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Breast cancer in young women

While breast cancer in young women is relatively rare, the number of young women diagnosed with the disease each year is not insignificant.

Young women (aged 20–39)

more than **2** breast cancers diagnosed every day

more than **1** death every week



In 2015, an estimated **795** young women will be diagnosed with and **65** will die from breast cancer

Survival lower Five-year relative survival is lower in young women

Aged 20–39 **88%**



Aged 40+ **90%**

Survival increased

Five-year relative survival has improved for young women

72%

1982–1986



88%

2007–2011

Size Five-year relative survival is lower for large tumours than small tumours for young women

<15mm

93%
Survival

Small cancers

≥50mm

78%
Survival

Very large cancers

Size For small breast cancers young women have lower survival compared with women aged 40+

93%
Survival



<15mm



99%
Survival

Source: Breast cancer in young women: key facts about breast cancer in women in their 20s and 30s. For more information visit:

www.aihw.gov.au/cancer