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## Data and information background of Czech oncology

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# Data background for evaluation of cancer care in the Czech Republic: National Health Information System (NHIS)

The Czech Society for Oncology has been building a comprehensive information system, which relies mainly on data from the National Health Information System (NHIS) and its components (national registries maintained according to applicable laws). These comprehensive registries are complemented in selected areas by detailed clinical registries and data collections from standardised data warehouses of hospitals forming the network of comprehensive cancer centres.

**The NHIS is a unified national public administration information system**, which collects and processes data from the basic registers of public administration bodies, ministries, health service providers, or other persons submitting data to the NHIS. The procedure and conditions for the management of and access to these data are comprehensively regulated in Sections 70–78 of Act No. 372/2011 Coll. (on health services and conditions of their provision), as amended, and its implementing regulations, in particular Decree No. 116/2012 Coll. of the Ministry of Health on the transmission of data to the National Health Information System, or Decree No. 373/2016 Coll. on the transmission of data to the National Health Information System (with effect from 1 January 2017).

**The following data sources were used for the analytical study of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 (national registries – components of the NHIS):**

- **Czech National Cancer Registry (CNCR):** The purpose of the Czech National Cancer Registry is to register cancers and periodically monitor their further development. The CNCR provides aggregate data for statistical surveys at both national and international level, as well as for epidemiological studies and medical research. CNCR as a population-based registry of individual neoplasms has been operated by the Institute of Health Information and Statistics since 1976, and data are available until 2020 (continuous closure and validation is ongoing for 2021).
- **National Registry of Reimbursed Health Services (NRRHS)** contains inpatient and outpatient data from health insurers, including complete data on reported diagnoses, procedures, and treatments; data are currently available from 2010-2021.
- **Death Certificate System (DCS)** is the primary source of information about each death. It is completed by the examining physician without delay after the examination of the deceased, and in addition to basic socio-demographic characteristics, it also records the sequence of causes leading to death (since 1994 coded using ICD-10), with data available until 2020.

# Main sources of demographic data and population health indicators

## Sources of demographic population data

- As part of monitoring the development of the Czech population, the Czech Statistical Office (CSO) processes data on the demographic structure of the Czech population, which are available on the CSO website. These data cover the main demographic characteristics of the Czech population, in particular the total number of inhabitants, detailed age structure, life expectancy characteristics and, for example, projections of the age structure of the Czech population up to 2050.

## European Health Surveys in the Czech Republic

### ❑ European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)

- The European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) is an important component of health statistics internationally. The implementation of this survey is mandatory for EU countries according to Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work. The first wave of the EHIS was carried out according to a uniform methodology on a voluntary basis between 2006 and 2009, and the second wave of the EHIS was carried out between 2013 and 2015 in all EU28 countries. The implementation of the sample surveys is methodologically coordinated within the Technical Group TG HIS of Eurostat, composed of representatives of the Member States; the last meeting of the TG HIS took place on 21 March 2019 in Luxembourg.

### ❑ European Health Examination Survey (EHES)

- The European Health Examination Survey (EHES), involving a medical examination, focuses mainly on cardiovascular diseases; the monitoring of selected indicators is among the indicators proposed by WHO to meet the goal of reducing premature mortality from chronic diseases through appropriate preventive activities. Thus, the EHES aims to monitor the situation in the population and provide the information needed to improve health status, to reduce the costs of treating diseases and their complications, and to increase the productivity of the population of economically active age.
- The main methodologist in the implementation of medical examinations with venous blood sampling within Europe is the coordinating centre for the implementation of the EHES, the Institute for Health and Social Care (THL) in Helsinki. It is helping to build the EHES network in EU countries and aims to ensure standardised and high quality data collection through national medical examination surveys. This is implemented in about 15 European countries.

# Classification system CZ-DRG for acute inpatient care (AIC) in the Czech Republic

The assessment of the burden, performance, outcomes and real costs of acute inpatient care provided to cancer patients in the Czech Republic is based on a legally anchored and fully sustainable DRG system. A major contribution of the Czech concept in this area is the long-standing reference network of hospitals that generate an annual reference database of all inpatient cases with a high resolution of care content and cost items.

- The **CZ-DRG hospital case classification system** is a tool for classifying (sorting) patients into a limited number of groups in which individual hospital cases are **clinically and economically similar** to each other. The CZ-DRG system for AIC is an interdependent **set of classification rules, methodological procedures and algorithms, codebooks, information systems and software tools** that are necessary for its correct functioning and that also influence the processes and behaviour of providers not only in AIC but also in other health segments.
- Main benefits of the CZ-DRG system with regard to the AIC reimbursement process:
  1. **Reflection of the real AIC provision:** development of a classification system structure with an adequate clinical detail that corresponds to 21st century treatment modalities.
  2. **Reflection of the real cost of AIC:** calculation of the cost of hospitalisation cases according to internationally recognised methodological procedures implemented in the network of reference hospitals (representative set of AIC providers in the Czech Republic), which regularly submit data on the production and economics of AIC to the CZ-DRG.

Authorisation of the IHIS CR on the basis of **§ 41a** of Act No. 48/1997 Coll., on Public Health Insurance and on Amendments to Some Related Acts:

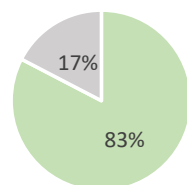
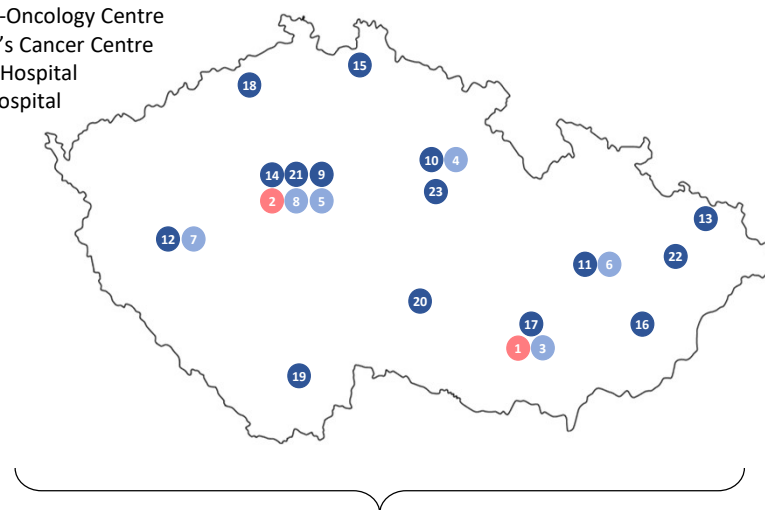
(1) For the purpose of rationalising the functioning of the public health insurance system in the field of acute inpatient care, the **Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic (IHIS CR)** shall establish and annually update a list of groups of hospitalisations in acute inpatient care related to the diagnosis (hereinafter referred to as "groups"), their relative costliness, rules for classifying hospitalisations into groups and methodologies related to reporting of reimbursed services provided in acute inpatient care.

# Data basis of the CZ-DRG system – network of reference hospitals (RH): coverage of cancer centres and regional hospitals

- 1 ChCC of UH Brno
- 2 ChCC of UH in Motol
- 3 HOC of UH Brno
- 4 HOC of UH Hradec Králové
- 5 HOC of UH Král. Vinohrady
- 6 HOC of UN Olomouc
- 7 HOC of UN Plzeň
- 8 HOC of Inst. of Haemat. and Blood Transf.
- 9 CCC of UH Královské Vinohrady
- 10 CCC of UH Hradec Králové
- 11 CCC of UH Olomouc
- 12 CCC of UH Plzeň
- 13 CCC of UH Ostrava
- 14 CCC of UN Motol, CMH, Hosp. na Homolce
- 15 CCC RH Liberec
- 16 CCC RH Zlín
- 17 CCC of MMCI in Brno
- 18 CCC of City Hospital in Ústí nad Labem
- 19 CCC of Hospital České Budějovice
- 20 CCC of Hospital Jihlava
- 21 CCC of Hospital na Bulovce, GUH, UTN
- 22 CCC Nový Jičín
- 23 CCC of the Pardubice Region

Abbreviations:  
 CCC = Comprehensive Cancer Centre  
 HOC = Haemato-Oncology Centre  
 ChCC = Children's Cancer Centre  
 UH = University Hospital  
 RH = Regional Hospital

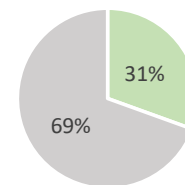
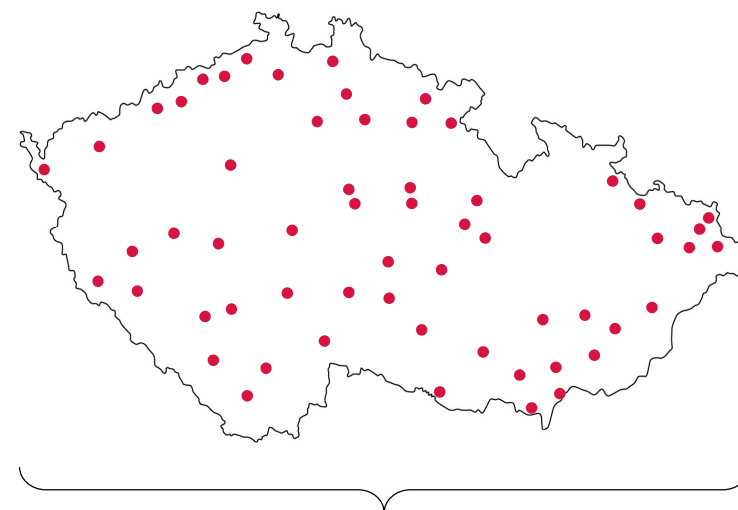
## Cancer centres in the Czech Republic



N=23

- Cancer centre is part of the network of RH.
- Cancer centre is not part of the network of RH.

## Regional hospitals in the Czech Republic



N=59

- Regional hospital is part of the network of RH.
- Regional hospital is not part of the network of RH.

The centres are summarised according to <https://www.linkos.cz>.

The network of reference hospitals covers more than 80% of highly specialised centres in providing care in the fields of oncology and haemato-oncology. Within the AIC providers established by regional authorities, the network of reference hospitals covers approximately one third of them.



# Transparent publication of the CZ-DRG classification system on a web portal

The portal (in Czech language) is available at <https://drg.uzis.cz/klasifikace-pripadu/web/>

- Structure and units of the system
- Classification rules at the level of DRG groups
- Interactive web-based classifier
- Search
- Cost data
- Difference documentation compared to the previous version of the system



# Infrastructure of cancer care providers available on-line

[www.onconet.cz](http://www.onconet.cz)

The screenshot shows the official portal of the National Cancer Control Programme of the Czech Republic. The header includes the logo 'nop on-line' and 'národní onkologický program'. A navigation bar contains links for 'komplexní onkologická péče v ČR', 'národní onkologický program ČR', and 'informační zázemí NOP ČR'. The main content area features a map of the Czech Republic with green dots indicating cancer care centers. A sidebar on the right lists the regions: Hlavní město Praha, Středočeský kraj, Jihočeský kraj, Plzeňský kraj, Karlovarský kraj, Ústecký kraj, Liberecký kraj, Královéhradecký kraj, Pardubický kraj, Kraj Vysočina, Jihomoravský kraj, Olomoucký kraj, Zlínský kraj, and Moravskoslezský kraj. The footer includes links for 'Onkologická péče v ČR (stručné shrnutí)', 'Jak používat mapu komplexní onkologické péče?', and 'O projektu NOP On-line'.

The principal aim of this information gateway is to provide centralized and guaranteed scientific information about the fulfilment of the [National Cancer Control Programme](#) in the Czech Republic. This website provides a clearly arranged and comprehensive presentation of the [Czech cancer centres network](#), involving basic information about each healthcare facility.



## **Main aspects and challenges for objectives of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 in the area of building the data and information base for the Czech cancer care**

**Czech oncology has a functional information system that covers all necessary dimensions of evaluation with almost 100% population representativeness. A number of sub-components are already interconnected and derived from administrative data, thus reducing the administrative complexity of data collection and validation.**

**In particular, the main objectives and challenges in this area involve:**

- ☐ Strengthening the computerisation and interoperability of partial collections of data, introduction of standardised e-recording of cancer diagnosis and treatment, standardisation of hospital information system exports.
- ☐ Full computerisation of data collection for the Czech National Cancer Registry, including real-time linking of reports from the laboratory segment
- ☐ Completion of the predictive superstructure above the area-based sub-registries to strengthen predictions in the areas of economic and staffing needs, impact of new technologies and drugs
- ☐ Completion of a comprehensive information system for mapping patient trajectories in the healthcare system, identifying desirable and undesirable trajectories and evaluating measures for improvement
- ☐ Development of a comprehensive information system for planning and evaluating end-of-life care for patients
- ☐ Strengthening the publication of comprehensive indicators of access to and quality of care
- ☐ Implementing the concept of open data in cancer care

# The goal of the Czech National Cancer Plan 2030 is a fully computerised Czech National Cancer Information System

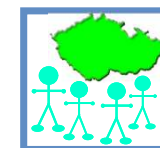
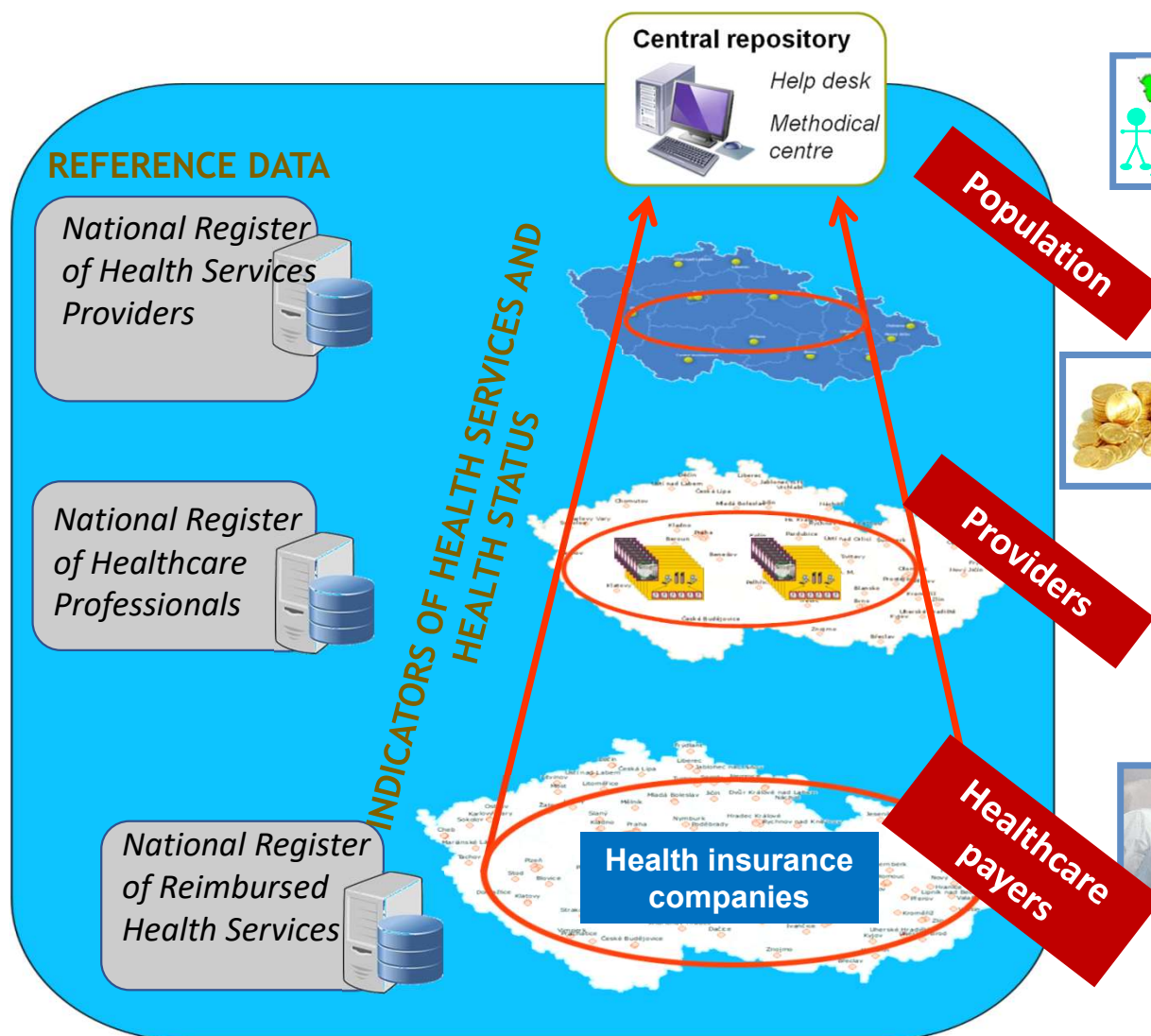
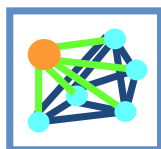
Network of health services infrastructure, availability



Personnel capacity



Consumption of health services



Epidemiology  
Population-based data

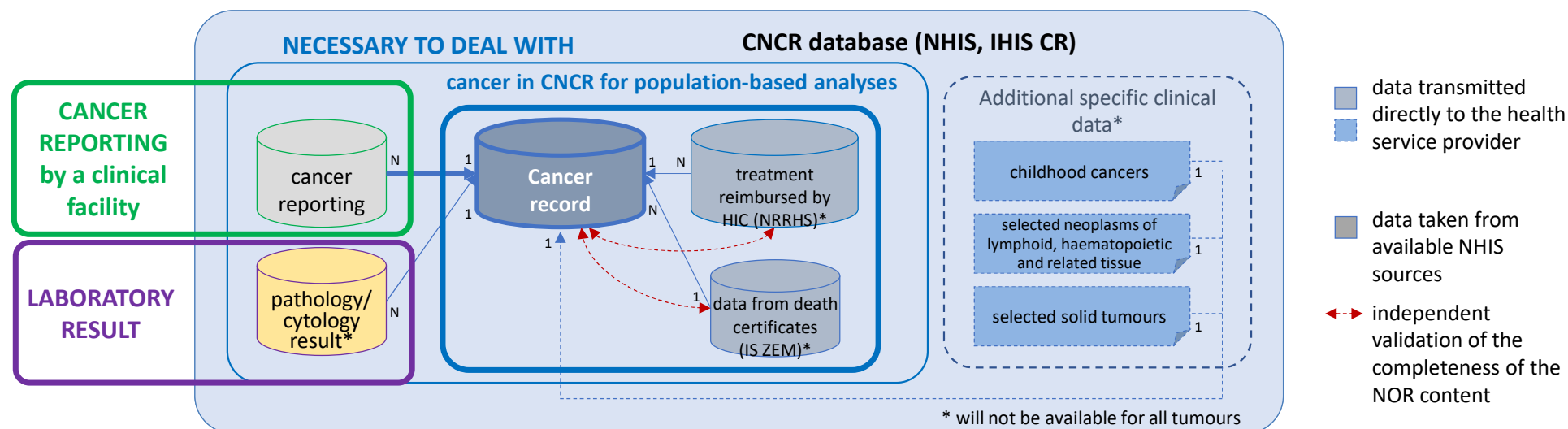


Costs -  
reimbursements  
Administrative data



Clinical data:  
inputs -  
processes -  
outputs

# Czech National Cancer Registry: filling the database in the transition to full computerisation



## Basic CNCR record:

- reporting to CNCR – “Incidence of neoplasm” form
- result/report from examination done by a pathologist/cytologist
- reported treatment of cancer, reimbursed by HIC (NRRHS)
- data on deaths from death certificates – date, causes, place (IS ZEM)

*validation of records reported by health service providers*

*completion of necessary data from the NHIS*

**Resulting cancer record**

## Additional specific clinical data

tumour markers, specific diagnostic classification and risk data, results of clinical and laboratory tests, treatment regimens and protocols, treatment outcomes, patient follow-up, etc. for selected specific groups of neoplasms:

- childhood cancers
- selected neoplasms of lymphoid, haematopoietic and related tissue
- selected solid tumours – e.g. rare diseases

# Main aspects and challenges for objectives of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 in the area of building the data and information base for the Czech cancer care

Due to the expected growth of the epidemiological, clinical and financial burden of cancer, strategic modelling of predictions in all these areas is essential in the objectives of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030. For this purpose, a wide integration of available data sources will be carried out and integrated databases will be opened for secondary data use after modifications to protect personal and sensitive data. A modern basis for automating the computation of predictive model scenarios will be strengthened, including the integration of AI-based technologies.

Key data inputs for the mutual integration and strengthening of predictive models

## I. Data from the National Register of Reimbursed Health Services, CZ-DRG reference database, cost of care models

- Essential basis of administrative data for assessing care content, costs and outcomes.

## II. Population-based data, epidemiological and clinical probability models

- In important segments of care, with sufficient background in population and clinical registries, predictive models have been built assessing the incidence and prevalence of patients treated. These models serve as a correction factor in clinical burden predictions; their input data and results are an essential component of a new prediction system.

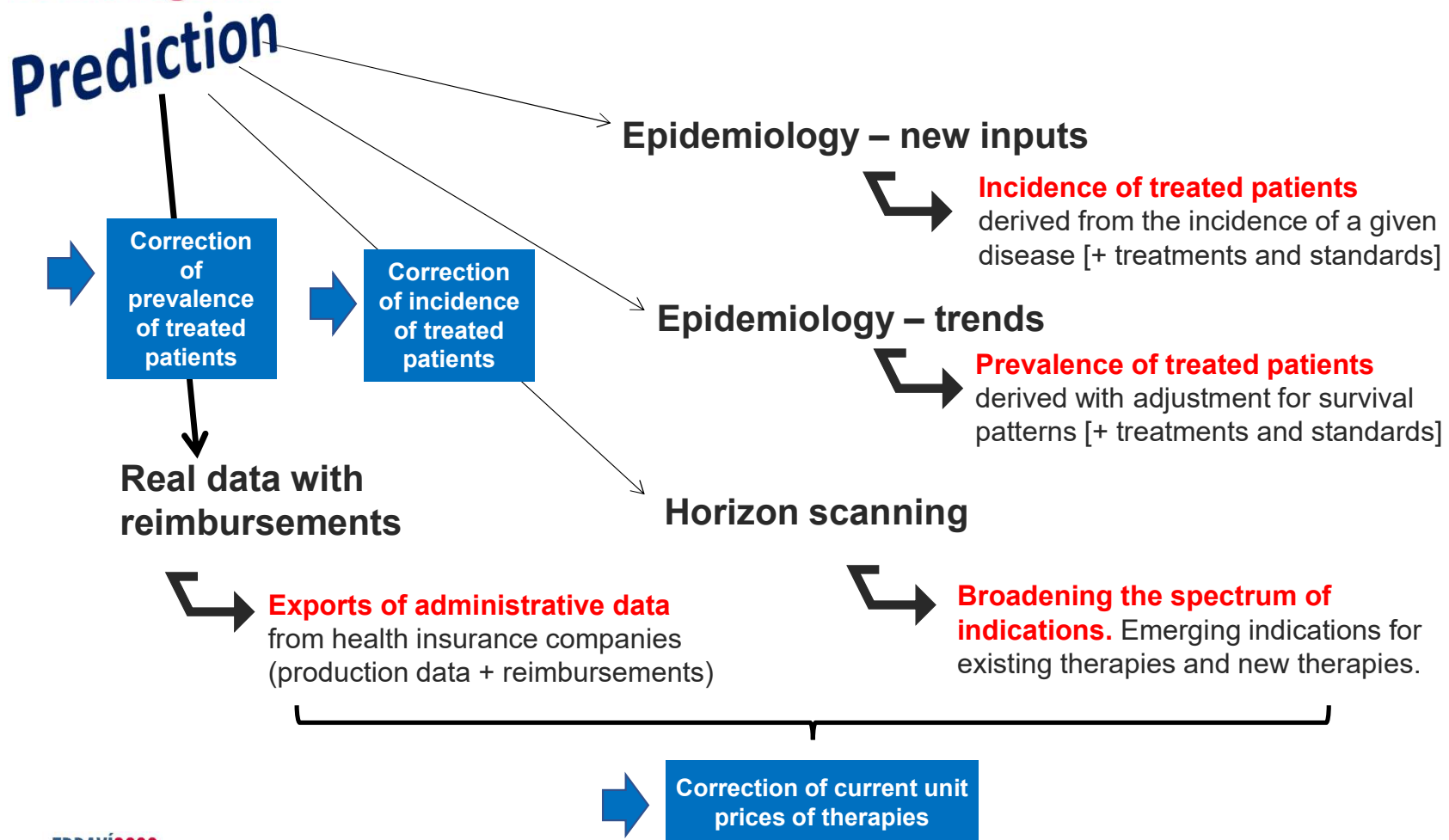
## III. Horizon scanning, assessing new drug indications and implementation of new technologies

- Correction of predictions for 2018, 2019 and partly 2020, including prediction of the impact on reimbursement in case of new indications for existing therapies or in case of new therapies.

## IV. Operational and staffing data sources, internal hospital data sources

- In particular, the National Register of Health Services Providers and the National Register of Healthcare Professionals.

An important goal of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 is the widespread integration of partial data sources and the development of a new generation of predictive models supporting cancer care management



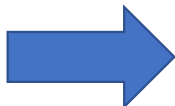
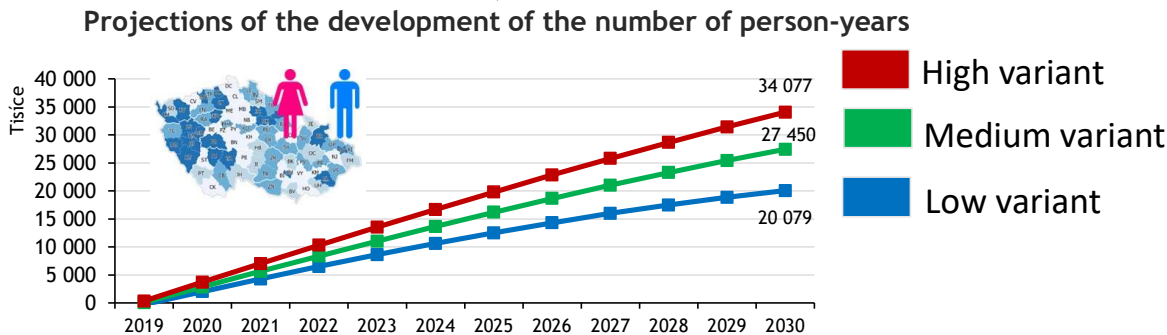
All available demographic and epidemiological predictions point to a significant increase in the number of cancer cases and the number of “person-years” of treatment consumed. Together with the development of new technologies, these are major challenges for predictive modelling of cancer care needs.





The Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 will develop and implement a new generation of predictive models in response to the social and demographic determinants of cancer care

Demografic ageing of the population  
Rising old-age dependency ratio



“Price of success”

Rising prevalence of patients

“Secondary” morbidity

Increasing life expectancy, improving treatment outcomes, increasing survival of cancer patients

# Partial objectives of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 are aimed at the creation and implementation of completely new complex information systems strengthening important components of the organisation of cancer care

## Prevention and screening programmes

- ❑ Information support for primary prevention programmes and population health surveys
- ❑ Developing the information base of screening programmes towards personalised risk assessment
- ❑ Development of the National Screening Centre

## Early access to specialised care

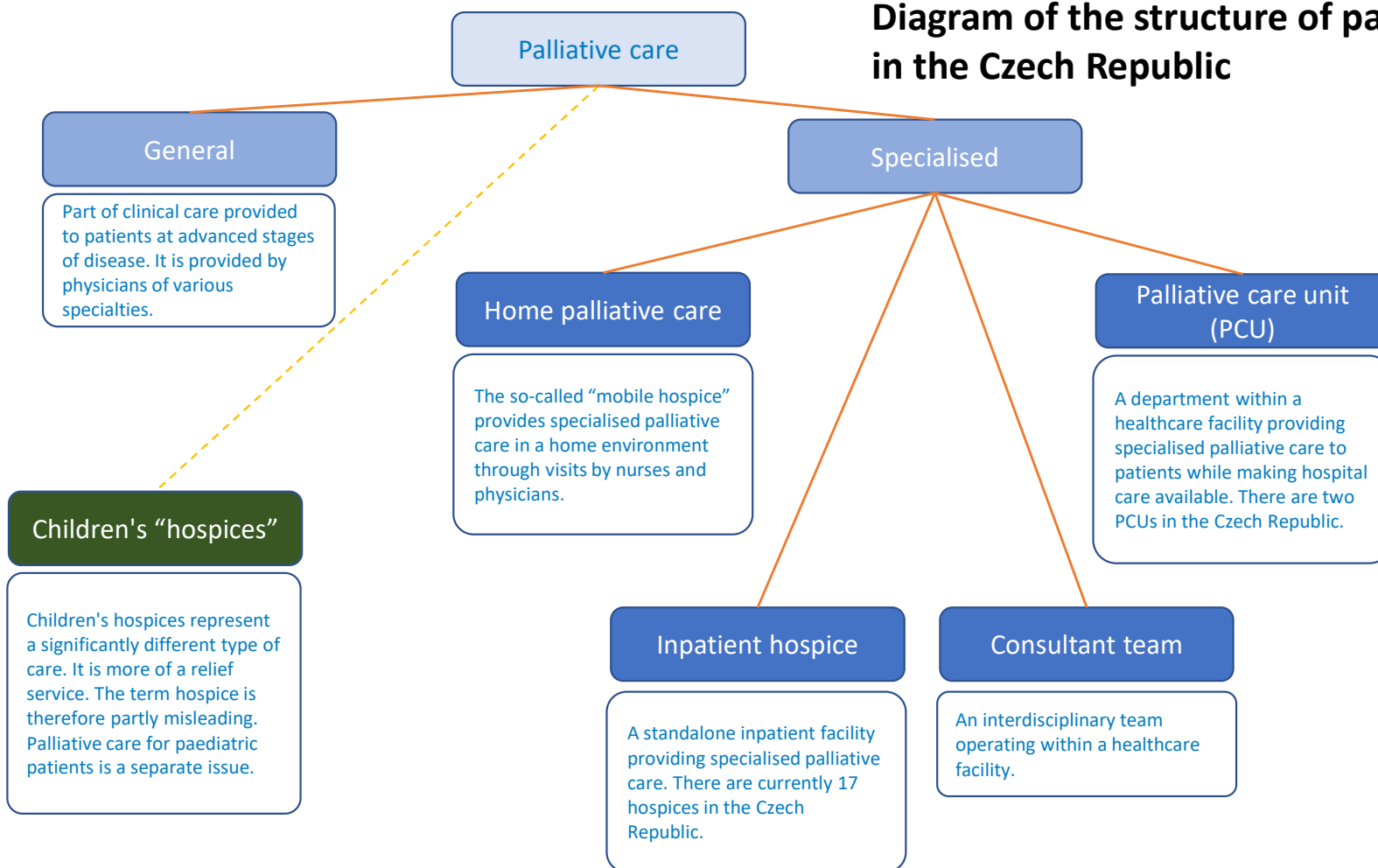
- ❑ Planned development of infrastructure for different types of centres and clinics
- ❑ Planning of needs and systematic provision of financial resources for innovative and centre-based care
- ❑ Effective cooperation within regional networks of centres
- ❑ Provision of specialised and general follow-up care

## Palliative and end-of-life care for patients

- ❑ Integrated assessment of inpatient, outpatient and home care
- ❑ Development of an information base for the evaluation of care in the health and social care interface, linking with health service providers
- ❑ Mapping patient trajectories at the end of life

# The Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 aims to build a comprehensive information system to assess the availability and quality of care at the end of life

**Diagram of the structure of palliative care in the Czech Republic**



The predicted demographic development of the Czech population, ageing and associated morbidity will require a change in the concept of palliative care. New models of integrated care must be based on multidisciplinary hospital consultative teams and on close cooperation of outpatient health and social services, e.g. mobile specialised palliative care, home care, etc. Strengthening the capacity of providing care in the patients' home environment is a highly effective measure that saves staff capacity and financial resources, especially in acute inpatient care in hospitals. Multilevel models of palliative care organisation and models that allow its early integration in the care processes provided by different segments of providers should be sought.

