

Nearly 135,000 adults are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year.



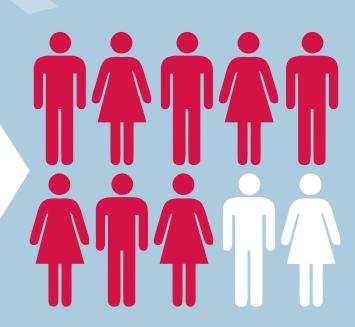


It can be detected early at a stage when treatment is most likely to be successful.



About 1 in 3 adults between 50 and 75 years old - about 23 million people - are not getting tested as recommended.

If we can achieve **80% by 2018**, 277,000 cases and 203,000 colorectal cancer deaths would be prevented by 2030<sup>1</sup>.

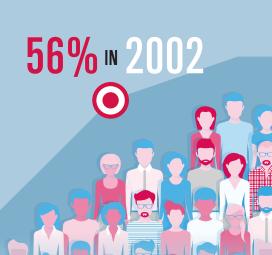




Hundreds of groups, including the American Cancer Society, have pledged to work together to increase the nation's colorectal cancer screening rates and embrace the goal of reaching 80% screened for colorectal cancer by 2018.

The percentage of the population up-to-date with recommended colorectal cancer screening increased from **56%** in 2002 to **65%** 2010<sup>2</sup>.

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It's estimated the number needing screening to reach 80% by 2018 ranges from 45,400 in Vermont to 2.72 million in California.<sup>3</sup> (Find the number needing screening in other states on page 8 of the 80% by 2018 Communications Guidebook.)

Regular colorectal cancer screening or testing is one of the most

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powerful weapons for preventing colorectal cancer.

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