

TECHNICAL NOTES

Relative survival is commonly used to calculate survival for cancer, particularly when using population-based cancer registry data due to a variety of reasons. Some of the reasons are lack of detailed medical comorbidities, concerns about the accuracy of cause of death, and the concept of relative survival being simple. In this report, the calculation of relative survival is similar to that described in the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) and Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) reports.

All newly diagnosed Kansans with cancers that are included in the Kansas Cancer Registry (KCR) database are eligible for inclusion in the analysis. For relative survival analysis all invasive cancers (including bladder in situ) diagnosed between 2004 and 2023 with known age at diagnosis (0-99 years old), sex, race, and date of diagnosis are included in the analysis. Patients with multiple primary cancers are included in the dataset, but each patient only contributes one tumor diagnosis to each analysis. In other words, only the first eligible primary cancer (or the first primary cancer type if a specific cancer is being addressed) in the study time period is used for the calculation of survival rates. Cases that are identified solely on the basis of a death certificate or autopsy were excluded from the analysis.

Two study time periods are considered for the analysis: 2004-2013 with follow-up through 2014 (study cutoff date 12/31/2014) and 2014-2023 with follow-up through 2024 (study cutoff date 12/31/2024). Survival time in months for each case is calculated using date of diagnosis as the starting date and the end date being date of death (if the patient was deceased) or the study time cutoff date (12/31/2014 and 12/31/2024, respectively for the two time periods) if the subjects have no evidence of death and are presumed alive. The evidence of death is based on the state death files and the National Death Index (NDI). Survivors that exceeded the maximum age (99 years) were considered as being censored at age 99. Life tables for expected all-cause survival for the general population were obtained from National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). A SAS program provided by Paul Dickman was modified and employed to calculate the cumulative 5-year relative survival.

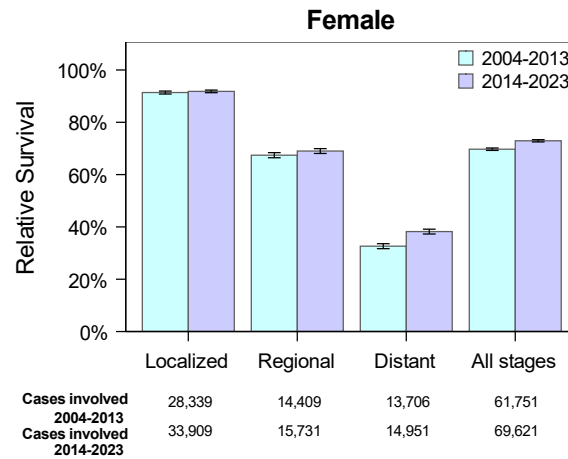
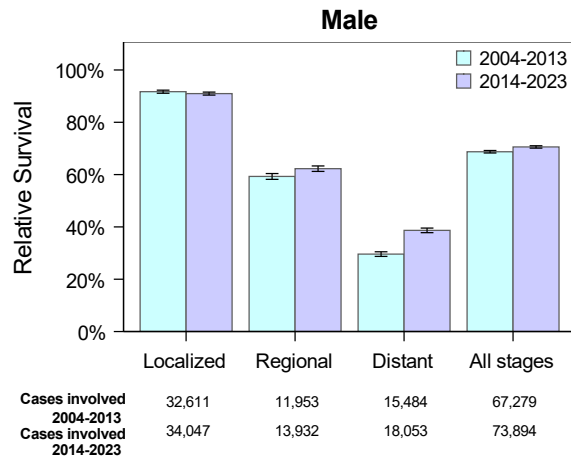
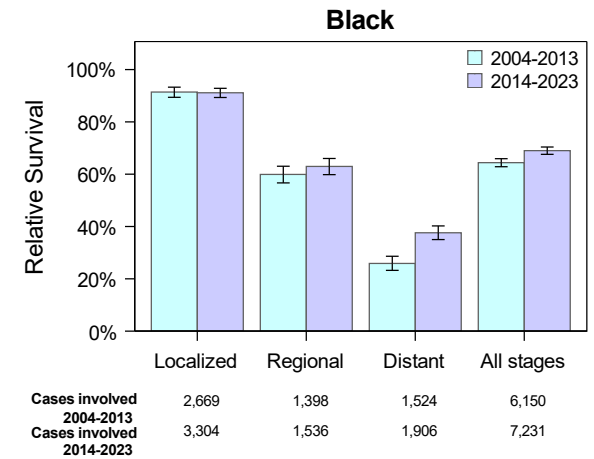
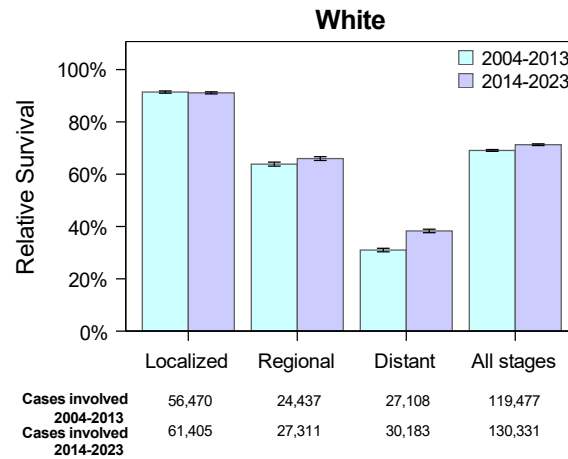
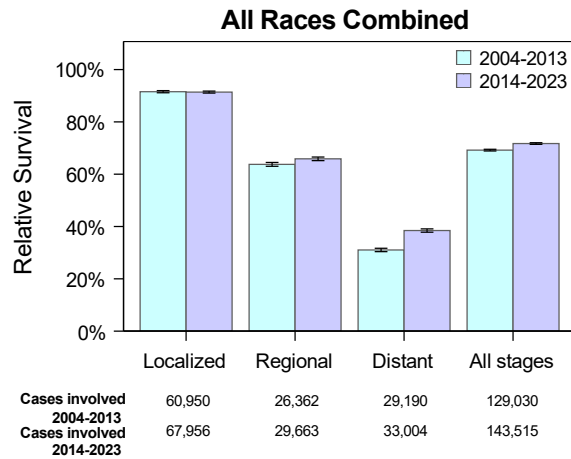
Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, reductions in cancer diagnosis and delayed reporting may have affected cancer incidence rates and trends when using 2020 diagnosed cases.