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**GUARANTOR: NATIONAL SCREENING CENTRE**



## **Monitoring the cancer burden**

- cancer epidemiology in the target population
- long-term impact indicators

Data source: Czech National Cancer Registry

## **Monitoring the screening process using clinical data**

- early quality indicators in screening centres
- detection of cancers and precancerous lesions in screening

Data source: screening centres, specialised registries

## **Monitoring the screening process using administrative data**

- population-based early quality indicators
- monitoring of screening availability for the target population

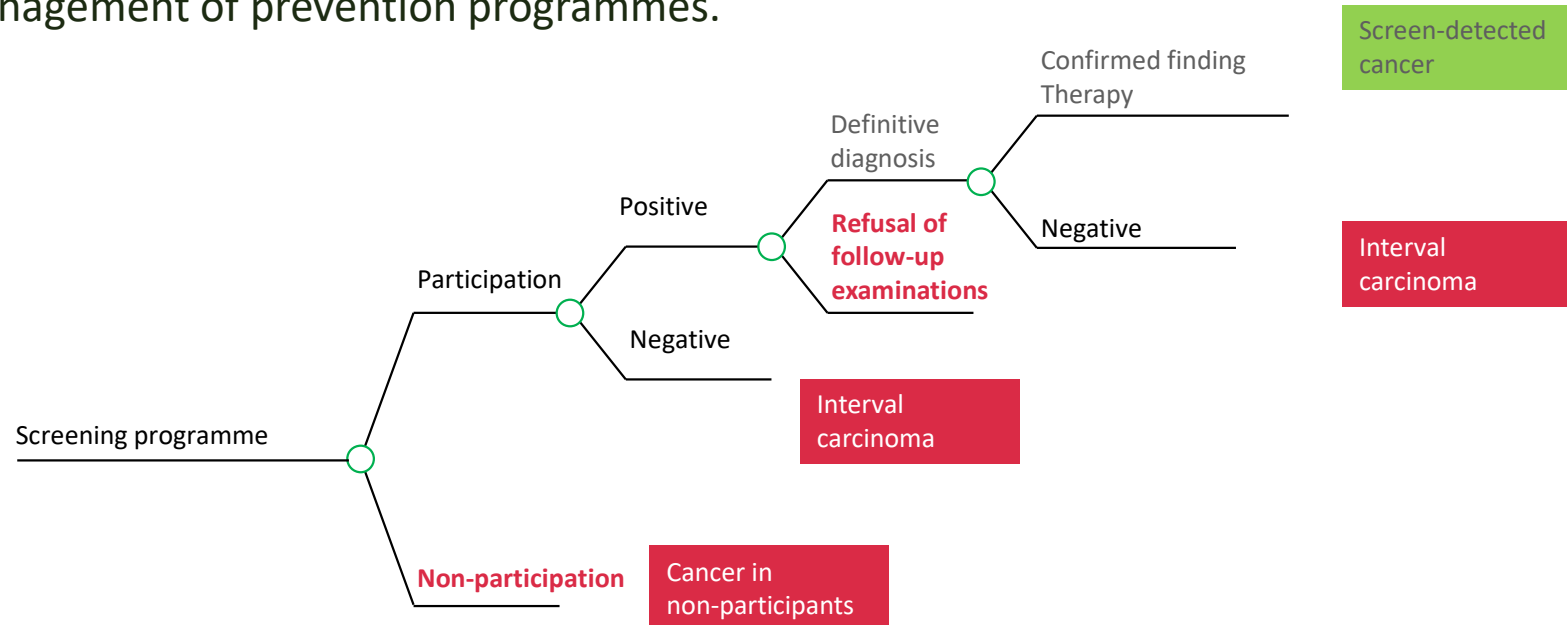
Data source: National Health Information System

The combination of all three levels creates a comprehensive information system that enables a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of the performance, quality and cost of the screening process.

# The Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 aims to develop the data basis for prevention and screening programmes in oncology

The Czech screening programmes are equipped with a unique system for direct invitation of citizens to the screening. This information system is implemented in a standardised way in all health insurance companies and allows full control over all processes. The strategic challenge is to move the evaluation towards individualised risk analysis and personalised management of prevention programmes.

## Evaluation of participant's pathway in the programme







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## Cancer epidemiology

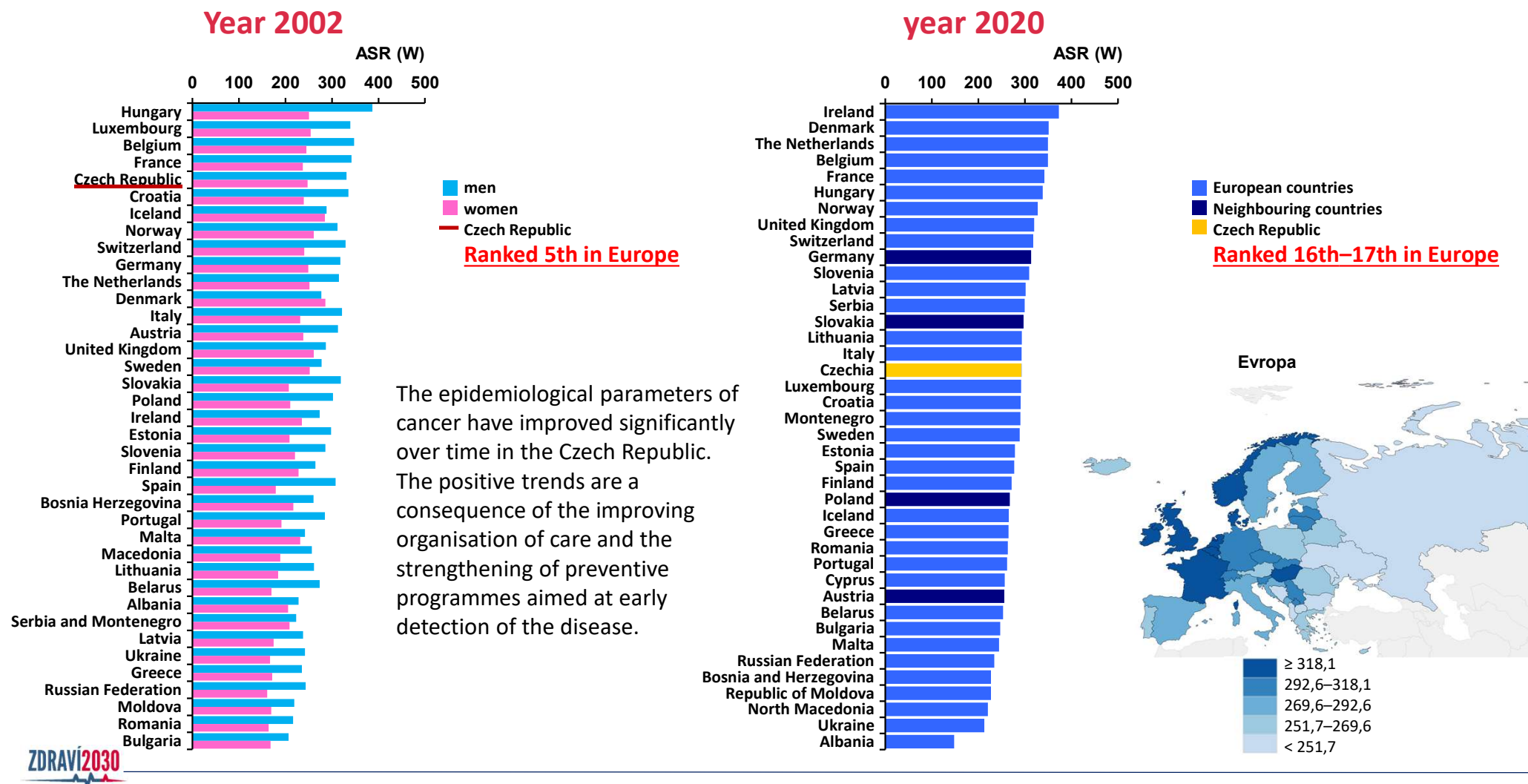
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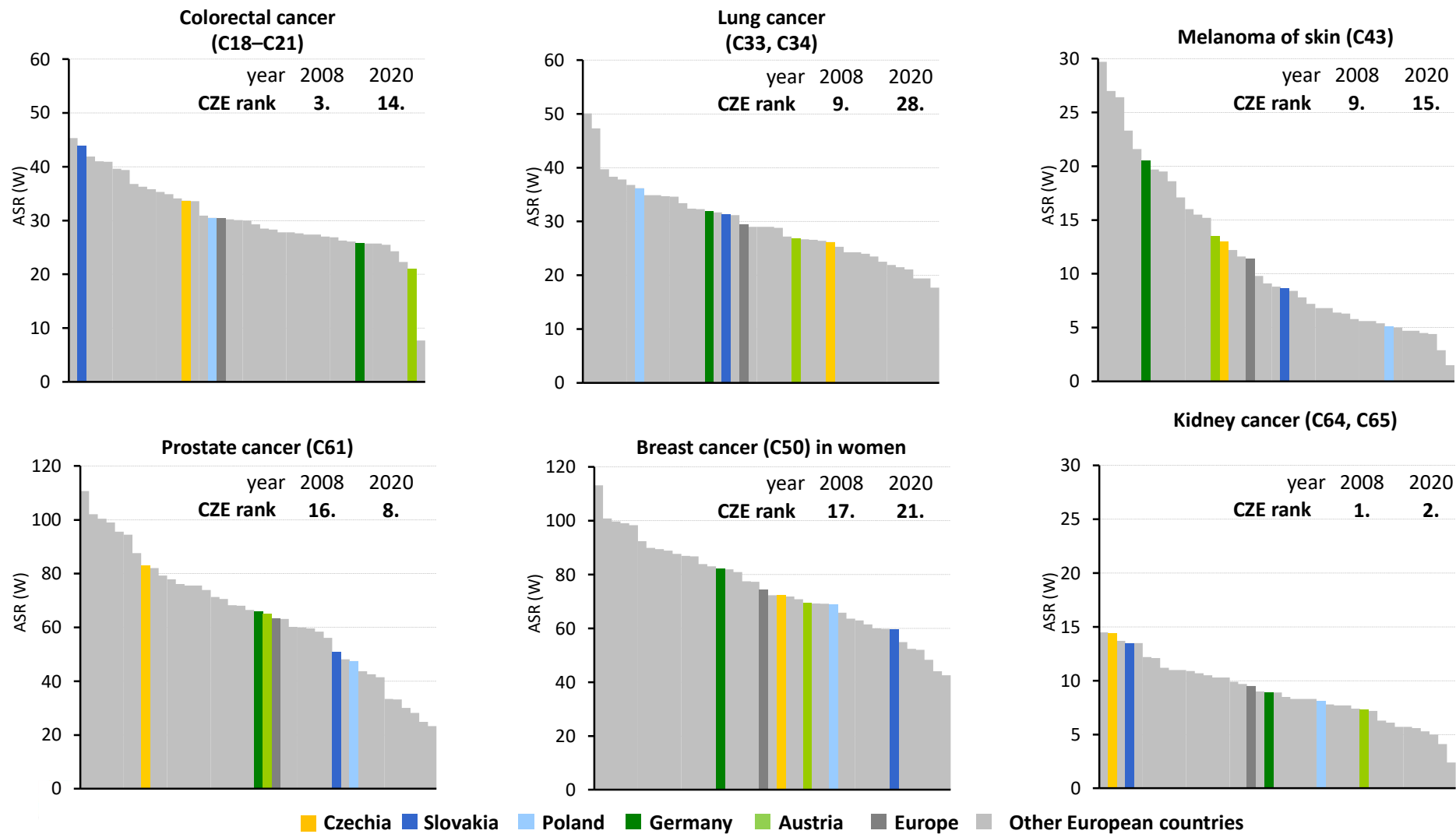
# Cancer incidence (C00–C97) in international comparison

Source: Globocan 2020; ASR (W): world age-standardised rates



# Incidence of selected cancers in 2020 compared with European countries

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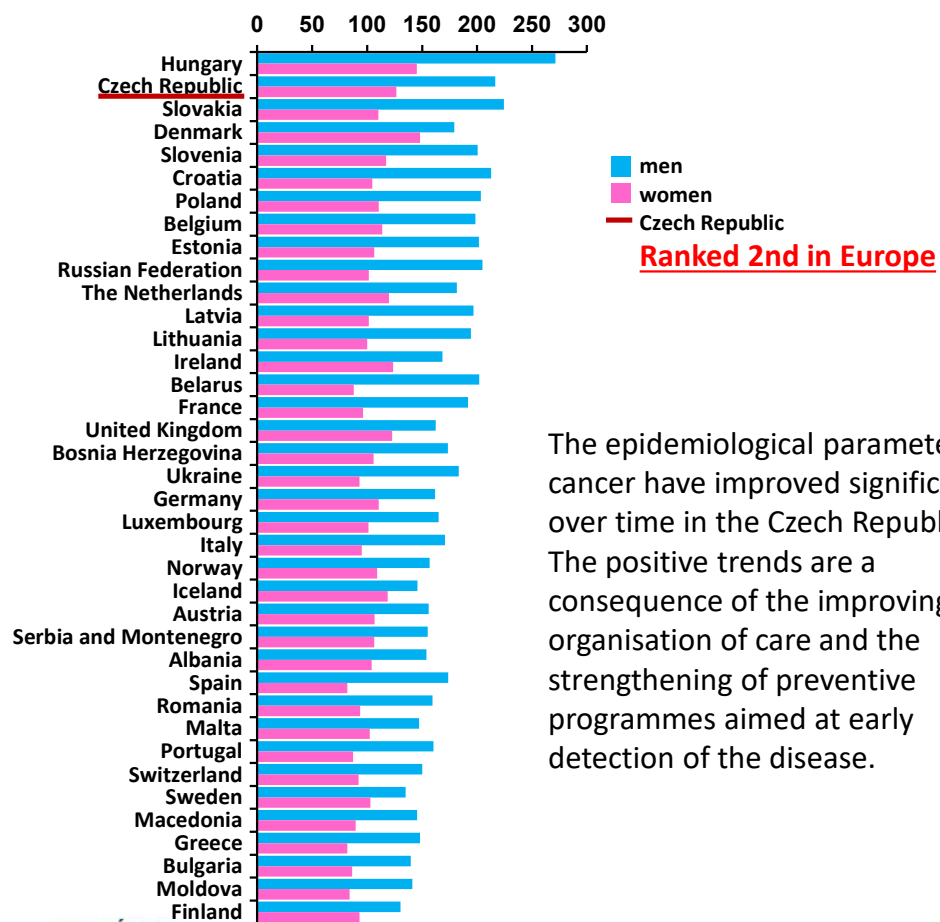


# Cancer mortality (C00–C97) in international comparison

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Year 2002

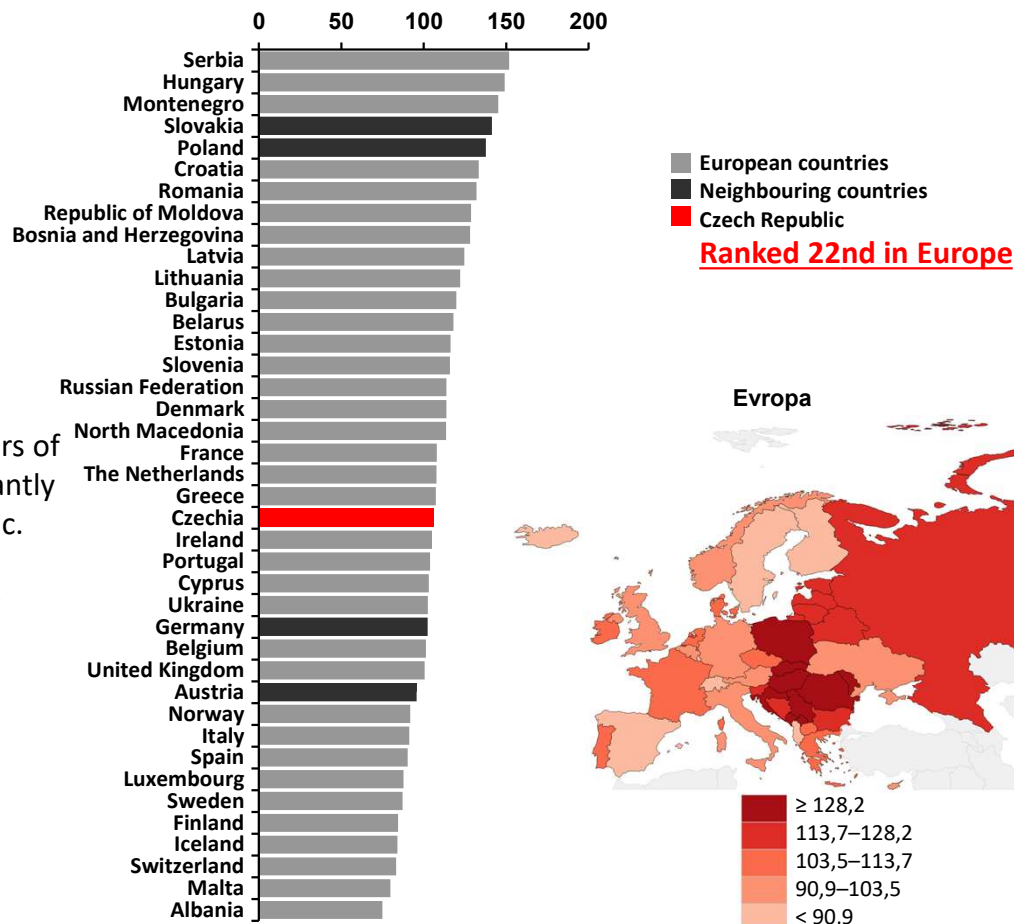
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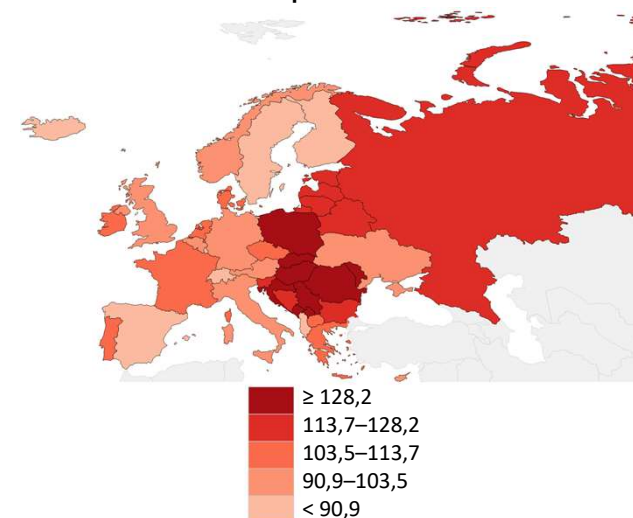
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Year 2020

ASR (W)

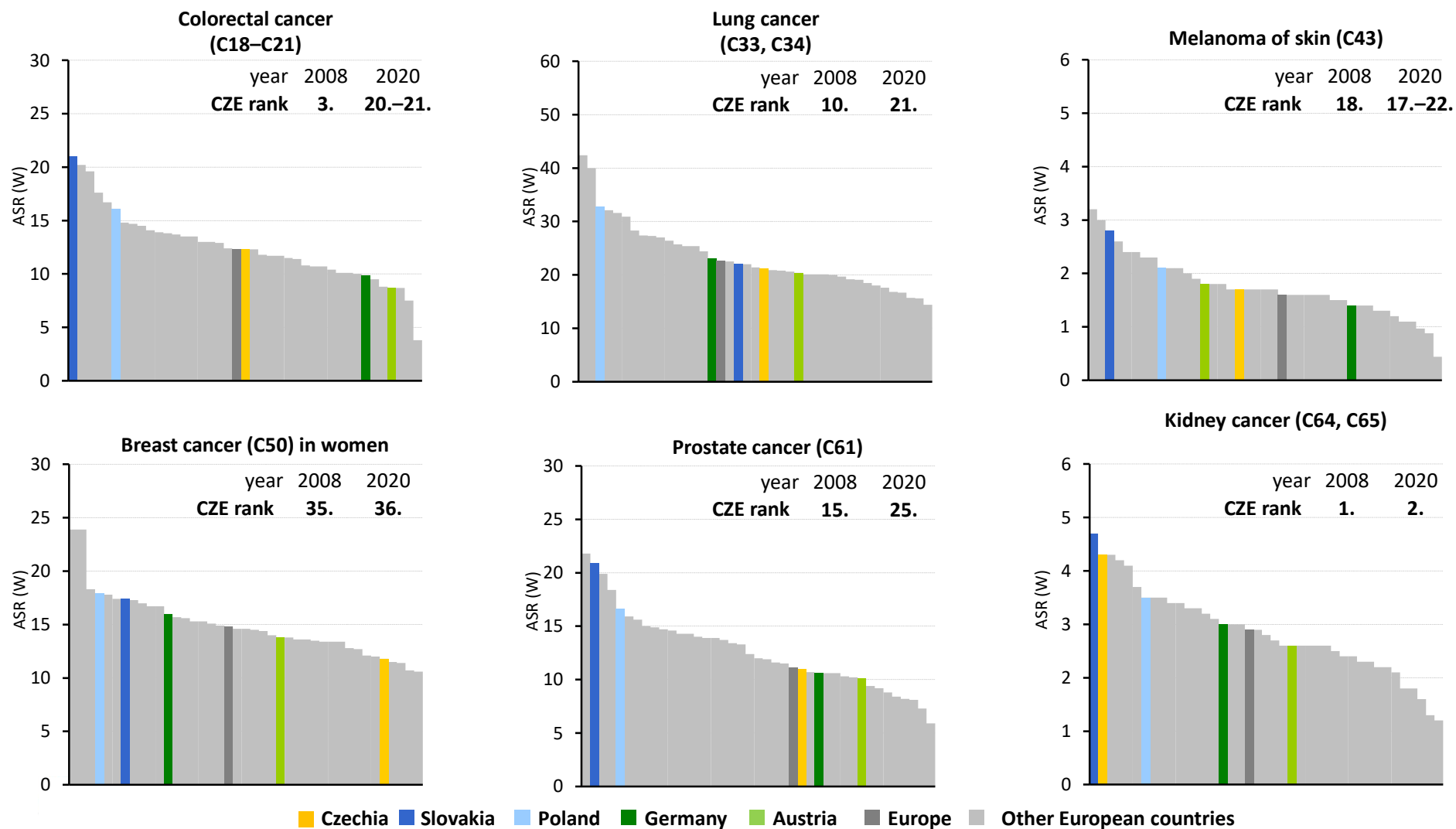


Evropa



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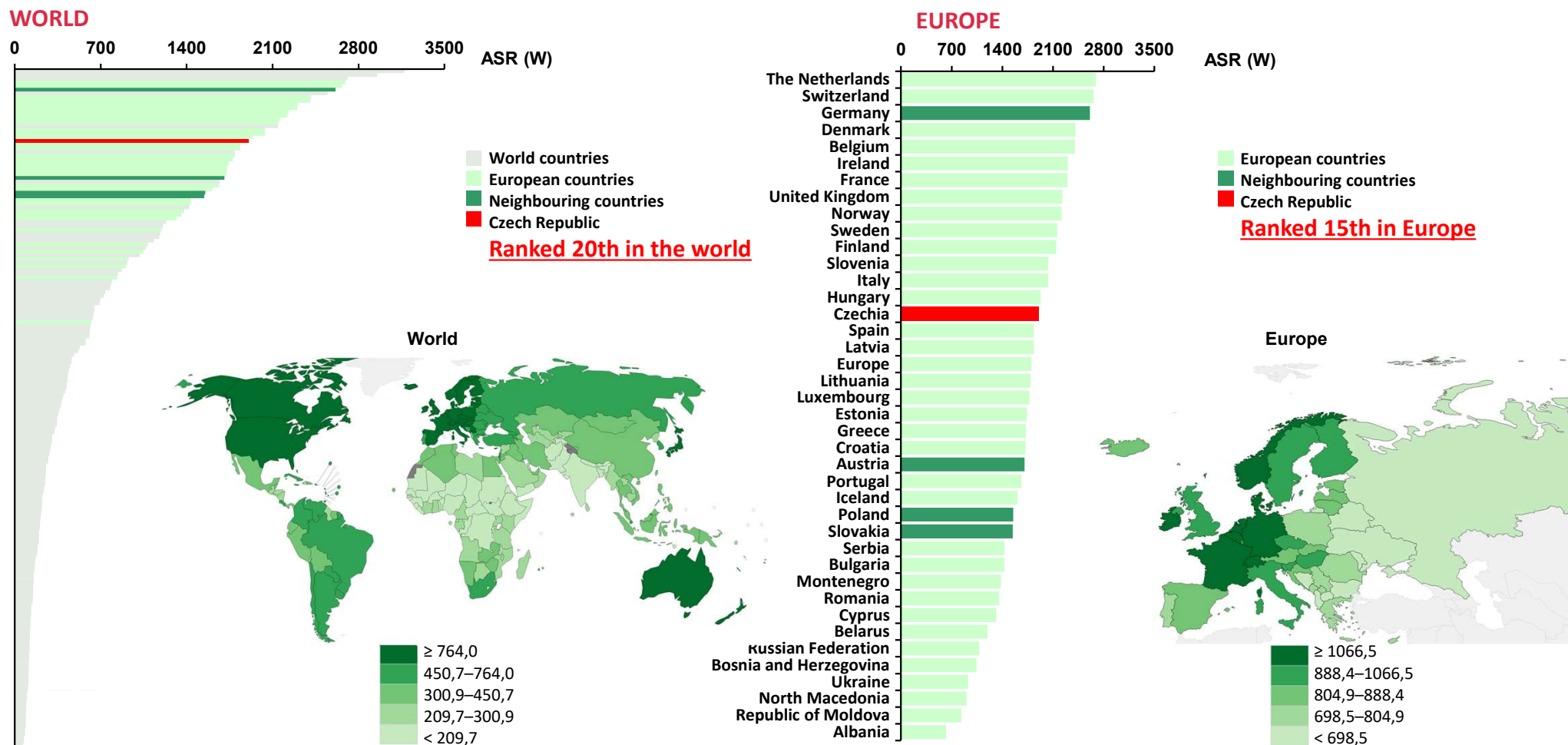




## Prevalence (survivors 5 years from diagnosis) ZN (C00–C97) in 2020 in international comparison

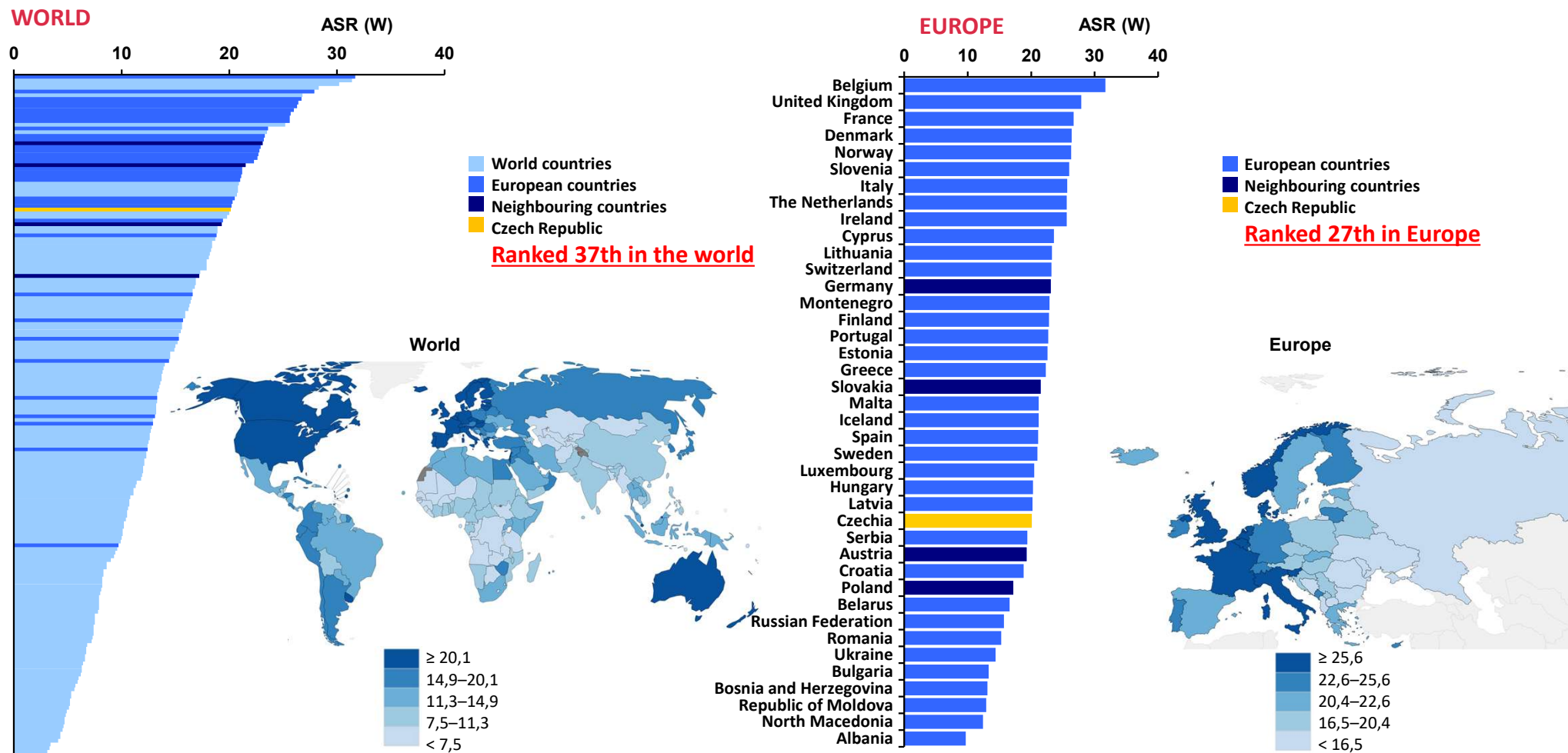
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# Incidence of selected blood cancers\* in 2020 in international comparison

