

Cancer Surveillance & Outcomes

An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

Statistics by Cancer Type - Lung

General Summary

In 2017, an estimated 3500 British Columbians will be newly diagnosed with lung cancer and 2400 will die of it (about 7 people every day).

It is estimated that almost 100% of those diagnosed with lung cancer will be over the age of 40 when they are diagnosed. One in 14 females and one in 14 males is expected to develop lung cancer during their lifetime.

One in 19 females and one in 18 males is expected to die of lung cancer.

Number of New Lung Cancer Cases Diagnosed in 2014

Age at Diagnosis	Males	Females	Total
0-19	0	0	0
20-39	5	0	5
40-59	185	240	425
60-79	980	1045	2030
80+	400	430	830
Total	1575	1720	3290

Due to rounding, totals may not equal the sum of individual values

Number of Lung Cancer Deaths in 2014

Age at Death	Males	Females	Total
0-19	0	0	0
20-39	5	0	5
40-59	135	140	280
60-79	710	670	1385
80+	375	380	755
Total	1225	1195	2420

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Incidence Rates (per 100,000 population) for Lung Cancer Cases Diagnosed in 2014

Age at Diagnosis	Males	Females	Total
0-19	0	0	0
20-39	0.6	0.3	0.5
40-59	27.9	35.2	31.6
60-79	227.1	234.7	231
80+	471.4	351.2	400.6
Total	68.3	73.6	71

Mortality Rates (per 100,000 population) for Lung Cancer Deaths in 2014

Age at Death	Males	Females	Total
0-19	0	0	0
20-39	0.3	0.6	0.5
40-59	20.4	20.7	20.5
60-79	164.2	150.8	157.4
80+	444.4	310.2	365.3
Total	53.2	51.3	52.2

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Estimated New Lung Cancer Diagnoses in 2017 by Health Authority

		Age at Diagnosis				
Health Authority	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80+	Total*
Interior	0	0	75	490	210	780
Fraser	0	5	145	700	290	1150
Coastal	0	0	80	400	185	670
Island	0	0	70	460	195	710
Northern	0	0	35	150	50	240
BC	0	15	410	2200	920	3500

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Estimated Lung Cancer Deaths in 2017 by Health Authority

	Age at Diagnosis					
Health Authority	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80+	Total*
Interior	0	0	50	330	190	580
Fraser	0	5	90	420	230	740
Coastal	0	0	50	240	145	430
Island	0	0	45	300	175	510
Northern	0	0	20	100	40	170
BC	0	10	270	1370	780	2400

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1-, 3- and 5-year Observed Survival and Age-standardized Relative Survival for BC Adults (age 15-99) Diagnosed with Lung Cancer

	Observed Survival Proportion %			Relative Survival Proportion %		
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Survival Proportion	41.9	21.1	15.8	46.2	24.5	19.6
95% Confidence Interval	40.1 - 43.6	19.6 - 22.5	14.5 - 17.1	43.9 - 48.4	22.6 - 26.5	17.7 - 21.5



