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Turning Cancer Data Into Discovery

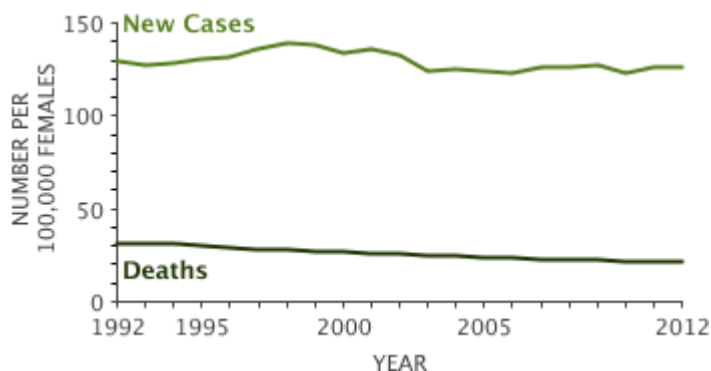
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SEER Stat Fact Sheets: Breast Cancer

Statistics at a Glance

At a Glance

Estimated New Cases in 2015	231,840
% of All New Cancer Cases	14.0%
Estimated Deaths in 2015	40,290
% of All Cancer Deaths	6.8%



Percent Surviving
5 Years

89.4%

2005–2011

Number of New Cases and Deaths per 100,000: The number of new cases of breast cancer was 124.8 per 100,000 women per year. The number of deaths was 21.9 per 100,000 women per year. These rates are age-adjusted and based on 2008–2012 cases and deaths.

Lifetime Risk of Developing Cancer: Approximately 12.3 percent of women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point during their lifetime, based on 2010–2012 data.

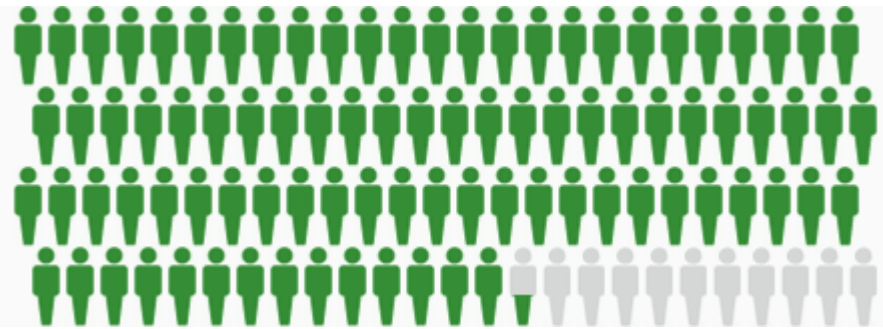
Prevalence of This Cancer: In 2012, there were an estimated 2,975,314 women living with breast cancer in the United States.

Survival Statistics

How Many People Survive 5 Years Or More after Being Diagnosed with Breast Cancer?

Relative survival

(<http://seer.cancer.gov><https://web.archive.org/web/20150907161940/http://surveillance.cancer.gov/survival/measures.html>) statistics compare the survival of patients diagnosed with cancer with the survival of people in the general population who are the same age, race, and sex and who have not been diagnosed with cancer. Because survival statistics are based on large groups of people, they cannot be used to predict exactly what will happen to an individual patient. No two patients are entirely alike, and treatment and responses to treatment can vary greatly.



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Based on data from SEER 18 2005–2011. Gray figures represent those who have died from breast cancer. Green figures represent those who have survived 5 years or more.

Additional Information

- [More about 5-year survival rates](#)

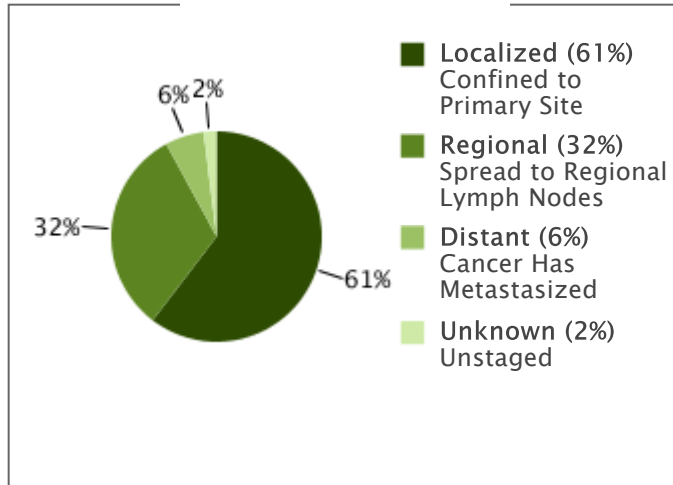
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Survival by Stage

