

KEY FINDINGS:

- Men had more new cancers than women.
- Breast and lung were the most common cancers in women.
- Prostate and lung were the most common cancers in men.

56,794

cases of invasive cancers were diagnosed among NJ residents

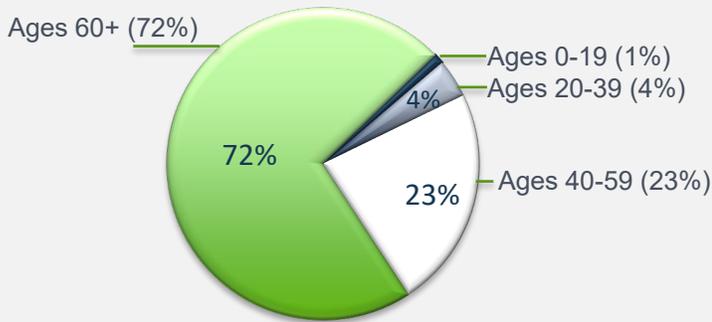
48.4%

of new cases were breast, prostate, lung, and colorectal cancer

78%

The top 10 cancers make up 78% of newly diagnosed cases

NEW CANCERS BY AGE AND GENDER



Most new cases were diagnosed in people ages 60 and older.



10 MOST COMMON CANCERS IN NJ

Women	Count	%	Men	Count	%
Breast	8,522	30%	Prostate	8,714	30%
Lung & Bronchus	2,987	11%	Lung & Bronchus	2,701	9%
Colon & Rectum	2,211	8%	Colon & Rectum	2,375	8%
Uterus	2,031	7%	Bladder	1,854	6%
Thyroid	1,325	5%	Melanoma of the skin	1,504	5%
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	1,159	4%	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	1,279	4%
Melanoma of the Skin	1,020	4%	Kidney & Renal Pelvis	1,156	4%
Pancreas	934	3%	Leukemia	1,036	4%
Leukemia	795	3%	Oral Cavity & Pharynx	953	3%
Ovary	648	2%	Pancreas	920	3%

Source: New Jersey State Cancer Registry December 2023 file, New Jersey Department of Health. * Initial data report as of December 2023. Counts may change slightly as subsequent cancers or additional information are reported. Statistics for other genders are not presented due to small numbers. 2021 cancer incidence rates are not yet available and will be released at a later date.

COVID-19 & CANCER

The COVID-19 pandemic affected the number of new cancers diagnosed in 2020, resulting in a 10% decline in NJ cancer cases. Although the number of cancer cases returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2021, we are now seeing slight increases in certain cancer types due to health care delays. The number of cancer cases increased by approx. 13% in women and 10% in men in 2021 compared to 2020.

Additional Resource:

- [Data Brief on Cancer Incidence Before and During COVID-19 Pandemic in NJ](#)

Need more cancer data? [Cancer-rates.com/nj](https://cancer-rates.com/nj)

Learn more about New Jersey State Cancer Registry:
nj.gov/health/ces/cancer-researchers/surv-research