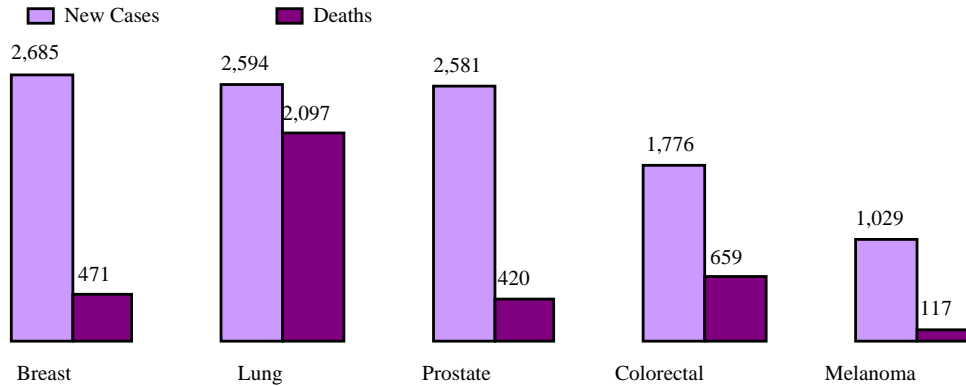


## Cancer in Oregon

Cancer cases and deaths 2005



### What is cancer?

Cancer is not a single disease, but a number of diseases involving growth and spread of abnormal tissue. The most common cancers in Oregon are breast cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, of which lung cancer is the most deadly.

### Who will get cancer?

- One in two men and one in three women will get cancer in their lifetime.
- Oregon's aging population means that, unless we take action, the number of new cases of cancer and deaths from cancer will increase.

### What is the cost of cancer in Oregon?

Cancer costs Oregonians \$2.7 billion a year in medical care and lost wages.

### What can be done to control cancer?

Prevention, screening, and early detection help control cancer:

- Eliminating tobacco use would prevent 90 percent of lung cancers as well as large numbers of other cancers.
- Colorectal cancer screening detects and prevents colon cancer. About half of Oregonians do not get recommended screening.
- Cervical cancer screening can detect pre-cancerous conditions that can be treated. One in seven Oregon women have not had recommended cervical cancer screening.
- One in 4 Oregon women over 40 have not had recommended mammograms.
- Smoking reduction and increased screenings could reduce the burden of cancer in Oregon.

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