

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Number of new cases

848 311

Number of deaths

559 083

Number of prevalent cases (5-year)

1 784 684

Statistics at a glance, 2022

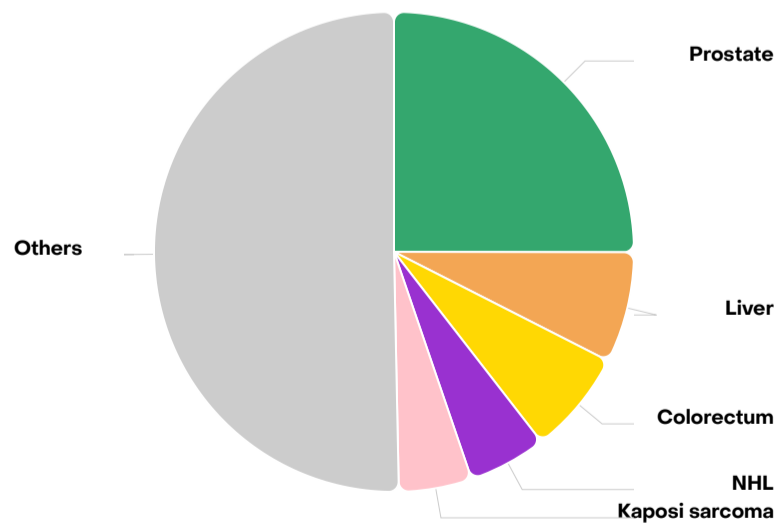
	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population	574 983 878	576 759 701	1 151 743 579
Incidence*			
Number of new cancer cases	345 104	503 207	848 311
Age-standardized incidence rate	117.5	139.6	127.8
Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	12.5	14.2	13.3
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)**	Prostate Liver Colorectum	Breast Cervix uteri Colorectum	Breast Cervix uteri Prostate
Mortality*			
Number of cancer deaths	236 390	322 693	559 083
Age-standardized mortality rate	84.1	93.5	88.2
Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	8.7	9.8	9.3
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)**	Prostate Liver Colorectum	Cervix uteri Breast Colorectum	Cervix uteri Breast Prostate
Prevalence*			
5-year prevalent cases	677 206	1 107 478	1 784 684

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



Top 5 most frequent cancers**

Males

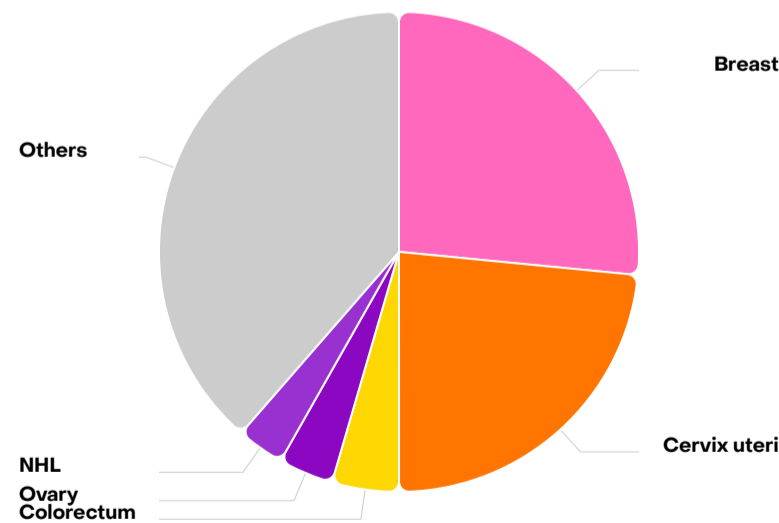


Total: 345 104

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Prostate	86 364	25.0%
2nd	Liver	25 764	7.5%
3rd	Colorectum	24 161	7.0%
4th	NHL	18 176	5.3%
5th	Kaposi sarcoma	16 982	4.9%
-	Others	173 657	50.3%

Number of new cases in 2022, males, all ages

Females

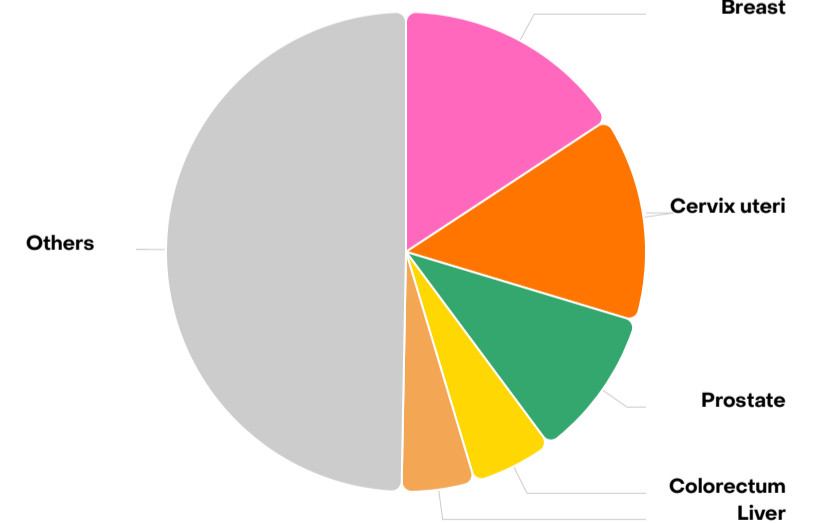


Total: 503 207

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Breast	133 576	26.5%
2nd	Cervix uteri	118 013	23.5%
3rd	Colorectum	22 710	4.5%
4th	Ovary	18 615	3.7%
5th	NHL	16 093	3.2%
-	Others	194 200	38.6%

