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Number of new cases

33 243

Number of deaths

19 145

Number of prevalent cases (5-year)

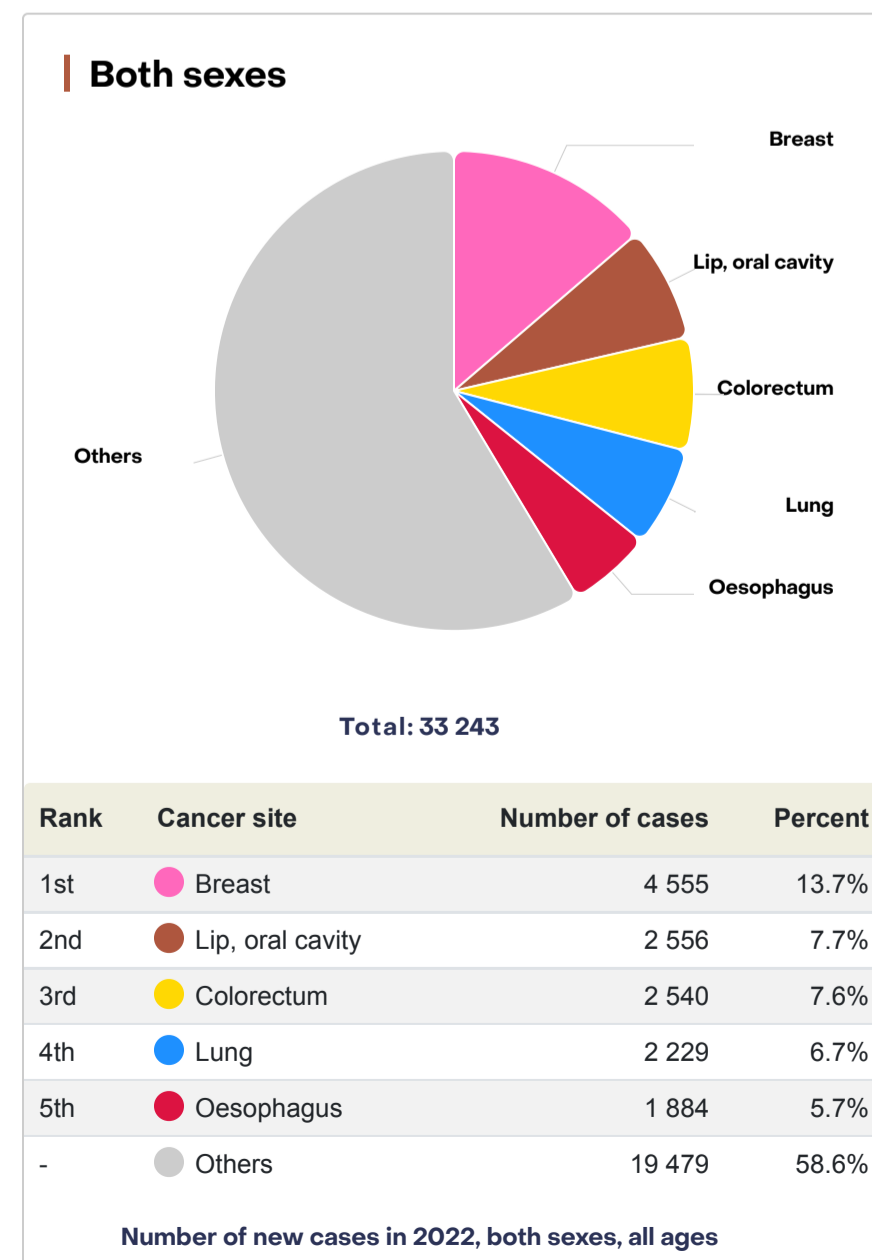
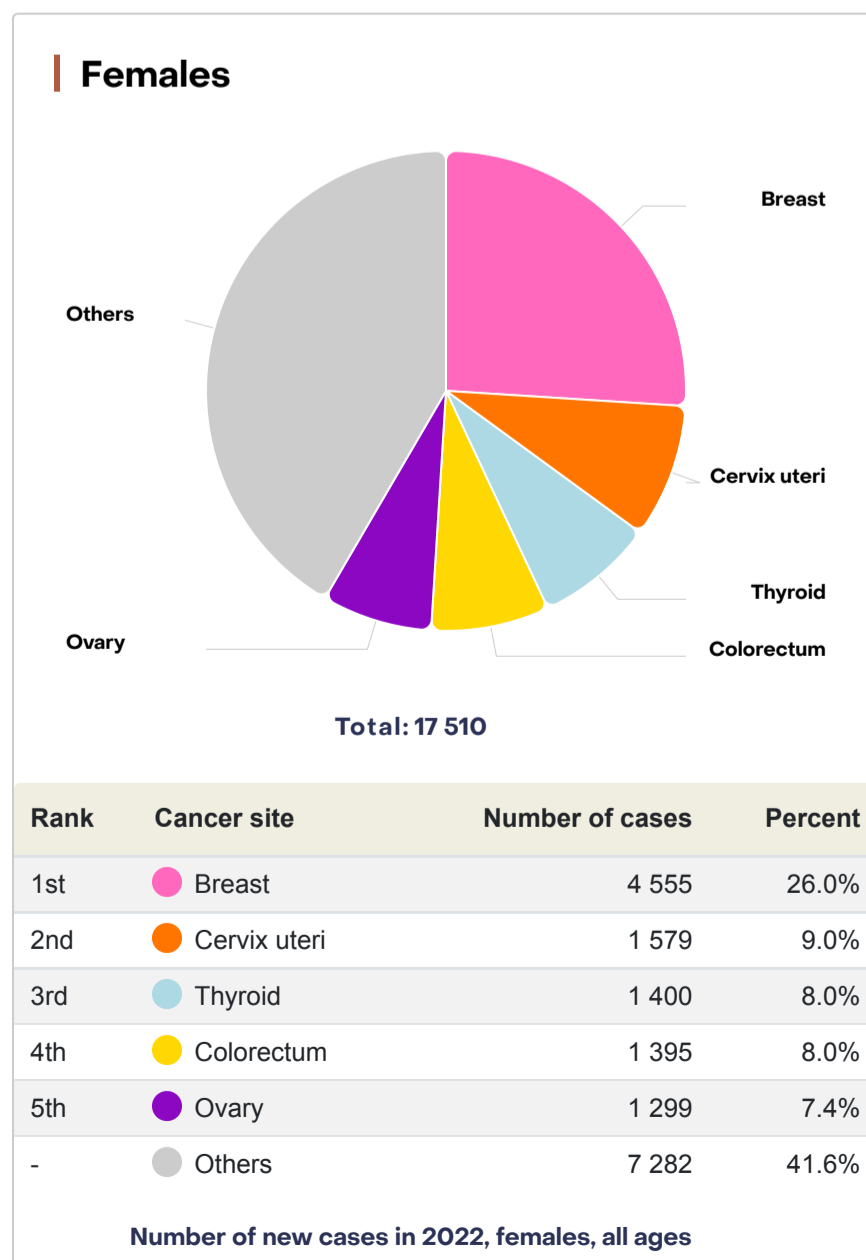
