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Number of new cases

1 185 216

Number of deaths

763 843

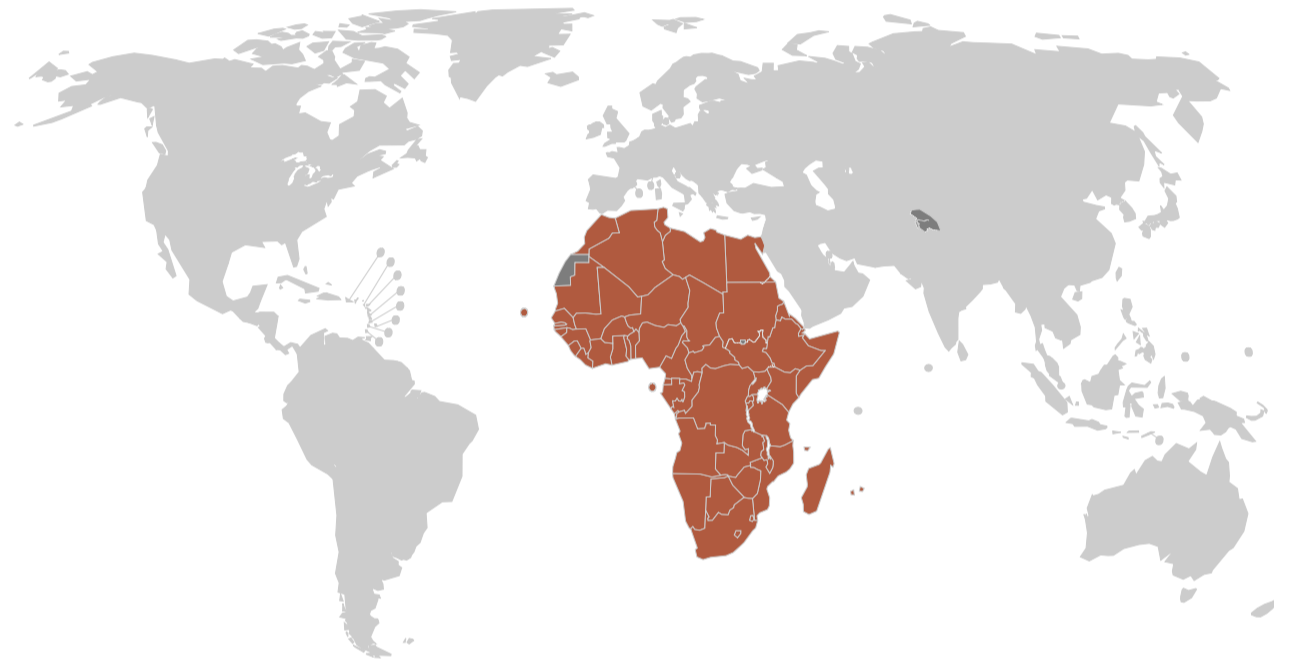
Number of prevalent cases (5-year)

2 611 478

Statistics at a glance, 2022

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population	703 122 445	703 606 315	1 406 728 760
Incidence*			
Number of new cancer cases	506 032	679 184	1 185 216
Age-standardized incidence rate	125.7	140.7	132.3
Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	13.4	14.3	13.8
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)**	Prostate Liver Colorectum	Breast Cervix uteri Colorectum	Breast Cervix uteri Prostate
Mortality*			
Number of cancer deaths	346 945	416 898	763 843
Age-standardized mortality rate	89.9	89.8	88.9
Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	9.3	9.4	9.3
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)**	Prostate Liver Lung	Breast Cervix uteri Liver	Breast Cervix uteri Liver
Prevalence*			
5-year prevalent cases	1 035 465	1 576 013	2 611 478

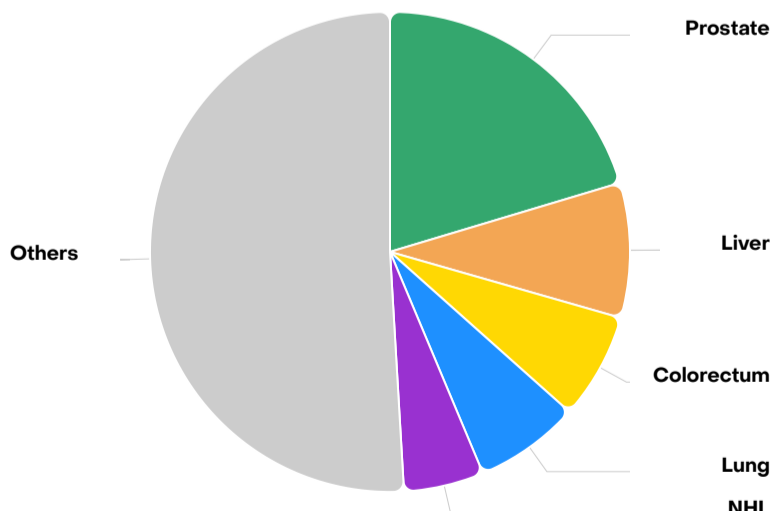
Population(s) included: Northern Africa, Middle Africa, Western Africa, Southern Africa, Eastern Africa



