



# Prostate Cancer in Australia

## Key Statistics

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- Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia and the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Australian men.
- 24,217 Australian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2022.
- 3,507 Australian men will die from prostate cancer in 2022.
- 66 Australian men are diagnosed each day with prostate cancer, and about 10 Australian men will die each day from the disease.
- 240,245 Australian men are alive today after a diagnosis of prostate cancer between 1982 and 2017.
- Men diagnosed with prostate cancer have a 95% chance of surviving for five years compared to their counterparts in the general Australian population.
- Between 1987–1991 and 2014–2018, five-year relative survival for prostate cancer improved from 60% to 95%.
- In 2018, 21,853 Australian men were diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- In 2020, there were 3,568 deaths from prostate cancer in Australia.

### Detailed data

- Prostate cancer is the 2nd most common cause of death from cancer in Australian men.
- Prostate cancer will cause an estimated 12% of all male deaths from cancer in Australia in 2020.
- The estimated risk of a man being diagnosed with prostate cancer by age 85 is 1 in 5.
- The estimated risk of a man dying from prostate cancer by his 85th birthday is 1 in 23.
- The rate of men dying from prostate cancer in Australia has been gradually falling over the past 20 years.
- Men living in regional or rural areas of Australia have approximately 24% higher rate of dying from prostate cancer than their urban counterparts.
- Indigenous men with prostate cancer have an estimated 86% chance of survival by 5 years after diagnosis, which is lower than the national average.

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