

# New York State Cancer Consortium

## June 2020 - June 2021 Year in Review

The **New York State (NYS) Cancer Consortium** (Consortium) is a voluntary network of individuals and organizations that collaborate to address NYS' cancer burden. The Consortium and its members are guided by the **NYS Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan** (Plan), a five-year plan that sets priorities and strategies for preventing cancers and detecting cancers early. The Plan recommends statewide and local interventions in seven priority areas across the cancer continuum. The Consortium is led by a Steering Committee who is responsible for the ongoing development, implementation, and evaluation of the Plan.

**Action Teams** are groups of Consortium members who implement Plan priority areas. Four action teams currently address 1) reducing exposure to ultraviolet radiation, 2) increasing human papillomavirus vaccinations, 3) increasing colorectal cancer screening and 4) reducing exposure to known environmental carcinogens.

## Consortium by the Numbers

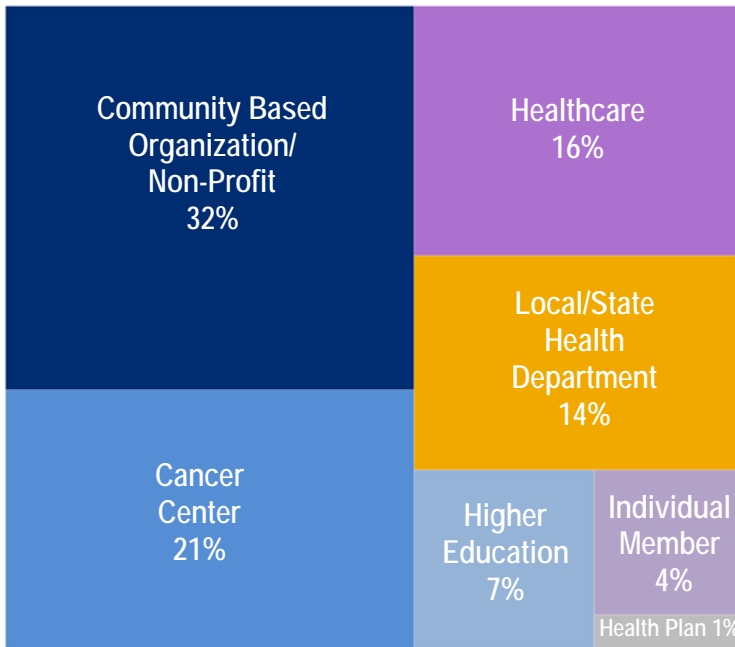
Membership



214

Consortium Members

Membership  
Organization



Not shown: 4% Other

Membership  
Region



NYC

31%

Capital Region

17%

Western NY

16%

Long Island

13%

Hudson Valley

8%

Central NY

8%

North Country

6%

## Thank You to the Steering Committee Members:

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# Addressing the Burden of Cancer in NYS Communities

In collaboration with the Consortium, the New York State Department of Health funded organizations to conduct **23 community projects in support of the Plan and the work of the action teams** to address the burden of cancer in communities. Projects were funded at \$1,000 each and addressed skin cancer prevention, human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine promotion, colorectal cancer screening, and cancer survivorship.

## Participating Organizations:

Bronx Oncology Living Daily Program

City University of New York

Hornell Area Family YMCA

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Jericho Road Community Health Center

John T. Mather Memorial Hospital

Molloy College

Mount Sinai Downtown Cancer Centers

Mount Sinai South Nassau

New York City Health + Hospitals

Northwell Health - Huntington Hospital

Open Door Family Medical Center, Inc.

Stony Brook University

United Memorial Medical Center

Upstate Cancer Center

Weill Cornell Medicine

Steering Committee members held regional meetings to promote and support local level plan implementation to address cancer prevention, screening, and/or survivorship concerns.

Four regional meetings were held: one in New York City, one in the North Country, and two in Western New York.

To learn more about what can be done to reduce the burden of cancer in communities and across NYS, visit the NYS Cancer Consortium at [www.nyscancerconsortium.org](http://www.nyscancerconsortium.org).



**4** Projects installed 13 sunscreen dispensers to **provide free sunscreen** at public locations.



**2** Educational events were held for healthcare professionals to **promote the HPV vaccine** as cancer prevention.



**5** Educational events were held about the **need for CRC screening**.



**4** Public Service Announcements were created and shared on social media to **promote CRC screening**.



**5** Educational events were held for primary care providers about how to **better understand and care for cancer survivors**.

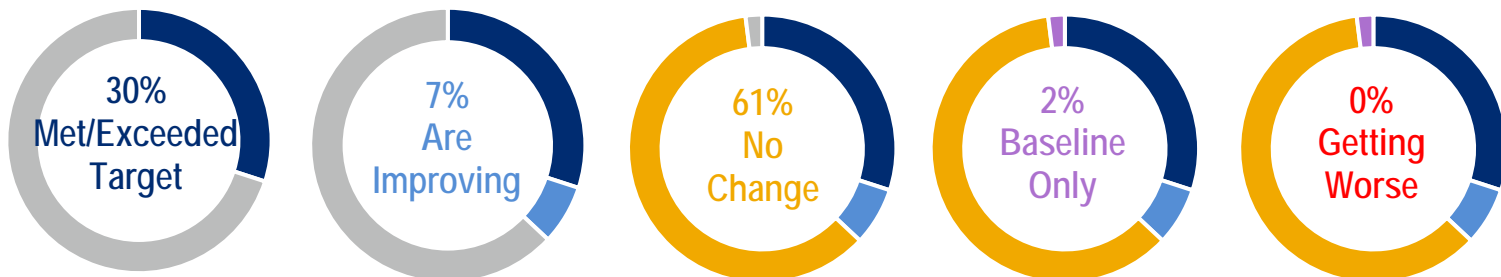


**3** Educational events were held for healthcare professionals, cancer patients, and caregivers about **cancer treatment options and advocating for quality care**.