Kilometers
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Top 5 most frequent cancers**

Males

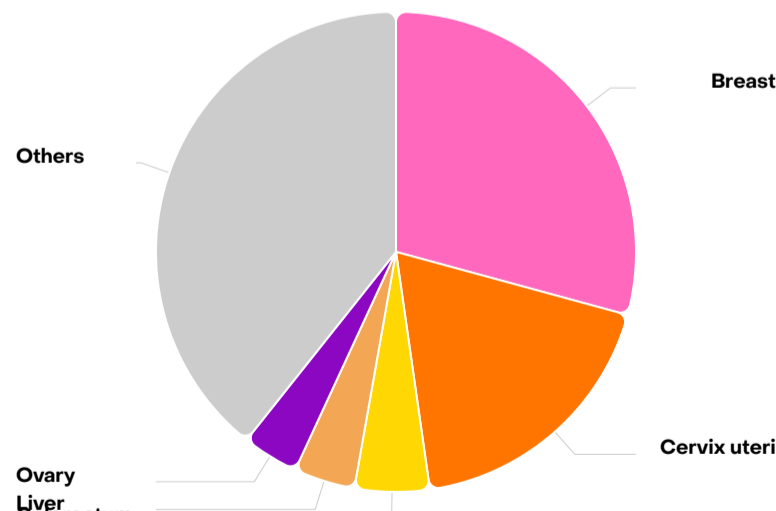


Total: 506 032

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Prostate	103 050	20.4%
2nd	Liver	45 904	9.1%
3rd	Colorectum	36 191	7.2%
4th	Lung	35 855	7.1%
5th	NHL	27 310	5.4%
-	Others	257 722	50.9%

Number of new cases in 2022, males, all ages

Females

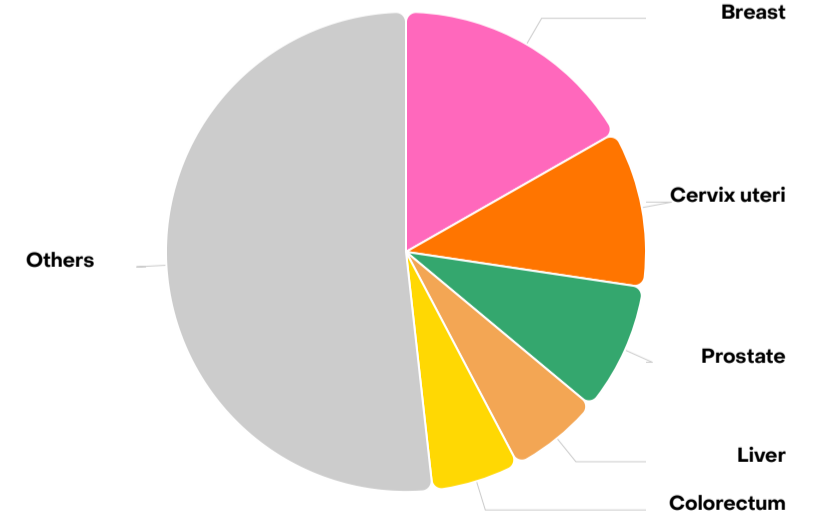


Total: 679 184

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Breast	198 553	29.2%
2nd	Cervix uteri	125 699	18.5%
3rd	Colorectum	34 237	5.0%
4th	Liver	27 940	4.1%
5th	Ovary	25 760	3.8%
-	Others	266 995	39.3%

Number of new cases in 2022, females, all ages

Both sexes



Total: 1 185 216

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Breast	198 553	16.8%
2nd	Cervix uteri	125 699	10.6%
3rd	Prostate	103 050	8.7%
4th	Liver	73 844	6.2%
5th	Colorectum	70 428	5.9%
-	Others	613 642	51.8%

