2021 Breast Cancer Statistics

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• 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. (cancer.org)

• In 2021, an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the U.S. as well as 49,290 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer. (cancer.org)

• 63% of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at a localized stage, for which the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%. (cancer.net)

• If the cancer has spread to the regional lymph nodes, the 5-year survival rate is 86% and if the cancer has spread to a distant part of the body, the 5-year survival rate is 28%. (cancer.net)

• At the time of diagnosis, approximately 63% of breast cancer patients have local-stage breast cancer, 27% have regional stage, and 6% have distant (metastatic) disease. (cancer.net)

• Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers. It is estimated that in this year, approximately 30% of all new women cancer diagnoses will be breast cancer. (breastcancer.org)

• This year, an estimated 43,600 women will die from breast cancer in the U.S. (cancer.org)

• For women in the U.S., breast cancer deaths are higher than those for any another cancer, besides lung cancer. (breastcancer.org)

• In 2021, an estimated 2,650 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year in the U.S. and 530 men will die from breast cancer. (cancer.net)

• There are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. (cancer.org)

• The National Cancer Institute (NCI) states that almost 10,000 excess deaths in the US from breast and colorectal cancer alone over the next 10 years will be because of pandemic-related delays in cancer screening and treatment.