



Now updating: Cancer incidence stats and charts based on 2008 data

New CancerStats report

Cancer Worldwide CancerStats report

Our latest report, on cancer worldwide, shows that an estimated **12.7 million people** were diagnosed with cancer across the world in 2008, and 7.6 million people died from the disease.

Reporting and commenting on cancer incidence and mortality across the regions, the report examines regional variations such as the 40-fold variation in female lung cancer incidence rates between world regions and why 60% of all bowel cancer cases are diagnosed in the developed world.

The full report is free to download and the content has been added to the CancerStats site.

- Cancer Worldwide report. <http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/reports/>
- Cancer incidence worldwide – map of the world regions. <http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/world/the-global-picture/#Worldwide>
- Cancer Worldwide on our website. <http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/world/the-global-picture/>

The report was released to coincide with the UN summit on non-communicable diseases, to support the debate about the increasing burden of cancer in the developing world.

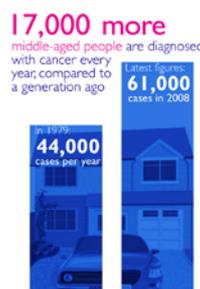


CancerStats in the news

Cancer rates jump by nearly 20 per cent in a generation among middle aged people

Earlier this year we found that in a single generation, cancer incidence rates in people aged 40-59 have increased by almost a fifth in Great Britain. Our **full analysis of cancer incidence by age**, looking at the effects of breast screening and PSA testing, is available on our website. You can also **read our blog**, explaining the results in more detail.

The analysis was published to coincide with our new advertising campaign. If you've missed it you can still **watch the ad online**.



Bowel cancer risk doubles for men

Men's lifetime risk of developing bowel cancer has doubled since the 1970's. Their lifetime risk has increased **from around one in 29 to around one in 15**. For women bowel cancer risk has risen by more than a quarter going from one in 26 to one in 19.

The calculations are based on a new, more accurate method of predicting the lifetime risk of developing cancer, which we **published in the British Journal of Cancer** in July.

Get the full story from the **press release** and the **full analysis** on our **CancerStats website**.

We've also published the **lifetime risk** for the 15 most common cancers in the UK and you can download an **Excel template** that calculates lifetime risk using your own data.



Coming soon

Next CancerStats website updates:

- Updated **survival** by cancer type and age, for England and Wales
- Updated **childhood** cancer incidence statistics for the UK, Great Britain and Europe
- Updated UK cancer **mortality** statistics for 2009

CancerStats

Online, on paper and on email

- Our **CancerStats website** is the leading source of UK cancer statistics
- Download over 500 charts and tables on **incidence**, **mortality** and **survival** in the UK, Europe and the World, covering 27 cancer sites and all cancers together
- Download our **CancerStats reports** giving more in-depth detailed explanations about cancer stats and risk factors
- Find useful links to other data sources
- **Find us online** at <http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/> or simply google "**CancerStats**"
- **Contact** the Stats Team at stats.team@cancer.org.uk

Key Facts

CancerStats Key Facts is our expanding series of simple messages about the stats on common cancers. We now have eighteen in the series, providing key statements on incidence, survival, mortality and the main causes of cancer.

<http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/keyfacts>

Together we will beat cancer

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Web: <http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/>

CancerStats in our blog

Explaining the stats behind the stories - <http://scienceblog.cancerresearchuk.org/>

Radiotherapy report lays foundation for improved care

In August the Department of Health published its **first report** on the English radiotherapy dataset. The report is not yet able to definitively explain what is causing regional variation in the provision of radiotherapy, but it's clear that it does exist. Patients in the North of England and Yorkshire Cancer Networks were found to have both lower than average access rates to radiotherapy treatment and lower than average number of attendances per patient.

- [Read our blog](#) summarising the findings and the questions raised by the report that have not yet been answered.
- It's the **Year of Radiotherapy** and Cancer Research UK is campaigning to improve radiotherapy services, as shortages in staff and equipment mean that some people are missing out.
- **Help us put this right** – [sign our petition](#) to make sure that radiotherapy gets the support it needs.



Government releases new cancer patients' waiting time stats

In August the Department of Health published its annual report on waiting times for cancer patients. One of the standards assessed was the two week wait, which measures how long patients waited from referral by their GP to being seen by a cancer specialist in hospital.

The good news for patients is that the percentage of patients urgently referred and seen within two weeks **increased slightly, from 94.9% to 95.5%**.

The number of patients being referred has also generally increased over the last two years, with the numbers seen in the last quarters of 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 going from 225,472 to 249,054. This is also good news, as it is crucial that anybody who goes to their GP showing signs and symptoms of cancer is seen by a specialist as quickly as possible to fully diagnose their condition.

- [Read our blog](#) to see the full results, and what they mean for patients.



The blog

Cancer Research UK's blog covers the latest cancer statistics and research, including that funded by the charity. We also highlight other relevant material, debunking myths and media scares, and provide links to other helpful resources.

Credits

Cancer Research UK would like to acknowledge the essential work of the **cancer registries** in the United Kingdom Association of Cancer Registries.

<http://www.ukacr.org/>

Without these cancer registries, there would be no incidence or survival data.

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