



NORTHERN AFRICA

Number of new cases

336 905

Number of deaths

204 760

Number of prevalent cases (5-year)

826 794

Statistics at a glance, 2022

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population	128 138 567	126 846 614	254 985 181
Incidence*			
Number of new cancer cases	160 928	175 977	336 905
Age-standardized incidence rate	147.6	145.8	145.7
Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	15.6	14.7	15.1
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)**	Lung Liver Bladder	Breast Liver Colorectum	Breast Liver Lung
Mortality*			
Number of cancer deaths	110 555	94 205	204 760
Age-standardized mortality rate	103.2	78.4	89.7
Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	10.6	8.2	9.4
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)**	Lung Liver Bladder	Breast Liver Colorectum	Liver Lung Breast
Prevalence*			
5-year prevalent cases	358 259	468 535	826 794

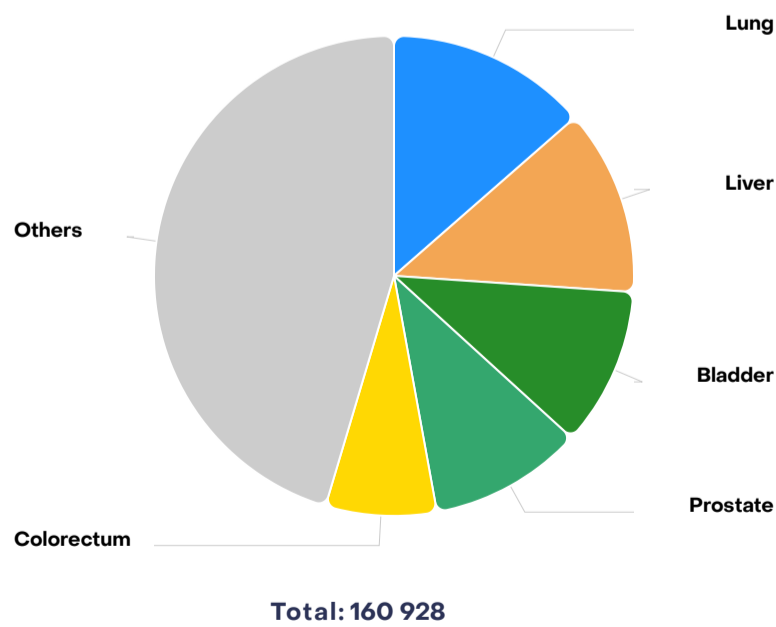
Population(s) included: Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Western Sahara*



Kilometers
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Top 5 most frequent cancers**

Males

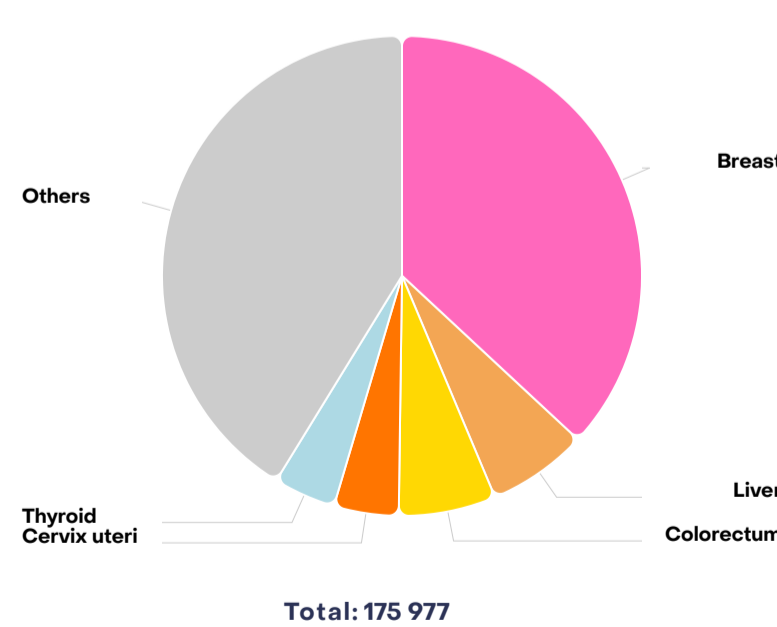


Total: 160 928

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Lung	21 829	13.6%
2nd	Liver	20 140	12.5%
3rd	Bladder	17 197	10.7%
4th	Prostate	16 686	10.4%
5th	Colorectum	12 030	7.5%
-	Others	73 046	45.4%

