

BULGARIA

Number of new cases

32 812

Number of deaths

18 794

Number of prevalent cases (5-year)

91 031

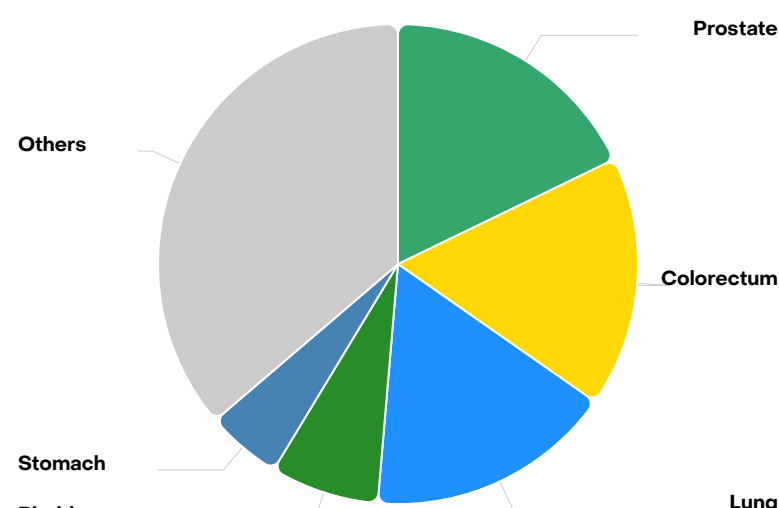
Statistics at a glance, 2022

| | Males | Females | Both sexes |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Population | 3 322 705 | 3 521 886 | 6 844 591 |
| Incidence* | | | |
| Number of new cancer cases | 17 515 | 15 297 | 32 812 |
| Age-standardized incidence rate | 253.9 | 203.2 | 222.0 |
| Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %) | 26.6 | 20.5 | 23.1 |
| Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)** | Prostate Colorectum Lung | Breast Colorectum Corpus uteri | Colorectum Lung Breast |
| Mortality* | | | |
| Number of cancer deaths | 10 763 | 8 031 | 18 794 |
| Age-standardized mortality rate | 148.8 | 88.0 | 114.2 |
| Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %) | 16.1 | 9.6 | 12.6 |
| Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)** | Lung Colorectum Prostate | Breast Colorectum Lung | Lung Colorectum Breast |
| Prevalence* | | | |
| 5-year prevalent cases | 45 440 | 45 591 | 91 031 |



Top 5 most frequent cancers**

Males

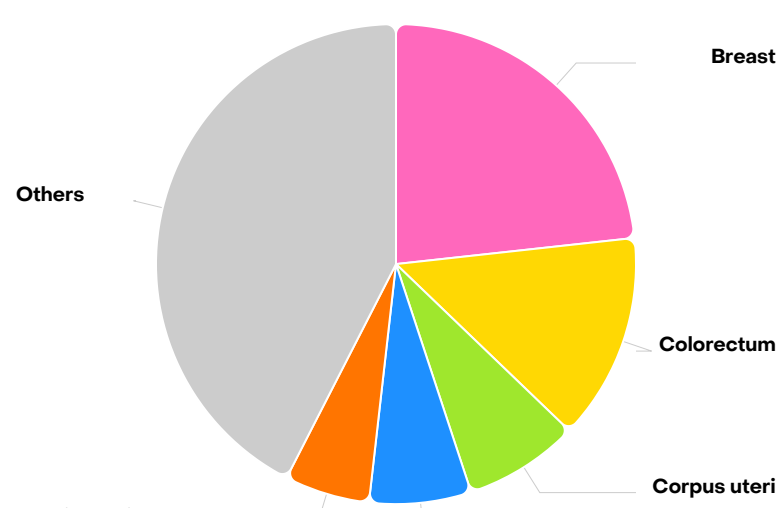


Total: 17 515

| Rank | Cancer site | Number of cases | Percent |
|------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1st | Prostate | 3 122 | 17.8% |
| 2nd | Colorectum | 2 956 | 16.9% |
| 3rd | Lung | 2 916 | 16.6% |
| 4th | Bladder | 1 280 | 7.3% |
| 5th | Stomach | 890 | 5.1% |
| - | Others | 6 351 | 36.3% |

