Breast Cancer
Excluding male breast cancer cases
The latest Welsh statistics
Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 2016
Find out more about Welsh cancer statistics at www.wcisu.wales.nhs.uk

INCIDENCE

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in Wales. Breast cancer has a higher rate in less deprived areas but is getting more common in more deprived areas.

Number of new cases is increasing – ageing population; trends in alcohol drinking, fertility, obesity and taking HRT partly explain.

SURVIVAL

96.7%
Of women diagnosed in 2009 - 2013 survived one year compared to 93.7% diagnosed in 2000 - 2004

86.9%
Of women diagnosed in 2005 - 2009 survived five years compared to 78.8% diagnosed in 1996 - 2000

Breast cancer survival in Wales is increasing faster than almost all other cancers.

SCREENING

Breast Test Wales
144,000 women invited for screening aged between 50 and 70 in Wales, each year

1000 cancers diagnosed

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TACKLING PREVENTABLE RISK FACTORS

Obesity
Causes every 9/100 breast cancers in Wales*

Alcohol
Causes every 5/100 breast cancers in Wales*

Lack of exercise
Causes every 4/100 breast cancers in Wales*

* Aged 50 years and over

OTHER RISK FACTORS

Increasing age
Family history/genetics
Fertility patterns
Past exposure to radiation
HRT and some contraceptive pills
Diet high in saturated fat