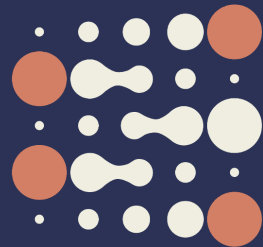


SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA



Number of new cases

2 076 826

Number of deaths

1 346 906

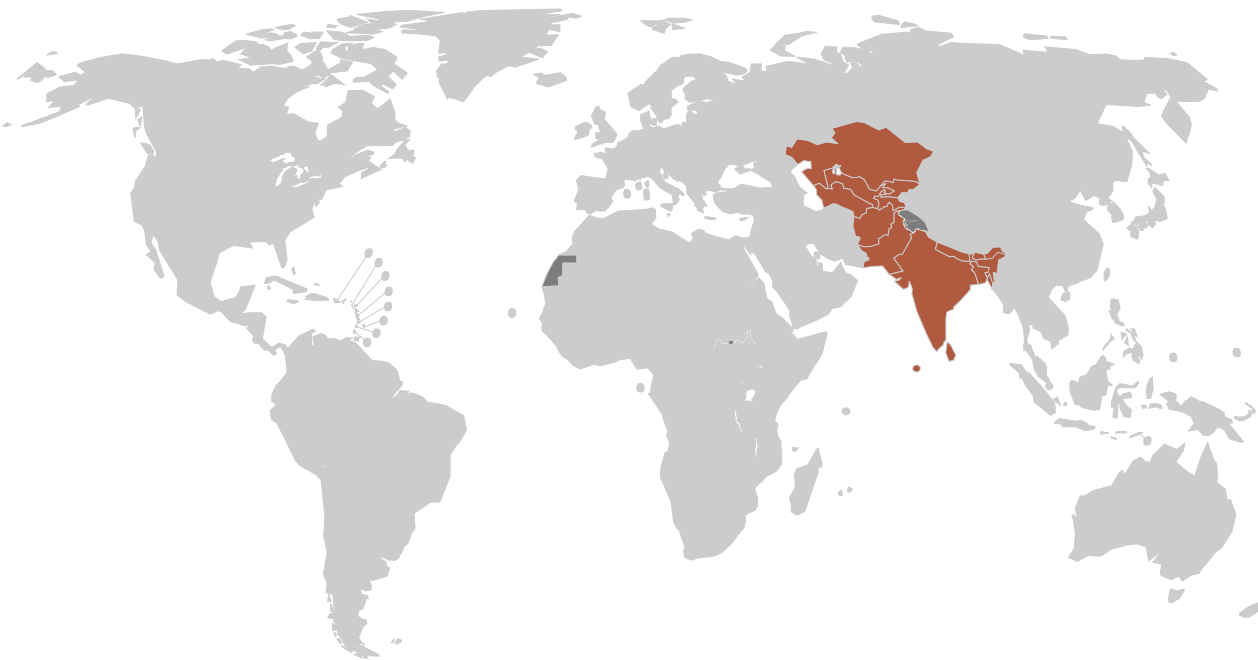
Number of prevalent cases (5-year)

