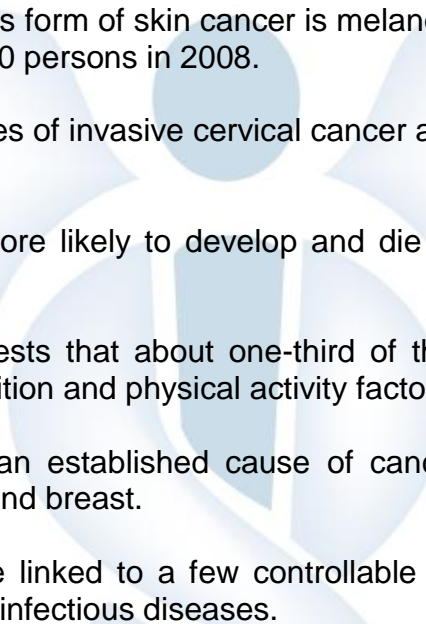


Cancer in the United States

- ▶ In 2008, about 1,437,180 cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed and approximately 565,650 Americans are expected to die of cancer – more than 1,500 a day.
 - ▶ Cancer is the second most common cause of death, accounting for 1 of every 4 deaths, exceeded only by heart disease.
 - ▶ The National Institutes of Health estimate overall costs of cancer in 2007 at \$219.2 billion.
 - ▶ An estimated 182,460 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women during 2008; about 1,990 new cases are expected to occur in men.
 - ▶ An estimated 40,930 breast cancer deaths (40,480 women, 450 men) are expected in 2008. Breast cancer ranks second as a cause of cancer death in women.
 - ▶ An estimated 10,730 new cases of cancer are expected to occur among children aged 0-14 years in 2008.
 - ▶ An estimated 108,070 cases of colon and 40,740 cases of rectal cancer are expected to occur in 2008 – colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women.
 - ▶ An estimated 44,270 new cases of Leukemia are expected in 2008, with slightly more cases of chronic (19,940) than acute (18,720) disease. Leukemia is diagnosed 10 times more often in adults than in children, although it is often thought of as primarily a childhood disease.
 - ▶ An estimated 215,020 new cases of lung and bronchus cancer are expected in 2008, accounting for about 15 percent of cancer diagnoses.
 - ▶ Lung cancer accounts for the most cancer-related deaths in both men and women.
 - ▶ An estimated 74,340 new cases of lymphoma cancer will occur in 2008.
 - ▶ An estimated 35,310 new cases of oral cavity and pharynx cancer are expected in 2008. An estimated 21,650 new cases of ovarian cancer are expected in 2008.
 - ▶ Ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system.
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- ▶ An estimated 37,680 new cases of pancreatic cancer are expected to occur in 2008.
 - ▶ Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men.
 - ▶ More than 1 million unreported cases of basal cell or squamous cell cancers, the two most common types of skin cancers, occur annually.
 - ▶ The most common serious form of skin cancer is melanoma, which is expected to be diagnosed in about 62,480 persons in 2008.
 - ▶ An estimated 11,070 cases of invasive cervical cancer are expected to be diagnosed in 2008.
 - ▶ African-Americans are more likely to develop and die from cancer than any other racial or ethnic group.
 - ▶ Scientific evidence suggests that about one-third of the cancer deaths that occur each year are due to nutrition and physical activity factors, including excess weight.
 - ▶ Alcohol consumption is an established cause of cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, liver and breast.
 - ▶ Today, most cancers are linked to a few controllable factors – tobacco use, poor diet, lack of exercise and infectious diseases.

Note: Statistics are from the American Cancer Society's Cancer Facts & Figures 2008.
