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All data for UK in 2005

Total figures

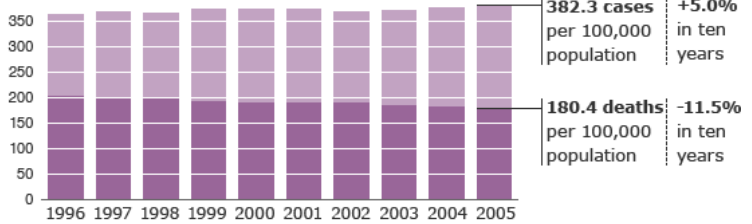
289,601 cases

153,607 deaths

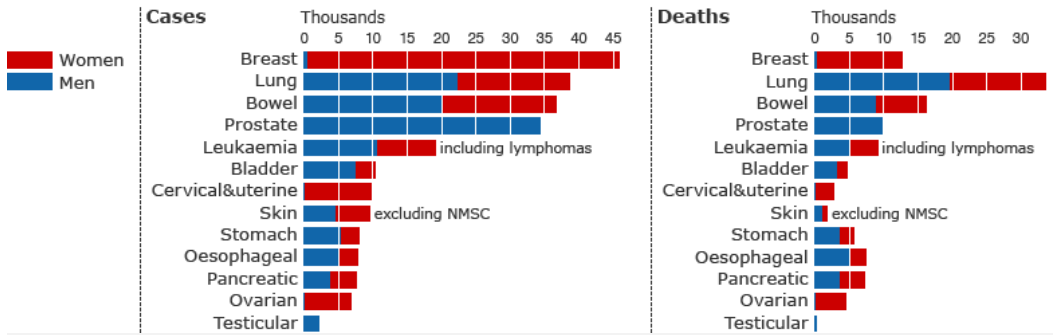
26% of all deaths in 2005 were caused by cancer

Historical rates 1996-2005

Number of cases and deaths per 100,000 population



Some of the most common forms of cancer



About this data

Source: Cancer Research/NHS

One in three of us will be diagnosed with cancer during our life.

The disease tends to affect older people - but can strike at any time.

Excluding certain skin cancers, there were almost 290,000 new cases of the disease in 2005.

Some cancer, such as breast, are becoming more common, while new cases of lung cancer are expected to fall away due to the drop in the number of smokers.

However, while the overall number of new cancers is not falling, the good news is that successful treatment rates for many of the most common types are improving rapidly.

BBC News has produced, in conjunction with Cancer Research UK, a guide to some of the most common forms of cancer and the treatments used to tackle them.

To learn more about different types of cancer, and to read the experiences of patients, click on the links to the right.

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