



### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of men according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for All Men 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	7 057	1:19	19,18%
Colorectal Cancer	1 943	1:79	5,28%
Lung Cancer	1 791	1:80	4,87%
Cancer of Unknown Primary*	1 740	1:91	4,73%
Kaposi Sarcoma	978	1:320	2,66%
Cancer of the Bladder	942	1:152	2,56%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	932	1:221	2,53%
Malignant Melanoma	869	1:187	2,36%
Oesophageal Cancer	848	1:178	2,31%
Cancer of the Stomach	767	1:204	2,08%
All Cancers	36 800	1:7	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of women according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for All Women 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Breast Cancer	8 230	1:27	21,78%
Cervical Cancer	5 735	1:42	15,17%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	1 691	1:124	4,47%
Colorectal Cancer	1 620	1:134	4,29%
Cancer of the Uterus	1 256	1:145	3,32%
Lung Cancer	936	1:195	2,48%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	870	1:296	2,30%
Malignant Melanoma	755	1:311	2,00%
Kaposi Sarcoma	669	1:555	1,77%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	650	1:326	1,72%
All Cancers	37 795	1:8	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Asian Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Asian men according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Asian Men 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	184	1:27	19,79%
Colorectal Cancer	152	1:39	16,30%
Cancer of the Lung	92	1:54	9,98%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	68	1:83	7,32%
Cancer of the Stomach	63	1:106	6,78%
Cancer of the Bladder	43	1:93	4,70%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	36	1:182	3,84%
Cancer of the Kidney	22	1:229	2,41%
Naso-Oropharyngeal Cancer	18	1:323	1,97%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	16	1:263	1,75%
All Cancers	930	1:6	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Asian Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Asian women according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Asian Women 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Cancer of the Breast	465	1:15	39,30%
Cancer of the Uterus	88	1:69	7,43%
Colorectal Cancer	88	1:91	7,40%
Cancer of the Cervix	82	1:91	6,89%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	58	1:118	4,93%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	39	1:206	3,28%
Cancer of the Stomach	37	1:215	3,17%
Cancer of the Lung	36	1:167	3,01%
Cancer of the Thyroid	25	1:368	2,16%
Cancer of the Ovary	22	1:248	1,90%
All Cancers	1 184	1:6	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Black Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Black men according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Black Men 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	2 833	1:30	25,16%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	973	1:112	8,78%
Kaposi Sarcoma	902	1:262	8,15%
Cancer of the Lung	695	1:137	6,27%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	550	1:181	5,05%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	533	1:331	4,81%
Colorectal Cancer	485	1:239	4,38%
Cancer of the Stomach	279	1:376	2,52%
Cancer of the Larynx	277	1:355	2,50%
Cancer of the Eye	245	1:834	2,22%
All Cancers	11 079	1:11	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Black Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Black women according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Black Women 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Cancer of the Cervix	4 902	1:35	30,46%
Cancer of the Breast	3 225	1:53	20,05%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	1 043	1:143	6,48%
Cancer of the Uterus	731	1:165	4,54%
Kaposi Sarcoma	612	1:469	3,81%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	521	1:273	3,24%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	491	1:448	3,06%
Colorectal Cancer	465	1:342	2,89%
Cancer of the Eye	327	1:831	2,04%
Cancer of the Lung	273	1:466	1,70%
All Cancers	16 091	1:11	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Coloured Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Coloured men according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Coloured Men 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	803	1:14	19,08%
Cancer of the Lung	346	1:41	8,23%
Colorectal Cancer	289	1:48	6,87%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	229	1:63	5,44%
Cancer of the Stomach	151	1:92	3,58%
Cancer of the Bladder	143	1:76	3,41%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	97	1:139	2,32%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	89	1:189	2,11%
Malignant Melanoma	86	1:174	2,05%
Cancer of the Larynx	73	1:185	1,74%
All Cancers	4 205	1:5	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Coloured Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Coloured women according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Coloured Women 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Cancer of the Breast	1 169	1:19	28,57%
Cancer of the Cervix	342	1:68	8,36%
Colorectal Cancer	232	1:79	5,67%
Cancer of the Lung	209	1:80	5,10%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	187	1:101	4,57%
Cancer of the Uterus	118	1:127	2,89%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	91	1:205	2,22%
Cancer of the Stomach	88	1:226	2,15%
Malignant Melanoma	58	1:345	1,42%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	52	1:405	1,27%
All Cancers	4 092	1:7	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of White Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of White men according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for White Men 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	3 238	1:10	15,73%
Colorectal Cancer	1 017	1:32	4,94%
Malignant Melanoma	674	1:48	3,27%
Cancer of the Lung	657	1:47	3,19%
Cancer of the Bladder	591	1:60	2,87%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	471	1:66	2,29%
Cancer of the Stomach	275	1:119	1,64%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	274	1:113	1,33%
Cancer of the Kidney	225	1:130	1,09%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	175	1:178	0,85%
All Cancers	20 586	1:3	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of White Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of White women according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for White Women 2014	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Cancer of the Breast	3370	1:11	20,51%
Colorectal Cancer	835	1:48	5,09%
Malignant Melanoma	543	1:66	3,31%
Cancer of the Lung	417	1:85	2,54%
Cancer of the Cervix	409	1:80	2,49%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	402	1:92	2,45%
Cancer of the Uterus	319	1:114	1,94%
Cancer of the Ovary	260	1:134	1,58%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	249	1:156	1,52%
Thyroid Cancer	178	1:179	1,08%
All Cancers	16 427	1:4	

