

## **Breast Cancer - Inflammatory - Statistics [1]**

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**ON THIS PAGE:** You will find information about how many people are diagnosed with this type of cancer each year. You will also learn some general information on surviving the disease. Remember, survival rates depend on many factors. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Inflammatory breast cancer makes up an estimated 1% to 5% of all breast cancers. Nearly all cases are diagnosed in women. Because inflammatory breast cancer can grow and spread quickly, this cancer often spreads to the lymph nodes around the breast, which means it is often at a locally advanced stage when it is diagnosed.

For inflammatory breast cancer, survival rates vary depending on the [stage](#) [3], tumor grade, certain features of the cancer, and the treatment a woman receives. For stage III of the disease, the median survival rate is 57 months. For stage IV, it is 21 months.

It is important to note that new treatments are ahead of published statistics. Women diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer today may have higher survival rates than in the past because doctors now have a better understanding of how to treat inflammatory breast cancer.

It is also important to remember that statistics on how many women survive this type of cancer are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based on women with this cancer in the United States each year. So, your own risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long any woman will live with inflammatory breast cancer. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

*Source: National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society.*

The [next section in this guide is Medical Illustrations](#) [5]. It offers drawings of body parts often

*affected by this disease. Or, use the menu on the left side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.*

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[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/breast-cancer-inflammatory/statistics>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18582>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24961>

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