

American Pesticide Use – Application, Cancer, Death Rate

For context, the EPA reports that about **75% of U.S. households used at least one pesticide product indoors during a year**. That includes insecticides and disinfectants and therefore is broader than having a professional pest-control company spray a property. An older EPA national survey found about 19.6% of households hired a commercial service specifically for fleas, roaches, or ants, with additional households using lawn-care companies or applying products themselves.

Florida likely has substantial residential pesticide use because of its **year-round pest pressure** and very large structural pest-management industry. A University of Florida analysis of the state's pest-management industry documents hundreds of pest-control firms and extensive residential/commercial pest-management activity, but it doesn't translate that activity into a percentage of Florida properties treated.

Despite pesticides being a known toxic carcinogen to human health, Americans use pesticides more than any other place in the world, aside from Brazil. The American cancer rate is 86% higher than the rest of the world. America places third in the world by cancer death rates.

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