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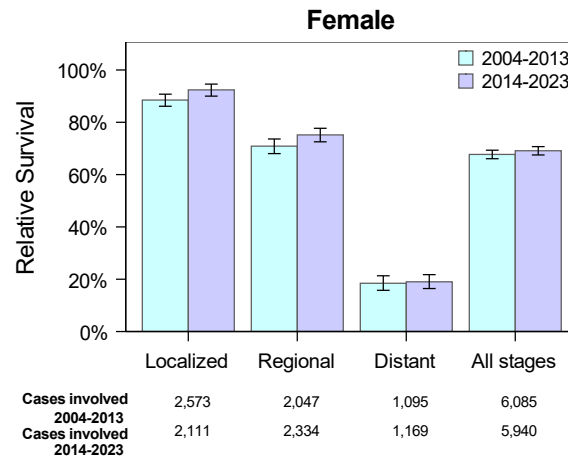
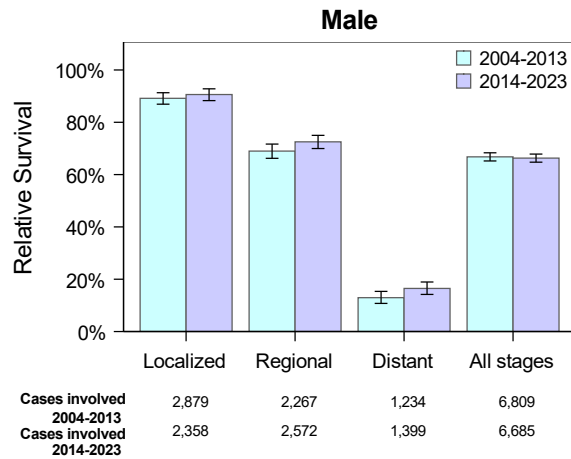
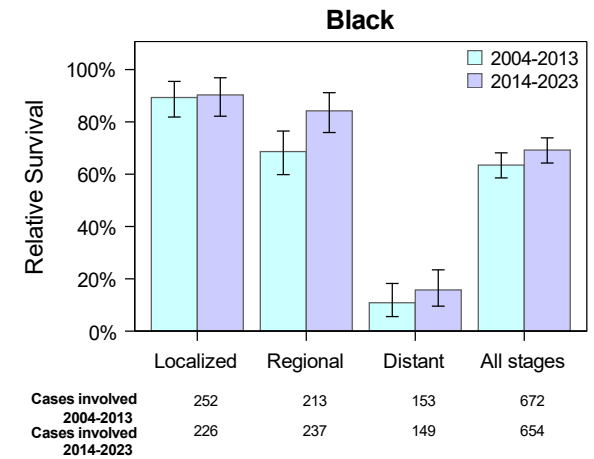
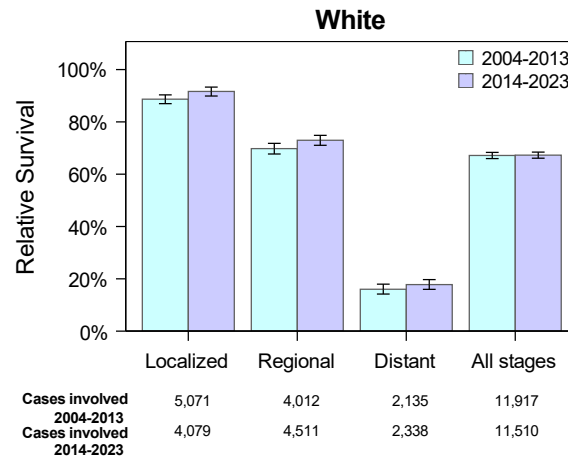
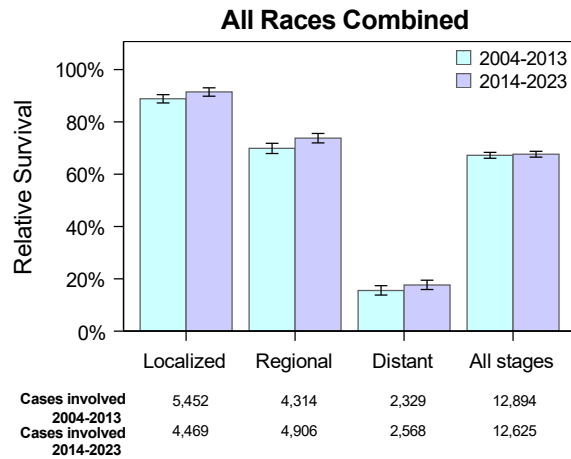
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5-year Relative Survival for All Sites by stages



