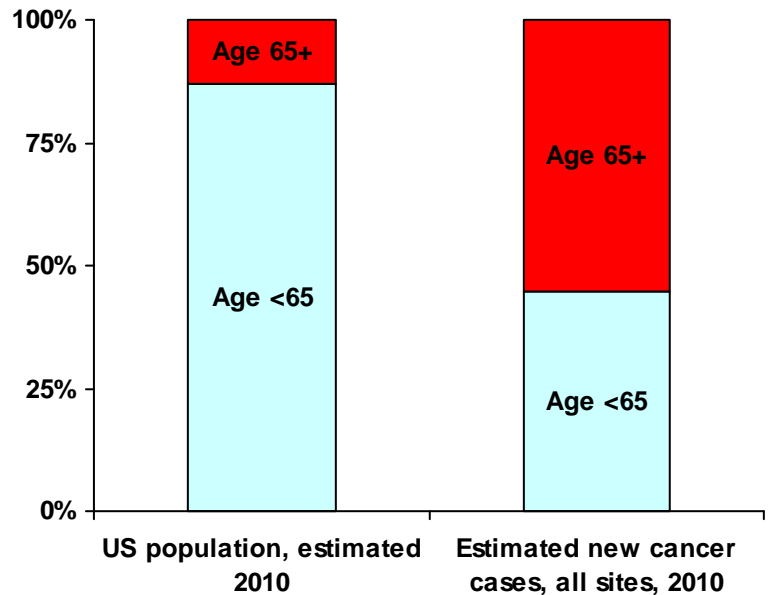


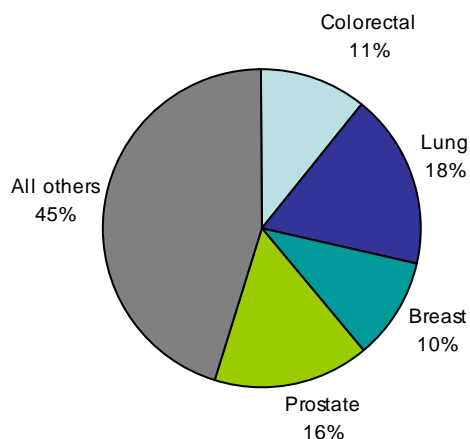
Persons over the age of 65 comprise 13% of the US population but account for almost 60% of all new cancer cases.

- Cancer is a disease that disproportionately affects the elderly – nearly 60% of all new cancer diagnoses occur in the 65 and older population.
- Although the elderly account for more than half of all new cancer cases (840,000 of the estimated 1.5 million cases in 2010), persons over 65 make up only 13% of the national population.
- The elderly account for nearly 70% of all cancer deaths—almost 390,000 of the 560,000 cancer deaths in 2007.
- The aging of the US population will increase the numbers of people diagnosed and living with cancer over the next 20 years.



The elderly are ten times more likely than younger people to get cancer.

Estimated New Cancer Cases in Medicare by Site, 2010



- Colorectal, lung, breast, and prostate cancer account for over half of all new cancer cases among the elderly.
- The death rate for lung cancer is more than double that of prostate, colorectal, or breast cancer.
- Among those aged 65 and older, the cancer death rate among men is about 60% higher than it is among women.
- Racial and ethnic differences in cancer death rates vary by type of cancer, but blacks experience the highest death rates overall.