Source: Globocan 2020

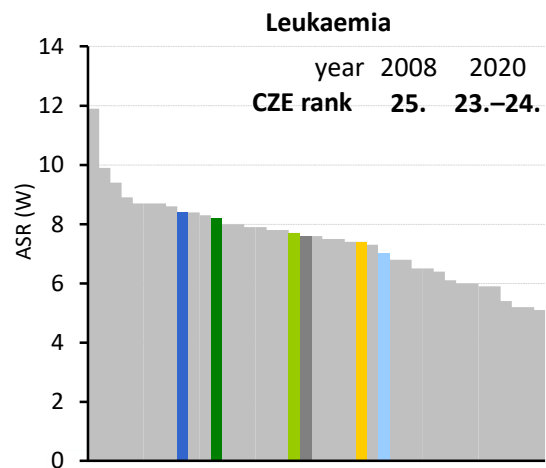
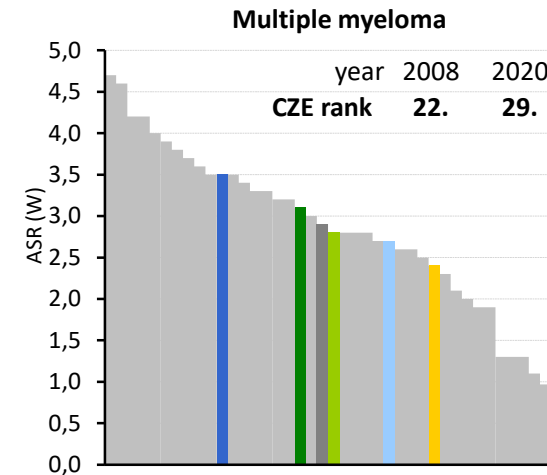
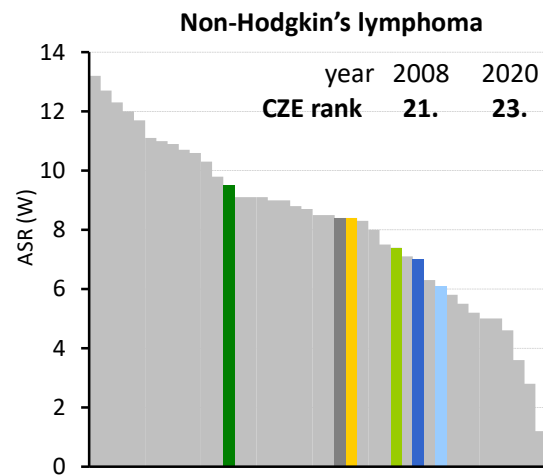
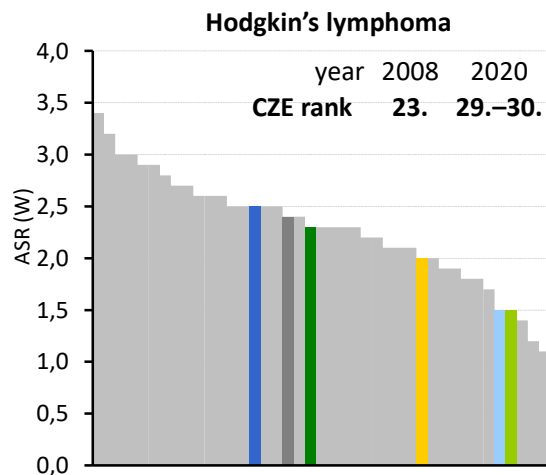


ASR (W): world age-standardised incidence rates

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# Incidence of selected blood cancers\* in comparison with European countries

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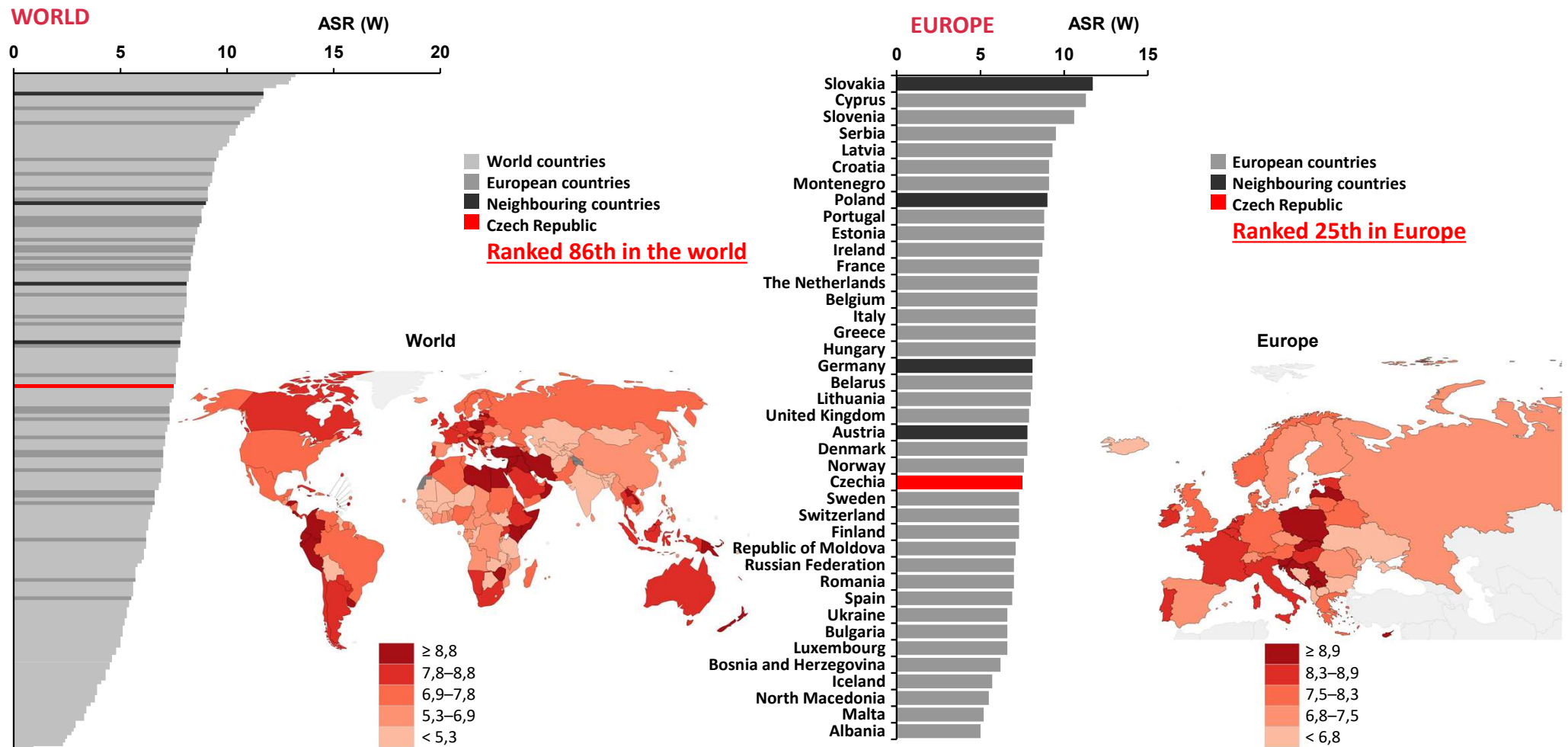
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# Mortality of selected blood cancers\* in 2020 in international comparison

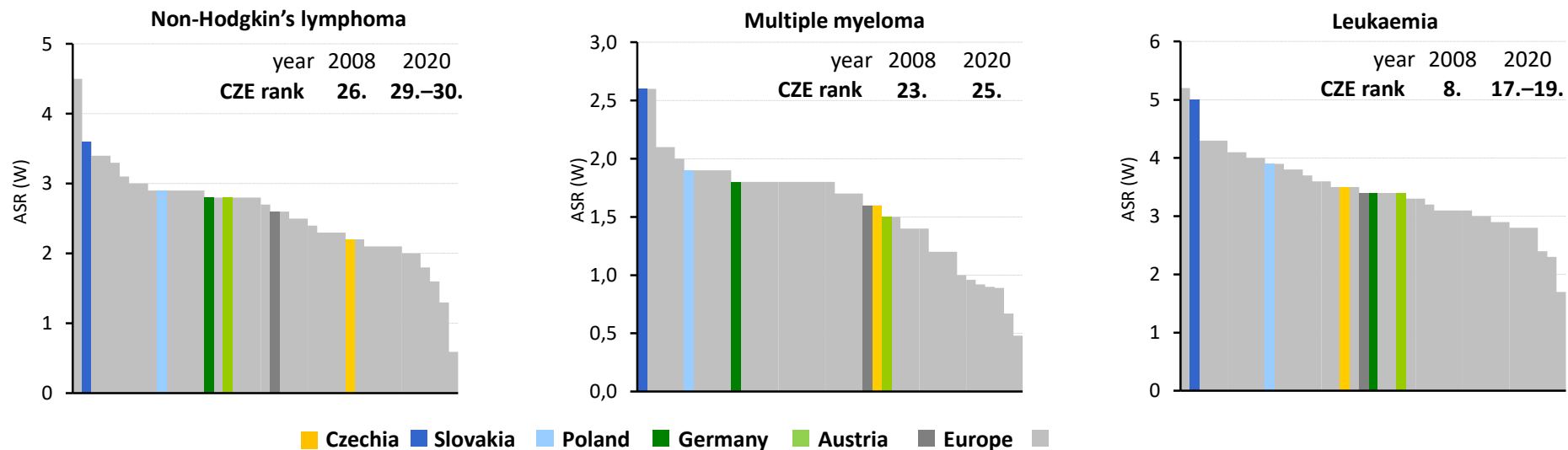
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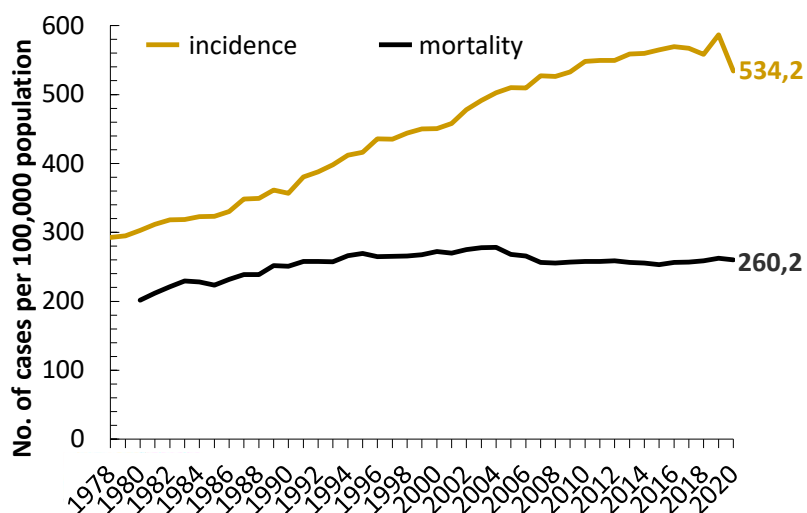
## Overall cancer burden excl. non-melanoma skin cancer (C00–C97 excl. C44) in the Czech Republic

Source: <sup>1</sup>Czech National Cancer Registry, <sup>2</sup>Czech Statistical Office

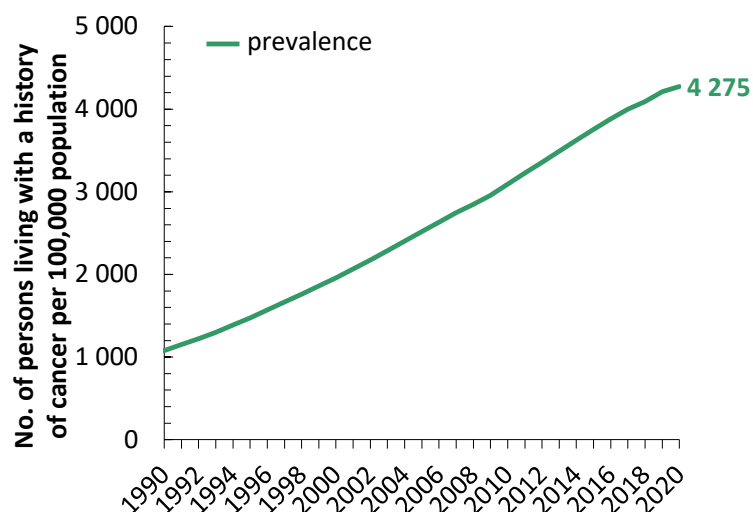
| Absolute counts          | 2013    | 2014    | 2015    | 2016    | 2017    | 2018    | 2019    | 2020    | Average annual change 2016–2019 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Incidence <sup>1</sup>   | 58 734  | 58 903  | 59 528  | 60 186  | 60 035  | 59 325  | 62 568  | 57 157* | +1,3 %                          |
| Mortality <sup>1,2</sup> | 26 958  | 26 910  | 26 681  | 27 109  | 27 183  | 27 521  | 28 025  | 27 841  | +1,1 %                          |
| Prevalence <sup>1</sup>  | 367 075 | 381 528 | 395 891 | 410 168 | 423 369 | 434 966 | 449 405 | 457 455 | +3,1 %                          |

\* The decline in 2020 is mainly attributable to the COVID-19 epidemic, with some cancer groups under-diagnosed.

Incidence and mortality



Prevalence



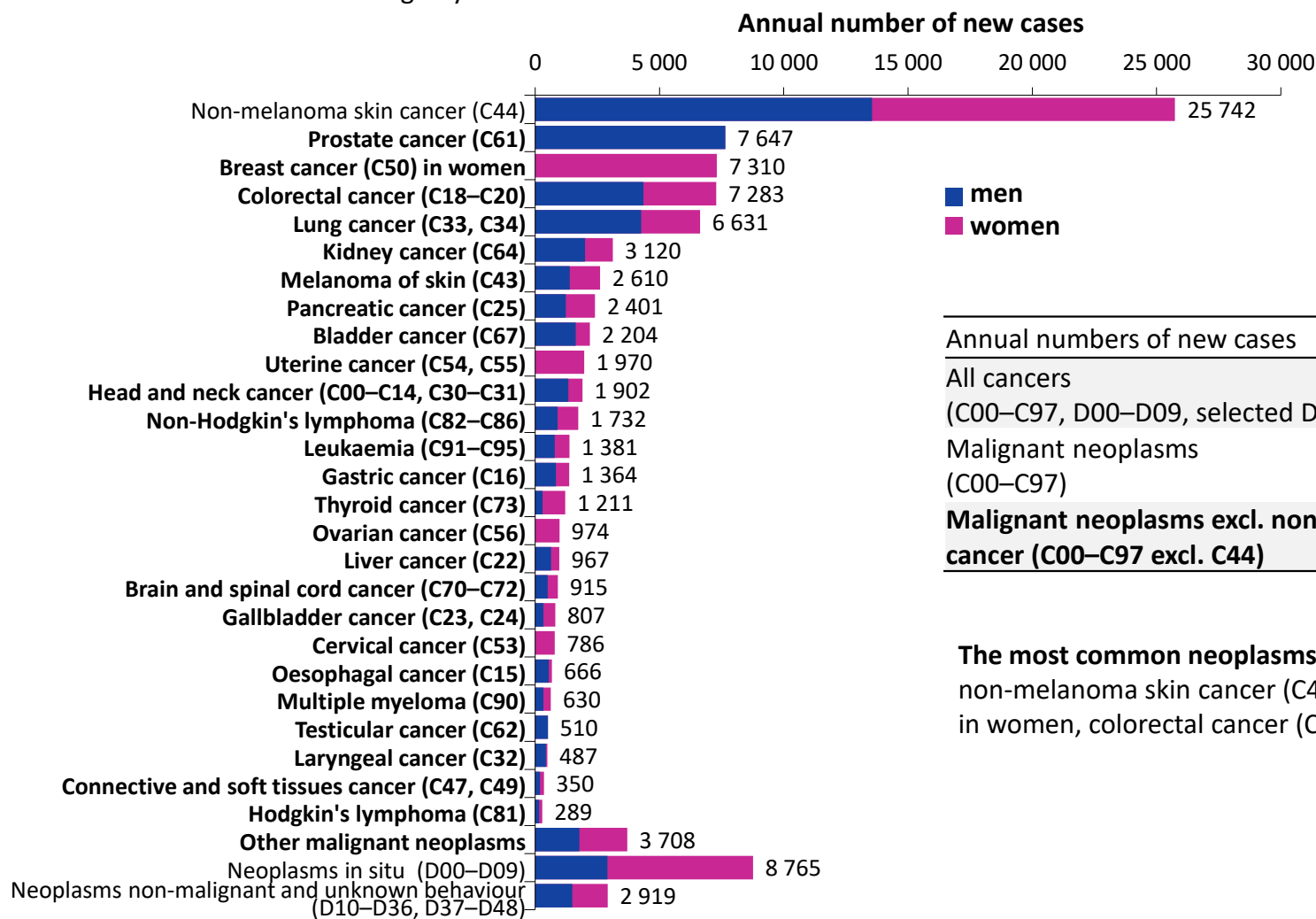
In the Czech Republic, an average of about **60,000** patients with malignant neoplasms (excluding non-melanoma skin malignancies) are newly diagnosed annually, which is more than **560 per 100,000 population**. In 2020, **27,841** persons died related to malignant neoplasm, which is **260.2 per 100,000 population**.

As of 31 December 2020, there were a total of **457,455** people living with a history of cancer in the Czech Republic, which is **4,275 per 100,000 population**.

Over the past 10 years, the incidence has increased significantly with stable mortality, which inevitably translates into an increasing prevalence of treated patients and patients under long-term follow-up.

# Cancer incidence in the Czech Republic in 2016–2020

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry

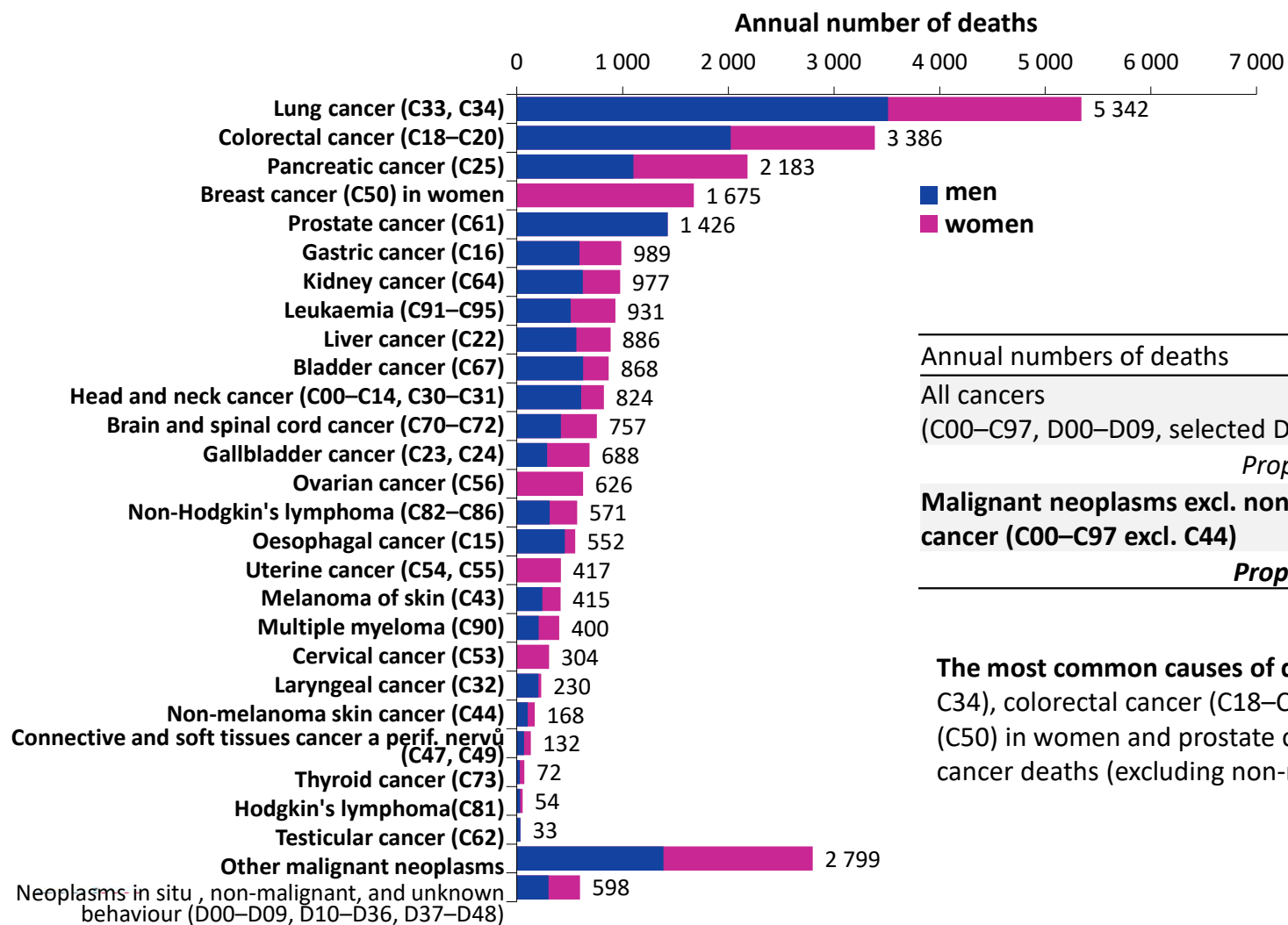


| Annual numbers of new cases   | men           | women         | total         |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| All cancers<br>(C00–C97, D00–D09, selected D10–D36, D37–D48)                      | 50 033        | 47 246        | 97 280        |
| Malignant neoplasms<br>(C00–C97)  | 45 634        | 39 962        | 85 596        |
| <b>Malignant neoplasms excl. non-melanoma skin<br/>cancer (C00–C97 excl. C44)</b> | <b>32 084</b> | <b>27 770</b> | <b>59 854</b> |

The most common neoplasms in the Czech Republic in 2016–2020 were non-melanoma skin cancer (C44), prostate cancer (C61), breast cancer (C50) in women, colorectal cancer (C18–C20) and lung cancer (C33, C34).

# Cancer mortality in the Czech Republic in 2016–2020

Source: Czech Statistical Office



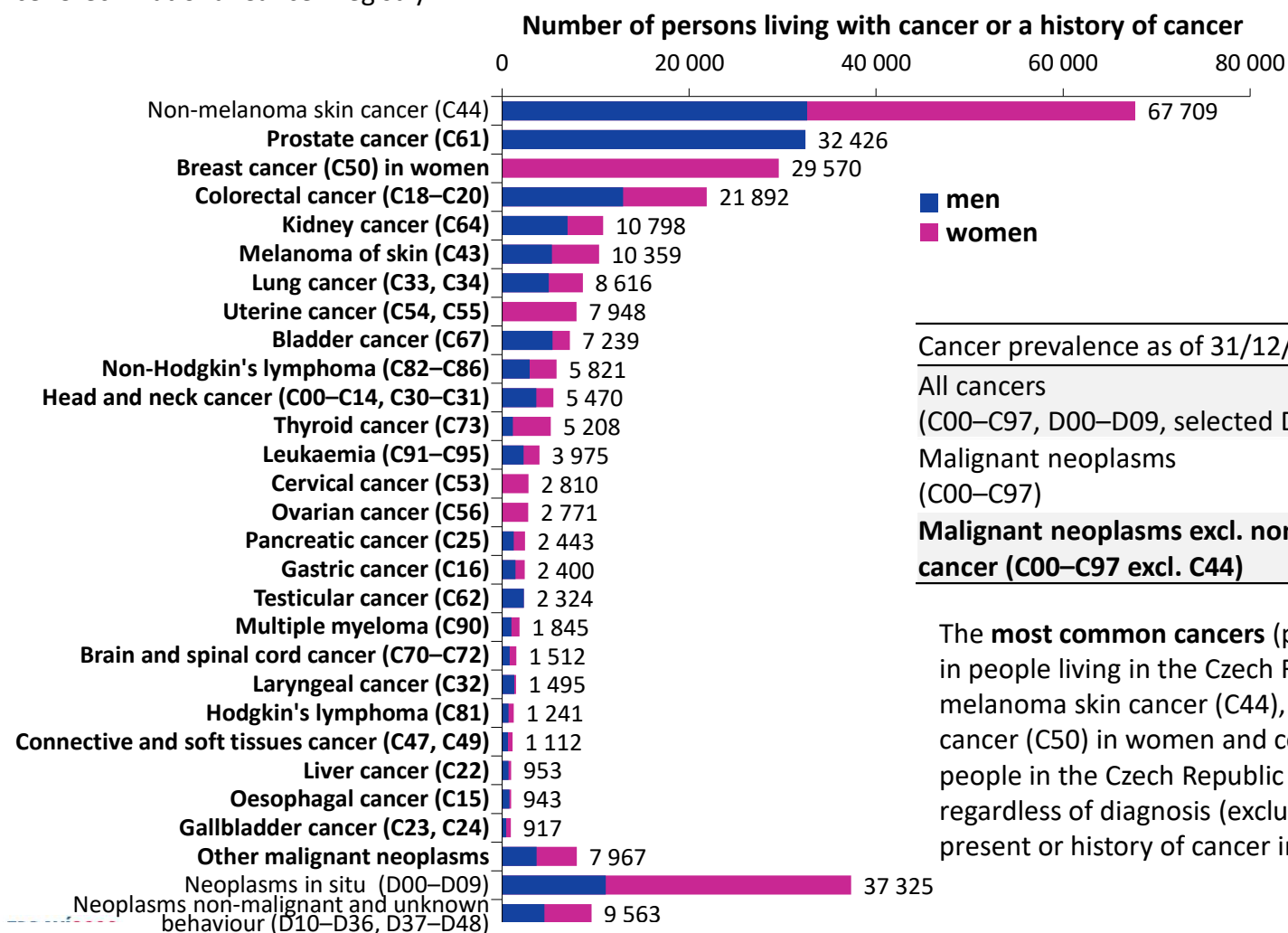
| Annual numbers of deaths  | men           | women         | total         |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| All cancers<br>(C00–C97, D00–D09, selected D10–D36, D37–D48)                  | 15 652        | 12 650        | 28 302        |
| <i>Proportion of all deaths</i>   | 26,8 %        | 22,5 %        | 24,7 %        |
| <b>Malignant neoplasms excl. non-melanoma skin cancer (C00–C97 excl. C44)</b> | <b>15 248</b> | <b>12 287</b> | <b>27 536</b> |
| <i>Proportion of all deaths</i>   | <b>26,1 %</b> | <b>21,8 %</b> | <b>24,0 %</b> |

The most common causes of death from cancer were lung cancer (C33, C34), colorectal cancer (C18–C20), pancreatic cancer (C25), breast cancer (C50) in women and prostate cancer (C61), which accounted for 50% of all cancer deaths (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer).

# Cancer prevalence\* in the Czech Republic as of 31/12/2020

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry

\*People with a history of cancer (diagnosed in last 5 years) who were alive on 31 Dec 2020



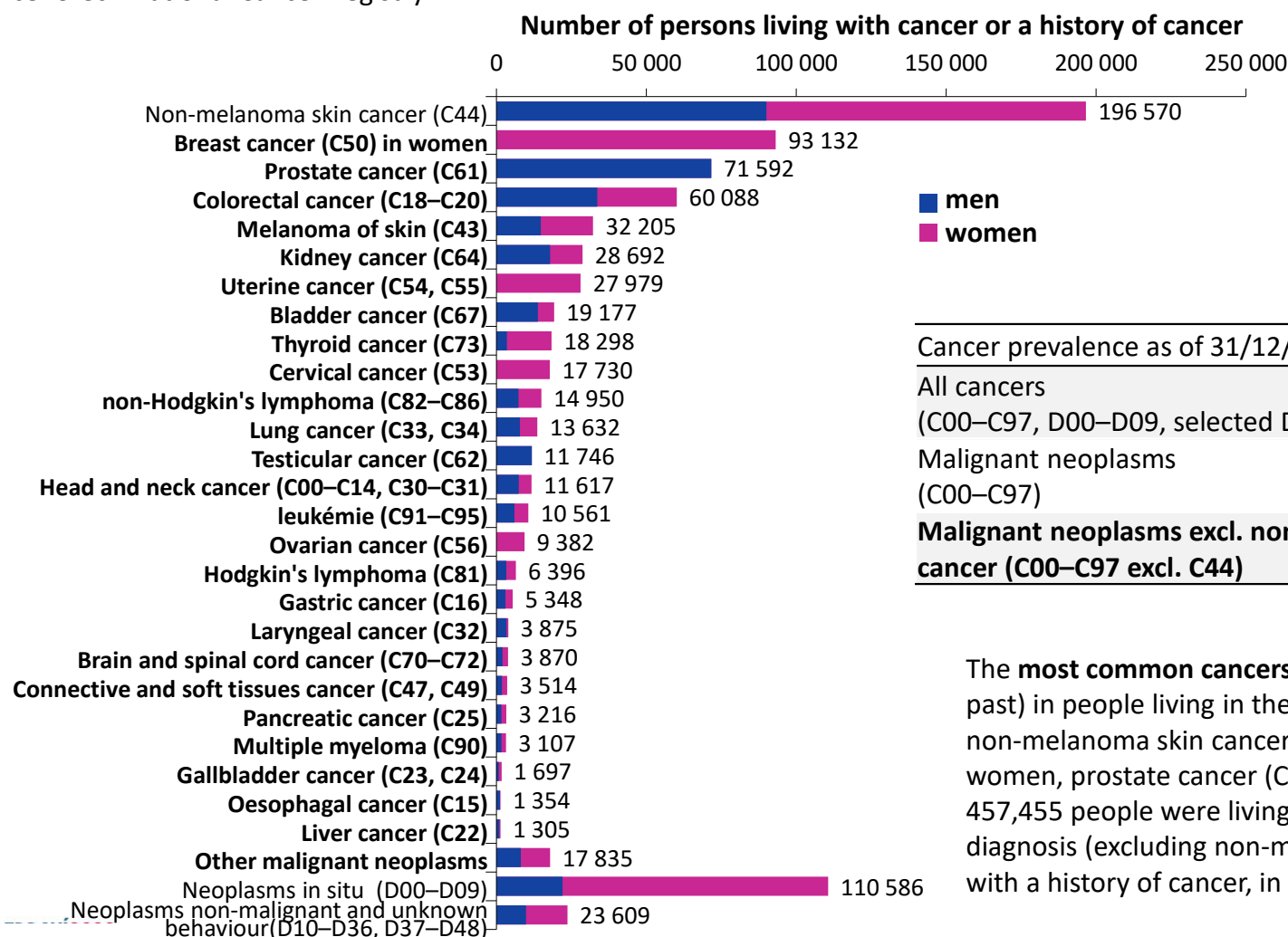
| Cancer prevalence as of 31/12/2020  | men           | women         | total          |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| All cancers (C00–C97, D00–D09, selected D10–D36, D37–D48)                     | 112 424       | 127 627       | 240 051        |
| Malignant neoplasms (C00–C97)   | 104 594       | 105 080       | 209 674        |
| <b>Malignant neoplasms excl. non-melanoma skin cancer (C00–C97 excl. C44)</b> | <b>81 895</b> | <b>78 189</b> | <b>160 084</b> |

The **most common cancers** (present or with a history in the last five years) in people living in the Czech Republic as of 31 December 2020 were non-melanoma skin cancer (C44), followed by prostate cancer (C61), Breast cancer (C50) in women and colorectal cancer (C18–C20). A total of 160,084 people in the Czech Republic were living with a malignant neoplasm regardless of diagnosis (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer) in the present or history of cancer in the last five years as of 31 December 2020.

