



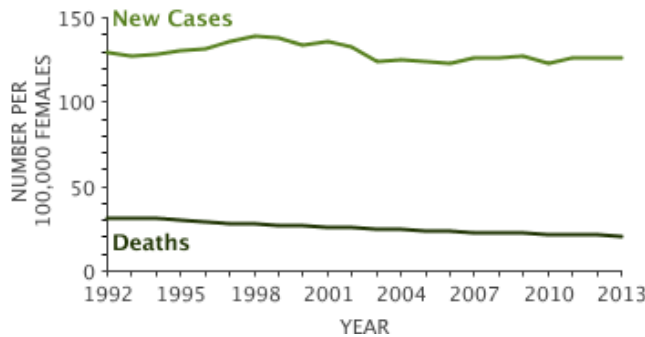
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Cancer Stat Facts: Female Breast Cancer

Statistics at a Glance

At a Glance

Estimated New Cases in 2016	246,660
% of All New Cancer Cases	14.6%
Estimated Deaths in 2016	40,450
% of All Cancer Deaths	6.8%



Percent Surviving 5 Years
89.7%
2006–2012

Number of New Cases and Deaths per 100,000: The number of new cases of female breast cancer was 125.0 per 100,000 women per year. The number of deaths was 21.5 per 100,000 women per year. These rates are age-adjusted and based on 2009–2013 cases and deaths.

Lifetime Risk of Developing Cancer: Approximately 12.4 percent of women will be diagnosed with female breast cancer at some point during their lifetime, based on 2011–2013 data.

Prevalence of This Cancer: In 2013, there were an estimated 3,053,450 women living with female breast cancer in the United States.

Survival Statistics

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

[Relative survival](http://surveillance.cancer.gov/survival/measures.html) (<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.



Based on data from SEER 18 2006–2012. Gray figures represent those who have died from female breast cancer. Green figures represent those who have survived 5 years or more.

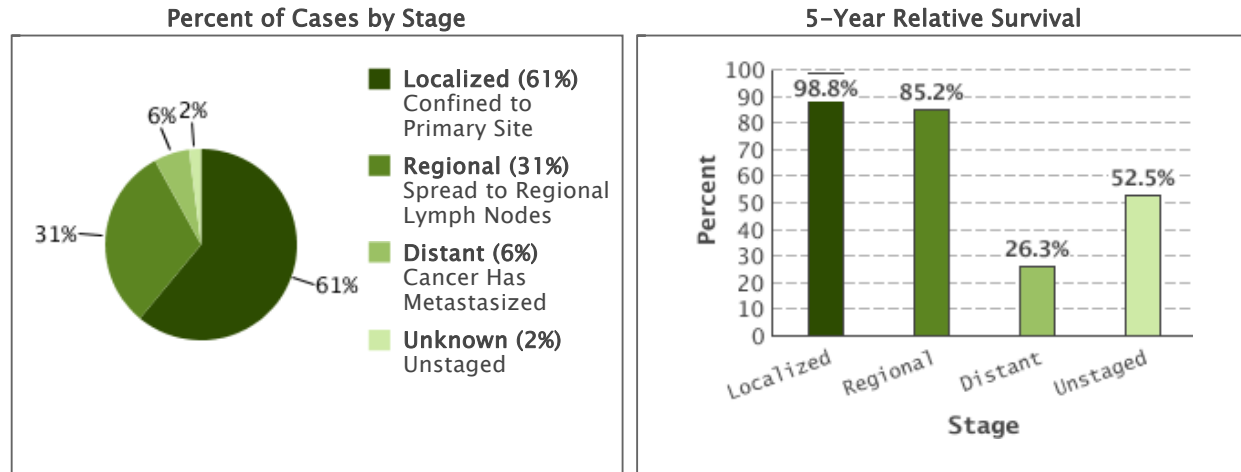
Additional Information

- [More about 5-year survival rates](http://seer.cancer.gov/statistics/types/survival.html) (<http://seer.cancer.gov/statistics/types/survival.html>)

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 female breast cancer is caught, the better chance a person has of surviving five years after being diagnosed. For female breast cancer, 61.4% are diagnosed at the local stage. The 5-year survival for localized female breast cancer is 98.8%.

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



SEER 18 2006–2012, All Races, Females by SEER Summary Stage 2000

Additional Information

- [More about female breast cancer staging](http://www.cancer.gov/types/breast/patient/breast-treatment-pdq#section/all) (http://www.cancer.gov/types/breast/patient/breast-treatment-pdq#section/all)

Number of New Cases and Deaths

How Common Is This Cancer?

Compared to other cancers, female breast cancer is fairly common.

Common Types of Cancer	Estimated New Cases 2016	Estimated Deaths 2016
1. Breast Cancer (Female)	246,660	40,450
2. Lung and Bronchus Cancer	224,390	158,080
3. Prostate Cancer	180,890	26,120
4. Colon and Rectum Cancer	134,490	49,190
5. Bladder Cancer	76,960	16,390
6. Melanoma of the Skin	76,380	10,130
7. Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	72,580	20,150
8. Thyroid Cancer	64,300	1,980
9. Kidney and Renal Pelvis Cancer	62,700	14,240
10. Leukemia	60,140	24,400

Female breast cancer represents 14.6% of all new cancer cases in the U.S.

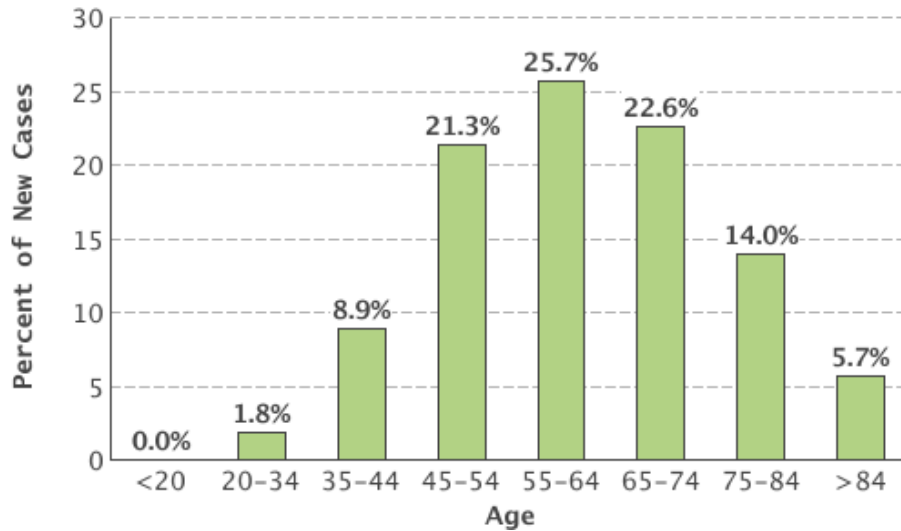


In 2016, it is estimated that there will be 246,660 new cases of female breast cancer and an estimated 40,450 people will die of this disease.

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 female breast cancer was 125.0 per 100,000 women per year based on 2009–2013 cases.

Percent of New Cases by Age Group: Female Breast Cancer



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

Median Age At Diagnosis
62

SEER 18 2009–2013, All Races, Females

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



Sex-Specific Cancer

Race/Ethnicity	Number of New Cases per 100,000 Persons
All Races	125.0
White	128.0
Black	125.2
Asian / Pacific Islander	97.3
American Indian / Alaska Native	81.2
Hispanic	92.4
Non-Hispanic	130.4

SEER 18 2009–2013, Age-Adjusted

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