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## **American Cancer Society Reports on Latinas and Breast Cancer**

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According to the Long Island *Newsday*, the American Cancer Society released a report in September, which stated that Latinas have lower incidence of breast cancer. But Latinas diagnosed with the disease have a higher chance of dying than their white counterparts. The report states that 89.1 out of every 100,000 Latinas developed breast cancer from 2000 to 2003. This rate is lower than the breast cancer incidence of 140.6 cases per 100,000 for non-Latino white women. The data also showed that Latinas are more than likely not screened for breast cancer, and those diagnosed from 1992 to 2000, were approximately 20% less likely to live within five years of diagnosis than non-Latino whites. “The take-home message is that we have to promote screening as early as possible within that population,” said Sylvia Diaz, vice president of ACS’ Suffolk County, N.Y., regional office. She also warned that uninsured Latinas diagnosed with the disease have a 50% chance of dying within five years than women with insurance.