# Cancer prevalence\* in the Czech Republic as of 31/12/2020

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry

\*People with a history of cancer (diagnosed at any time) who were alive on 31 Dec 2020



| Cancer prevalence as of 31/12/2020  | men            | women          | total          |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| All cancers<br>(C00–C97, D00–D09, selected D10–D36, D37–D48)                      | 295 630        | 428 294        | 723 924        |
| Malignant neoplasms<br>(C00–C97)  | 276 623        | 342 704        | 619 327        |
| <b>Malignant neoplasms excl. non-melanoma skin<br/>cancer (C00–C97 excl. C44)</b> | <b>204 789</b> | <b>252 666</b> | <b>457 455</b> |

The **most common cancers** (present or with a history at any time in the past) in people living in the Czech Republic as of 31 December 2020 were non-melanoma skin cancer (C44), followed by breast cancer (C50) in women, prostate cancer (C61) and colorectal cancer (C18–C20). A total of 457,455 people were living with a malignant neoplasm, regardless of diagnosis (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer), either in the present or with a history of cancer, in the Czech Republic as of 31 December 2020.

# Overall blood cancers burden in the Czech Republic

Source: <sup>1</sup>Czech National Cancer Registry, <sup>2</sup>Czech Statistical Office

| Absolute counts          | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | Average annual change 2016–2019** |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Incidence <sup>1</sup>   | 4 490  | 4 614  | 4 811  | 4 674  | 4 989  | 4 865  | 5 566  | 4 937* | +6,2%                             |
| Mortality <sup>1,2</sup> | 1 930  | 1 930  | 1 901  | 2 088  | 2 027  | 2 065  | 2 026  | 2 053  | -1,0 %                            |
| Prevalence <sup>1</sup>  | 30 387 | 31 780 | 33 311 | 34 581 | 36 077 | 37 301 | 39 347 | 40 570 | +4,4 %                            |

\* The decline in 2020 is mainly attributable to the COVID-19 epidemic, with some cancer groups under-diagnosed.

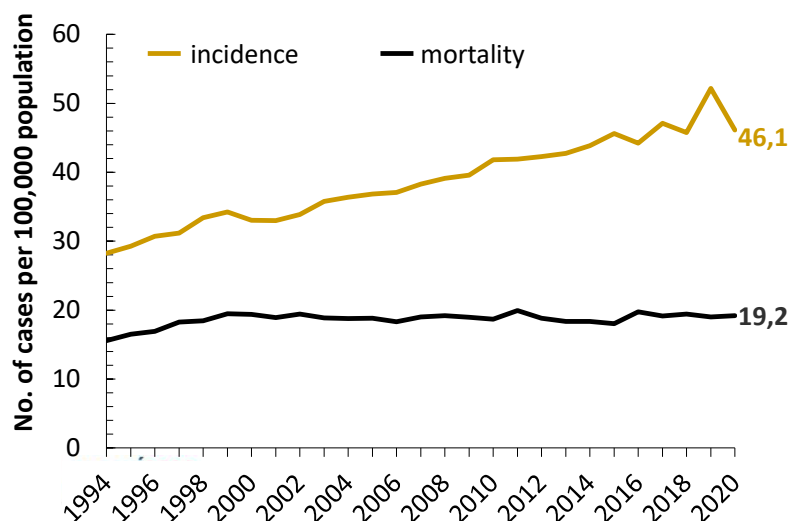
\*\* The year-on-year change is assessed on the basis of a linear trend

In the Czech Republic, an average of **5,000** patients with blood cancers are newly diagnosed annually, which is more than **46.0 per 100,000 population**. In 2020, **2,053** persons died in connection with blood cancers, which is **19.2 per 100,000 population**.

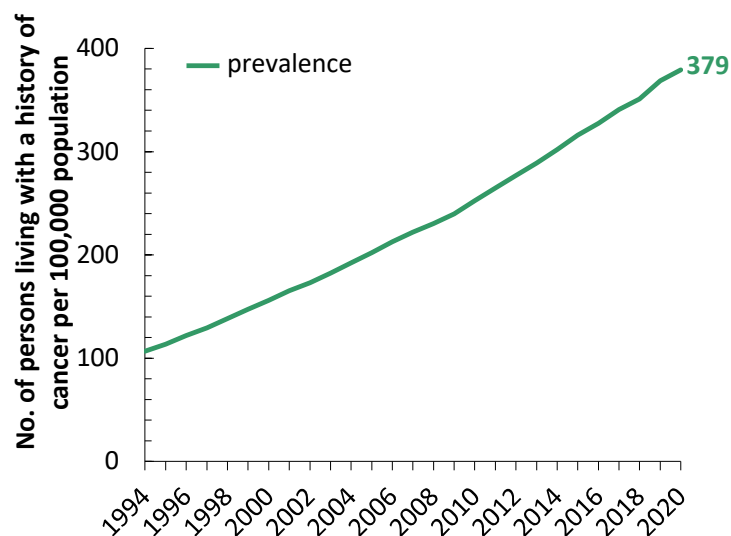
As of 31 December 2020, there were a total of **40,570** people in the Czech Republic with blood cancers or a history of this disease, which is **379 per 100,000 population**.

Over the past 10 years, the incidence has increased significantly with stable mortality, which inevitably translates into an increasing prevalence of treated and long-term follow-up patients.

Incidence and mortality

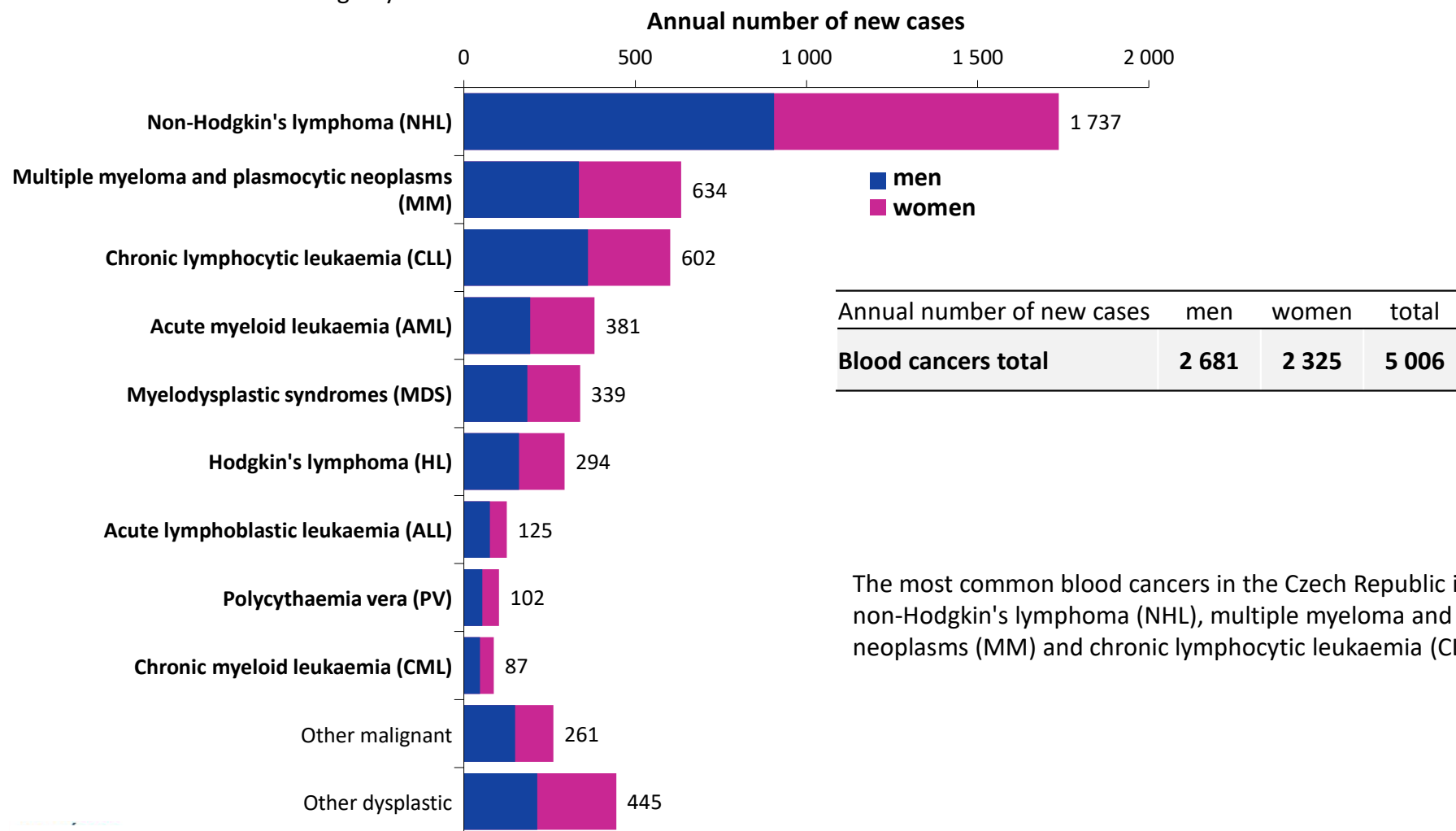


Prevalence



# Blood cancers incidence in the Czech Republic in 2016–2020

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry



The most common blood cancers in the Czech Republic in 2016-2020 were non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL), multiple myeloma and plasmocytic neoplasms (MM) and chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL).

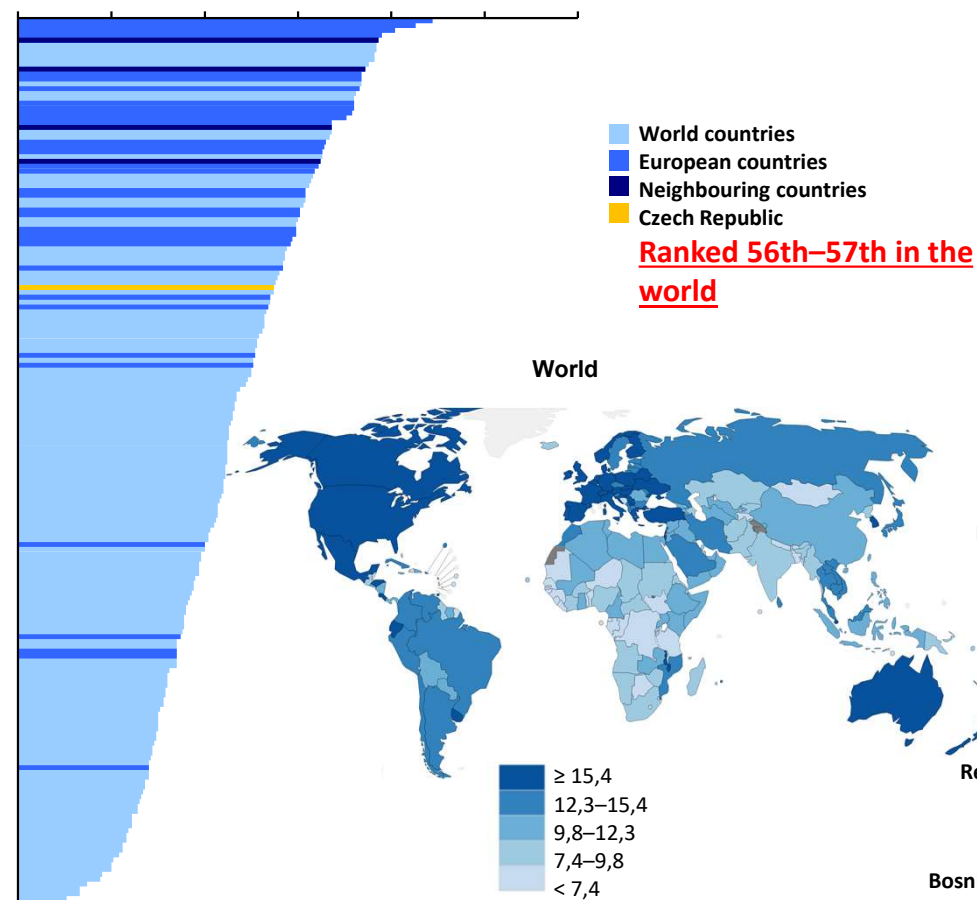


# Cancer incidence (C00–C97) in children 0–19 years in 2020 in international comparison

Source: Globocan 2020

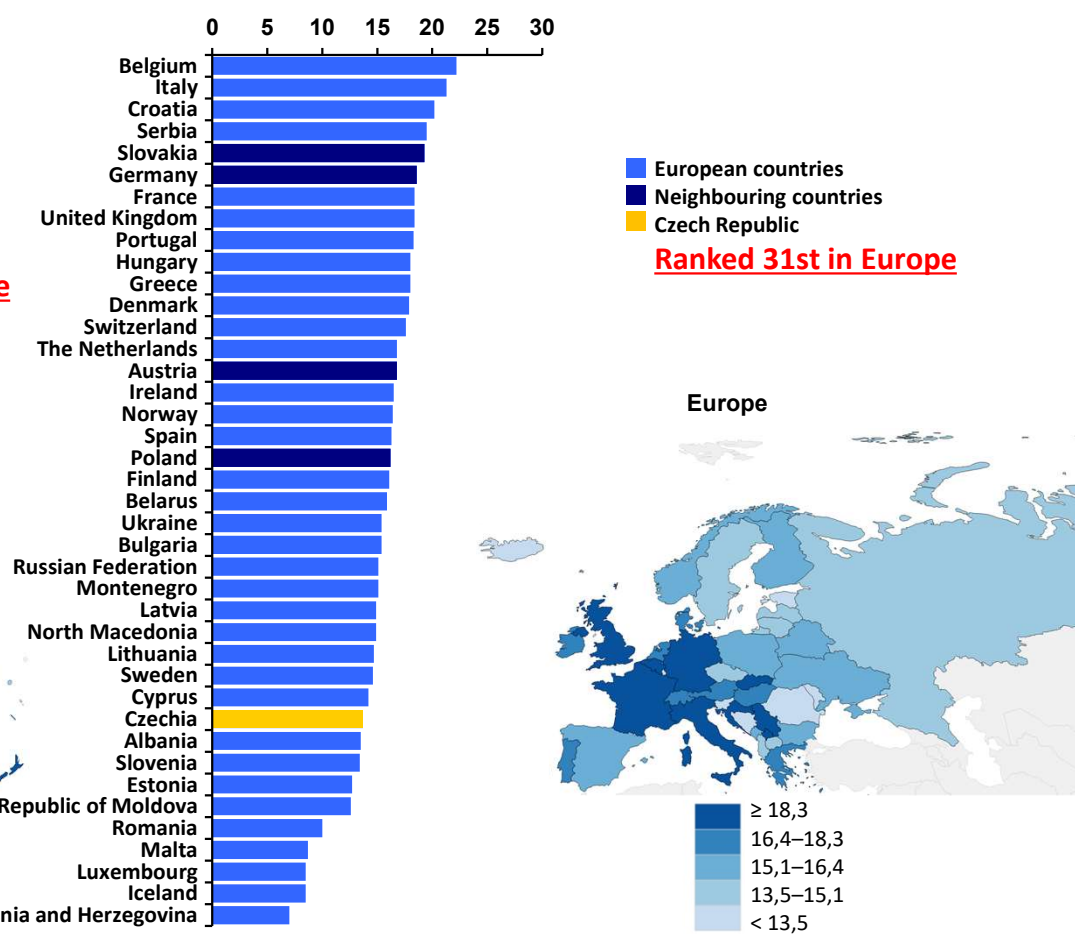
**WORLD** ASR (W)

0 5 10 15 20 25 30



**EUROPE** ASR (W)

0 5 10 15 20 25 30



ASR (W): world age-standardised incidence rates

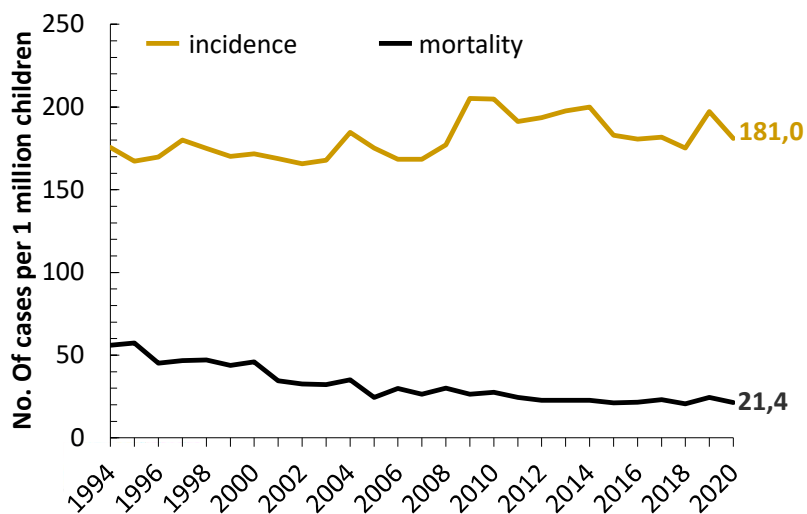
# Overall cancer burden in children 0–19 years in the Czech Republic

Source: <sup>1</sup>Czech National Cancer Registry, <sup>2</sup>Czech Statistical Office

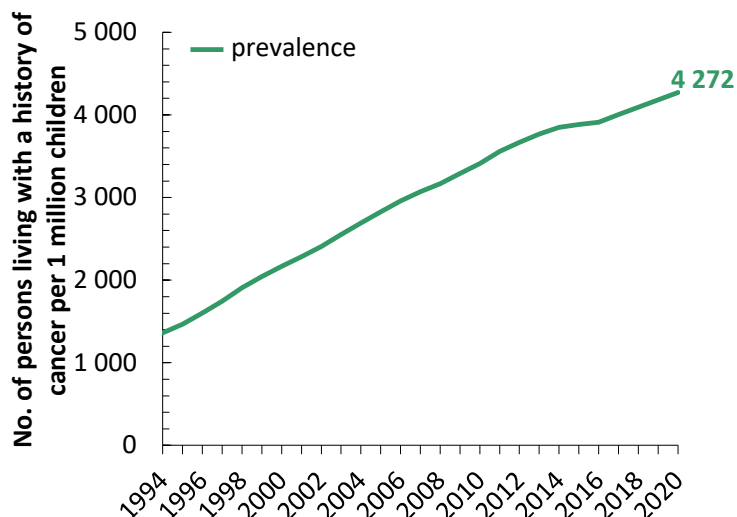
| Absolute counts         | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Incidence <sup>1</sup>  | 408   | 412   | 379   | 378   | 385   | 376   | 429   | 398   |
| Mortality <sup>2</sup>  | 47    | 47    | 44    | 45    | 49    | 44    | 53    | 47    |
| Prevalence <sup>1</sup> | 7 777 | 7 929 | 8 048 | 8 187 | 8 486 | 8 783 | 9 091 | 9 395 |

In 2020, **398** children were newly diagnosed with cancer in the Czech Republic, which is **181.0 per 1,000,000 children**; in the same year, **47** children died due to malignant neoplasms, which is **21.4 per 1,000,000 children**.

Incidence and mortality



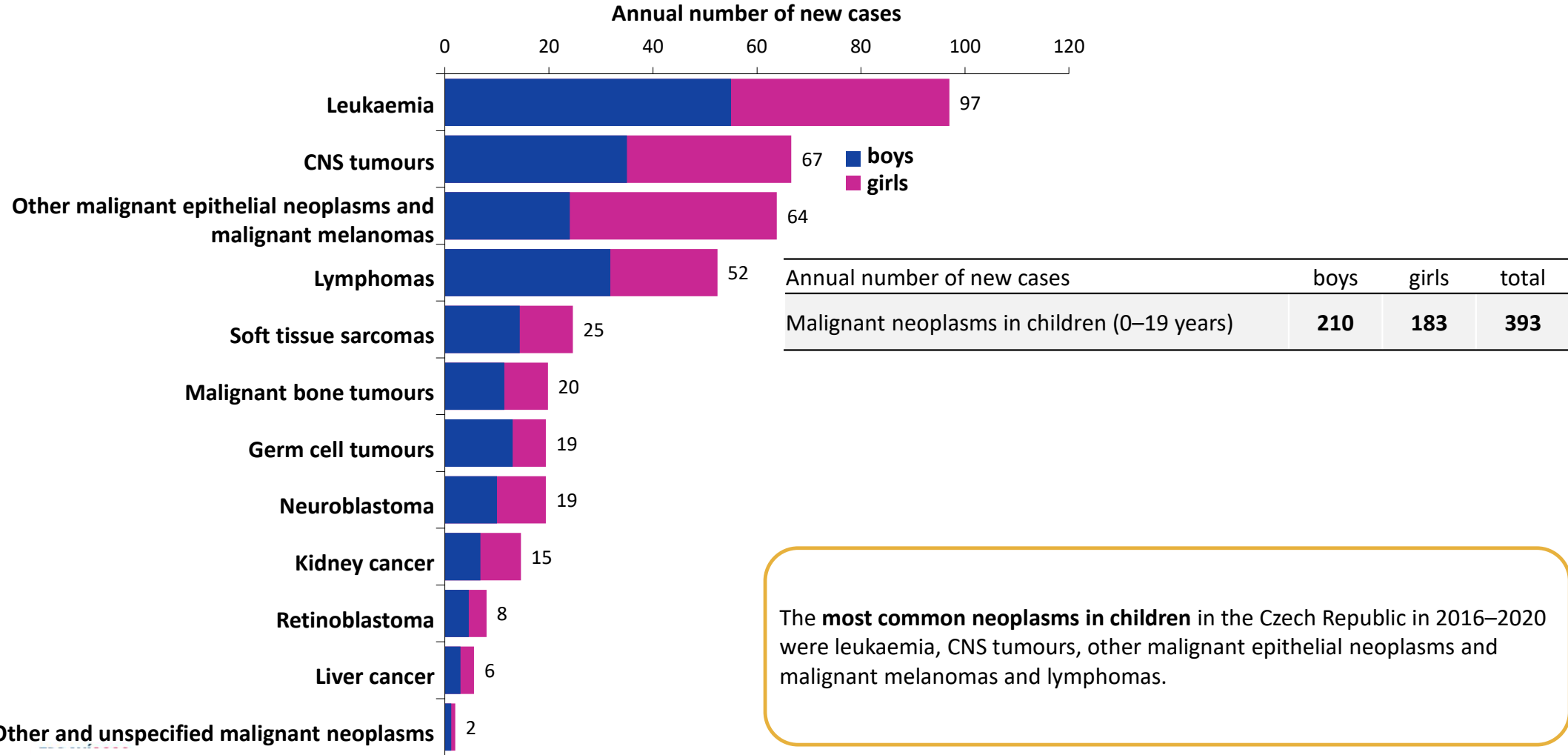
Prevalence



As of 31 December 2020, there were a total of **9,395** children with a malignant neoplasm or a history of this disease in the Czech Republic, which is **4 272 per 1,000,000 children**.

# Cancer incidence in children 0–19 years in the Czech Republic in 2016–2020

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry





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## Survival of cancer patients and increase in the prevalence of treated patients

*Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030*



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## In its objectives, the CNCCP 2030 emphasizes the strengthening of all factors that have the potential to prolong and improve the quality of life of cancer patients

- ✓ Early detection of cancer
- ✓ Effective organisation of care
- ✓ Patient centredness

It is evident from all recent international comparisons that the Czech healthcare system has undergone significant development in the last two decades in terms of the organisation of cancer care and in increasing the availability of highly specialised anti-cancer therapy. Great progress has also been made in strengthening organised screening programmes. The results of care are comparable to the EU average, with Czech oncology achieving the best results in Central and Eastern Europe in most indicators.



### The 5-year survival rates of Czech cancer patients are close to the EU average

Source: State of Health in the EU Czechia Country Health Profile 2021



**Prostate cancer**  
Czechia: 85 %  
EU23: 87 %



**Childhood leukaemia**  
Czechia: 85 %  
EU23: 85 %



**Breast cancer**  
Czechia: 81 %  
EU23: 82 %



**Cervical cancer**  
Czechia: 61 %  
EU23: 63 %



**Colon cancer**  
Czechia: 56 %  
EU23: 60 %



**Lung cancer**  
Czechia: 11 %  
EU23: 15 %

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- ✓ Patient centredness

In a number of key indicators, such as 5-year relative survival or early detection of cancer, the rates are still lower compared to Western and Northern European countries. This is mainly due to the high proportion of advanced disease detected at later stages, for which the chance of long-term survival and cure is significantly reduced. Organised cancer screening programmes also show some gaps in population coverage, and there is significant room for improvement in primary prevention programmes and the elimination of major risk factors for cancer related to unhealthy lifestyles.

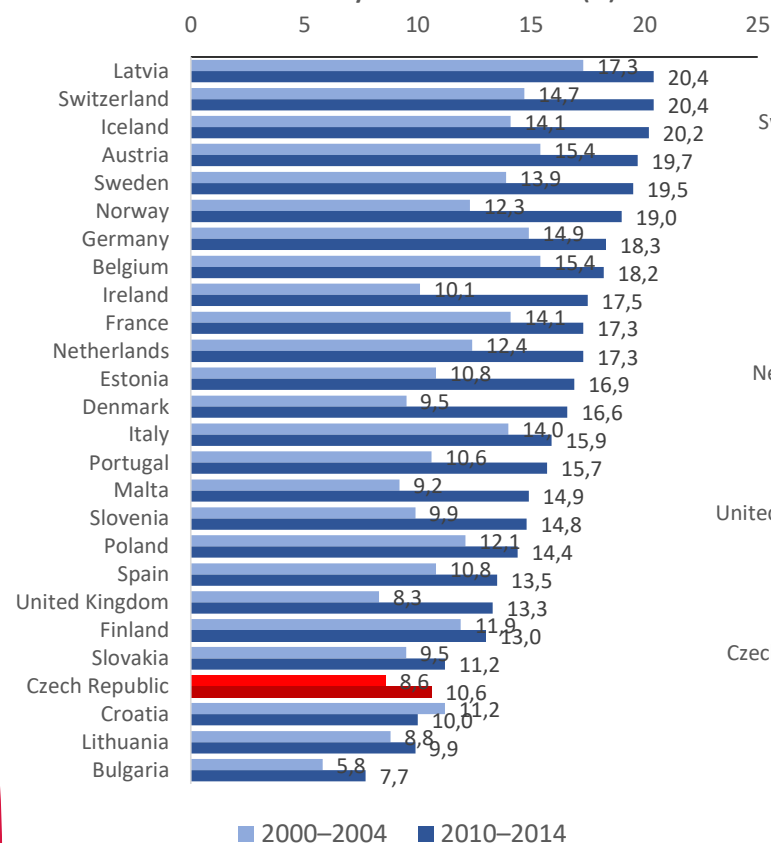
**Therefore, the strategic goal of the CNCCP 2030 must be to strengthen prevention and early detection of diseases in all forms of programmes and population-based interventions.**

# Survival rates of cancer patients (the CONCORD study): selected diagnoses

Source: The CONCORD study, Allemani et al. Lancet 2018; 391: 1023–75

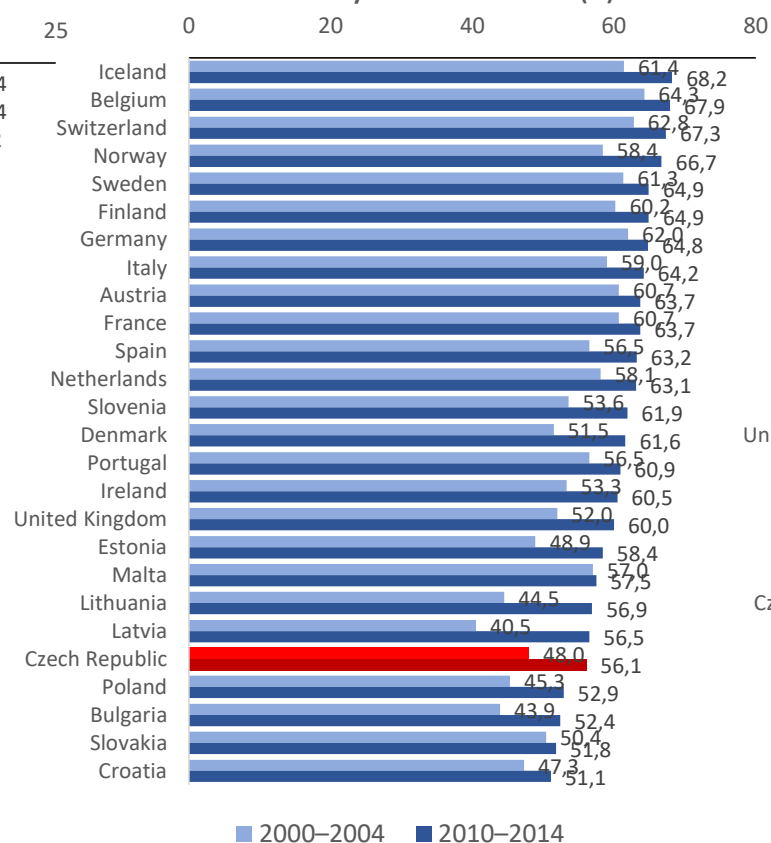
## Lung cancer

5-year relative survival (%)



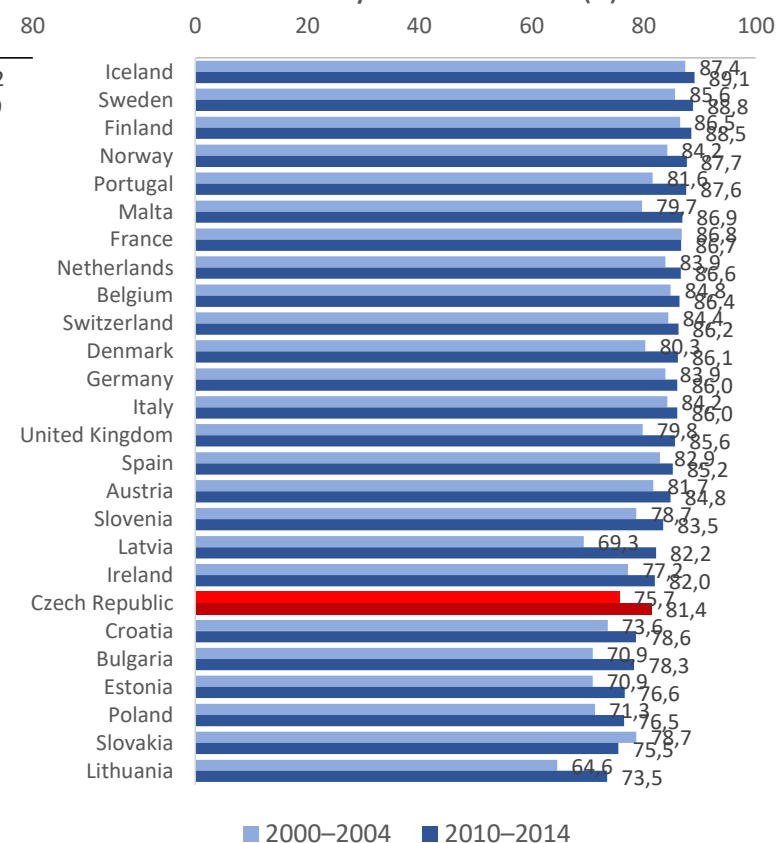
## Colon cancer

5-year relative survival (%)



