

# Statistics presented for global cancer incidence, deaths in 2022

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In 2022, there were almost 20 million new cases of cancer as well as 9.7 million deaths from cancer, according to a study [published](#) online April

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Freddie Bray, Ph.D., from the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France, and colleagues present global cancer statistics for 2022 by world region.

The researchers found there were about 20 million new cases of cancer in 2022, including [nonmelanoma skin cancers](#), as well as 9.7 million deaths from cancer. These [estimates](#) suggest that about one in five men or [women](#) develop cancer in a lifetime, and one in nine men and one in 12 women die from cancer.

In 2022, lung cancer was the most frequently diagnosed cancer, responsible for close to 2.5 million new cases (12.4 percent of cancers globally), followed by cancers of the female [breast](#), colorectum, prostate, and stomach (11.6, 9.6, 7.3, and 4.9 percent, respectively). The leading cause of cancer death was lung cancer, with an estimated 1.8 million deaths (18.7 percent), followed by colorectal, liver, female breast, and stomach cancers (9.3, 7.8, 6.9, and 6.8 percent, respectively).

In women and men, the most frequent cancers were breast and [lung cancer](#) (both cases and deaths). Across world regions, incidence rates varied from fourfold to five-fold for men and women.

"The overall scale of cancer and the diversity of cancer profiles by world region and human development level reemphasize the need for a global escalation of targeted cancer control measures," the authors write.

**More information:** Freddie Bray et al, Global cancer statistics 2022: GLOBOCAN estimates of incidence and mortality worldwide for 36 cancers in 185 countries, *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians* (2024).

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