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CANCER TODAY
GLOBOCAN 2024

UGANDA

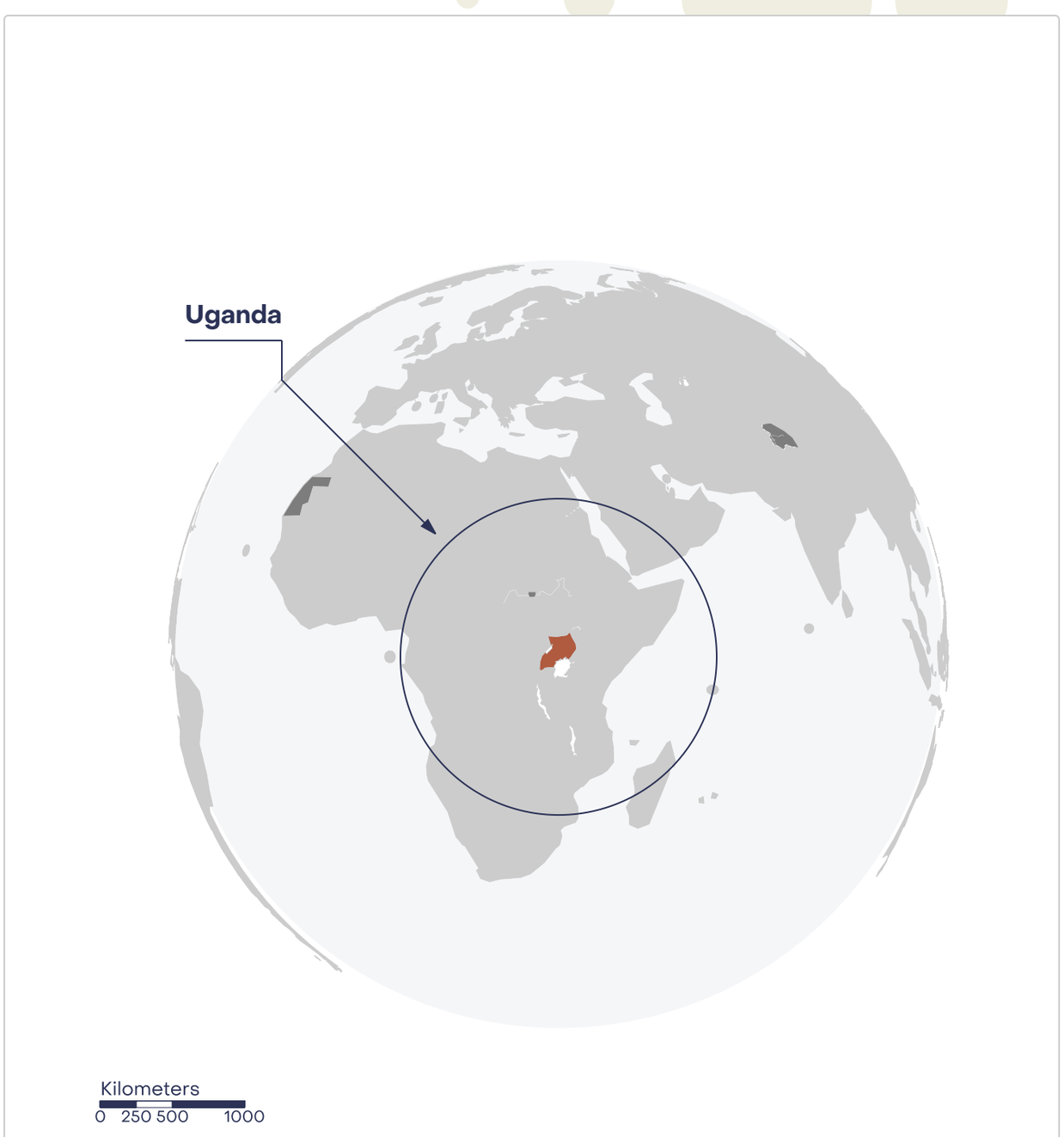
Number of new cases
29 966

Number of deaths
18 205

Number of prevalent cases (5-year)
59 662

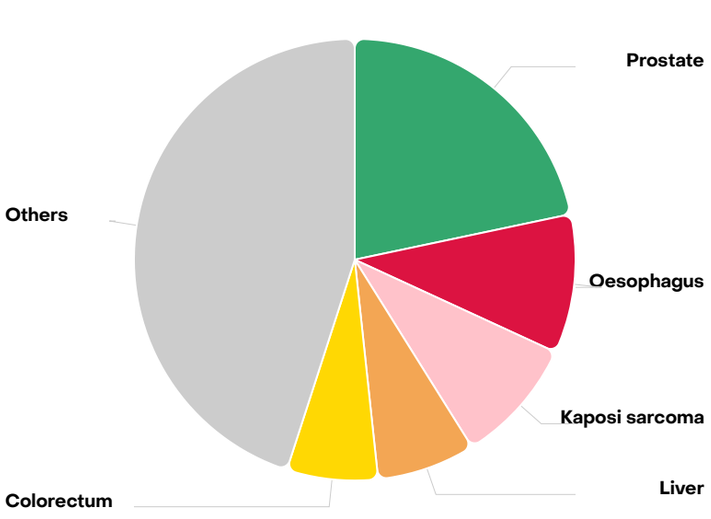
Statistics at a glance, 2024

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population	24 805 131	25 209 970	50 015 097
Incidence*			
Number of new cancer cases	11 696	18 270	29 966
Age-standardized incidence rate	113.6	136.5	123.9
Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	12.4	14.2	13.3
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)**	Prostate Oesophagus Kaposi sarcoma	Cervix uteri Breast Colorectum	Cervix uteri Breast Prostate
Mortality*			
Number of cancer deaths	7 481	10 724	18 205