## Breast cancer in women

5-year relative survival (%)

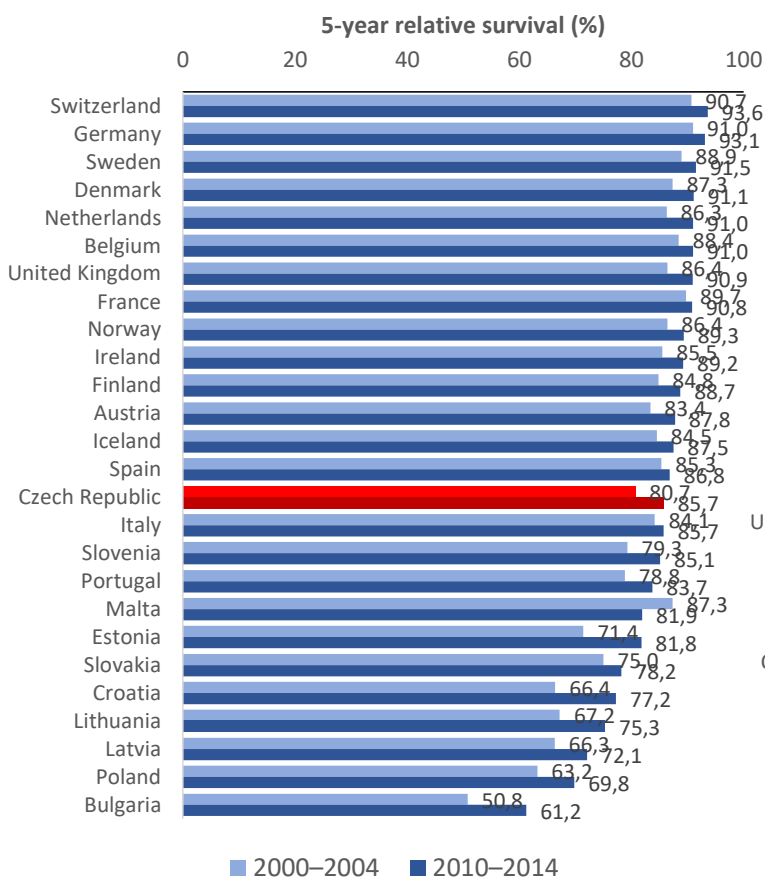




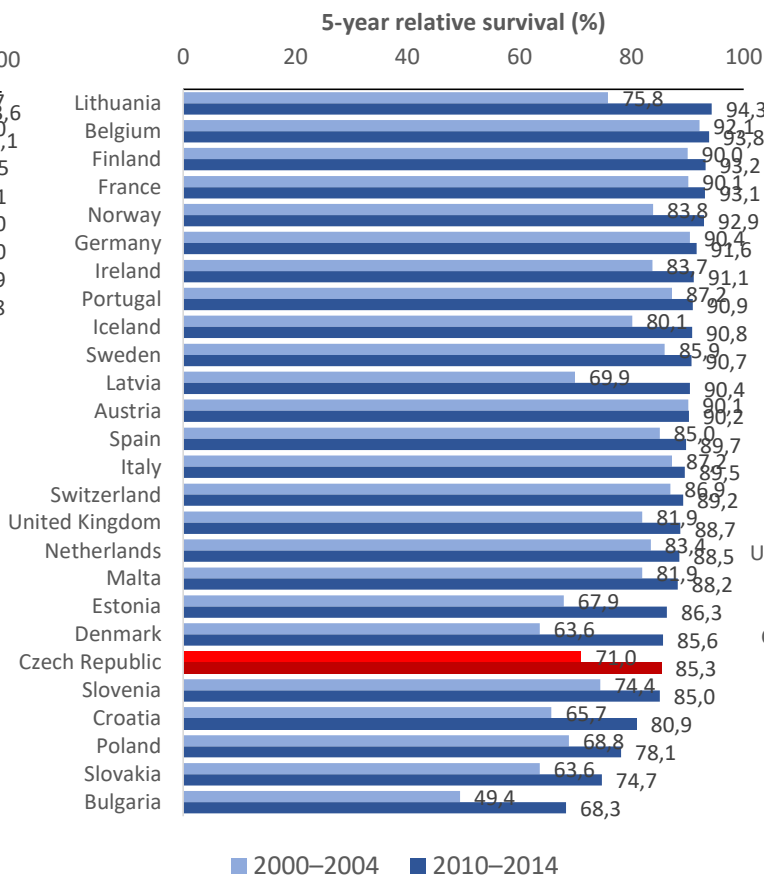
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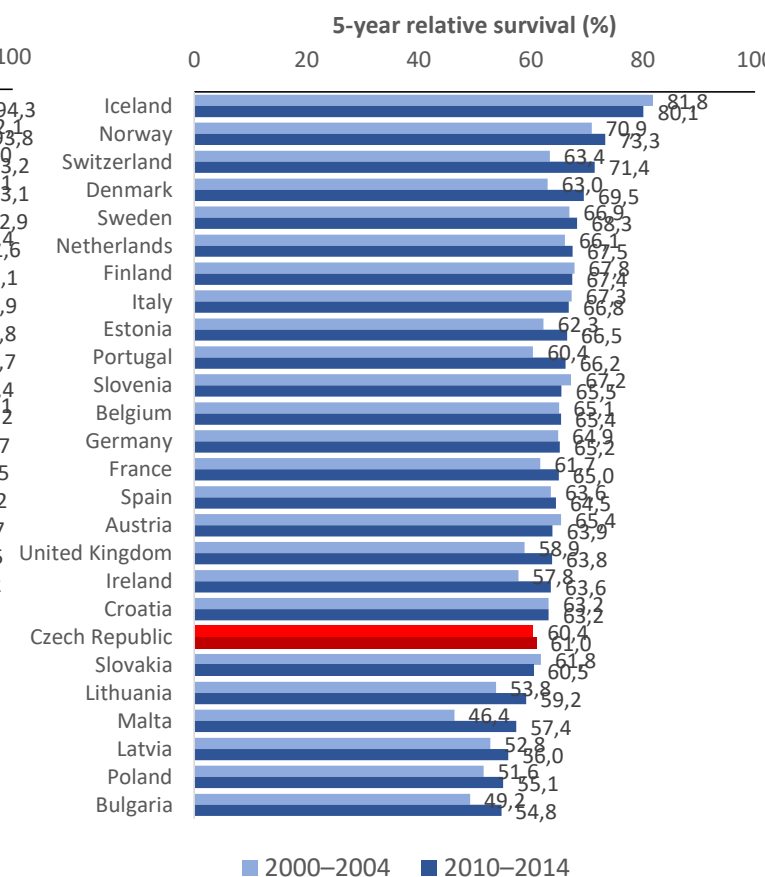
## Malignant melanoma of skin



## Prostate cancer

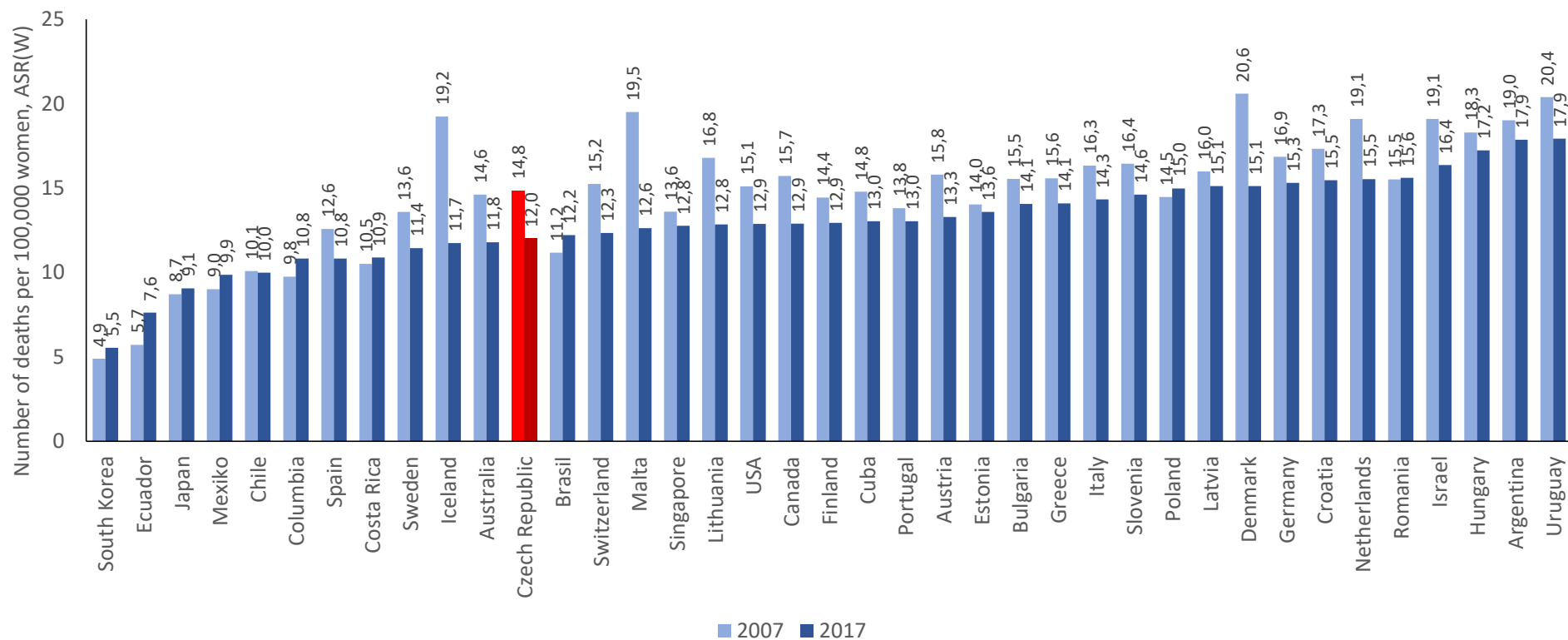


## Cervical cancer



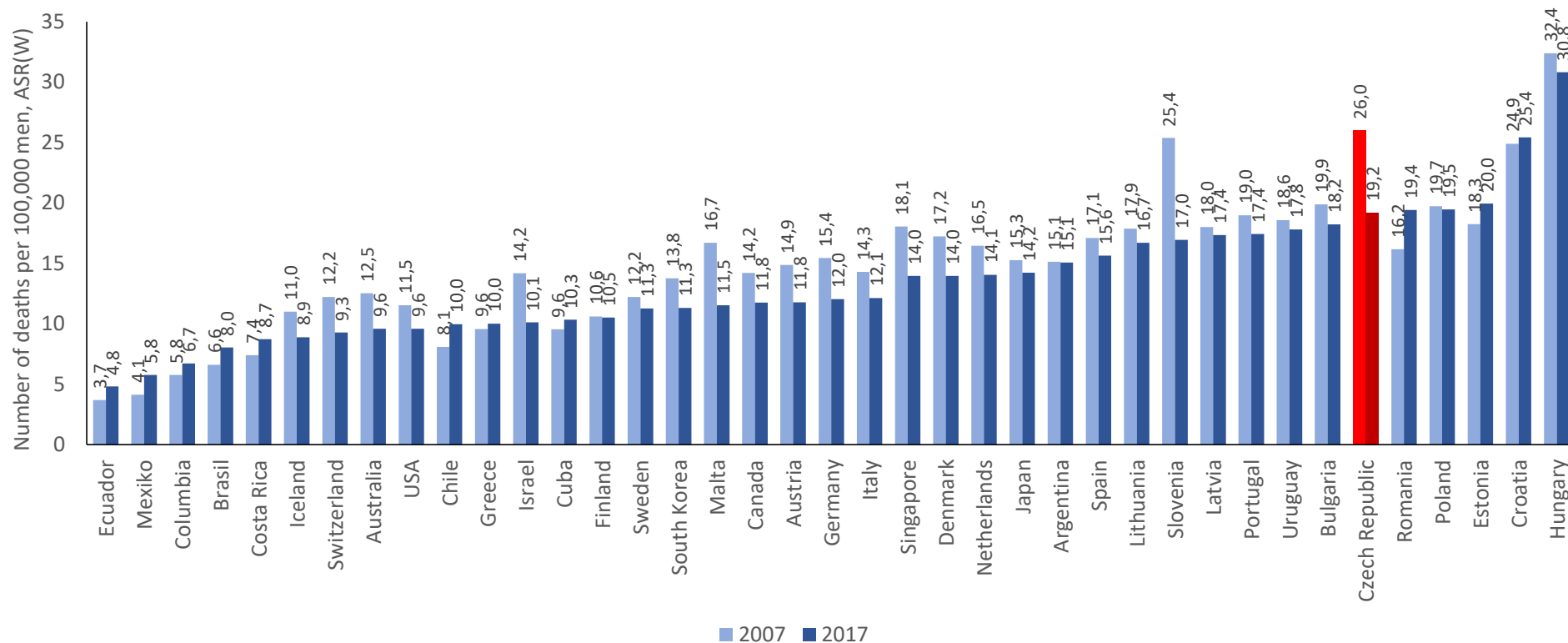
# International comparison: Breast cancer mortality, ASR(W), women

Source: International Agency for Research on Cancer – The Global Cancer Observatory



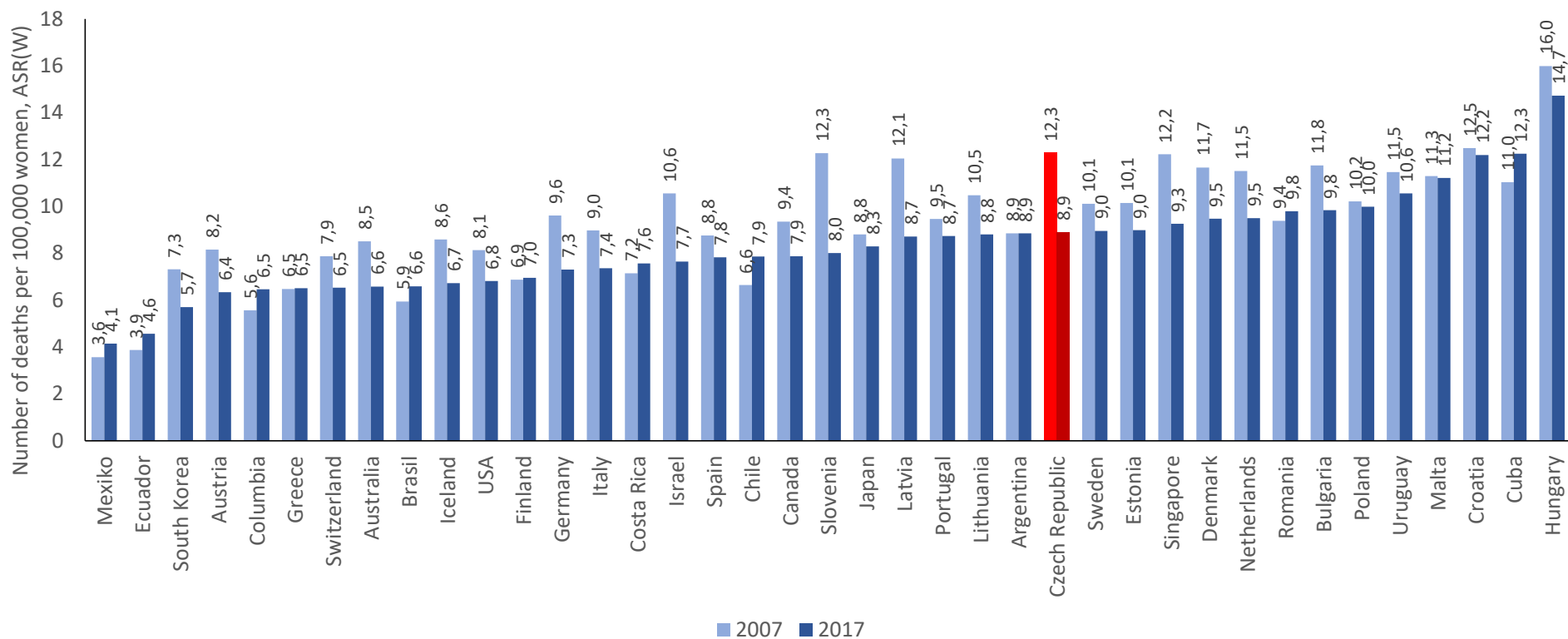
# International comparison: Colorectal cancer mortality, ASR(W), men

Source: International Agency for Research on Cancer – The Global Cancer Observatory



# International comparison: Colorectal cancer mortality, ASR(W), women

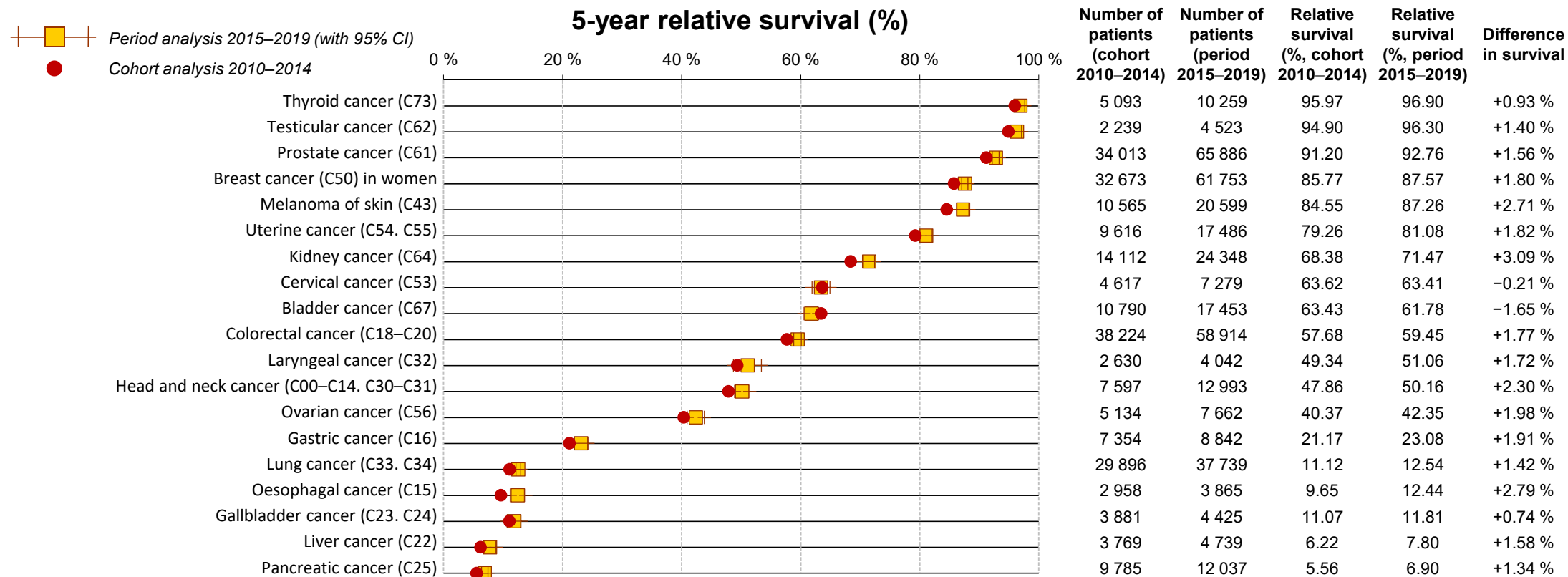
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# Time trends of 5-year relative survival of cancer patients in the Czech Republic

## All patients with diagnosed cancer

Diagnoses are ranked in descending order of 5-year survival for the 2015–2019 period analysis.

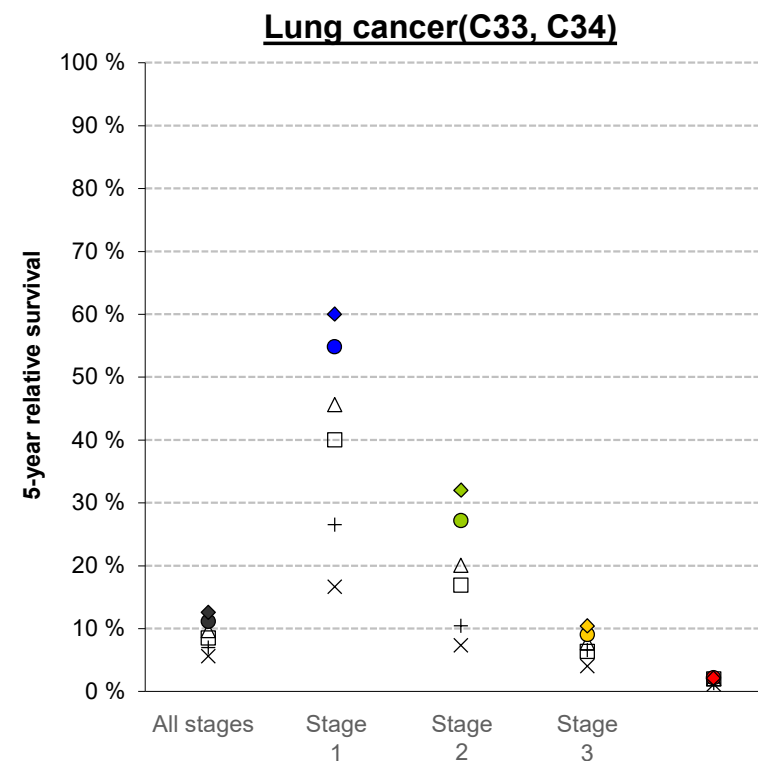
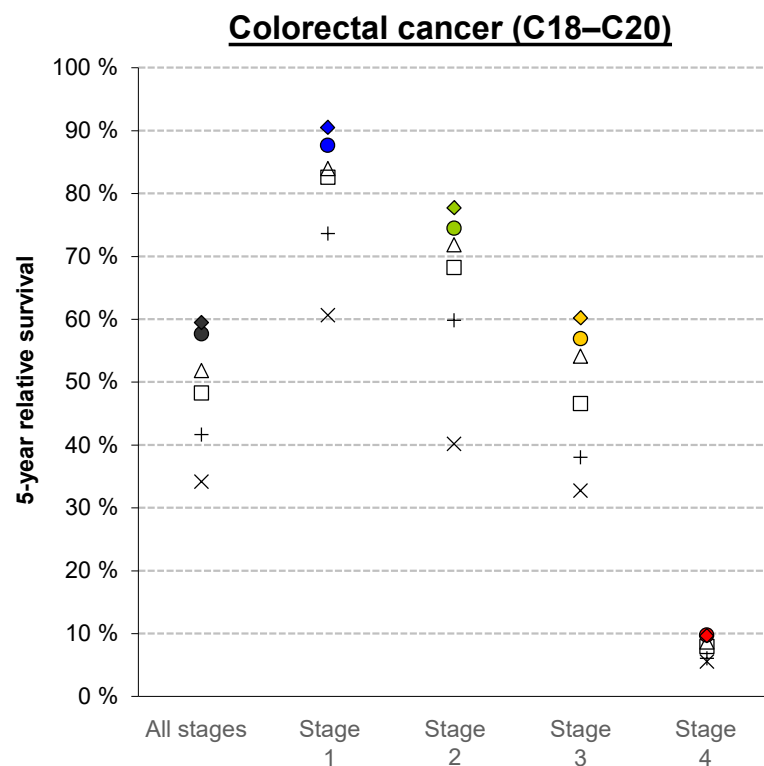


Overall survival of cancer patients varies significantly between diagnoses. These differences are due to several factors, the main ones being the biological nature of the tumour and the stage at which the tumour is detected.

# Time trends of 5-year relative survival according to stages – selected diagnoses

## All diagnosed patients

The 5-year survival rates for individual diagnoses/stages are age-standardised.

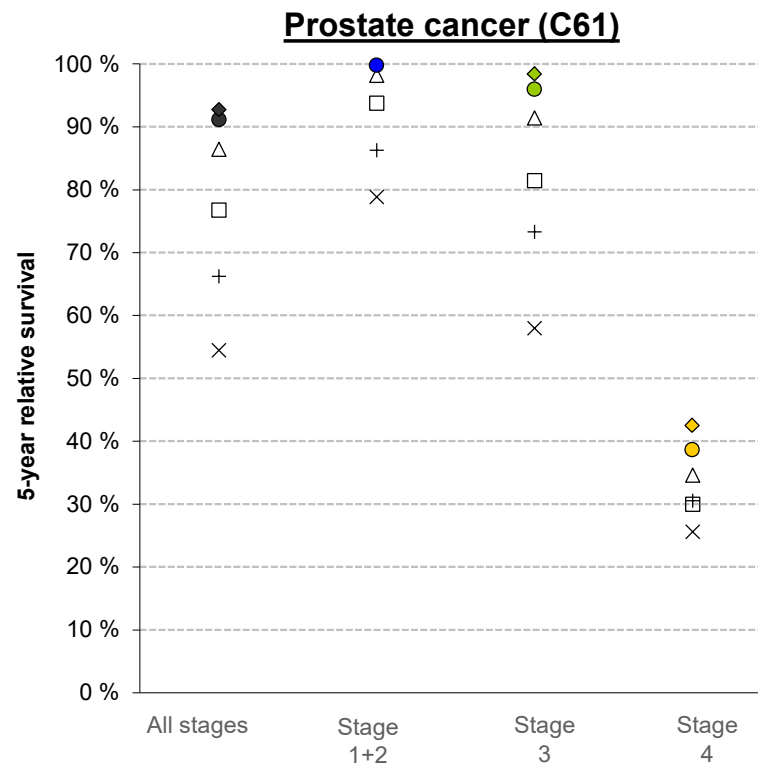
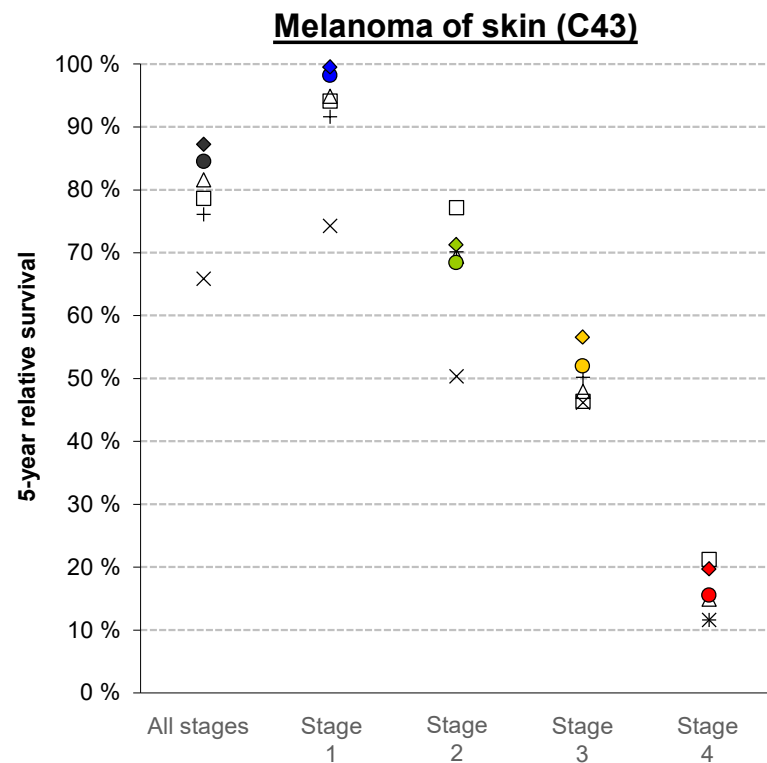


