

# 2021 BREAST CANCER STATISTICS IN AUSTRALIA

## INCIDENCE

In 2021, it is predicted that **20,030**  Australians will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

### COVID-19 IMPACT

We have seen a decline in breast cancer presentations due to BreastScreen closures and people delaying having symptoms checked.

ON AVERAGE, **55**

people will be diagnosed with breast cancer every day.



The number of women and men being diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia is increasing; however the number of deaths from breast cancer is decreasing.

THE RISK OF BEING DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER BY AGE 85 IS

**1 IN 7** FOR WOMEN & **1 IN 670** FOR MEN.



Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australian women. It was projected that breast cancer would account for approximately **28.2 PER CENT** of all new cancers in Australian women in 2021.

## SURVIVAL



The chance of surviving at least five years (five-year relative survival) has increased from **74.0 per cent in 1986-1990** TO **91.5 per cent in 2013-2017.**



The chance of surviving at least 10 years (10-year relative survival) is **85 per cent.**

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

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



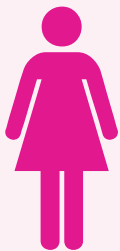
It is estimated that, at the end of 2016, there were more than

**233,294**

women **ALIVE** who had been diagnosed with breast cancer in the previous 33 years.

**WOMEN LIVING IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS, YOUNGER (PRE-MENOPAUSAL) WOMEN, MEN AND FIRST PEOPLES OFTEN HAVE POORER OUTCOMES.**

## MORTALITY



Breast cancer accounts for approximately

**14 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.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT **3,102** women & **36** men

WILL DIE FROM BREAST CANCER IN 2021.

## 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 ageing population, the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer is expected to continue to increase each year.