

Cancer

Cancer is one of New Zealand's **biggest causes of death**. Many cancers can be cured if they are found and treated in time.

On the right are some findings related to **cancer registration** from **1996–98 to 2013–15** and **cancer mortality** from **1996–98 to 2012–14** for Māori and non-Māori adults aged 25 years and over. Data was sourced from the Ministry of Health **New Zealand Cancer Registry (NZCR)** and the **Mortality Collection Data Set (MORT)**.

We also present **breast** and **cervical cancer screening rates** for Māori and non-Māori women. Data was sourced from the **National Screening Unit** at the Ministry of Health, from **2002 to 2017**.



Males

Common cancer registration and mortality for Māori males

The most common **cancers registered** by **Māori males** were **prostate cancer** and **lung cancer**, and this **has not changed over time**.

Lung cancer is one of the **leading causes of death** for **Māori males** and this **has not changed over time**.

Lung cancer registration and **mortality** rates **decreased** over time for **Māori males** and the **differences** between Māori and non-Māori males also **decreased**.



Females

Common cancer registration and mortality for Māori females

The most **common cancers registered** by **Māori females** were **breast cancer** and **lung cancer**, and this **has not changed over time**.

Lung cancer and **breast cancer** are two major leading causes of death for **Māori females**, and this **has not changed over time**.

Breast cancer registration rates **increased** over time for **Māori females** and the **difference** between Māori and non-Māori females **remained similar** over time.

Lung cancer and **breast cancer mortality** rates **decreased** over time for **Māori females**, and the **differences** in lung cancer mortality rates between Māori and non-Māori females **decreased** over time.

Breast and cervical cancer screening for Māori females

Māori females had **lower** rates of **breast** and **cervical cancer screening** than non-Māori females.

The **breast cancer screening** rates **increased** for both Māori and non-Māori. Most increases occurred between 2007 and 2012, with **few or no increases since 2012**.

The **cervical screening rates** for both Māori and non-Māori **did not change much over time**.