

BREAST CANCER IN CANADA

Overall Incidence



Each year in Canada, there are about **30,800 new cases** of breast cancer



Breast cancer is the **2nd most common** cancer overall and the **most common** cancer in women



Hereditary breast cancer means a high risk of developing breast cancer is passed down through family genes. Most cases (**90-95%**) are not hereditary, with only **5-10%** linked to inherited mutations such as BRCA1 or BRCA2.

Incidence by Sex



30,500 women (more than 99%)

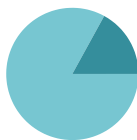


290 men (less than 1%)

Stage and Age at Diagnosis



82% of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at stage I or II



83% of breast cancer cases occur in women 50 years or older

Breast Cancer by Subtype

71-73% HR+, HER2-

15-16% HER2+ (any HR status)

10-11% TNBC



Non-White women, especially Black women, First Nations women, and Métis women experience diagnoses at **younger ages** (median age of **52-60 years old**) than White women (median age of 63 years old)

Impact



About **84 women are diagnosed** and **15 women die** from breast cancer every day



About **60 men die** from breast cancer each year



Female breast cancer death rate has dropped by **47%** since it peaked in the mid-1980s



89% of Canadian women diagnosed with breast cancer survive 5 or more years

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A note on language: These statistics are reported by sex (male/female) and may not fully reflect the experiences of all genders.