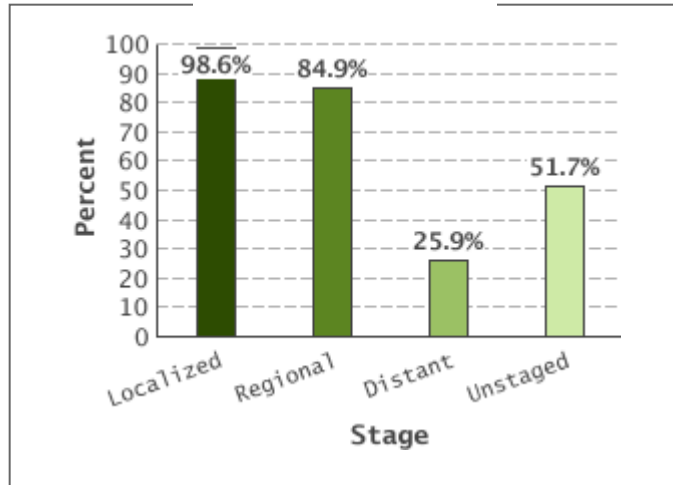
Cancer stage at diagnosis, which refers to extent of a cancer in the body, determines treatment options and has a strong influence on the length of survival. In general, if the cancer is found only in the part of the body where it started it is *localized* (sometimes referred to as stage 1). If it has spread to a different part of the body, the stage is *regional* or *distant*. The earlier breast cancer is caught, the better chance a person has of surviving five years after being diagnosed. For breast cancer, 61.1% are diagnosed at the local stage. The 5-year survival for localized breast cancer is 98.6%.

Percent of Cases & 5-Year Relative Survival by Stage at Diagnosis: Breast Cancer

Percent of Cases by Stage



5-Year Relative Survival



SEER 18 2005–2011, All Races, Females by SEER Summary Stage 2000

Additional Information

- [More about breast cancer staging](#)

(<http://seer.cancer.gov><https://web.archive.org/web/20150907161940/http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/treatment/breast/Patient/page2>)

Number of New Cases and Deaths

How Common Is This Cancer?

Compared to other cancers, breast cancer is fairly common.

Common Types of Cancer	Estimated New Cases 2015	Estimated Deaths 2015
1. Breast Cancer (Female)	231,840	40,290
2. Lung and Bronchus Cancer	221,200	158,040
3. Prostate Cancer	220,800	27,540
4. Colon and Rectum Cancer	132,700	49,700
5. Bladder Cancer	74,000	16,000
6. Melanoma of the Skin	73,870	9,940
7. Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	71,850	19,790
8. Thyroid Cancer	62,450	1,950
9. Kidney and Renal Pelvis Cancer	61,560	14,080
10. Endometrial Cancer	54,870	10,170

Breast cancer represents 14.0% of all new cancer cases in the U.S.

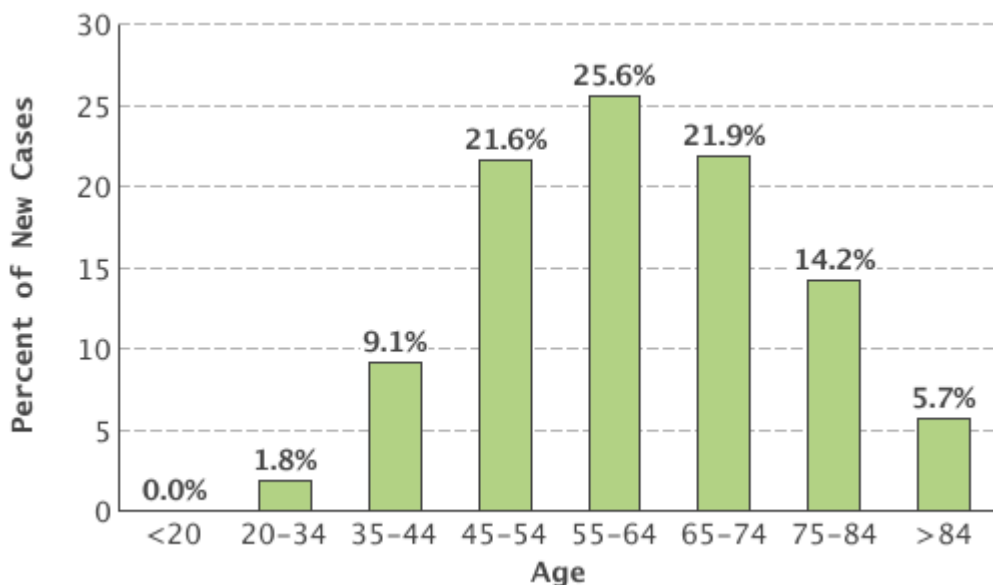


In 2015, it is estimated that there will be 231,840 new cases of breast cancer and an estimated 40,290 people will die of this disease.

Who Gets This Cancer?

Female breast cancer is most common in middle-aged and older women. Although rare, men can develop breast cancer as well. The number of new cases of breast cancer was 124.8 per 100,000 women per year based on 2008–2012 cases.

Percent of New Cases by Age Group: Breast Cancer



Breast cancer is most frequently diagnosed among women aged 55–64.

Median Age At Diagnosis
61

SEER 18 2008–2012, All Races, Females

Number of New Cases per 100,000 Persons by Race/Ethnicity: Breast Cancer



Sex-Specific Cancer

All Races	124.8
White	127.9
Black	124.4
Asian / Pacific Islander	96.3
American Indian / Alaska Native	82.0
Hispanic	92.1
Non-Hispanic	130.1

SEER 18 2008–2012, Age-Adjusted

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