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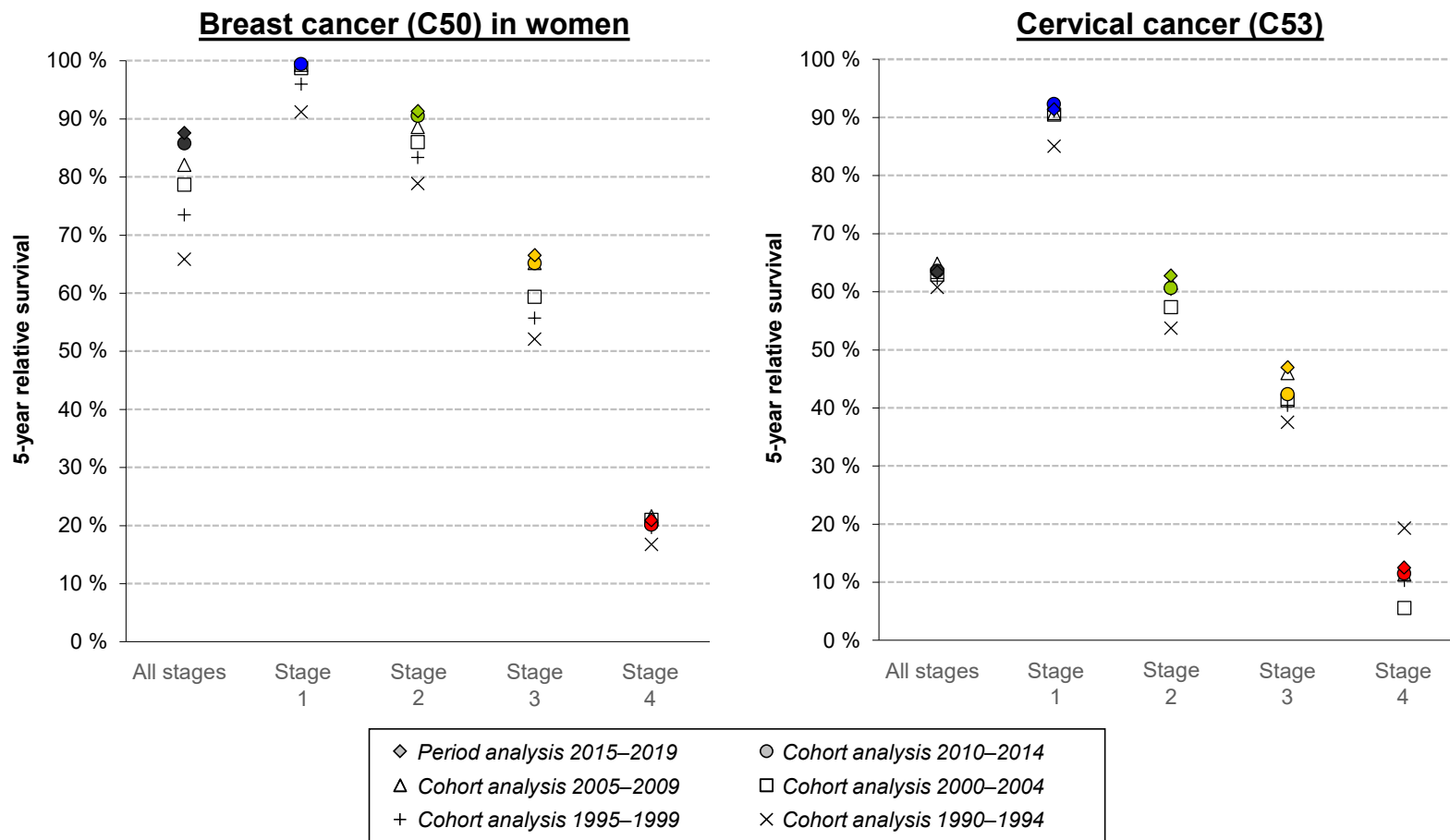
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**Predicting the development of cancer burden  
and the associated requirements for the  
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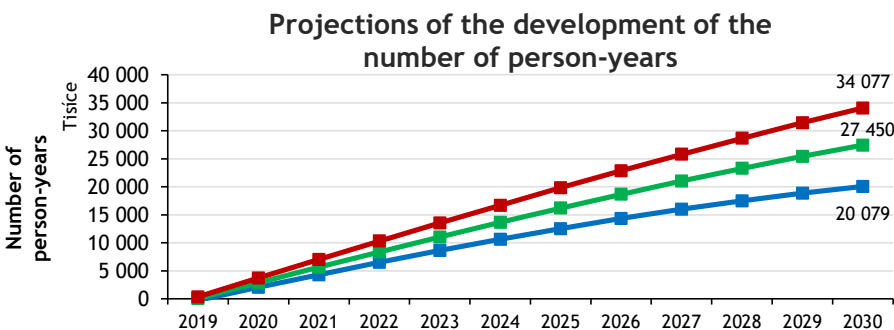
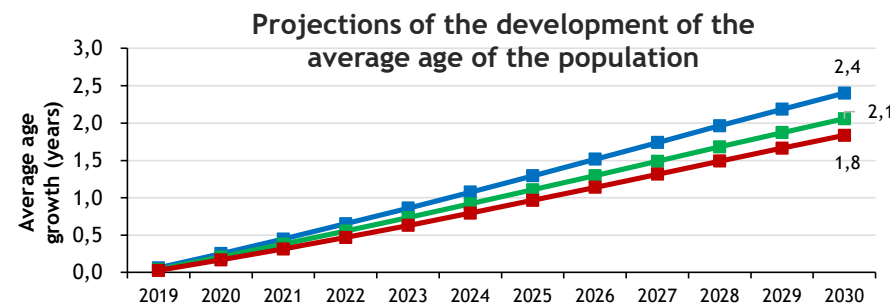
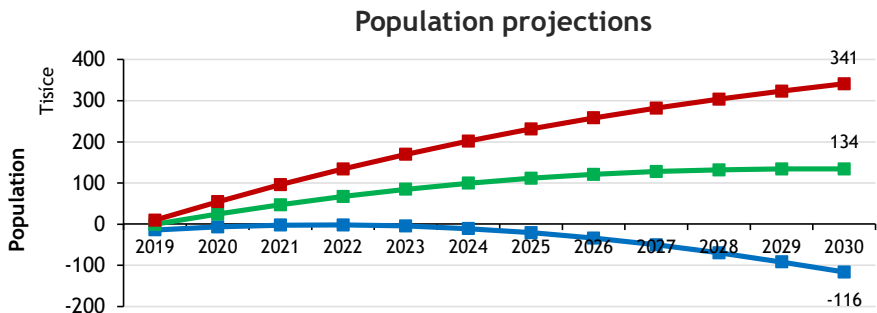
# The objectives of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 respond to the expected increase in the cancer burden of the population and other demographic risk factors

## Population projections for the Czech Republic

Source: Czech Statistical Office – Population projections for the Czech Republic: 2018 to 2100

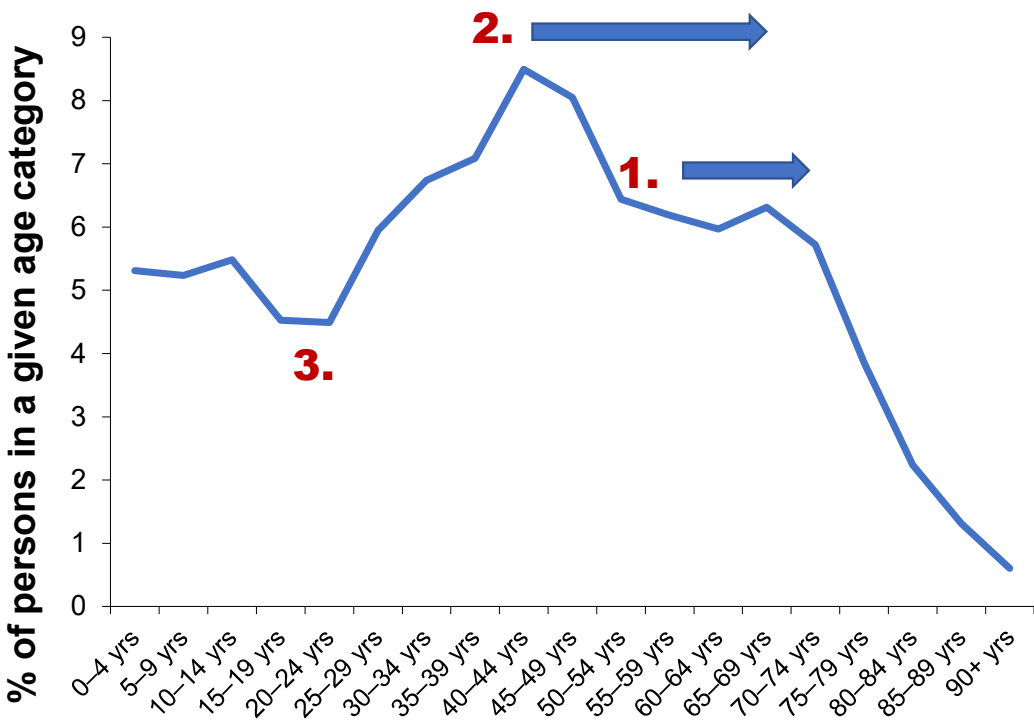
**Low variant**      **Medium variant**      **High variant**

In 2030, according to the model projection, a population growth of approximately +134 thousand can be expected, with a decrease of -116 thousand and an increase of up to +341 thousand in the limit values. According to the projected development of the number and structure of the population, the average age of the population should increase by 2.1 years (by +1.8 years and +2.4 years in the limit values). The higher average age is due to an increase in the population aged 65+ and a decrease in the 0–14 and 15–64 age groups. The structure of the population can also be characterised by means of person-years, i.e. the product of the age of the population and its numerical representation. In the medium variant, this number is expected to increase by +27 million person-years, due to a larger population and its higher age.



# The objectives of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 respond to the expected increase in the cancer burden of the population and other demographic risk factors

## Age structure of the population and its expected development



The relative structure of the population clearly shows three major age classes whose further shift over time will have a significant impact on the health system. These are the very large class of people aged 40–50 and, in particular, those aged 30–40. These population categories will age to the age of 60 and over in the next 15 and 20–25 years respectively, and will inevitably increase the need for health and social services significantly. The decline in the population aged 10–25 is also very significant and, together with the postponement of the age of motherhood for the first child, creates a demographic risk of a shortage of people of working age in the next 15–30 years.

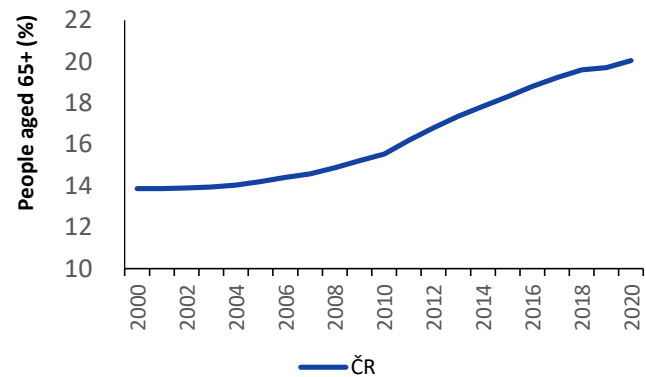
- 1.** An increase in morbidity related to diseases of old age is expected within the next 15 years.
- 2.** Within 20–25 years, a sharp increase in morbidity related to diseases of old age is expected.
- 3.** A lower representation of younger age groups as a risk of declining fertility in the next 10–15 years is expected.

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Demographic ageing of the population

|                 | as of 31 Dec 2020 | as of 31 Dec 2021 | as of 1 Jan 2030 | as of 1 Jan 2040 | as of 1 Jan 2050 |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| People aged 65+ | 2,158,322         | 2,169,109         | 2,403,273        | 2,698,767        | 3,075,587        |
| People aged 75+ | 864,727           | 894,236           | 1,246,717        | 1,372,410        | 1,591,668        |
| People aged 85+ | 203,389           | 198,475           | 293,687          | 470,469          | 505,383          |

Development of the percentage of people aged 65+



The development of the morbidity of the Czech population, including the cancer burden, will be determined in the coming years by the very rapid demographic ageing.

# The objectives of the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 respond to the expected increase in the cancer burden of the population and other demographic risk factors

## Ageing of the Czech population and projections of the old-age dependency ratio

| Percentage of people aged: | as of 1 Jan 2010 | as of 1 Jan 2020 | as of 1 Jan 2030 | as of 1 Jan 2040 | as of 1 Jan 2050 |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0–14 yrs                   | 14.2%            | 16.0%            | 14.9%            | 13.9%            | 14.8%            |
| 15–64 yrs                  | 70.6%            | 64.1%            | 62.9%            | 61.0%            | 56.6%            |
| 65+ yrs                    | 15.2%            | 19.9%            | 22.3%            | 25.1%            | 28.6%            |
| Old-age dependency ratio   | <b>21.6</b>      | <b>31.1</b>      | <b>35.4</b>      | <b>41.1</b>      | <b>50.5</b>      |



The number of people aged 65+ per 100 people of working age (i.e. those 15–64 years old) will almost double between 2010 and 2040

The old-age dependency ratio is calculated as the number of people at an age when they are generally economically inactive (i.e. aged 65 and over) per 100 persons of working age (i.e. 15-64 years old). **The old-age dependency ratio is increasing significantly and will reach an average value of over 50 by 2050.**

The current old-age dependency ratio – and especially projections for the next few years – shows that an increase in morbidity is to be expected as the percentage of economically active population will decline. There will also be a significant burden on the economically active population, which will have to provide care to ageing family members.

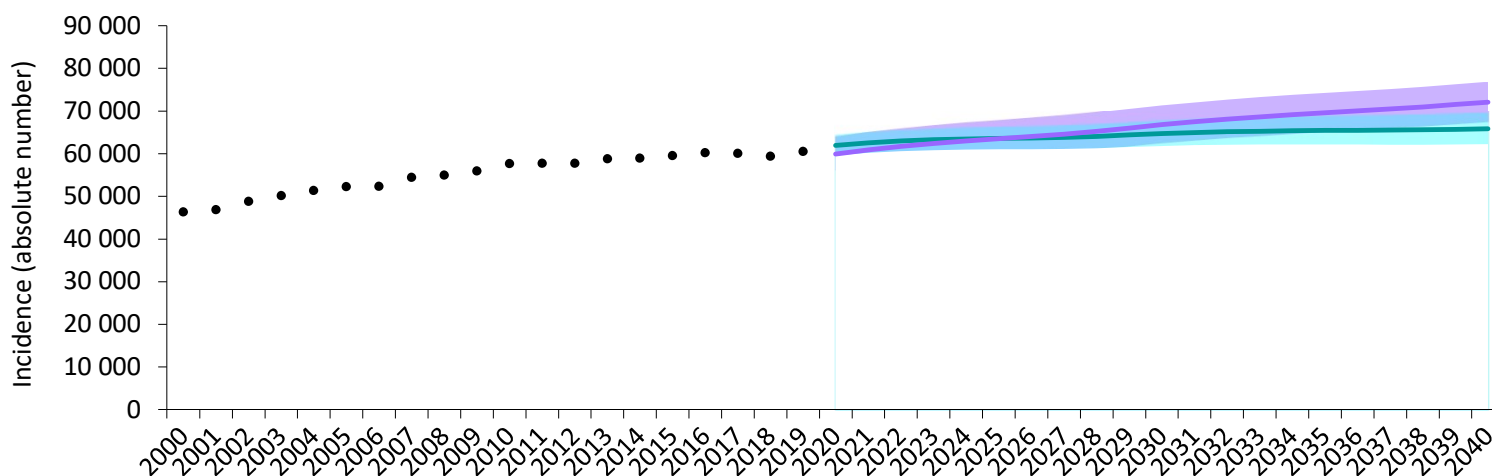
# Long-term prediction of incidence: malignant neoplasms (C00-C97 excluding C44)

Data source: IHIS CR: CNCR, NRRHS; Czech Statistical Office: demography, population projections for the Czech Republic

| Predicted development in two scenarios | Observed incidence | Predicted incidence (including 90% confidence intervals) |                          |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Year 2019          | Year 2022  | Year 2025                | Year 2030                | Year 2040                |
| Realistic scenario                     | 60,756             | 61,689 (57,580 – 65,797)                                 | 63,515 (59,272 – 67,757) | 66,800 (62,303 – 71,299) | 72,081 (67,272 – 76,889) |
| Optimistic scenario                    |                    | 62,983 (60,571 – 65,393)                                 | 63,591 (61,028 – 66,153) | 64,737 (61,830 – 67,644) | 65,864 (62,214 – 69,513) |

In 2019, more than 60,000 patients with malignant neoplasms (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer) were newly diagnosed in the Czech Republic. Due to the demographic development of the Czech population, it is necessary to expect a substantial increase in cancer incidence for the next period: up to +10% every 10 years.

In 2020, there was a distinctive decrease in the number of newly diagnosed cancer patients due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Therefore, an increase in the number of patients beyond the earlier prediction can be expected in the coming years due to delayed diagnosis of some of these patients.



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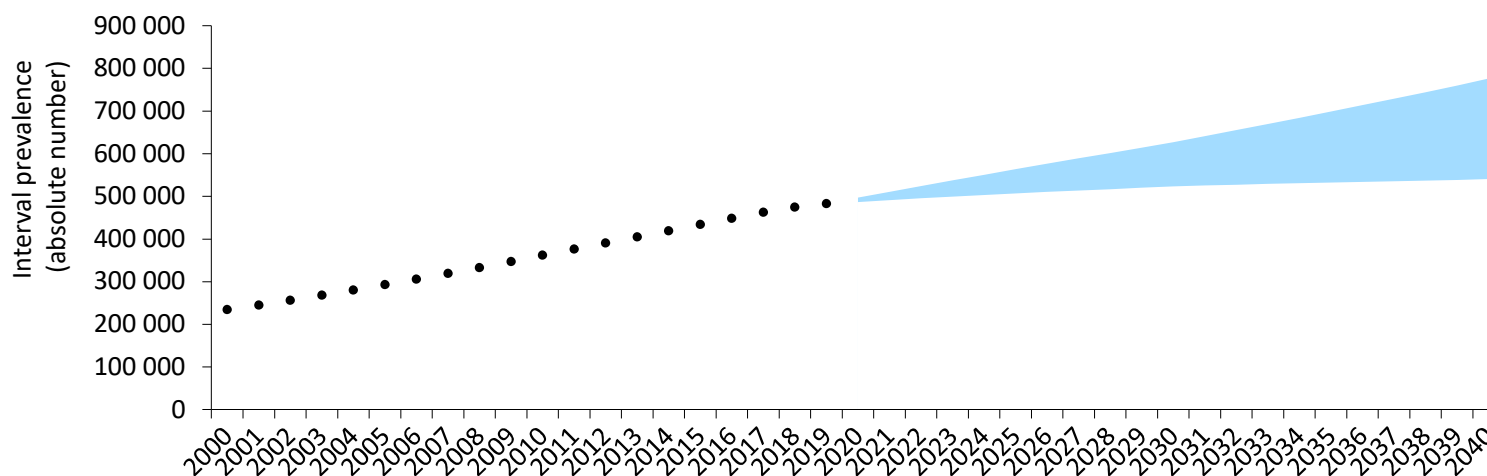
## Long-term prediction of prevalence: malignant neoplasms (C00-C97 excluding C44)

Data source: IHIS CR: CNCR, NRRHS; Czech Statistical Office: demography, population projections for the Czech Republic

| Predicted development in two scenarios | Observed interval prevalence | Predicted interval prevalence |              |              |              |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Year 2019                    | Year 2022                     | Year 2025    | Year 2030    | Year 2040    |
| Realistic scenario                     | 448,783                      | 524 thousand                  | 564 thousand | 627 thousand | 776 thousand |
| Optimistic scenario                    |                              | 496 thousand                  | 507 thousand | 523 thousand | 540 thousand |

In 2019, there were almost 450 000 people in the Czech Republic with a history of cancer (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer). In 2040, the model predicts up to 800,000 people with a history of cancer.

Due to the demographic development of the Czech population, it is necessary to expect a substantial increase in cancer prevalence for the next period: up to +30% every 10 years.



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# Long-term prediction of incidence: example of breast cancer (C50)

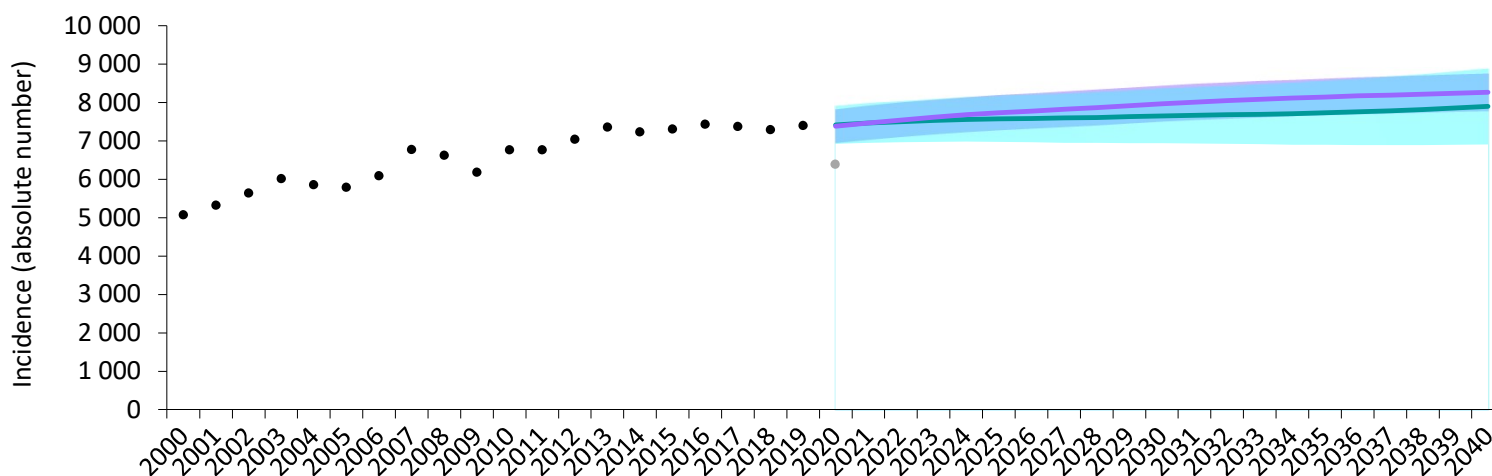
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| Predicted development in two scenarios | Observed incidence | Predicted incidence (including 90% confidence intervals) |                       |                       |                       |
|--|--------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Year 2019          | Year 2022  | Year 2025             | Year 2030             | Year 2040             |
| Realistic scenario                     | 7,397              | 7,546 (7,099 – 7,998)                                    | 7,735 (7,276 – 8,194) | 7,968 (7,499 – 8,438) | 8,262 (7,773 – 8,751) |
| Optimistic scenario                    |                    | 7,499 (6,966 – 8,038)                                    | 7,574 (6,977 – 8,174) | 7,652 (6,941 – 8,365) | 7,895 (6,908 – 8,885) |

In 2019, over 7,000 patients were newly diagnosed with breast cancer in the Czech Republic.

In 2040, the model predicts between 7 and 9 thousand new patients in the two proposed scenarios.

Given the partial decrease in the number of patients diagnosed in 2020 due to the epidemic situation, an increase in the number of patients beyond the earlier prediction can be expected in the following years due to delayed diagnosis of some of these patients. The available data also show a decrease in the uptake of mammography screening in 2020.

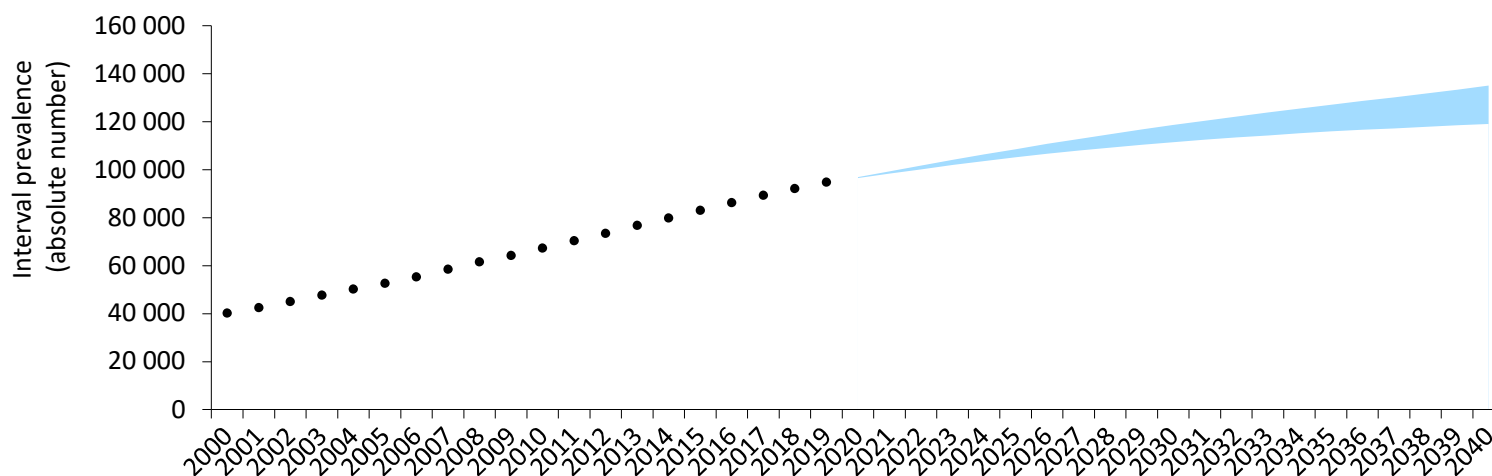


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# Long-term prediction of prevalence: example of breast cancer (C50)

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| Predicted development in two scenarios | Observed interval prevalence | Predicted interval prevalence |              |              |              |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Year 2019                    | Year 2022                     | Year 2025    | Year 2030    | Year 2040    |
| Realistic scenario                     | 94,655                       | 102 thousand                  | 109 thousand | 119 thousand | 135 thousand |
| Optimistic scenario                    |                              | 100 thousand                  | 105 thousand | 111 thousand | 119 thousand |



In the period 2019–2020, there were nearly 100,000 women in the Czech Republic living with a history of breast cancer. In 2040, the model predicts up to 135 thousand women living with a history of breast cancer.

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## Incidence and prevalence predictions for 2022: example of breast cancer (C50)

Incidence trend continuation scenario, survival improvement scenario

| Breast cancer (C50)                 | Predicted values for the year 2022 |                           |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                     | Incidence <sup>1</sup>             | (90% confidence interval) |
| Stage I                             | 3,876                              | (3,603; 4,149)            |
| Stage II                            | 2,096                              | (1,986; 2,207)            |
| Stage III                           | 579                                | (519; 640)                |
| Stage IV                            | 424                                | (381; 469)                |
| Clinical stage unknown <sup>2</sup> | 524                                | (477; 573)                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>7,499</b>                       | <b>(6,966; 8,038)</b>     |

<sup>1</sup>The number includes the total incidence of cancer, including new cancers diagnosed in cancer patients.

| Breast cancer (C50)    | Predicted values for the year 2022 |                           |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                        | Prevalence <sup>2</sup>            | (90% confidence interval) |
| Stage I                | 52,479                             | (52,102; 52,856)          |
| Stage II               | 35,440                             | (35,130; 35,750)          |
| Stage III              | 7,511                              | (7,368; 7,654)            |
| Stage IV               | 2,876                              | (2,788; 2,964)            |
| Clinical stage unknown | 3,434                              | (3,338; 3,530)            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>101,740</b>                     | <b>(101,215; 102,265)</b> |

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Breast cancer in women was chosen as an example because it is a diagnosis whose health and financial impact in the Czech Republic is significantly reduced by a functional screening programme. Unfortunately, despite this programme's performance, nearly 1000 of breast cancer cases are still newly diagnosed at an advanced stage (III or IV) each year, which is negatively reflected in the risk prevalence structure (predicted to be more than 10,000 patients with late diagnosis).

The high proportion of advanced clinical stages of breast cancer increases treatment requirements and reduces the overall achievable population-based survival.

## Predicted numbers of patients likely to be treated in 2022: example of breast cancer (C50)

Incidence trend continuation scenario, survival improvement scenario

| Breast cancer<br>C50 | Newly diagnosed and treated patients in 2022<br>(Clinical stage I–III) | Numbers of stage IV patients treated in 2022  |   |
|----------------------|--|---|---|
|                      |  | Newly diagnosed and treated stage IV patients | Relapses and progressions treated in patients diagnosed in previous years |
|                      | <i>Stage I</i>   | <b>3,833</b> (3,563; 4,103)                   |   |
|                      | <i>Stage II</i>  | <b>2,060</b> (1,952; 2,170)                   | <b>370</b> (332; 409)   |
|                      | <i>Stage III</i>   | <b>556</b> (499; 615)                         | <b>1,170</b> (1,114; 1,226)   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         |  | <b>6,449</b> (6,014; 6,888)                   | <b>1,540</b> (1,446; 1,635)   |
|                      |  | <b>7,989</b> (7,460; 8,523)                   |   |

The tables show numbers of people likely to be treated with cancer therapy, with respect to clinical stage (information on provided treatment according to CNCR/NRRHS records, 2015–2019) – either newly diagnosed or treated in the terminal stage of cancer (terminal relapses and progressions). Thus, the estimates do not include patients diagnosed in previous years treated in non-terminal stages of cancer and patients in follow-up care only.

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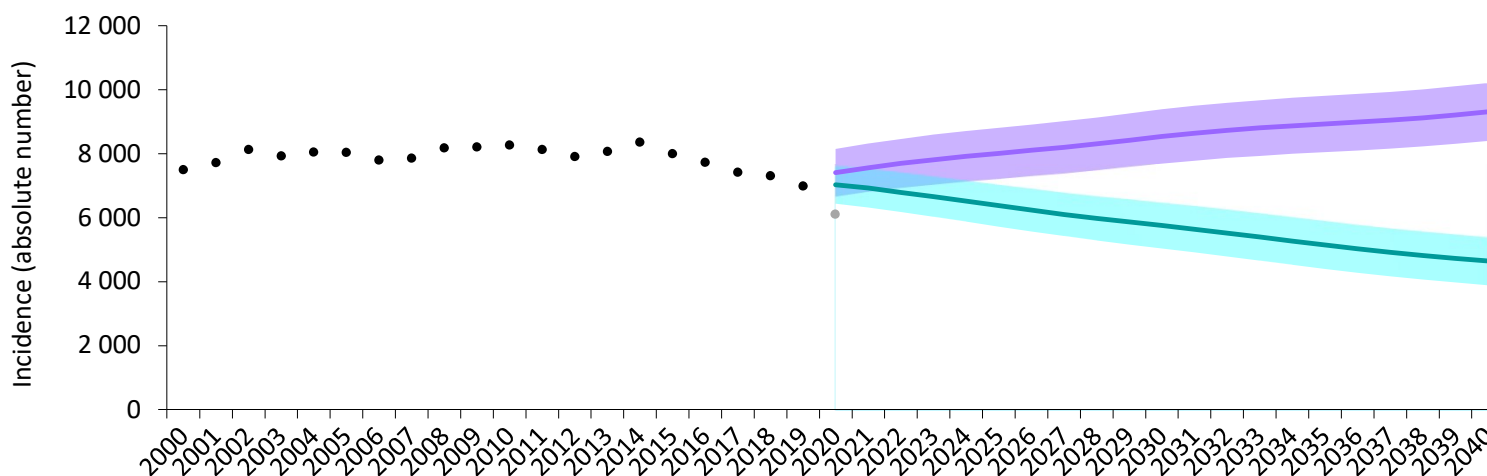
# Long-term prediction of incidence: example of colorectal cancer (C18–C20)

Data source: IHIS CR: CNCR, NRRHS; Czech Statistical Office: demography, population projections for the Czech Republic

| Predicted development in two scenarios | Observed incidence | Predicted incidence (including 90% confidence intervals) |                       |                       |                        |
|--|--------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|  | Year 2019          | Year 2022  | Year 2025             | Year 2030             | Year 2040              |
| Realistic scenario                     | 6,977              | 7,696 (6,926 – 8,465)                                    | 8,013 (7,211 – 8,808) | 8,538 (7,691 – 9,386) | 9,303 (8,394 – 10,207) |
| Optimistic scenario                    |                    | 6,793 (6,178 – 7,415)                                    | 6,376 (5,719 – 7,031) | 5,756 (5,041 – 6,473) | 4,642 (3,888 – 5,393)  |

In 2019, almost 7,000 patients were newly diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the Czech Republic. Colorectal cancer is a diagnosis for which a significant decrease in incidence has been observed in the recent period in connection with the colorectal cancer screening programme, which has already been running for many years.

If the scope and quality of the programme are further developed in the coming period, a continuation of this trend and a possible further decline can be expected. However, if the trend does not continue and the current burden (age-specific incidence) is maintained, up to 9,500 new cases can be expected in 2040 due to the ageing population. Given the clear decline in the number of patients diagnosed in 2020 due to the epidemic situation, an increase in the number of patients beyond the earlier prediction can be expected in the following years due to delayed diagnosis of some of these patients.

