
On 27 May 2016 the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published cancer registrations statistics to include cancers diagnosed up to 2014 in England. The publication presents statistics for England, region of residence, cancer site, sex, age and year of diagnosis.

Presented here is a summary of the data from all malignant cancers not including non-melanoma skin cancer (C00-C97 excl. C44). The full publication and associated data tables are available here:


Key points for London:

- The total number of cancer registrations in London for 2014 was 33,760 of which 16,806 were in males and 16,954 were in females.

- The number of cancer registrations in London for 2014 increased in both males and females by 4.3% and 5.2% respectively compared with 2013.

- The age standardised rate per 100,000 increased for both males and females from 2013 to 2014. For males, the age standardised rate increased from 653.7 to 662.1 per 100,000 in 2014 and for females the rate increased from 511.0 to 528.0 per 100,000 in 2014.

- London had a lower age-standardised rate per 100,000 compared to England. The figures for England in 2014 were 670.8 per 100,000 in males and 546.1 per 100,000 in females.

- The three most common cancers in males resident in London were prostate with 4,616 (27%), trachea, bronchus & lung with 2,150 (13%) and colorectal with 1,908 (11%) cases. The age-standardised incidence rates per 100,000 in males were 191.0 for prostate, 90.6 for trachea, bronchus & lung and 77.6 for colorectal cancer.

- The three most common cancers in females were breast with 5,681 (34%), trachea, bronchus & lung with 1,817 (11%) and colorectal with 1,636 (10%) cases. The corresponding age-standardised incidence rates per 100,000 in females were 172.3 for breast, 61.8 for trachea, bronchus & lung and 53.4 for colorectal cancer.

About the Data

The cancer statistics presented here are the latest in the series of annual data releases by ONS known as the MB1 series.

The cancer registrations reported here are considered complete for the diagnosis year 2014 (estimated at 98% at the time of extraction). Cancer registration is a dynamic process, as records held by the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service and ONS may be updated should more accurate information become available at a later stage.

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