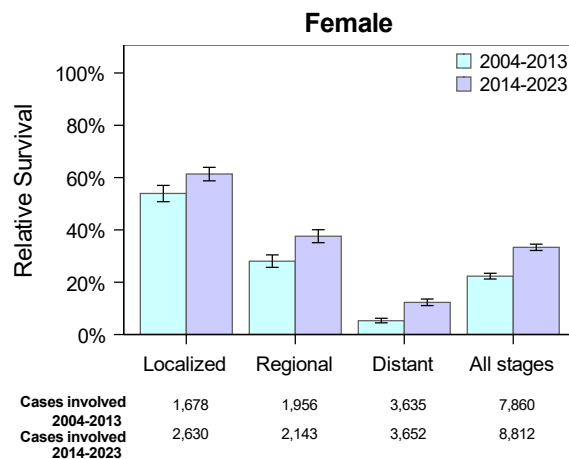
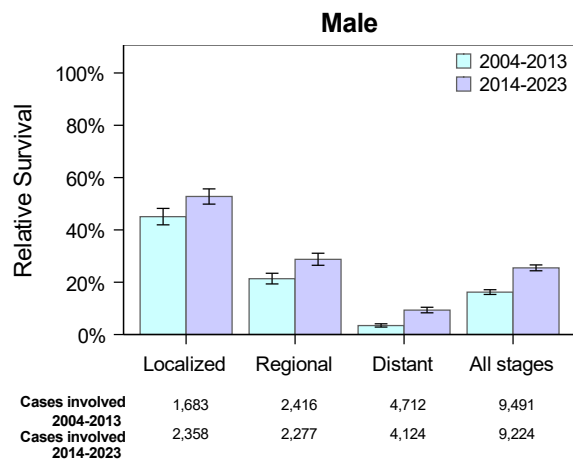
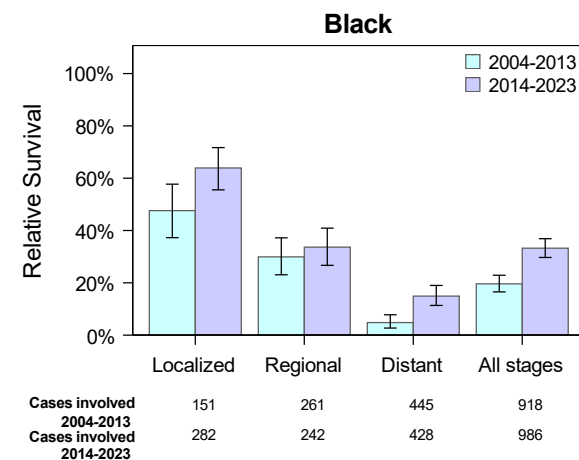
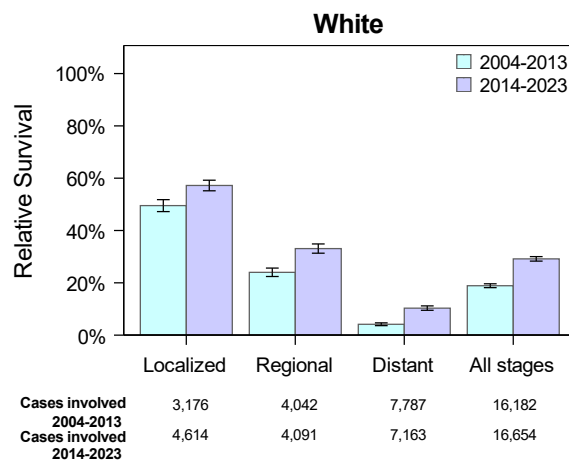
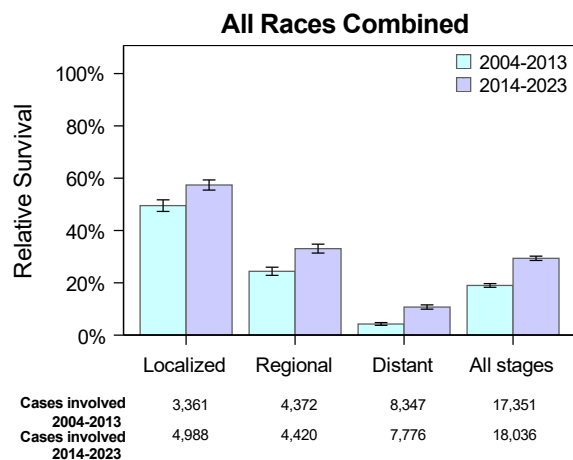
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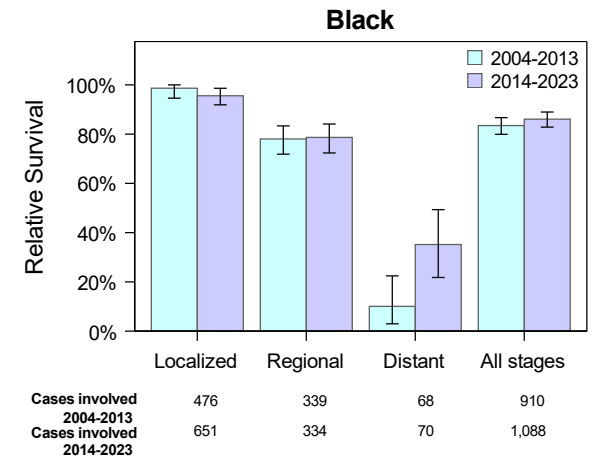
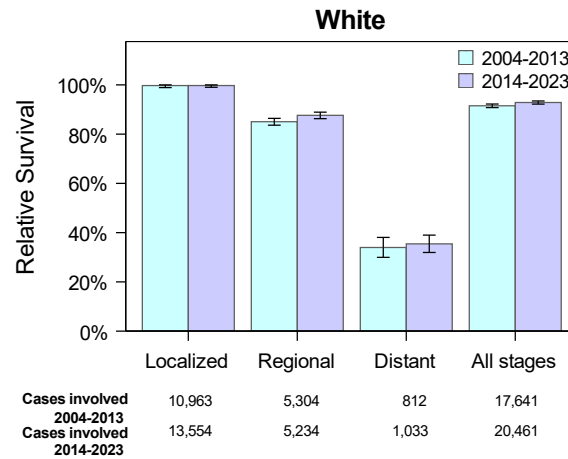
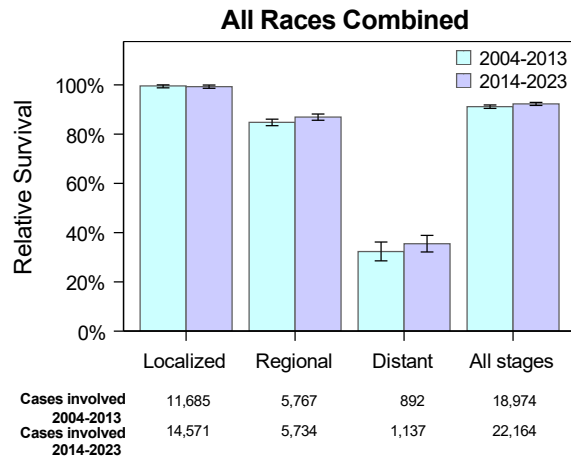