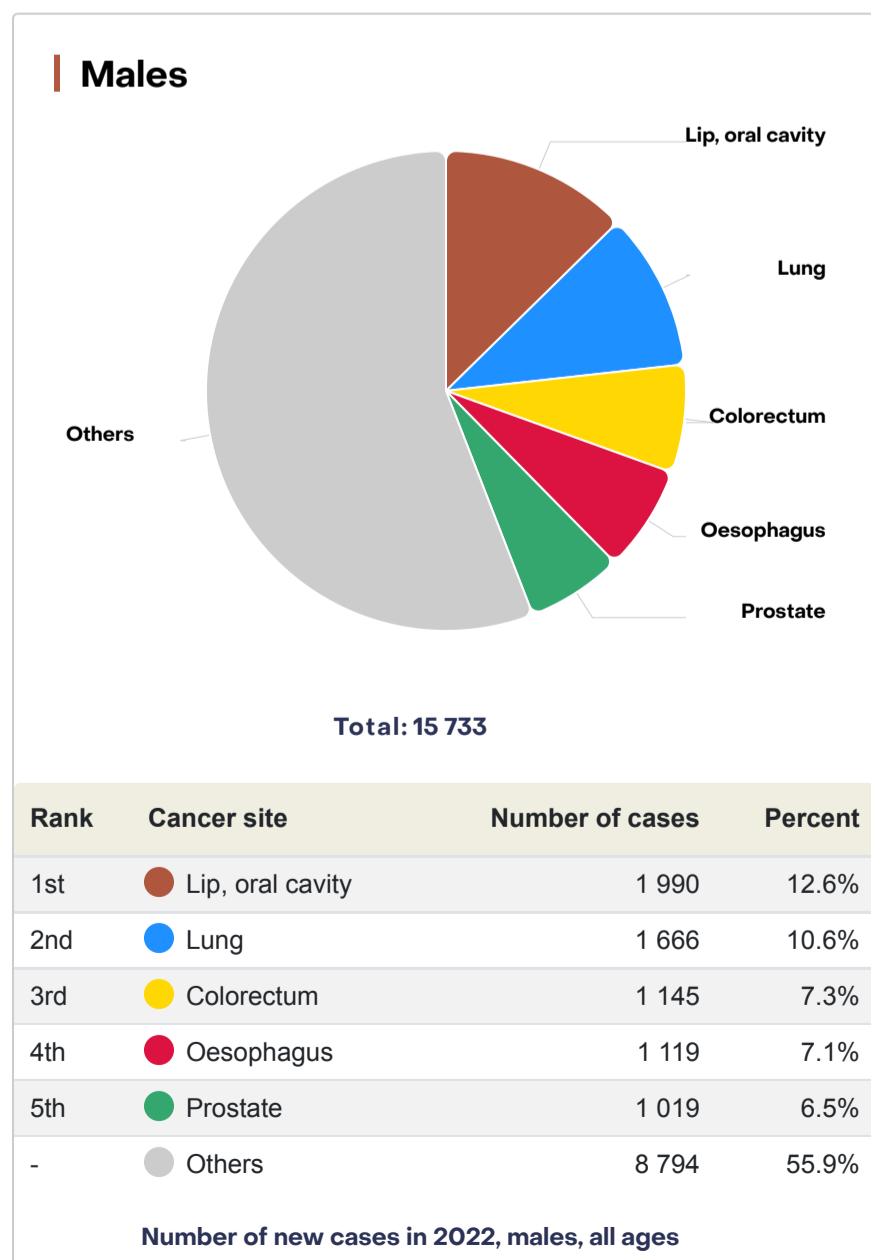
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Statistics at a glance, 2022

