



Malignant melanoma: increase in incidence by age band in England

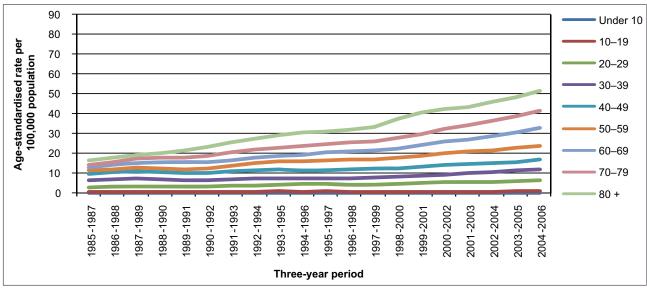
There is an increase in incidence rate of malignant melanoma across the age bands in England.

The increase has been larger in older age bands, especially those over 70.

There is a greater disparity now between the age bands than there was in 1985-87.

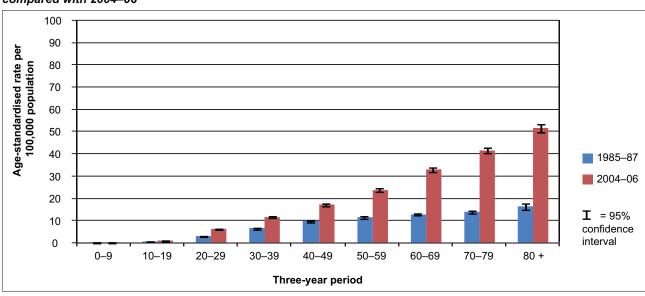
The overall increase in incidence is a ratio of 2.22 or 120%.

Malignant melanoma incidence (age-standardised rates per 100,000) by age band in England, 1985 to 2006 (mid year of three-year rolling averages)



Source: National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) as directly age-standardised rates

Malignant melanoma incidence (age-standardised rates per 100,000) by age band in England, 1985–87 compared with 2004–06



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The South West Public Health Observatory (SWPHO) is part of a network of regional public health observatories in the UK and Ireland. These were established in 2000 as outlined in the Government White Paper Saving lives: our healthier nation. Key tasks include: monitoring health and disease trends; identifying gaps in health information; advising on methods for health and health impact assessment; drawing together information from different sources; and carrying out projects on particular health issues.

The SWPHO is also the public health module for the wider regional intelligence network, the South West Observatory (SWO).

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