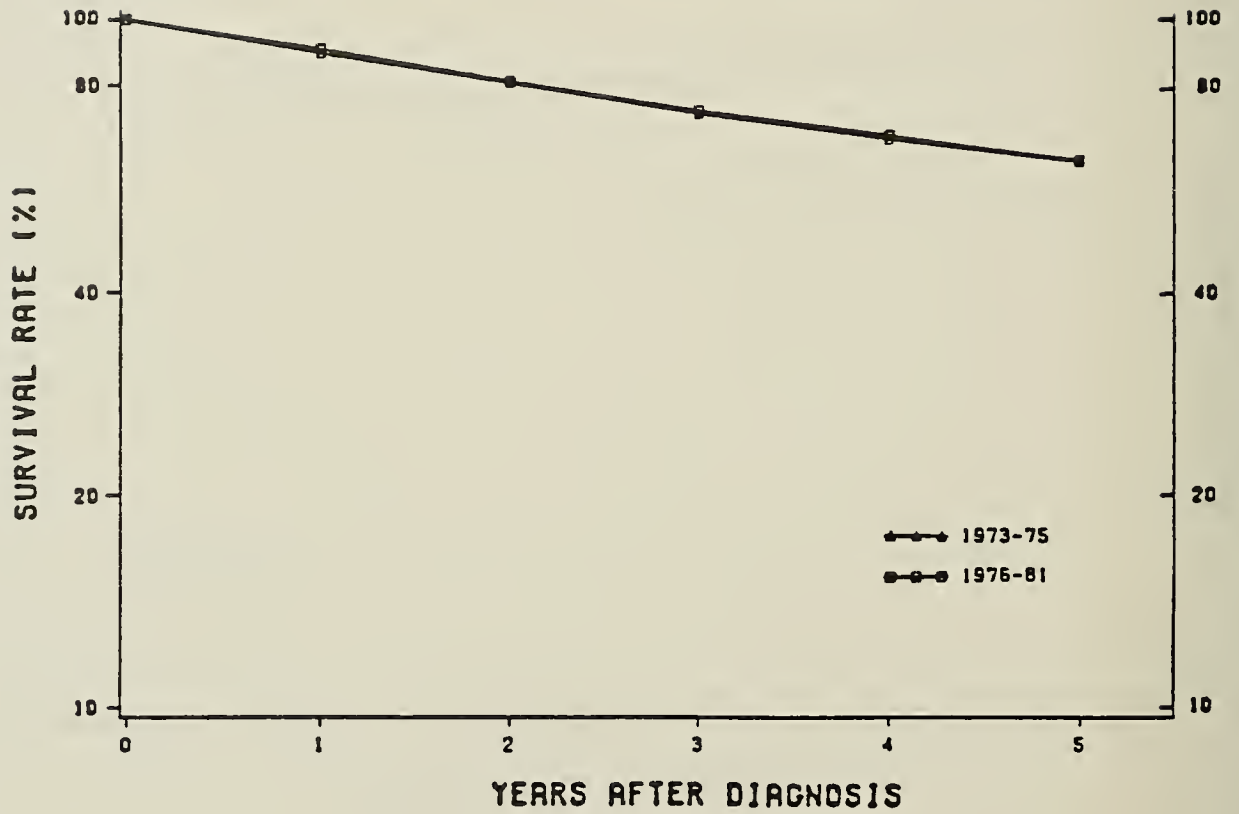
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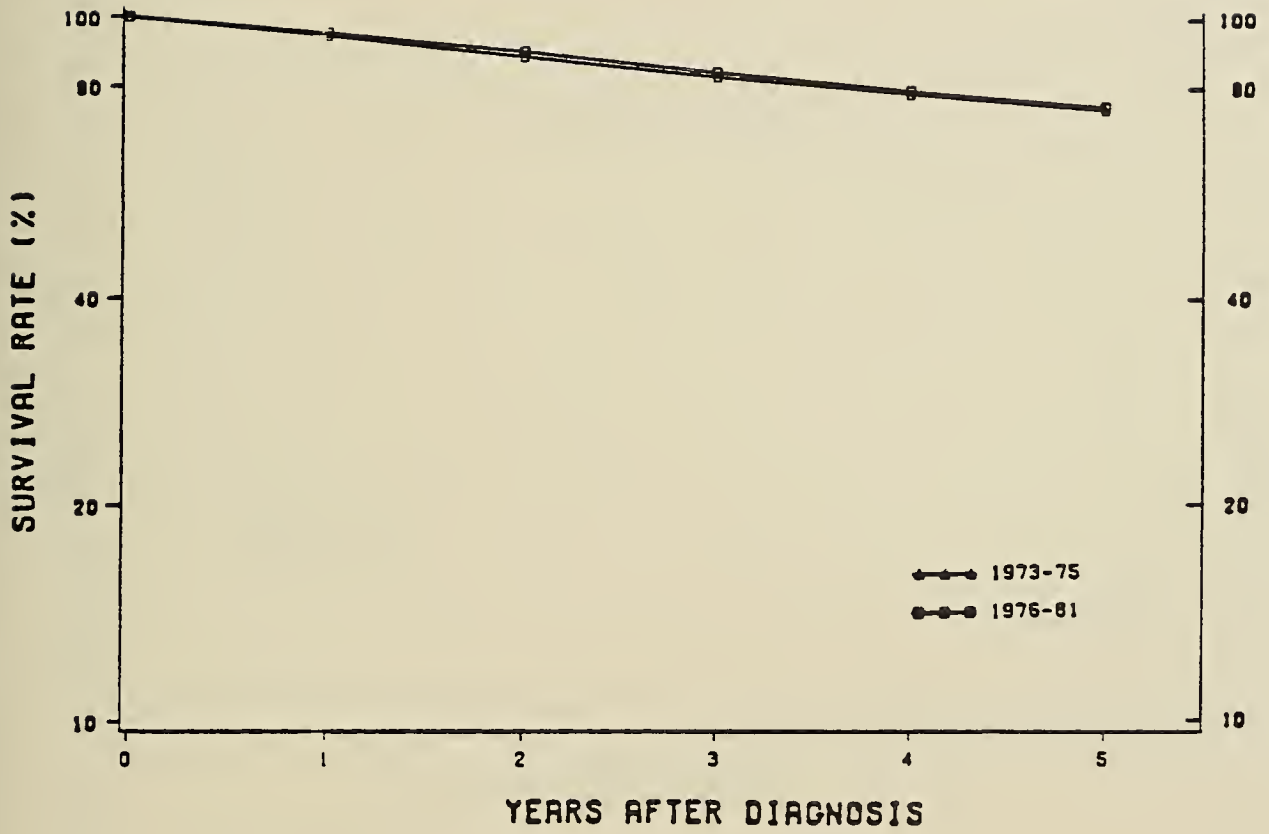
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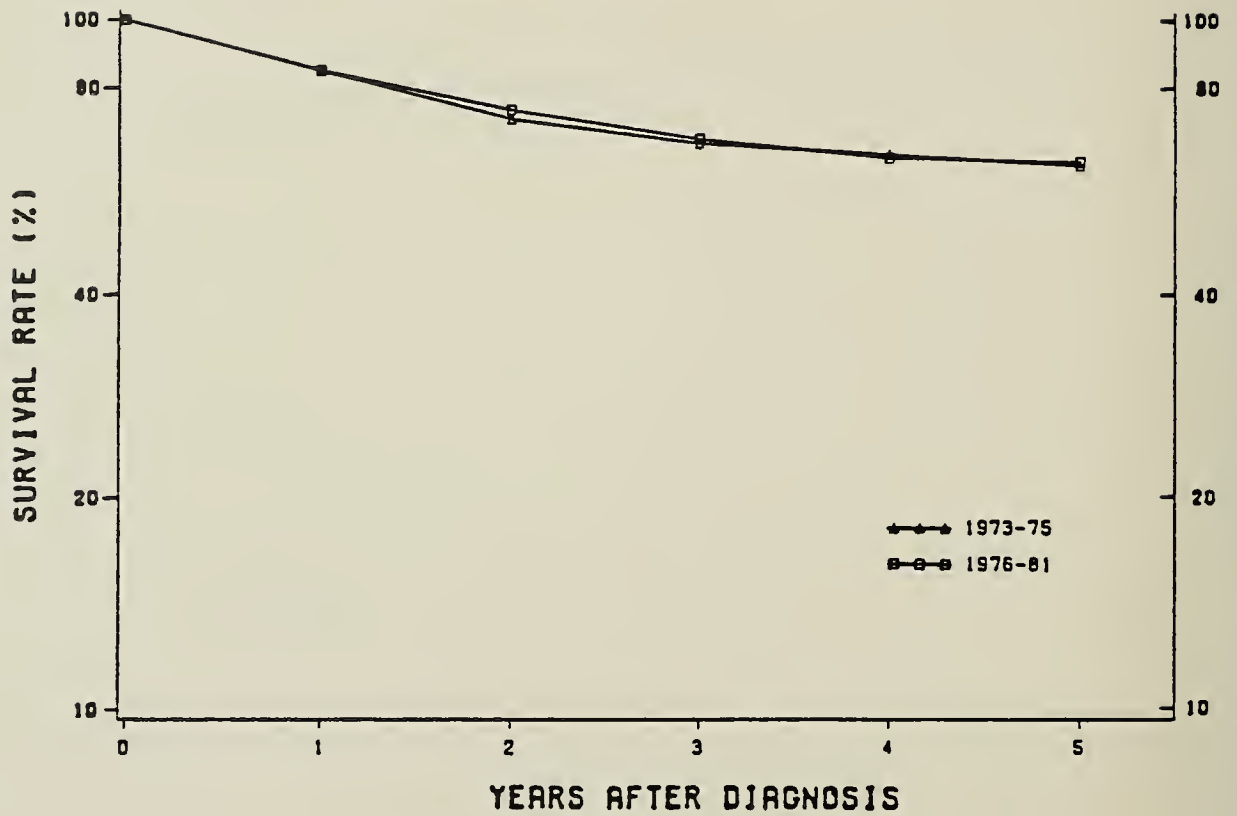
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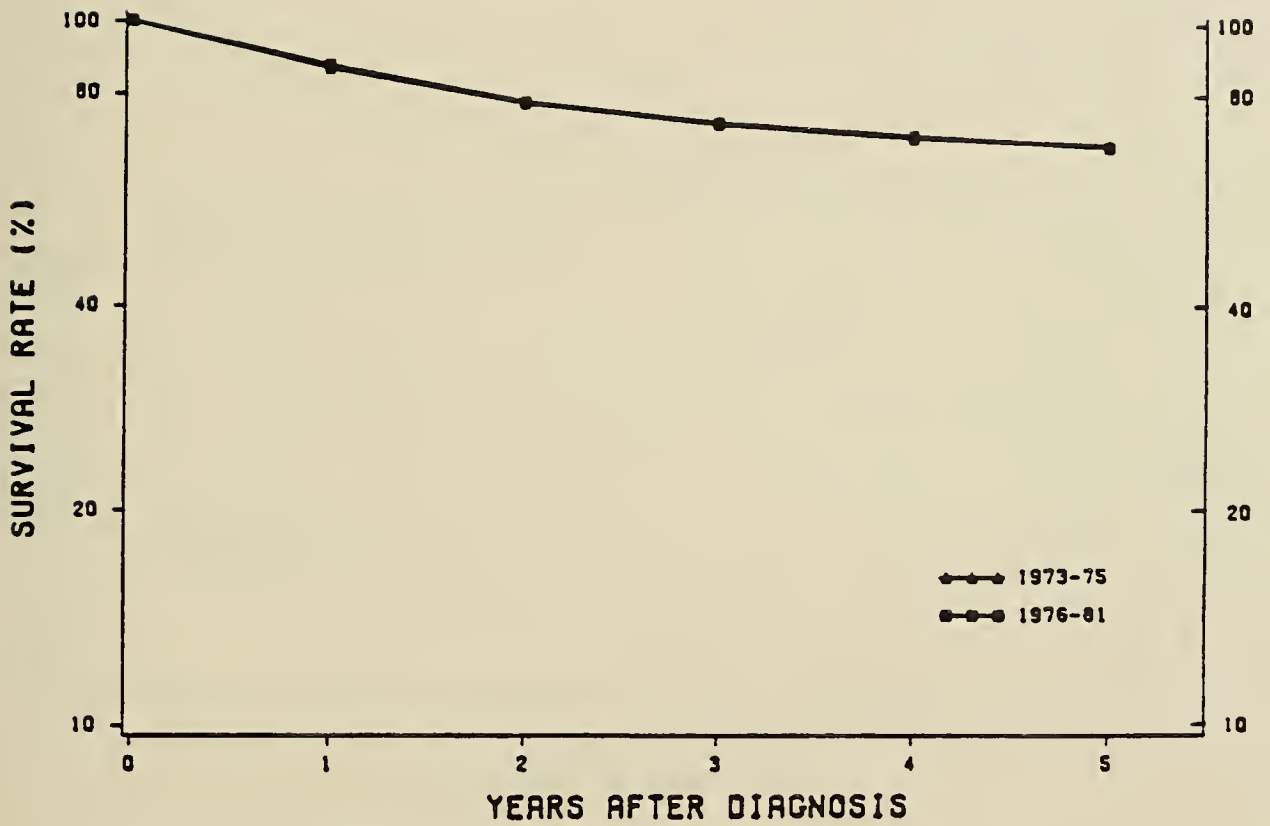
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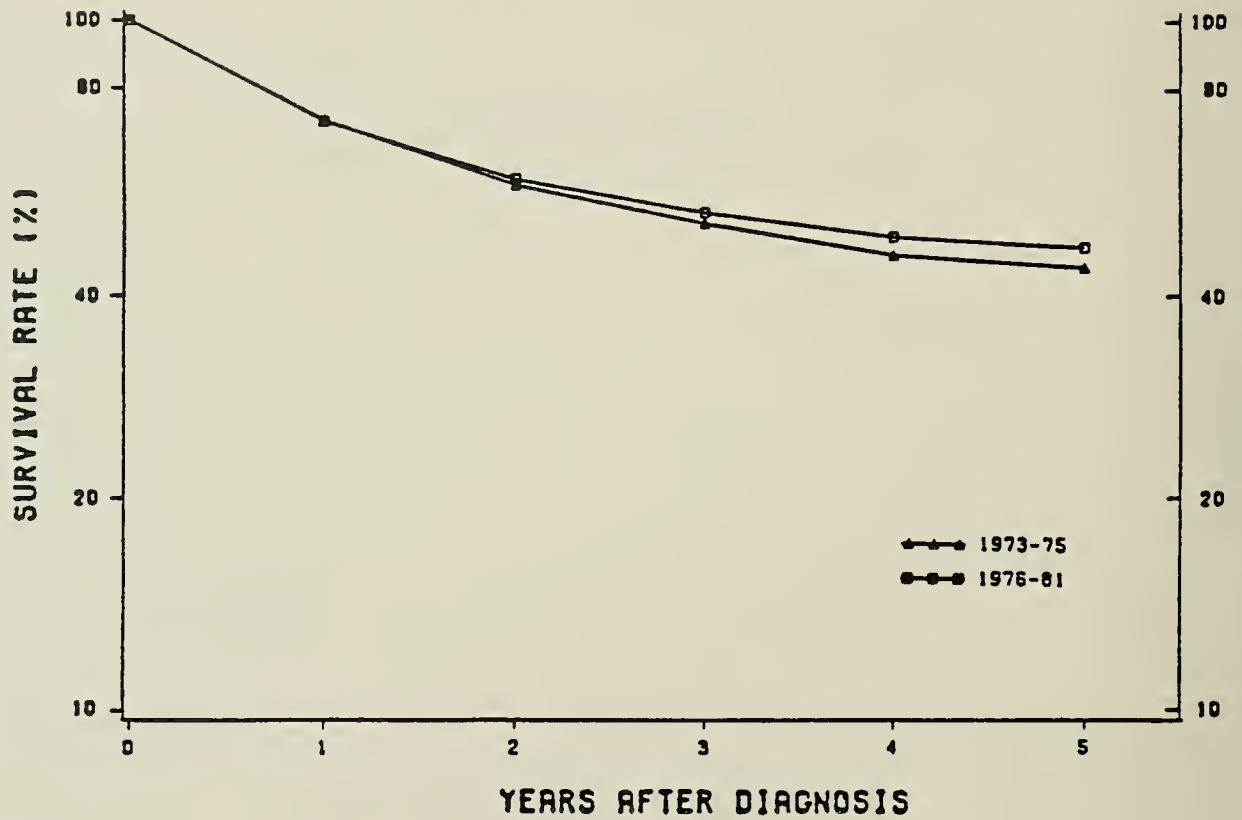
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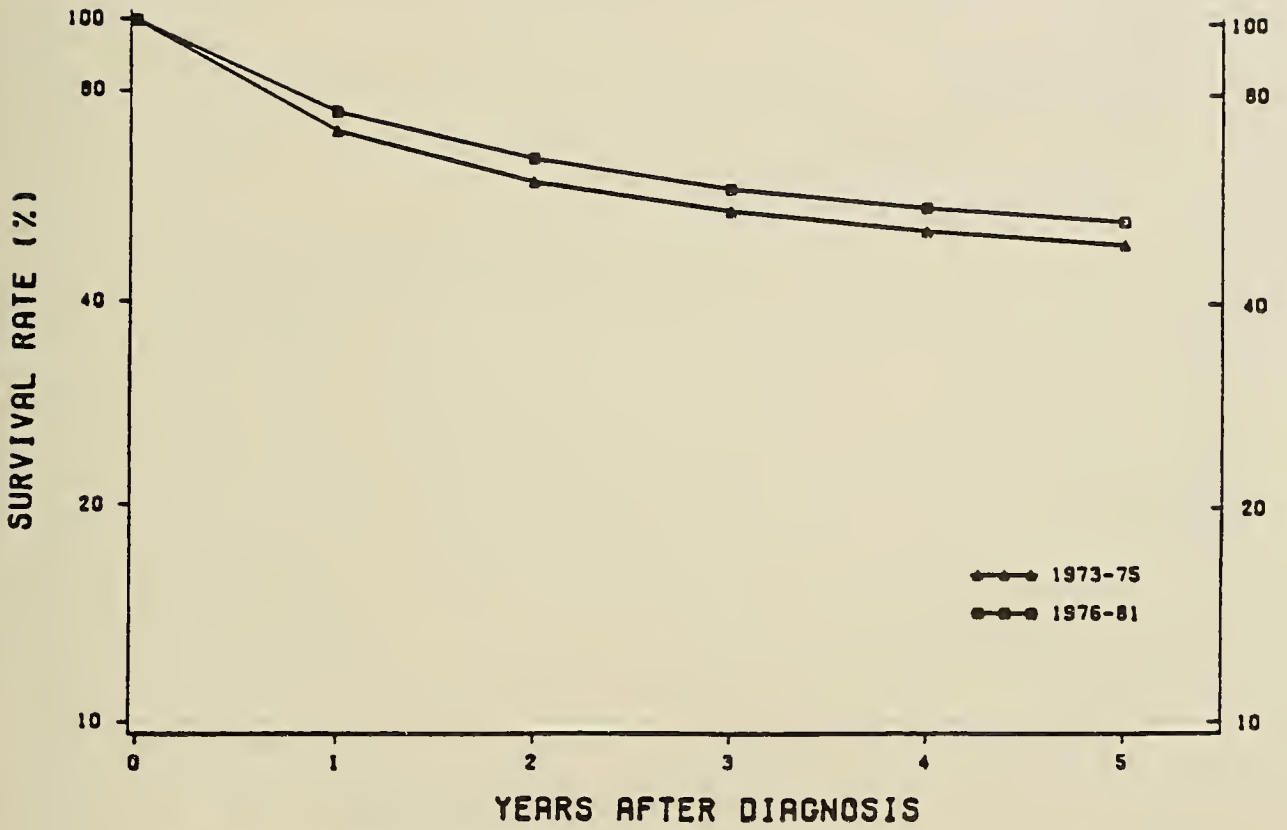
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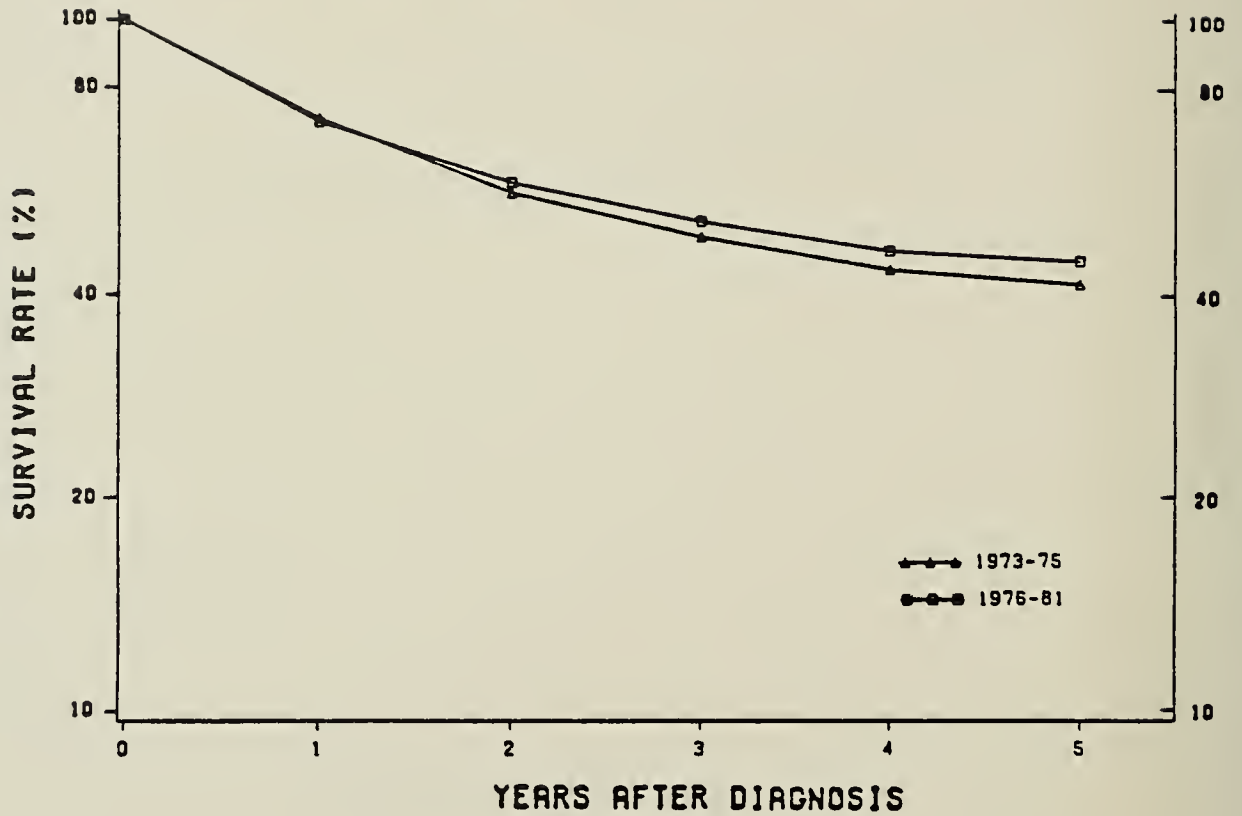
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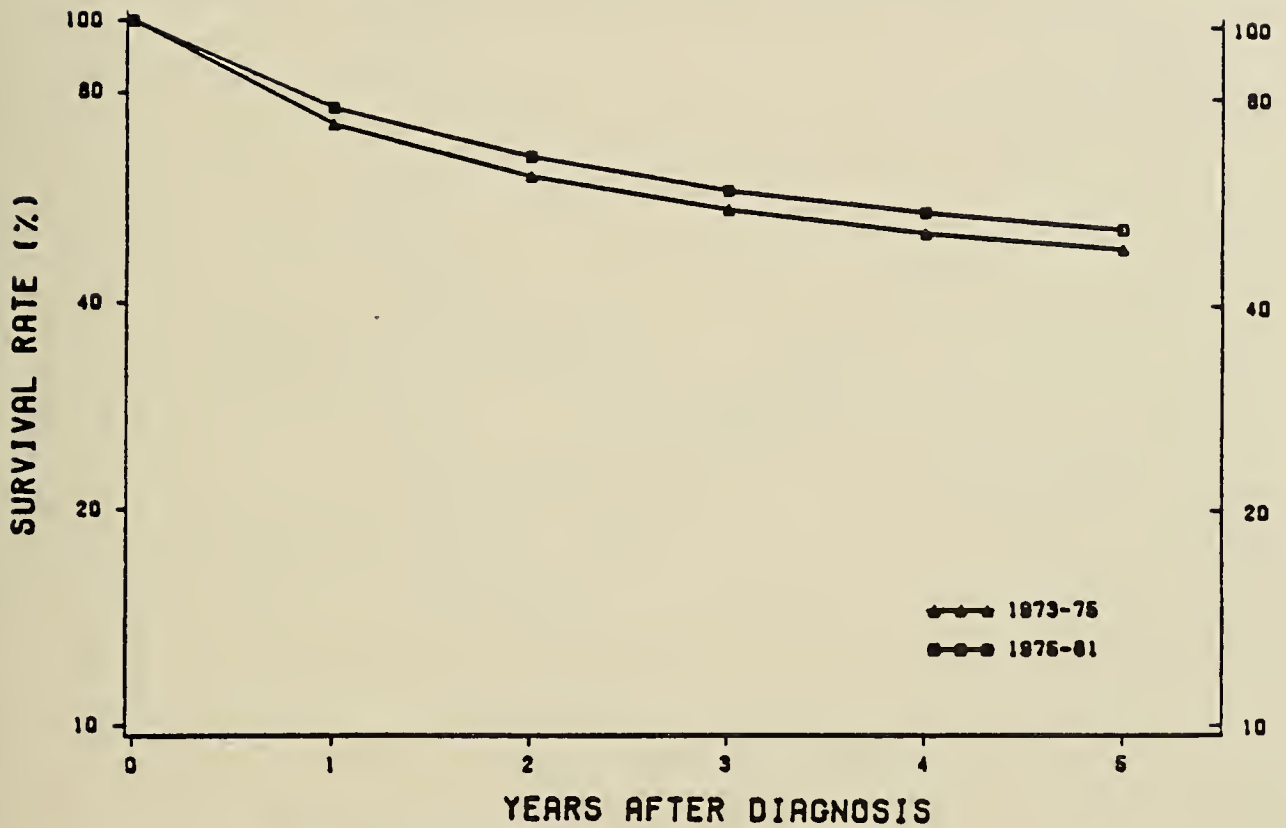
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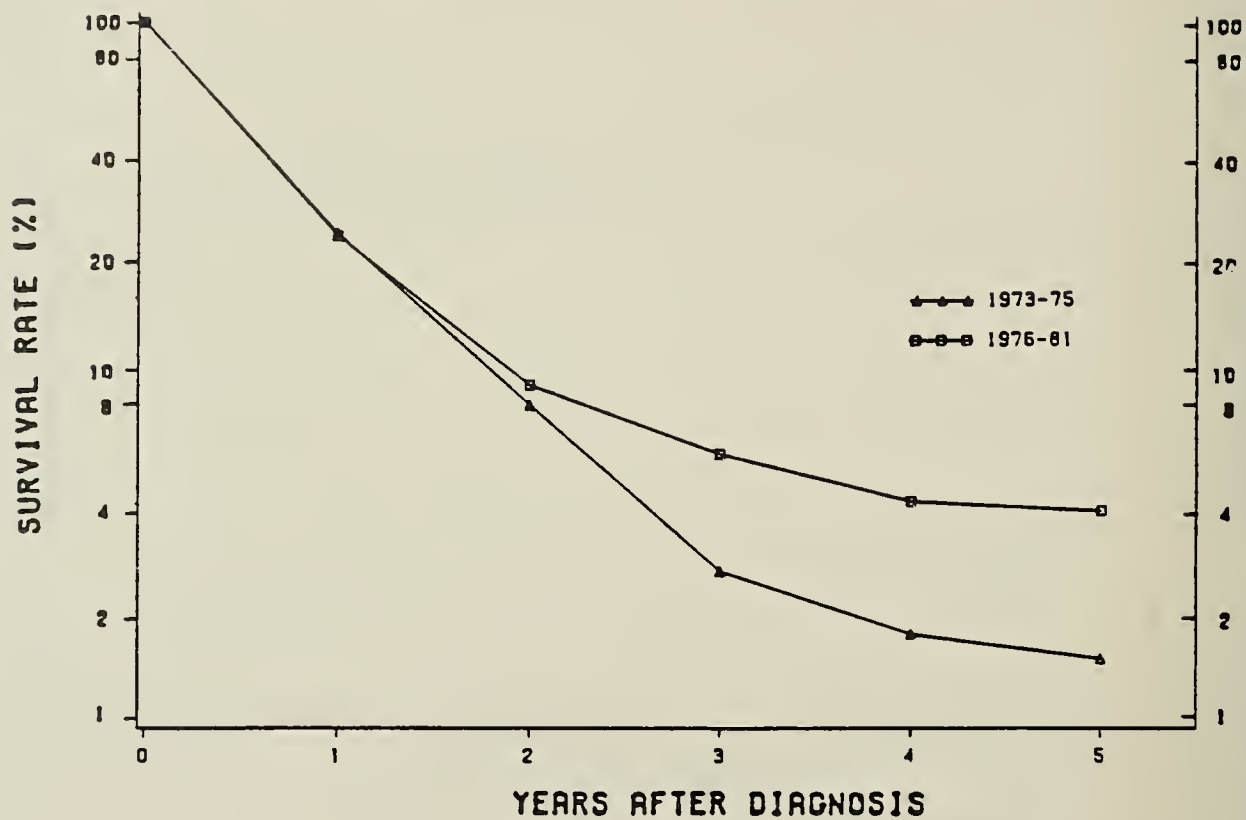
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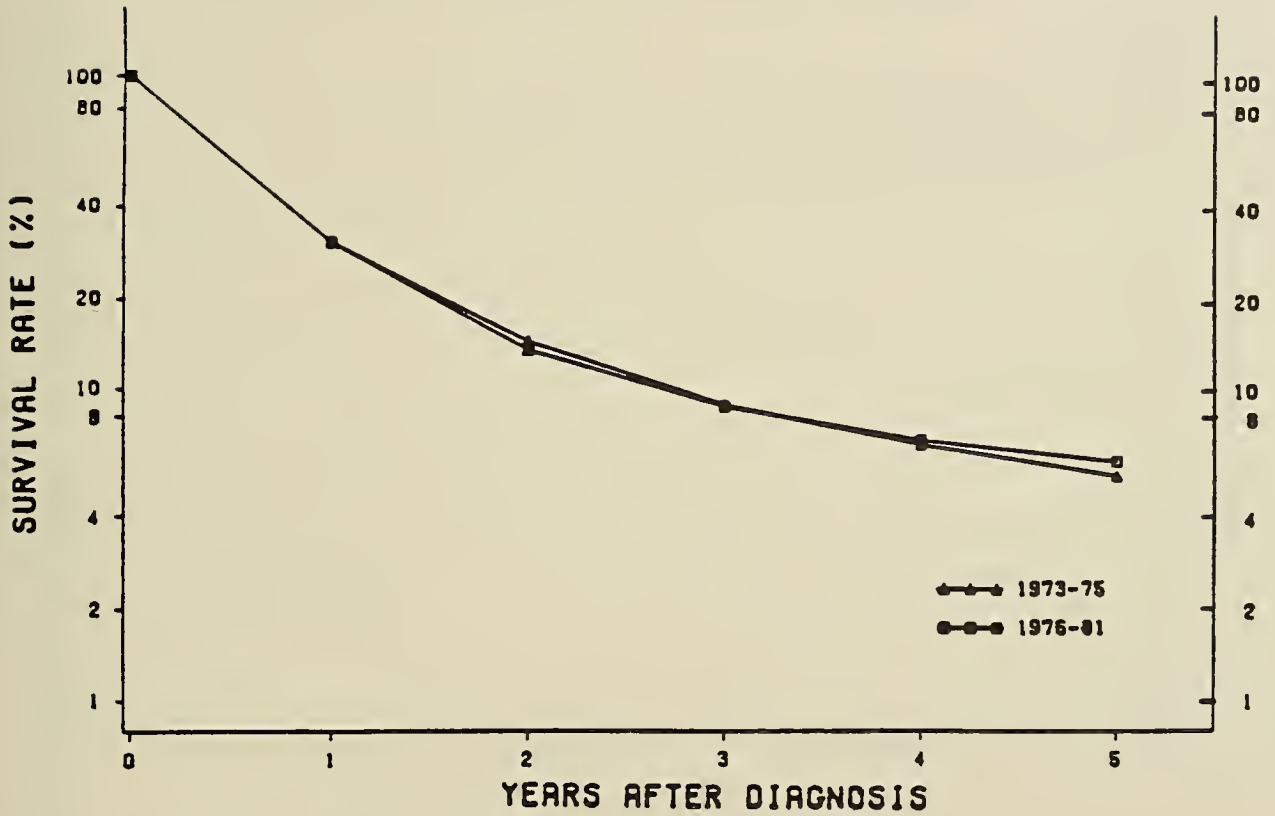
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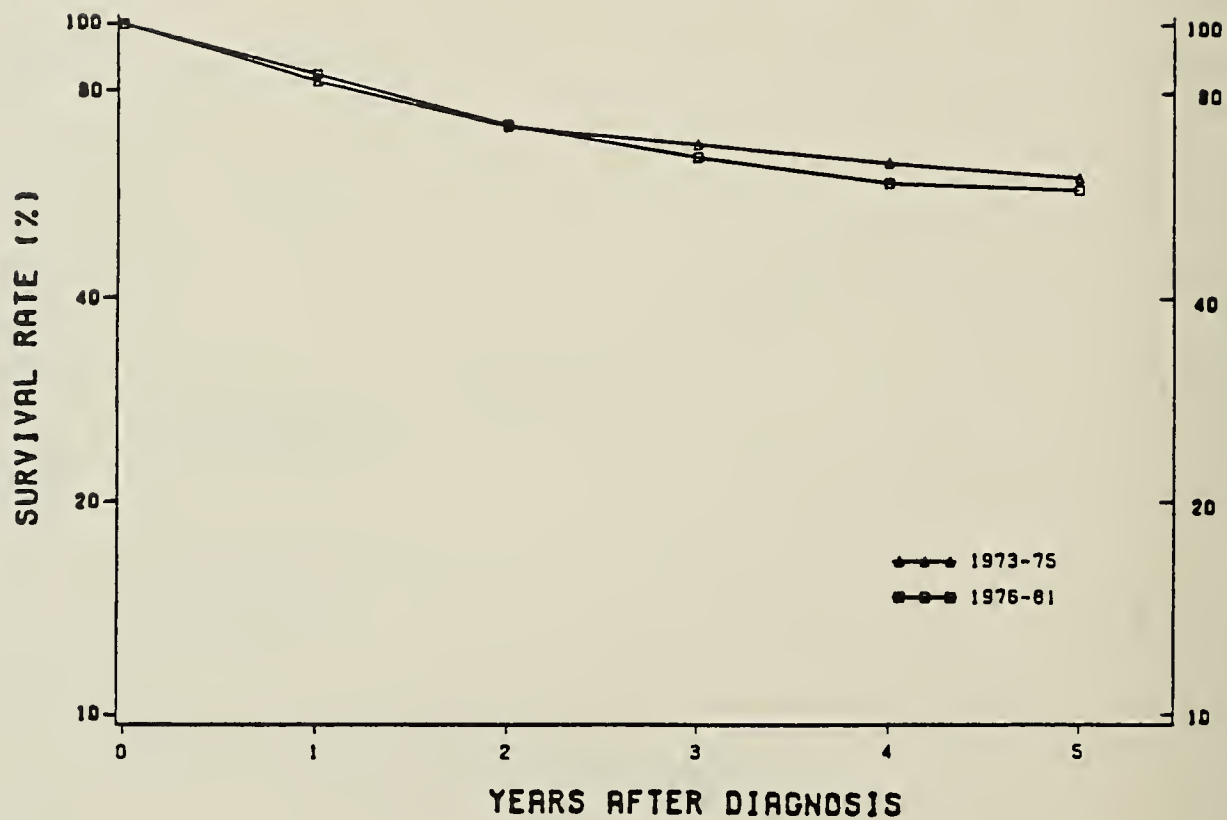
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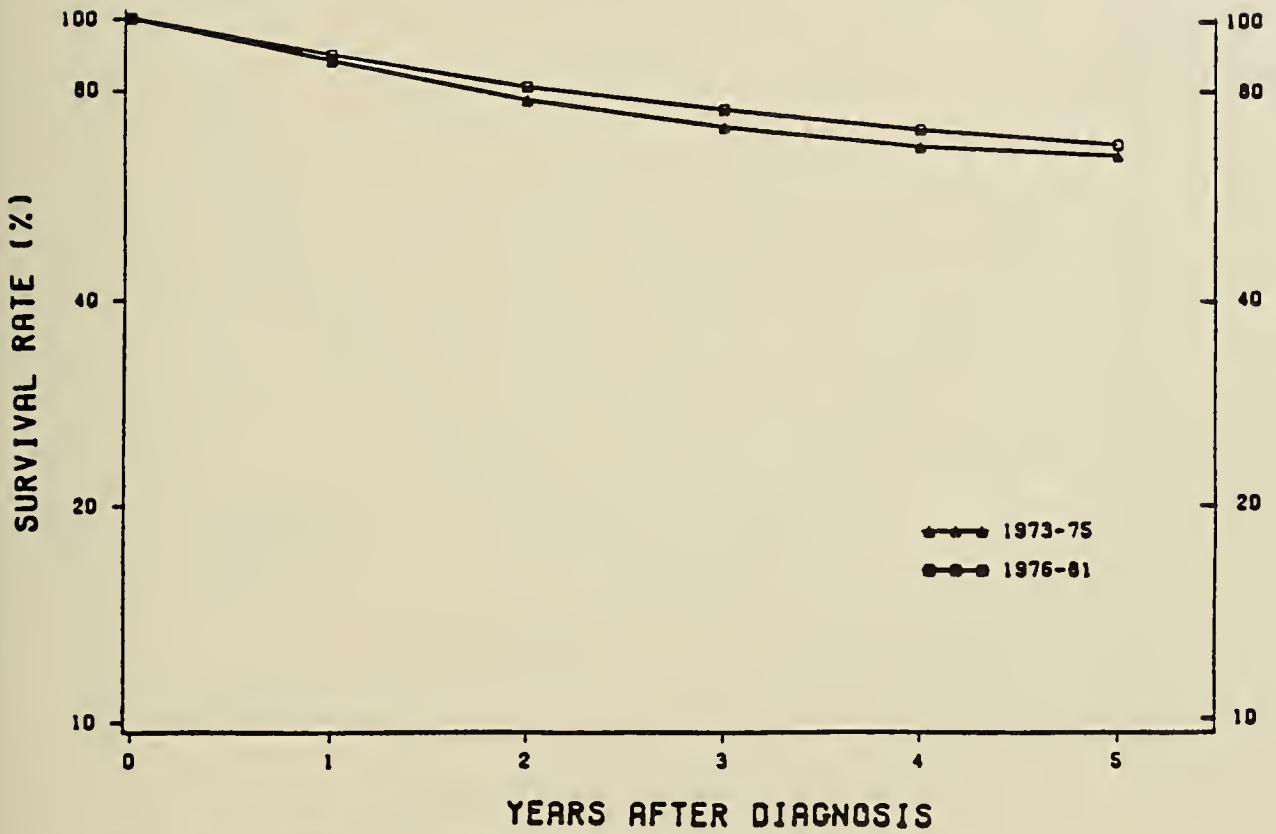
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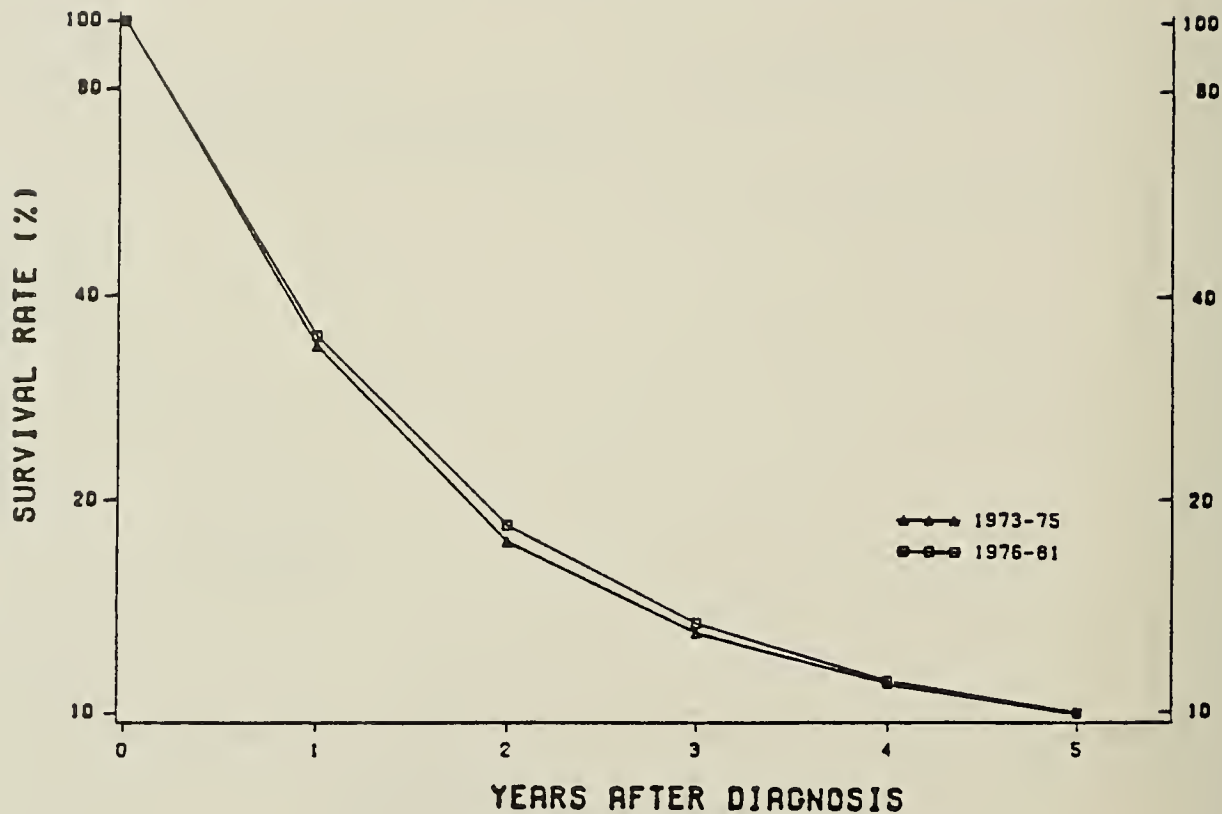
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LUNG & BRONCHUS