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population	10 326 769	11 249 075	21 575 844
Incidence*			
Number of new cancer cases	15 733	17 510	33 243
Age-standardized incidence rate	110.6	106.0	106.9
Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	11.9	11.2	11.4
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)**	Lip, oral cavity Lung Colorectum	Breast Cervix uteri Thyroid	Breast Lip, oral cavity Colorectum
Mortality*			
Number of cancer deaths	9 820	9 325	19 145
Age-standardized mortality rate	67.8	52.6	59.0
Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	7.5	5.9	6.6
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)**	Lung Oesophagus Lip, oral cavity	Breast Cervix uteri Ovary	Lung Breast Oesophagus
Prevalence*			
5-year prevalent cases	36 472	50 036	86 508



Top 5 most frequent cancers**



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)
Breast	4 555	1	13.7	3.1	1 991	2	10.4	1.3	14 688	17.0
Lip, oral cavity	2 556	2	7.7	0.95	1 198	5	6.3	0.46	7 490	8.7
Colorectum	2 540	3	7.6	0.93	1 284	4	6.7	0.45	7 586	8.8
Lung	2 229	4	6.7	0.81	2 035	1	10.6	0.73	2 898	3.4
Oesophagus	1 884	5	5.7	0.64	1 715	3	9.0	0.59	2 514	2.9
Thyroid	1 706	6	5.1	0.62	217	20	1.1	0.08	6 018	7.0
Cervix uteri	1 579	7	4.8	1.1	946	6	4.9	0.61	4 607	5.3
Ovary	1 299	8	3.9	0.91	911	7	4.8	0.65	3 835	4.4
NHL	1 022	9	3.1	0.37	547	10	2.9	0.20	3 171	3.7
Prostate	1 019	10	3.1	0.79	422	14	2.2	0.29	2 464	2.8
Leukaemia	1 001	11	3.0	0.36	790	8	4.1	0.29	3 150	3.6
Stomach	856	12	2.6	0.30	645	9	3.4	0.23	1 262	1.5
Larynx	799	13	2.4	0.32	440	12	2.3	0.18	2 492	2.9
Corpus uteri	755	14	2.3	0.54	228	19	1.2	0.14	2 713	3.1
Bladder	681	15	2.0	0.24	308	16	1.6	0.09	2 077	2.4
Multiple myeloma	523	16	1.6	0.19	453	11	2.4	0.16	1 447	1.7
Brain CNS	491	17	1.5	0.17	425	13	2.2	0.15	1 856	2.1
Oropharynx	469	18	1.4	0.18	244	18	1.3	0.10	1 297	1.5
Hypopharynx	433	19	1.3	0.16	187	21	0.98	0.07	850	0.98
Liver	402	20	1.2	0.14	380	15	2.0	0.14	502	0.58
Kidney	365	21	1.1	0.14	181	22	0.95	0.06	1 085	1.3
Pancreas	275	22	0.83	0.10	269	17	1.4	0.10	277	0.32
Hodgkin lymphoma	224	23	0.67	0.08	71	25	0.37	0.02	786	0.91
Salivary glands	196	24	0.59	0.07	92	23	0.48	0.03	651	0.75
Gallbladder	107	25	0.32	0.04	72	24	0.38	0.03	156	0.18
Penis	103	26	0.31	0.08	43	28	0.23	0.03	311	0.36
Melanoma	100	27	0.30	0.04	49	26	0.26	0.02	349	0.40
Testis	81	28	0.24	0.06	18	31	0.09	0.02	309	0.36
Nasopharynx	69	29	0.21	0.02	44	27	0.23	0.01	199	0.23
Vulva	59	30	0.18	0.02	26	29	0.14	0.01	157	0.18
Vagina	56	31	0.17	0.04	23	30	0.12	0.02	150	0.17
Mesothelioma	6	32	0.02	0.00	6	32	0.03	0.00	8	0.01
All cancers	33 243	-	-	11.4	19 145	-	-	6.6	86 508	-
All cancers excl. NMSC	32 829	-	-	11.3	18 992	-	-	6.6	85 075	-

