

MAURITANIA

Number of new cases

3 274

Number of deaths

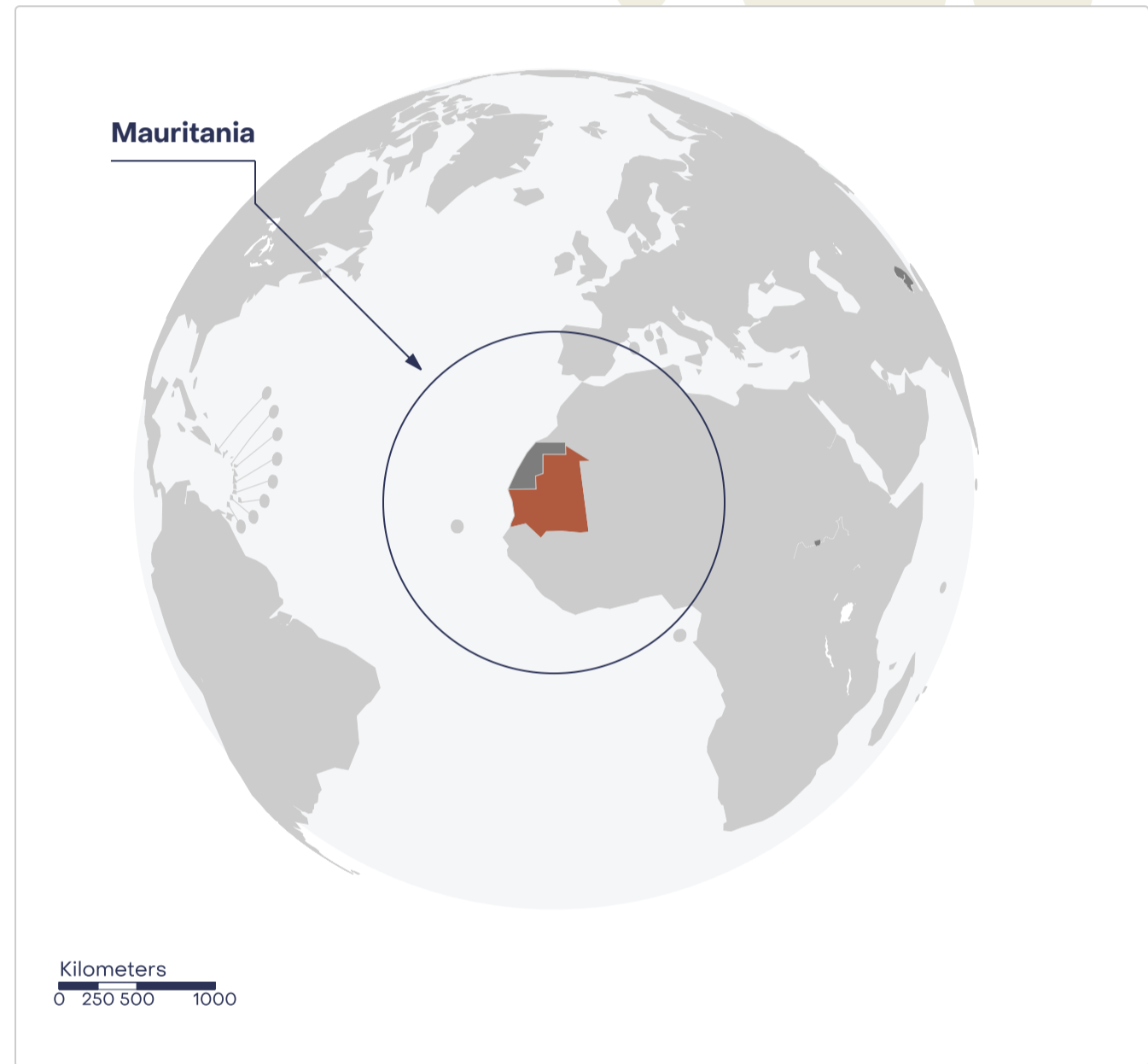
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Number of prevalent cases (5-year)

