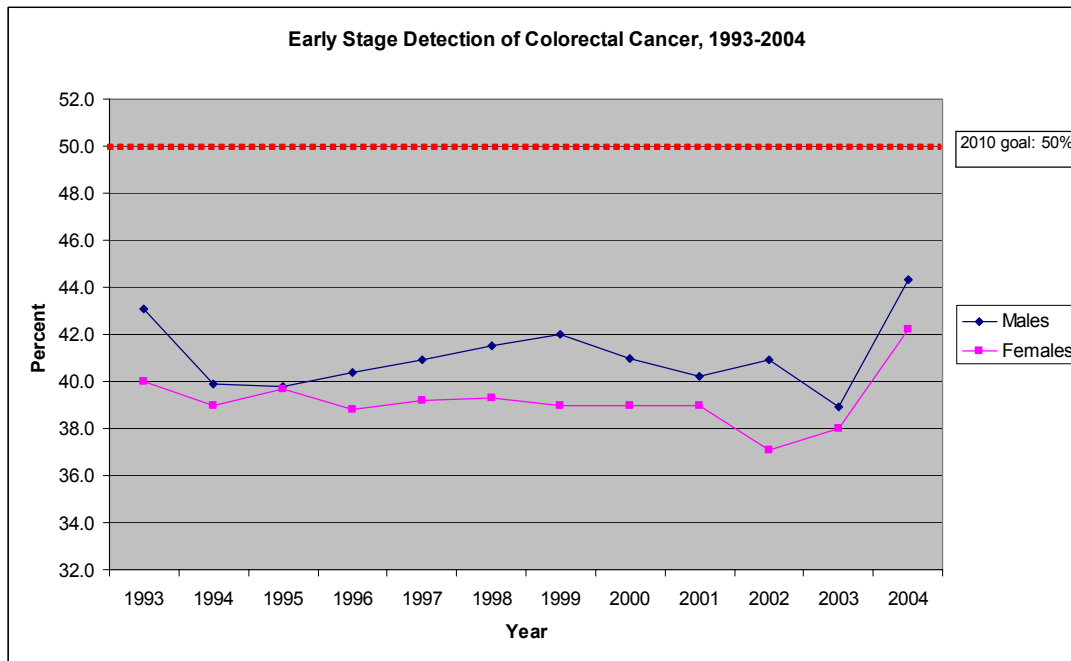


## State of the Plan: Colorectal Cancer Early Detection

The New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan has a goal of, “by 2010, increase the proportion of colon and rectum cancer detected at an early stage to 50%.” As of 2005, according to New York Cancer Registry data, the percent of colorectal cancers in males detected at an early stage increased to 44.3% in 2004, up from 40.9% in 2002 and the percent detected in females at an early stage increased from 37.1% in 2002 to 42.2% in 2004.



Progress in the early detection of colorectal cancer can be partially attributed to efforts to increase colorectal screening. Some major initiatives in New York State include Dialogue for Action, the C5 Coalition, and the expansion of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Program.

- A statewide Dialogue for Action meeting was convened in June of 2006 with the purpose of setting a comprehensive and coordinated statewide strategy to increase colorectal cancer screening rates. Efforts have continued on both local and statewide levels to carry out the recommendations of the meeting.
- The New York Citywide Colon Cancer Control Coalition (C5) has a mission to improve citywide colon cancer prevention and control by increasing awareness and screening. Their efforts include providing some funding for screening the uninsured, working on an awareness project with the Fire Department of New York (FDNY), and providing educational toolkits about screening for use in the provider setting.
- The New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Partnerships have expanded to cover colorectal cancer screening for the un- and underinsured in all parts of New York State. In addition, eligible individuals screened and diagnosed through the Partnerships can qualify for emergency Medicaid Treatment.

For more information, please visit the following Web sites:

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Colon Cancer:  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cancer/cancercolon.shtml>

The New York State Department of Health, Cancer Services:  
[http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/cancer/center/cancer\\_services.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/cancer/center/cancer_services.htm)