Age-standardized mortality rate	78.5	86.0	81.4
Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	8.9	9.6	9.2
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)**	Prostate Oesophagus Liver	Cervix uteri Breast Oesophagus	Cervix uteri Oesophagus Breast
Prevalence*			
5-year prevalent cases	21 165	38 497	59 662



Top 5 most frequent cancers**

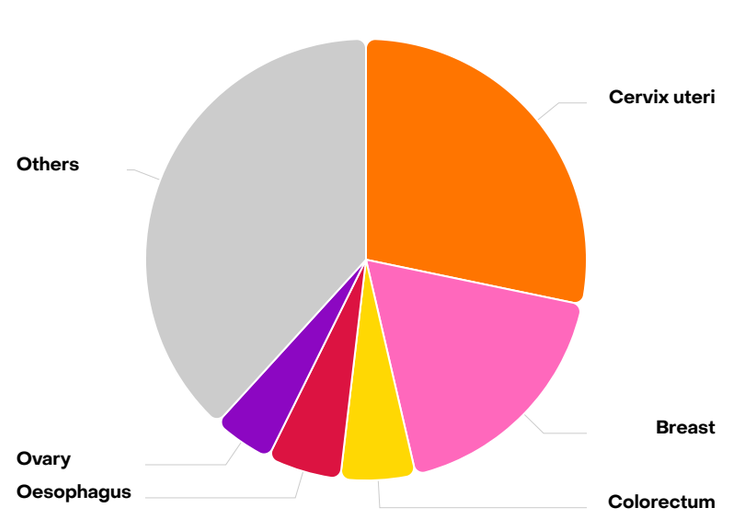
Males



Total: 11 696

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Prostate	2 537	21.7%
2nd	Oesophagus	1 190	10.2%
3rd	Kaposi sarcoma	1 080	9.2%
4th	Liver	843	7.2%
5th	Colorectum	780	6.7%

Females



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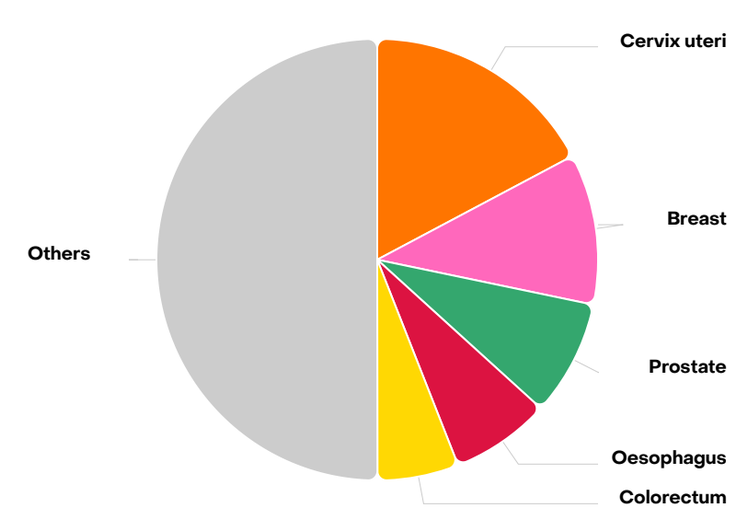
1st	Cervix uteri	5 164	28.3%
2nd	Breast	3 308	18.1%
3rd	Colorectum	1 004	5.5%
4th	Oesophagus	996	5.5%
5th	Ovary	813	4.4%