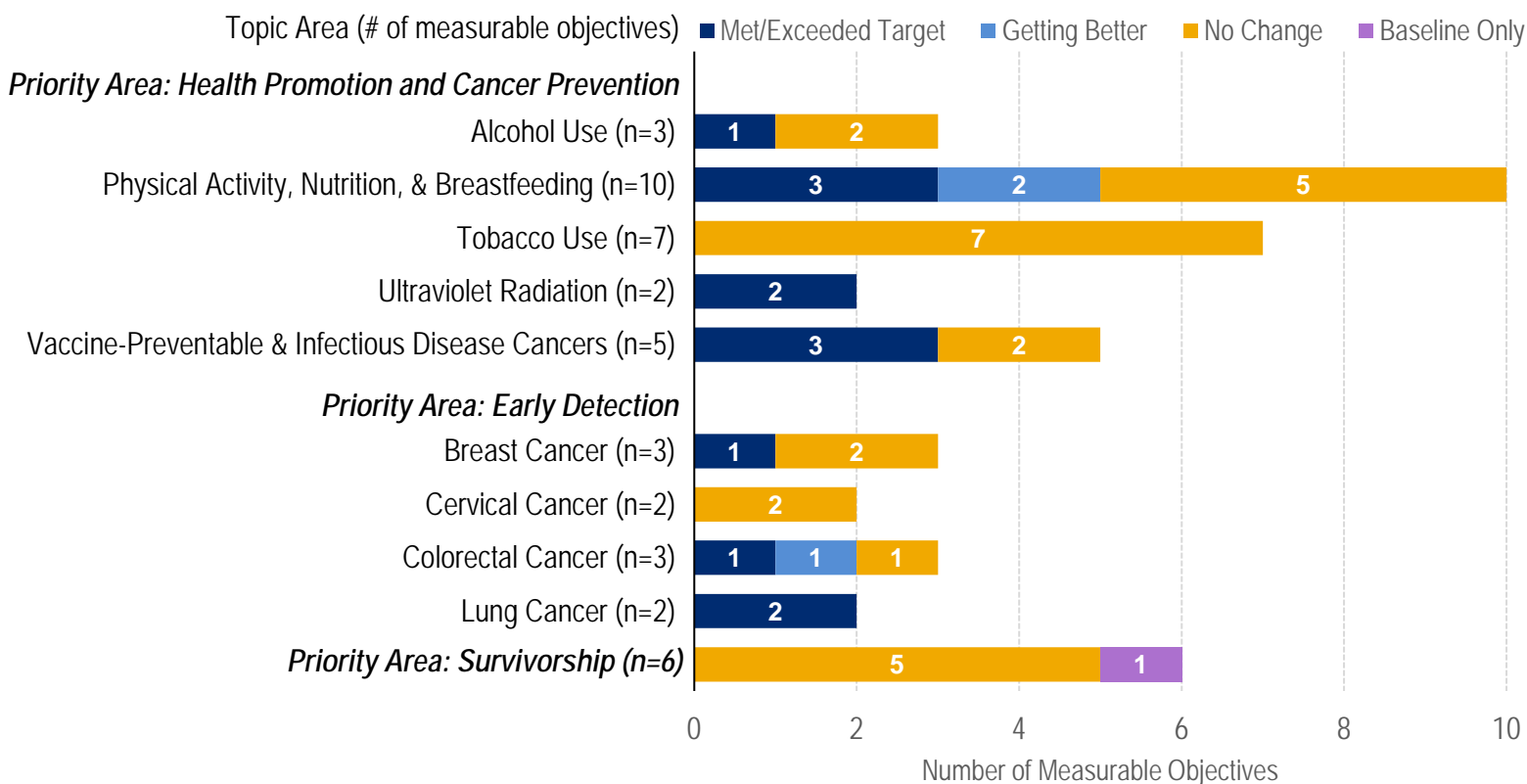
# NYS Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan Midpoint Progress

To measure progress made by the Consortium's collective efforts, the Plan includes measurable objectives that have a target to achieve by the Plan's end in 2023. The [NYS Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan Dashboard](#) ([Dashboard](#)) annually tracks progress for 43 measurable objectives. The recently completed third data update, compared to the Plan's baseline, shows Consortium members' implementation of the Plan is contributing to meaningful improvements.

## Midcourse Status of Plan Measurable Objectives



## Midcourse Progress of Plan Measurable Objectives, by Topic



- ✓ Overall, compared to baseline, 30% of objectives met their 2023 targets; 7% are improving; 61% are showing no detectable change and no objectives are getting worse!
- ✓ All objectives under topic areas Ultraviolet Radiation and Lung Cancer either met or exceeded their targets. On the other hand, three topic areas had no objectives meet or exceed their 2023 targets or show improvement from baseline: Tobacco Use; Cervical Cancer; and Survivorship.
- ✓ Five topics areas have varied progress with some objectives meeting targets, some improving, and/or some showing no change compared to baseline: Alcohol Use; Physical Activity, Nutrition, & Breastfeeding; Vaccine-Preventable & Infectious Disease-Related Cancers; Breast Cancer; and Colorectal Cancer.