Number of new cases in 2022, females, all ages

Both sexes



Total: 848 311

Rank	Cancer site	Number of cases	Percent
1st	Breast	133 576	15.7%
2nd	Cervix uteri	118 013	13.9%
3rd	Prostate	86 364	10.2%
4th	Colorectum	46 871	5.5%
5th	Liver	41 839	4.9%
-	Others	421 648	49.7%

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	133 576	1	15.7	3.9	68 066	2	12.2	2.1	314 064	54.5
Cervix uteri	118 013	2	13.9	3.7	76 189	1	13.6	2.5	265 559	46.0
Prostate	86 364	3	10.2	4.4	48 786	3	8.7	2.3	157 332	27.4
Colorectum	46 871	4	5.5	0.86	33 002	5	5.9	0.60	102 218	8.9
Liver	41 839	5	4.9	0.69	39 537	4	7.1	0.67	65 130	5.7
NHL	34 269	6	4.0	0.42	21 968	7	3.9	0.30	83 979	7.3
Oesophagus	26 734	7	3.2	0.53	25 150	6	4.5	0.50	42 233	3.7
Kaposi sarcoma	26 132	8	3.1	0.26	13 742	11	2.5	0.13	54 507	4.7
Lung	23 551	9	2.8	0.49	21 770	8	3.9	0.45	34 750	3.0
Stomach	23 495	10	2.8	0.46	20 695	9	3.7	0.40	37 844	3.3
Leukaemia	21 225	11	2.5	0.25	16 210	10	2.9	0.22	47 973	4.2
Ovary	18 615	12	2.2	0.56	13 337	12	2.4	0.46	40 256	7.0
Bladder	16 003	13	1.9	0.31	8 800	14	1.6	0.17	35 980	3.1
Kidney	12 258	14	1.4	0.14	7 701	16	1.4	0.10	29 556	2.6
Pancreas	12 205	15	1.4	0.24	11 289	13	2.0	0.23	15 012	1.3
Lip, oral cavity	11 147	16	1.3	0.20	6 924	17	1.2	0.13	24 871	2.2
Corpus uteri	10 602	17	1.3	0.43	3 700	20	0.66	0.15	27 962	4.9
Thyroid	10 421	18	1.2	0.17	3 442	22	0.62	0.07	24 311	2.1
Brain CNS	10 153	19	1.2	0.13	8 549	15	1.5	0.12	28 009	2.4
Hodgkin lymphoma	7 170	20	0.85	0.08	3 199	23	0.57	0.04	18 559	1.6
Nasopharynx	6 750	21	0.80	0.10	4 617	19	0.83	0.08	15 746	1.4
Melanoma	6 443	22	0.76	0.12	2 411	26	0.43	0.05	16 918	1.5
Multiple myeloma	6 151	23	0.73	0.12	5 200	18	0.93	0.11	13 761	1.2
Larynx	5 728	24	0.68	0.12	3 693	21	0.66	0.08	13 717	1.2
Vulva	4 852	25	0.57	0.14	2 628	25	0.47	0.08	12 106	2.1
Salivary glands	4 175	26	0.49	0.07	2 703	24	0.48	0.05	9 792	0.85
Oropharynx	2 589	27	0.31	0.05	1 511	28	0.27	0.03	6 139	0.53
Gallbladder	2 426	28	0.29	0.05	1 991	27	0.36	0.04	3 824	0.33
Testis	2 340	29	0.28	0.06	921	31	0.17	0.03	6 324	1.1
Penis	2 028	30	0.24	0.07	871	32	0.16	0.03	4 840	0.84
Vagina	1 770	31	0.21	0.06	994	30	0.18	0.03	3 657	0.63
Hypopharynx	1 414	32	0.17	0.03	1 025	29	0.18	0.02	2 005	0.17
All cancers	848 311	-	-	13.3	559 083	-	-	9.3	1 784 684	-
All cancers excl. NMSC	822 569	-	-	13.0	552 087	-	-	9.1	1 714 558	-

