

Cancer Incidence in Scotland (2014)



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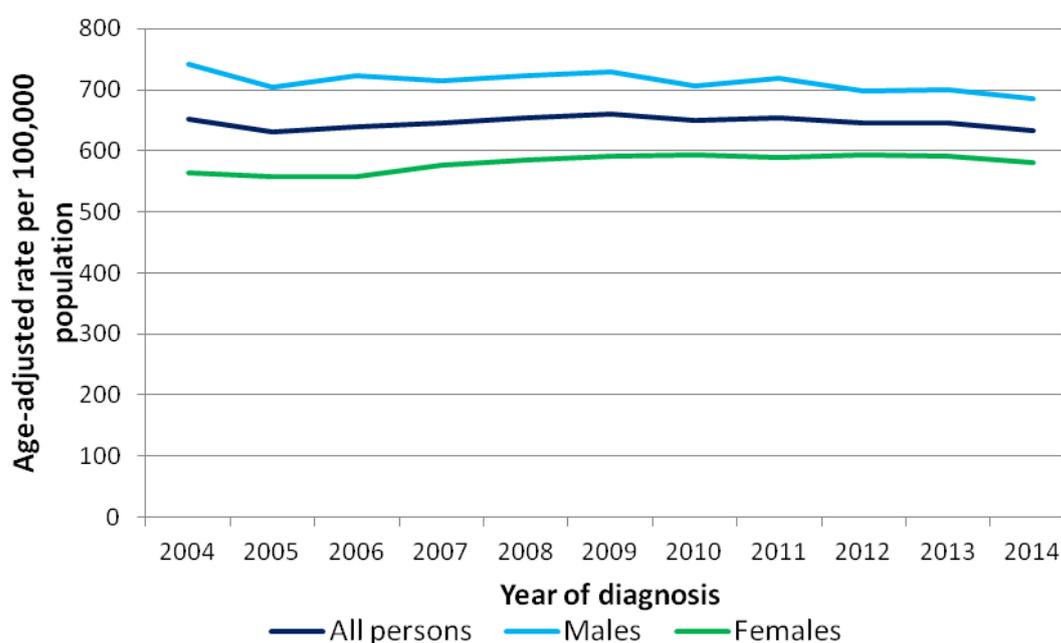
About this release

This release from the Information Services Division provides an annual update of cancer incidence statistics in Scotland from 1990 to 2014. More than 50 cancer types are included.

Main Points

- In 2014, 31,711 people in Scotland were diagnosed with cancer: 16,183 women and 15,528 men.
- Over the last ten years, age-adjusted incidence rates of cancer in Scotland have decreased by 3% for men but increased by 6% for women.

Recent trends (2004-2014) in age-adjusted incidence rates for cancer¹ in Scotland



- Cancer is more common as people get older. In 2014, 75% of cancer diagnoses were in people aged 60 and over.
- Lung cancer remains the most common cancer in Scotland. In 2014, 5,307 cases were diagnosed. The next most common was breast cancer (4,610 cases), followed by colorectal cancer (3,721 cases).
- There is considerable variation in incidence rates between different types of cancer. For instance, the incidence rate of cervical cancer has increased by 18% over the last ten years. In contrast, the rate for cancer of the stomach in men has decreased by 32% over the same period.

Background

The [Scottish Cancer Registry](#) has been collecting information on cancer since 1958. Data collected by the Registry are published by ISD and are used for a wide variety of purposes.

Cancer registrations are believed to be essentially complete for the year 2014, but it is important to note that the cancer registration database is dynamic. In common with cancer registries in other countries, cancer incidence rates in Scotland can take up to five years after the end of a given calendar year to reach 100% completeness and stability, due to the continuing accrual of late registrations coming to light through death certification, for example.

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Further Information

The Information Services Division publish a wide range of cancer statistics. [You can find all our cancer information on our website](#) including [data visualisation](#).

Further information can be found in the [Cancer Incidence in Scotland \(2014\) report](#).

The next release of this publication will be in April 2017.

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