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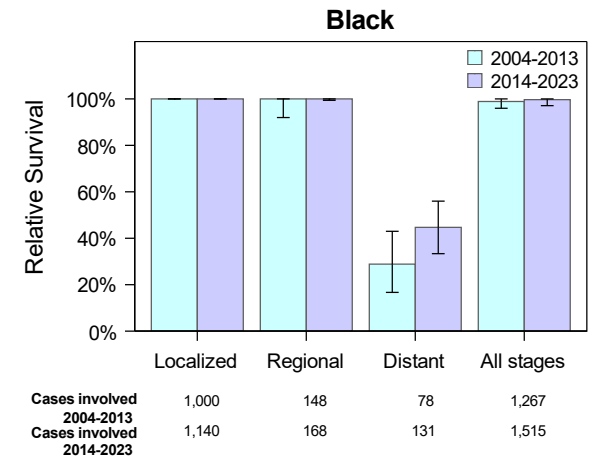
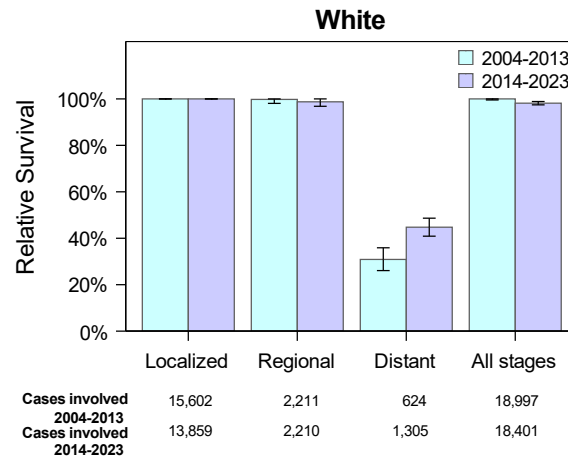
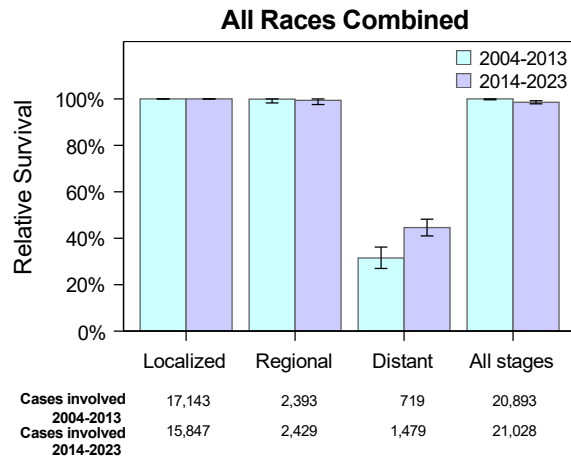
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5-year Relative Survival for Female Breast Cancer by stages



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5-year Relative Survival for Prostate Cancer by stages



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