Data source and methods

Incidence

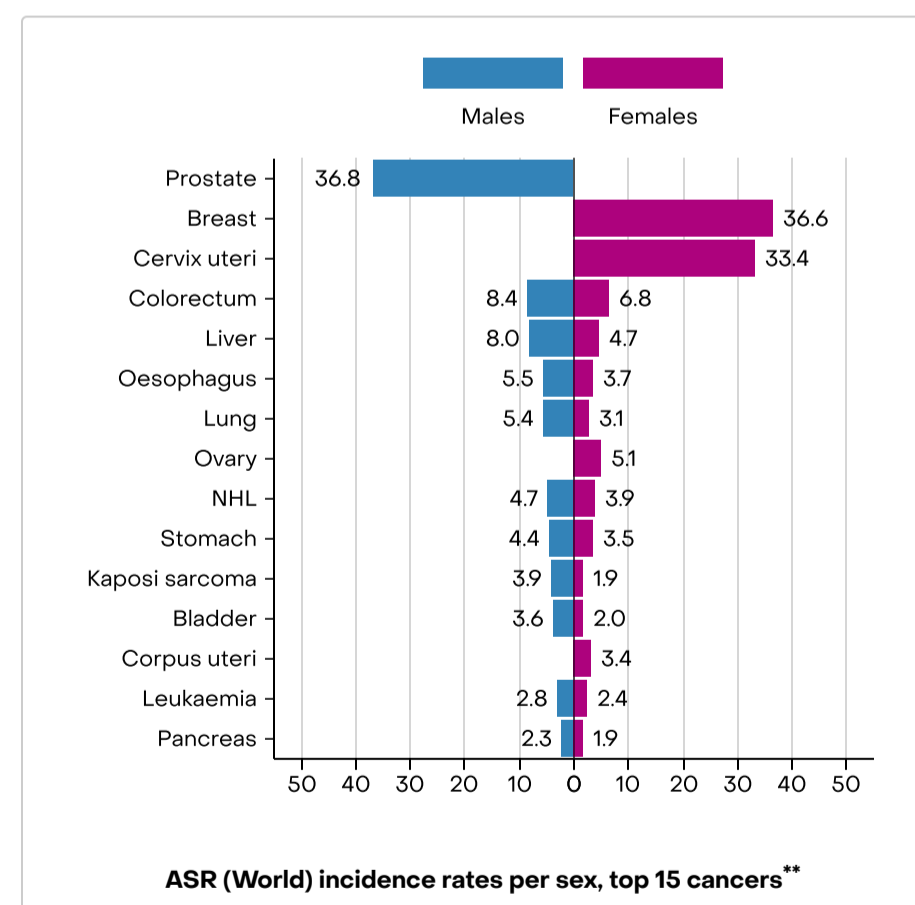
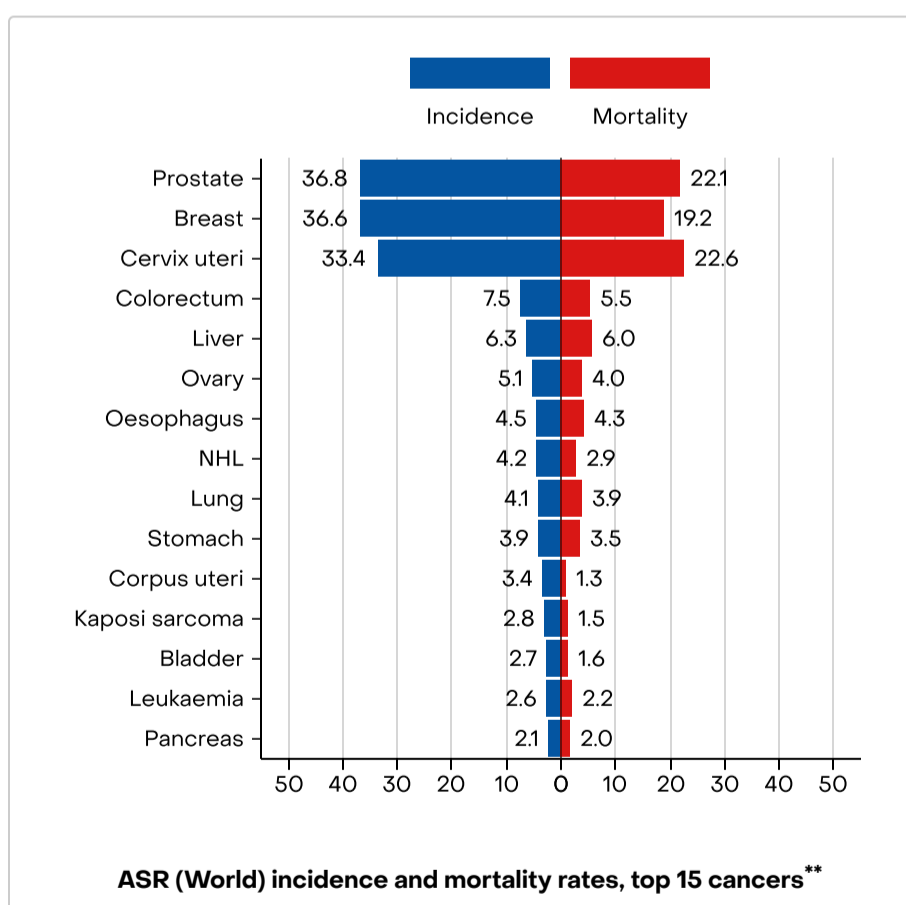
Sum of region-specific cases.

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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