BREAST CANCER IN THE UK 2025: KEY STATS

UK-WIDE INCIDENCE



1 in 3 new cancers diagnosed in women will be breast cancer.1



1 in 7 women will get breast cancer in their lifetime.²

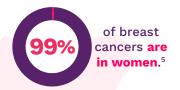


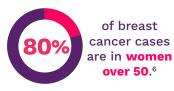
A woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every 9 minutes and a man every day – by 2040, this will be every 8 minutes for women.³



Every year in the UK, around 11,500 women and 90 men die from breast cancer. This means someone dies from breast cancer every 45 minutes.⁴

RISK FACTORS





Women from some ethnic minority groups are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer and have poorer outcomes.⁷

5-10%

of women are estimated to have **an altered gene**(most commonly BRCA1 and BRCA2)
that increases their risk of breast cancer.⁸

ECONOMIC AND WELLBEING COSTS

£3.2-3.5bn

is the estimated total cost of breast cancer to the UK economy in 2025.9

£3.9-4.2bn

is what this figure could rise to by 2050 if nothing changes.¹⁰

£973m

The direct cost of breast cancer to the NHS in 2025..11

£2.2bn

Productivity losses from illness and early death in 2025.¹²

£20.2bn

The total wellbeing costs associated with breast cancer in 2025 - around 6 times higher than the economic costs.¹³

IMPACT

Treatments¹⁴

said they feel:

received a tumour resection.

62% received radiotherapy.

The physical and emotional impact of breast cancer and last during and beyond their treatment. People have

36% received chemotherapy.

"sexual issues"

Side effects and quality of life

83%

88%

of primary patients

of metastatic patients

reported tiredness.17

61%

70%

of primary patients

of metastatic patients

reported memory problems.18

75%

78%

of primary patients

of metastatic patients

reported menopausal symptoms.19

Metastatic breast cancer

"anxious and worried"

"unhappy with body image"

"lacking energy"

Impact on people's lives¹⁵

Around

61,000[°]

people in the UK are living with metastatic breast cancer. People face a greater number of issues, including lower quality of life, traumatic stress symptoms, and hopelessness, although these can improve over time.

"afraid of recurrence"

"isolating side effects"

"lost"

60%

of primary and metastatic patients reported concerns over **body image.**²⁰ 66%

of people reported pain and discomfort.²¹

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