In 2013 a total of 3,233 cases of cancer were diagnosed in Tasmania (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers). More than half (53%) were diagnosed in males. The median age at diagnosis was 66 for females and 67 for males. There were 1,231 deaths attributable to cancer in the same year (567 females and 664 males). The age-standardised incidence rate (*ASR) was 493.4 per 100,000 people and the age-standardised mortality rate was 182.6 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


For information on cancer and support services for people with cancer and their families visit Cancer Council Tasmania (http://www.cancertas.org.au/) or call the Cancer Helpline on 1300 656 585

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Regional distribution of Cancer in Tasmania, 2013

The numbers of cancers in each region of Tasmania were generally as expected given the population size and age.