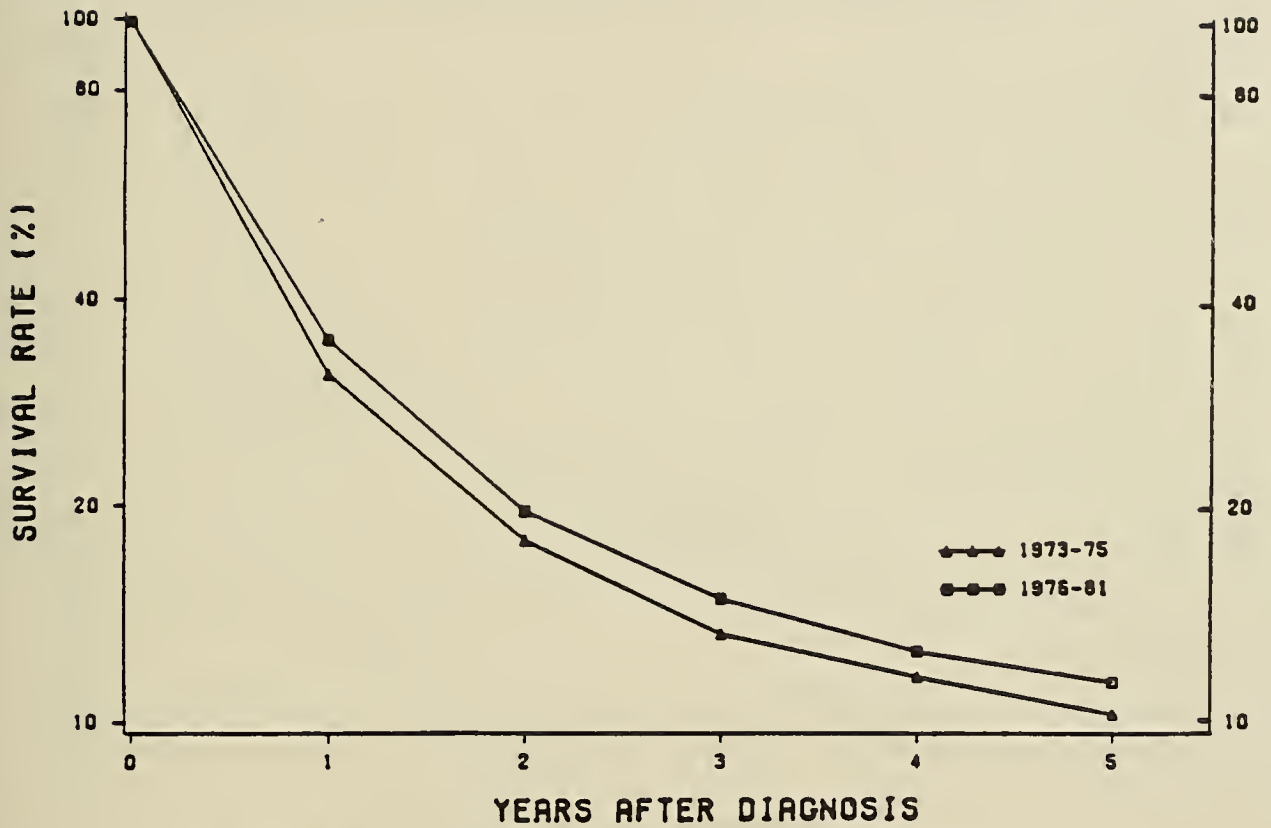
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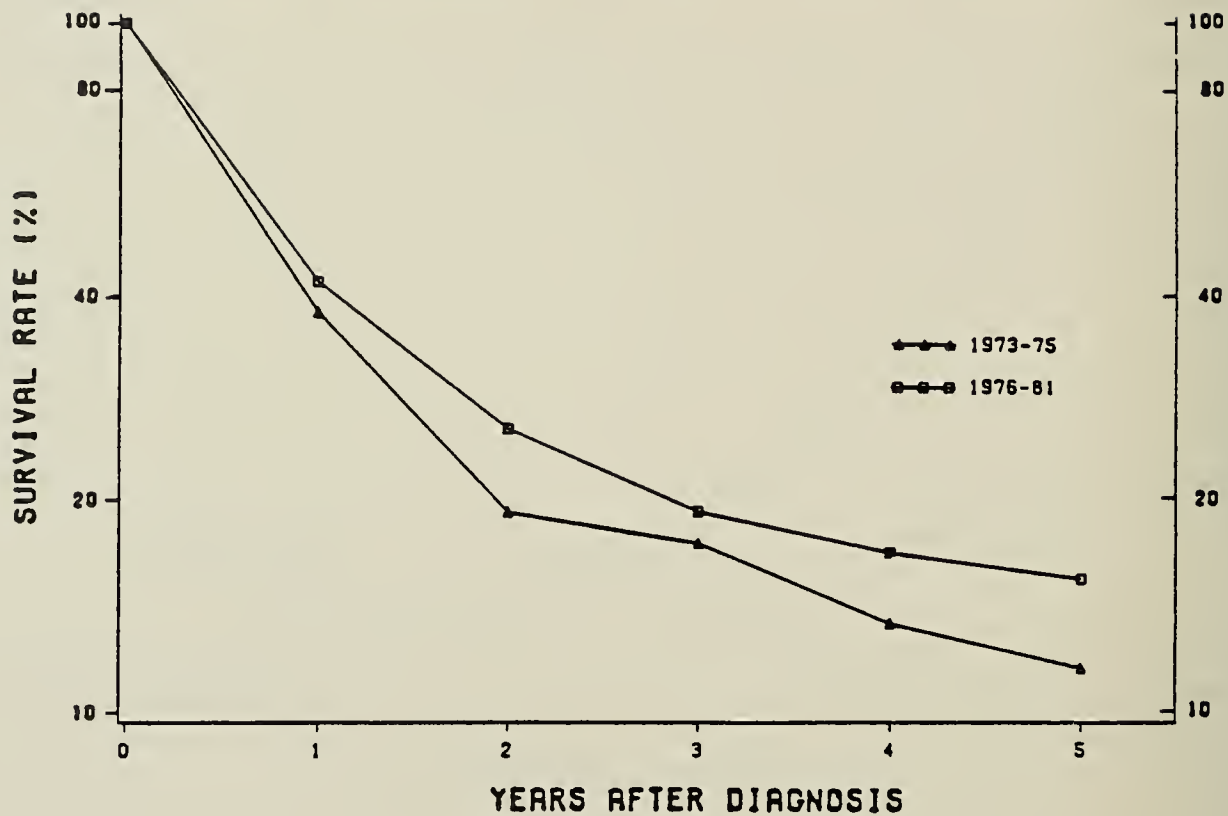
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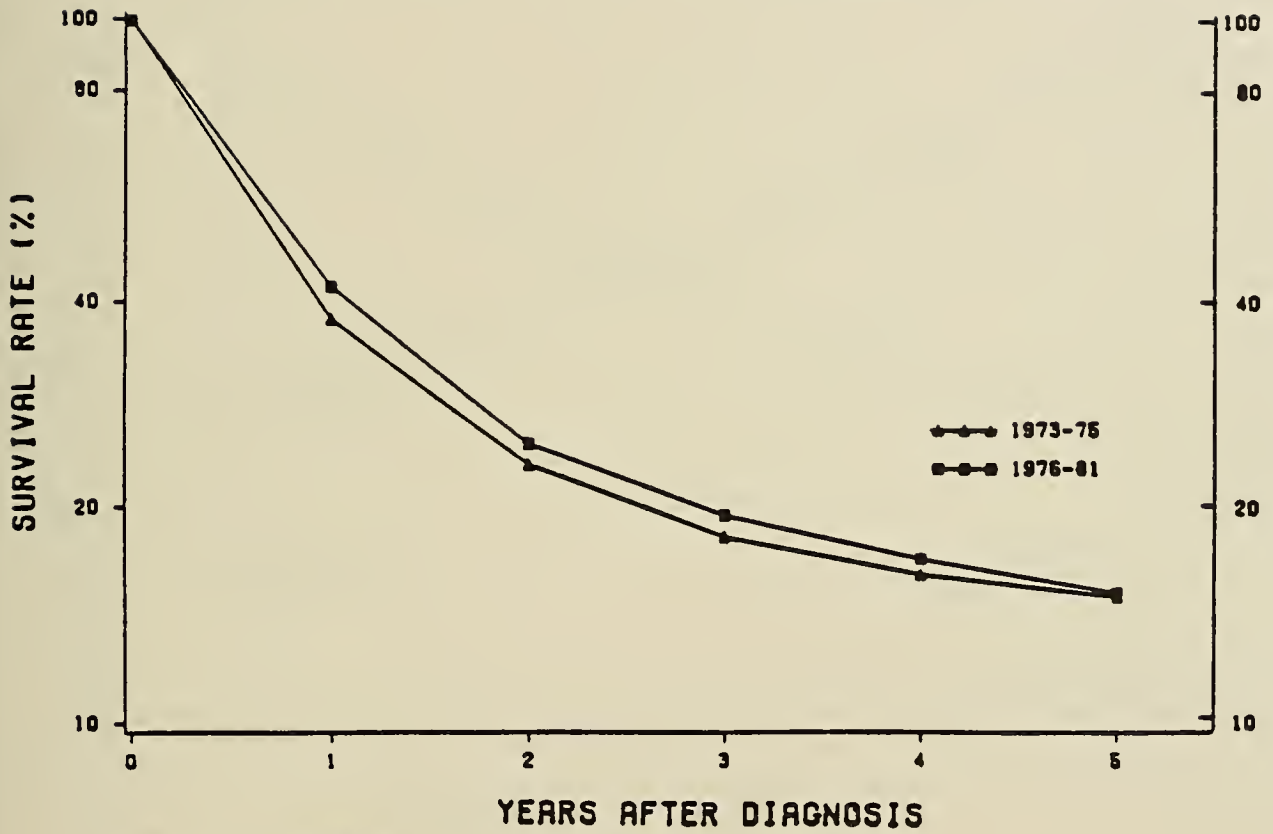
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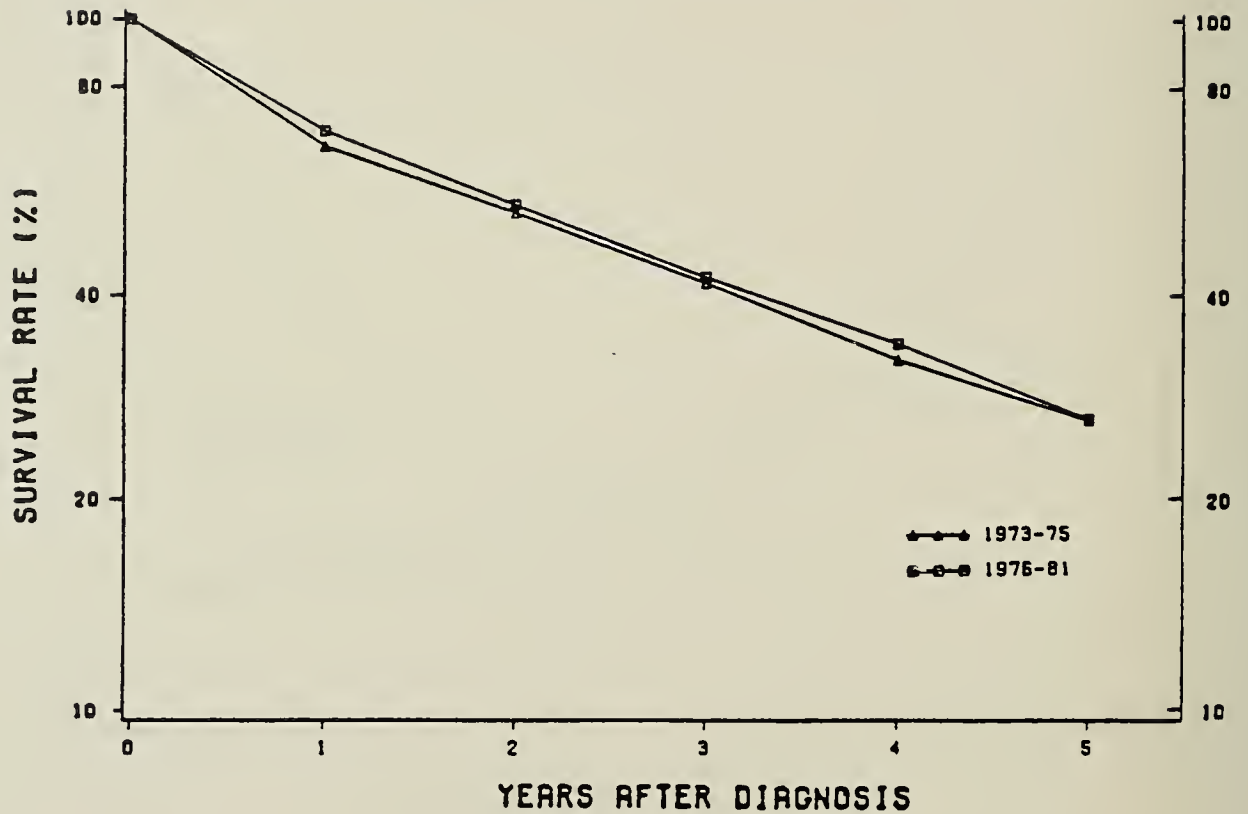
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NOTE: WHITE FEMALES

MULTIPLE MYELOMA

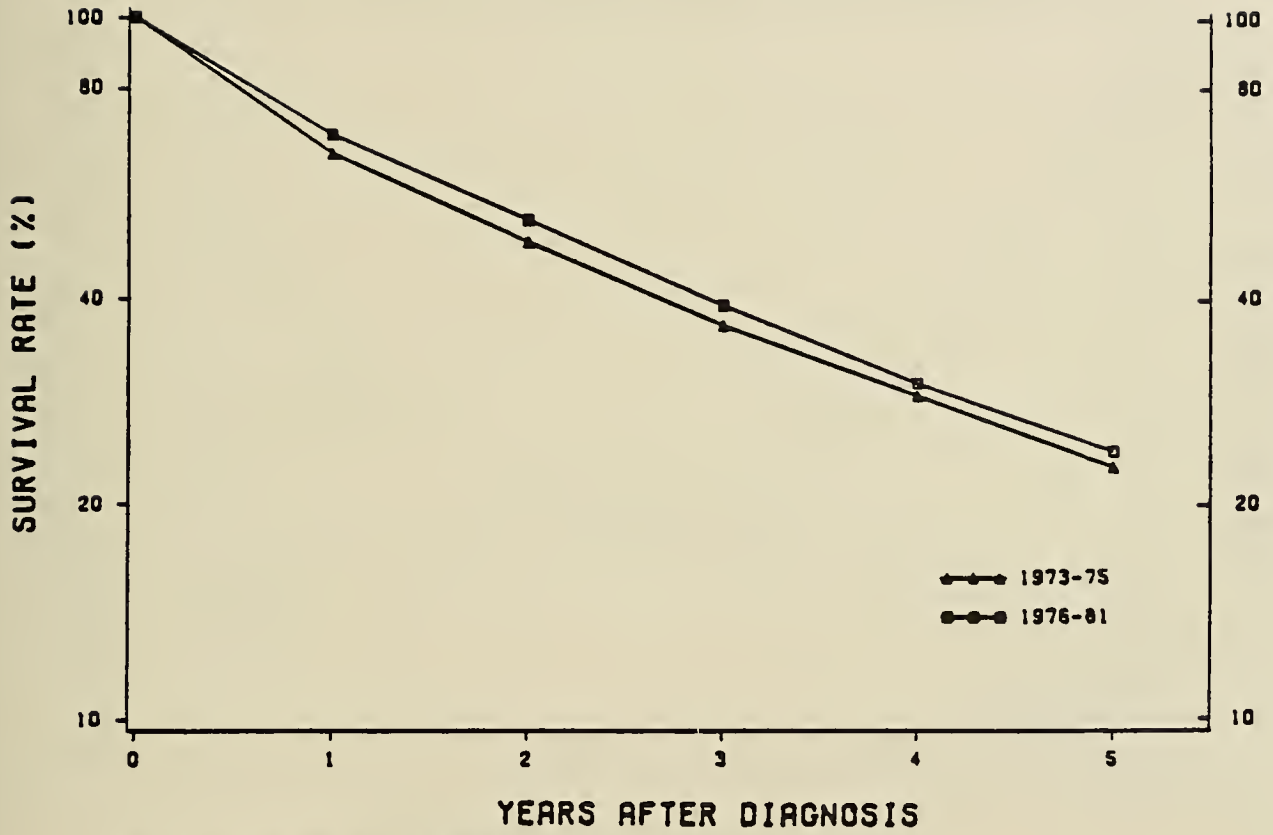
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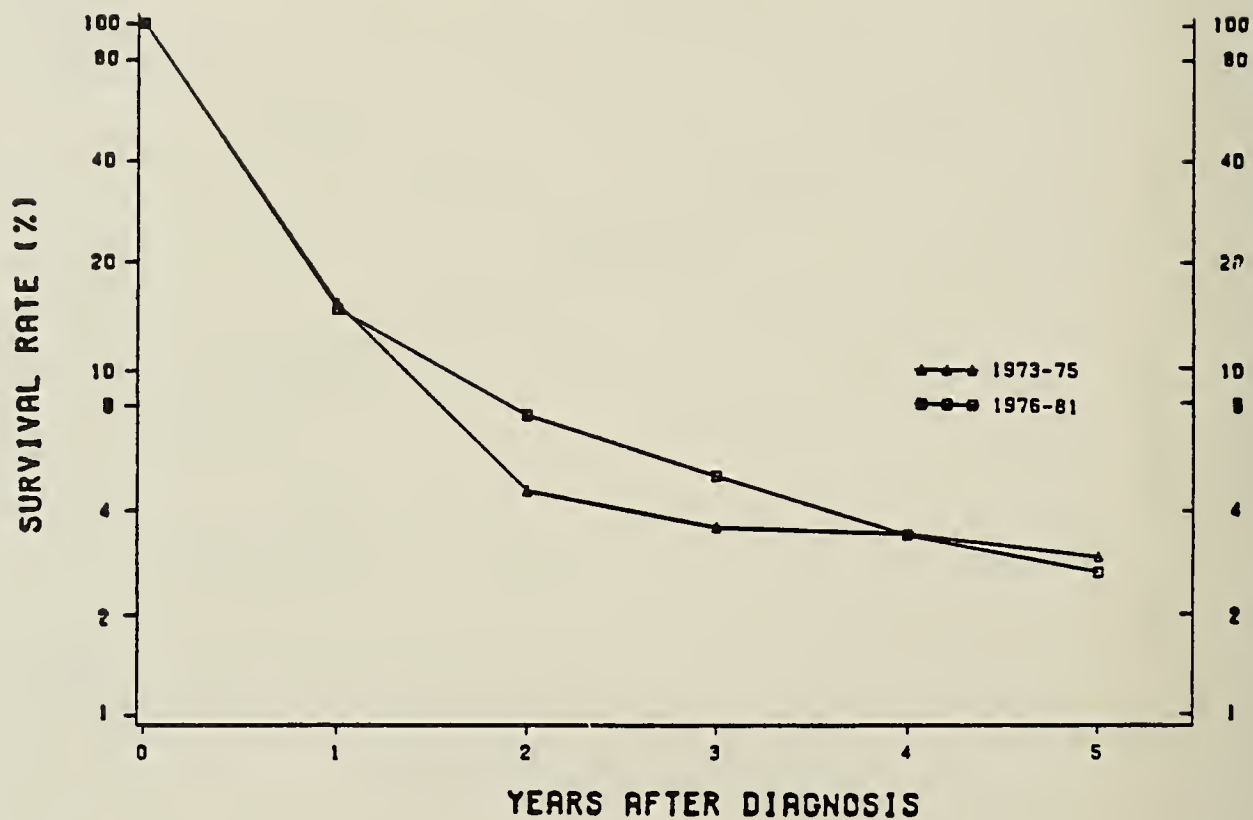
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NOTE: WHITE MALES & FEMALES

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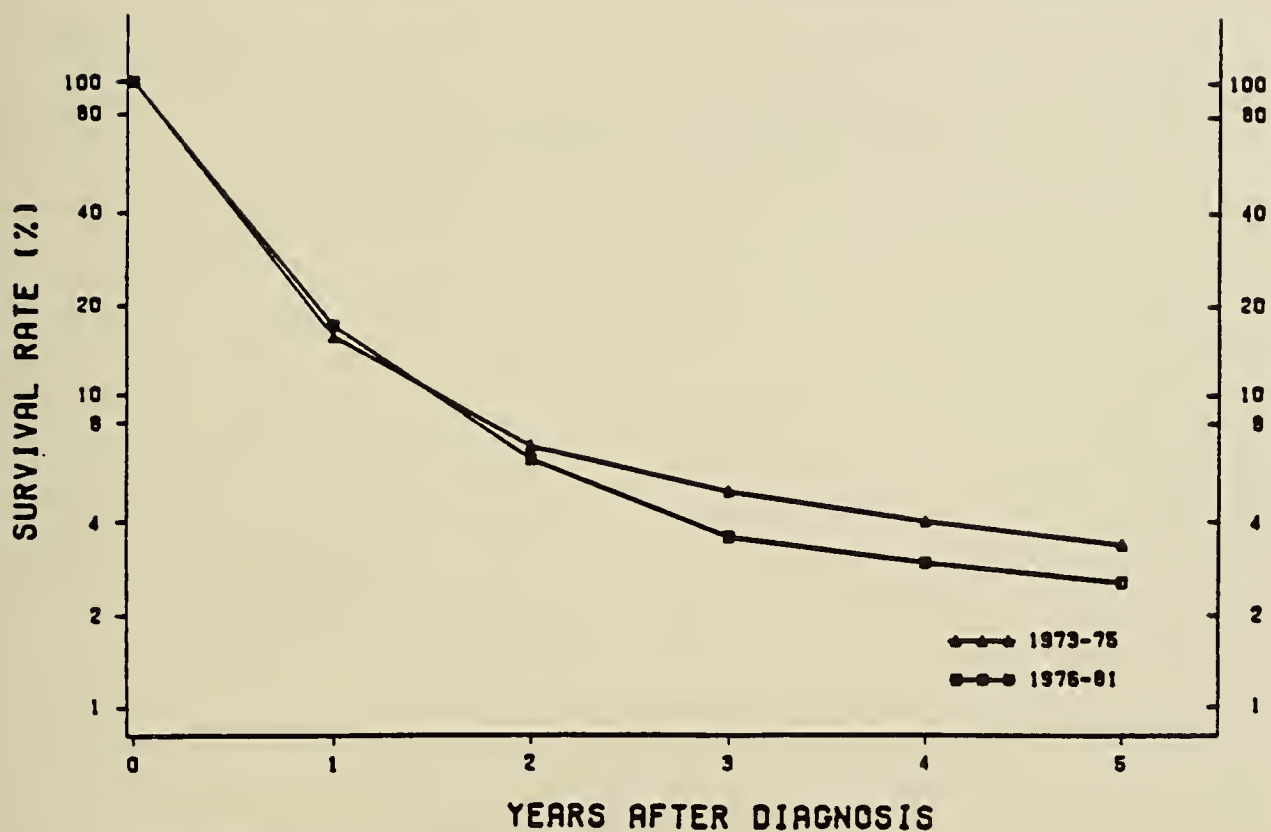
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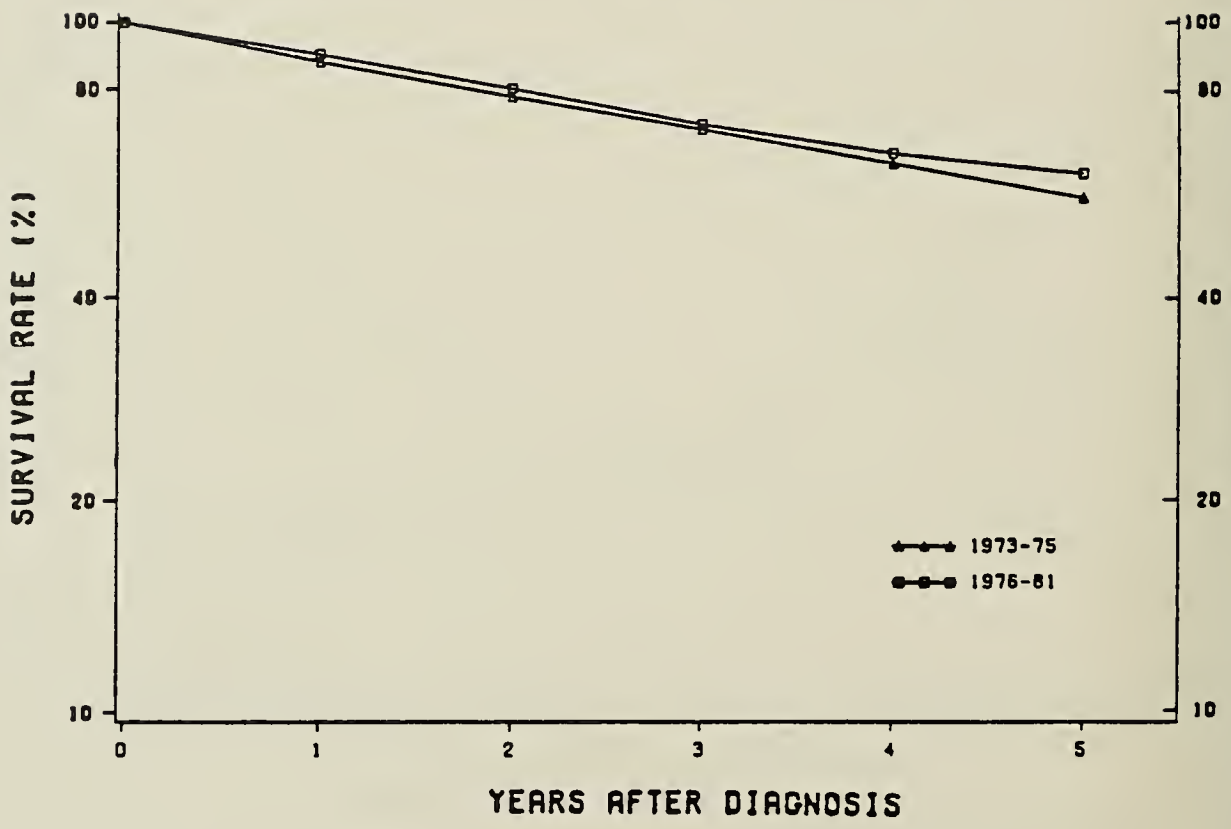
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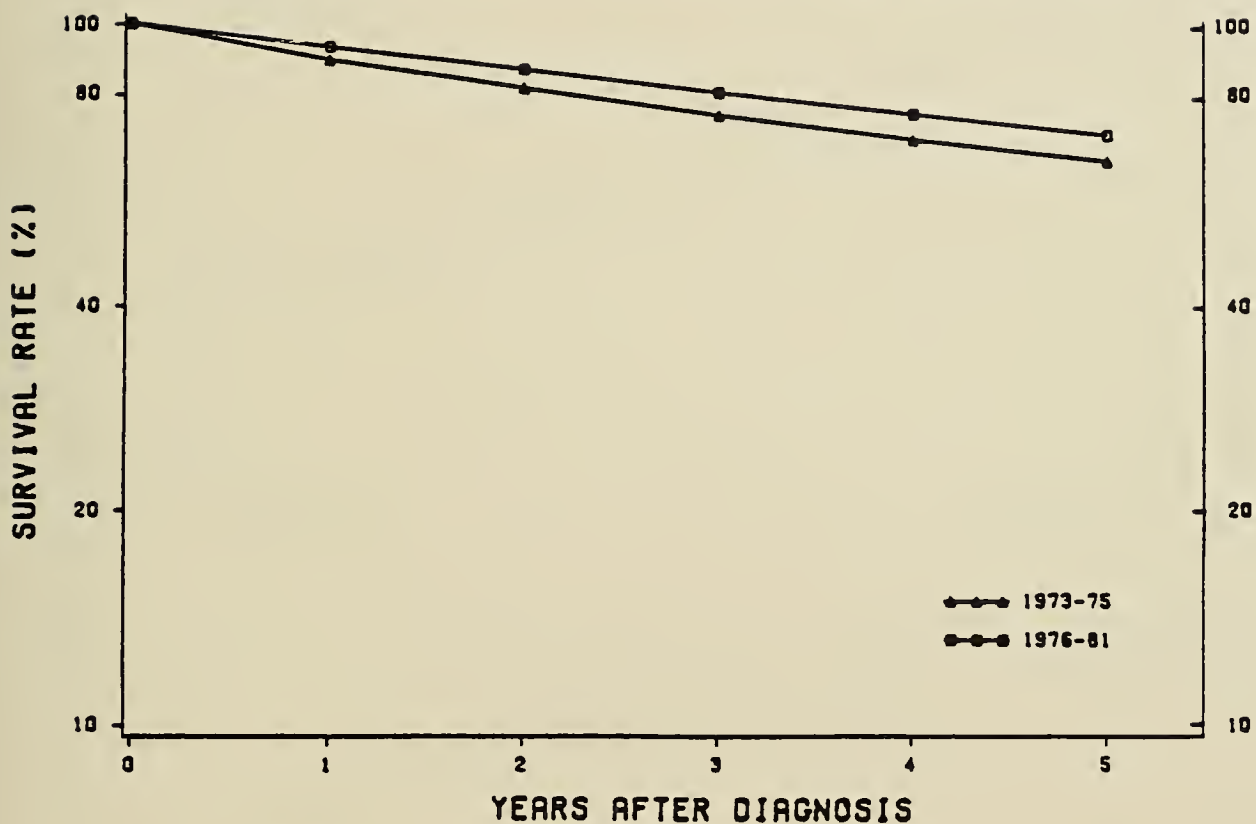
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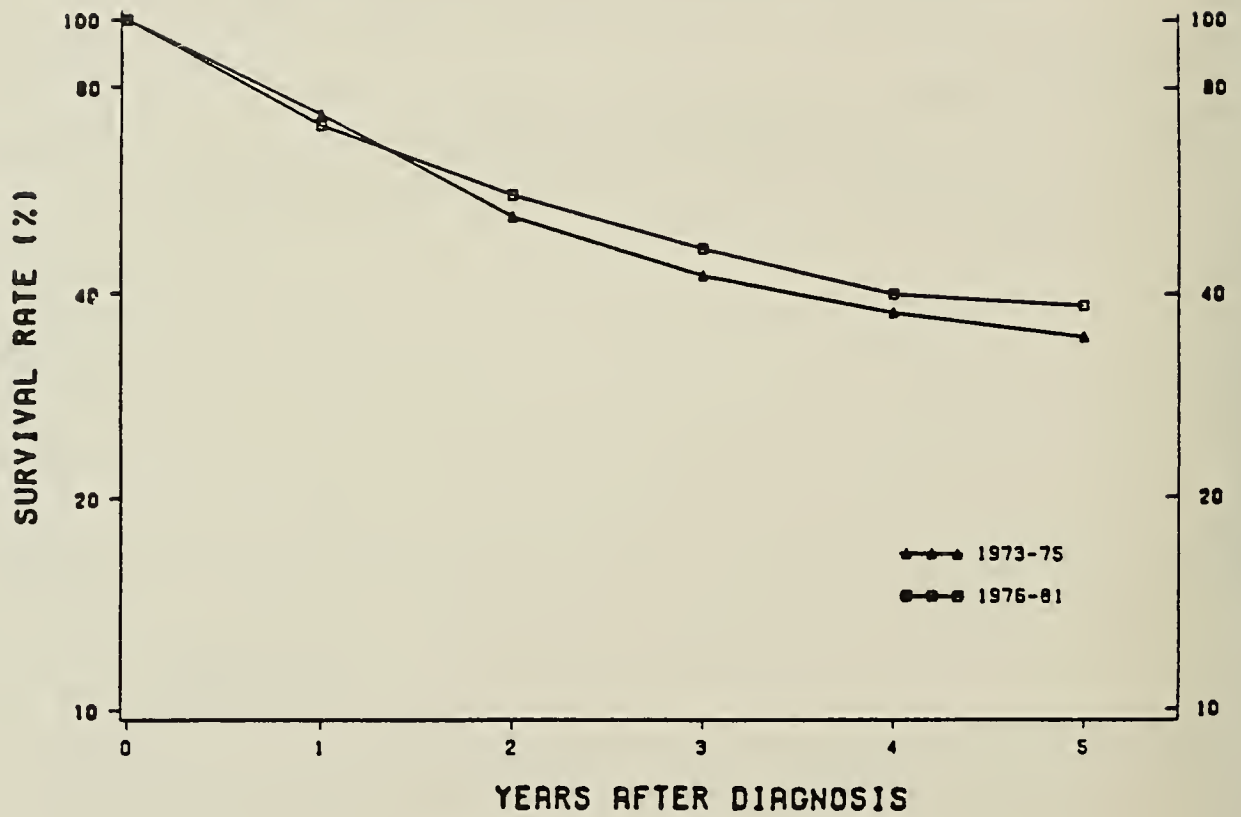
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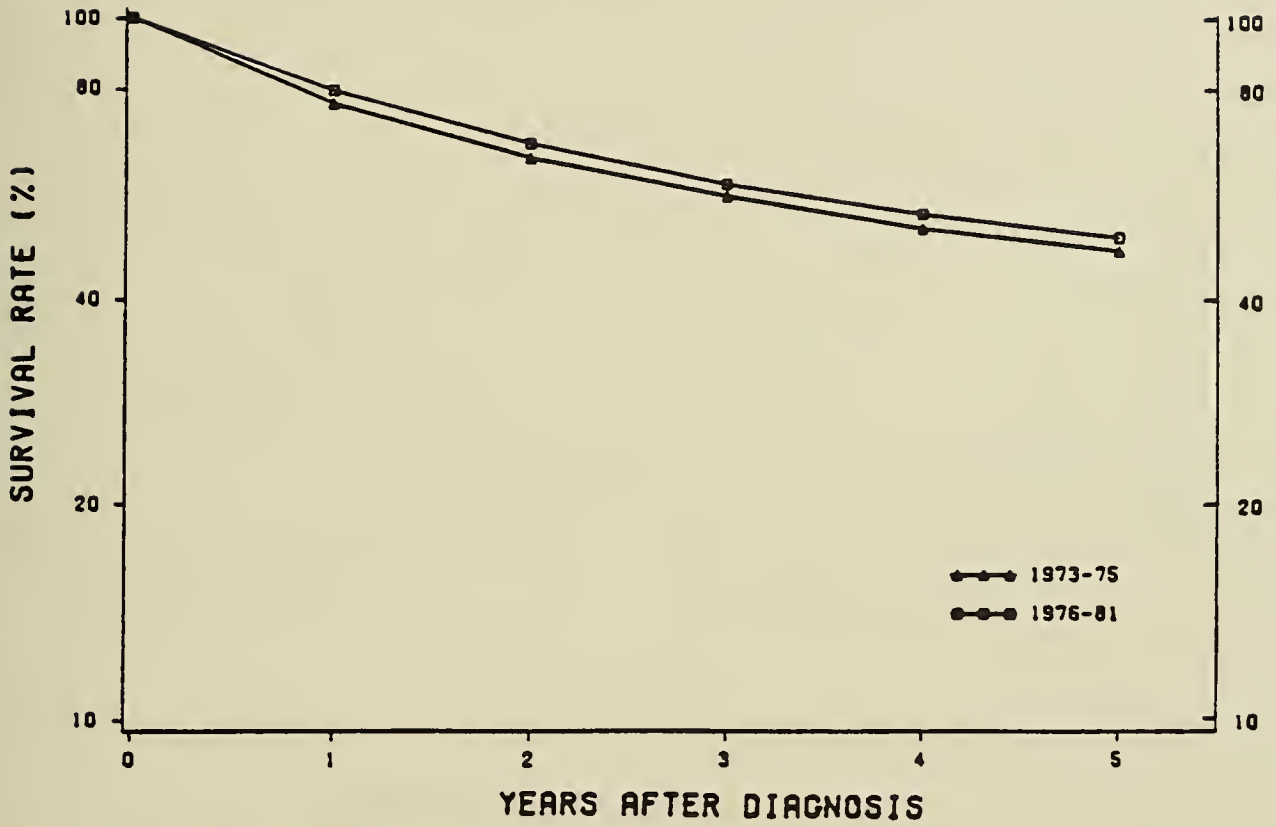
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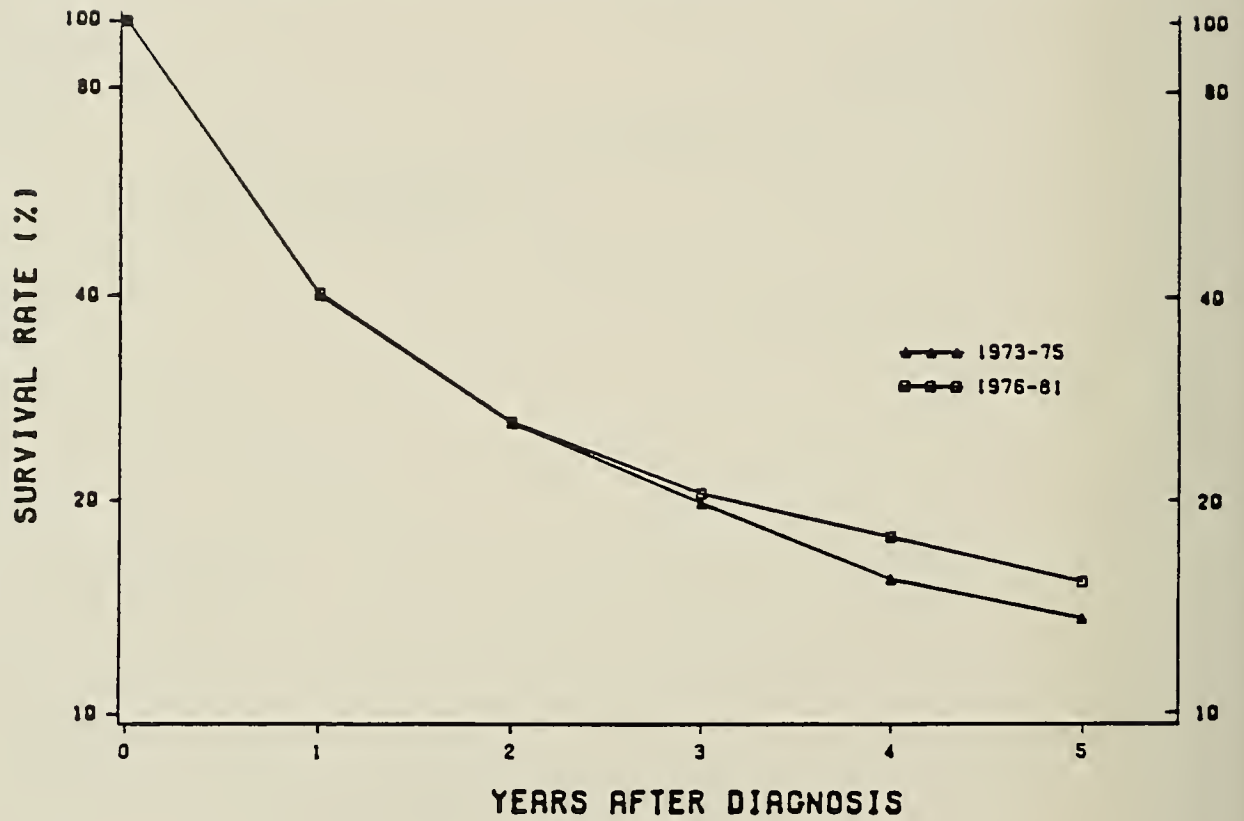
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STOMACH

