

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.

60,189

60,189 cases of invasive cancers^c were diagnosed among NJ residents.

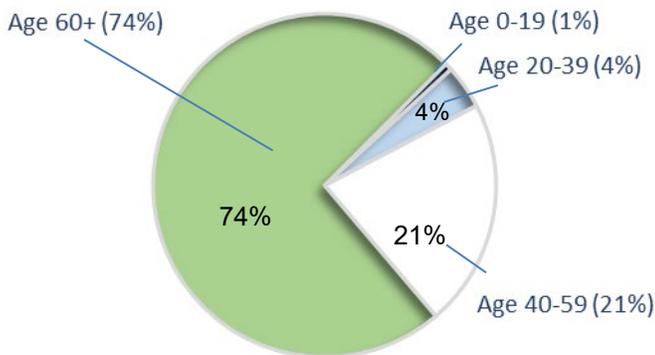
48.7%

48.7% 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	8,768	30%	Prostate	9,594	31%
Lung and Bronchus	3,367	11%	Lung and Bronchus	2,724	9%
Colon and Rectum ^b	2,337	8%	Colon and Rectum ^b	2,540	8%
Uterus	2,058	7%	Urinary Bladder ^c	1,967	6%
Thyroid	1,417	5%	Melanoma of the Skin	1,605	5%
Melanoma of the Skin	1,158	4%	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	1,400	5%
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	1,140	4%	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	1,324	4%
Pancreas	948	3%	Leukemia	1,023	3%
Leukemia	800	3%	Oral Cavity and Pharynx	929	3%
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	714	2%	Pancreas	926	3%

Source: New Jersey State Cancer Registry December 2025 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 included in the total but not displayed separately in the table due to small numbers. ^bIncludes appendix. ^c*In situ*.bladder cases are included in reporting of invasive cases. 2023 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 cases. The number of cancer cases returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2021-2023 for many types of cancer and was even slightly higher for other types of cancer. This may be due in part to delayed screenings and healthcare visits.

Additional Resources:

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

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