Both sexes



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5th	Colorectum	1 784	6.0%

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Incidence, Mortality and Prevalence by cancer site

	New cases				Deaths				5-year prevalence	
Cancer	**Number**	**Rank**	**(%)**	**Cum.risk**	**Number**	**Rank**	**(%)**	**Cum.risk**	**Number**	**Prop. (per 100 000)**
Cervix uteri	5 164	1	17.2	4.1	3 000	1	16.5	2.5	12 743	50.6
Breast	3 308	2	11.0	2.6	1 562	3	8.6	1.4	6 582	26.1
Prostate	2 537	3	8.5	4.5	1 544	4	8.5	2.8	3 842	15.5
Oesophagus	2 186	4	7.3	1.3	1 999	2	11.0	1.2	3 215	6.4
Colorectum	1 784	5	6.0	1.1	1 016	6	5.6	0.66	3 370	6.7
Kaposi sarcoma	1 701	6	5.7	0.41	637	10	3.5	0.16	3 473	6.9
Liver	1 649	7	5.5	0.73	1 438	5	7.9	0.68	2 518	5.0
NHL	1 535	8	5.1	0.50	720	8	4.0	0.29	3 375	6.8
Leukaemia	957	9	3.2	0.30	655	9	3.6	0.23	2 264	4.5
Stomach	914	10	3.1	0.55	727	7	4.0	0.47	1 408	2.8
Ovary	813	11	2.7	0.80	551	11	3.0	0.61	1 630	6.5
Lung	576	12	1.9	0.34	520	12	2.9	0.32	882	1.8
Lip, oral cavity	424	13	1.4	0.21	284	14	1.6	0.16	822	1.6
Pancreas	420	14	1.4	0.24	389	13	2.1	0.23	562	1.1
Kidney	389	15	1.3	0.09	133	18	0.73	0.05	1 208	2.4
Corpus uteri	376	16	1.3	0.48	190	17	1.0	0.26	842	3.3
Hodgkin lymphoma	364	17	1.2	0.11	127	19	0.70	0.05	897	1.8
Multiple myeloma	352	18	1.2	0.22	275	15	1.5	0.18	675	1.4
Brain CNS	328	19	1.1	0.11	275	15	1.5	0.10	786	1.6
Penis	279	20	0.93	0.29	124	20	0.68	0.14	569	2.3
Bladder	213	21	0.71	0.12	117	21	0.64	0.08	419	0.84
Thyroid	209	22	0.70	0.12	55	27	0.30	0.03	513	1.0
Vulva	177	23	0.59	0.13	65	24	0.36	0.06	364	1.4
Melanoma	173	24	0.58	0.10	64	25	0.35	0.04	422	0.84
Larynx	170	25	0.57	0.10	102	22	0.56	0.07	325	0.65
Nasopharynx	164	26	0.55	0.06	93	23	0.51	0.04	378	0.76
Salivary glands	116	27	0.39	0.04	59	26	0.32	0.03	269	0.54
Vagina	66	28	0.22	0.06	35	29	0.19	0.03	136	0.54
Gallbladder	62	29	0.21	0.03	45	28	0.25	0.02	101	0.20
Oropharynx	50	30	0.17	0.02	30	30	0.17	0.01	106	0.21
Mesothelioma	18	31	0.06	0.01	16	31	0.09	0.01	27	0.05
Hypopharynx	11	32	0.04	0.01	7	32	0.04	0.00	12	0.02
All cancers	**29 966**	**-**	**-**	**13.3**	**18 205**	**-**	**-**	**9.2**	**59 662**	**-**
All cancers excl. NMSC	**29 584**	**-**	**-**	**13.1**	**18 122**	**-**	**-**	**9.2**	**58 851**	**-**

Data source and methods

Incidence

Country-specific data source: Registry (subnational)
Method: Subnational rates applied to 2024 population