Number of new cases in 2022, males, all ages

Females

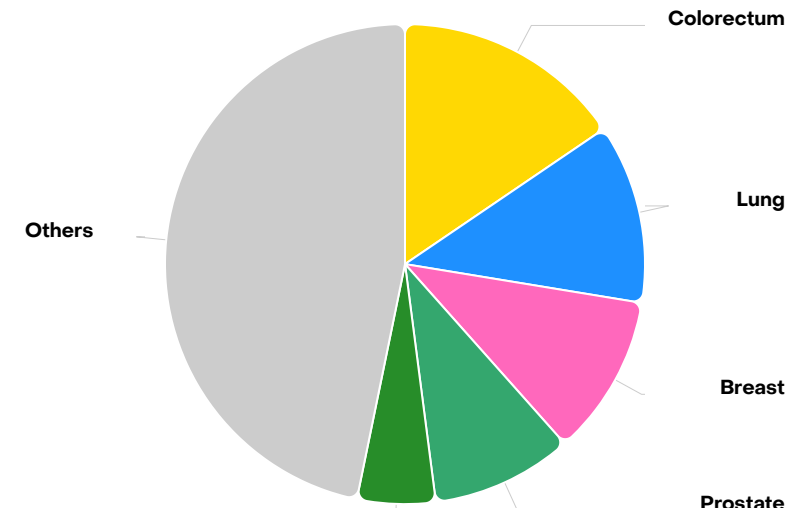


Total: 15 297

| Rank | Cancer site | Number of cases | Percent |
|------|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1st | Breast | 3 558 | 23.3% |
| 2nd | Colorectum | 2 130 | 13.9% |
| 3rd | Corpus uteri | 1 186 | 7.8% |
| 4th | Lung | 1 050 | 6.9% |
| 5th | Cervix uteri | 877 | 5.7% |
| - | Others | 6 496 | 42.5% |

Number of new cases in 2022, females, all ages

Both sexes



Total: 32 812

| Rank | Cancer site | Number of cases | Percent |
|------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1st | Colorectum | 5 086 | 15.5% |
| 2nd | Lung | 3 966 | 12.1% |
| 3rd | Breast | 3 558 | 10.8% |
| 4th | Prostate | 3 122 | 9.5% |
| 5th | Bladder | 1 730 | 5.3% |
| - | Others | 15 350 | 46.8% |

