

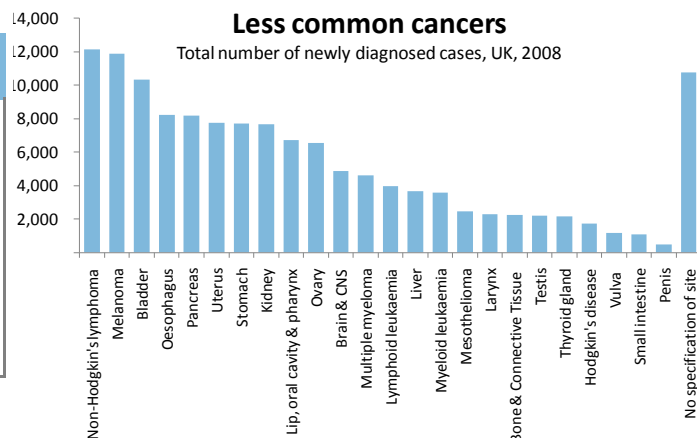
Over the coming year, the National Cancer Intelligence Network will work with its partners to improve the range and quality of statistics available about the less common cancers.

Number of newly diagnosed cases, UK, 2008

All cancers & the top 4	Number of cases	% of total	Males		Females	
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Total new cases (C00-C97 excl C44)	312,916	-	156,926	155,990		
Breast (C50)	48,162	15%	-	48,162		
Trachea, Bronchus and Lung (C33-C34)	41,546	13%	23,217	18,329		
Colorectal (C18-C20)	39,303	13%	21,818	17,485		
Prostate (C61)	37,375	12%	37,375	-		

Less common cancers

Total number of newly diagnosed cases, UK, 2008



Examples of less common cancers

Number of newly diagnosed cases, UK, 2008

	Number of cases	% of total	Males	Females
Lip, oral cavity and pharynx (C00-C14)	6,735	2.2%	4,368	2,367
Digestive organs				
Oesophagus (C15)	8,227	2.6%	5,501	2,726
Stomach (C16)	7,712	2.5%	4,996	2,716
Small intestine (C17)	1,113	0.4%	592	521
Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts (C22)	3,660	1.2%	2,335	1,325
Pancreas (C25)	8,173	2.6%	4,037	4,136
Larynx (C32)	2,310	0.7%	1,903	407
Malignant melanoma of skin (C43)	11,875	3.8%	5,630	6,245
Bone & Connective Tissue (C40-C41,C47,C49)	2,239	0.7%	1,297	942
Mesothelioma (C45)	2,458	0.8%	2,014	444
Female specific cancers				
Vulva (C51)	1,161	0.4%	-	1,161
Ovary (C56-C574)	6,547	2.1%	-	6,547
Uterus (body and unspecified) (C54-C55)	7,771	2.5%	-	7,771
Male specific cancers				
Penis (C60)	491	0.2%	491	-
Testis (C62)	2,191	0.7%	2,191	-
Urological				
Kidney, except renal pelvis (C64)	7,695	2.5%	4,695	3,000
Bladder (C67)	10,328	3.3%	7,401	2,927
Brain and central nervous system (C70-72)	4,865	1.6%	2,766	2,099
Thyroid gland (C73)	2,186	0.7%	563	1,623
Lymphoid, haematopoietic & related tissue				
Hodgkin's disease (C81)	1,729	0.6%	942	787
Multiple myeloma and malignant plasma cell neoplasms (C90)	4,609	1.5%	2,532	2,077
Lymphoid leukaemia (C91)	3,992	1.3%	2,441	1,551
Myeloid leukaemia (C92)	3,581	1.1%	1,999	1,582
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (C82-C85+C96)	12,156	3.9%	6,494	5,662
Cancers registered without a specification of site (C77-80)	10,752	3.4%	4,915	5,837

There were over 300,000 new cases of cancer diagnosed in the UK in 2008.

The four most common cancers – breast, lung, colorectal and prostate – account for over half of all new cases. But how much do we know about the cancers that are less common?

The NCIN are working with its partners to determine what is needed to improve the information routinely available on less common cancers. Improvements will include cancer statistics for a wider range of cancer types, trends and more in depth information than currently routinely published.

Work has already started in partnership with Cancer52. Cancer52 is an alliance of 41 organisations working to address the inequalities that exist in policy, services and research into the less common cancers and to improve outcomes for patients with these highly challenging diseases.