Click here to see detailed data source and methods

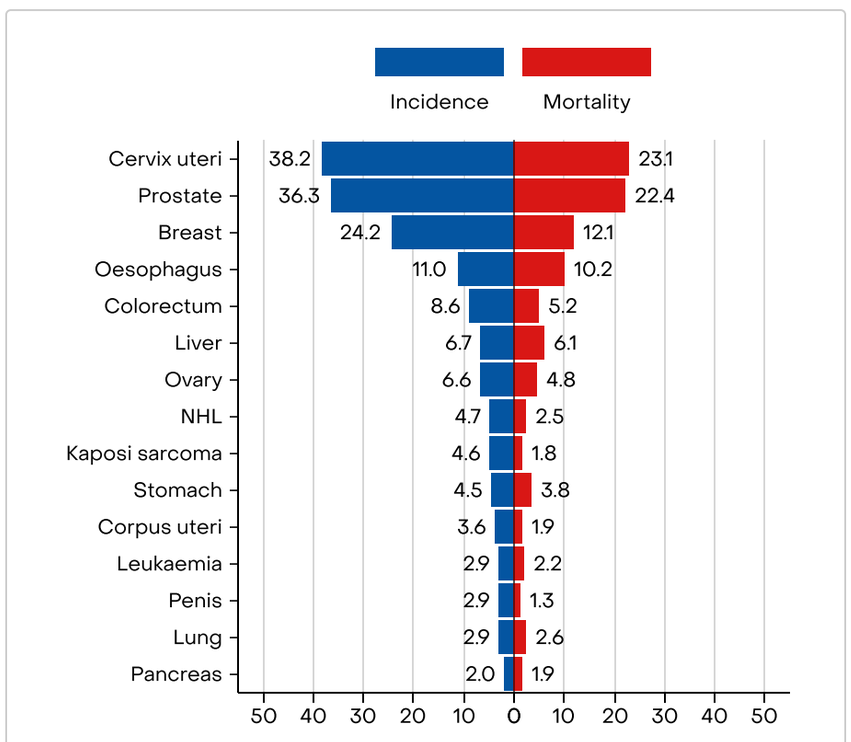
Mortality

Country-specific data source: Survcan
Method: National incidence estimates applied to model-based M:I ratios (registry survival data)

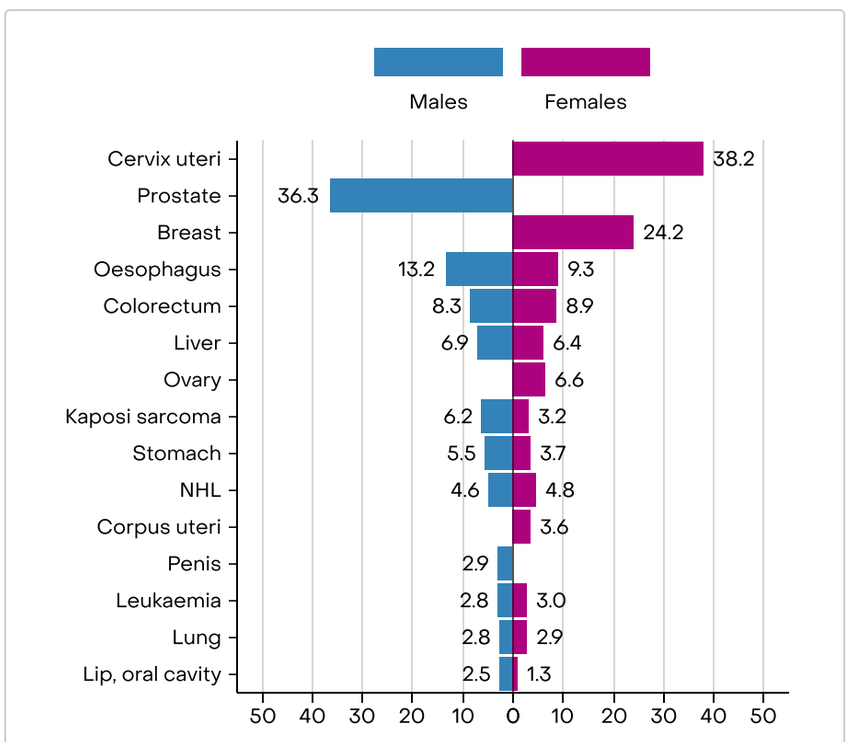
Click here to see detailed data source and methods

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.



ASR (World) incidence and mortality rates, top 15 cancers**



ASR (World) incidence rates per sex, top 15 cancers**

* includes non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC)
** NMSC included in other cancers
Age standardization using world population (see link)

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