6 871

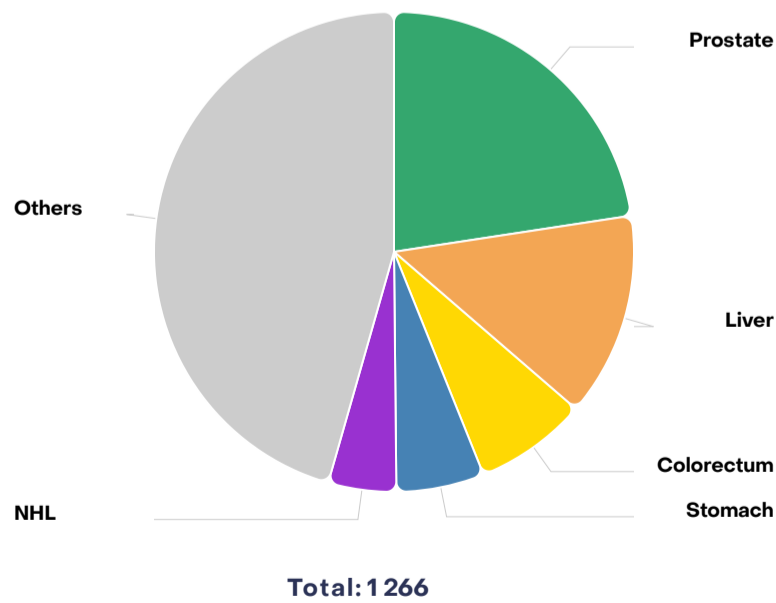
Statistics at a glance, 2022

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population	2 463 368	2 438 611	4 901 979
Incidence*			
Number of new cancer cases	1 266	2 008	3 274
Age-standardized incidence rate	91.4	120.0	105.3
Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	9.9	12.3	11.1
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)**	Prostate Liver Colorectum	Breast Cervix uteri Liver	Breast Cervix uteri Liver
Mortality*			
Number of cancer deaths	908	1 326	2 234
Age-standardized mortality rate	67.4	82.6	74.8
Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	7.2	8.9	8.1
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)**	Liver Prostate Colorectum	Breast Cervix uteri Liver	Breast Cervix uteri Liver
Prevalence*			
5-year prevalent cases	2 473	4 398	6 871



Top 5 most frequent cancers**

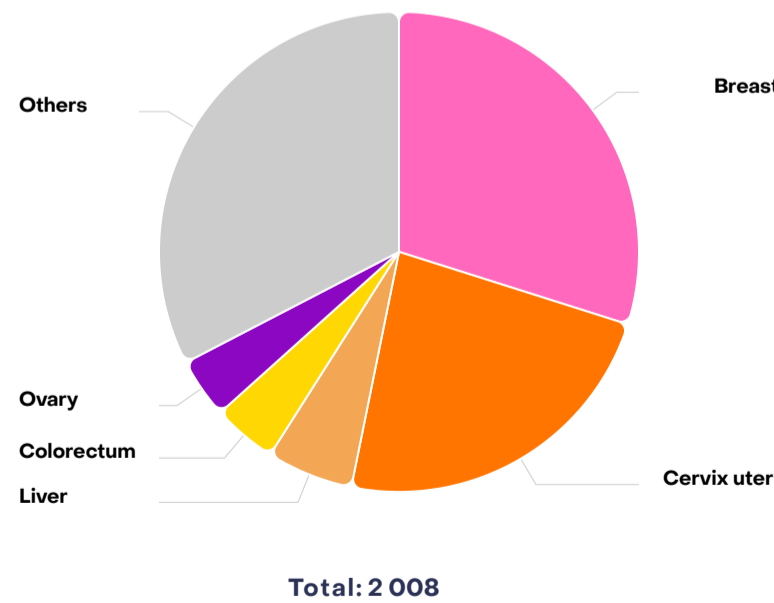
Males



Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Prostate	286	22.6%
2nd	Liver	174	13.7%
3rd	Colorectum	96	7.6%
4th	Stomach	75	5.9%
5th	NHL	58	4.6%
-	Others	577	45.6%

Number of new cases in 2022, males, all ages

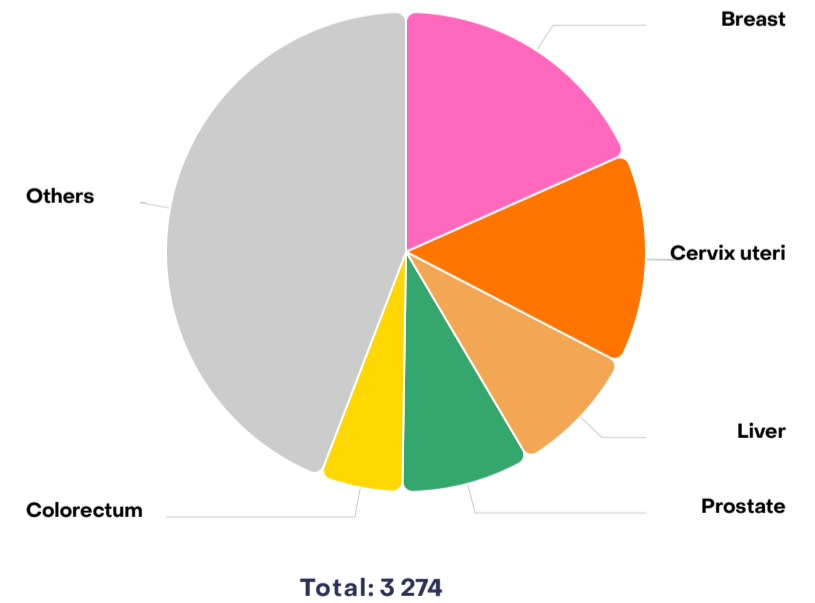
Females



Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Breast	600	29.9%
2nd	Cervix uteri	468	23.3%
3rd	Liver	117	5.8%
4th	Colorectum	87	4.3%
5th	Ovary	81	4.0%
-	Others	655	32.6%

