

BREAST CANCER in Europe

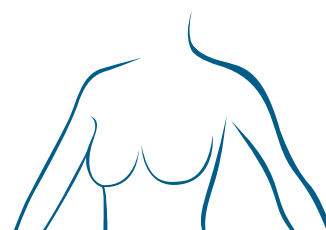


BREAST CANCER
is the most common
cancer in Europe^{1,2}

It can affect both **women and men**,
although cases of male breast cancer are rare⁴



It is the **most common**
cause of cancer death
in Europe for females,
accounting for around
17% of all female deaths
from cancer⁵



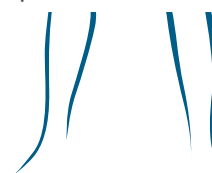
Approximately
464,000
new cases
diagnosed
in Europe²

**YEAR
2012**

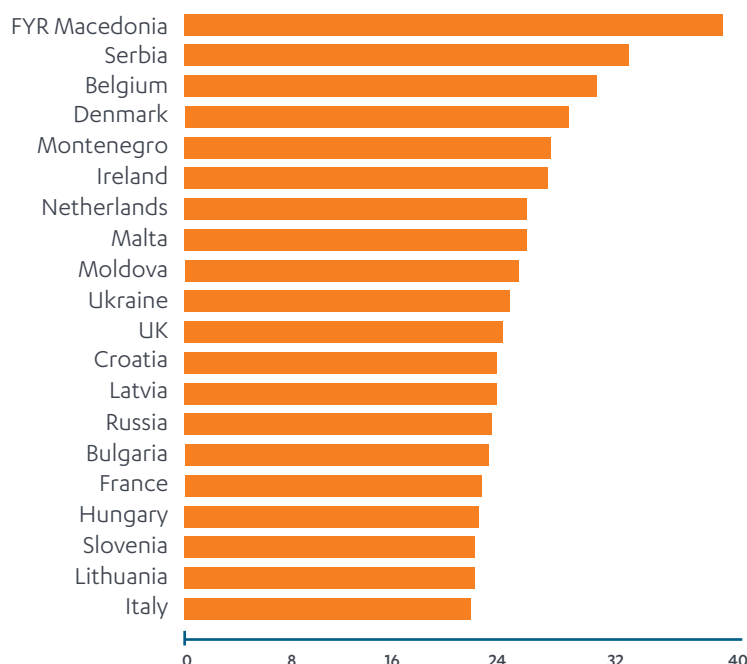
More than
1,676,000
new cases
were diagnosed
worldwide³

Symptoms can include:⁶

- A painless lump in the breast
- Change in the size or shape of the breast
- Altered skin texture
- Changes to the nipple
- Breast pain



In **2012**, the countries with the twenty **highest**
mortality rates for **breast cancer** were^{*2}:



Risk factors for breast cancer include:⁷



Family history of
breast cancer



Having children
later in life



Early puberty
or late menopause



Presence of BRCA
1/2 gene mutations
(uncovered through
genetic testing)



Lifestyle factors
(eg. alcohol
use, obesity)



Use of some
oral contraceptives
and/or hormone
replacement therapy

*European age standardised rates per 100,000

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