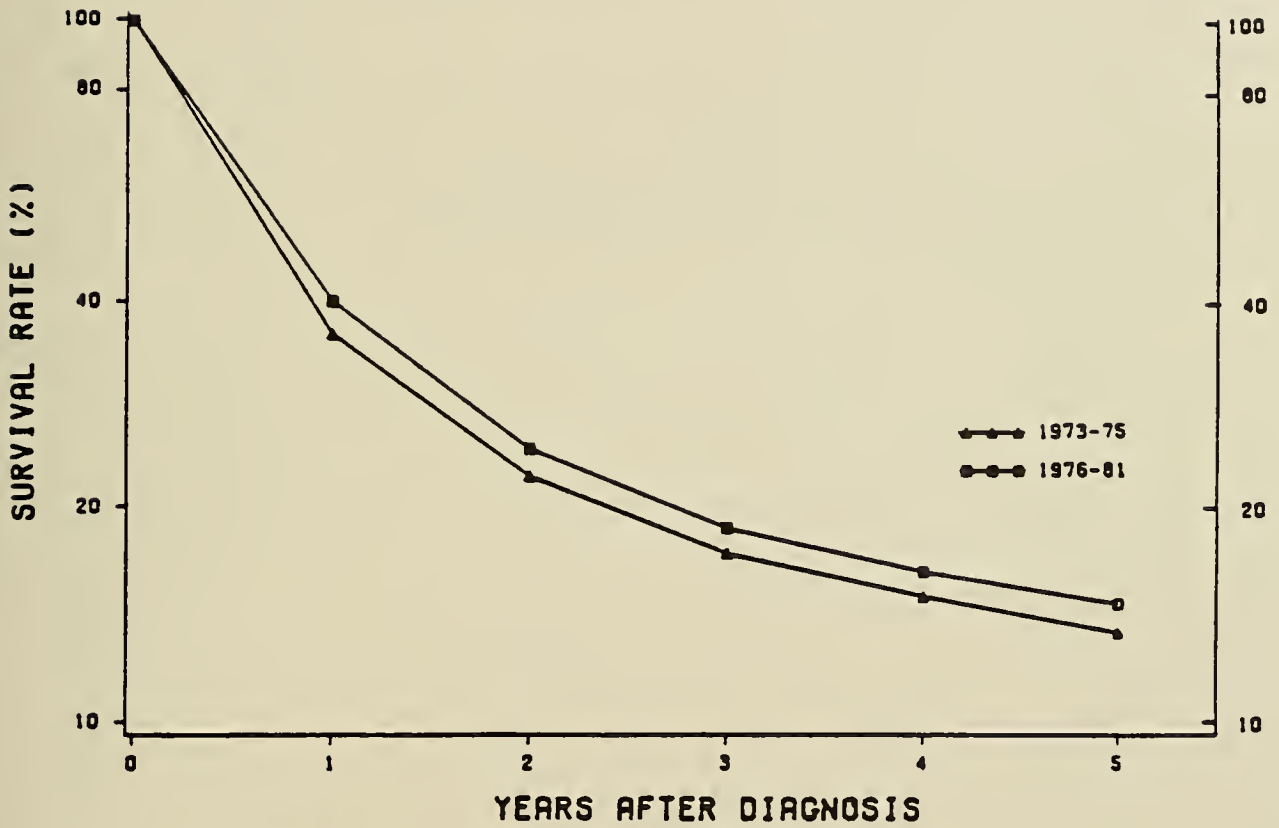
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STOMACH

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Section VI: Trends: Comparison of Incidence, Mortality, and Survival for Blacks and Whites

A. Discussion

The purpose of this section is to illustrate the complex set of interrelationships among cancer incidence, survival, and mortality for blacks and whites. As indicated earlier, cancer incidence rates measure the rate of occurrence of new cases of cancer during a year per hundred thousand persons in the population; cancer patient survival rates measure the proportion of cases, first diagnosed during a particular period of time, surviving for specific lengths of time following diagnosis, usually adjusted for the effect of deaths from other causes; and cancer mortality rates, the rate of deaths during the year with cancer given as the underlying cause of death per hundred thousand population. The survival rate for a particular cancer can be affected by changes in the incidence of that cancer. Changes in incidence and/or survival for a particular cancer over time can result in changes in the mortality rate for that cancer. The following are examples that will illustrate some of the relationships among these measures.

- 1) The incidence rate for a specific cancer can change over time due to changes in the prevalence of risk factors for that cancer. For example, increases in the prevalence of cigarette smoking among white males during the first half of this century has resulted in sharp increases in the incidence of lung cancer. Changes in the smoking practices in this group, particularly following the Surgeon General's report on smoking in 1964, has resulted in a decrease in the incidence of lung cancer among white males under 45 years of age in the past few years and there is an indication that this trend is beginning to extend to older age groups.
- 2) For a cancer with a low survival rate, such as lung cancer, an increase in the incidence rate is accompanied, with a very short time lag, by a corresponding increase in the mortality rate.
- 3) If an increasing number of less severe cases of a particular cancer are identified, this will have the effect of increasing the 5-year relative survival rate for that cancer. This may be the explanation for example, for the rapid increase in incidence of melanomas among whites over the past few years, accompanied by an increase in 5-year relative survival rates.
- 4) An improvement in survival rates over time, particularly in the absence of any changes in the incidence rate, will result in decreases in the mortality rate. A dramatic example of this was a sharp reduction in mortality from testicular cancer due to a huge increase in the survival rate for that cancer in the mid 1970's.

Data Sources

The data presented in this section pertain entirely to the period covered by the SEER Program. For each cancer, the 5-year relative survival

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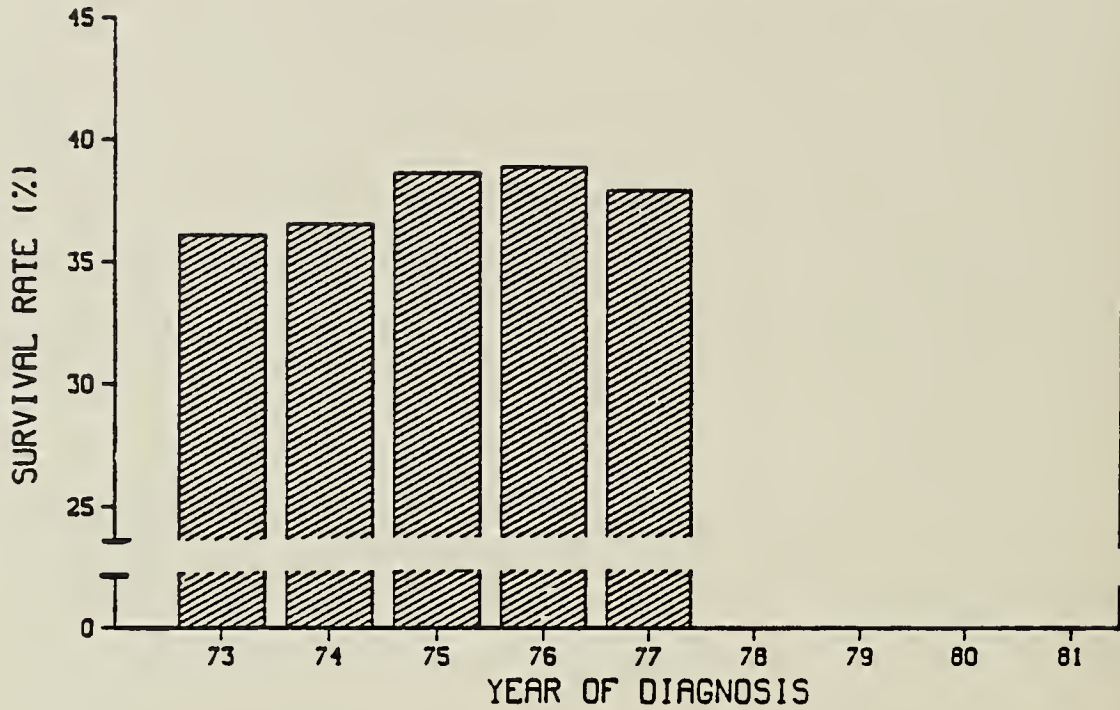
rate is presented for black and white patients first diagnosed during each year 1973-77. The corresponding SEER incidence rates and U.S. mortality rates are presented for each year from 1973-81. (Mortality rates for all SEER areas combined for each cancer, follow very closely those for the United States). By examining these three measures on a single page, for a given cancer, the reader can obtain a better understanding of the trends for that cancer than would be possible by examining each of these measures in isolation. The reader should be cautioned, however, that the observed measures for a particular time period are also influenced by events occurring during that time period. Because of long latent periods for the effect of some risk factors to appear as cancers, the incidence rate for a particular cancer may increase or decrease due to changes in the risk factors a number of years earlier. The number of persons dying of a particular cancer during a given year include not only those who were first diagnosed during that year but also a number who had been diagnosed in earlier years. Care should be used when comparing the graphs between blacks and whites because the vertical axes are not always identical. These factors must be kept in mind when reviewing the data on the following pages.

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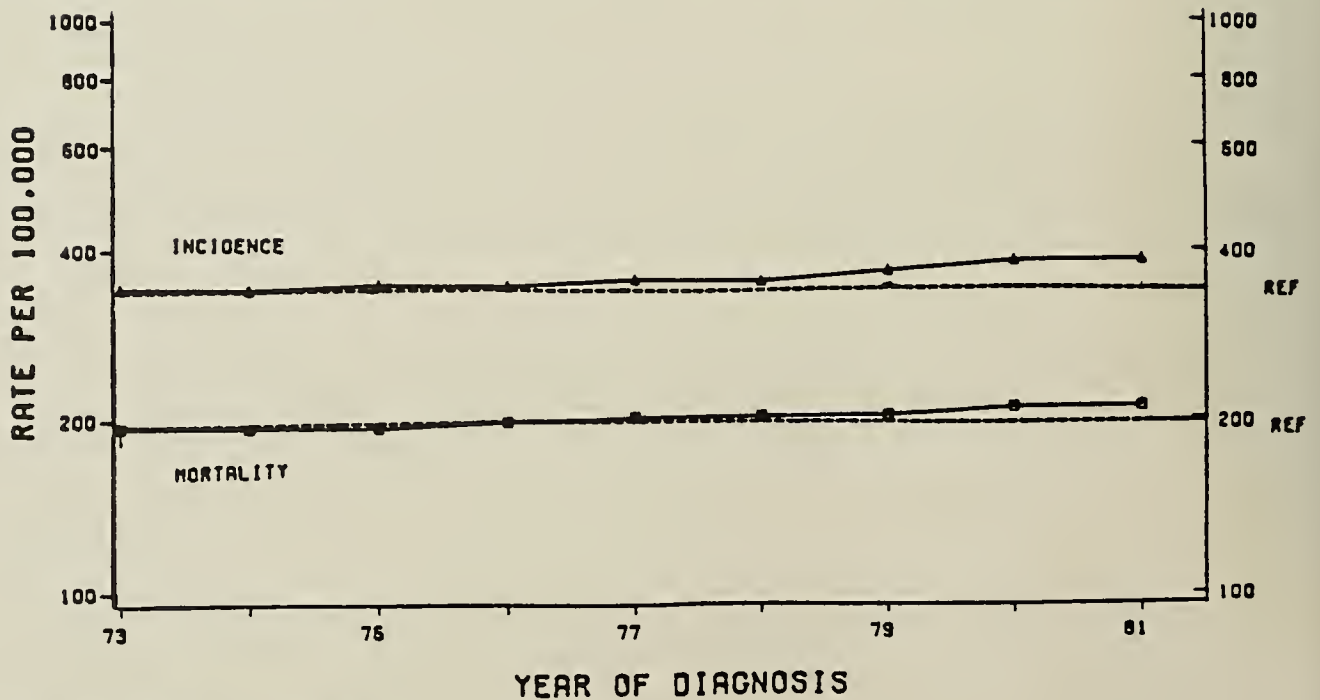
In this section a set of figures are presented that contain incidence, mortality, and five-year survival information by year of diagnosis. Black and white data are shown separately. The first two figures present this data for all sites of cancer, combined, for blacks and whites; these are followed by similar figures for selected cancer sites.

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FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



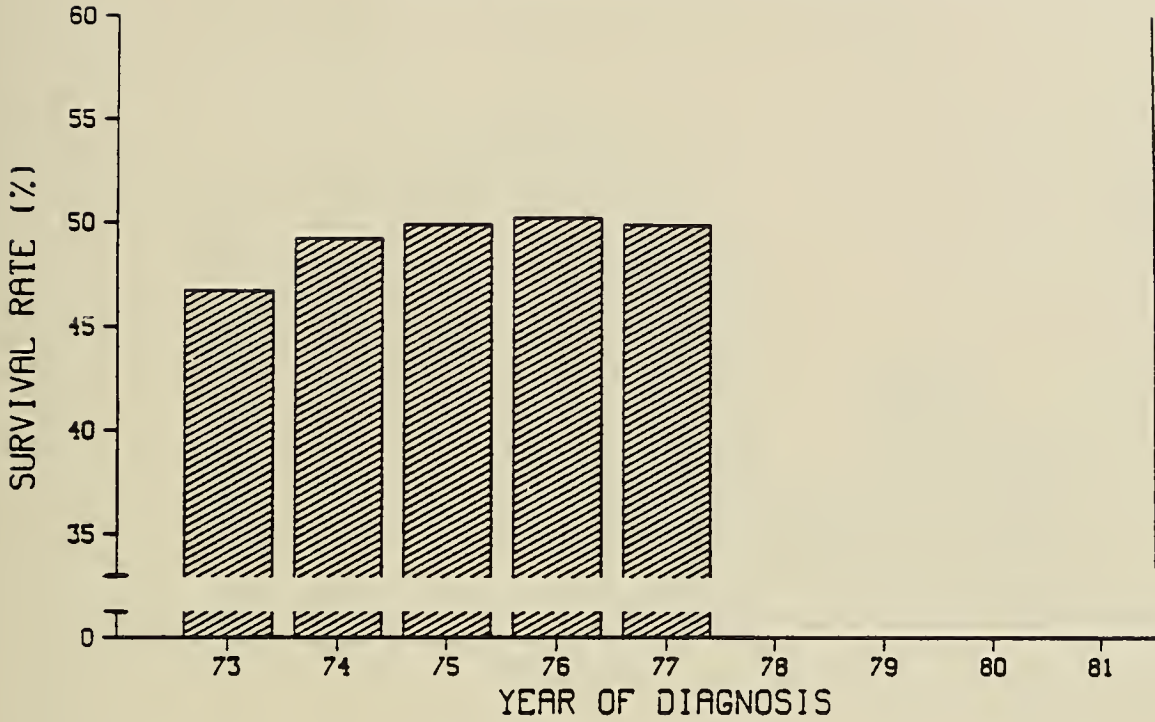
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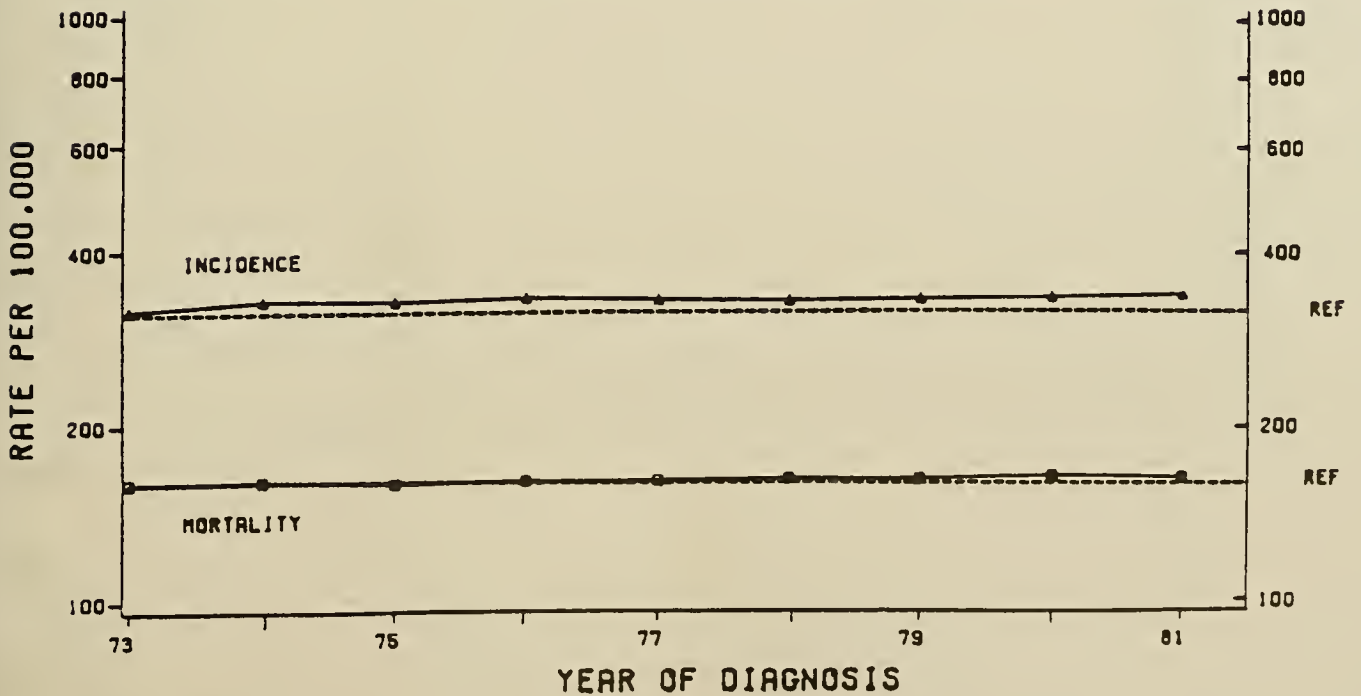
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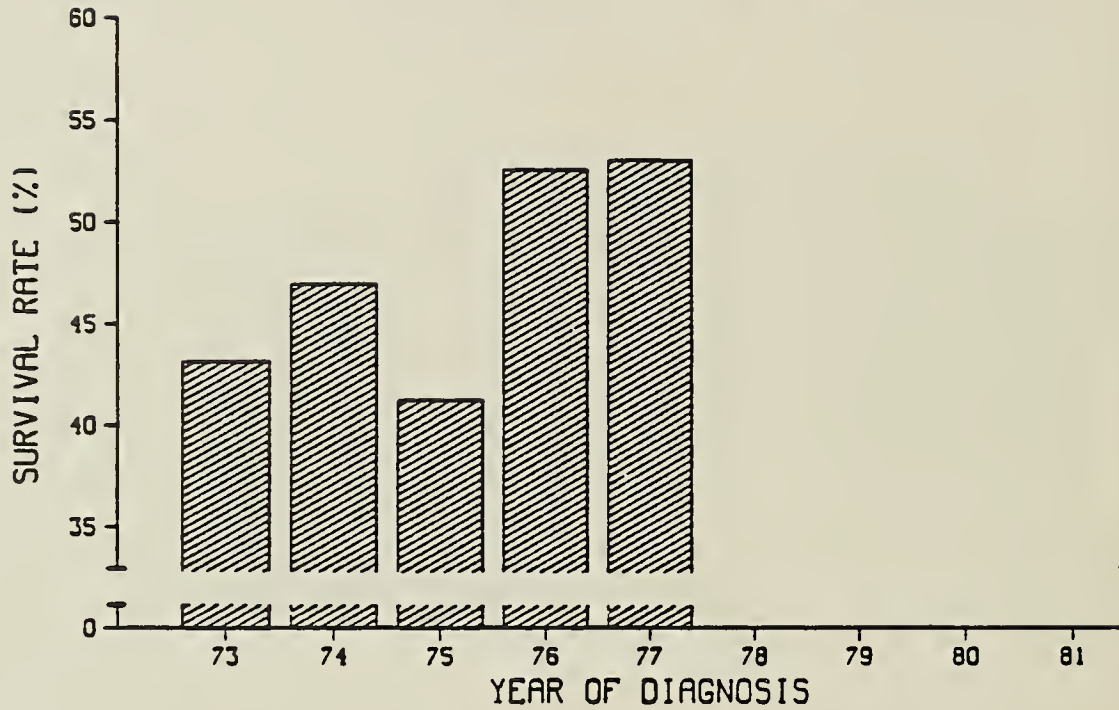


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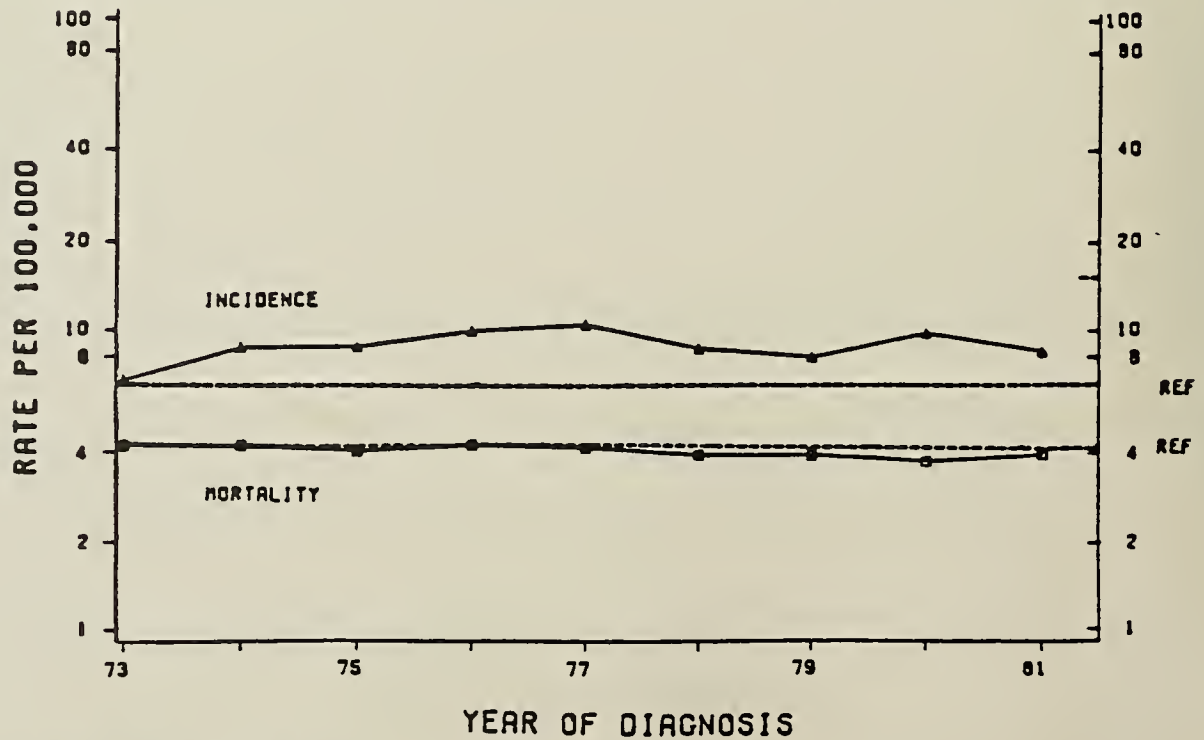


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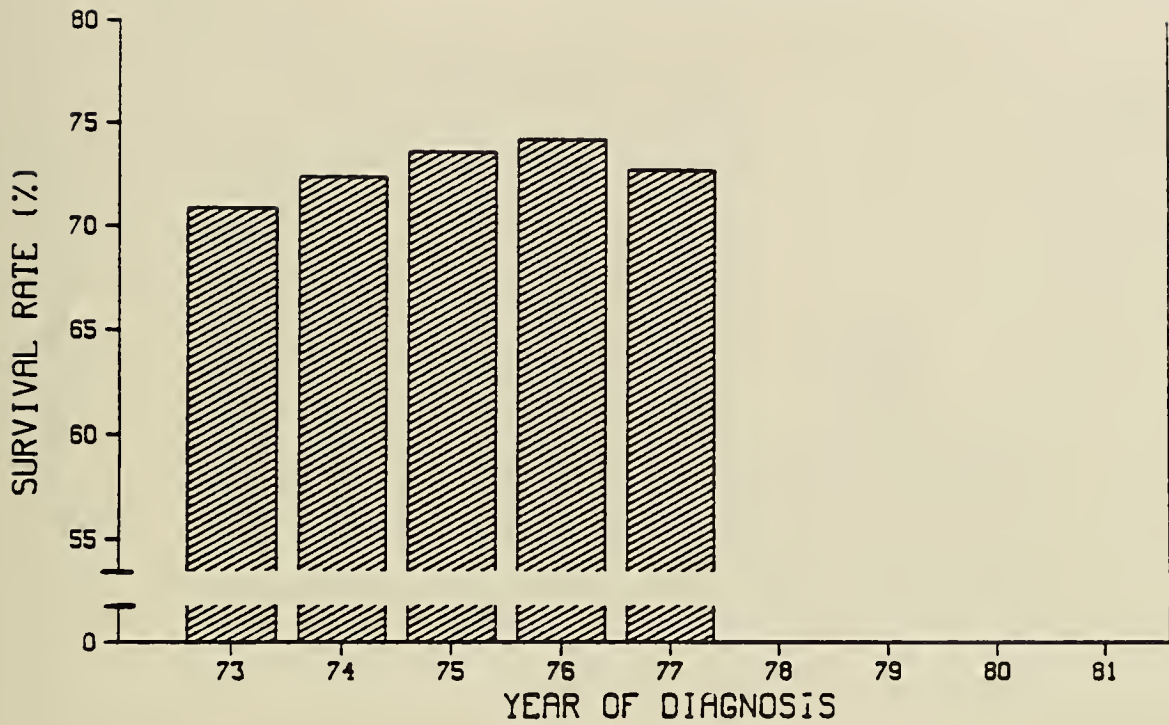
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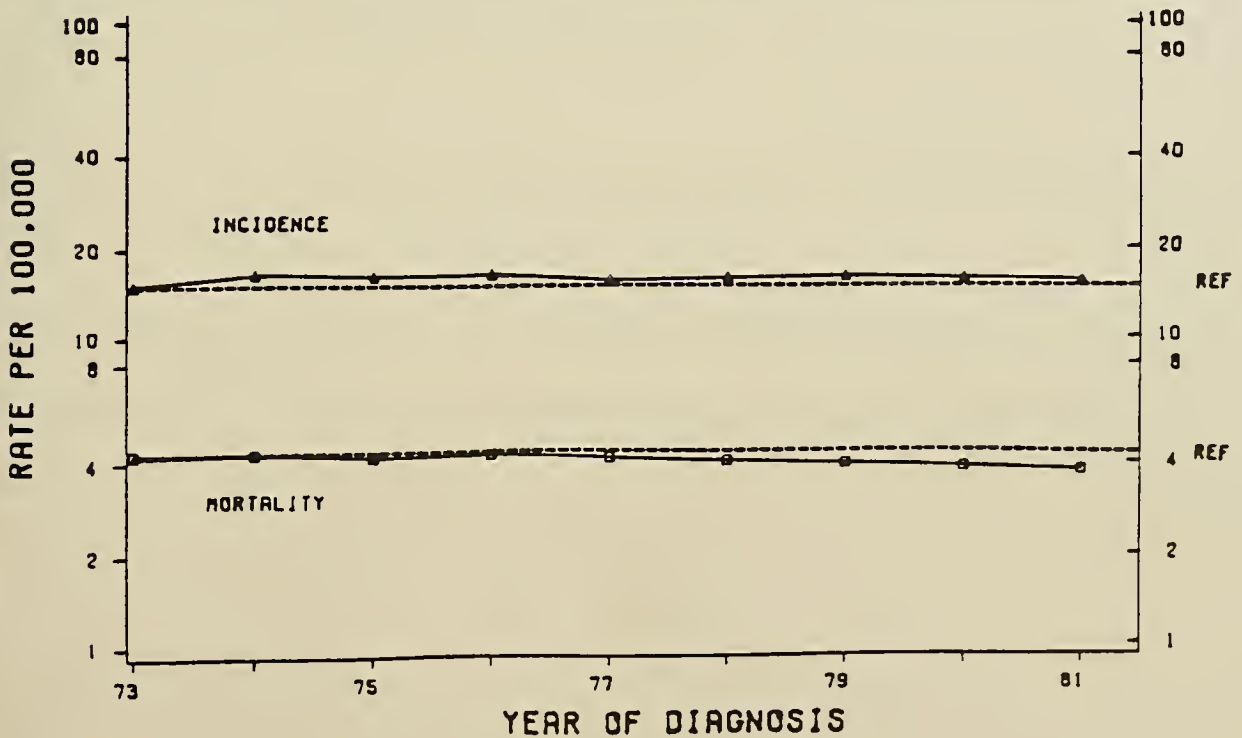
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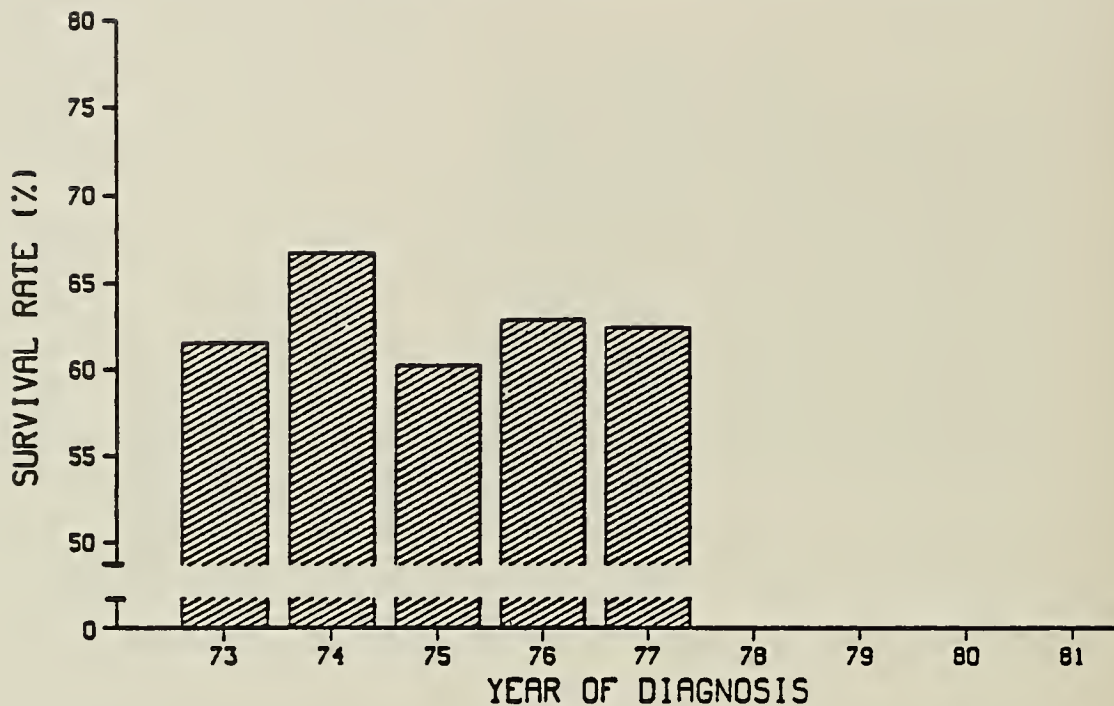


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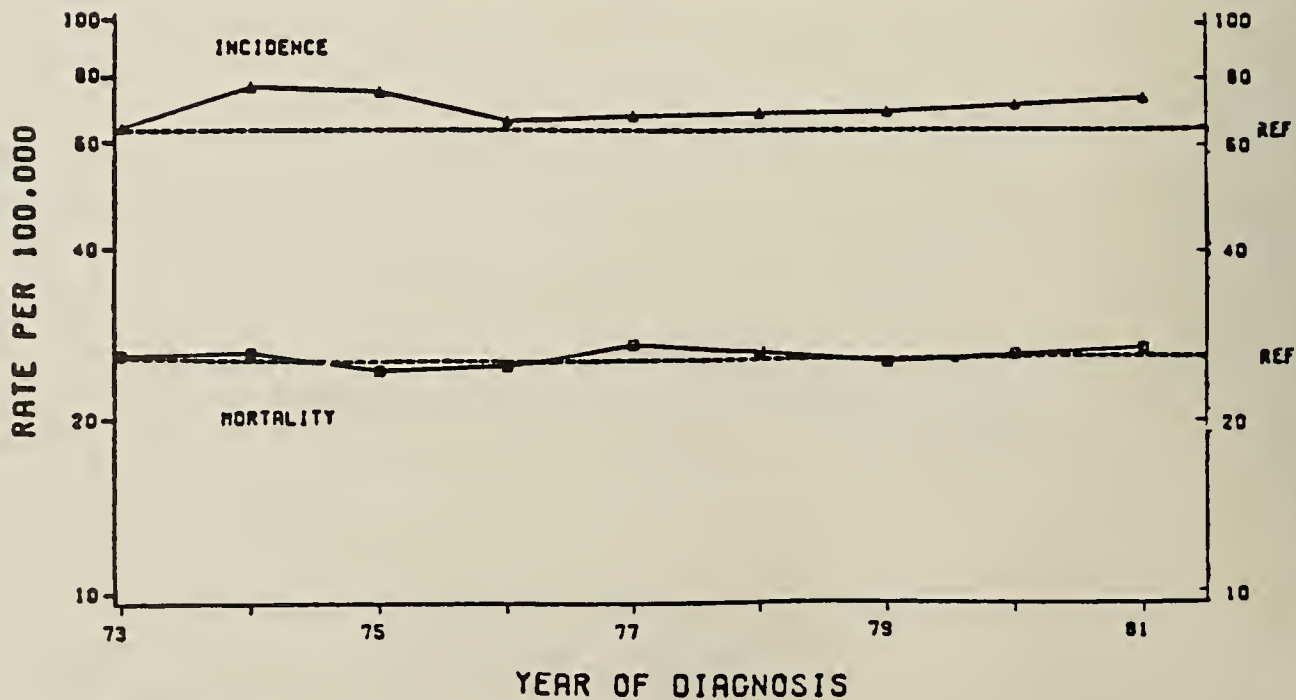