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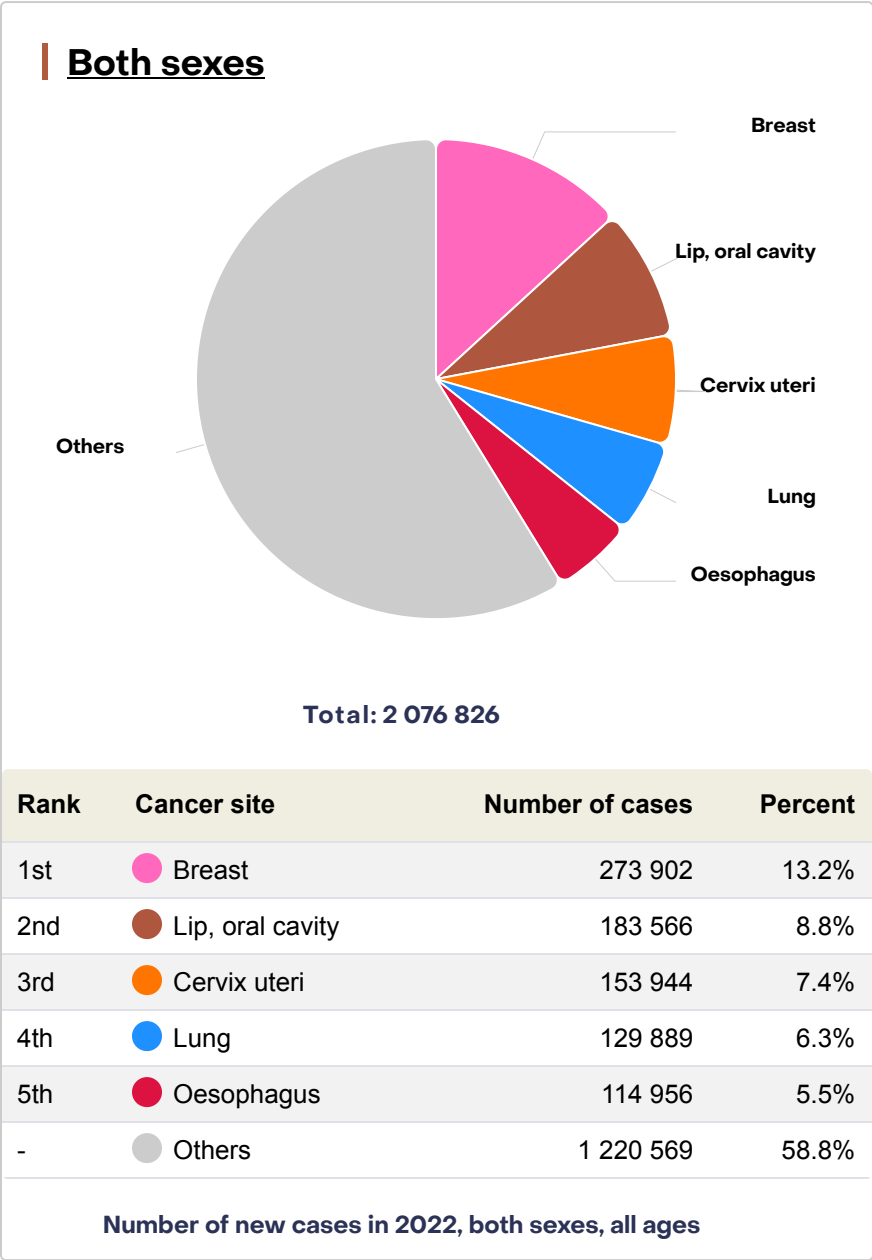
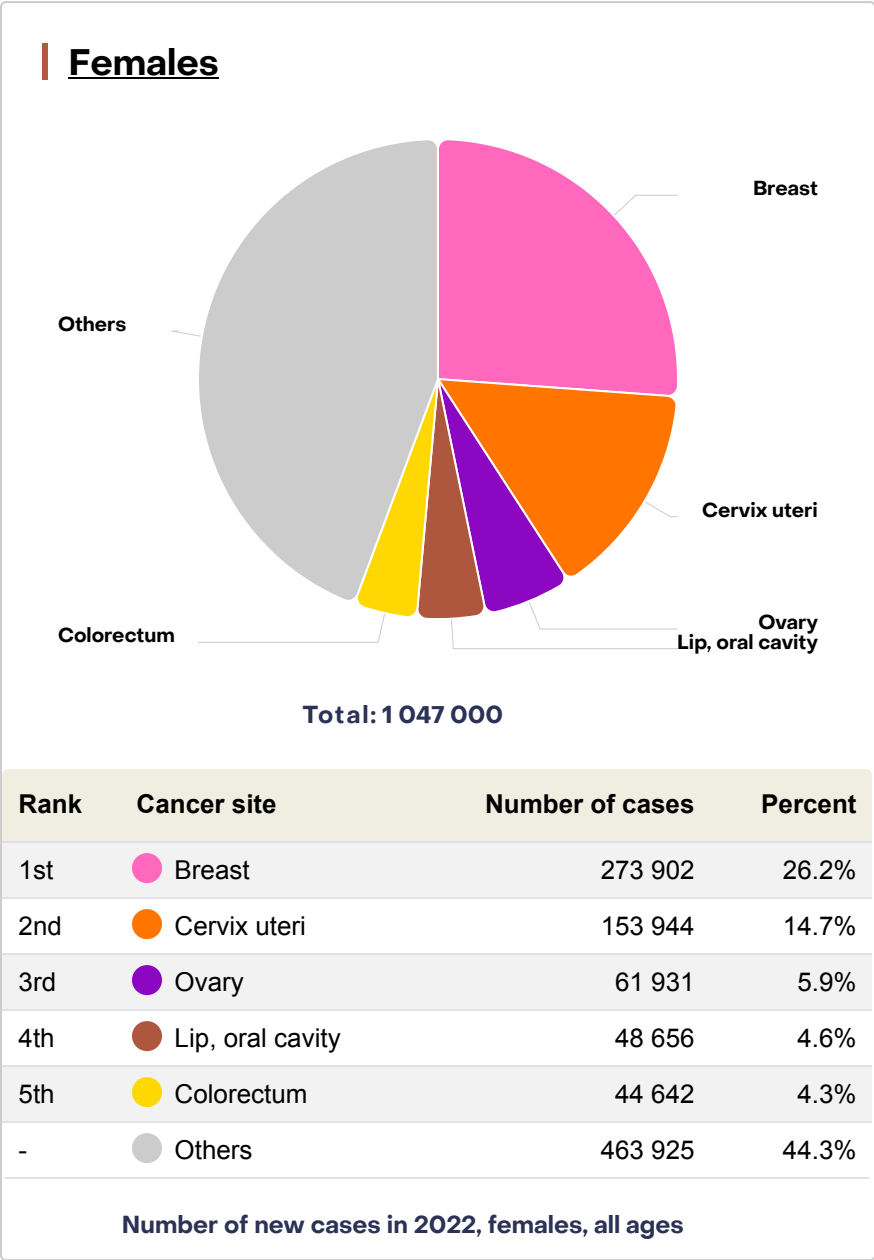