Number of new cases in 2022, females, all ages

Both sexes



Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Breast	600	18.3%
2nd	Cervix uteri	468	14.3%
3rd	Liver	291	8.9%
4th	Prostate	286	8.7%
5th	Colorectum	183	5.6%
-	Others	1 446	44.2%

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)
Breast	600	1	18.3	3.6	315	1	14.1	2.0	1 412	20.6
Cervix uteri	468	2	14.3	3.1	302	2	13.5	2.2	1 074	15.6
Liver	291	3	8.9	1.0	281	3	12.6	0.98	447	6.5
Prostate	286	4	8.7	3.2	146	4	6.5	1.6	524	7.6
Colorectum	183	5	5.6	0.71	135	6	6.0	0.51	392	5.7
Stomach	148	6	4.5	0.61	137	5	6.1	0.55	244	3.6
NHL	99	7	3.0	0.27	65	7	2.9	0.19	251	3.7
Ovary	81	8	2.5	0.52	58	8	2.6	0.45	180	2.6
Bladder	66	9	2.0	0.26	37	13	1.7	0.15	156	2.3
Lung	55	10	1.7	0.23	51	9	2.3	0.22	86	1.3
Leukaemia	54	11	1.6	0.15	45	12	2.0	0.14	124	1.8
Lip, oral cavity	50	12	1.5	0.18	32	15	1.4	0.14	114	1.7
Oesophagus	49	13	1.5	0.19	48	10	2.1	0.19	80	1.2
Pancreas	48	14	1.5	0.20	48	10	2.1	0.20	58	0.84
Kidney	47	15	1.4	0.13	31	16	1.4	0.10	116	1.7
Brain CNS	40	16	1.2	0.13	36	14	1.6	0.13	108	1.6
Corpus uteri	39	17	1.2	0.34	14	19	0.63	0.12	99	1.4
Thyroid	35	18	1.1	0.12	12	23	0.54	0.05	85	1.2
Multiple myeloma	29	19	0.89	0.13	27	17	1.2	0.13	66	0.96
Salivary glands	25	20	0.76	0.10	17	18	0.76	0.09	59	0.86
Hodgkin lymphoma	23	21	0.70	0.05	8	25	0.36	0.01	65	0.95
Kaposi sarcoma	21	22	0.64	0.05	14	19	0.63	0.03	36	0.52
Larynx	18	23	0.55	0.08	14	19	0.63	0.06	42	0.61
Gallbladder	14	24	0.43	0.05	14	19	0.63	0.05	24	0.35
Melanoma	14	24	0.43	0.06	8	25	0.36	0.06	35	0.51
Vulva	13	26	0.40	0.09	7	27	0.31	0.04	28	0.41
Nasopharynx	12	27	0.37	0.04	12	23	0.54	0.04	27	0.39
Vagina	8	28	0.24	0.05	3	29	0.13	0.03	16	0.23
Testis	7	29	0.21	0.04	3	29	0.13	0.02	20	0.29
Oropharynx	6	30	0.18	0.03	5	28	0.22	0.02	12	0.18
Hypopharynx	1	31	0.03	0.00	1	31	0.05	0.00	2	0.03
Mesothelioma	0	32	0.00	0.00	0	32	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
All cancers	3 274	-	-	11.1	2 234	-	-	8.1	6 871	-
All cancers excl. NMSC	3 202	-	-	10.9	2 207	-	-	7.9	6 683	-