Number of new cases in 2022, males, all ages

Females

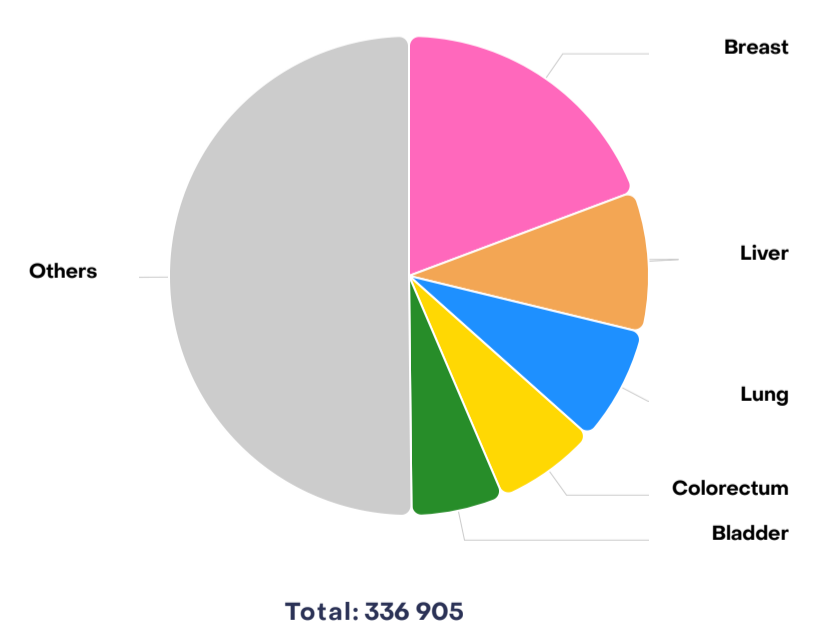


Total: 175 977

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Breast	64 977	36.9%
2nd	Liver	11 865	6.7%
3rd	Colorectum	11 527	6.6%
4th	Cervix uteri	7 686	4.4%
5th	Thyroid	7 373	4.2%
-	Others	72 549	41.2%

Number of new cases in 2022, females, all ages

Both sexes



Total: 336 905

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Breast	64 977	19.3%
2nd	Liver	32 005	9.5%
3rd	Lung	26 280	7.8%
4th	Colorectum	23 557	7.0%
5th	Bladder	21 061	6.3%
-	Others	169 025	50.2%

