

Female Breast Cancer in Maine

2023 Stats and Facts from the Maine CDC Cancer Registry



1,490

New cases in 2023¹

16,900

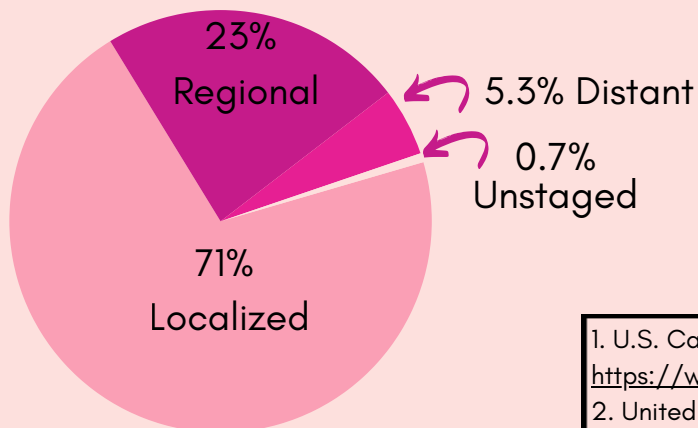
Survivors since 2001¹⁺

Female breast cancer is the **5th** leading cause of cancer death in Maine in 2023.²

The 5-year relative survival is **94.6%**.¹

Maine ranks 4th highest in the US for breast cancer 5-year survival rate.¹

Stage at Diagnosis



Nearly All



Females diagnosed at a localized stage will survive at least 5 years (vs 4 in 10 at a distant stage).¹

Incidence rate per 100,000^{1*}

Female 138.5

Most common cancer among Maine women³

Mortality rate per 100,000^{2*}

Female 17.9



About 2 in 10 individuals

Risk Factors

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



8 in 10 females

50-74 years old had a mammogram in the past two years in 2024.^{1**}

1. U.S. Cancer Statistics Data Visualizations Tool.

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

2. United States Cancer Statistics - Mortality: 1999 - 2023, WONDER Online Database. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/cancer.html>

3. United States Cancer Statistics - Incidence: 1999-2022, WONDER Online Database. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/cancer.html>

+ Prevalence counts are an estimate of the number of survivors on 1/1/2023 who were diagnosed between 2001-2022.

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

** In 2024, female breast cancer screening recommendations changed from screening at age 45 to screening at age 40. Screening rates for women 40-74 will begin being reported in 2026

Maine CDC Cancer Registry

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

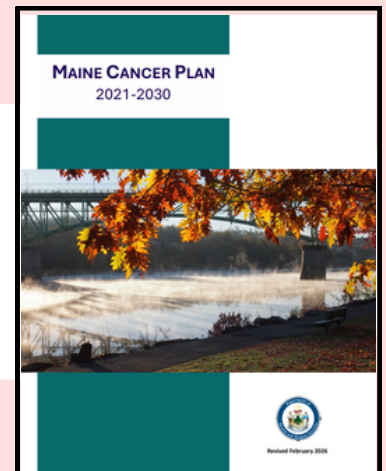
Works to improve access to breast and cervical cancer screening. Through the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), the U.S. CDC helps those with low incomes who do not have adequate insurance gain access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic, and 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 breast cancer screening options visit: [Screen Maine](#)
For more on health behaviors, chronic diseases, and social determinants of health visit: [Maine Community Health Needs Assessment](#)
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