Data source and methods

Incidence

Country-specific data source: Colombo district cancer registry

Method: Most recent rates from a single registry applied to 2022 population

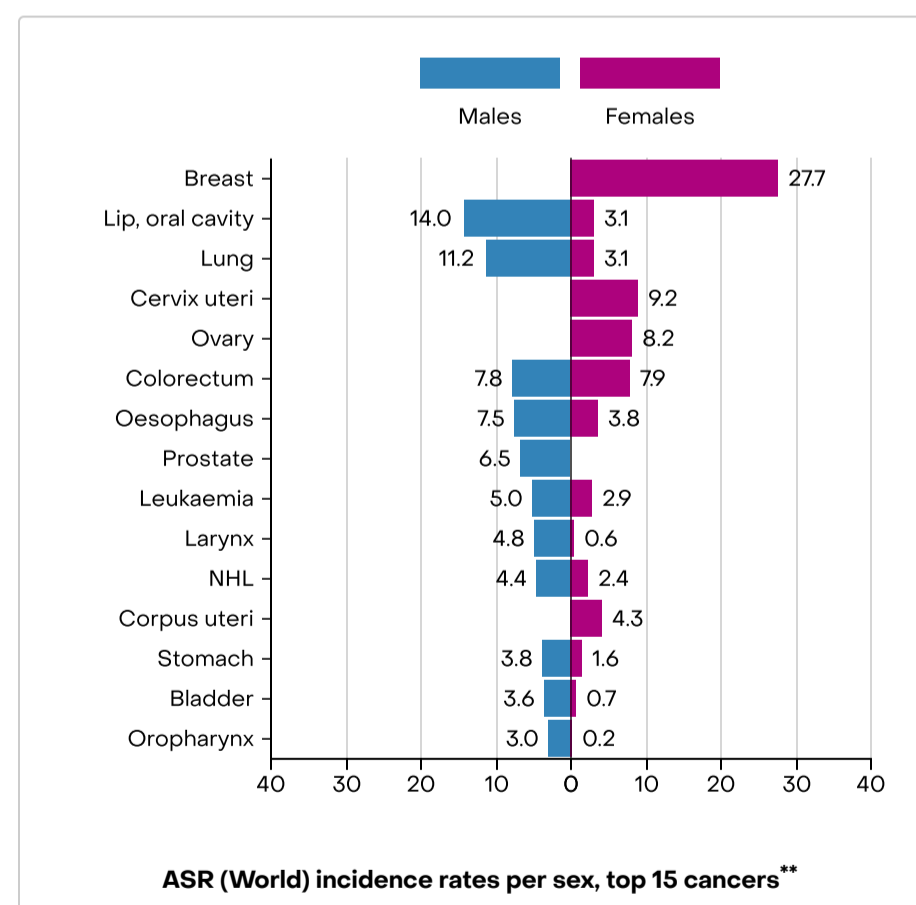
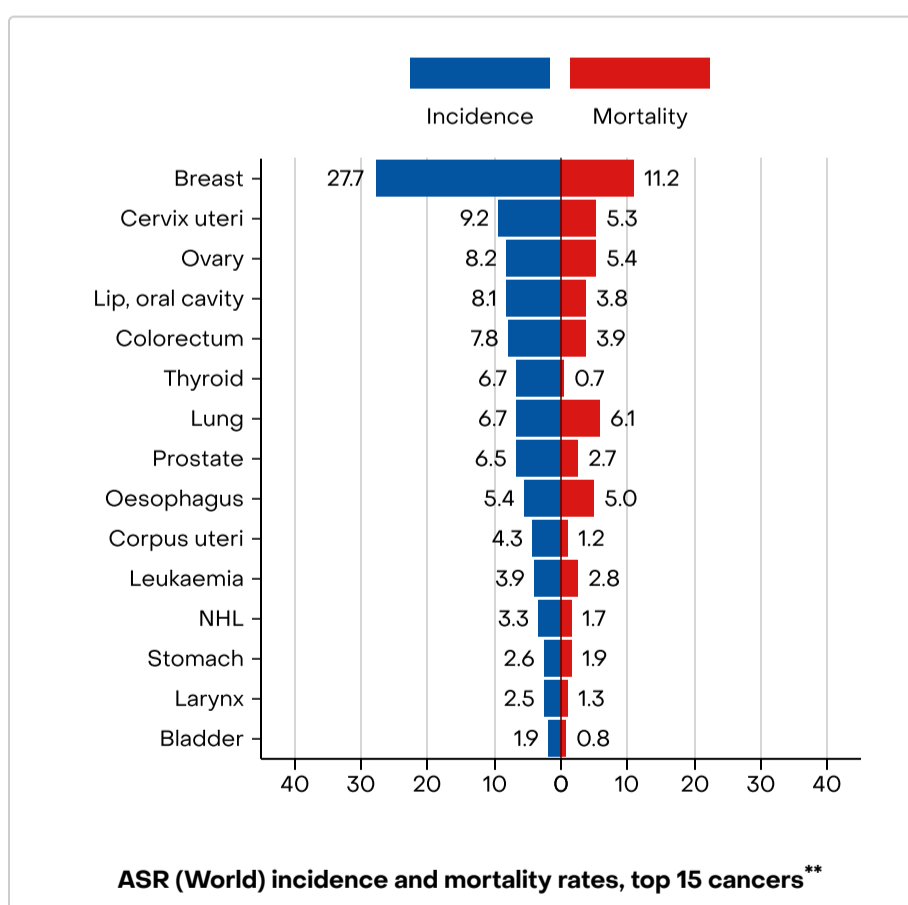
Mortality

Country-specific data source: No data

Method: Estimated from national mortality estimates by modelling, using mortality:incidence ratios derived from survival estimation

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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