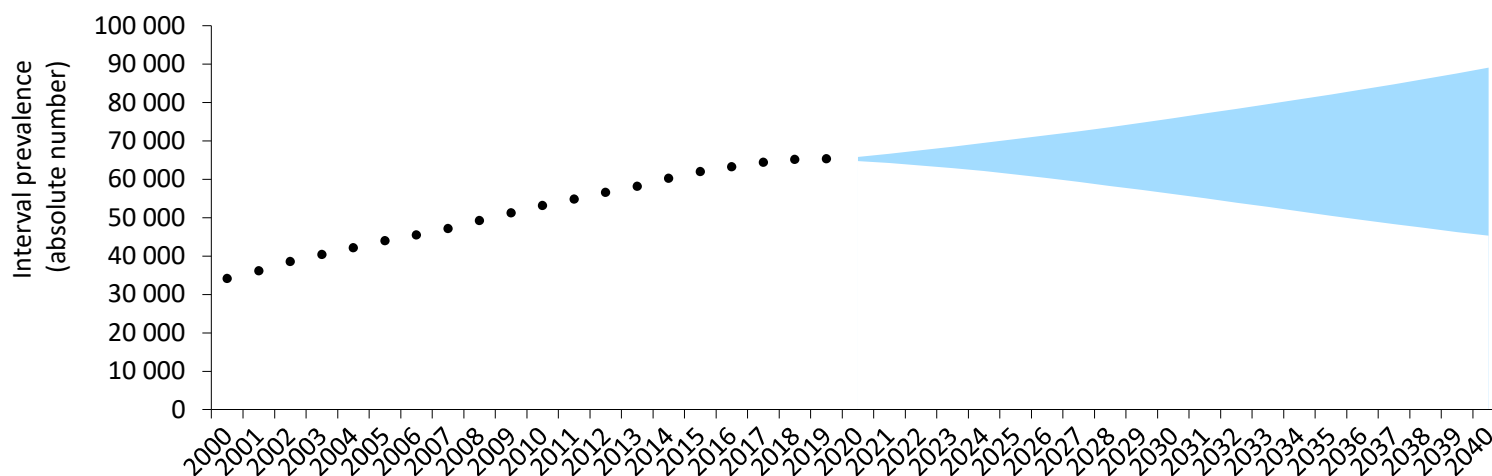


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## Long-term prediction of prevalence: example of colorectal cancer (C18–C20)

Data source: IHIS CR: CNCR, NRRHS; Czech Statistical Office: demography, population projections for the Czech Republic

| Predicted development in two scenarios | Observed interval prevalence | Predicted interval prevalence |             |             |             |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | Year 2019                    | Year 2022                     | Year 2025   | Year 2030   | Year 2040   |
| Realistic scenario                     | 65,263                       | 68 thousand                   | 70 thousand | 76 thousand | 89 thousand |
| Optimistic scenario                    |                              | 64 thousand                   | 61 thousand | 56 thousand | 45 thousand |



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In 2019, there were over 65,000 people living with a history of colorectal cancer in the Czech Republic. In 2040, the model predicts up to 90 thousand people living with a history of colorectal cancer. The value will be highly dependent on future trends in incidence and survival.

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## Incidence and prevalence predictions for 2022: example of colorectal cancer (C18–C20)

Incidence trend continuation scenario, survival improvement scenario

| Colorectal cancer (C18-C20)         | Predicted values for the year 2022 |                           |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                     | Incidence <sup>1</sup>             | (90% confidence interval) |
| Stage I                             | 1,384                              | (1,216; 1,553)            |
| Stage II                            | 1,420                              | (1,304; 1,537)            |
| Stage III                           | 1,728                              | (1,621; 1,837)            |
| Stage IV                            | 1,308                              | (1,160; 1,458)            |
| Clinical stage unknown <sup>2</sup> | 953                                | (877; 1,030)              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>6,793</b>                       | <b>(6,178; 7,415)</b>     |

<sup>1</sup> The number includes the total incidence of cancer, including new cancers diagnosed in cancer patients.

| Colorectal cancer (C18-C20) | Predicted values for the year 2022 |                           |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                             | Prevalence <sup>2</sup>            | (90% confidence interval) |
| Stage I                     | 21,979                             | (21,735; 22,223)          |
| Stage II                    | 18,653                             | (18,428; 18,878)          |
| Stage III                   | 15,772                             | (15,565; 15,979)          |
| Stage IV                    | 5,662                              | (5,538; 5,786)            |
| Clinical stage unknown      | 3,906                              | (3,803; 4,009)            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>65,972</b>                      | <b>(65,550; 66,394)</b>   |

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## Predicted numbers of patients likely to be treated in 2022: example of colorectal cancer (C18–C20)

Incidence trend continuation scenario, survival improvement scenario

| Colorectal cancer<br>C18-C20 | Newly diagnosed and treated patients in 2022<br>(Clinical stage I–III) | Numbers of stage IV patients treated in 2022  |   |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|
|                              |  | Newly diagnosed and treated stage IV patients | Relapses and progressions treated in patients diagnosed in previous years |
|                              | <i>Stage I</i>   | <b>1,285</b> (1,129; 1,442)                   |   |
|                              | <i>Stage II</i>  | <b>1,372</b> (1,260; 1,485)                   | <b>1,188</b> (1,054; 1,324)   |
|                              | <i>Stage III</i>   | <b>1,677</b> (1,573; 1,782)                   | <b>1,743</b> (1,674; 1,812)   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |  | <b>4,334</b> (3,962; 4,709)                   | <b>2,931</b> (2,728; 3,136)   |
|                              |  | <b>7,265</b> (6,690; 7,845)                   |   |

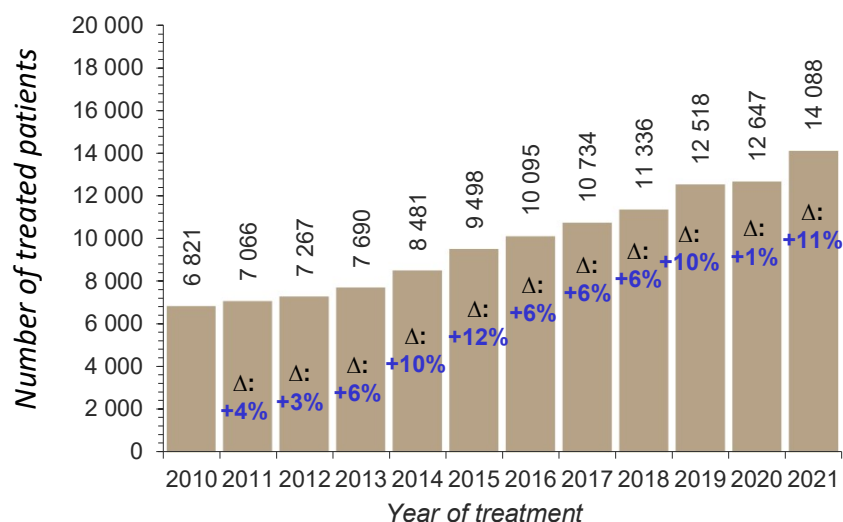
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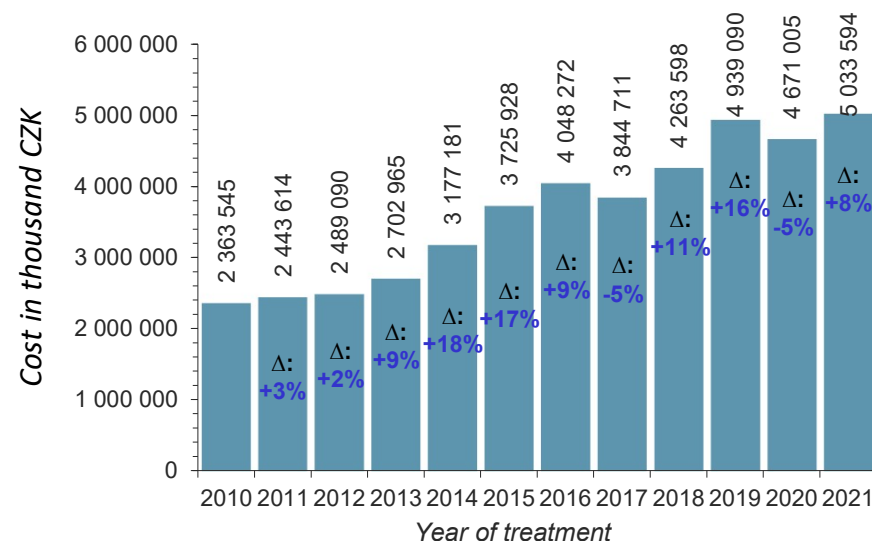
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Oncology – solid tumours**

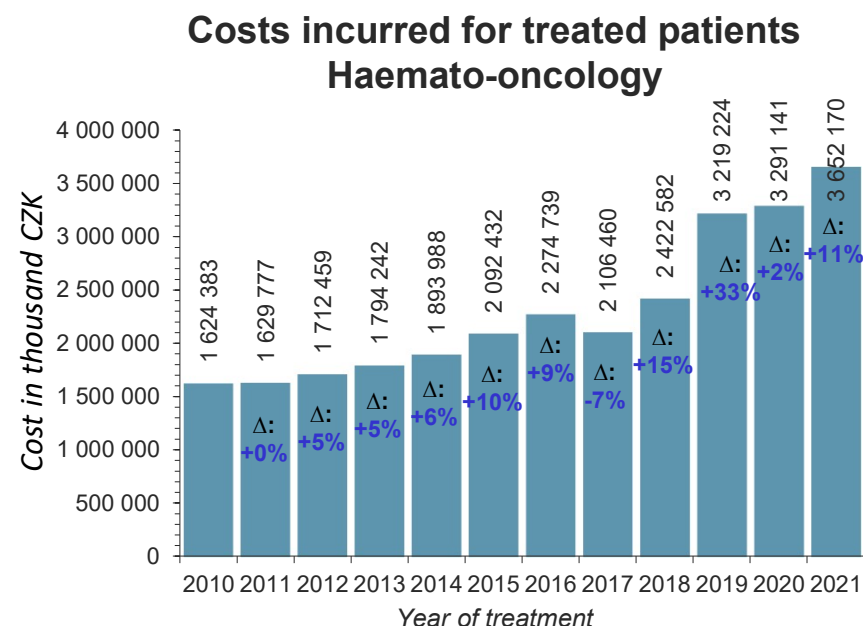
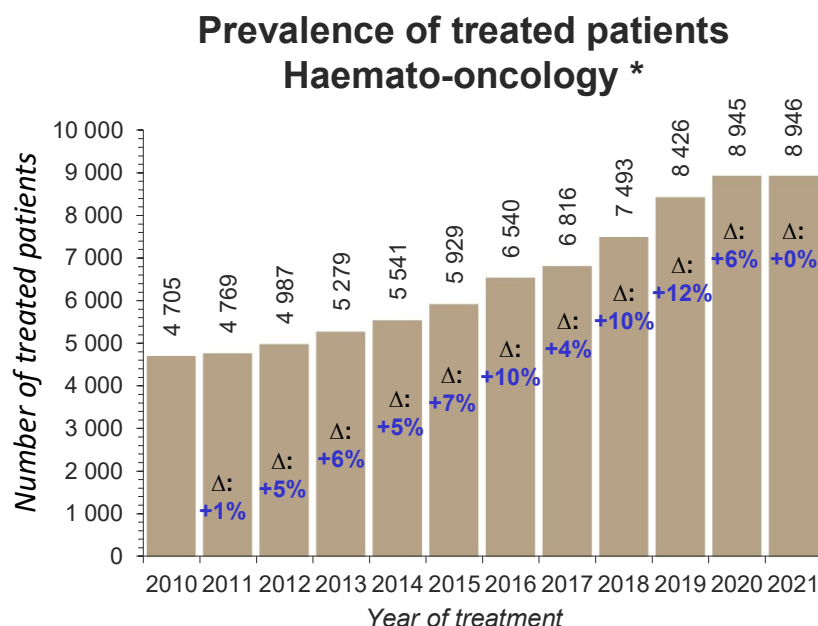


**Costs incurred for treated patients  
Oncology – solid tumours**



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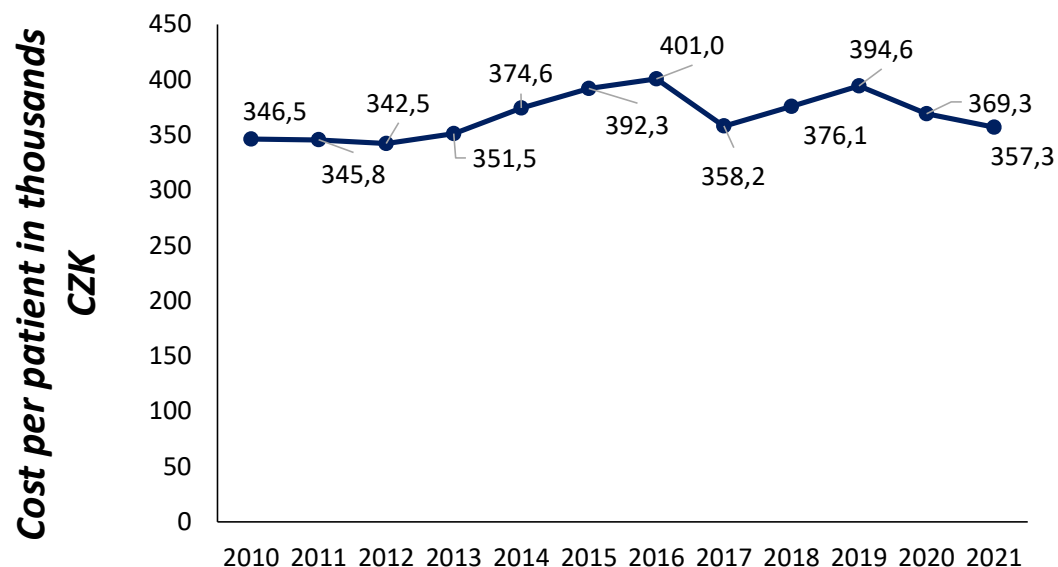
## Centre-based treatment in the segments of oncology and haemato-oncology

| Diagnosis               | ATC groups with at least one therapy included in a given indication | Total costs incurred for patients treated between 2010 and 2021 (thousand CZK) | Total costs incurred for patients treated in 2020 | Number of patients treated in 2020 | Total costs incurred for patients treated in 2021 (thousand CZK) | Number of patients treated in 2021 |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>ONCOLOGY</b>         |   |  |   |                                    |  |                                    |
|                         | Breast cancer L01   | 11,590,821   | 949,947   | 2,405                              | 1,333,235  | 3,457                              |
|                         | Colorectal cancer L01   | 10,633,243   | 984,083   | 2,343                              | 992,980  | 2,500                              |
|                         | Prostate cancer L01, L02, V10                                       | 3,099,810  | 607,892   | 1,740                              | 644,060  | 2,011                              |
|                         | Kidney cancer L01   | 7,059,488  | 671,701   | 1,379                              | 602,958  | 1,403                              |
|                         | Lung cancer L01   | 3,424,900  | 315,262   | 1,364                              | 301,180  | 1,335                              |
|                         | Thyroid cancer H01, L01, V04, V10                                   | 416,090  | 68,741  | 1,065                              | 68,140   | 887                                |
|                         | Malignant melanoma L01  | 2,671,910  | 448,810   | 655                                | 396,229  | 670                                |
|                         | Ovarian cancer L01  | 1,109,970  | 256,954   | 518                                | 296,459  | 553                                |
|                         | GIST L01  | 576,668  | 64,987  | 384                                | 73,772   | 388                                |
|                         | Others L01, L03, V10, A16   | 3,119,692  | 302,628   | 794                                | 324,581  | 884                                |
|                         | <b>Solid tumours in total</b> A16, H01, L01, L02, L03, V04, V10     | 43,702,593   | 4,671,005   | 12,647                             | 5,033,594  | 14,088                             |
| <b>HAEMATO-ONCOLOGY</b> |   |  |   |                                    |  |                                    |
|                         | Lymphomas L01, L04, V10   | 5,866,386  | 557,266   | 2,635                              | 630,245  | 2,565                              |
|                         | Multiple myeloma L01, L04   | 6,559,192  | 860,973   | 1,865                              | 984,448  | 1,986                              |
|                         | Chronic myeloid leukaemia L01                                       | 1,685,576  | 377,827   | 1,360                              | 342,809  | 1,276                              |
|                         | Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia L01                                   | 2,418,997  | 689,659   | 1,243                              | 789,412  | 1,221                              |
|                         | Others L01, L03, L04, B02, C07, V03                                 | 11,183,446   | 805,416   | 1,842                              | 905,256  | 1,898                              |
|                         | <b>Haemato-oncology in total</b> B02, C07, L01, L03, L04, V03, V10  | 27,713,597   | 3,291,141   | 8,945                              | 3,652,170  | 8,946                              |

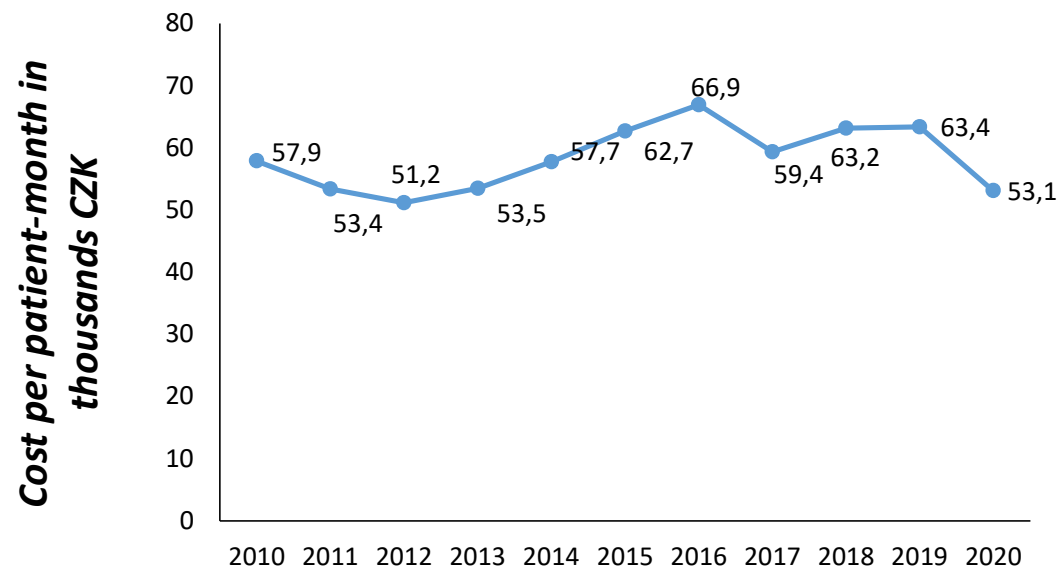
## Development in the segment of centre-based treatment: solid tumours in adults

Data source: NRRHS

Index of decline/increase 2016 -> 2021: 0.89



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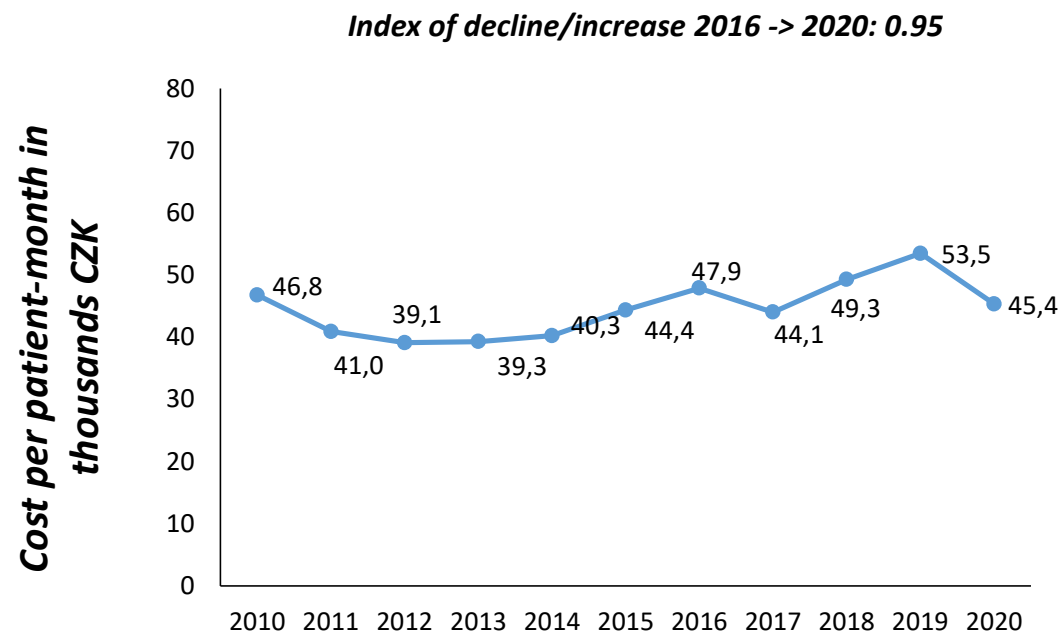
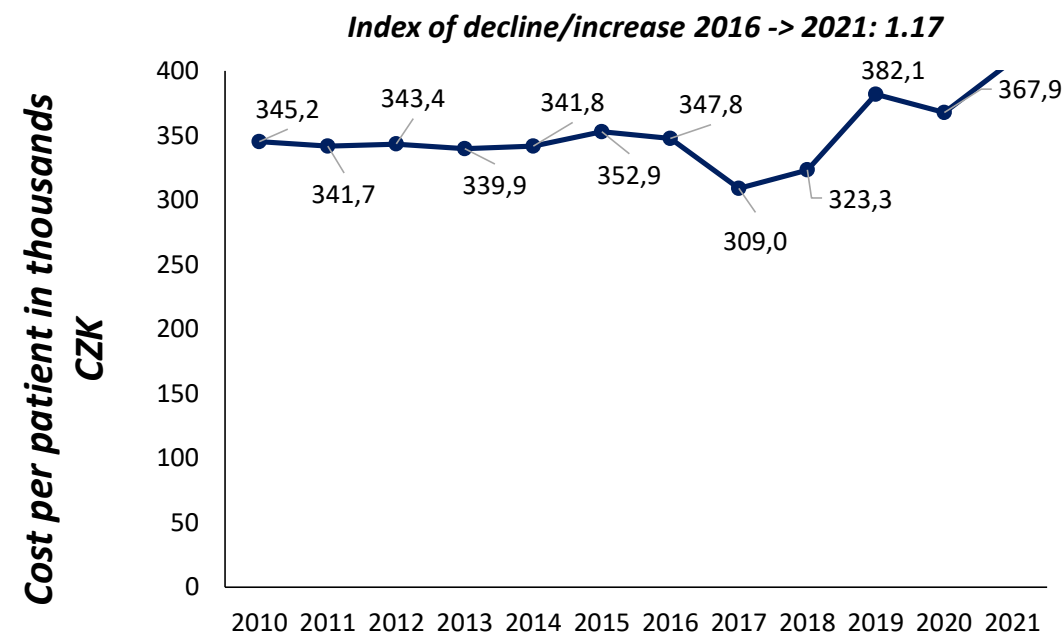


Patient-months for 2021 are not available (for their calculation, it is necessary to have data from a part of the following year, which are not yet available).

Although the prevalence of patients treated with innovative drugs is increasing significantly (up to 10% per year on average), financial costs are not growing at the same rate. The unit cost calculated per month of treatment has been gradually decreasing over time (impact of discounts, genericisation), which has led to a decrease of more than 20% between 2016 and 2021.

## Development in the segment of centre-based treatment: haemato-oncology

Data source: NRRHS



Although the prevalence of patients treated with innovative drugs is increasing significantly (on average by more than 10% per year), financial costs are not growing at the same rate. The unit cost calculated per month of treatment has been gradually decreasing over time (impact of discounts, genericisation): which has led to a decrease of about 5% between 2016 and 2021. The total cost of treatment per patient, on the other hand, is increasing over time, as it reflects the significant extension of patients' lives: for haemato-oncology indications, it is a long-term to life-long treatment.



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# Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030: Summary of analytical study



## Detection according to clinical stages A problem of second cancers

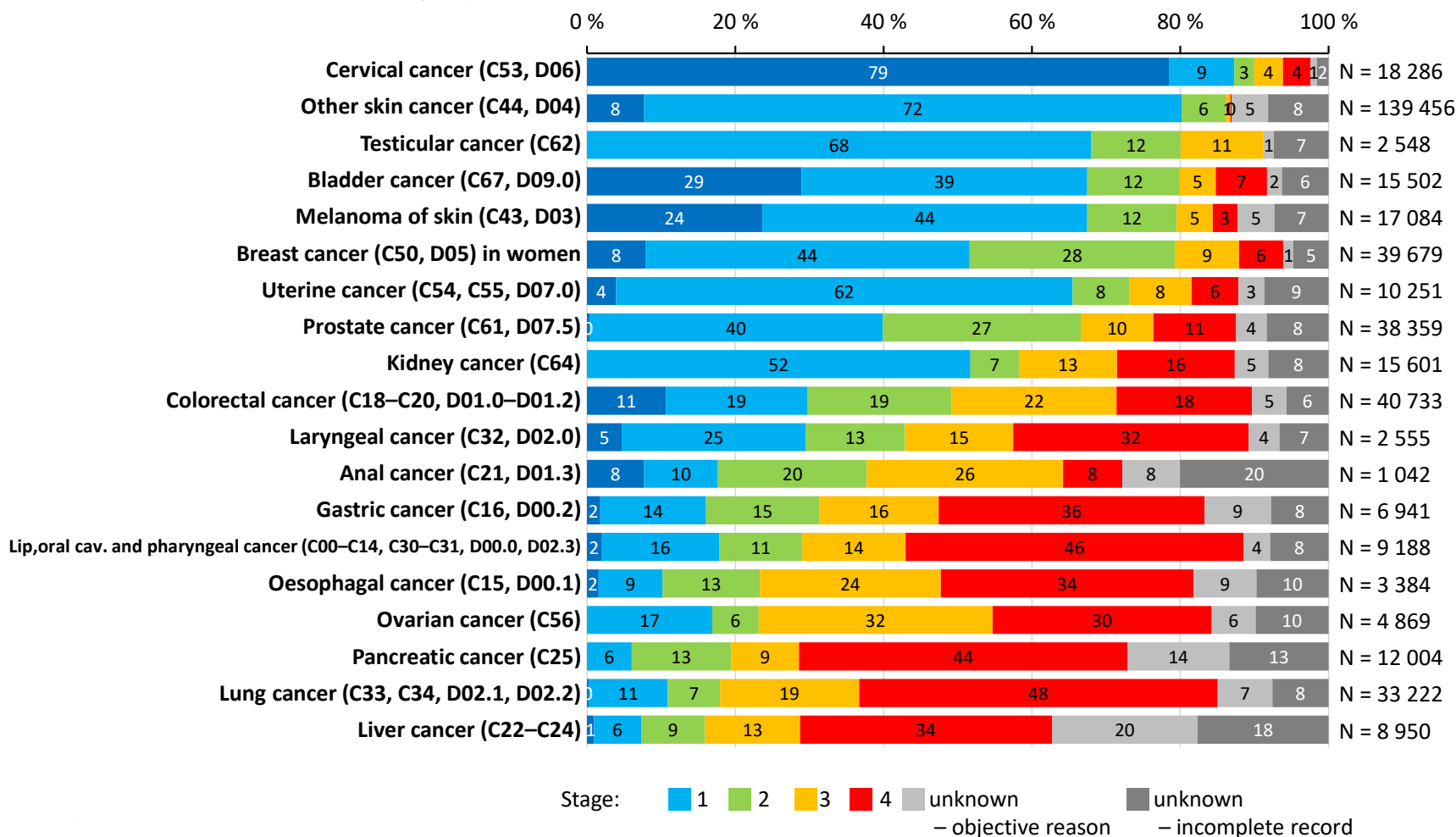
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# Cancer detection in the Czech Republic according to clinical stage in years 2016–2020

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry



The available data show that, in addition to the growing overall epidemiological burden of cancer in the population, the biggest problem in the Czech Republic is the late detection of these diseases. Still a **high percentage of cancers** (even in diagnoses with organised screening) are **detected at an advanced stage**, when treatment is very expensive and the probability of cure is significantly reduced. This is a major challenge to strengthen comprehensive prevention programmes targeting at risk populations. The high proportion of diseases diagnosed at an advanced stage reduces overall, population-based survival rates.



## „Secondary“ incidence: first and subsequent cancers in the same patient

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry

Diagnoses ranked in descending order of the proportion of subsequent cancers in the period 2011–2020.

| Diagnosis   | Order of neoplasm in a patient | Period<br>1981–1990                | Period<br>1991–2000                | Period<br>2001–2010                | Period<br>2011–2020                |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   |                                | N annually (% of newly diagnosed*) | N annually (% of newly diagnosed*) | N annually (% of newly diagnosed*) | N annually (% of newly diagnosed*) |
| Bladder cancer (C67)  | First neoplasm                 | 1 073 (94,5 %)                     | 1 580 (89,6 %)                     | 1 828 (83,3 %)                     | 1 655 (75,1 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 63 (5,5 %)                         | 183 (10,4 %)                       | 366 (16,7 %)                       | 548 (24,9 %)                       |
| Kidney cancer (C64)   | First neoplasm                 | 1 041 (93,6 %)                     | 1 939 (89,8 %)                     | 2 297 (83,3 %)                     | 2 409 (77,1 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 71 (6,4 %)                         | 221 (10,2 %)                       | 460 (16,7 %)                       | 715 (22,9 %)                       |
| Lung cancer (C33, C34)  | First neoplasm                 | 5 544 (95,8 %)                     | 5 563 (92,0 %)                     | 5 448 (85,8 %)                     | 5 204 (78,9 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 244 (4,2 %)                        | 481 (8,0 %)                        | 901 (14,2 %)                       | 1 394 (21,1 %)                     |
| Colorectal cancer (C18–C20)   | First neoplasm                 | 4 658 (94,6 %)                     | 6 157 (90,6 %)                     | 6 782 (84,6 %)                     | 6 074 (79,0 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 267 (5,4 %)                        | 640 (9,4 %)                        | 1 230 (15,4 %)                     | 1 611 (21,0 %)                     |
| Pancreatic cancer (C25)   | First neoplasm                 | 1 192 (95,4 %)                     | 1 392 (91,5 %)                     | 1 586 (85,5 %)                     | 1 824 (79,6 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 58 (4,6 %)                         | 129 (8,5 %)                        | 269 (14,5 %)                       | 469 (20,4 %)                       |
| Breast cancer (C50) in women  | First neoplasms                | 3 089 (94,8 %)                     | 4 143 (91,1 %)                     | 5 273 (87,1 %)                     | 5 899 (82,0 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 170 (5,2 %)                        | 403 (8,9 %)                        | 782 (12,9 %)                       | 1 292 (18,0 %)                     |
| Ovarian cancer (C56)  | First neoplasm                 | 892 (94,5 %)                       | 1 013 (91,3 %)                     | 993 (86,0 %)                       | 840 (82,8 %)                       |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 52 (5,5 %)                         | 97 (8,7 %)                         | 162 (14,0 %)                       | 174 (17,2 %)                       |
| Prostate cancer (C61)   | First neoplasm                 | 1 373 (93,7 %)                     | 2 164 (89,1 %)                     | 4 199 (85,6 %)                     | 6 113 (83,5 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 92 (6,3 %)                         | 266 (10,9 %)                       | 707 (14,4 %)                       | 1 212 (16,5 %)                     |
| Uterine cancer (C54, C55)   | First neoplasm                 | 1 290 (96,5 %)                     | 1 493 (93,0 %)                     | 1 620 (89,1 %)                     | 1 706 (86,4 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 47 (3,5 %)                         | 113 (7,0 %)                        | 198 (10,9 %)                       | 269 (13,6 %)                       |
| All malignant neoplasms excl. non-melanoma skin (C00–C97 excl. C44) | First neoplasm                 | 32 933 (95,3 %)                    | 39 702 (91,5 %)                    | 44 928 (85,7 %)                    | 47 361 (80,0 %)                    |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 1 608 (4,7 %)                      | 3 698 (8,5 %)                      | 7 501 (14,3 %)                     | 11 825 (20,0 %)                    |

\* Calculated from the total number of cases for the period.