Data source and methods

Incidence

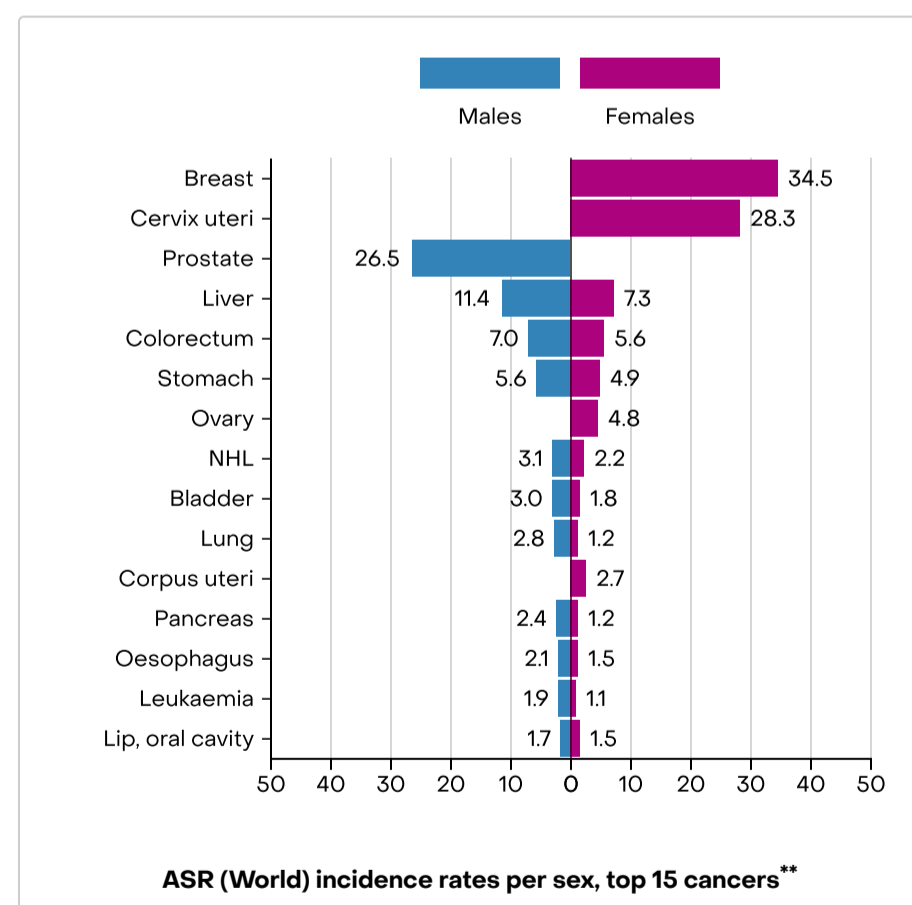
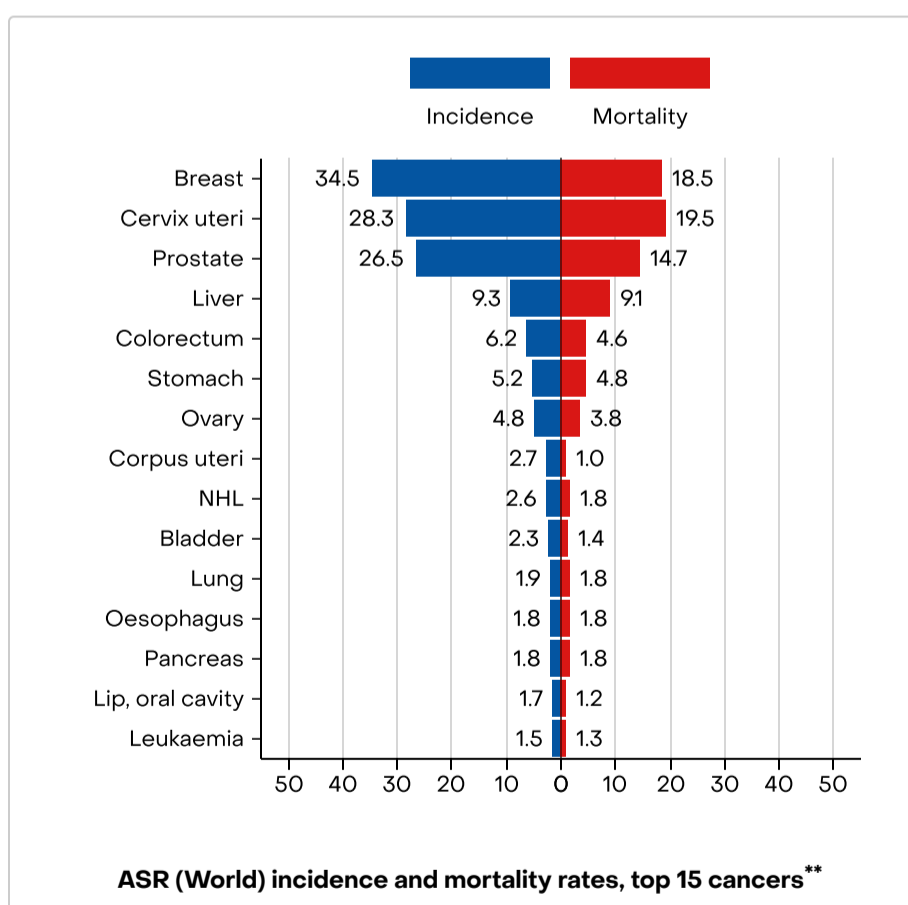
Country-specific data source: No data
 Method: No data: the rates are those of neighbouring countries or registries in the same area

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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