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FIVE YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATES



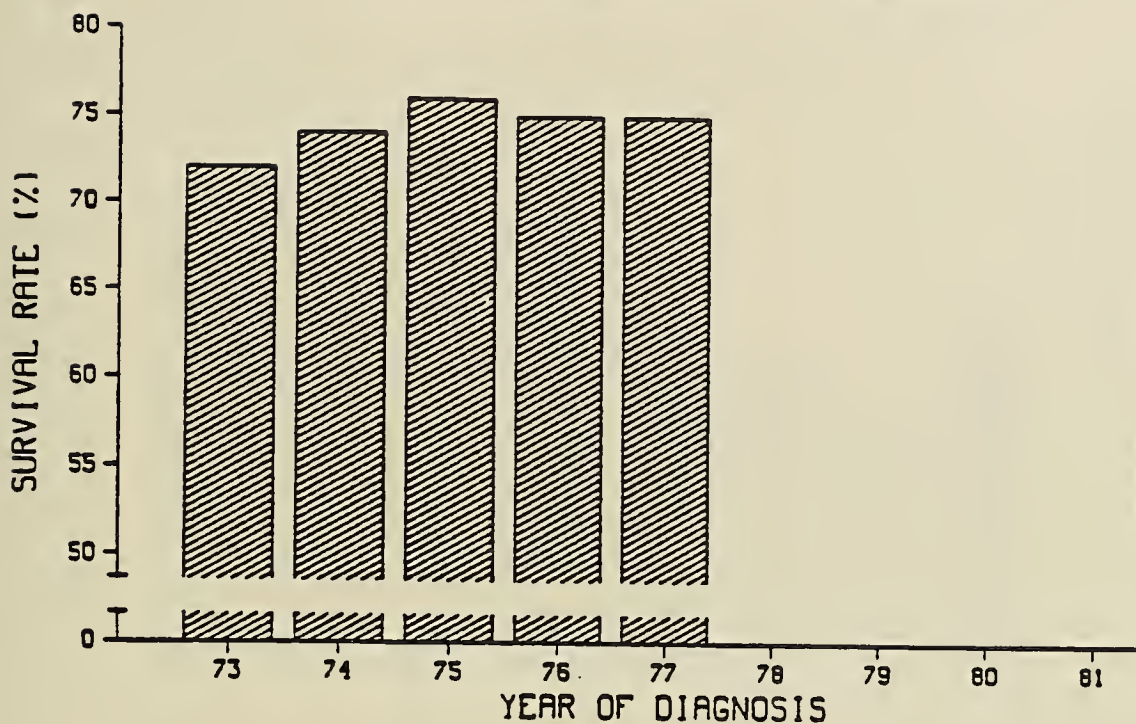
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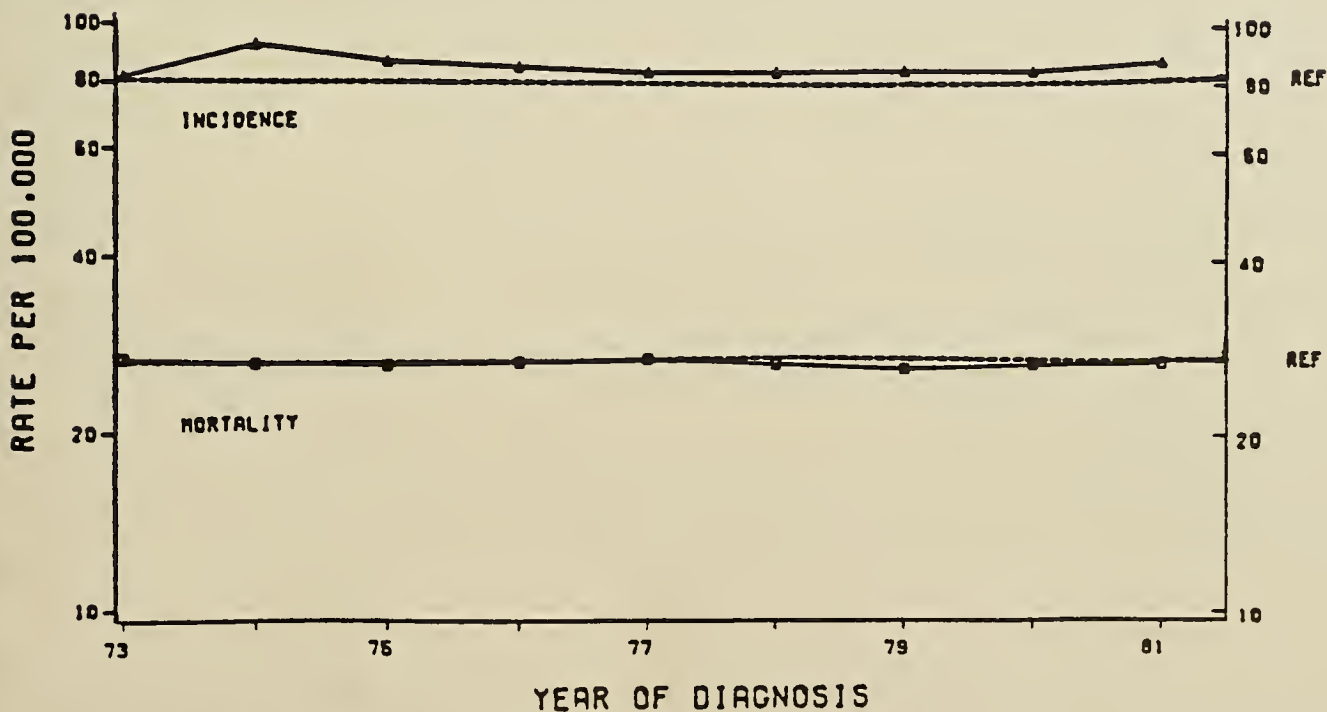
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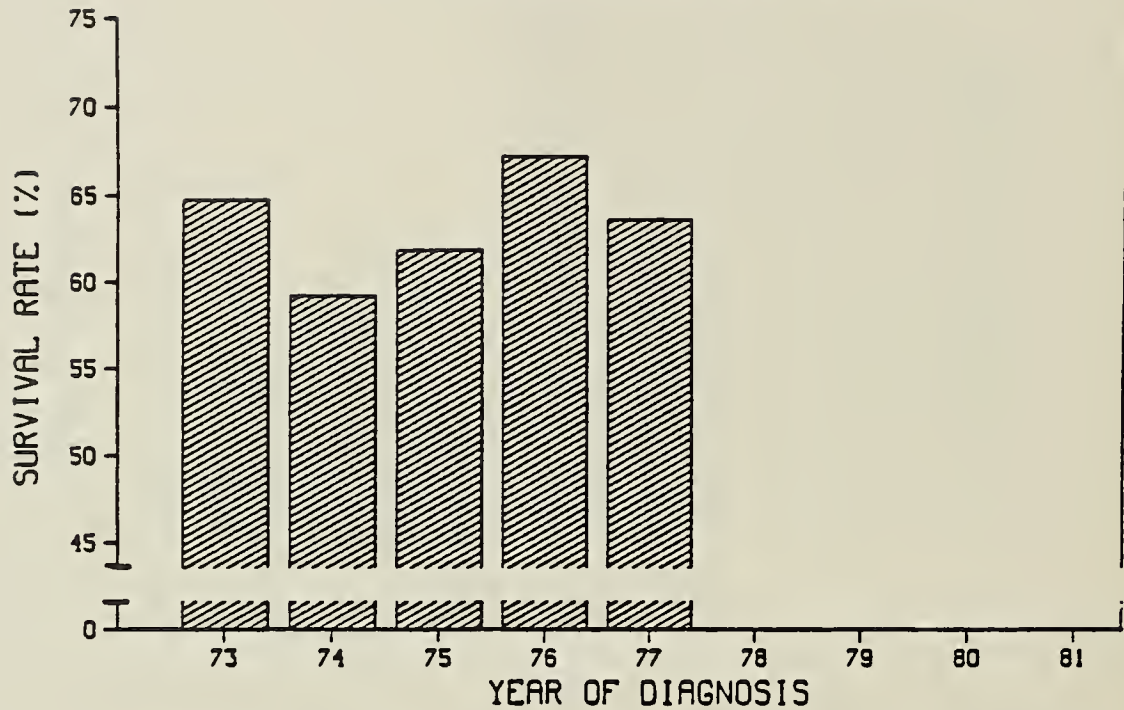
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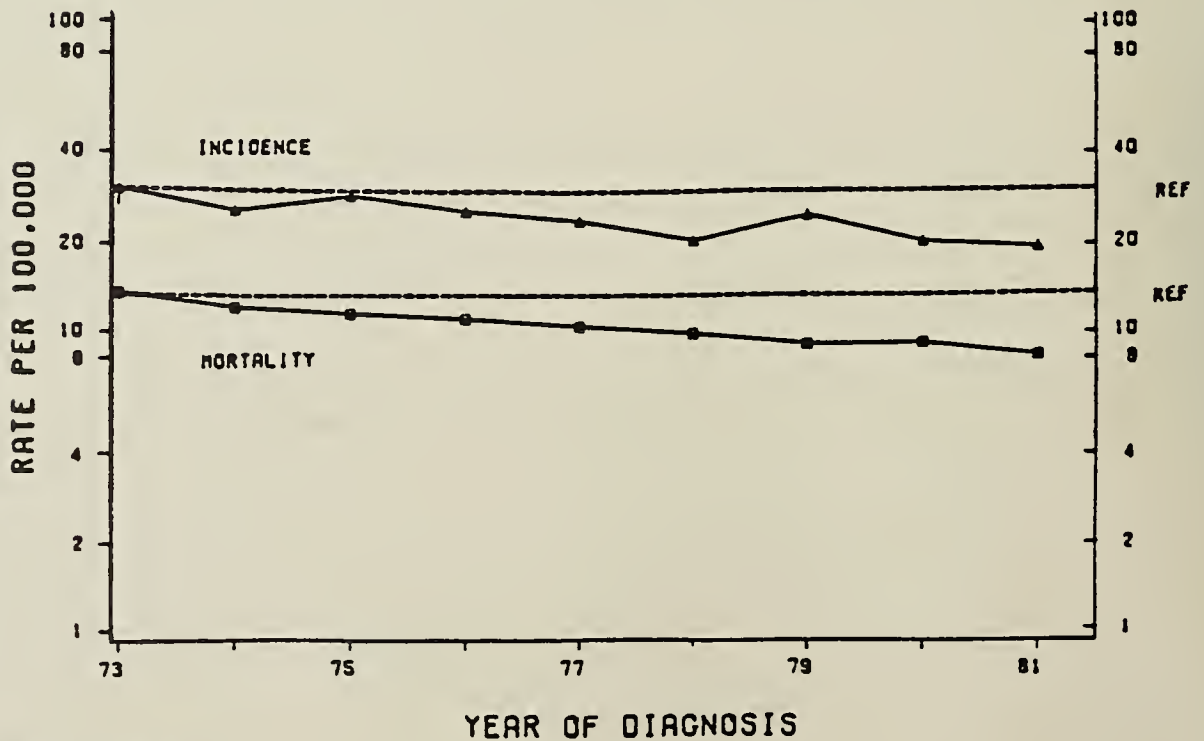
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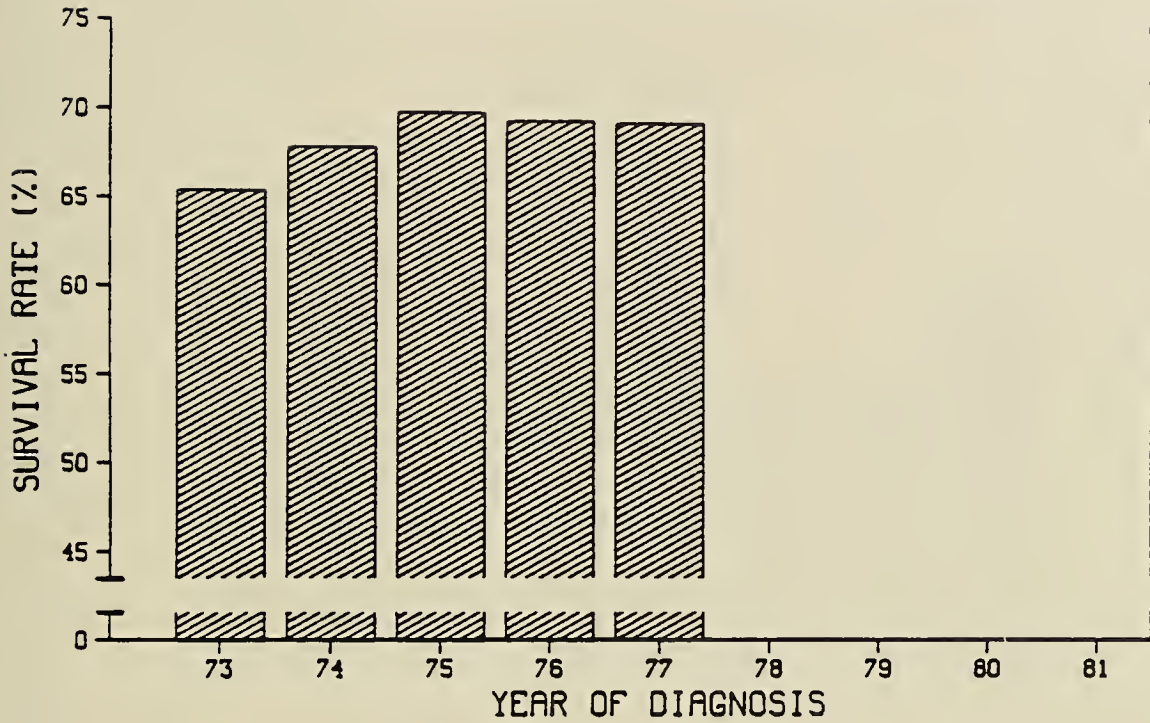
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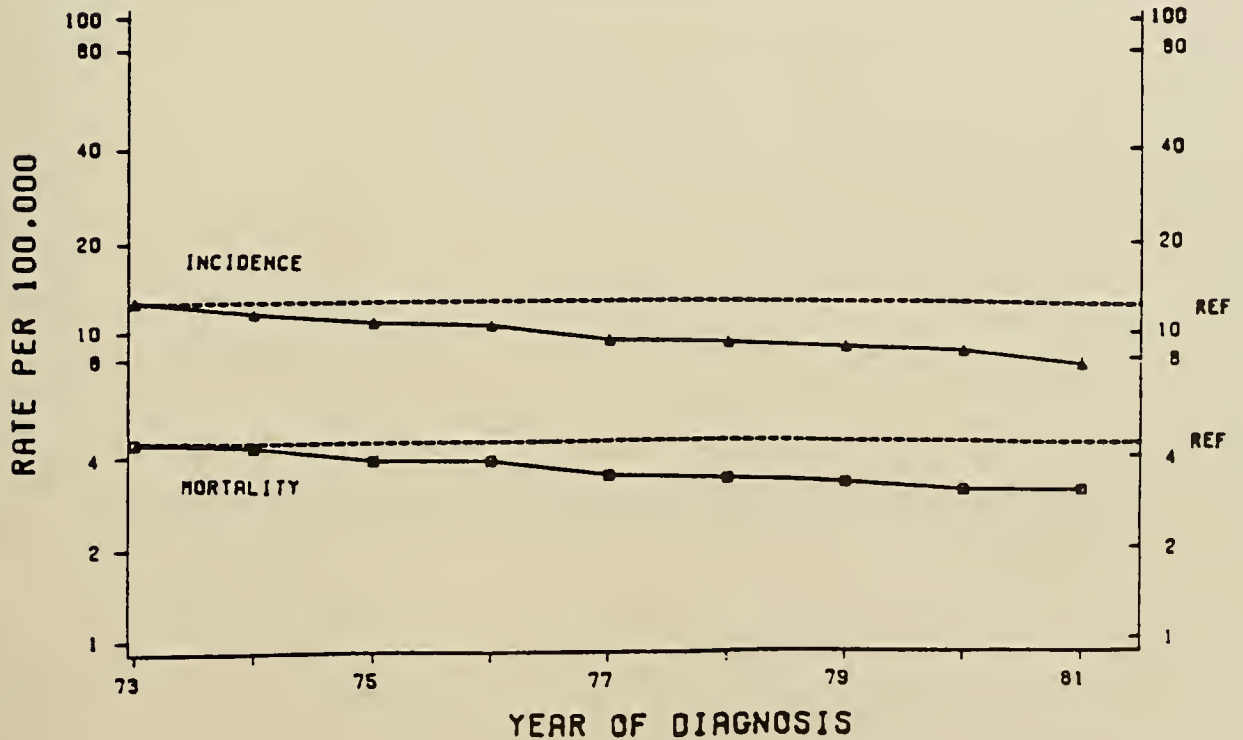
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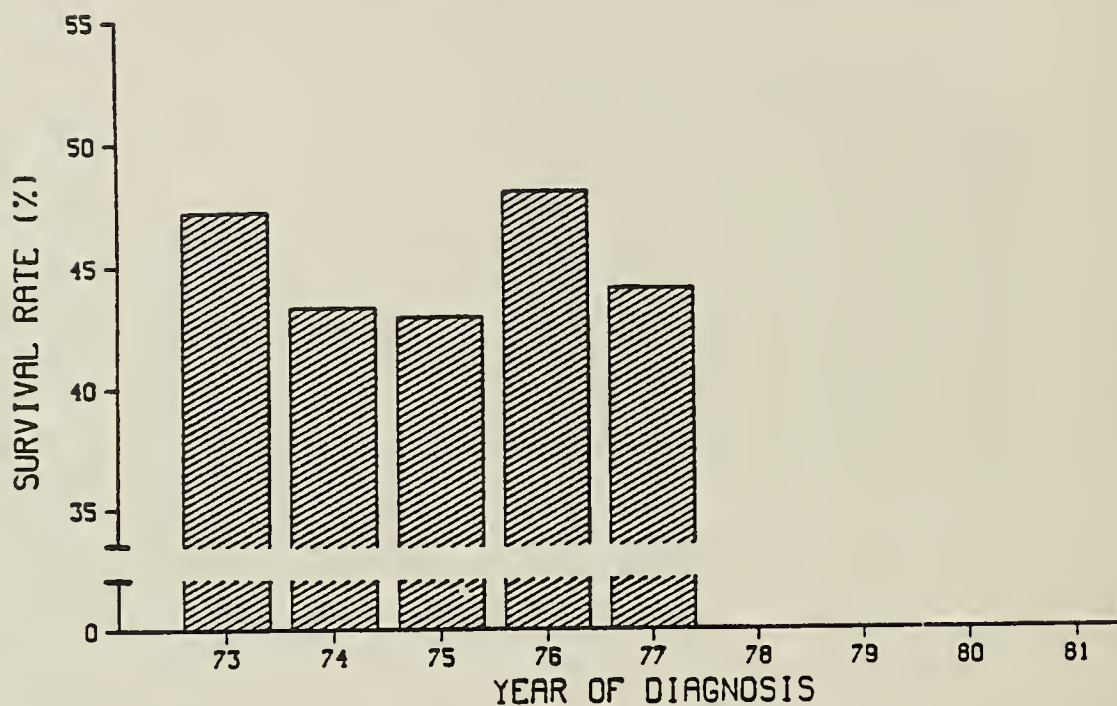


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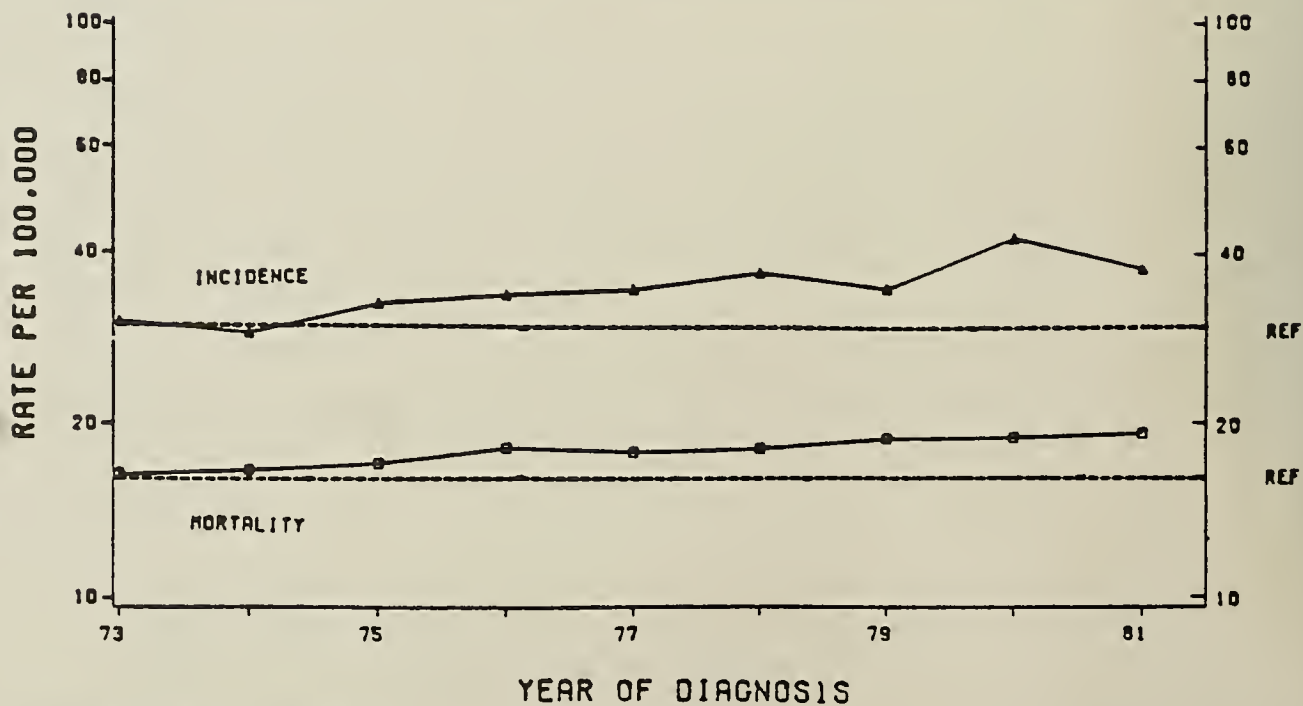


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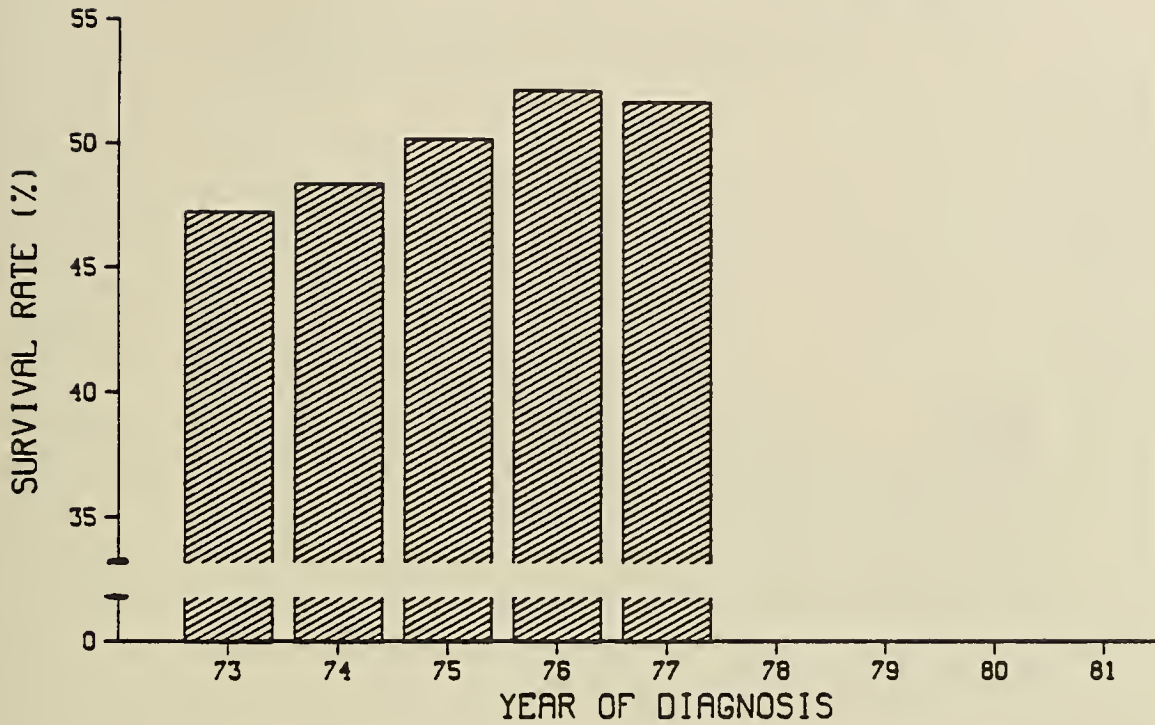
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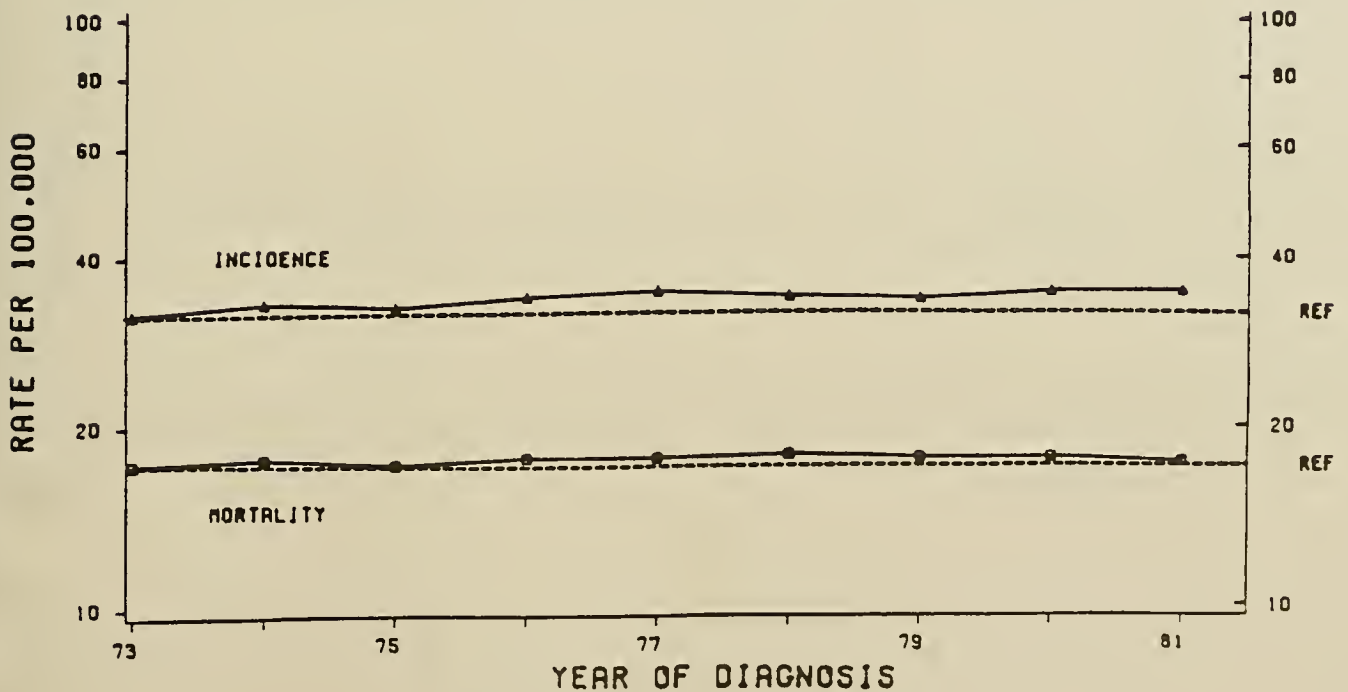
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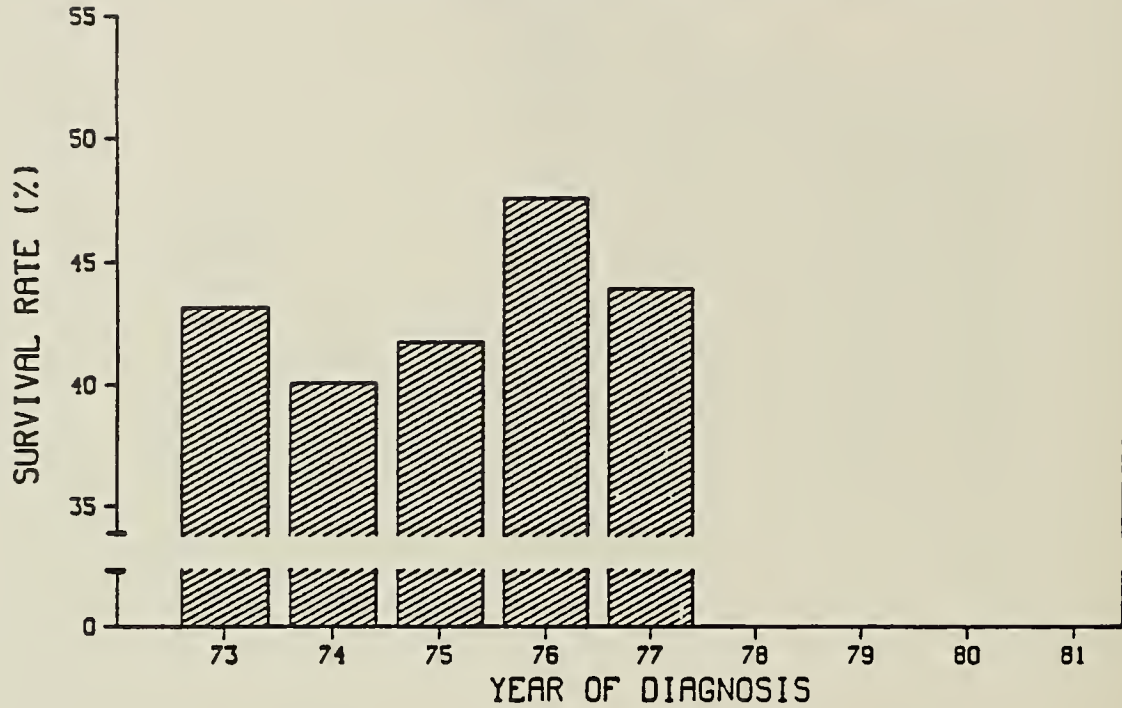


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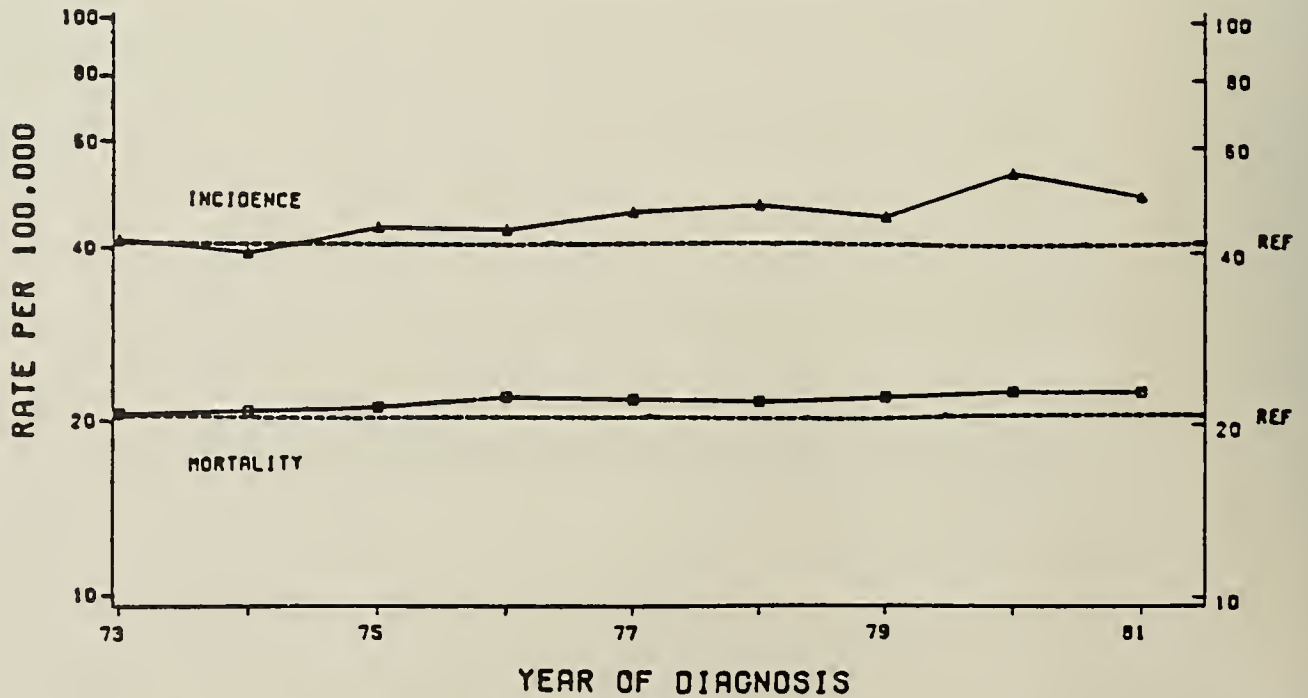


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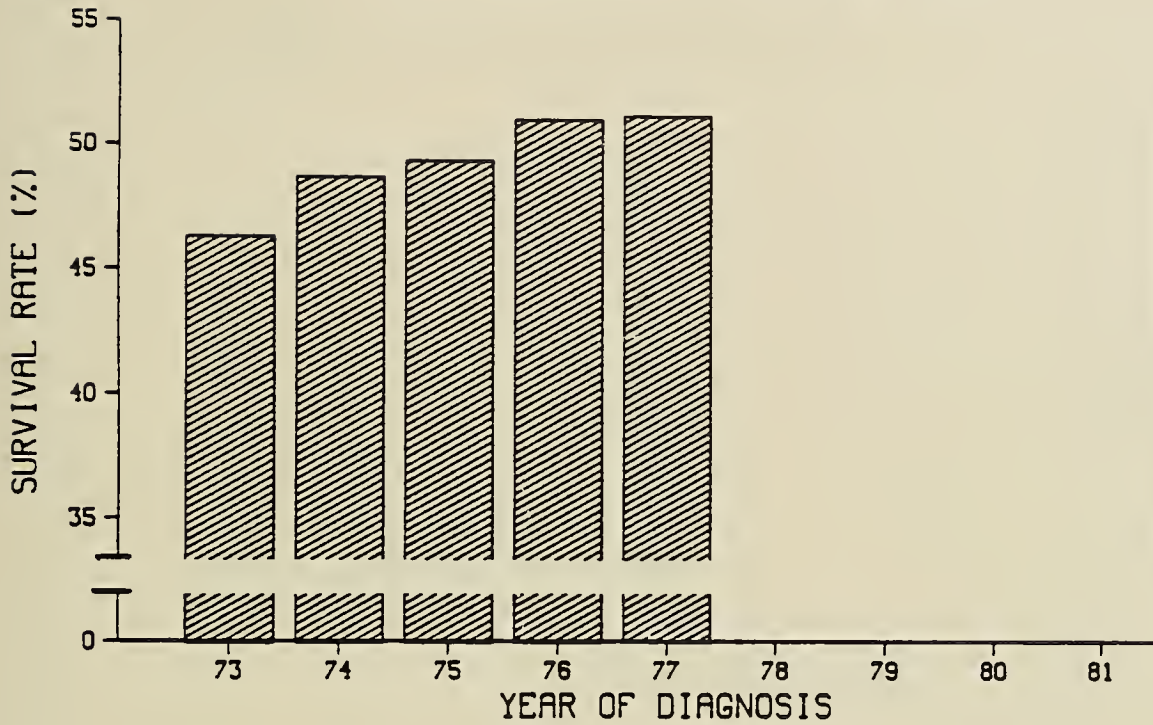
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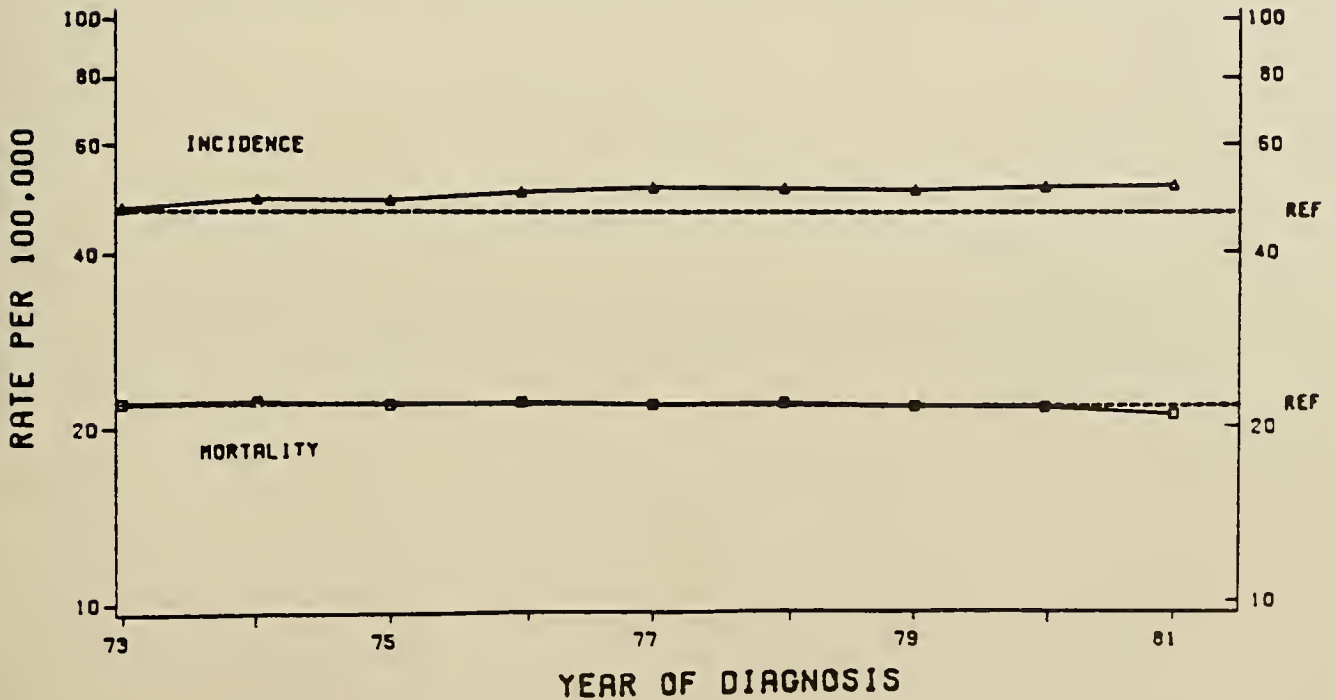
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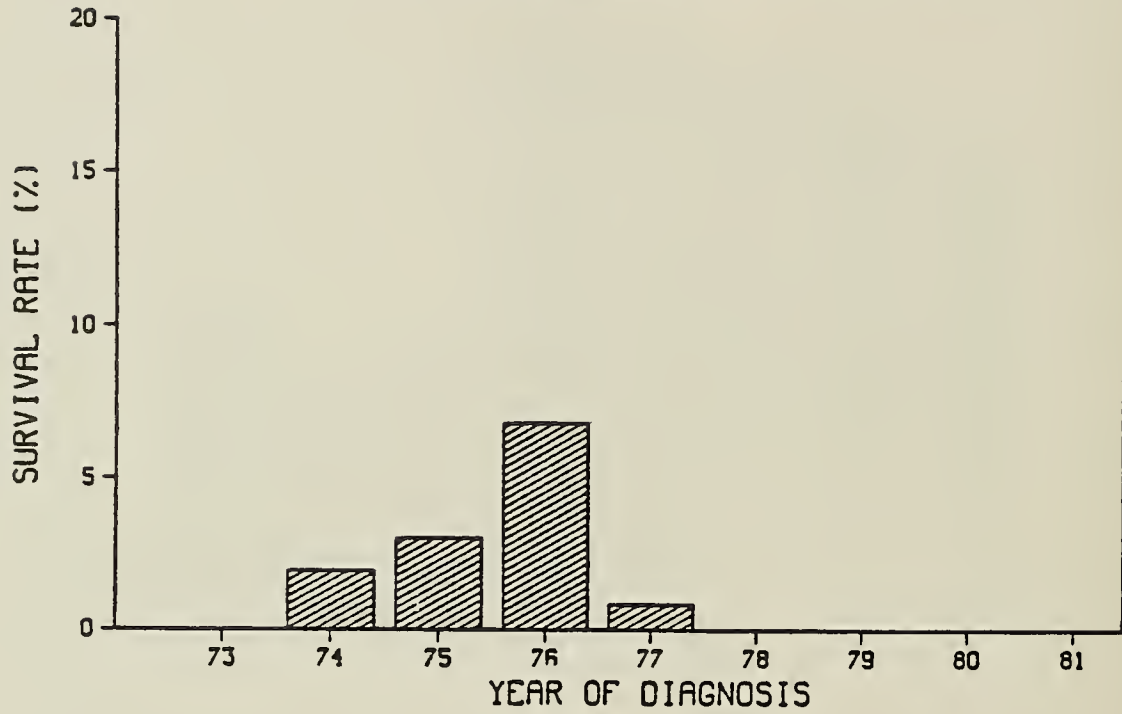