Number of new cases in 2022, both sexes, all ages

Incidence, Mortality and Prevalence by cancer site

| Cancer | New cases | | | | Deaths | | | | 5-year prevalence | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|------|-------------|---------------|------|------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | Number | Rank | (%) | Cum.risk | Number | Rank | (%) | Cum.risk | Number | Prop. (per 100 000) |
| Colorectum | 5 086 | 1 | 15.5 | 3.8 | 2 759 | 2 | 14.7 | 1.7 | 15 133 | 221.1 |
| Lung | 3 966 | 2 | 12.1 | 3.5 | 3 435 | 1 | 18.3 | 2.9 | 5 296 | 77.4 |
| Breast | 3 558 | 3 | 10.8 | 5.7 | 1 399 | 3 | 7.4 | 1.7 | 13 674 | 388.3 |
| Prostate | 3 122 | 4 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 1 302 | 4 | 6.9 | 1.3 | 11 306 | 340.3 |
| Bladder | 1 730 | 5 | 5.3 | 1.3 | 709 | 7 | 3.8 | 0.39 | 5 581 | 81.5 |
| Stomach | 1 469 | 6 | 4.5 | 1.1 | 1 034 | 6 | 5.5 | 0.72 | 2 093 | 30.6 |
| Pancreas | 1 280 | 7 | 3.9 | 0.90 | 1 208 | 5 | 6.4 | 0.88 | 1 137 | 16.6 |
| Corpus uteri | 1 186 | 8 | 3.6 | 1.9 | 314 | 16 | 1.7 | 0.39 | 4 416 | 125.4 |
| Cervix uteri | 877 | 9 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 453 | 12 | 2.4 | 0.70 | 2 901 | 82.4 |
| Brain CNS | 804 | 10 | 2.5 | 0.72 | 701 | 8 | 3.7 | 0.59 | 3 089 | 45.1 |
| Kidney | 790 | 11 | 2.4 | 0.70 | 396 | 13 | 2.1 | 0.31 | 2 474 | 36.2 |
| Liver | 713 | 12 | 2.2 | 0.52 | 684 | 9 | 3.6 | 0.51 | 838 | 12.2 |
| Ovary | 676 | 13 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 454 | 11 | 2.4 | 0.67 | 2 003 | 56.9 |
| Leukaemia | 639 | 14 | 1.9 | 0.53 | 460 | 10 | 2.4 | 0.34 | 1 897 | 27.7 |
| NHL | 492 | 15 | 1.5 | 0.42 | 319 | 15 | 1.7 | 0.22 | 1 602 | 23.4 |
| Melanoma | 465 | 16 | 1.4 | 0.37 | 154 | 20 | 0.82 | 0.10 | 1 639 | 24.0 |
| Larynx | 432 | 17 | 1.3 | 0.40 | 346 | 14 | 1.8 | 0.31 | 1 444 | 21.1 |
| Thyroid | 412 | 18 | 1.3 | 0.42 | 42 | 27 | 0.22 | 0.03 | 1 513 | 22.1 |
| Lip, oral cavity | 411 | 19 | 1.3 | 0.35 | 177 | 18 | 0.94 | 0.16 | 1 251 | 18.3 |
| Oesophagus | 226 | 20 | 0.69 | 0.19 | 211 | 17 | 1.1 | 0.18 | 322 | 4.7 |
| Multiple myeloma | 208 | 21 | 0.63 | 0.18 | 170 | 19 | 0.91 | 0.13 | 628 | 9.2 |
| Testis | 153 | 22 | 0.47 | 0.35 | 35 | 30 | 0.19 | 0.07 | 628 | 18.9 |
| Oropharynx | 115 | 23 | 0.35 | 0.11 | 78 | 21 | 0.42 | 0.08 | 343 | 5.0 |
| Vulva | 111 | 24 | 0.34 | 0.13 | 42 | 27 | 0.22 | 0.05 | 323 | 9.2 |
| Nasopharynx | 96 | 25 | 0.29 | 0.09 | 75 | 22 | 0.40 | 0.06 | 304 | 4.4 |
| Hodgkin lymphoma | 96 | 25 | 0.29 | 0.11 | 53 | 25 | 0.28 | 0.05 | 377 | 5.5 |
| Hypopharynx | 90 | 27 | 0.27 | 0.08 | 57 | 24 | 0.30 | 0.05 | 190 | 2.8 |
| Gallbladder | 77 | 28 | 0.24 | 0.05 | 61 | 23 | 0.33 | 0.04 | 96 | 1.4 |
| Salivary glands | 71 | 29 | 0.22 | 0.05 | 40 | 29 | 0.21 | 0.03 | 216 | 3.2 |
| Penis | 65 | 30 | 0.20 | 0.11 | 24 | 31 | 0.13 | 0.04 | 206 | 6.2 |
| Mesothelioma | 58 | 31 | 0.18 | 0.05 | 50 | 26 | 0.27 | 0.04 | 91 | 1.3 |
| Vagina | 35 | 32 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 12 | 32 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 90 | 2.6 |
| All cancers | 32 812 | - | - | 23.1 | 18 794 | - | - | 12.6 | 91 031 | - |
| All cancers excl. NMSC | 31 485 | - | - | 22.6 | 18 623 | - | - | 12.5 | 86 757 | - |

Data source and methods

Incidence

Country-specific data source: National cancer registry
Method: National (or sub-national with coverage greater than 50%) rates projected to 2022

[Click here to see detailed data source and methods](#)

