Breast cancer in Switzerland (ICD-10 C50)

(in women) **2018-2022**

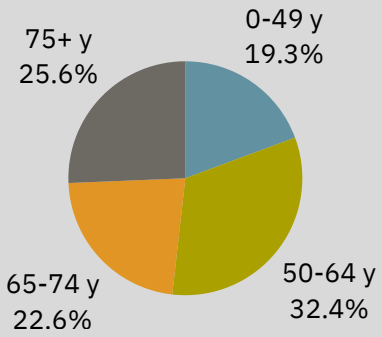
- Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women in Switzerland. Around 6760 women are diagnosed with it each year, and around 1370 die from it.
- Risk factors for breast cancer include genetic, lifestyle and hormonal factors.
- The median age at diagnosis is 64 years. Most women are aged between 50 and 64 at the time of diagnosis (32%). Just under 20% of women are under 50 years of age.
- The incidence rate has remained largely stable over the last 25 years, whilst mortality has fallen steadily.
- Breast cancer is often detected at an early stage. Around 80% of cases are diagnosed at stages I and II.
- Five years after diagnosis, 89% of those affected are still alive, compared with the general population. Survival rates have improved steadily over recent decades.
- Various cantons have organised breast cancer screening programmes aimed at detecting cancer as early as possible. Early diagnosis enables less invasive treatments and improves the chances of recovery.

New cases per year
Women **~6760**

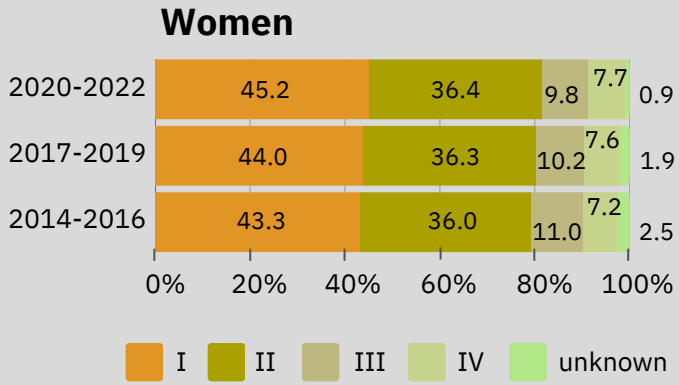
Median age at diagnosis
Women **64**

Deaths per year
Women **~1370**

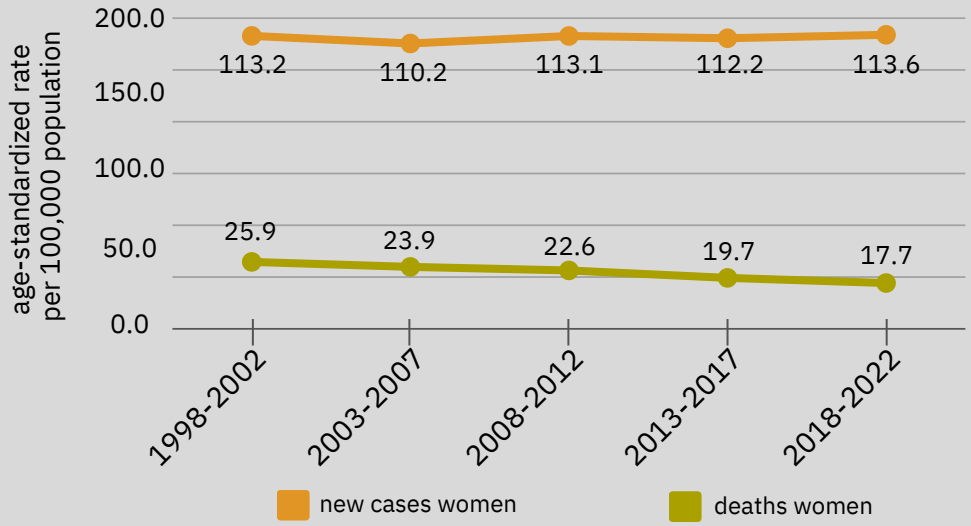
Age at diagnosis



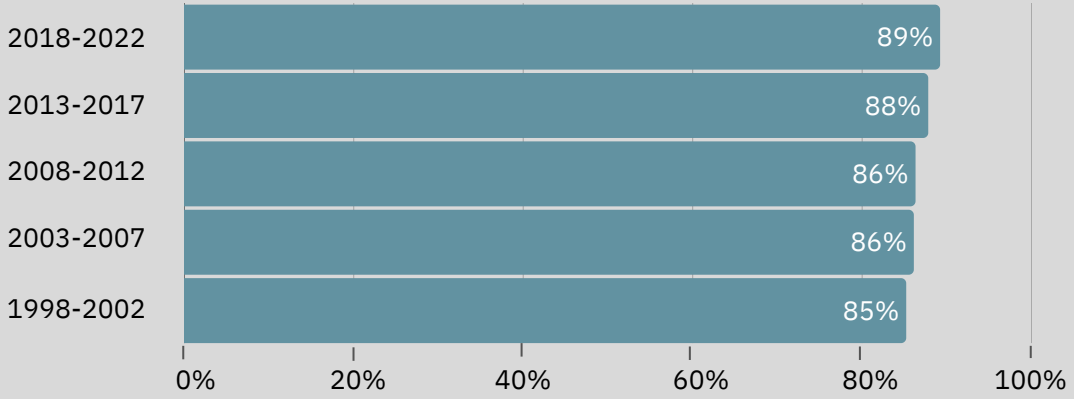
Stage distribution since 2014



Rates of new cases and deaths since 1998



Five year relative survival since 1998



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