

# Pulmonary Fibrosis Facts & Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates

Average Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates (per 100,000 live persons, 1992-2003)

## Fast Facts

- From 1979 - 1991  
30% (15 out of 50 states) of the United States reported an age-adjusted annual PF mortality rate of 40-70 per million.
- From 1992 - 2003  
That number jumped to **98%** (48 out of 50 states + District of Columbia) of the United States.

*"When the duration of the disease is short and survival is limited, the mortality rate will mirror the incidence."*

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Author "Morality from PF increased in the US from 1992 to 2003"

One of the most lethal killers in the nation is something you've probably never heard of.

- **PF kills as many Americans as breast cancer every year** (40,000+).
- PF takes an American life every 13 minutes.
- Since 2001, the number of patients with PF has increased by **150%** to more than 200,000 (and, the NIH thinks that estimate could be low due to misdiagnosis).
- **4x as many Americans have PF than cystic fibrosis** (CF) yet PF received 1/4th of the research funds allocated to CF in 2007 (\$23M vs \$85M).

State	Rank	Deaths/100,000	2000 Census	State	Rank	Deaths/100,000	2000 Census
AK	22	54.8	626,932	MS	42	46.4	2,844,658
AL	28	51.0	4,447,100	MT	9	59.9	902,195
AR	44	44.7	2,673,400	NC	3	68.3	8,049,313
AZ	36	49.0	5,130,632	ND	37	48.8	642,200
CA	29	50.9	33,871,648	NE	23	54.7	1,711,263
CO	45	43.0	4,301,261	NH	16	56.3	1,235,786
CT	46	42.7	3,405,565	NJ	51	34.3	8,414,350
DC	48	40.4	572,059	NM	1	69.5	1,819,046
DE	30	50.7	783,600	NV	49	35.3	1,998,257
FL	40	47.0	15,982,378	NY	50	34.3	18,976,457
GA	21	55.1	8,186,453	OH	15	57.7	11,353,140
HI	13	58.1	1,211,537	OK	35	49.2	3,450,654
IA	19	55.2	2,926,324	OR	6	60.9	3,421,399
ID	14	57.9	1,293,953	PA	43	45.1	12,281,054
IL	38	47.7	12,419,293	RI	33	49.6	1,048,319
IN	5	62.1	6,080,485	SC	4	68.2	4,012,012
KS	18	55.3	2,688,418	SD	32	50.2	754,844
KY	39	47.2	4,041,769	TN	25	52.7	5,689,283
LA	26	51.1	4,468,976	TX	10	59.2	20,851,820
MA	47	41.4	6,349,097	UT	11	58.9	2,233,169
MD	34	49.4	5,296,486	VA	31	50.1	7,078,515
ME	12	58.7	1,274,923	VT	2	69.3	608,827
MI	7	60.5	9,938,444	WA	8	60.0	5,894,121
MN	17	56.3	4,919,479	WI	27	51.0	5,363,675
MO	24	52.8	5,595,211	WV	20	55.2	1,808,344
				WY	41	46.6	493,782

# State Ranking—PF Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates

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NM	1	69.5	WI	27	51.0
VT	2	69.3	AL	28	51.0
NC	3	68.3	CA	29	50.9
SC	4	68.2	DE	30	50.7
IN	5	62.1	VA	31	50.1
OR	6	60.9	SD	32	50.2
MI	7	60.5	RI	33	49.6
WA	8	60.0	MD	34	49.4
MT	9	59.9	OK	35	49.2
TX	10	59.2	AZ	36	49.0
UT	11	58.9	ND	37	48.8
ME	12	58.7	IL	38	47.7
HI	13	58.1	KY	39	47.2
ID	14	57.9	FL	40	47.0
OH	15	57.7	WY	41	46.6
NH	16	56.3	MS	42	46.4
MN	17	56.9	PA	43	45.1
KS	18	55.3	AR	44	44.7
IA	19	55.2	CO	45	43.0
WV	20	55.9	CT	46	42.7
GA	21	55.1	MA	47	41.4
AK	22	54.8	DC	48	40.4
NE	23	54.7	NV	49	35.3
MO	24	52.8	NY	50	34.3
TN	25	52.7	NJ	51	34.3
LA	26	51.1			



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