

# CANCER PREVALENCE IN CANADA

Canadian Cancer Statistics: A 2022 special report on cancer prevalence provides estimates of the number of people living with and beyond cancer at the beginning of 2018. Below are some key findings from [the full report](#).

## WHAT IS CANCER PREVALENCE?

Person-based cancer prevalence estimates the number of people who were diagnosed with cancer in the past and are still alive at a specific point in time.

DEFINITIONS IN REPORT	SHORT-TERM		LONG-TERM
	2-year prevalence: diagnosed since 2016 and still alive on January 1, 2018	5-year prevalence: diagnosed since 2013 and still alive on January 1, 2018	25-year prevalence: diagnosed since 1993 and still alive on January 1, 2018

## LIVING WITH AND BEYOND CANCER

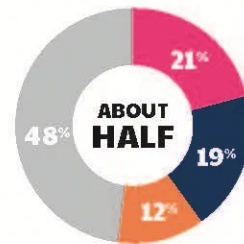


Over 1.5 million Canadians are living with and beyond cancer up to 25 years after a cancer diagnosis.



## PREVALENCE IS RISING

The number of people living with and beyond cancer continues to grow.



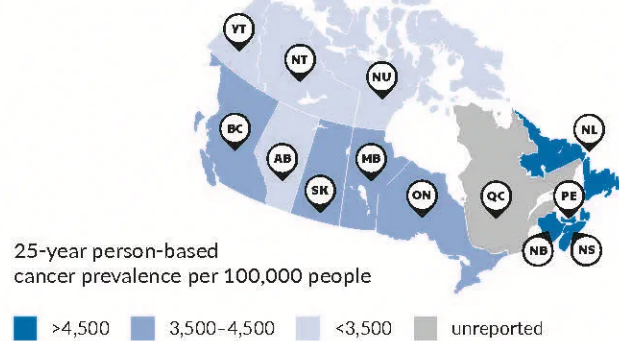
## BREAST, PROSTATE AND COLORECTAL MOST PREVALENT

Combined, they account for about half (52%) of all 25-year prevalence.

■ Breast ■ Prostate ■ Colorectal ■ All other cancers

## PREVALENCE ACROSS CANADA

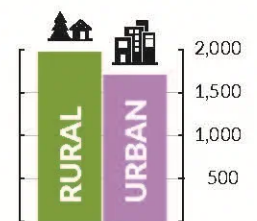
Cancer prevalence is highest in the Atlantic provinces.



## PREVALENCE BY RESIDENTIAL AREA

For all cancers combined, short-term prevalence is higher among people living in rural areas compared to urban areas.

5-year person-based cancer prevalence per 100,000 people



To reduce the burden of cancer and support people living with and beyond cancer, the cancer control community needs to:

build a resilient healthcare system	ensure equitable and timely access to cancer care services	enhance supportive care services	advance life-saving and life-changing research
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