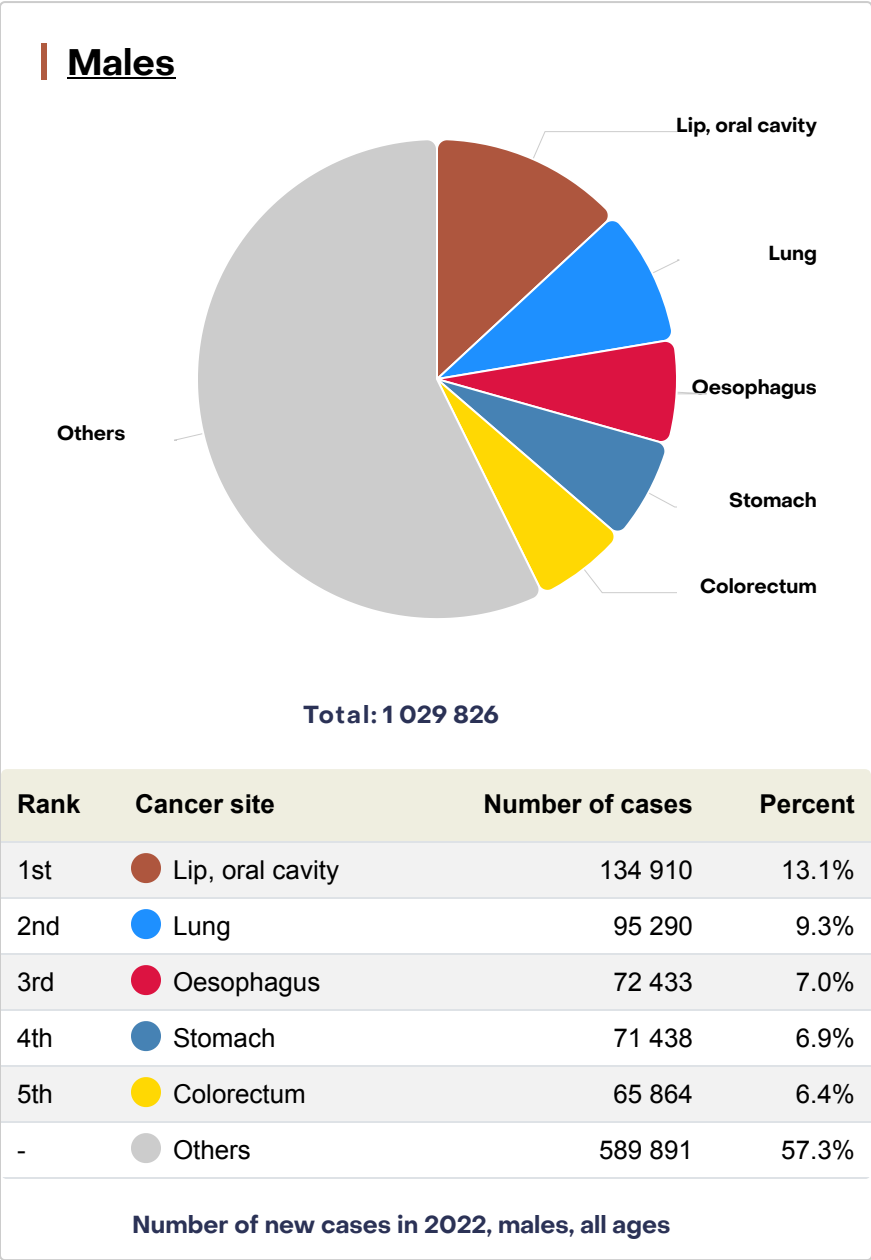
Statistics at a glance, 2022

