

KEY FINDINGS:

- Males had more new cancers than females.
- Breast and lung were the most common cancers in females.
- Prostate and lung were the most common cancers in males.

57,190

57,190 cases of invasive cancers were diagnosed among NJ residents.

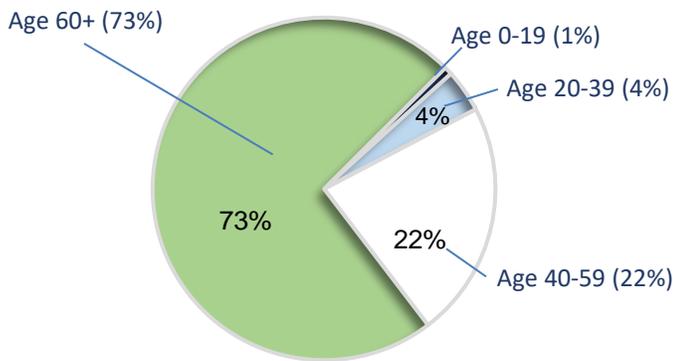
48.5%

48.5% 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 SEX



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



10 MOST COMMON CANCERS IN NJ^a

Females	Count	%	Males	Count	%
Breast	8,644	30%	Prostate	8,678	30%
Lung and Bronchus	3,128	11%	Lung and Bronchus	2,675	9%
Colon and Rectum ^b	2,199	8%	Colon and Rectum ^b	2,398	8%
Uterus	2,054	7%	Urinary Bladder ^c	1,866	6%
Thyroid	1,340	5%	Melanoma of the Skin	1,524	5%
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	1,103	4%	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	1,296	5%
Melanoma of the Skin	1,066	4%	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	1,246	4%
Pancreas	915	3%	Leukemia	1,071	4%
Leukemia	760	3%	Pancreas	963	3%
Ovary	671	2%	Oral Cavity and Pharynx	959	3%

Source: New Jersey State Cancer Registry December 2024 file, NJ Department of Health. ^aCounts may change slightly as additional information is reported. Statistics for persons of sex other than male or female are not displayed due to small numbers. ^bIncludes appendix. ^cIncludes *in situ*. 2022 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. The number of cancer cases returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2021 and 2022 for many types of cancer.

Additional Resources:

- [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