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of All Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of all Boys (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for All Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Leukaemia	81
Cancer of the Brain & CNS	55
Cancer of the Kidney	50
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	45
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	42
Cancer of the Bone	38
Cancer of Connective Tissue	33
Cancer of the Eye	31
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	19
Kaposi Sarcoma	18

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of All Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of all Girls (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for All Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Leukaemia	54
Cancer of the Brain & CNS	44
Cancer of Connective Tissue	44
Cancer of the Kidney	41
Cancer of the Bone	28
Cancer of the Eye	28
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	22
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	22
Kaposi Sarcoma	21
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	20

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Asian Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Asian Boys (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Asian Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Connective Tissue	3
Primary Site Unknown*	3
Testis	3
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	2
Bone	1
Brain & CNS	1
Eye	1
Leukaemia	1
Haematology Other	1
Squamous Cell Carcinoma of Skin (SCC)	1

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Asian Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age

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Type of Cancer for Asian Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	3
Leukaemia	2
Primary Site Unknown*	2
Breast	1
Burkitt's Lymphoma	1
Kidney	1
Ovary	1
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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Black Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Black Boys (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Black Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Leukaemia	49
Kidney	43
Brain & CNS	39
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	31
Eye	26
Bone	24
Connective Tissue	23
Kaposi Sarcoma	18
Burkitt's Lymphoma	12
Primary Site Unknown*	10

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Black Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Black Girls (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Black Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Kidney	34
Connective Tissue	28
Leukaemia	28
Brain & CNS	27
Eye	25
Bone	22
Kaposi Sarcoma	21
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	14
Primary Site Unknown*	13
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	13

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Coloured Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Coloured Boys (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Coloured Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Leukaemia	12
Bone	7
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	7
Primary site Unknown*	5
Brain & CNS	4
Haematology Other	4
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	4
Eye	2
Connective Tissue	2
Colorectal	1
Endocrine	1
Kidney	1
Naso-oropharynx	1
Salivary	1
Testis	1

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Coloured Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Coloured Girls (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for Coloured Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Leukaemia	10
Connective Tissue	6
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	6
Brain & CNS	4
Melanoma	3
Bone	2
Primary Site Unknown*	2
Eye	1
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	1
Placenta	1
Thyroid	1

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of White Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age

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Type of Cancer for White Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Leukaemia	12
Brain & CNS	10
Hodgkin's lymphoma	10
Melanoma	9
Bone	6
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	5
Testis	5
Burkitt's Lymphoma	4
Connective Tissue	4
Kidney	3
Lung	3

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### Top Ten Most Common Cancers of White Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of White Girls (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2014):

Type of Cancer for White Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2014
Leukaemia	12
Brain & CNS	10
Connective Tissue	8
Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) of Skin	7
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	5
Bone	4
Melanoma	3
Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC) of Skin	3
Eye	2
Primary Site Unknown*	2

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