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	64 977	1	19.3	5.5	23 186	3	11.3	2.0	193 595	152.6
Liver	32 005	2	9.5	1.7	30 778	1	15.0	1.6	44 473	17.4
Lung	26 280	3	7.8	1.4	23 694	2	11.6	1.3	35 392	13.9
Colorectum	23 557	4	7.0	1.2	13 085	4	6.4	0.58	64 241	25.2
Bladder	21 061	5	6.3	1.2	11 936	5	5.8	0.56	61 625	24.2
Prostate	16 686	6	5.0	1.9	6 958	10	3.4	0.36	36 352	28.4
NHL	16 228	7	4.8	0.75	8 790	6	4.3	0.40	48 417	19.0
Leukaemia	11 773	8	3.5	0.46	8 291	7	4.0	0.36	33 886	13.3
Stomach	9 857	9	2.9	0.49	8 035	8	3.9	0.40	15 628	6.1
Thyroid	9 319	10	2.8	0.41	1 494	21	0.73	0.06	28 777	11.3
Brain CNS	9 136	11	2.7	0.37	7 328	9	3.6	0.33	32 125	12.6
Cervix uteri	7 686	12	2.3	0.75	4 425	13	2.2	0.46	20 889	16.5
Ovary	7 145	13	2.1	0.66	4 687	12	2.3	0.48	19 422	15.3
Pancreas	6 788	14	2.0	0.36	6 481	11	3.2	0.35	7 578	3.0
Larynx	4 937	15	1.5	0.28	3 354	14	1.6	0.18	14 360	5.6
Kidney	4 871	16	1.4	0.22	2 472	16	1.2	0.11	13 869	5.4
Corpus uteri	4 302	17	1.3	0.47	962	23	0.47	0.10	13 964	11.0
Hodgkin lymphoma	4 205	18	1.2	0.14	1 189	22	0.58	0.04	14 391	5.6
Nasopharynx	4 012	19	1.2	0.18	2 412	18	1.2	0.12	11 849	4.7
Lip, oral cavity	3 555	20	1.1	0.17	1 618	20	0.79	0.07	9 534	3.7
Oesophagus	3 231	21	0.96	0.17	3 126	15	1.5	0.16	4 920	1.9
Gallbladder	3 086	22	0.92	0.16	2 207	19	1.1	0.11	4 520	1.8
Multiple myeloma	2 827	23	0.84	0.15	2 432	17	1.2	0.13	7 615	3.0
Melanoma	1 034	24	0.31	0.05	448	25	0.22	0.02	3 163	1.2
Salivary glands	946	25	0.28	0.04	439	26	0.21	0.02	2 651	1.0
Testis	799	26	0.24	0.05	159	31	0.08	0.01	2 702	2.1
Vulva	777	27	0.23	0.07	366	27	0.18	0.03	1 956	1.5
Hypopharynx	610	28	0.18	0.03	351	28	0.17	0.02	1 048	0.41
Mesothelioma	545	29	0.16	0.03	498	24	0.24	0.03	751	0.29
Oropharynx	462	30	0.14	0.02	218	29	0.11	0.01	1 231	0.48
Kaposi sarcoma	406	31	0.12	0.02	172	30	0.08	0.01	816	0.32
Vagina	284	32	0.08	0.03	125	32	0.06	0.01	706	0.56
All cancers	336 905	-	-	15.1	204 760	-	-	9.4	826 794	-
All cancers excl. NMSC	332 015	-	-	14.9	202 487	-	-	9.3	811 751	-