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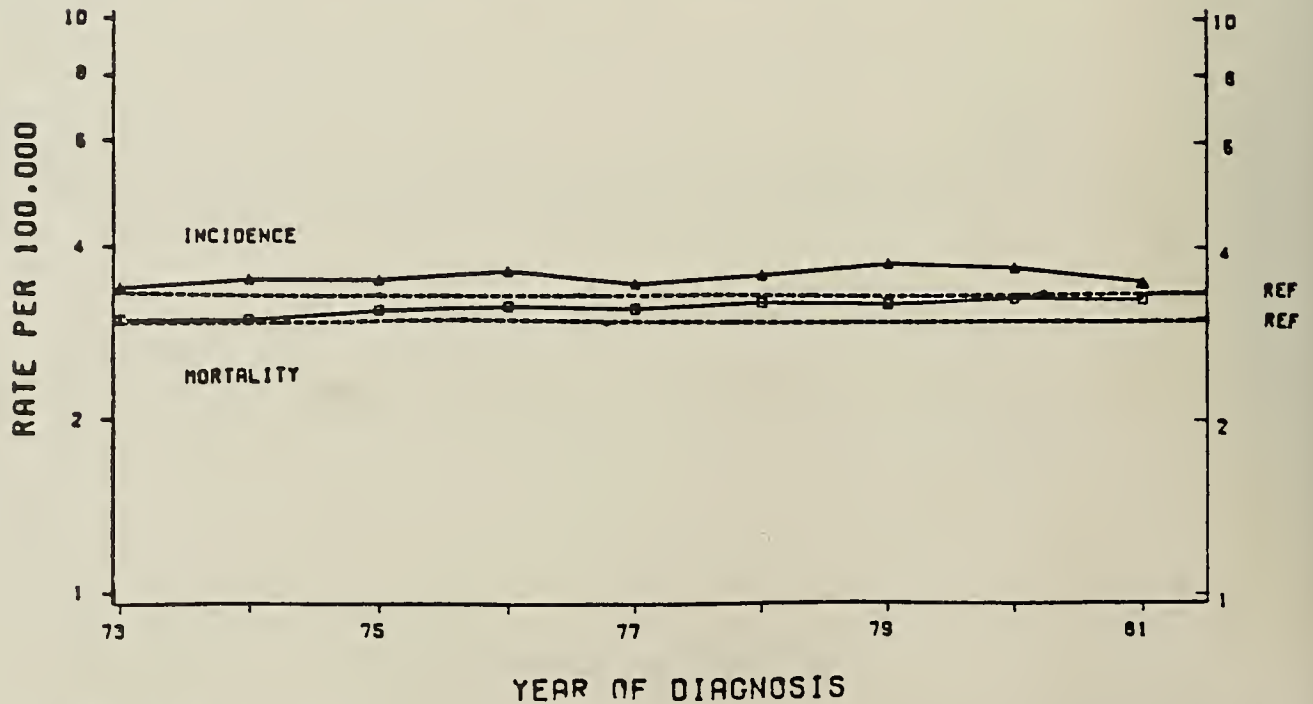


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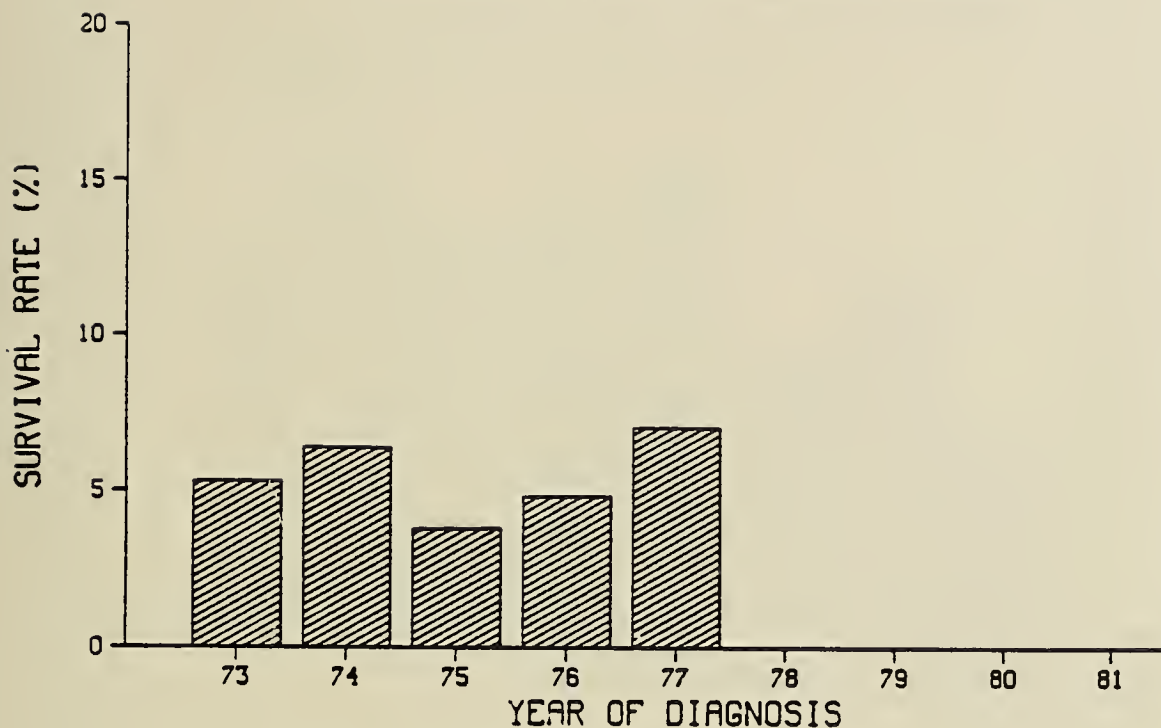
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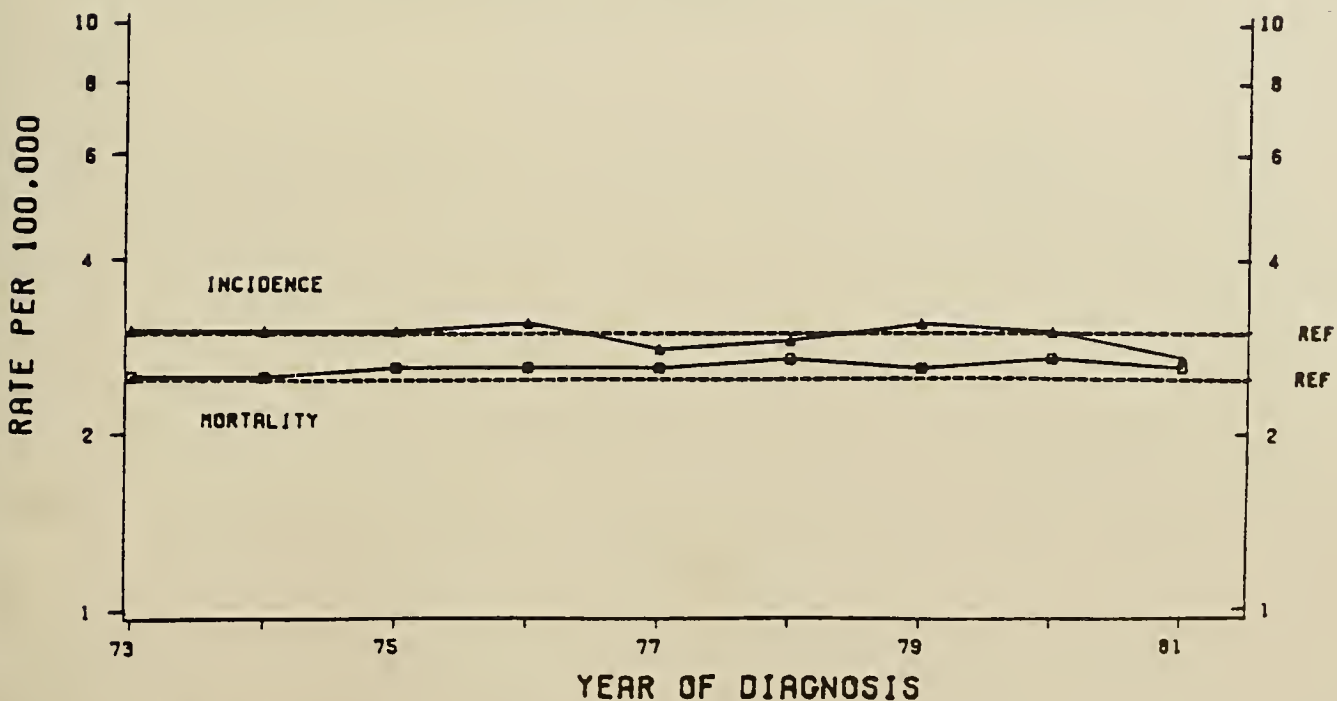
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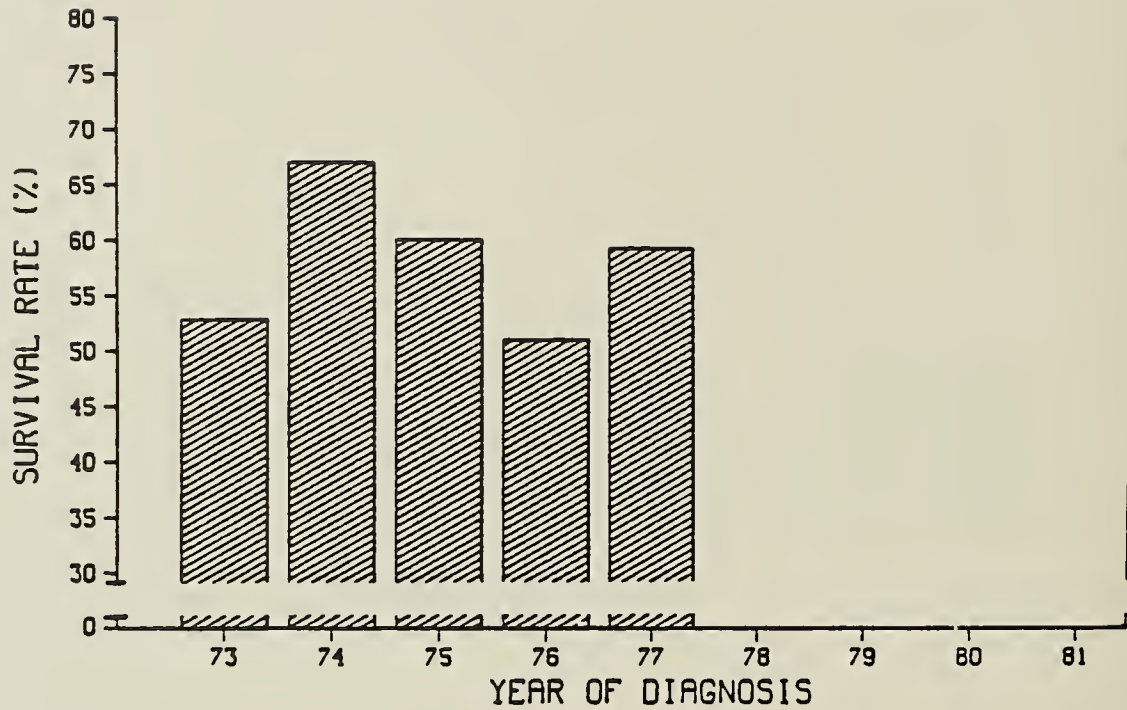
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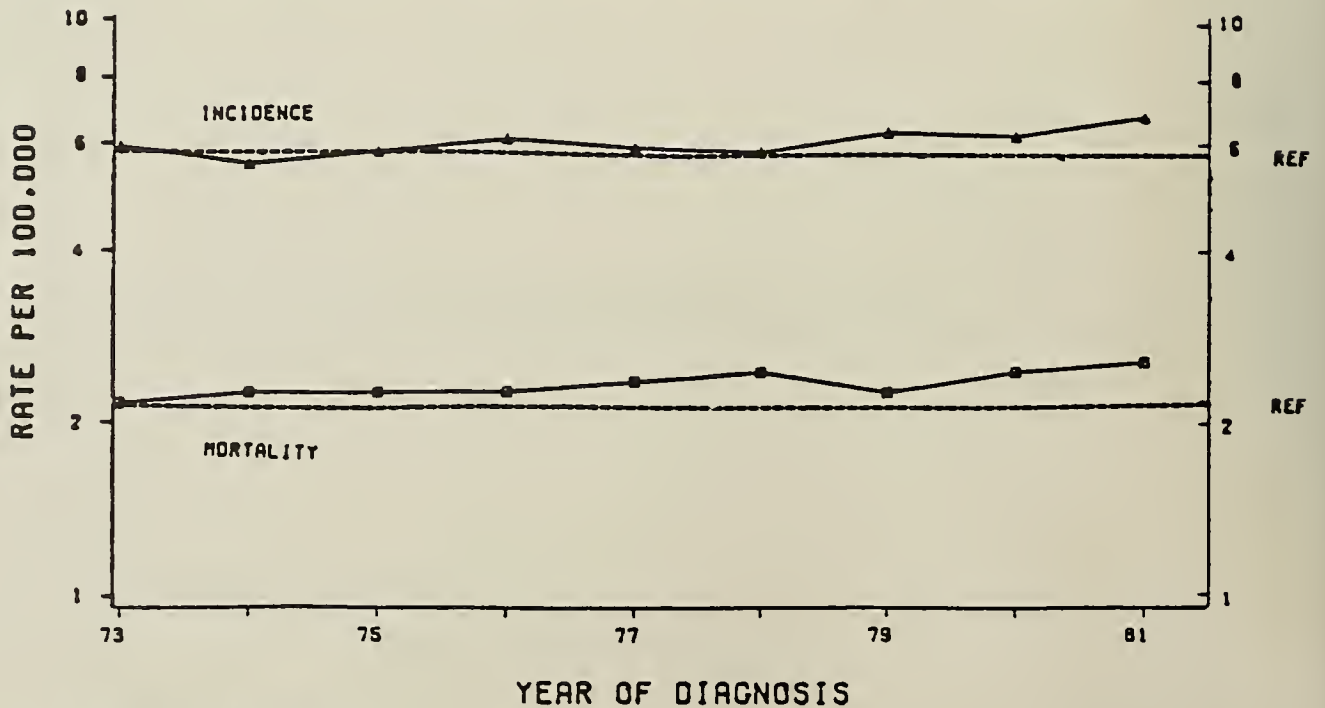
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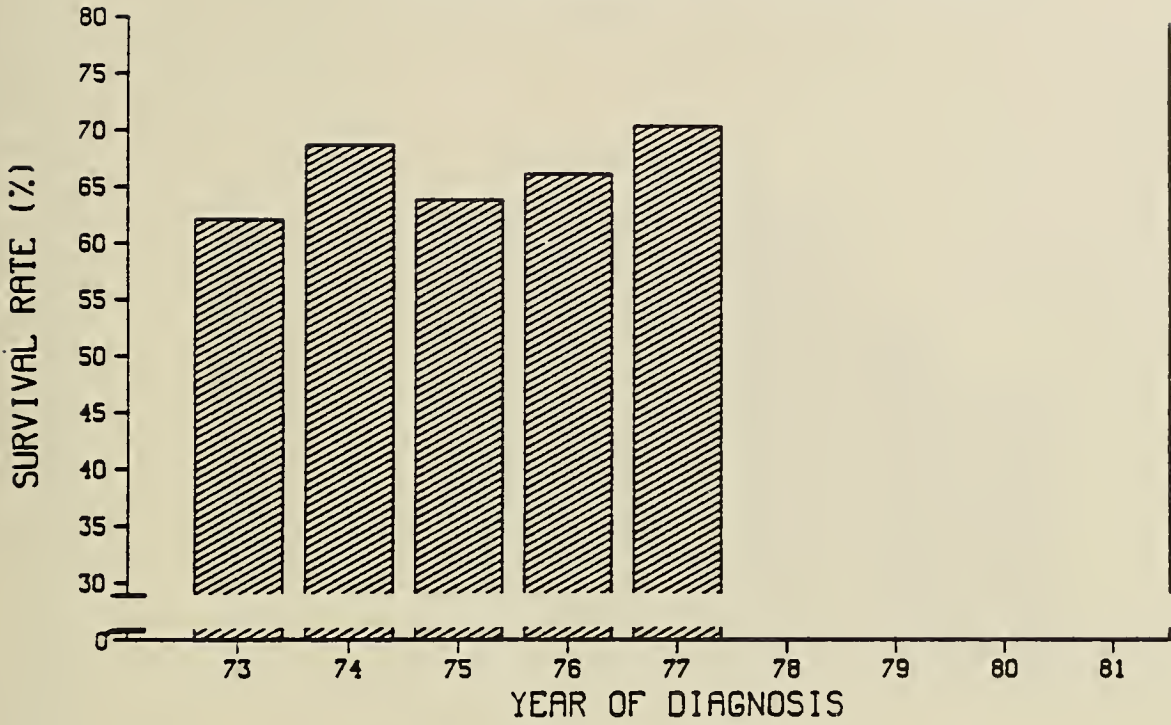
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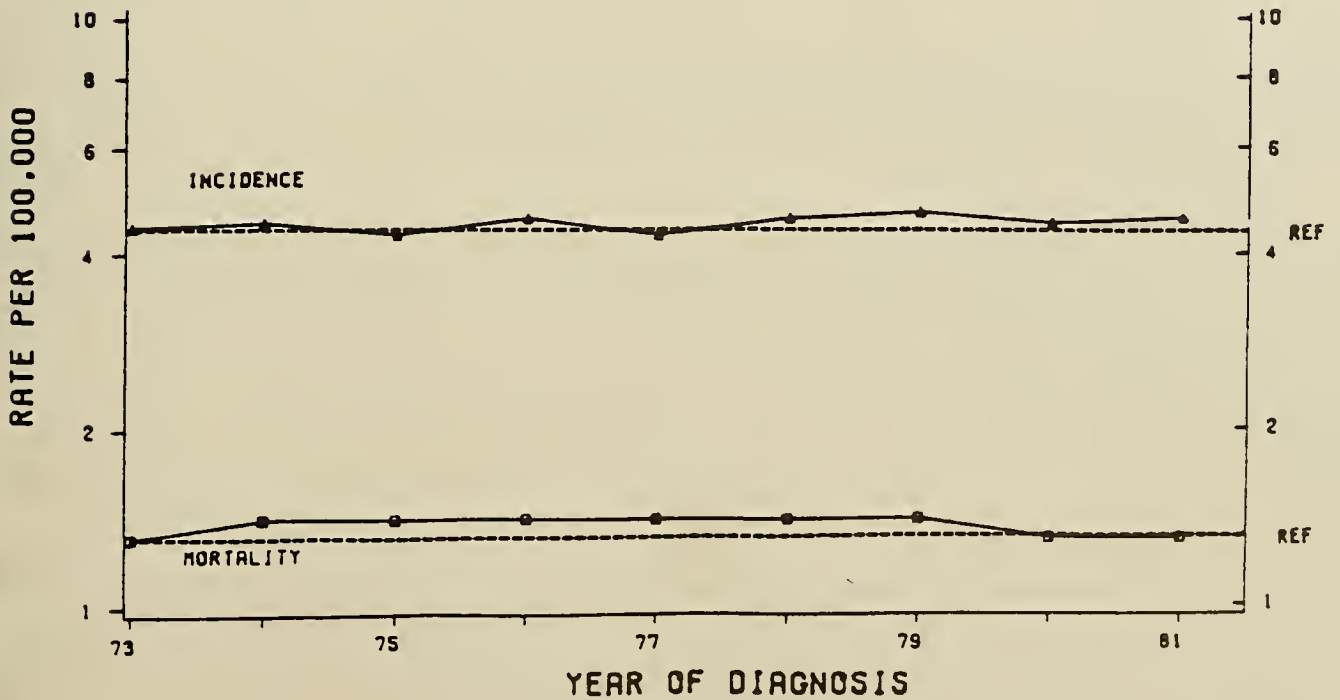
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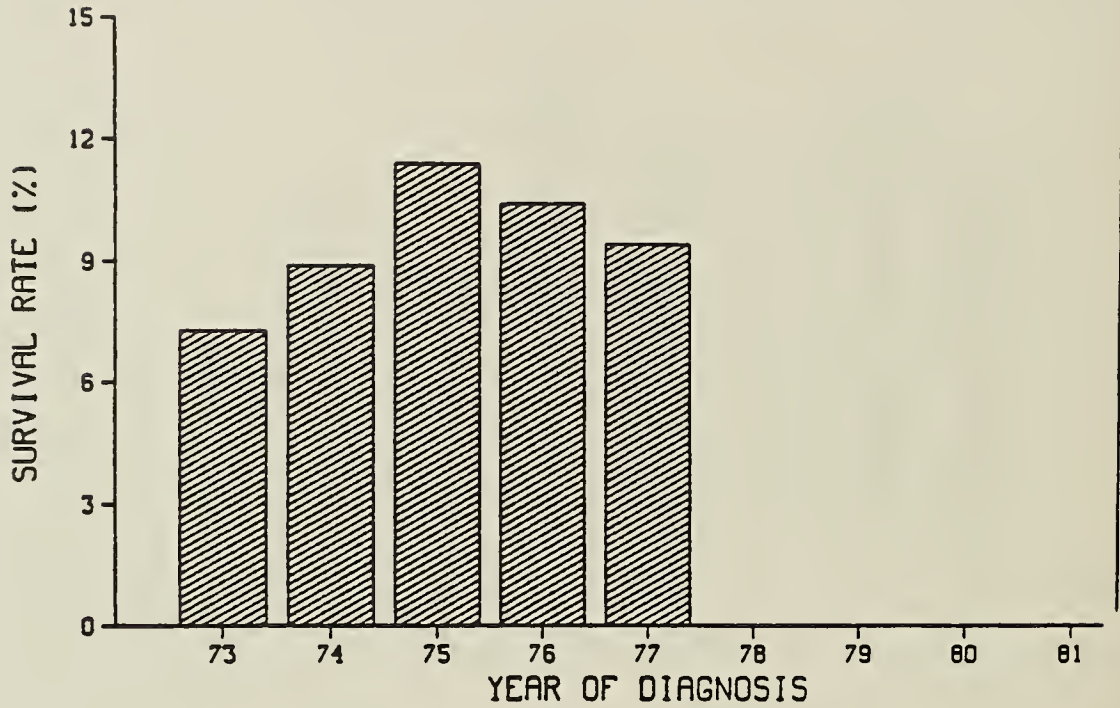
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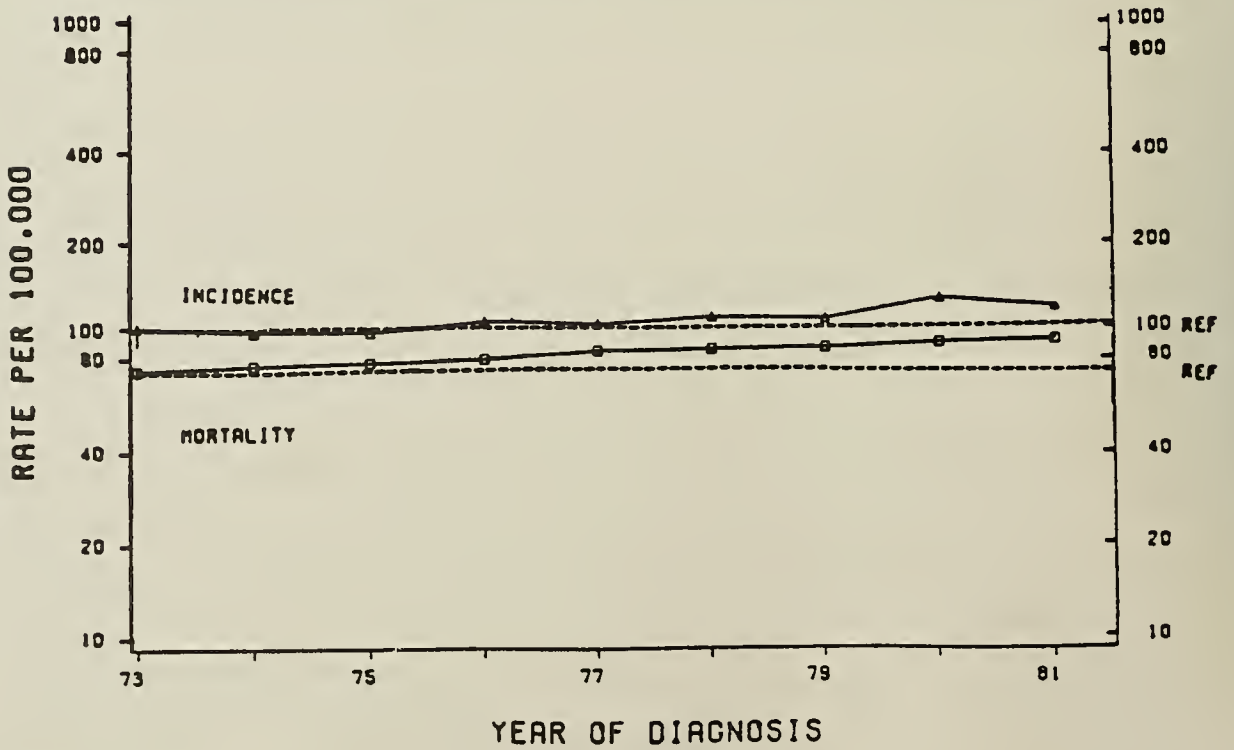
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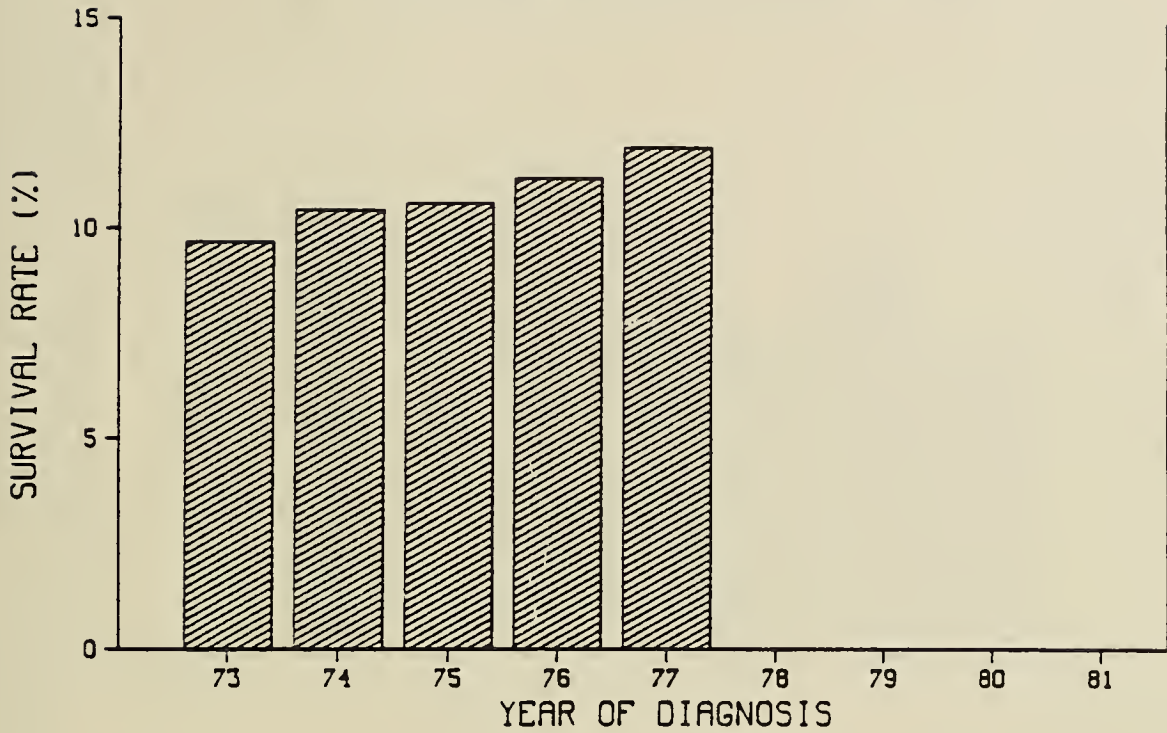
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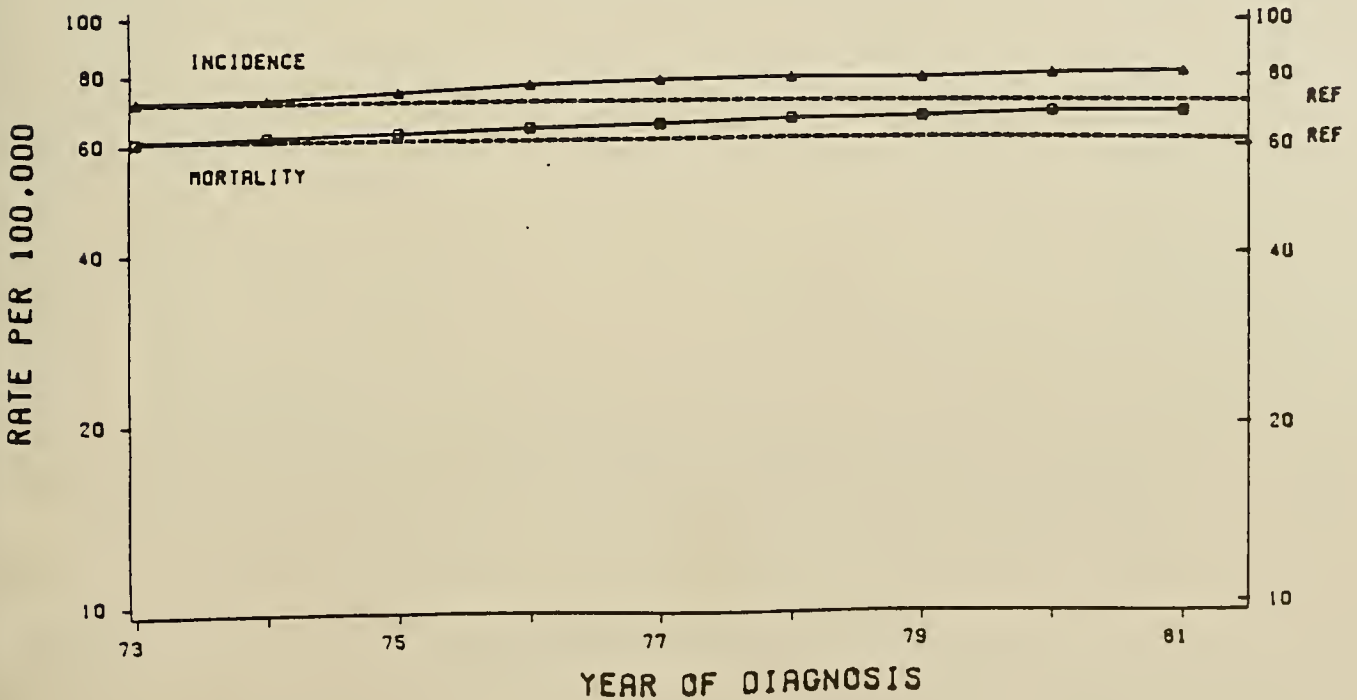
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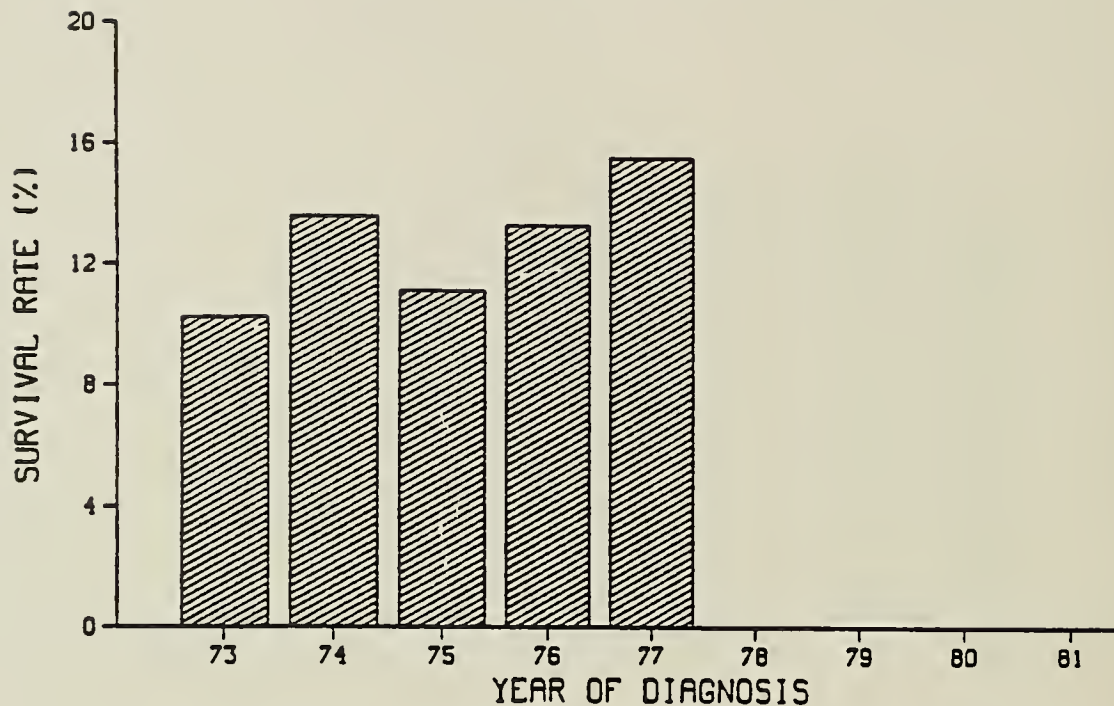
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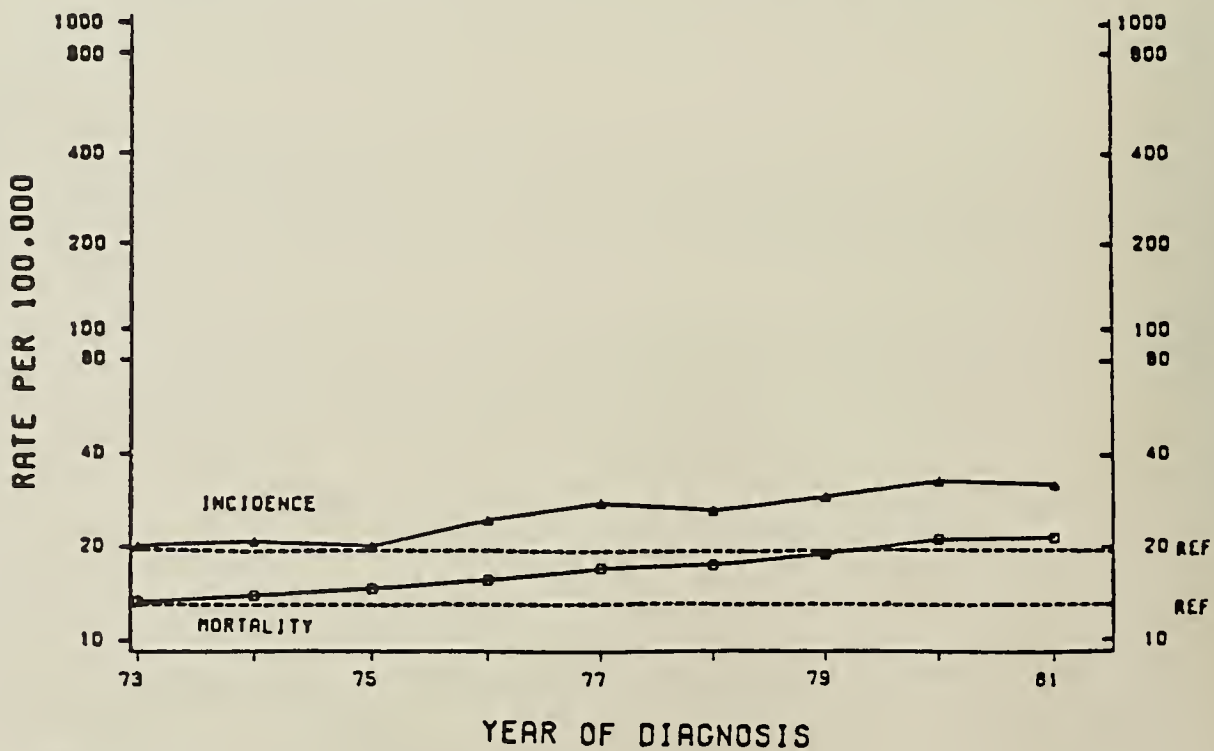
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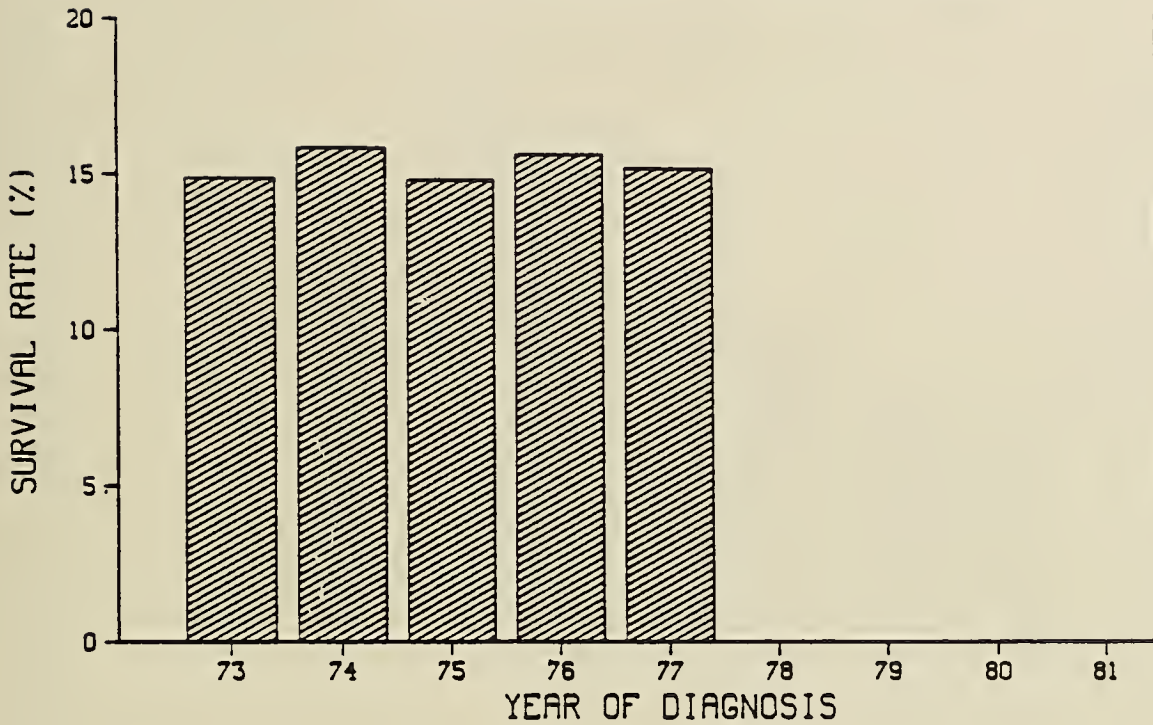
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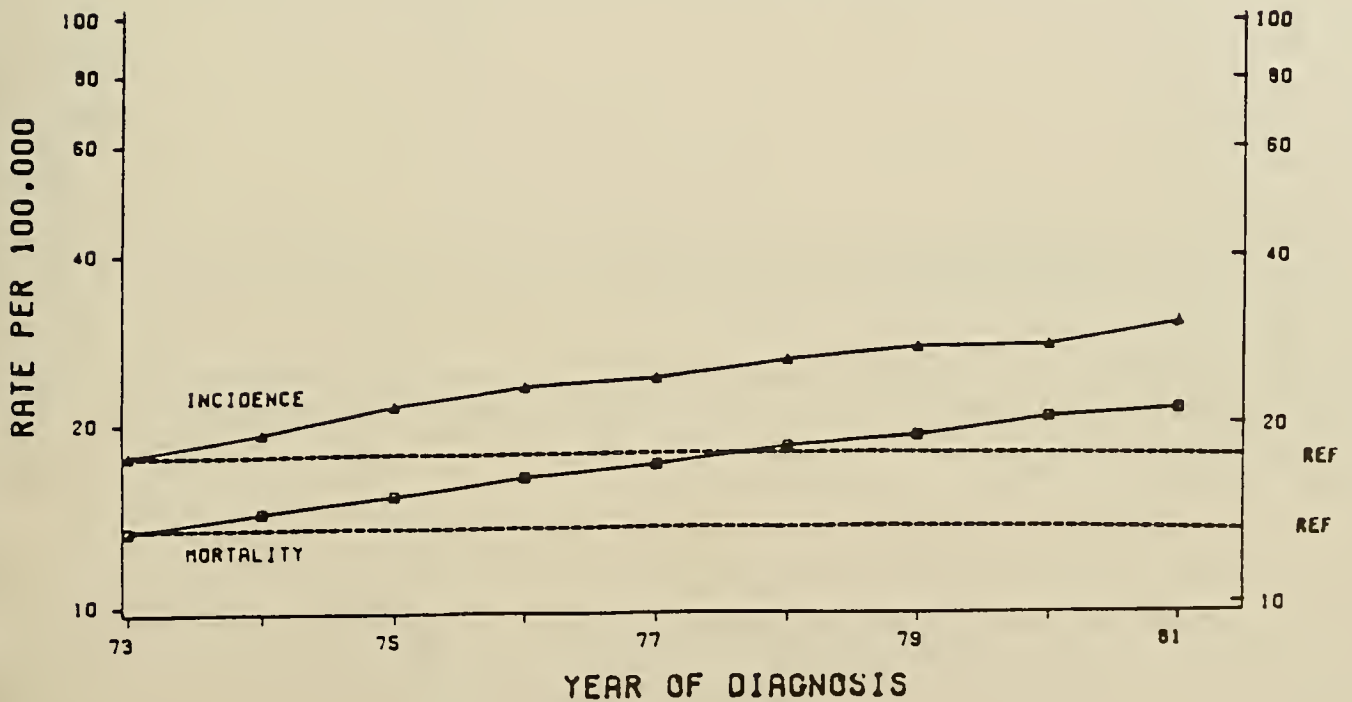
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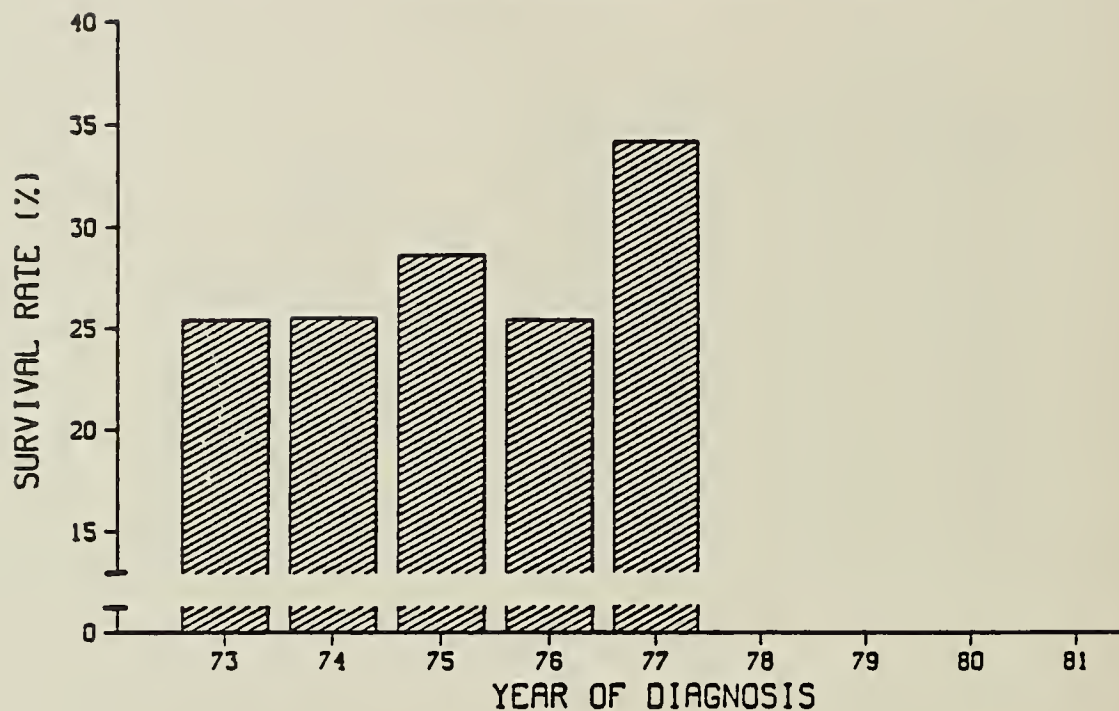