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population	1 060 915 547	999 473 292	2 060 388 839
Incidence*			
Number of new cancer cases	1 029 826	1 047 000	2 076 826
Age-standardized incidence rate	104.1	103.3	103.3
Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	11.3	10.9	11.1
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)**	Lip, oral cavity Lung Oesophagus	Breast Cervix uteri Ovary	Breast Lip, oral cavity Cervix uteri
Mortality*			
Number of cancer deaths	702 735	644 171	1 346 906
Age-standardized mortality rate	71.6	64.2	67.7
Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	7.9	7.1	7.5
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)**	Lung Lip, oral cavity Oesophagus	Breast Cervix uteri Ovary	Breast Lung Oesophagus
Prevalence*			
5-year prevalent cases	2 187 215	2 593 187	4 780 402

Population(s) included: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan



Top 5 most frequent cancers**



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)
Breast	273 902	1	13.2	2.9	135 348	1	10.0	1.5	758 630	75.9
Lip, oral cavity	183 566	2	8.8	1.0	103 464	4	7.7	0.60	468 159	22.7
Cervix uteri	153 944	3	7.4	1.7	95 962	5	7.1	1.1	413 670	41.4
Lung	129 889	4	6.3	0.81	118 183	2	8.8	0.73	180 646	8.8
Oesophagus	114 956	5	5.5	0.67	108 482	3	8.1	0.63	182 974	8.9
Colorectum	110 506	6	5.3	0.65	63 331	7	4.7	0.36	284 951	13.8
Stomach	109 794	7	5.3	0.66	94 941	6	7.0	0.56	172 639	8.4
Leukaemia	72 717	8	3.5	0.32	54 294	9	4.0	0.25	200 728	9.7
Ovary	61 931	9	3.0	0.67	42 839	11	3.2	0.51	157 717	15.8
Prostate	60 131	10	2.9	0.77	29 194	14	2.2	0.32	127 588	12.0
Liver	59 663	11	2.9	0.36	56 780	8	4.2	0.34	82 308	4.0
NHL	57 461	12	2.8	0.31	33 317	12	2.5	0.19	158 337	7.7
Larynx	50 923	13	2.5	0.32	32 263	13	2.4	0.21	139 091	6.8
Brain CNS	50 338	14	2.4	0.24	43 732	10	3.2	0.22	165 110	8.0
Hypopharynx	42 101	15	2.0	0.25	16 575	20	1.2	0.10	70 430	3.4
Bladder	39 428	16	1.9	0.24	20 060	17	1.5	0.11	108 305	5.3
Gallbladder	35 266	17	1.7	0.20	27 227	15	2.0	0.15	57 539	2.8
Thyroid	34 533	18	1.7	0.16	7 646	23	0.57	0.04	102 704	5.0
Oropharynx	29 915	19	1.4	0.18	18 308	19	1.4	0.11	71 699	3.5
Kidney	27 231	20	1.3	0.16	15 517	21	1.2	0.09	71 982	3.5
Corpus uteri	27 172	21	1.3	0.33	10 143	22	0.75	0.12	84 309	8.4
Pancreas	23 463	22	1.1	0.15	22 000	16	1.6	0.14	27 319	1.3
Multiple myeloma	21 525	23	1.0	0.13	18 494	18	1.4	0.12	53 436	2.6
Hodgkin lymphoma	15 018	24	0.72	0.07	5 511	26	0.41	0.03	46 138	2.2
Penis	11 824	25	0.57	0.14	4 971	27	0.37	0.06	31 870	3.0
Salivary glands	10 947	26	0.53	0.06	6 513	25	0.48	0.04	30 499	1.5
Nasopharynx	9 248	27	0.45	0.05	6 744	24	0.50	0.03	25 153	1.2
Testis	7 241	28	0.35	0.05	1 705	31	0.13	0.01	23 608	2.2
Melanoma	6 166	29	0.30	0.03	3 480	28	0.26	0.02	18 303	0.89
Vagina	5 765	30	0.28	0.07	2 827	29	0.21	0.03	13 198	1.3
Vulva	4 086	31	0.20	0.05	1 997	30	0.15	0.02	10 733	1.1
Mesothelioma	1 851	32	0.09	0.01	1 644	32	0.12	0.01	3 082	0.15
All cancers	2 076 826	-	-	11.1	1 346 906	-	-	7.5	4 780 402	-
All cancers excl. NMSC	2 050 900	-	-	11.0	1 337 590	-	-	7.4	4 703 284	-