Data source and methods

Incidence

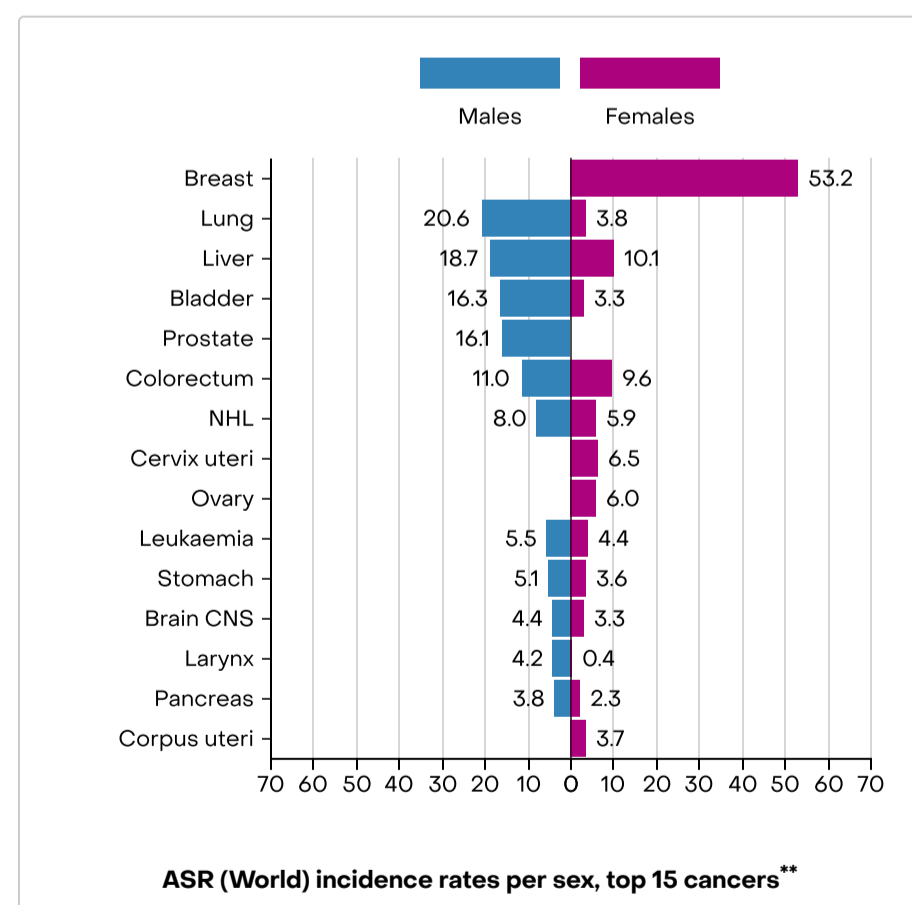
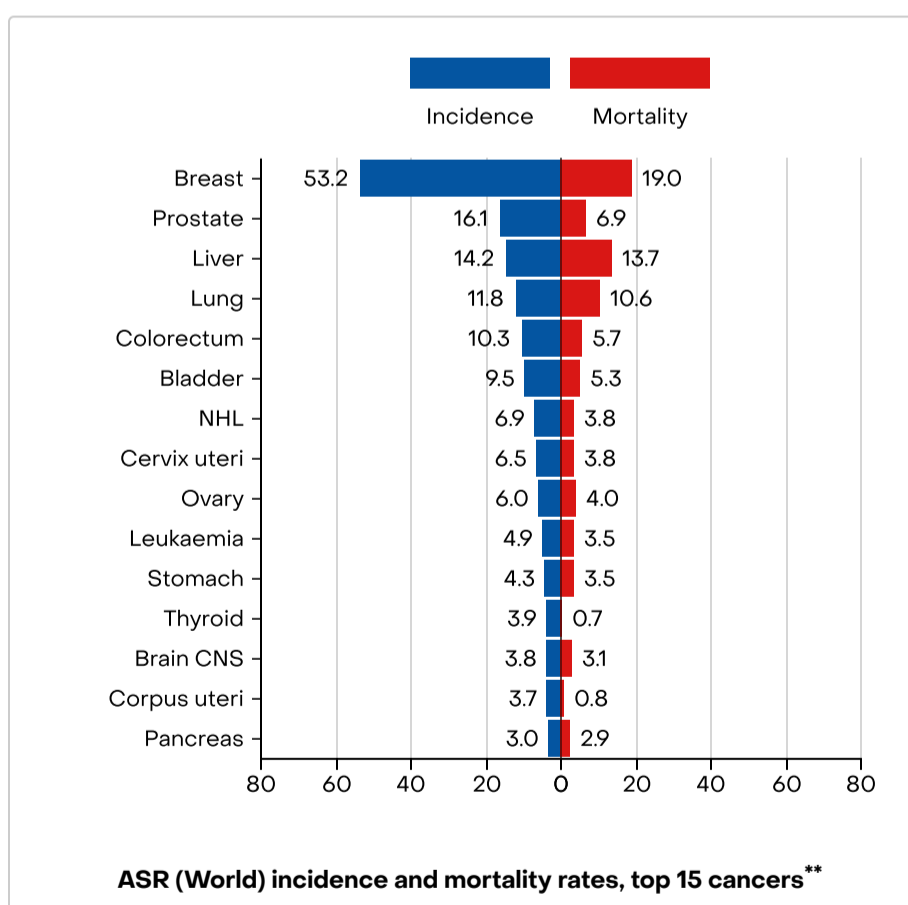
Population weighted average of the rates of the region-specific countries included in GLOBOCAN 2022.

Mortality

Population weighted average of the rates of the region-specific countries included in GLOBOCAN 2022.

Prevalence

Population weighted average of the rates of the region-specific countries included in GLOBOCAN 2022.



* includes non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC)

** NMSC included in other cancers

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

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