

BREAST CANCER IN AUSTRALIA

Statistics from Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2025) [Cancer data in Australia](#), AIHW, Australian Government.



INCIDENCE

In 2025, it is predicted that

20,129 women & **207 men** will be diagnosed with breast cancer. This means that approximately **20,336** people will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia in 2025.

ON AVERAGE,

56

people will be diagnosed with breast cancer every day.



The incidence rate of women and men being diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia is increasing:

however the mortality rate from breast cancer is decreasing.

THE RISK OF BEING DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER OVER A LIFETIME IS

1 IN 7 FOR WOMEN

1 IN 612 FOR MEN.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australia in women. It is estimated that breast cancer will account for approximately **27 PER CENT** of all new cancers in women in 2025.



SURVIVAL



The chance of surviving at least five years (five-year relative survival) has increased from **75 per cent in 1987-1991** TO **93 per cent in 2017-2021**.



Increasing survival is due to earlier diagnosis through screening and improved treatments.

Australia has one of the best breast cancer survival rates in the world.

20,950 PEOPLE are living with metastatic breast cancer Australia.

This figure highlights the urgent need for ongoing data collection in all states and territories.

PEOPLE LIVING IN RURAL & REMOTE AREAS, YOUNGER (PRE-MENOPAUSAL) WOMEN, MEN, FIRST PEOPLES & PEOPLE WITH LOW SES STATUS OFTEN HAVE POORER OUTCOMES.

MORTALITY



Breast cancer accounts for **14.2 PER CENT** of all cancer deaths in Australian women and is currently the second leading cause of cancer death in Australian women after lung cancer.

In 2025, it is estimated that **3,313 women** & **40 men** will die from breast cancer. That means **9** Australians die from breast cancer every day.

RISK



THE RISK OF BEING DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER INCREASES WITH AGE.

APPROXIMATELY **80 PER CENT** OF NEW CASES OF BREAST CANCER ARE IN WOMEN AGED 50 OR ABOVE.

Approximately **5-10 PER CENT** of breast cancers are due to a strong family history or genetic mutation, such as BRCA1 or BRCA2.

THE FUTURE

Given the increasing and aging population, the number of people diagnosed with breast cancer is expected to increase each year.