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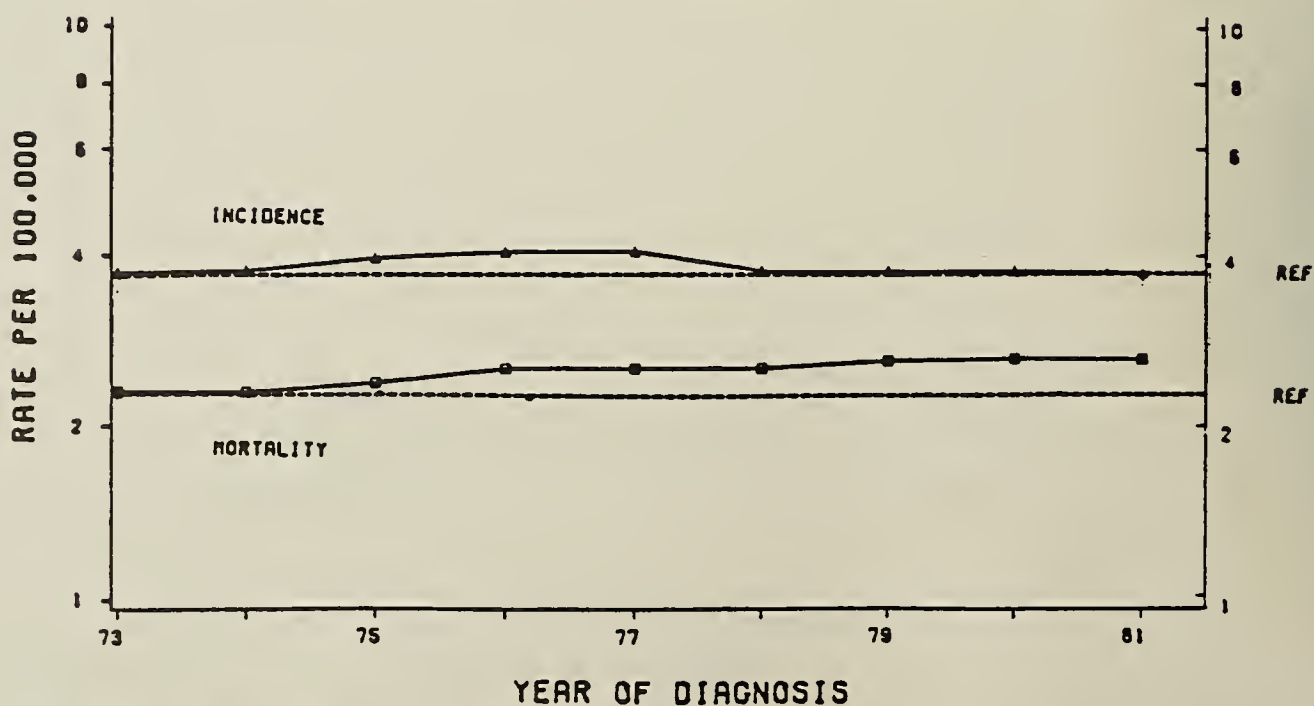


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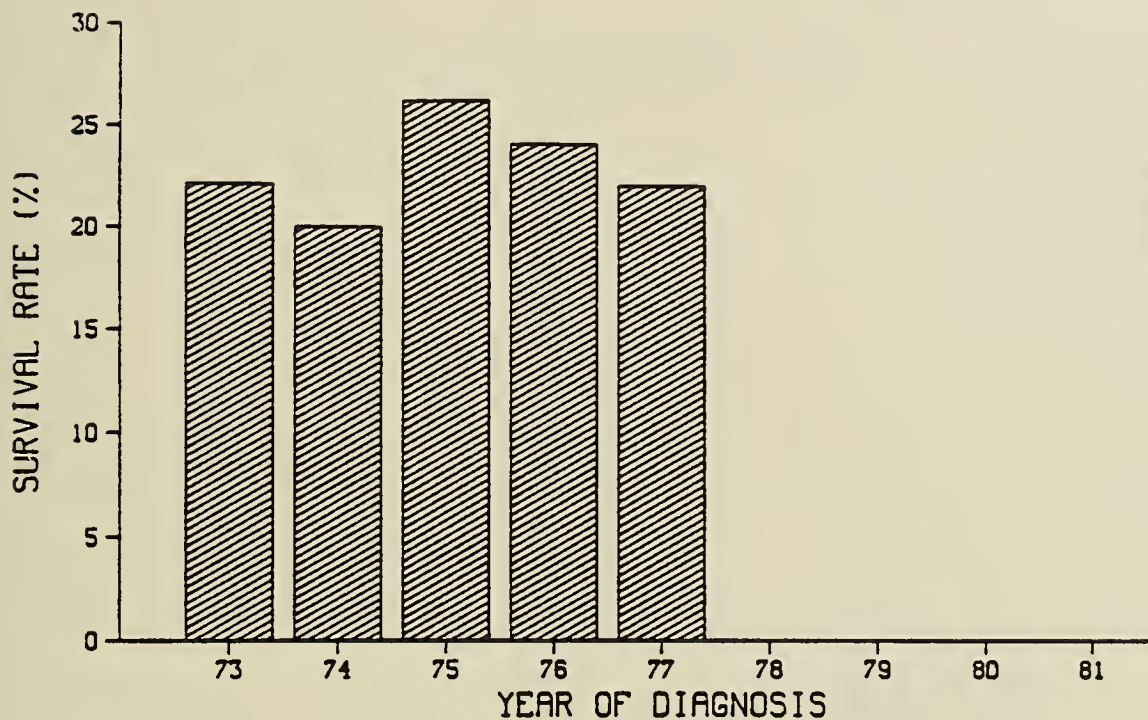
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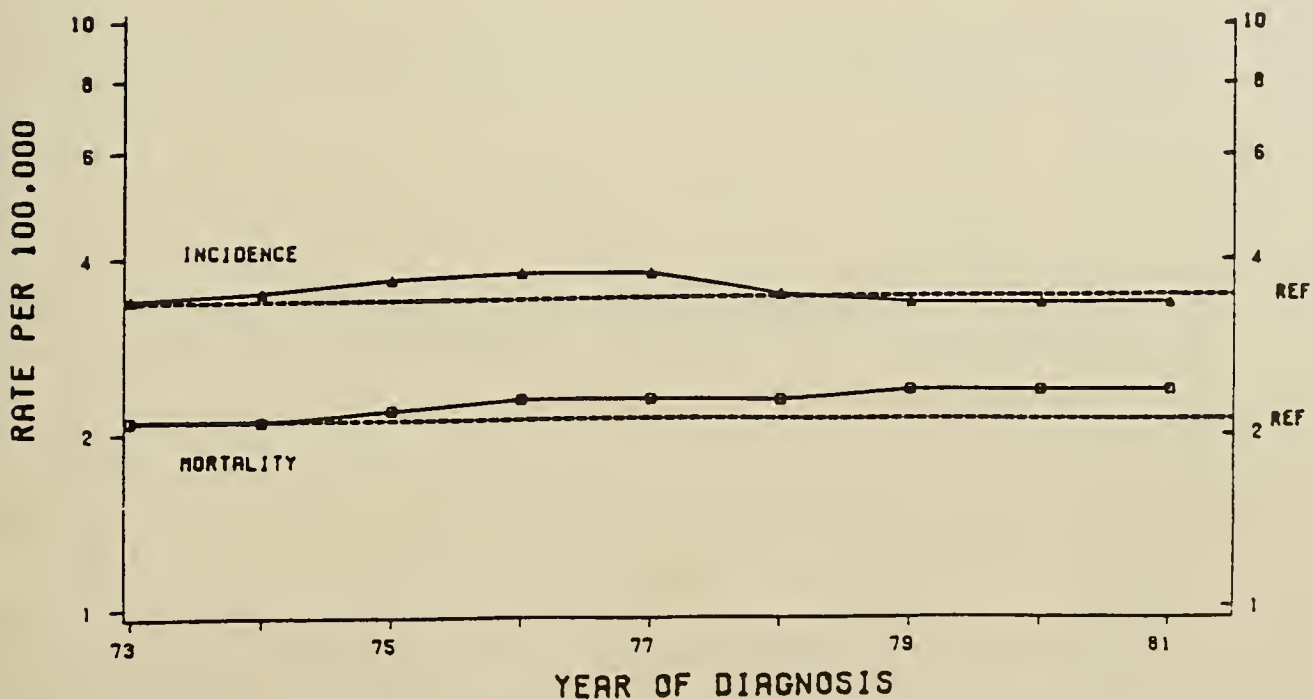
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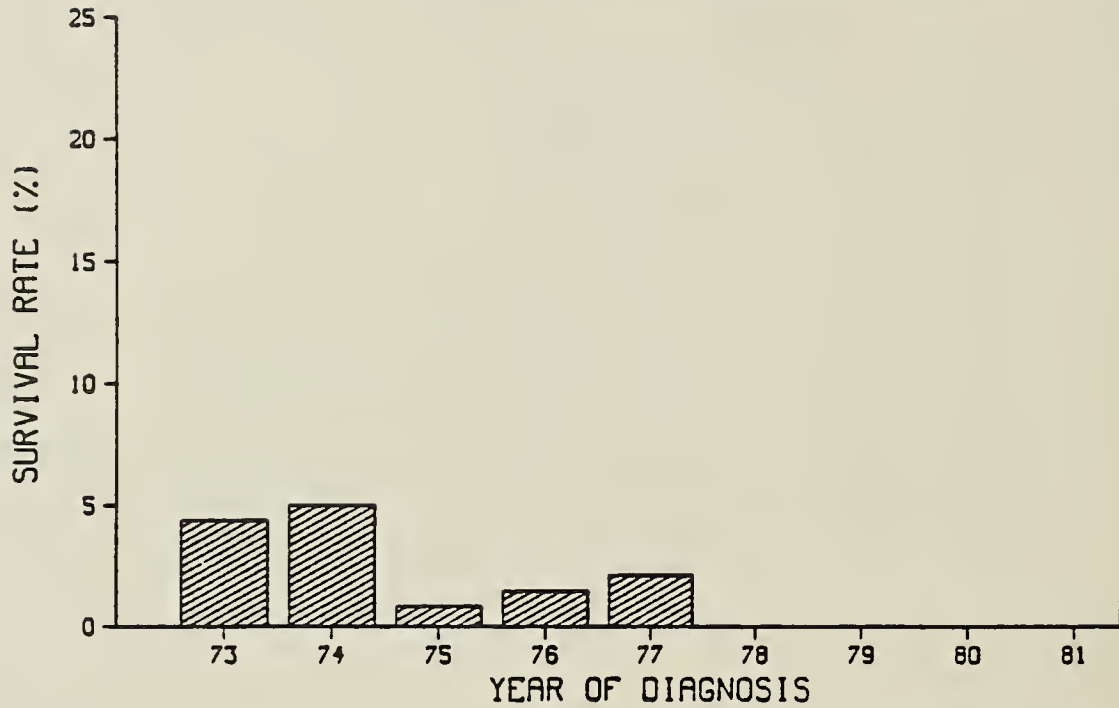
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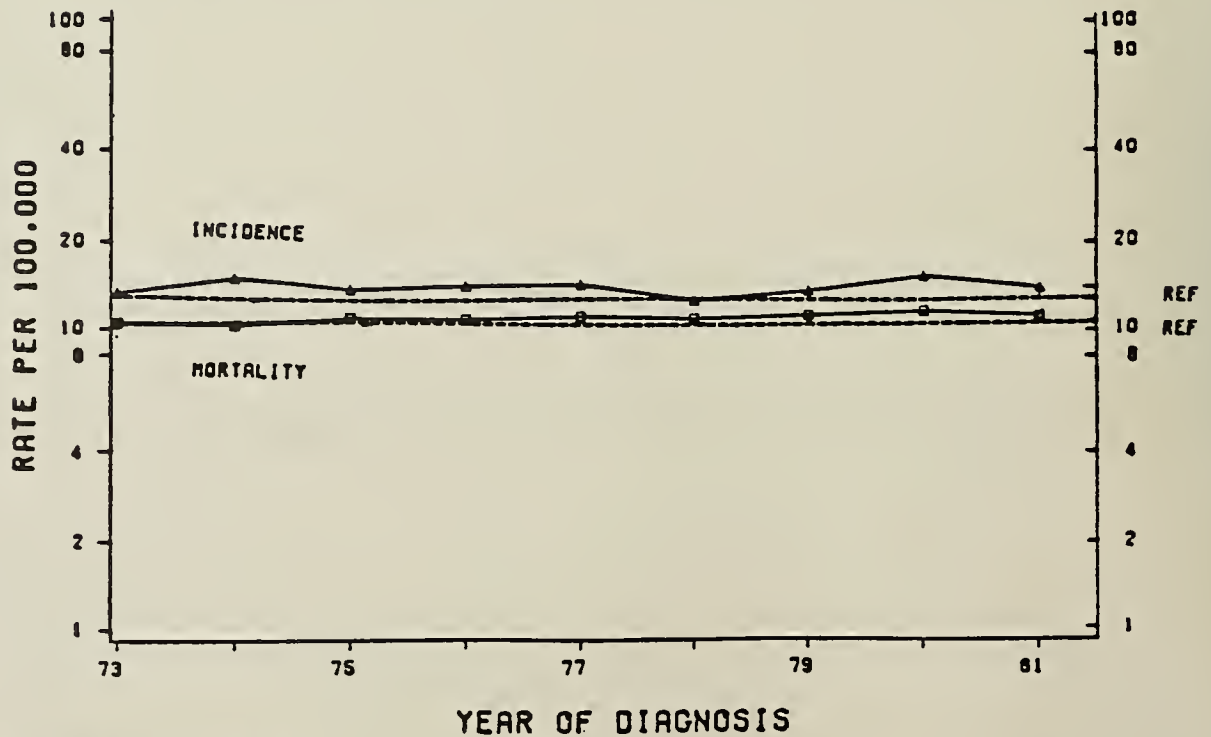
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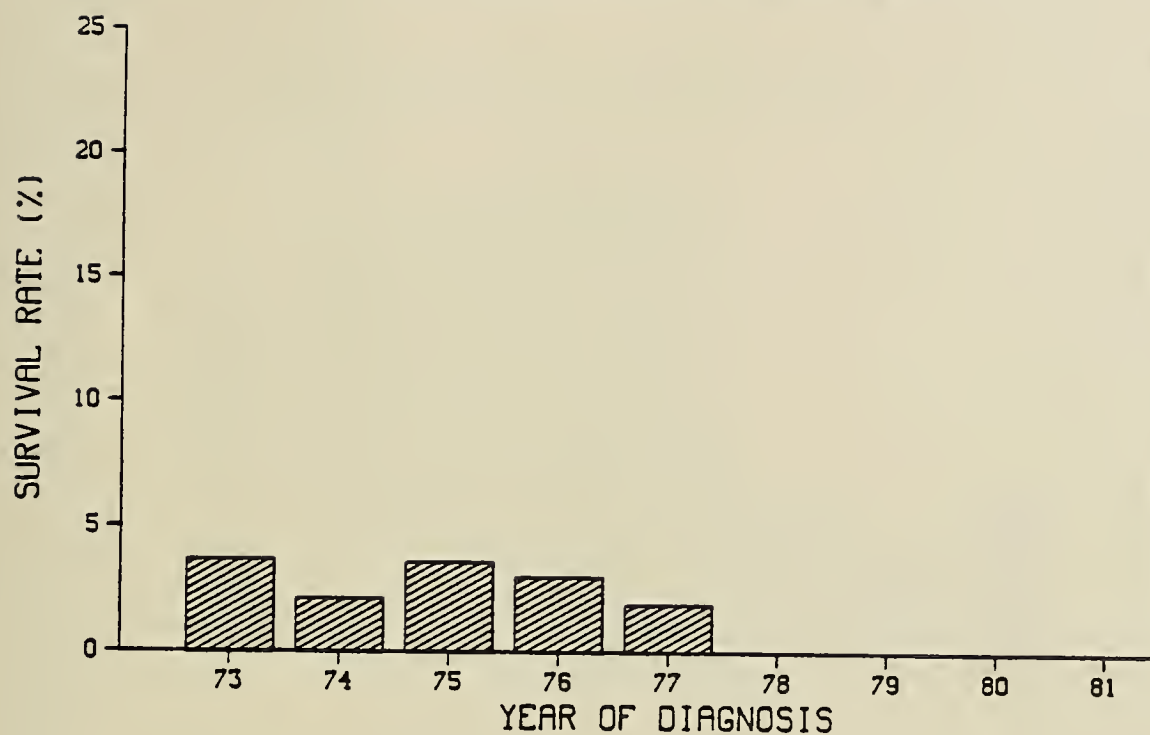
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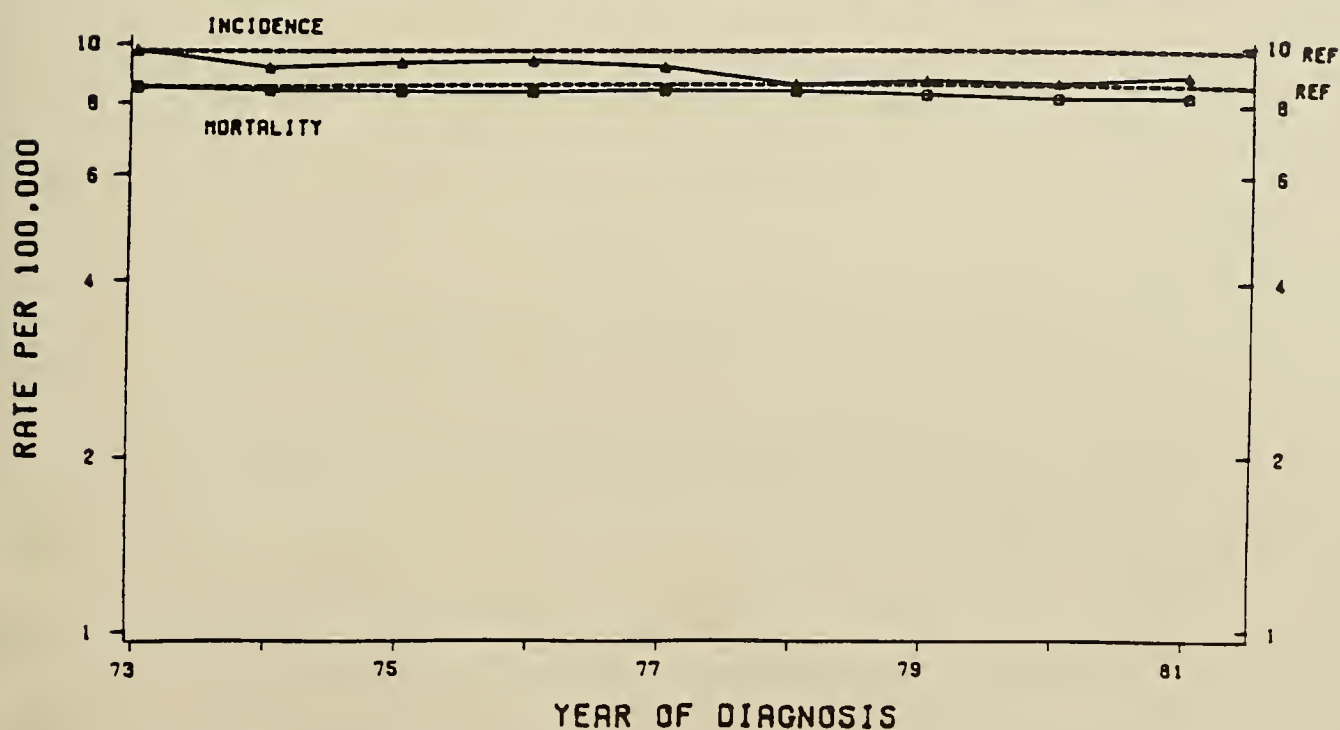
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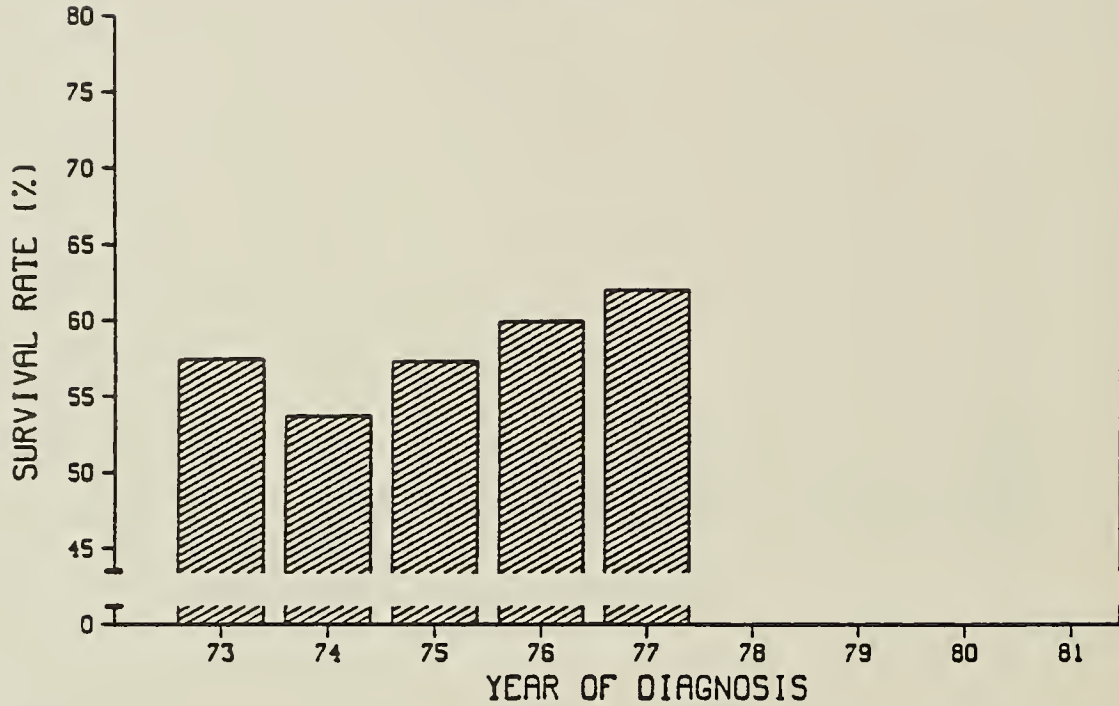
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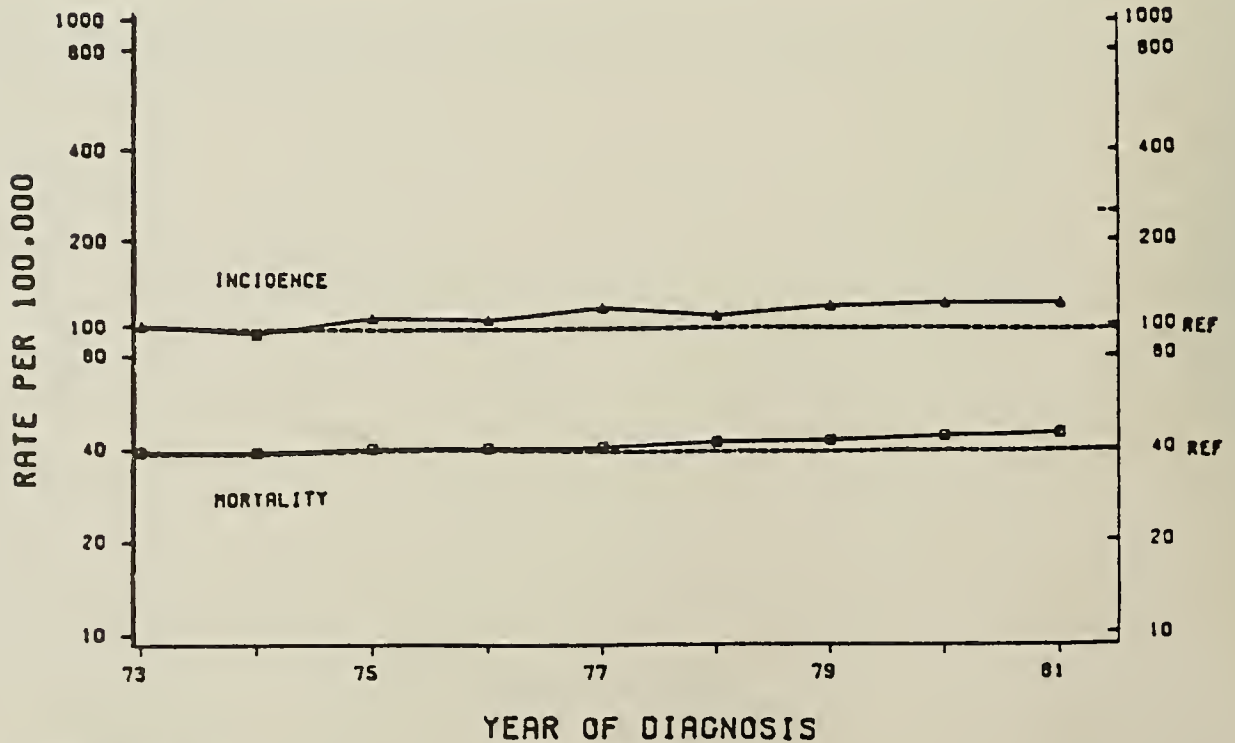
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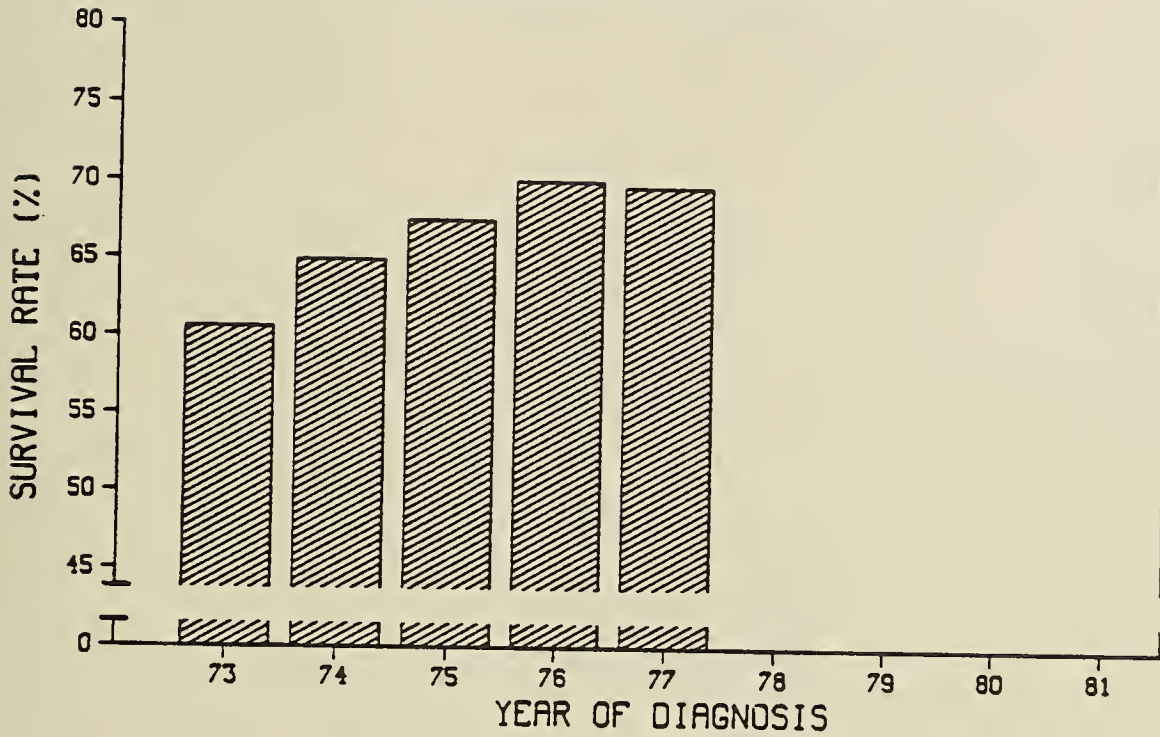
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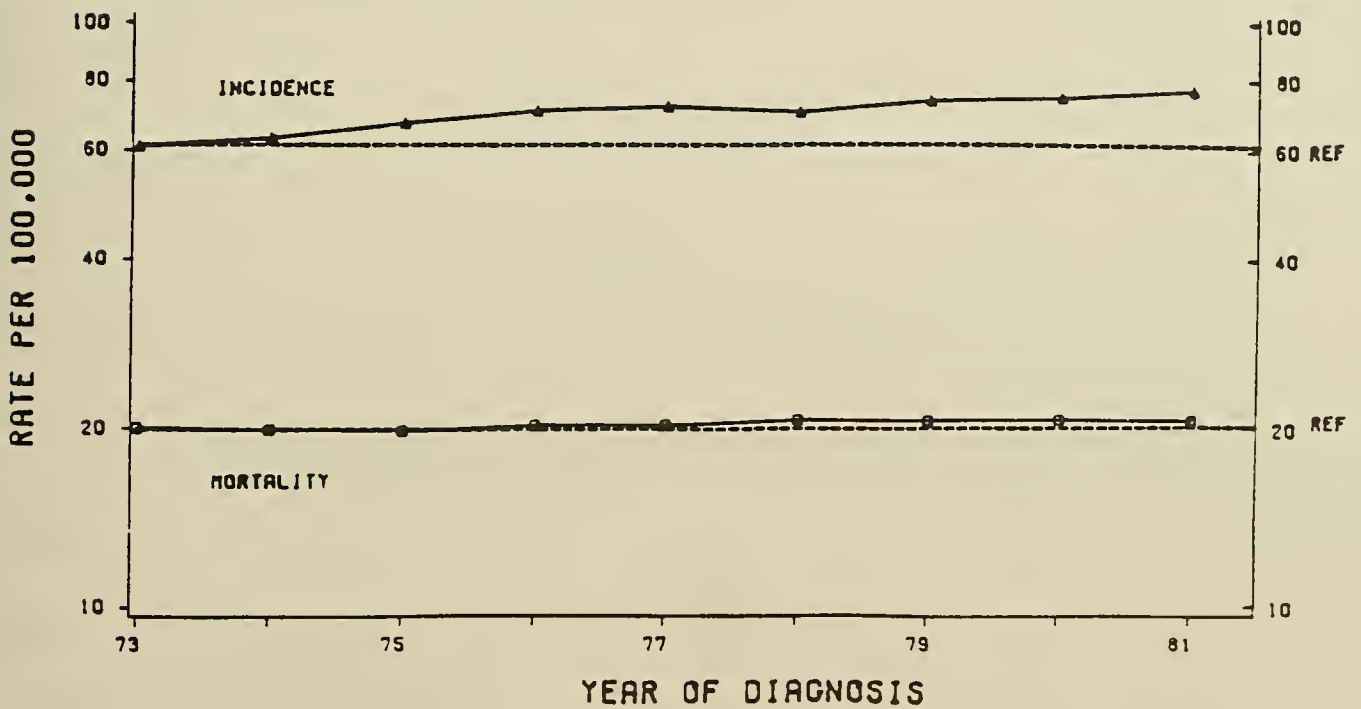
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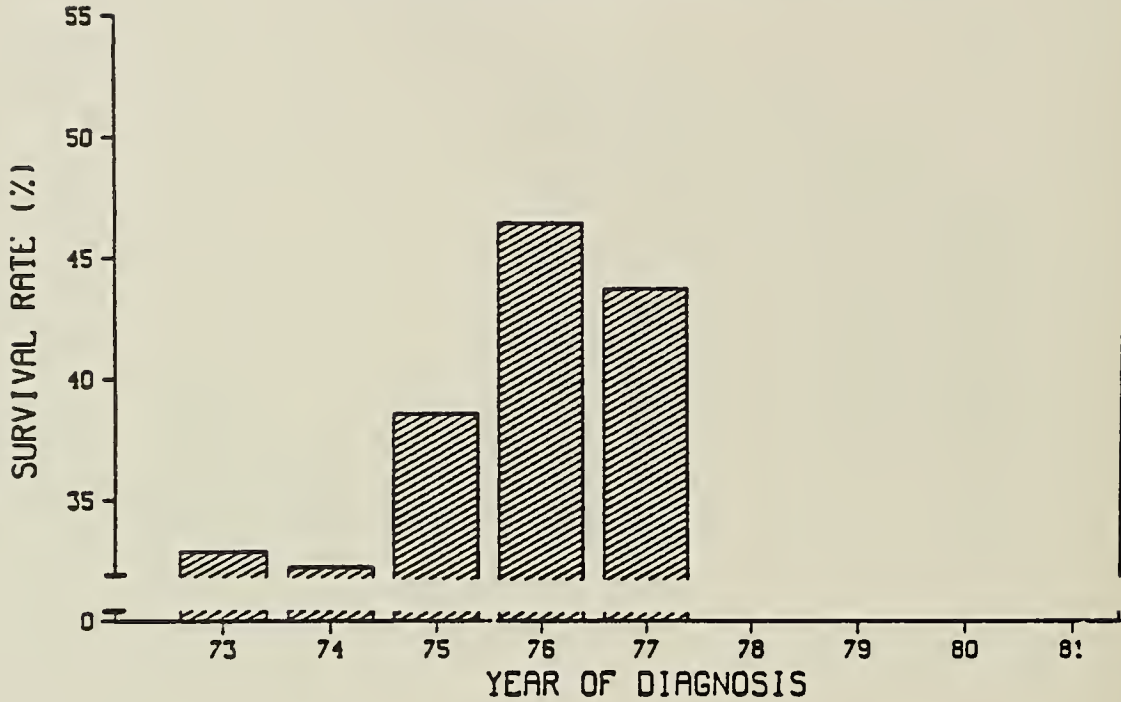
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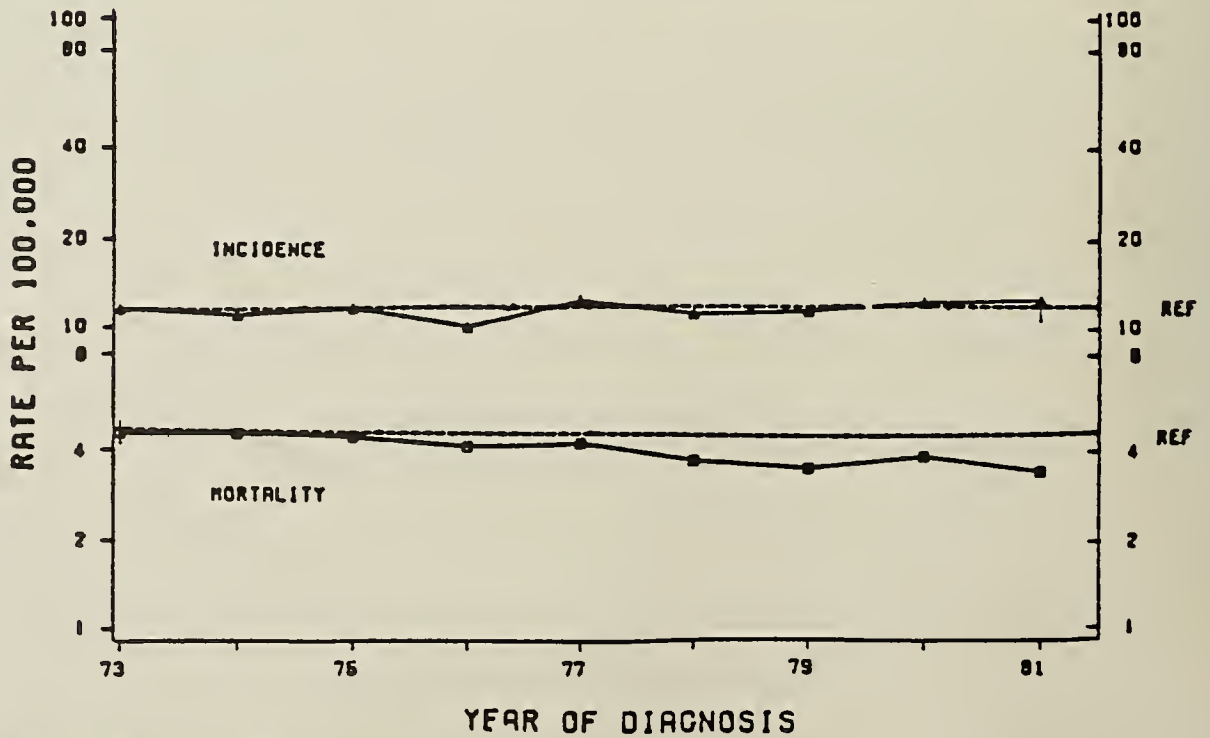
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RECTUM

