

Registrations

- Breast cancer was the most common form of cancer to affect women, with more than 3,300 women diagnosed in 2016.
- Breast cancer accounted for just under 29 per cent of all new female cancers (in 2016).
- 323 women aged 25 to 44 years were registered as having breast cancer in 2016, this is a little under 10 per cent of all women diagnosed with breast cancer.
- In 2016, 16 men were registered as having breast cancer, less than one per cent of all breast cancer registrations.

Source: Ministry of Health. 2018. *New cancer registrations 2016*. Wellington: Ministry of Health

Deaths

- Breast cancer was the second most common cause of death from cancer for women in 2015, with 669 women dying of the disease and 5 men.
- In people aged 25–44 years the most common cause of cancer death was breast cancer for females.
- Breast cancer accounted for 15 per cent of female cancer deaths.
- Rates of death from breast cancer have trended downwards in the decade since 2004. In 2013, 17.7 per 100,000¹ succumbed to the disease.

Maori

- The 2016 figures show that Māori women were more likely to get breast cancer than non-Māori females, with the registration rate for Māori being 1.4 times higher than the non-Māori rate (128.7 per 100,000 in 2016 versus 93.4 per 100,000)².
- In 2015, 93 Māori women died from breast cancer. This is a breast cancer mortality rate 1.8 times higher than the non-Māori rate (30.2 per 100,000 versus 16.6 per 100,000²).
- In the decade 2004 to 2013 the age-standardised mortality rates for Māori and non-Māori women were variable, but overall both showed a downward trend.

1. These figures are age-standardised.

2. These rates are expressed per 100,000 population and age standardised to the WHO World Standard population.

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