In 2016 a total of 3,358 cases of cancer were diagnosed in Tasmania (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers). More than half (57%) were diagnosed in males. The median age at diagnosis was 68 for females and 69 for males. There were 1,239 deaths attributable to cancer in the same year (552 females and 687 males). The age-standardised incidence rate (*ASR) was 489.8 per 100,000 people and the age-standardised mortality rate was 171 per 100,000 people.

*Age-standardised using the Australian Standard Population 2001. For many cancers, the rate at which they occur is related to age, making it difficult to compare the overall cancer rate between groups with different age distributions. Age standardisation is a method for adjusting for these differences, allowing useful comparisons to be made.
Further Information

The information contained in this flyer is a summary of the Cancer in Tasmania, Incidence and Mortality 2016 report published by the Tasmanian Cancer Registry in February 2019.

Cancer in Tasmania: Incidence and Mortality 2016 [link]
Cancer in Australia: An Overview, 2017 [link]

For information on cancer and support services for people with cancer and their families visit Cancer Council Tasmania [link] or call the Cancer Helpline on 1300 656 585.