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)
Breast	198 553	1	16.8	4.3	91 252	1	11.9	2.1	507 659	72.2
Cervix uteri	125 699	2	10.6	2.9	80 614	2	10.6	2.0	286 448	40.7
Prostate	103 050	3	8.7	3.7	55 744	4	7.3	1.7	193 684	27.6
Liver	73 844	4	6.2	0.97	70 315	3	9.2	0.93	109 603	7.8
Colorectum	70 428	5	5.9	0.94	46 087	5	6.0	0.59	166 459	11.8
NHL	50 497	6	4.3	0.51	30 758	7	4.0	0.33	132 396	9.4
Lung	49 831	7	4.2	0.75	45 464	6	6.0	0.68	70 142	5.0
Bladder	37 064	8	3.1	0.55	20 736	11	2.7	0.28	97 605	6.9
Stomach	33 352	9	2.8	0.46	28 730	8	3.8	0.40	53 472	3.8
Leukaemia	32 998	10	2.8	0.30	24 501	10	3.2	0.26	81 859	5.8
Oesophagus	29 965	11	2.5	0.43	28 276	9	3.7	0.41	47 153	3.4
Kaposi sarcoma	26 538	12	2.2	0.20	13 914	15	1.8	0.10	55 323	3.9
Ovary	25 760	13	2.2	0.58	18 024	12	2.4	0.46	59 678	8.5
Thyroid	19 740	14	1.7	0.23	4 936	21	0.65	0.07	53 088	3.8
Brain CNS	19 289	15	1.6	0.19	15 877	14	2.1	0.17	60 134	4.3
Pancreas	18 993	16	1.6	0.28	17 770	13	2.3	0.26	22 590	1.6
Kidney	17 129	17	1.4	0.16	10 173	16	1.3	0.10	43 425	3.1
Corpus uteri	14 904	18	1.3	0.44	4 662	22	0.61	0.14	41 926	6.0
Lip, oral cavity	14 702	19	1.2	0.20	8 542	17	1.1	0.11	34 405	2.5
Hodgkin lymphoma	11 375	20	0.96	0.09	4 388	23	0.57	0.04	32 950	2.3
Nasopharynx	10 762	21	0.91	0.12	7 029	20	0.92	0.09	27 595	2.0
Larynx	10 665	22	0.90	0.16	7 047	19	0.92	0.11	28 077	2.0
Multiple myeloma	8 978	23	0.76	0.13	7 632	18	1.00	0.11	21 376	1.5
Melanoma	7 477	24	0.63	0.10	2 859	27	0.37	0.04	20 081	1.4
Vulva	5 629	25	0.48	0.12	2 994	26	0.39	0.06	14 062	2.0
Gallbladder	5 512	26	0.47	0.08	4 198	24	0.55	0.06	8 344	0.59
Salivary glands	5 121	27	0.43	0.06	3 142	25	0.41	0.04	12 443	0.88
Testis	3 139	28	0.27	0.06	1 080	31	0.14	0.02	9 026	1.3
Oropharynx	3 051	29	0.26	0.04	1 729	28	0.23	0.02	7 370	0.52
Penis	2 081	30	0.18	0.05	894	33	0.12	0.02	4 981	0.71
Vagina	2 054	31	0.17	0.05	1 119	30	0.15	0.03	4 363	0.62
Hypopharynx	2 024	32	0.17	0.03	1 376	29	0.18	0.02	3 053	0.22
All cancers	1 185 216	-	-	13.8	763 843	-	-	9.3	2 611 478	-
All cancers excl. NMSC	1 154 584	-	-	13.5	754 574	-	-	9.2	2 526 309	-