Data source and methods

Incidence

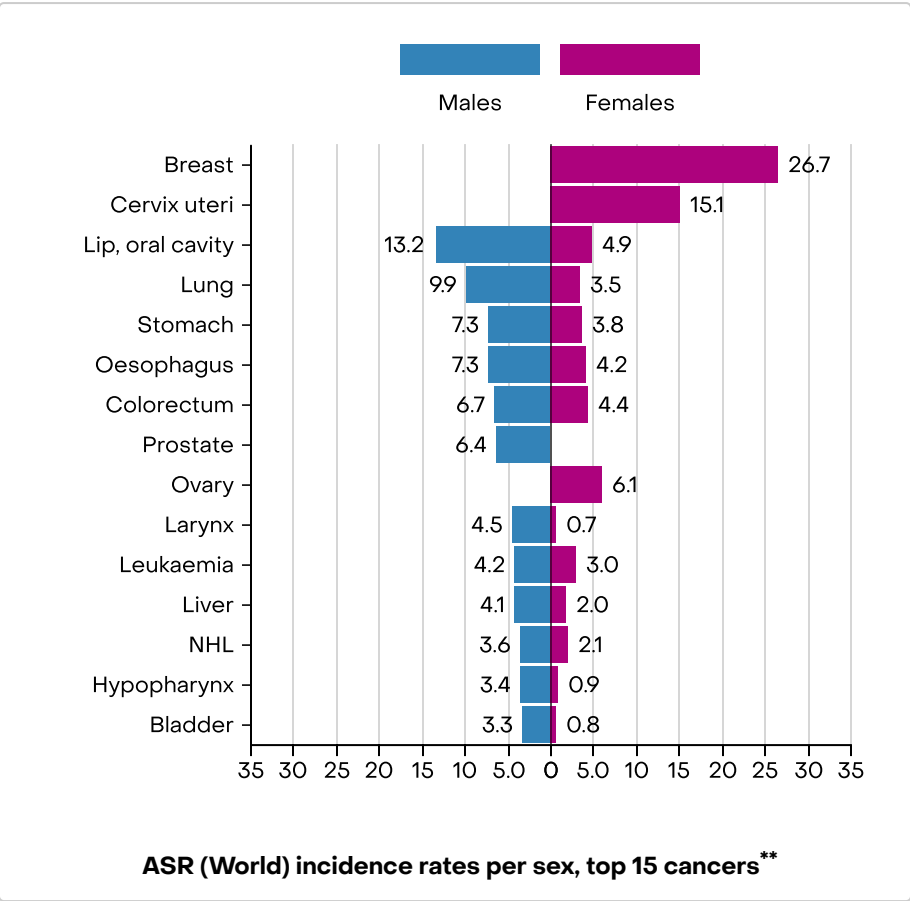
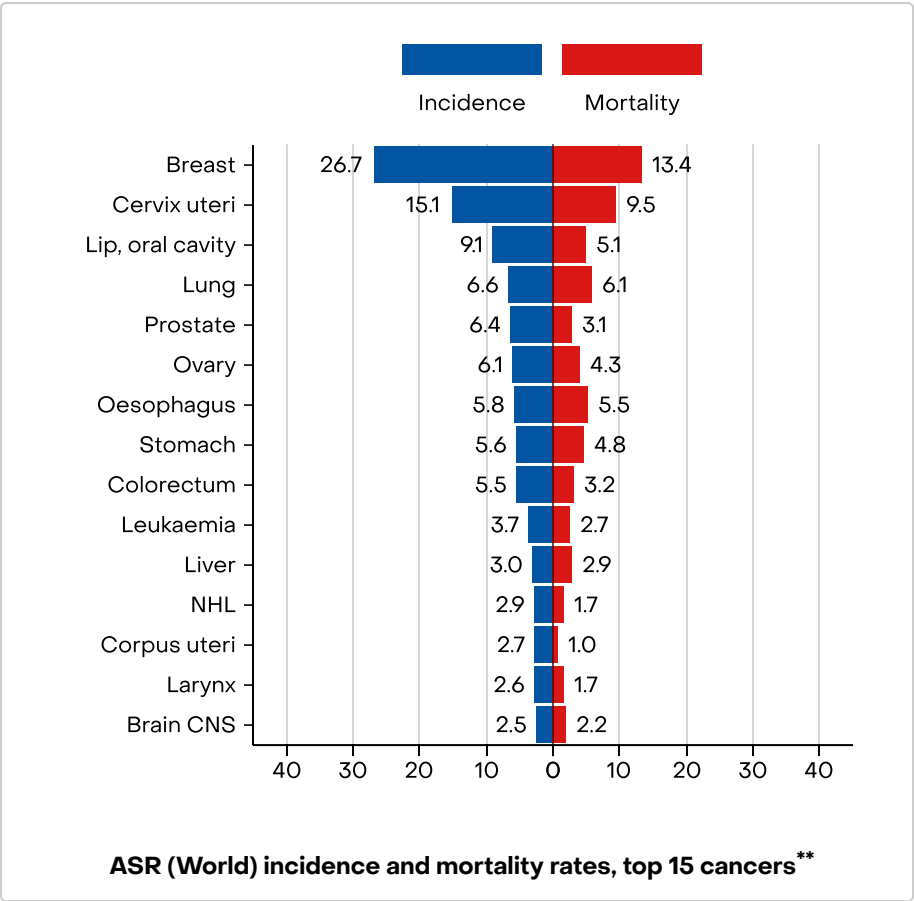
Population weighted average of the rates of the region-specific countries included in GLOBOCAN 2022.

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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