

Female Breast Cancer in Maine

2021 STATS AND FACTS FROM THE MAINE CDC CANCER REGISTRY



1,465

NEW CASES IN 2021

15,404⁺

FEMALE BREAST CANCER
SURVIVORS SINCE 2001¹

Female breast cancer is the **5th** leading cause of cancer death.

The 5-year relative survival is **94.0%**.²

Maine ranks **3rd** in the US for breast cancer 5-year survival rate.³

FEMALE BREAST CANCER CASES PER 100,000

Female 145.9

Most common cancer
among Maine women

FEMALE BREAST CANCER MORTALITY PER 100,000

Female 15.1

Rate per 100,000 age-adjusted to
the 2000 US standard population

Risk Factors

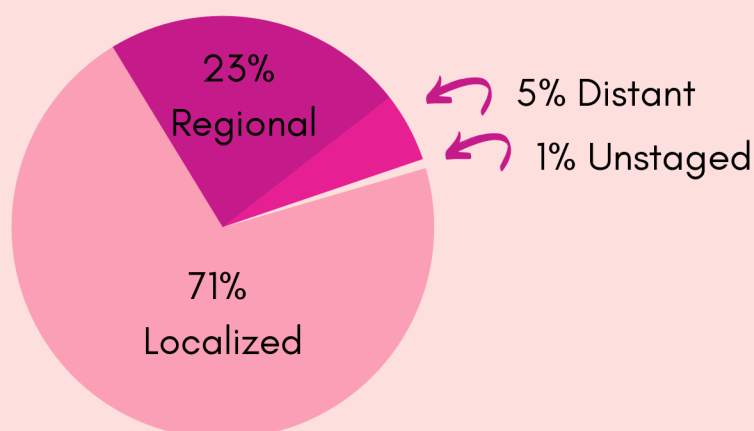
- Age
- Family history or genetics
- Obesity
- Hormone replacement therapy
- Chest radiation
- Alcohol consumption



7 in 10 females

40+ years old had a mammogram
in the past two years in 2022.^{4*}

STAGE AT DIAGNOSIS DISTRIBUTION



Nearly **10 in 10**



females diagnosed at a localized stage
will survive at least 5 years (vs 4 in 10 at
a distant stage).⁵

1-3,5. U.S. Cancer Statistics Data Visualizations Tool.

<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dataviz>

4. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

+ Prevalence counts are an estimate of the number of survivors on 1/1/2021 who were diagnosed between 2001-2020.

* In 2024, female breast cancer screening recommendations changed from screening at age 45 to screening at age 40.

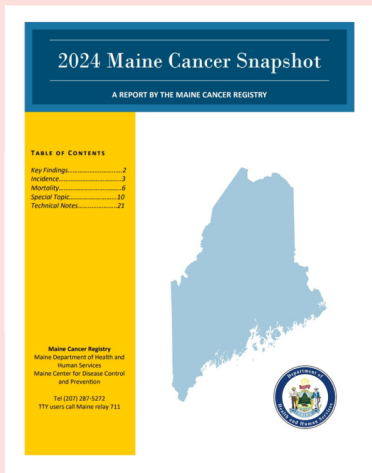
MAINE CDC CANCER REGISTRY

The MCR collects information about all newly diagnosed cancers in Maine residents to better understand cancer, identify areas in need of public health interventions, and improve cancer prevention, treatment and control.

MAINE CDC BREAST AND CERVICAL HEALTH PROGRAM

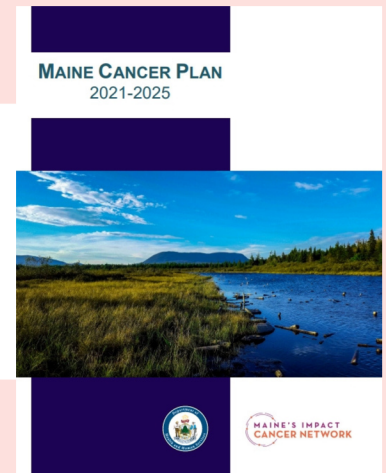
The purpose of the MBCHP is to improve access to breast and cervical cancer screening. Through the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), the CDC helps those with low incomes who do not have adequate insurance gain access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic, and treatment services. NBCCEDP also provides patient navigation services to help them overcome barriers and get timely access to quality care.

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For more on screening options for breast cancer visit: [Screen Maine](#)
For more on health behaviors, chronic diseases, and social determinants of health in Maine visit: [Maine Community Health Needs Assessment](#)
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