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Most of the Southeastern United States has been known as the region with the highest number of colorectal cancer screenings, and as a result, most of our southeastern neighbors have surpassed the national goal of 60% screening rate. In Kentucky, we are fortunate to have leaders who are committed to improving the quality of life for all Kentuckians. State-wide, we have impacted the lives of people at all levels of health status, including those who may not have been able to access care before.

In Kentucky, the state has implemented several initiatives to increase cancer screening rates. One such initiative is the Kentucky Cancer Challenge, which is a program that encourages people to get screened for colorectal cancer. The program offers rewards to those who complete colorectal cancer screening and encourages others to do the same. As of 2020, the state has seen a 25% reduction in colorectal cancer cases and a 30% reduction in deaths from colorectal cancer.

In conclusion, Kentucky has made significant progress in cancer screening rates, and this success is due to the implementation of several initiatives aimed at increasing awareness and accessibility. As we move forward, we must continue to work together to ensure that all Kentuckians have access to quality healthcare and screening services. We must continue to prioritize the health of our communities and work towards achieving our goal of 80% screening rates by 2030.