Data source and methods

Incidence

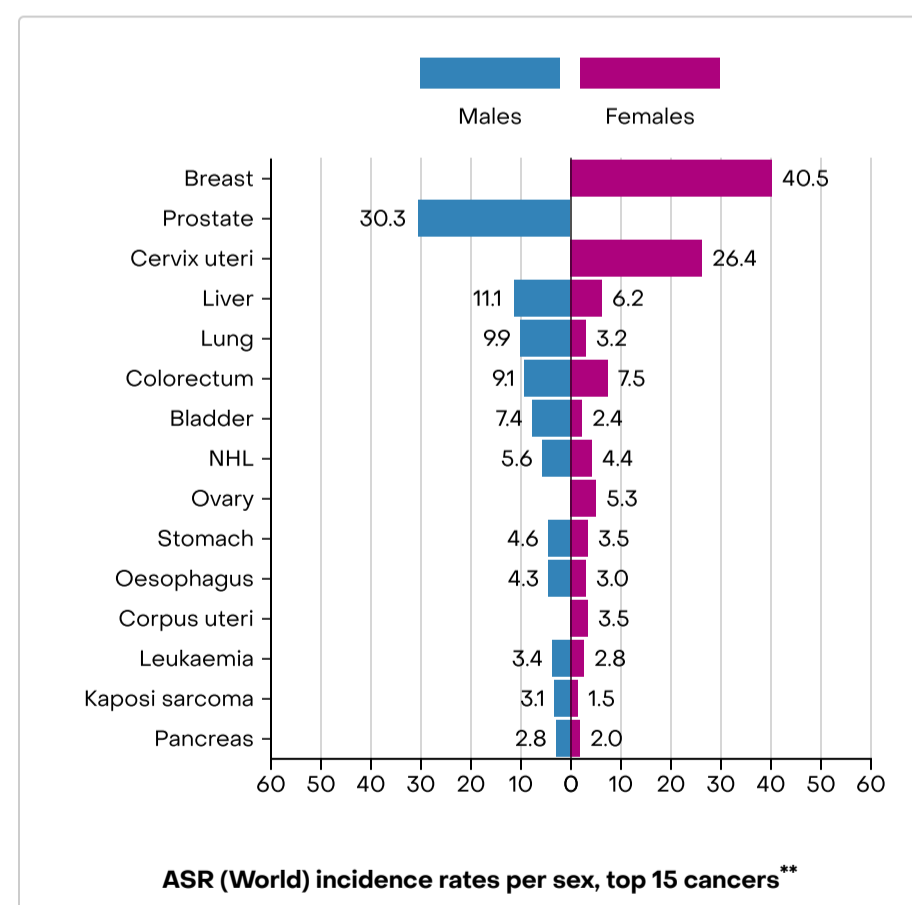
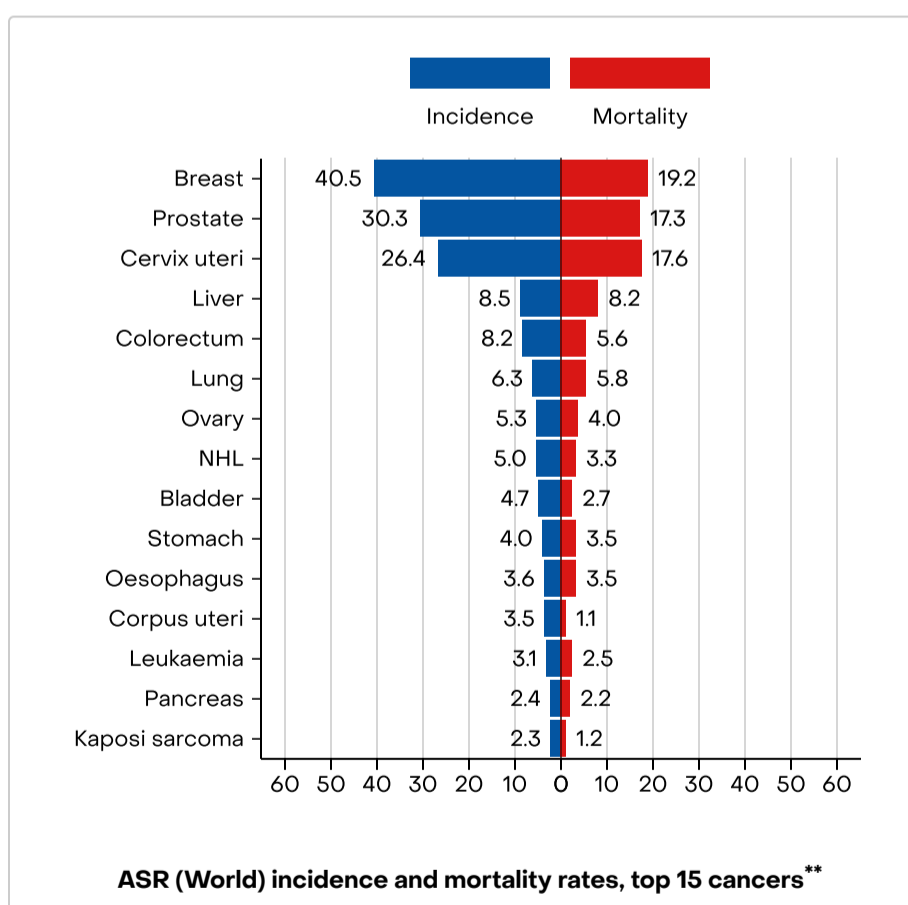
Sum of region-specific cases.

Mortality

Sum of region-specific deaths

Prevalence

Sum of region-specific prevalent cases.



* includes non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC)

** NMSC included in other cancers

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

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