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## **Breast Cancer in Men - Statistics [1]**

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**ON THIS PAGE:** You will find information about how many men 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.

This year, an estimated 2,600 men in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer. It is estimated 440 men will die from breast cancer this year.

Men and women with breast cancer have similar survival rates. The 5-year survival rate tells you what percent of men live at least 5 years after the breast cancer is found. Percent means how many out of 100. For the earliest [stages](#) [3] of breast cancer in men, stages 0 and I (zero and one), the 5-year survival rate is 100%. The 5-year survival rate for men with stage II (two) disease is 91% and stage III (three) disease is 72%.

When the disease has spread to other parts of the body, the stage is called stage IV (four). The 5-year survival rate for men with Stage IV breast cancer is 20%. Even if the cancer is found at a more advanced stage, new treatments help many people with breast cancer maintain a good quality of life, at least for some time.

It is important to remember that statistics on how many men survive this type of cancer are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based on the men with this cancer in the United States each year. So, your own risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long any man will live with breast cancer. Also, experts measure the survival statistics every 5 years. This means that the estimate may not show the results of better diagnosis or treatment available for less than 5 years. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

*Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society.*

*The [next section in this guide is Risk Factors](#) [5]. It explains what factors may increase the chance of developing this disease. Or, use the menu on the side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.*

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