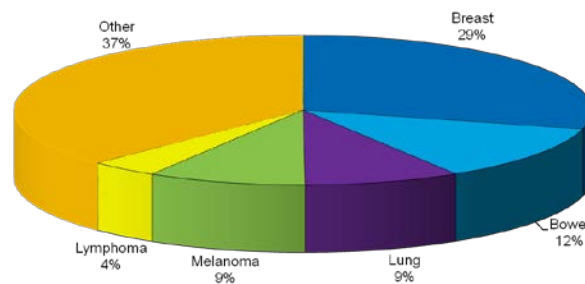


Breast Cancer in Western Australia, 2009

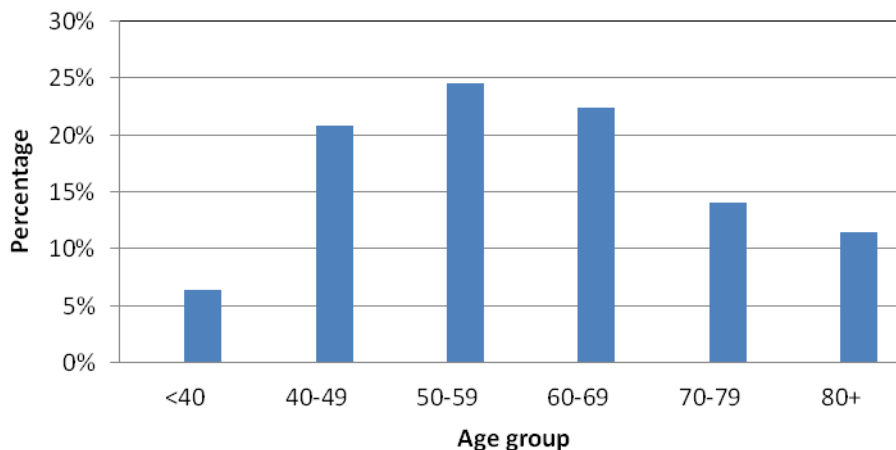
- Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women and the second highest cause of cancer death.
- One woman in eleven is expected to develop breast cancer, and 1 in 66 women will die from breast cancer by age 75.

Cancer Incidence in Western Australian women, 2009



- The steady number of breast cancer cases is likely to be due to the increased population size and to an ageing population.
- The systematic breast cancer screening program (BreastScreen WA) also leads to higher rates of disease identification. See <http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au>.
- The annual number of deaths has remained relatively constant between 1995 and 2009, suggesting that breast cancers are more commonly being found when they are small and treatment is more likely to be successful.
- Diagnosis of breast cancer commonly occurs between 40 and 69 years, accounting for 68 per cent in WA in 2009.

Breast Cancer Incidence by age, 2009



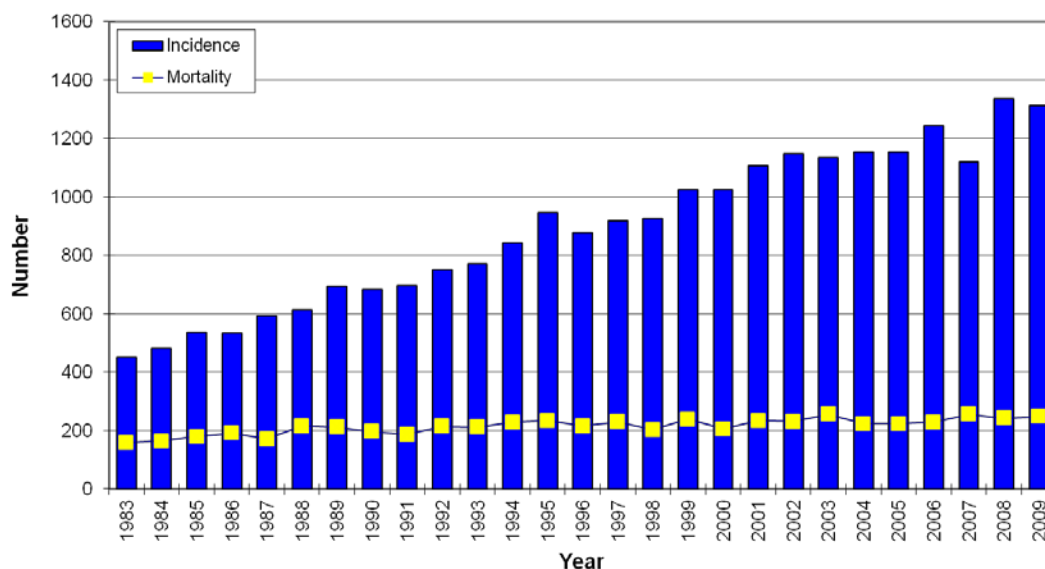
- Breast cancer does occur in men, but is very rare. In 2009 there were seven cases diagnosed in men, and one death in Western Australia.

Number of cases Western Australia 1992–2005*

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Incidence	844	946	877	917	926	1025	1023	1107	1148	1136	1153	1154	1244	1119	1337	1313
Mortality	228	233	216	230	202	239	205	233	231	256	223	223	229	256	243	248

*Total number of cases recorded by the Cancer Registry in one year

Breast cancer incidence and mortality Western Australia 1983-2009



Age Standardised Rates (ASR) Western Australia 1992–2005*

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Incidence ASR	81.8	88.5	79.0	80.5	79.2	85.3	82.4	87.1	87.4	84.6	82.8	81.2	85.5	73.8	86.1	81.7
Mortality ASR	19.8	19.4	18.0	18.4	15.1	17.8	14.1	15.8	16.0	16.2	14.1	13.6	14.3	14.6	13.8	13.7

*Number of cases per 100,000 persons, adjusted for age (World 1960 population standard)

Breast cancer age standardized (ASR) incidence and mortality Western Australia 1983-2009

