Cancer in Switzerland

2018-2022

- Every year, around 21'645 women and 26'495 men are newly diagnosed with cancer. Around 7'785 women and 9'335 men die of cancer each year.
- The main risk factors include age, smoking, alcohol consumption, being overweight, a lack of physical activity, UV radiation, certain infections and genetic factors.
- Cancer is often a disease of older age. The median age at diagnosis is 69 years for women and 70 years for men.
- Around one third of diagnoses are made in people aged 75 or over.
- The most common types are breast, prostate, bowel and lung cancer, as well as malignant melanoma of the skin. Together, these types of cancer account for more than half of all new cases.
- Incidence rates have remained largely stable since the late 1990s. Mortality rates have fallen significantly for both women and men.
- The prognosis for cancer has improved over recent decades. The relative five-year survival rate for 2018–2022 was 70%.

New cases
per year

Women	**~21'645**
Men	**~26'495**

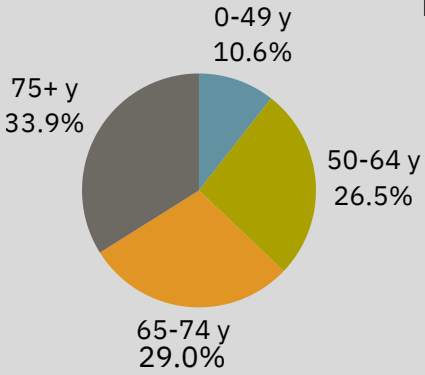
Median Age
at diagnosis

Women	**69**
Men	**70**

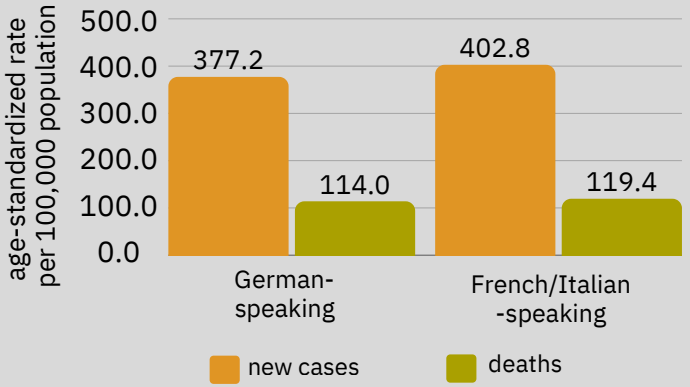
Deaths
per year

Women	**~7'785**
Men	**~9'335**

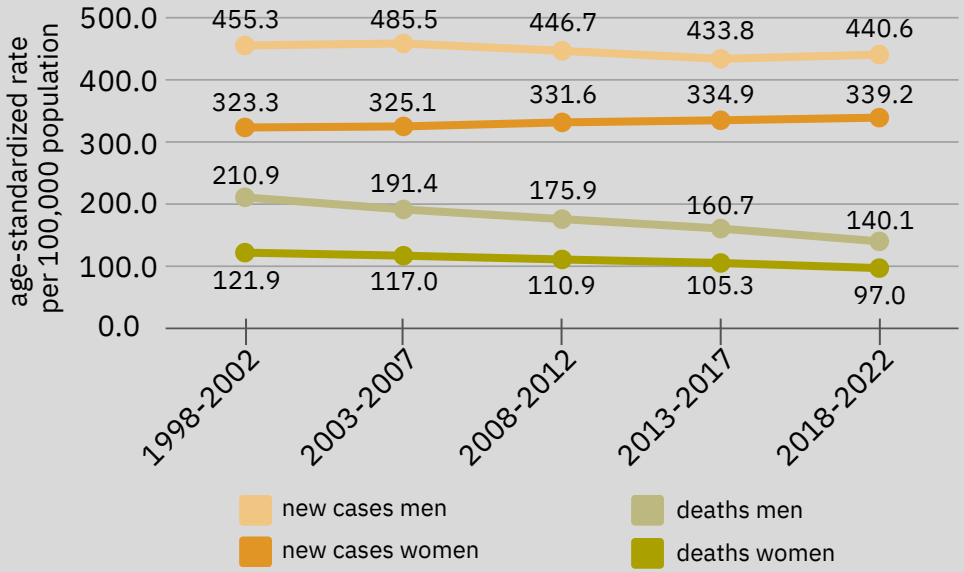
Age at diagnosis



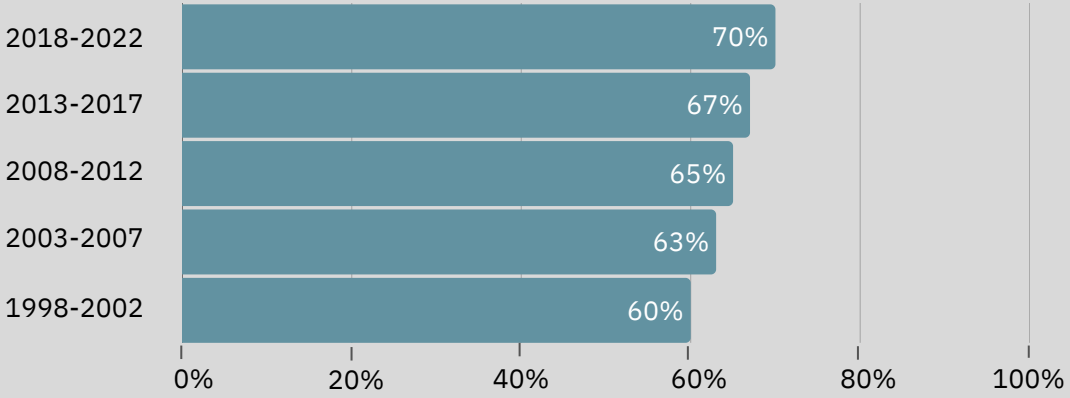
Rates of new cases and deaths by region



Rates of new cases and deaths since 1998



Five year relative survival since 1998



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