

Cancer Incidence in Belgium 2008

10 years in Flanders

5 years in Belgium, Brussels
and Wallonia

years



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In 2008, a total number of 59,996 new cases of cancer were diagnosed in Belgium, 32,508 in males and 27,488 in females. About one in three males and one in four females will develop cancer before the age of 75 years. Childhood cancer forms less than 1% of all malignant tumours, this corresponds to 319 new cancer diagnoses in 2008.

The most frequently occurring tumour in males is prostate cancer, followed by lung cancer and colorectal cancer. In females, the most frequently occurring tumours are breast cancer, colorectal cancer and lung cancer.

A total number of 26,647 patients died from cancer in 2008 in Belgium, 15,095 males and 11,552 females. The major cause of cancer death is lung cancer in males and breast cancer in females.

For the first time, incidence data for a 10-year period are available for the Flemish Region which makes it possible to report on trends in cancer incidence.

In addition to standard tables and graphs, a geographical representation of the Belgian cancer incidence is included for the more common malignancies.