

An Average Day of Projected Cancer Cases and Deaths For Major Primary Sites by Sex, Pennsylvania, 2008

Using a basic statistical model, the Pennsylvania Department of Health calculates the estimated number of cancer diagnoses among Pennsylvania residents in 2008.

Males – On average, an estimated 97 male residents are expected to be diagnosed with invasive cancer each day during 2008. Overall, 35,295 males could be diagnosed with cancer during 2008. Prostate cancer is expected to be the most common diagnosis followed by lung/bronchus and colon/rectum cancers. Cancer is expected to kill 41 male residents per day. Lung and bronchus cancers are the most deadly among male residents, accounting for an expected average of 12 deaths per day in 2008.

Females – On average, an estimated 96 female residents are expected to be diagnosed with invasive cancer each day in Pennsylvania – for an estimated total of 35,105 cases in 2008. The most common cancer among women, breast cancer, is expected to have an average of 25 cases diagnosed each day.