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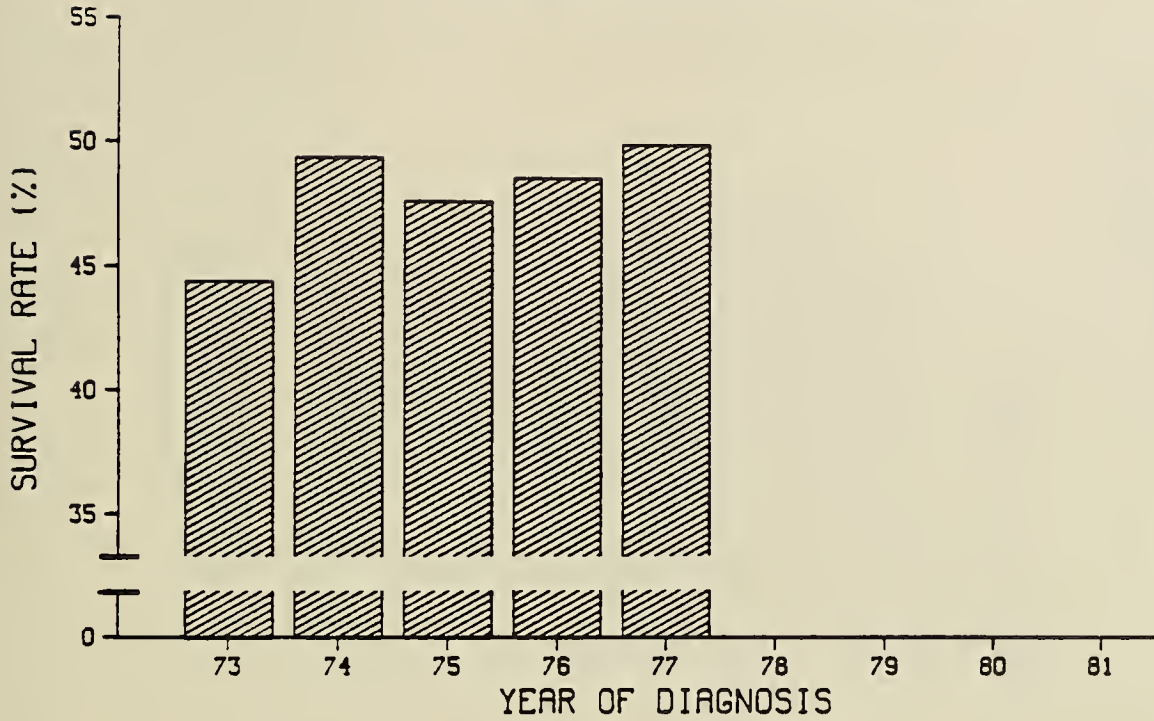
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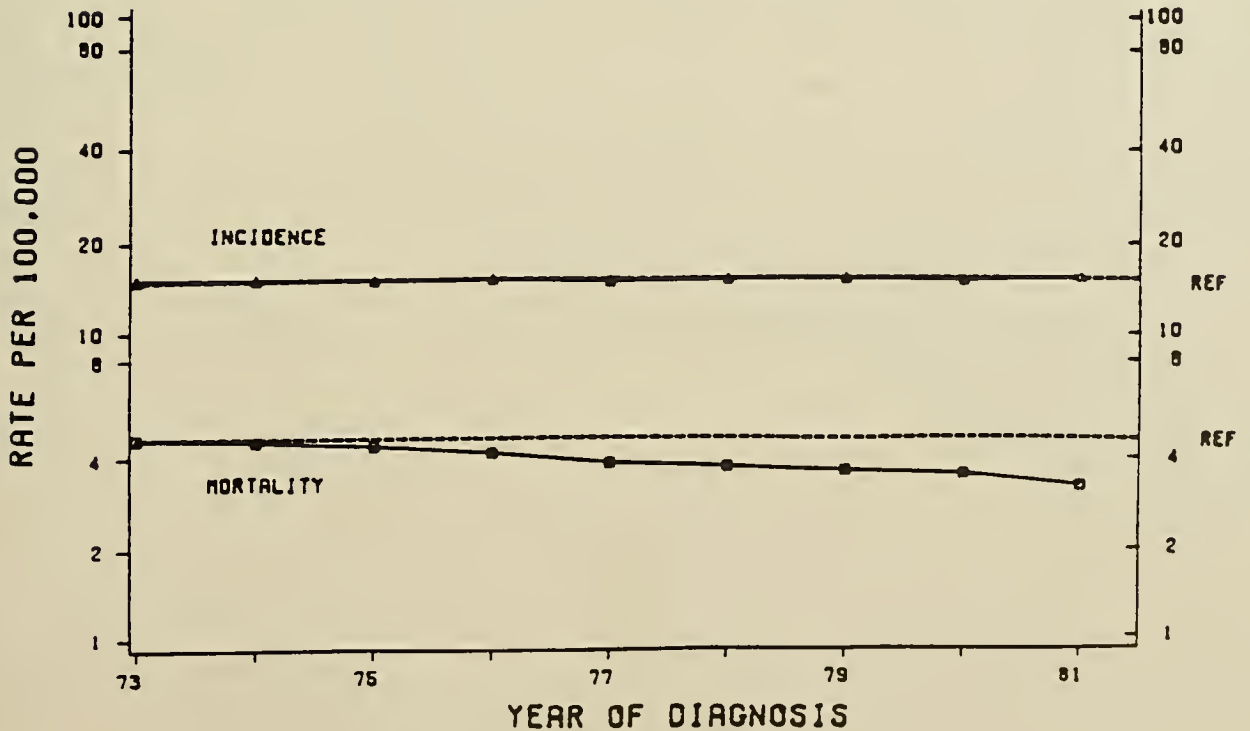
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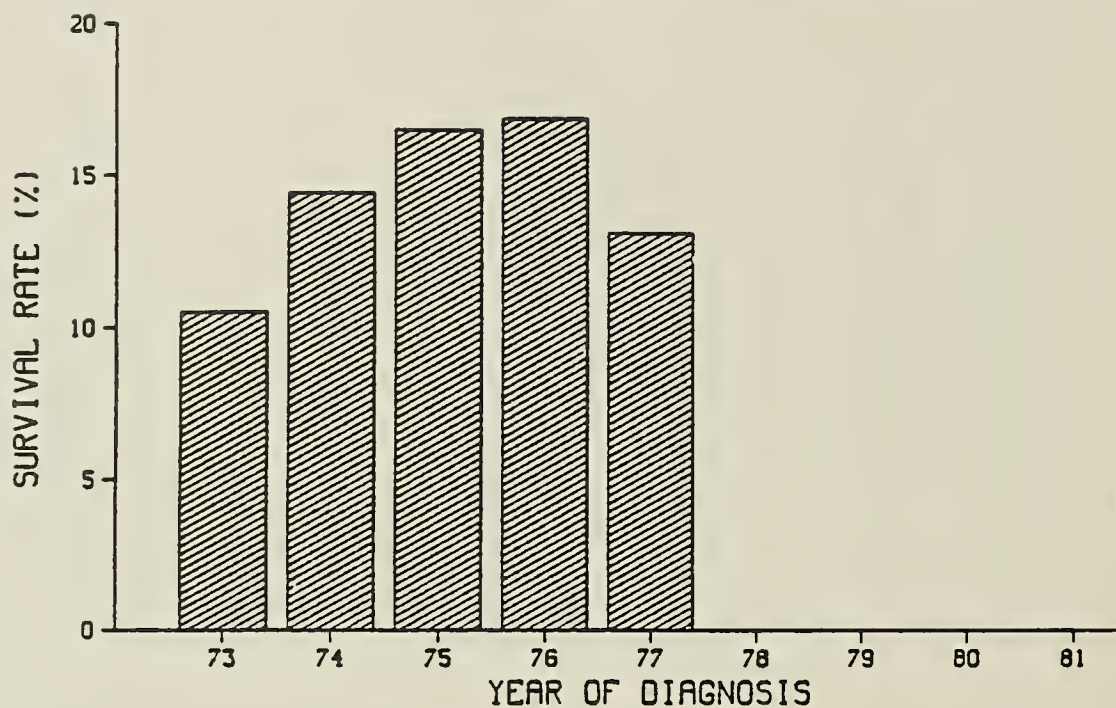


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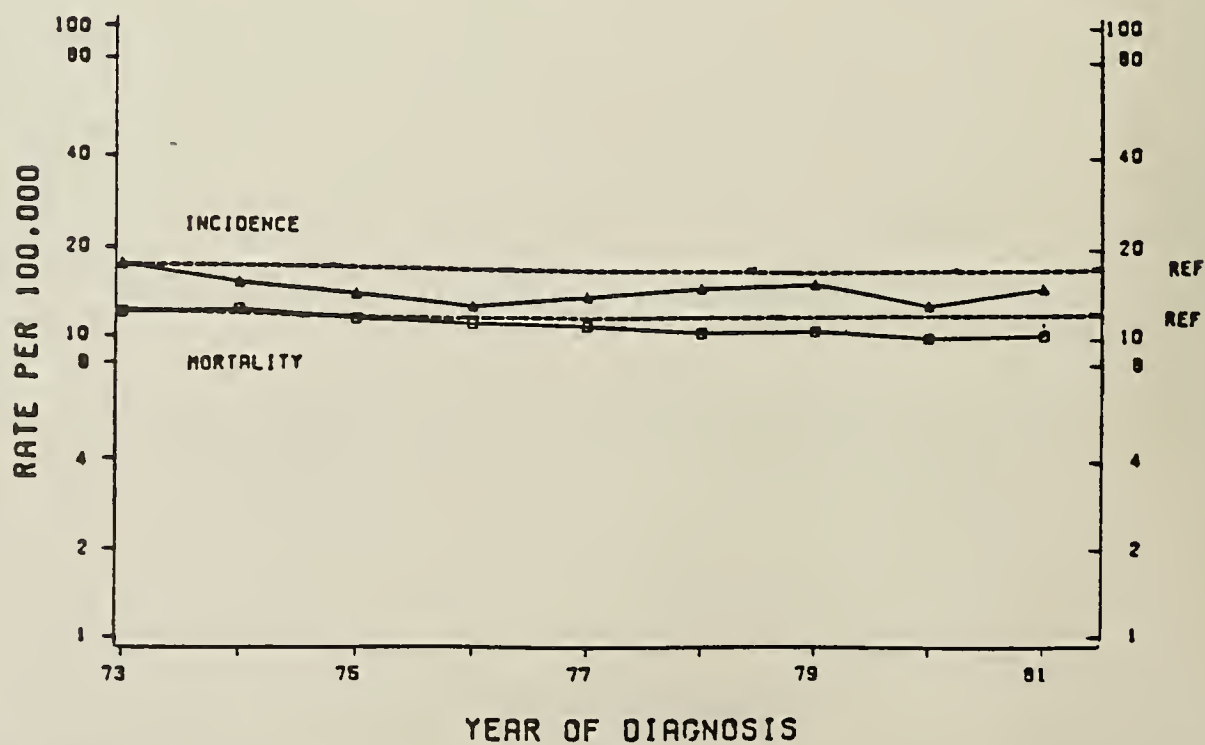


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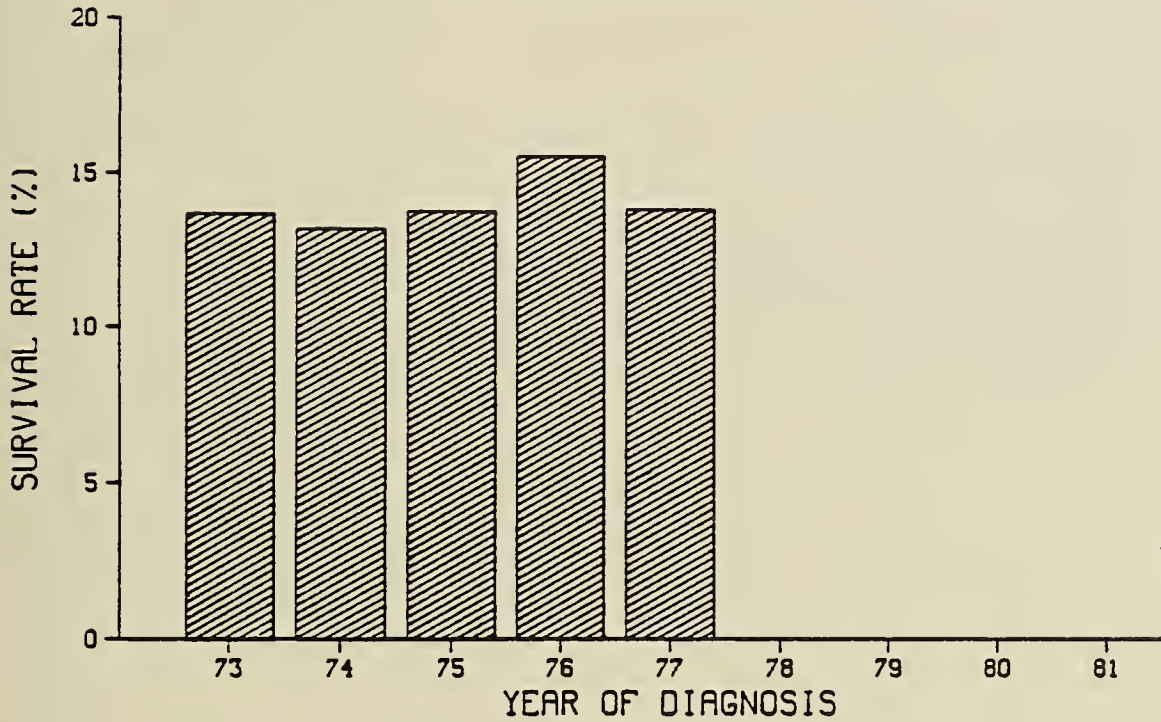
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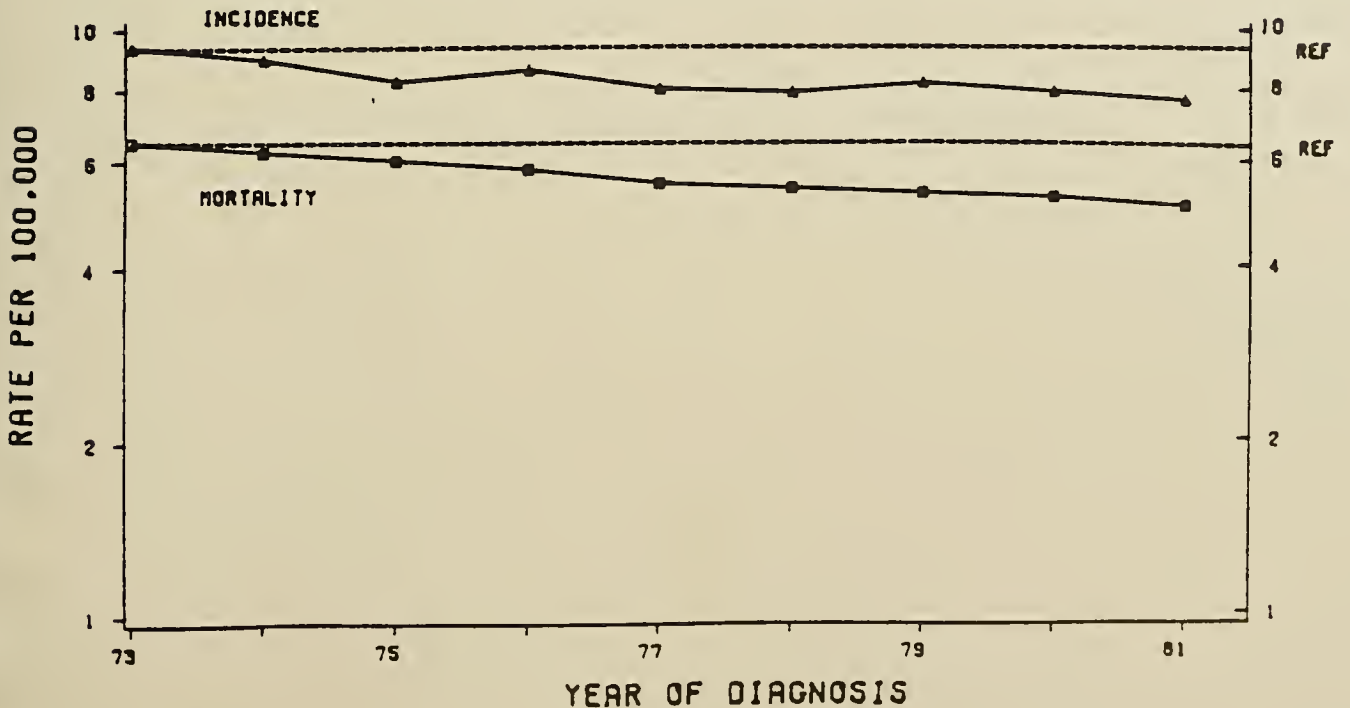
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Section VII: Distribution of Histologic Types of Cancer for Blacks and Whites

A. Discussion

Information on the histologic distributions of cancer for selected cancer sites is presented in this section. Certain histologic types of cancer have been associated with good or poor survival prognosis. For example, more histologically aggressive or less differentiated cancers such as sarcomas have poorer survival than well-differentiated adenocarcinomas. Differences in the survival rates observed between blacks and whites for various cancer sites may be explained in part by differences in the distributions of histologic types. Therefore, histologic distributions may be used as a proxy measure of biologic differences in cancer between blacks and whites.

Organization of Tables

A set of five tables are presented showing the percent distributions of histologic types of cancers for selected sites for blacks and whites.

BLADDER CANCER

Percent distribution of cases by histologic type,
Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program
1978-81

Total number of cases	12,018	520
Percent microscopically confirmed	98.4%	97.7%
<u>Histologic type</u>		
Carcinoma, NOS	1.8%	3.9%
Papillary adenocarcinoma	3.6	1.6
Squamous cell carcinoma	2.1	9.1
Transitional cell	36.0	41.3
Papillary transitional cell	54.5	36.2
All others	2.0	7.9

NOS = Not otherwise specified

FEMALE BREAST CANCER

Percent distribution of cases by histologic type,
Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program
1978-81

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
Total number of cases	35,220	2,648
Percent microscopically confirmed	97.6%	97.1%
<u>Histologic type</u>		
Carcinoma, NOS	3.5%	3.9%
Adenocarcinoma, NOS	10.3	11.5
Mucinous adenocarcinoma	2.2	2.3
Duct adenocarcinoma	69.5	65.2
Medullary carcinoma	3.0	6.8
Lobular carcinoma	8.3	5.7
Paget's disease	1.2	1.3
All others	2.0	3.3

NOS = Not otherwise specified

CANCER OF THE CORPUS UTERI

Percent distribution of cases by histologic type,
Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program
1978-81

Total number of cases	10,323	475
Percent microscopically confirmed	99.4%	98.9%
<u>Histologic type</u>		
Carcinoma, NOS	2.1%	1.9%
Papillary adenocarcinoma	6.6	14.0
Adenocarcinoma, NOS	73.4	52.8
Adenosquamous carcinoma	10.8	8.7
Mullerian mixec tumor	1.9	7.0
Leiomyosarcoma	1.2	6.0
All others	4.0	9.6

NOS = Not otherwise specified

CANCER OF THE PROSTATE GLAND

Percent distribution of cases by histologic type,
Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program
1978-81

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
Total number of cases	23,740	2,864
Percent microscopically confirmed	95.1%	94.6%
<u>Histologic type</u>		
Carcinoma, NOS	4.0%	3.9%
Adenocarcinoma, NOS	94.3	94.5
All others	1.7	1.6

NOS = Not otherwise specified

RECTAL CANCER

Percent distribution of cases by histologic type,
Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program
1978-81

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
Total number of cases	11,620	707
Percent microscopically confirmed	96.8%	96.9%
<u>Histologic type</u>		
Carcinoma, NOS	1.4%	1.6%
Papillary adenocarcinoma	10.1	10.7
Adenocarcinoma, NOS	80.9	75.2
Mucinous adenocarcinoma	5.9	7.9
All others	1.7	4.6

NOS = Not otherwise specified

Section VIII

Five-year Relative Survival Rates by Stage of Cancer at Diagnosis for Blacks and Whites

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Section VIII: Five-year Relative Survival Rates by Stage of Cancer at Diagnosis for Blacks and Whites

A. Discussion

The detailed classification of patients by stage of disease at diagnosis has been available in a consistent, comparable manner through SEER only since 1977. The classification of stage used in SEER is compatible with that developed by the American Joint Committee on Cancer. Since earlier stage of disease data (before 1977) are not comparable, it is not possible to assess changes in stage distributions over time. Thus, the data presented in this section are derived entirely from SEER.

The data presented here compare five-year relative survival rates between white and black patients within stage of disease categories for each primary site. For many sites the numbers of black patients are too small in specific stage categories to draw meaningful conclusions. For several sites, however, even though the survival rates for white patients are significantly higher than those for black patients for all stages combined, the differences tend to disappear within individual stage categories. This is due to generally more favorable stages of disease detection for white patients.

Organization of Figures

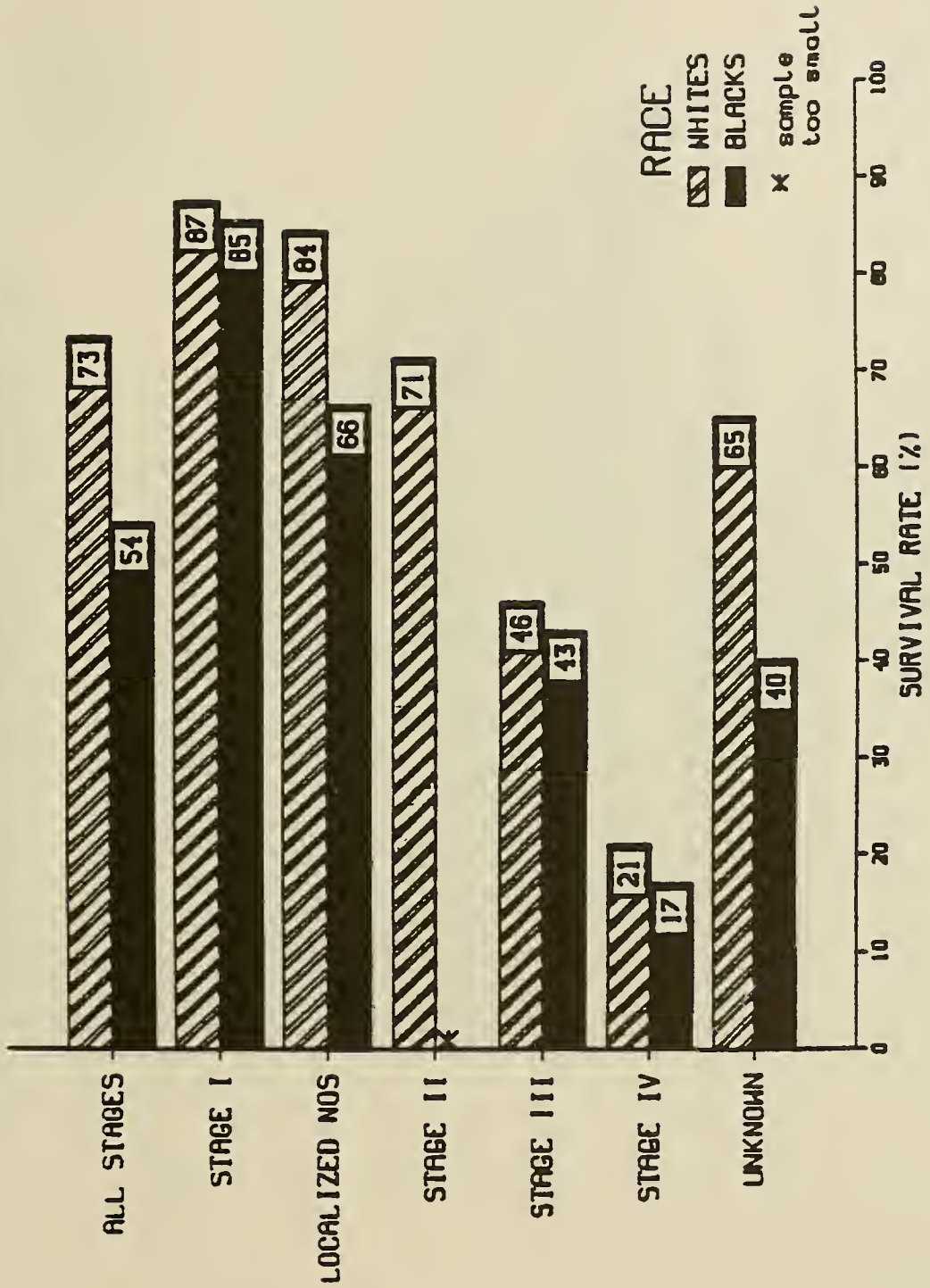
The figures in this section are a set of bar graphs that compare black and white five-year relative survival rates for various stages of disease for primary cancer site. For cancers of the esophagus, melanoma, and testis survival data by stage of disease were available for whites only.

Highlights

- The difference in survival for breast cancers between white and black patients was large and statistically significant (75% vs. 63%), but this was accounted for primarily by those who came to diagnosis with lymph node involvement or direct extension of the tumor to adjacent tissue (stage III.B) (VIII.B-2).
- For cancer of the uterine corpus, the site with the greatest difference in survival between black and white patients, even for stage I disease there was a large, statistically significant difference (92% vs. 75%) (VIII.B-6). The numbers of black patients were too small to draw meaningful conclusions for the other stages.
- Black patients had higher survival rates for cancer of the ovary than did white patients. This was true not only for all stages combined but also within each stage (VIII.B-10).