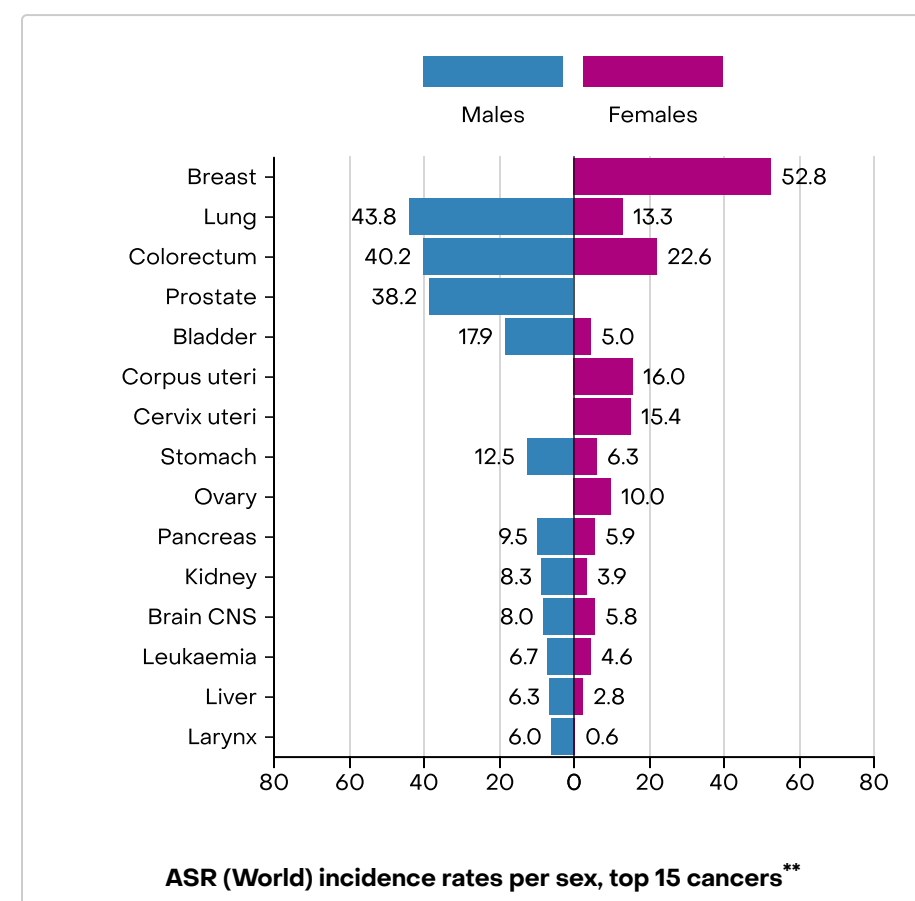
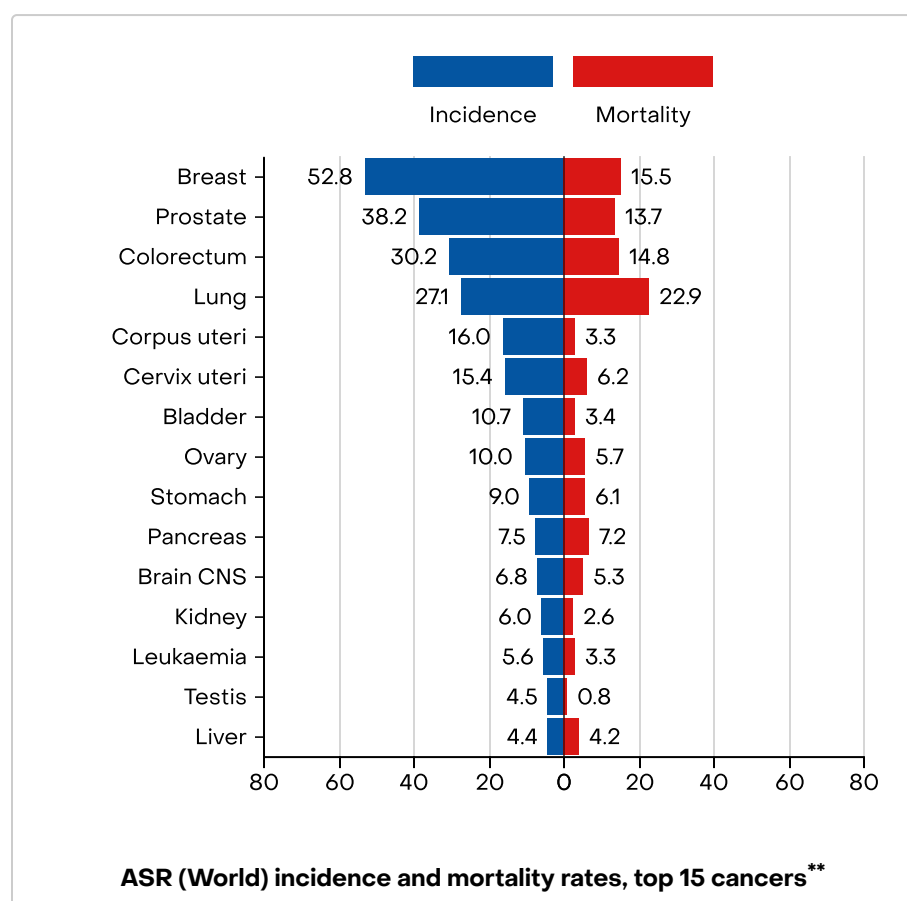
Mortality

Country-specific data source: National (WHO)
Method: National rates projected to 2022

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Prevalence

Computed using sex-, site- and age-specific incidence to 1-,3- and 5-year prevalence ratios from Nordic countries for the period (2011-2020), and scaled using Human Development Index (HDI) ratios.



* includes non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC)

** NMSC included in other cancers

Age standardization using world population ([see link](#))

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