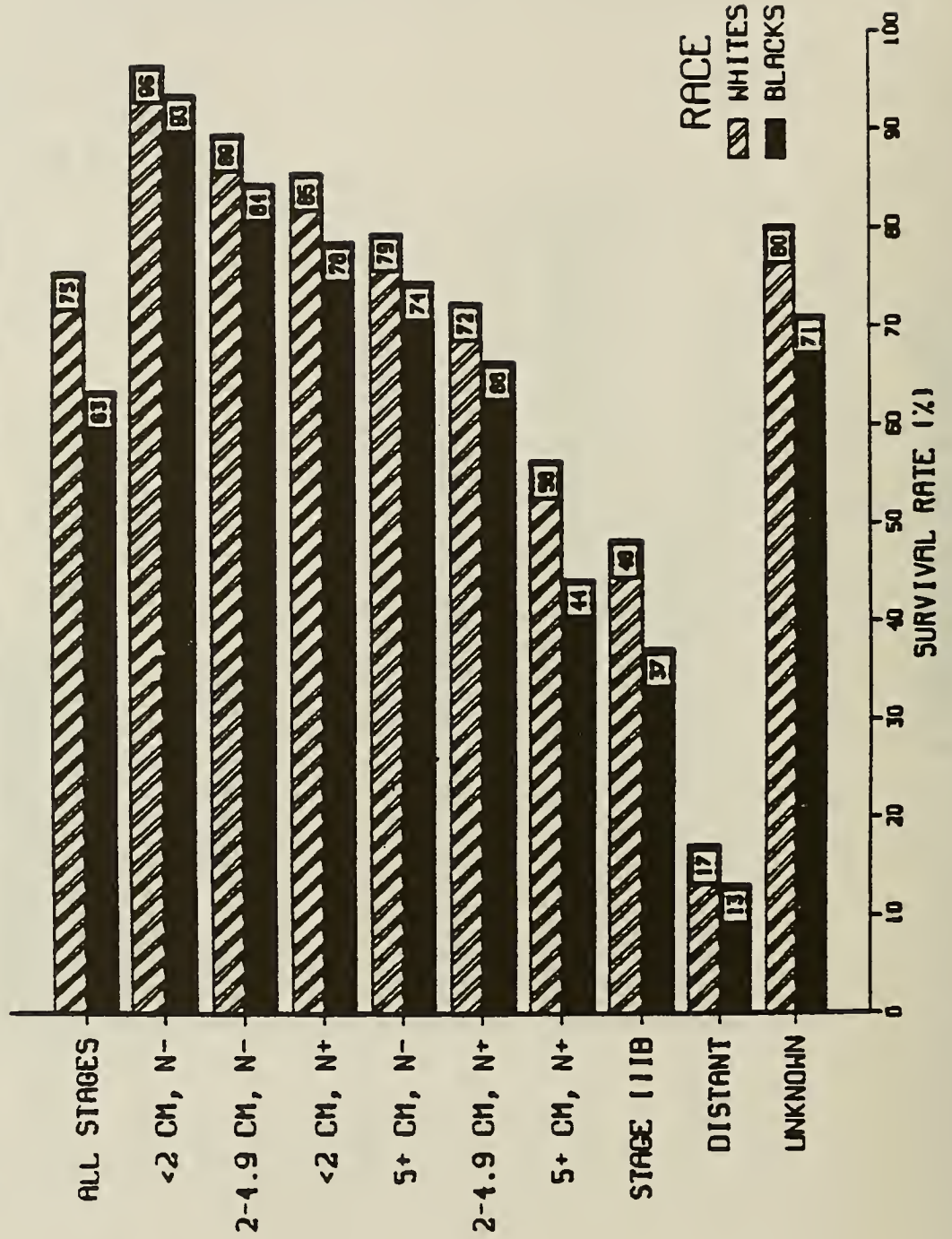
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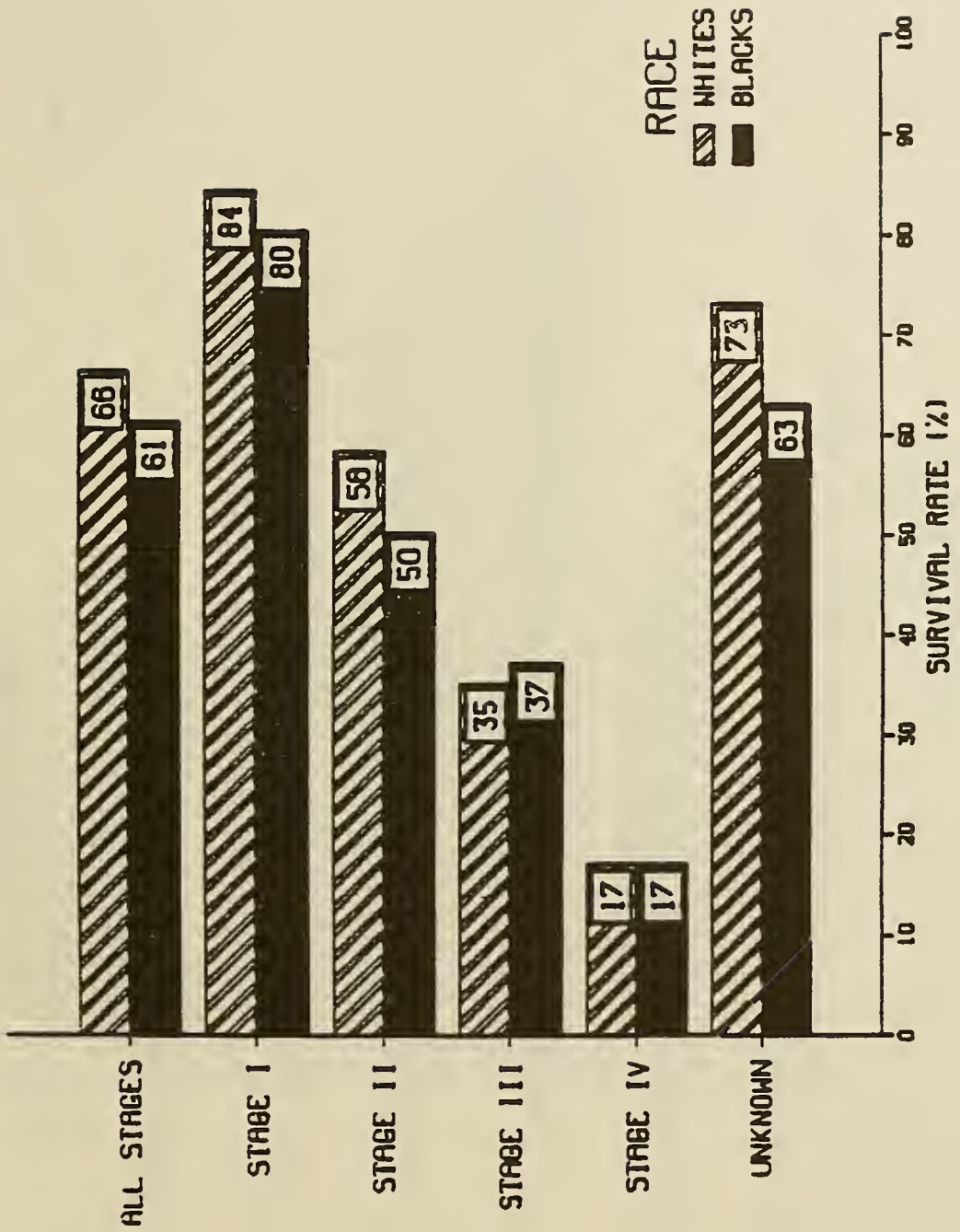
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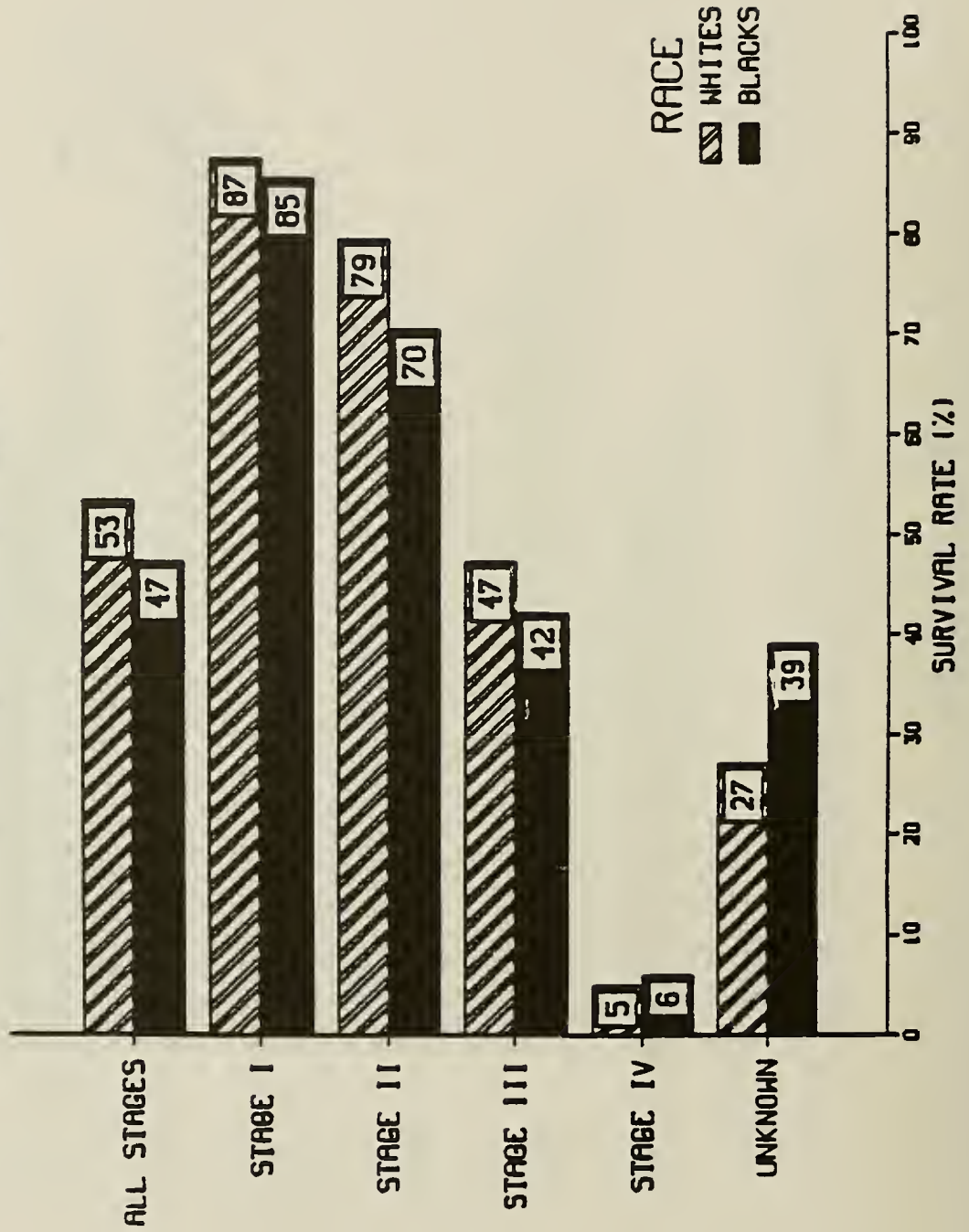
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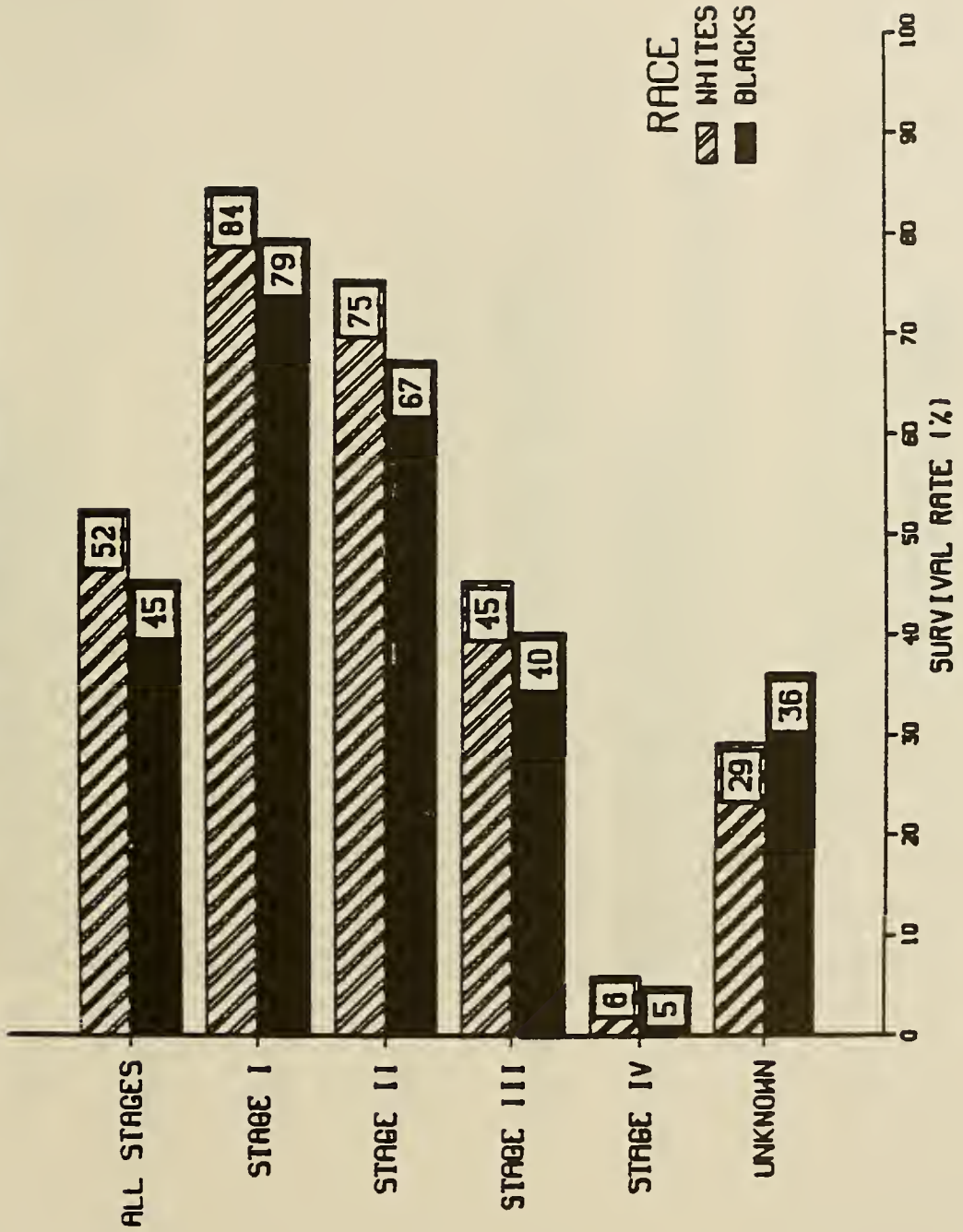
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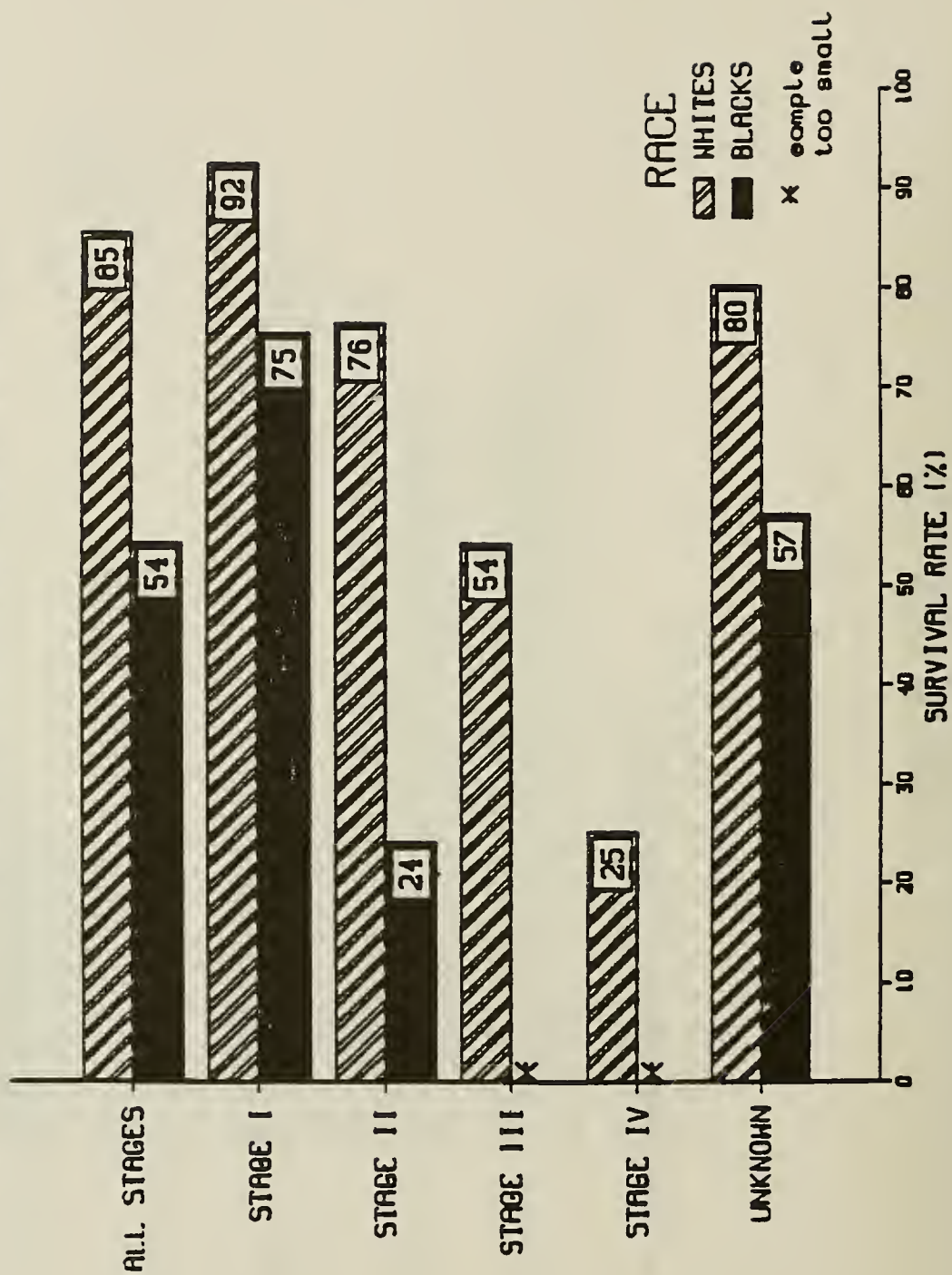
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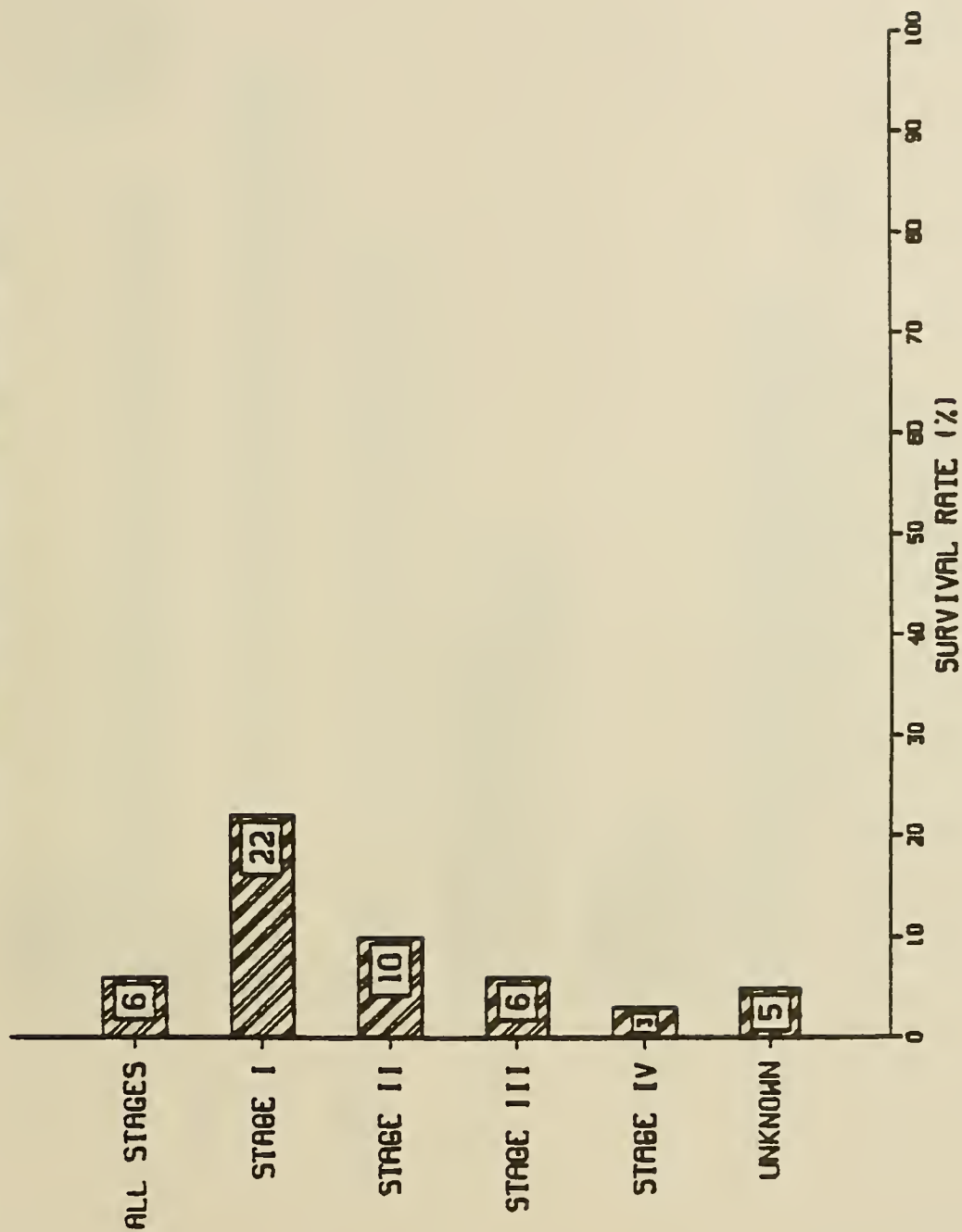
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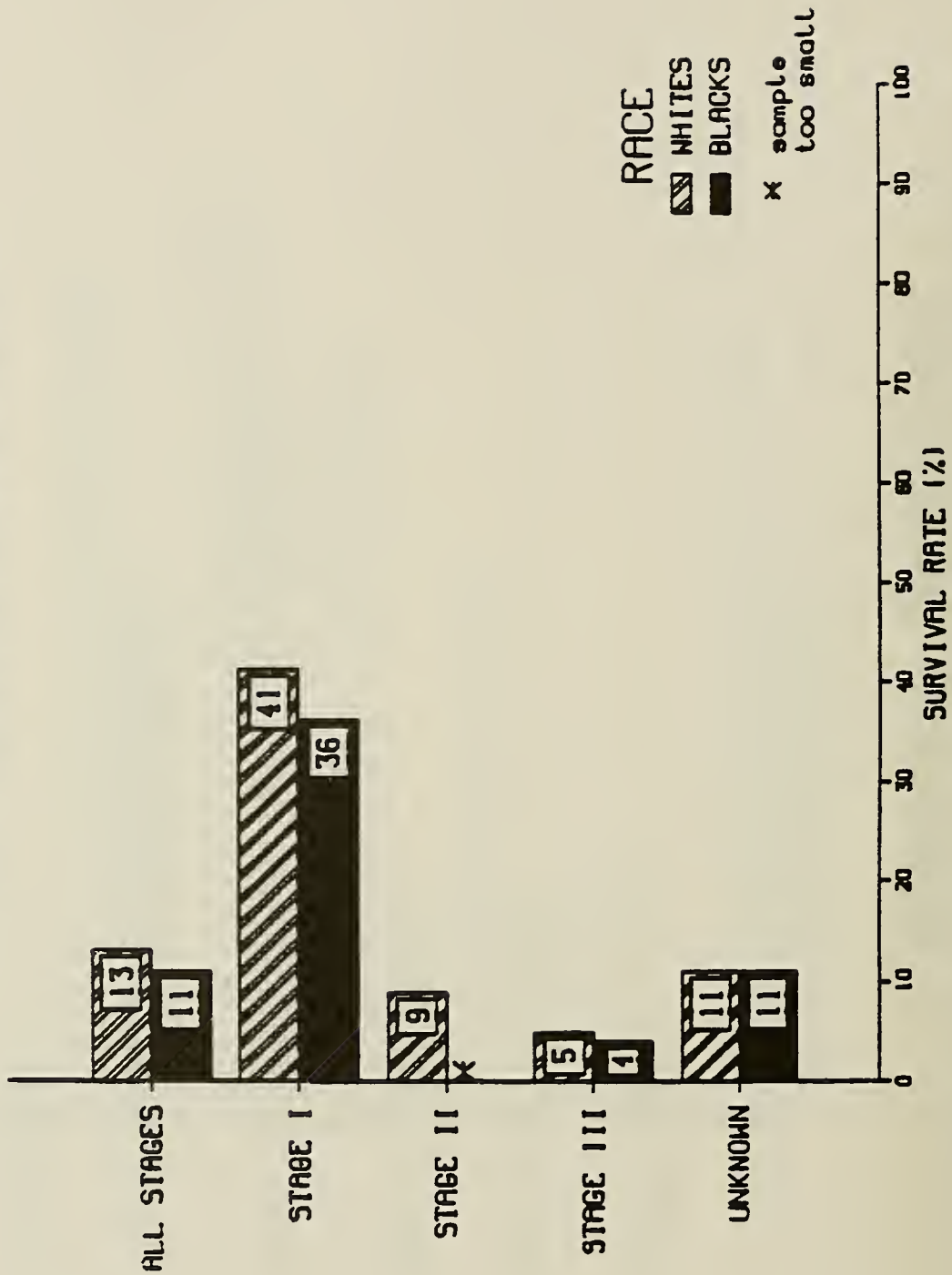
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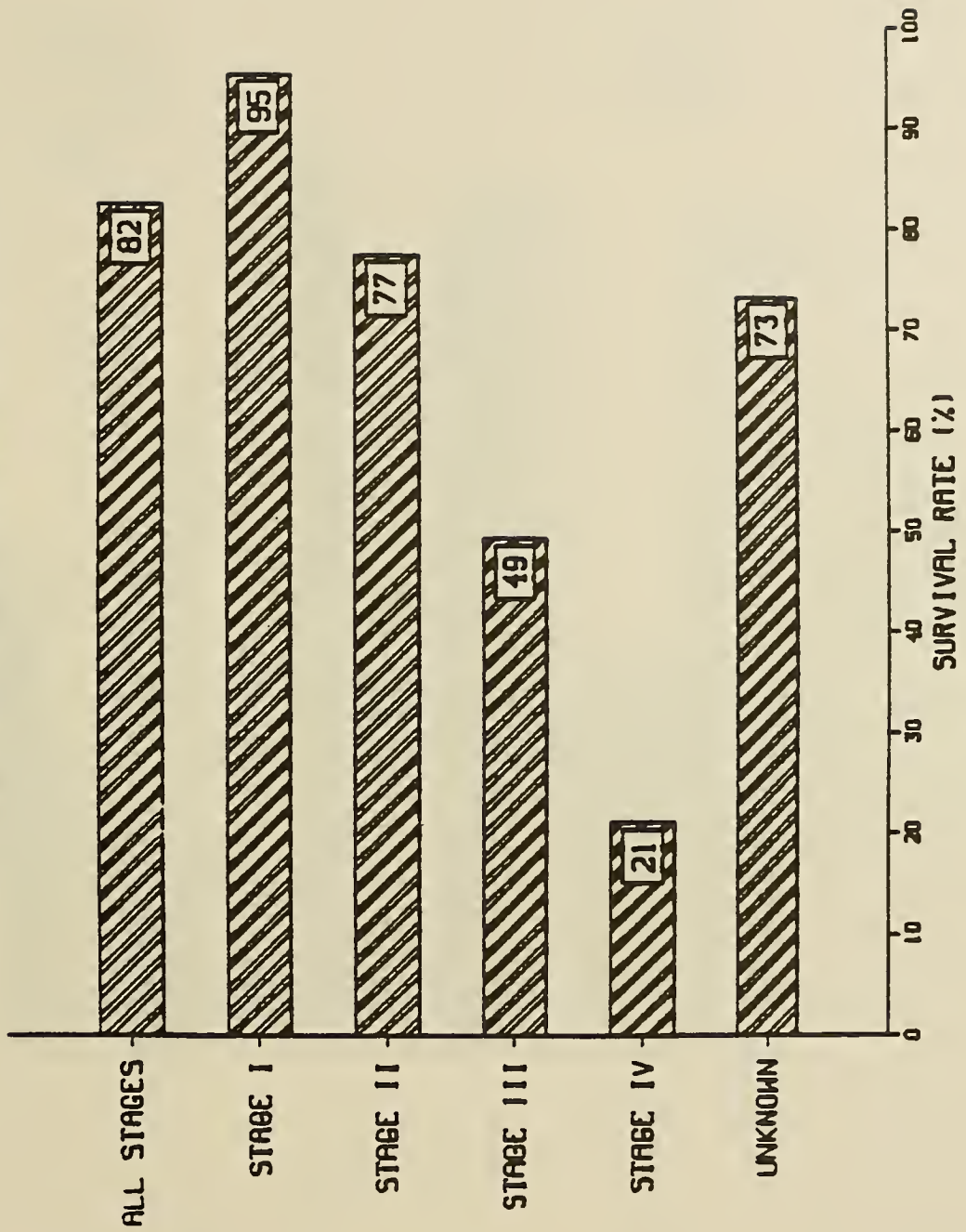
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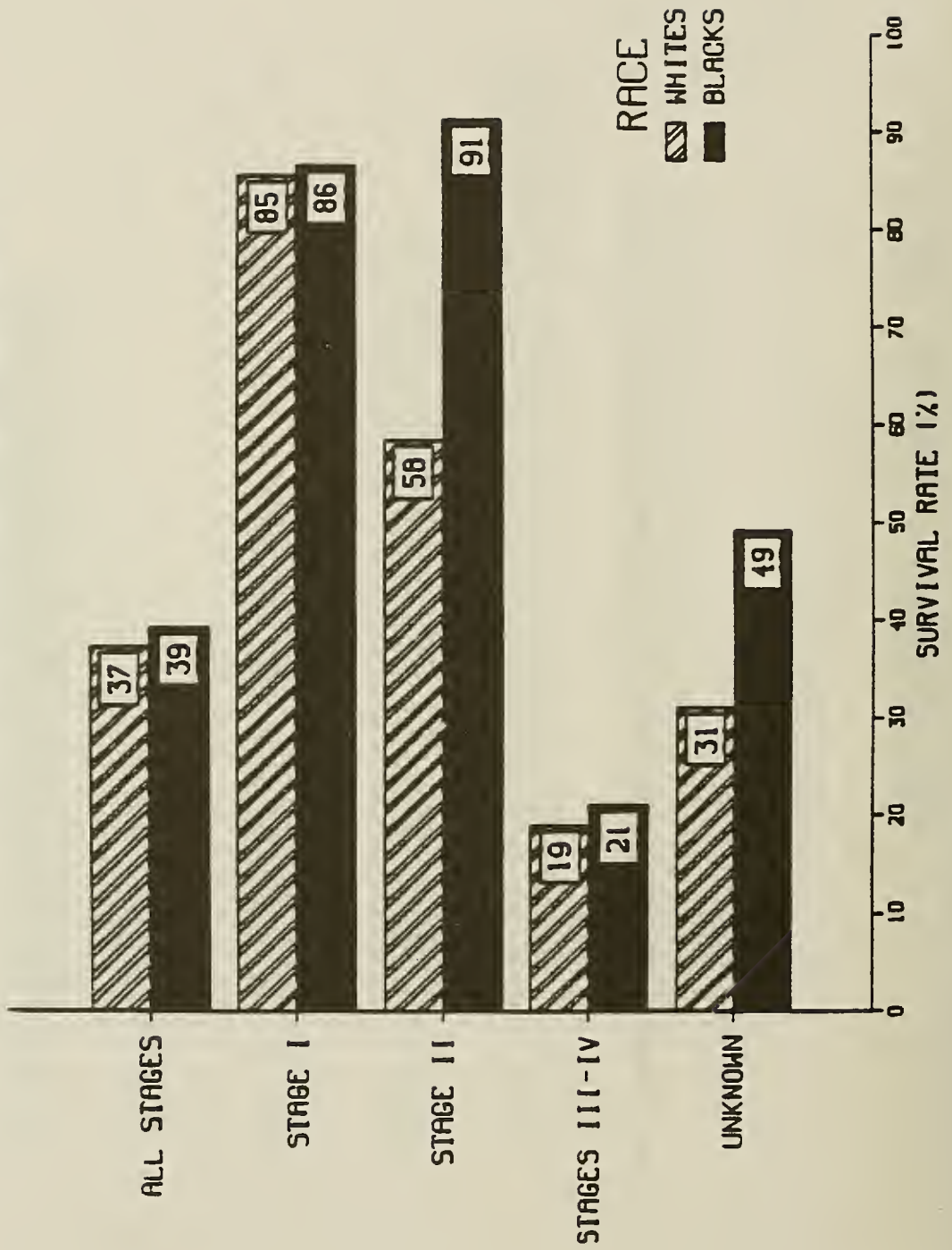
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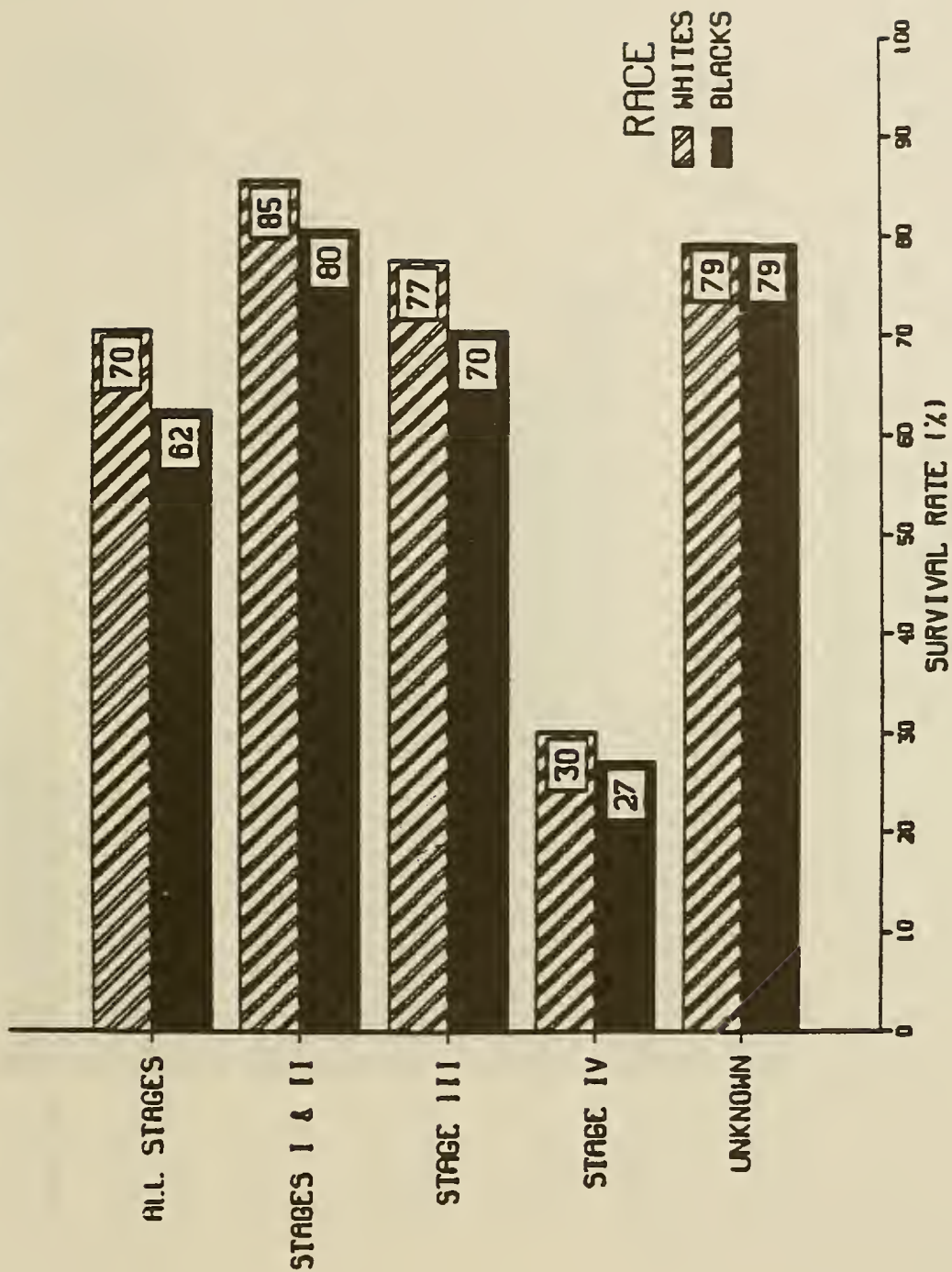
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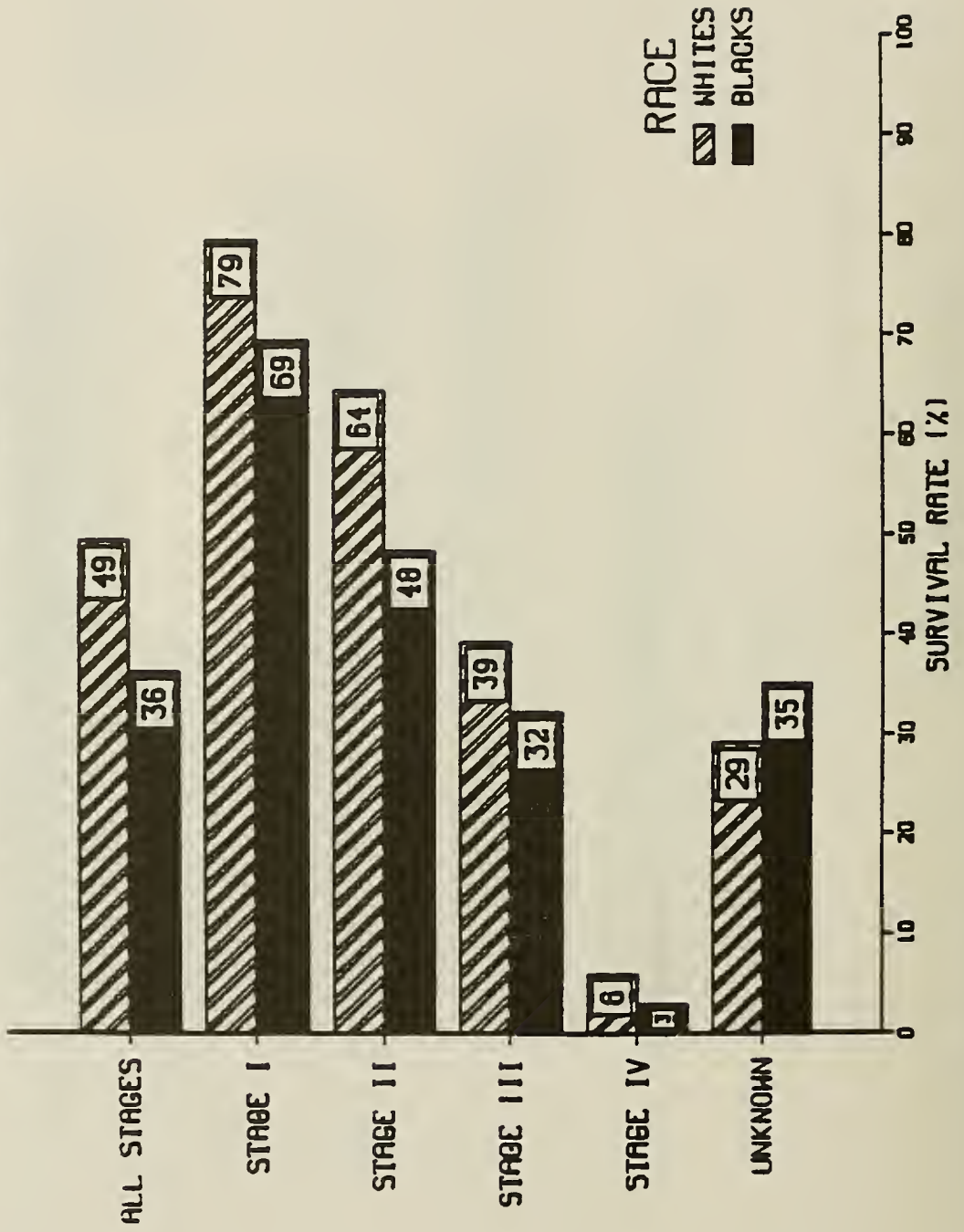
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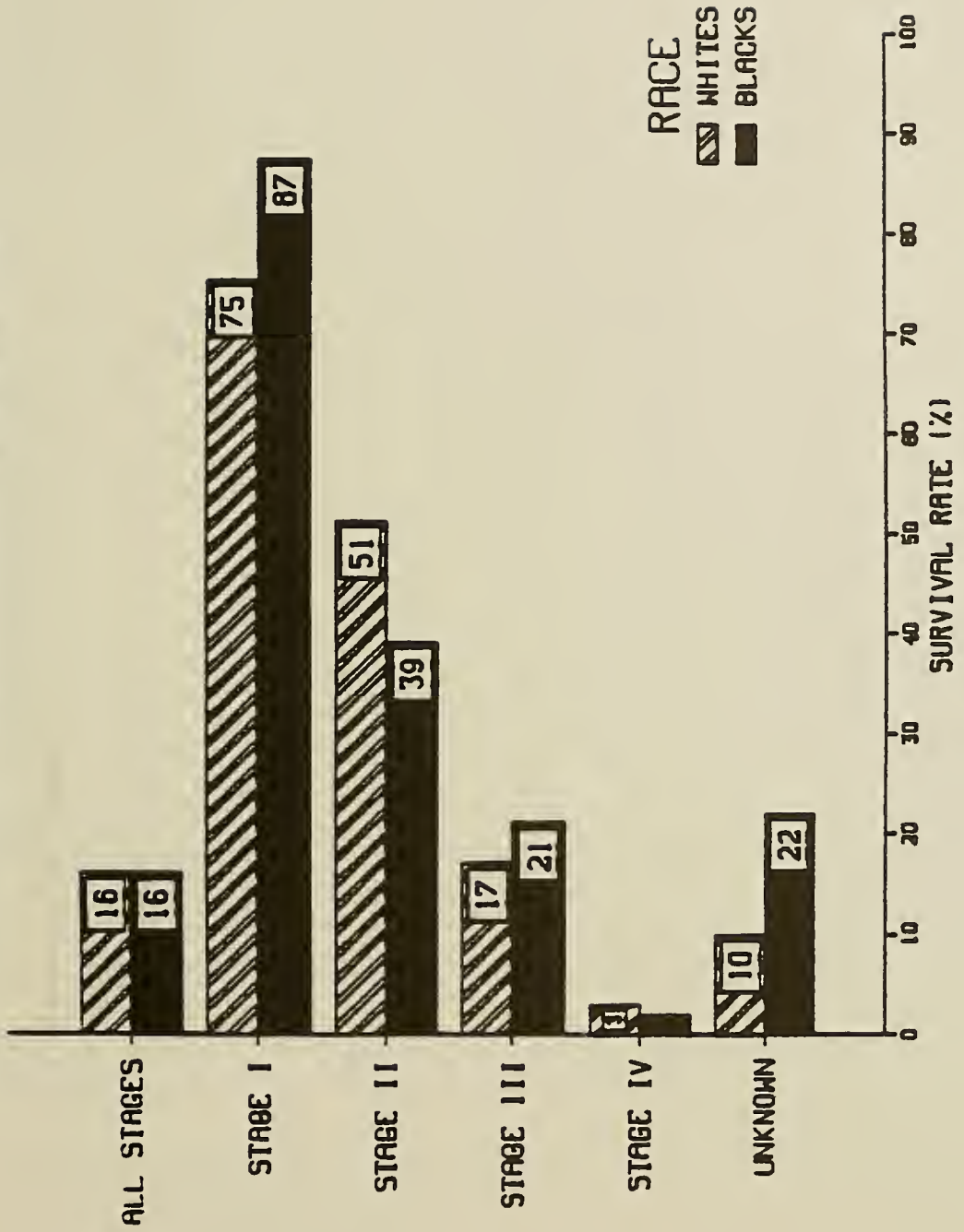
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