## Secondary“ incidence: first and subsequent cancers in the same patient

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry

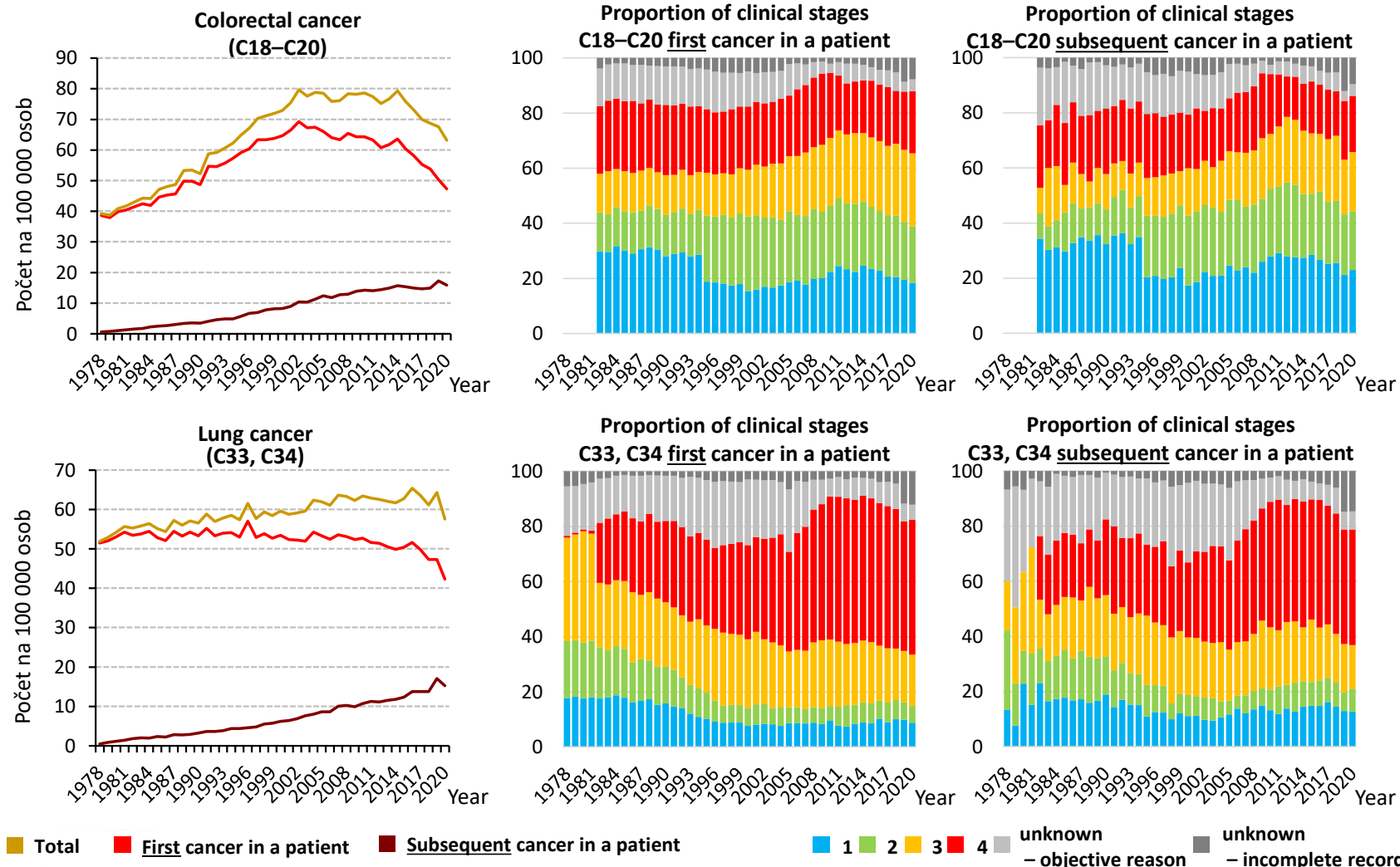
Diagnoses ranked in descending order of the proportion of subsequent cancers in the period 2011–2020.

| Diagnosis                                       | Order of neoplasm in a patient | Period<br>1981–1990                | Period<br>1991–2000                | Period<br>2001–2010                | Period<br>2011–2020                |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   |                                | N annually (% of newly diagnosed*) | N annually (% of newly diagnosed*) | N annually (% of newly diagnosed*) | N annually (% of newly diagnosed*) |
| Myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS)                 | First neoplasm                 | 158 (82,7 %)                       | 211 (78,4 %)                       | 260 (79,1 %)                       | 244 (72,0 %)                       |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 33 (17,3 %)                        | 58 (21,6 %)                        | 69 (20,9 %)                        | 95 (28,0 %)                        |
| Acute myeloid leukaemia (AML)                   | First neoplasm                 | 266 (86,1 %)                       | 278 (80,7 %)                       | 280 (79,3 %)                       | 284 (74,5 %)                       |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 43 (13,9 %)                        | 67 (19,3 %)                        | 73 (20,7 %)                        | 97 (25,5 %)                        |
| Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)             | First neoplasm                 | 480 (86,1 %)                       | 532 (82,5 %)                       | 553 (79,8 %)                       | 455 (75,5 %)                       |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 77 (13,9 %)                        | 113 (17,5 %)                       | 140 (20,2 %)                       | 147 (24,5 %)                       |
| Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL)                    | First neoplasm                 | 996 (86,4 %)                       | 1 071 (83,7 %)                     | 1 224 (81,9 %)                     | 1 331 (76,7 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 157 (13,6 %)                       | 208 (16,3 %)                       | 271 (18,1 %)                       | 405 (23,3 %)                       |
| Multiple myeloma and plasmocytic neoplasms (MM) | First neoplasms                | 412 (89,4 %)                       | 441 (85,8 %)                       | 478 (83,2 %)                       | 511 (80,6 %)                       |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 49 (10,6 %)                        | 73 (14,2 %)                        | 97 (16,8 %)                        | 123 (19,4 %)                       |
| Chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML)                 | First neoplasm                 | 100 (88,1 %)                       | 82 (86,7 %)                        | 84 (85,2 %)                        | 72 (82,9 %)                        |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 14 (11,9 %)                        | 13 (13,3 %)                        | 15 (14,8 %)                        | 15 (17,1 %)                        |
| Polycythaemia vera (PV)                         | First neoplasms                | 57 (89,8 %)                        | 62 (85,6 %)                        | 68 (84,8 %)                        | 86 (84,1 %)                        |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 6 (10,2 %)                         | 10 (14,4 %)                        | 12 (15,2 %)                        | 16 (15,9 %)                        |
| Hodgkin's lymphoma (HL)                         | First neoplasm                 | 255 (95,0 %)                       | 263 (93,9 %)                       | 257 (91,0 %)                       | 260 (88,6 %)                       |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 13 (5,0 %)                         | 17 (6,1 %)                         | 25 (9,0 %)                         | 34 (11,4 %)                        |
| Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL)             | First neoplasm                 | 89 (94,3 %)                        | 100 (93,3 %)                       | 75 (90,8 %)                        | 116 (92,8 %)                       |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 5 (5,7 %)                          | 7 (6,7 %)                          | 8 (9,2 %)                          | 9 (7,2 %)                          |
| Blood cancers total                             | First neoplasm                 | 3 148 (87,7 %)                     | 3 436 (84,3 %)                     | 3 734 (82,0 %)                     | 3 886 (77,6 %)                     |
|   | Subsequent neoplasm            | 443 (12,3 %)                       | 642 (15,7 %)                       | 817 (18,0 %)                       | 1 120 (22,4 %)                     |

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# First and subsequent cancers vs clinical stages in colorectal and lung cancer

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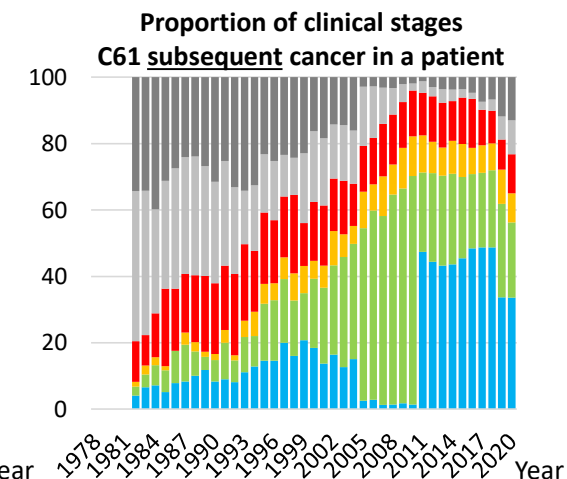
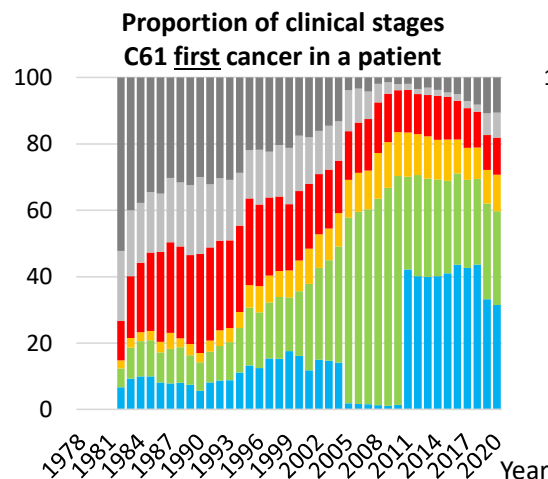
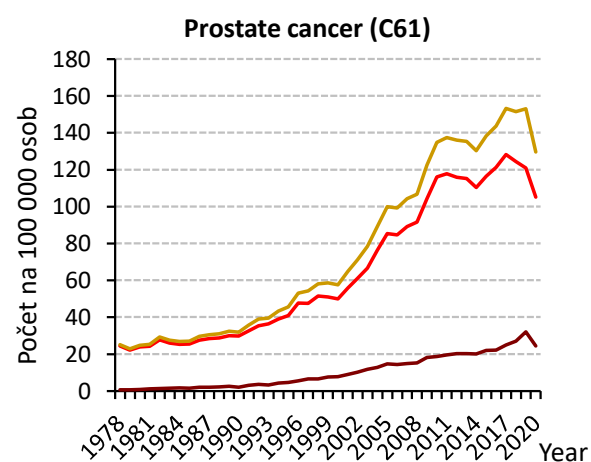
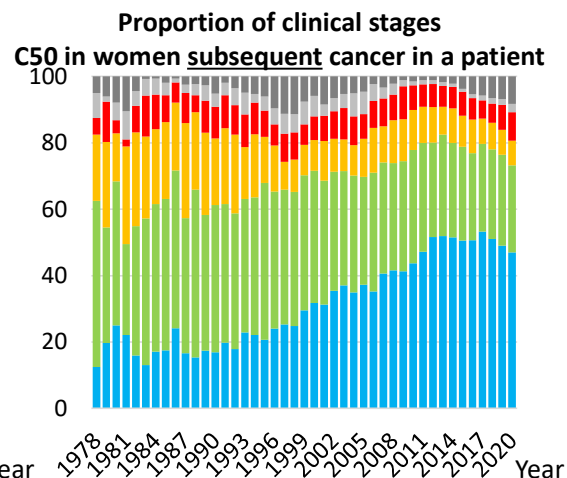
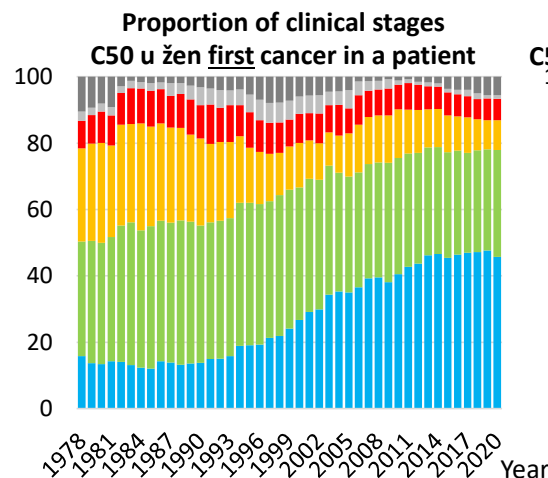
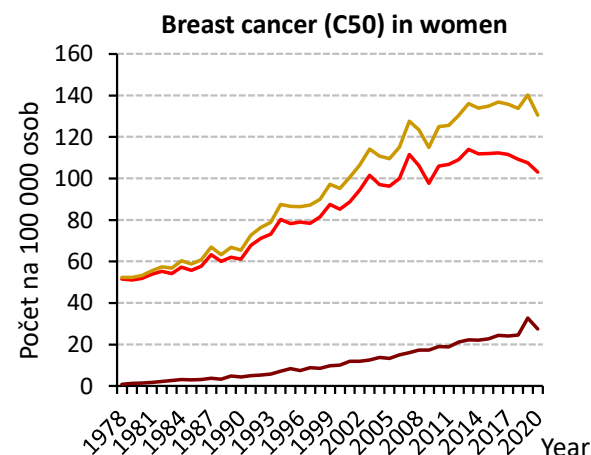


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# First and subsequent cancers vs clinical stages in breast (women) and prostate cancer

Source: Czech National Cancer Registry



■ Total ■ First cancer in a patient ■ Subsequent cancer in a patient

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ unknown – objective reason ■ unknown – incomplete record

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# Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030: Summary of analytical study



## Key tasks related to the organisation of cancer care

*Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030*



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## One of the principal objectives of the NOP CR 2030 is to strengthen the organisation of care, especially in terms of its timely availability.

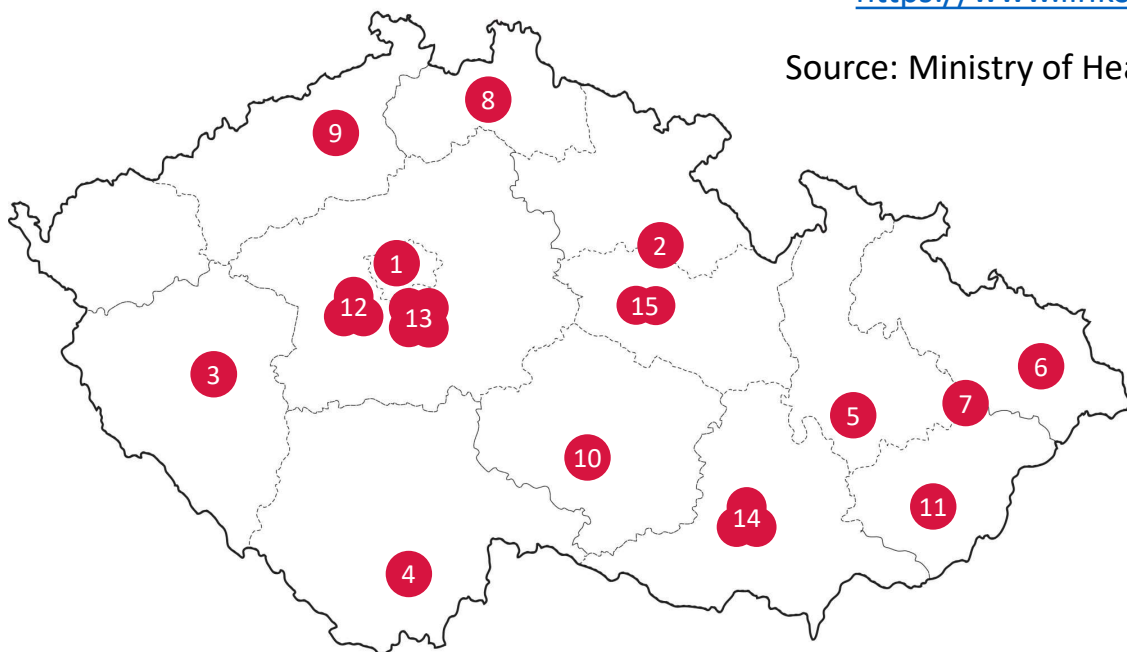
In particular, the developing network of highly specialised centres represents an important fulcrum for the organisation of cancer care in the regions of the Czech Republic. The proportion of cancer patients treated in comprehensive cancer centres (CCCs) has been increasing significantly over time, currently exceeding 70%. A significant degree of centralisation of care is also being achieved by centres of specialised haemato-oncological care (e.g. up to 83 % for chronic myeloid leukaemia, 70 % for acute myeloid leukaemia). Over time, the coverage of the Czech population with highly specialised care has thus been improving, as is the geographical and temporal availability of modern therapies. One of the indirect indicators of this progression is the reporting of multidisciplinary diagnostic team (MDT) activities; in 2015, approximately 51,000 MDT consultations were reported, in 2019–2020 it will be over 91,000 per year. The conditions for follow-up of cancer patients are also improving, including cooperation between cancer departments and GPs. In 2019, the PL network took over 4,600 cancer patients into follow-up care, and in 2020 it was more than 6,550.

**Despite the positive trends mentioned above, a number of very serious challenges remain for the organisation of cancer care in the Czech Republic. It is necessary to further strengthen the organisational role of the centres in their catchment areas. Reserves exist in the cooperation between regional hospitals and CCCs. There are still significant differences between regions of the Czech Republic in the availability of treatment in comprehensive centres. The Karlovy Vary Region (KVK) deserves the most attention in this respect, where only 43 % of cancer patients receive treatment in a CCC of another region (KVK does not have its own CCC). There are also significant differences between regions in the early detection of cancer and in the coverage of the population by ongoing screening programmes.**

# List of highly specialised cancer care centres in the Czech Republic

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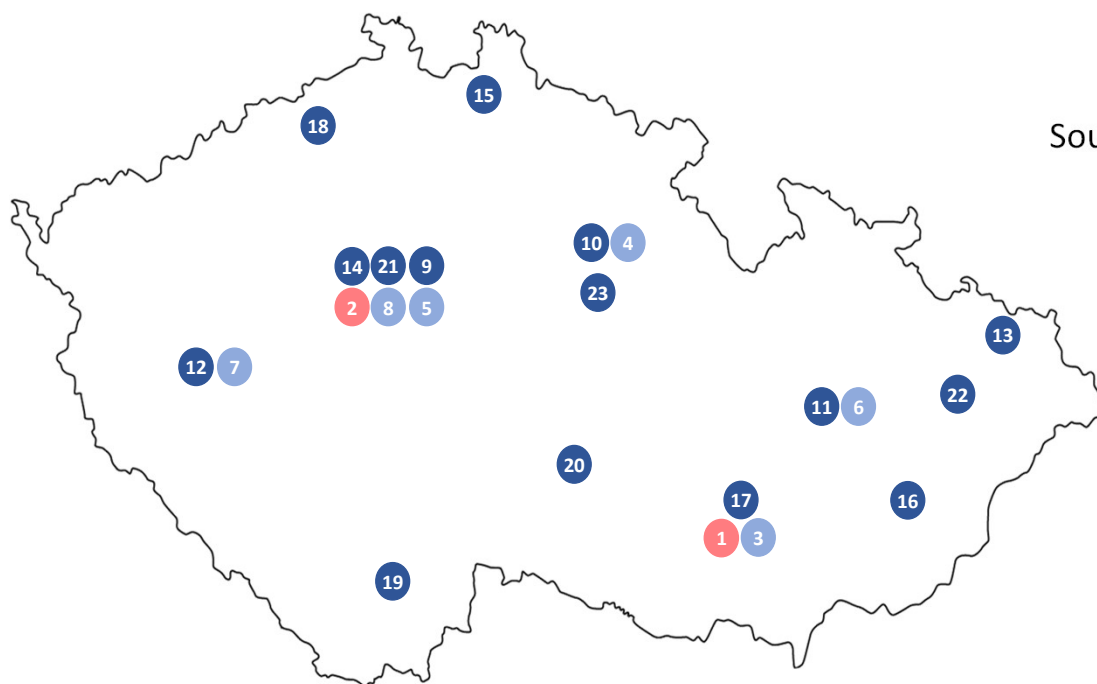


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1. University Hospital Královské Vinohrady
2. University Hospital Hradec Králové
3. University Hospital Plzeň
4. Hospital České Budějovice, a.s.
5. University Hospital Olomouc
6. University Hospital Ostrava
7. Hospital Nový Jičín, a.s.
8. Regional Hospital Liberec, a.s.
9. Krajská zdravotní, a.s.
10. Hospital Jihlava, p. o.
11. Regional Hospital of T. Baťa, a.s.
12. Hospital Na Bulovce + General University Hospital in Prague + Thomayer University Hospital
13. University Hospital in Motol + Central Military Hospital + Hospital Na Homolce + Proton Therapy Center
14. Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute + University Hospital Brno + St. Ann's University Hospital in Brno
15. Hospitals of Pardubice Region, a.s. + Radiology Centre Multiscan, s.r.o.



## List of highly specialised cancer care centres in the Czech Republic (comprehensive cancer centres, CCC, haemato-onkology centres, HOC, childhood cancer centres, ChCC)



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Source: Ministry of Health

- 1 ChCC UH Brno
- 2 ChCC UH in Motol
- 3 HOC UH Brno
- 4 HOC UH Hradec Králové
- 5 HOC UH Královské Vinohrady
- 6 HOC UH Olomouc
- 7 HOC UH Plzeň
- 8 HOC IHB T
- 9 CCC UH Královské Vinohrady
- 10 CCC UH Hradec Králové
- 11 CCC UH Olomouc
- 12 CCC UH Plzeň
- 13 CCC UH Ostrava
- 14 CCC UH in Motol, GUH, Na Homolce
- 15 CCC RH Liberec
- 16 CCC RH Zlín
- 17 CCC MMCI v Brně
- 18 CCC MN in Ústí nad Labem
- 19 CCC Hospital České Budějovice
- 20 CCC Hospital Jihlava
- 21 CCC Hospital na Bulovce, CMH, FTN
- 22 CCC Nový Jičín
- 23 CCC Pardubice Region

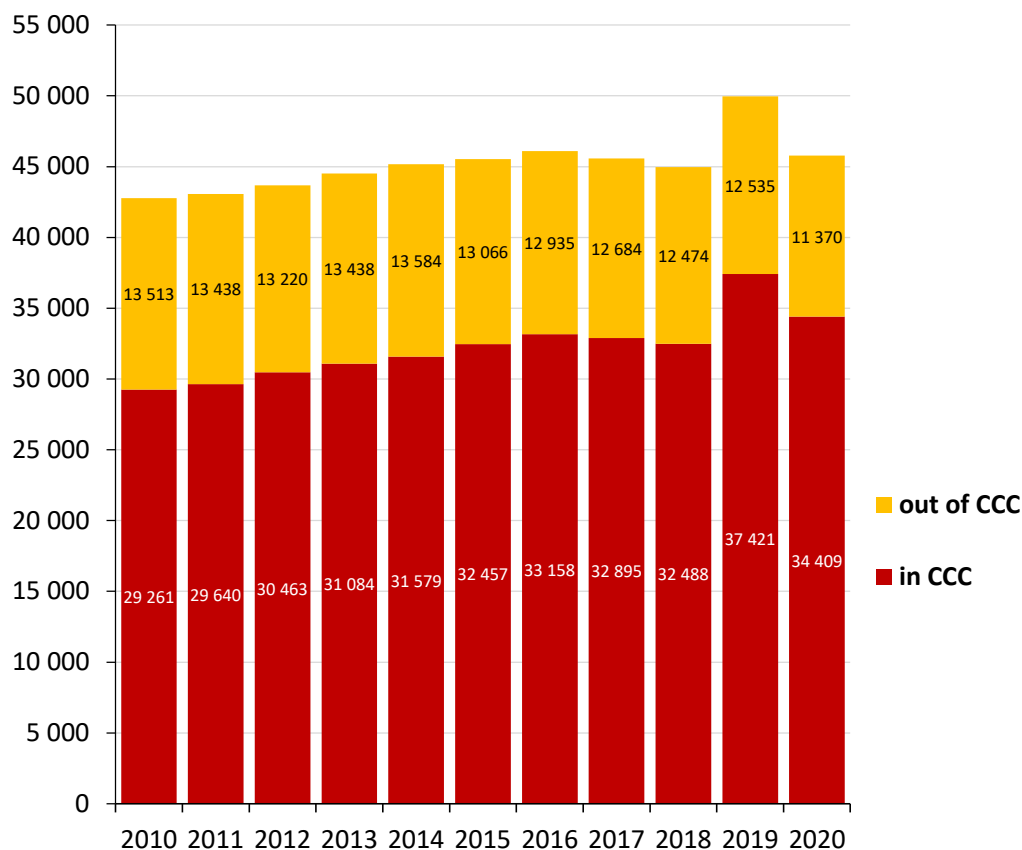
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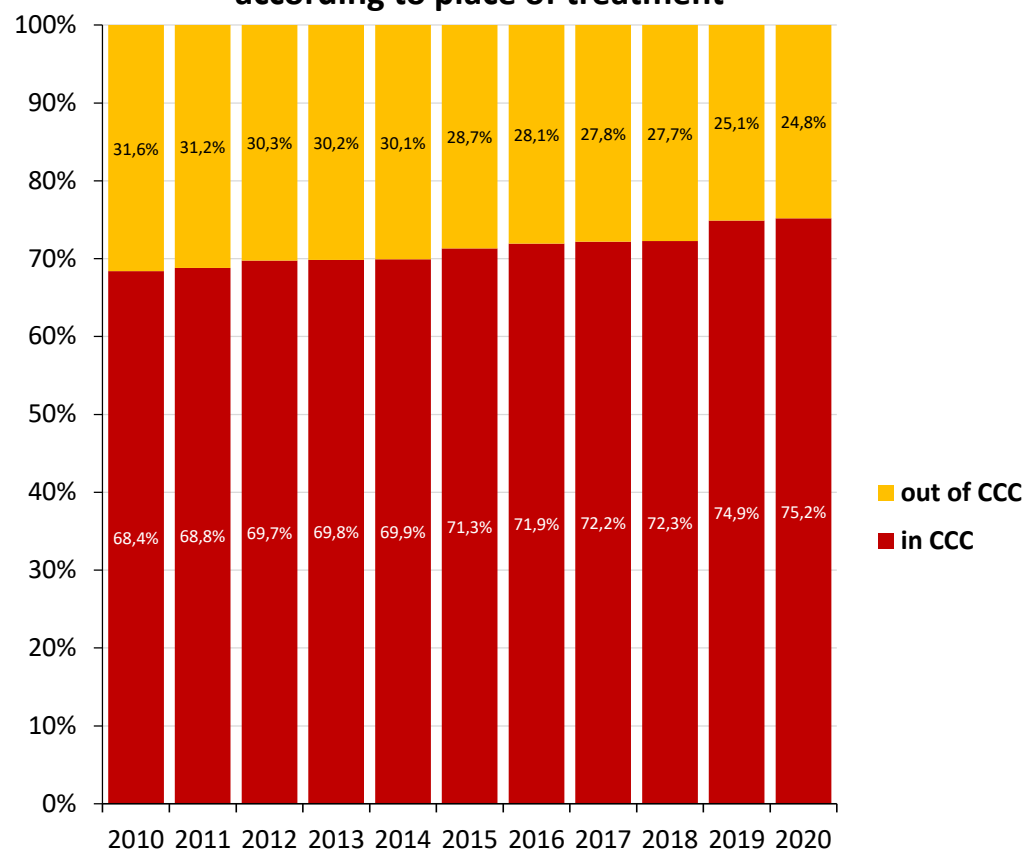
# Number and proportion of patients treated in and out of CCCs: time trends

Source: CNCR 1977–2020 + NRRHS 2010–2020; treatment of solid malignant neoplasms reported in NRRHS data for diagnosis C00–C97 (excluding haemato-oncological diagnoses C81–C96 and dg. C44); diagnosis reported in CNCR

## Number of newly diagnosed cases



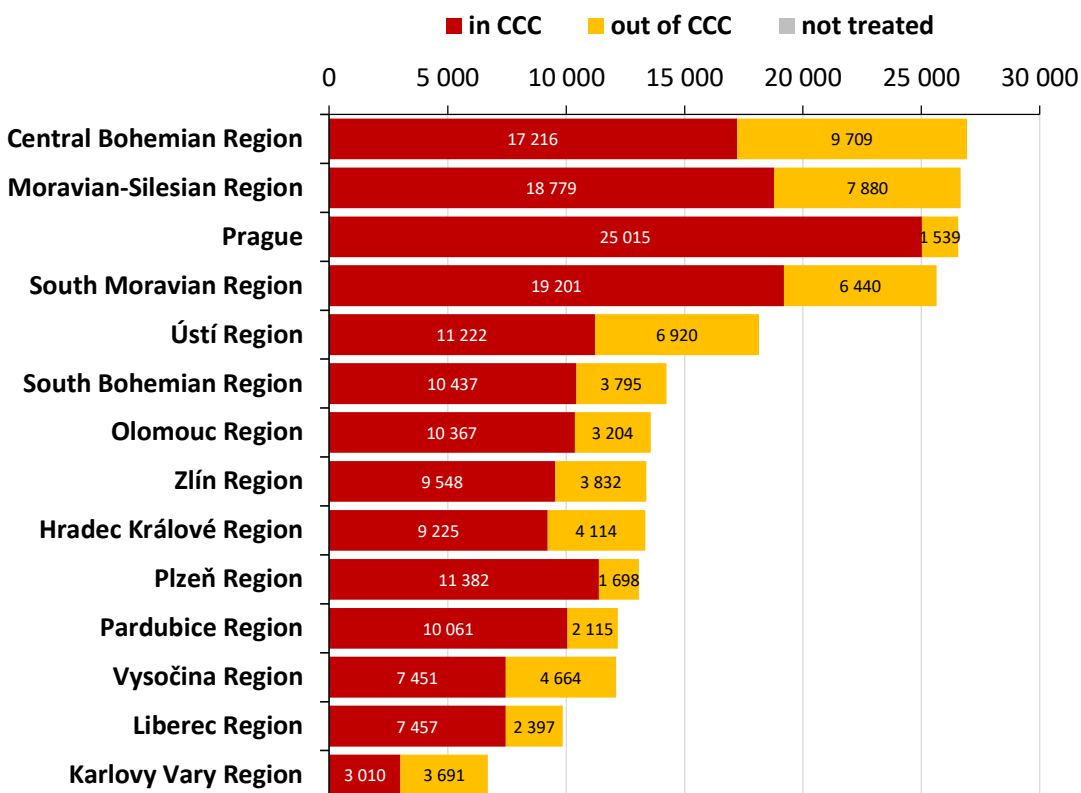
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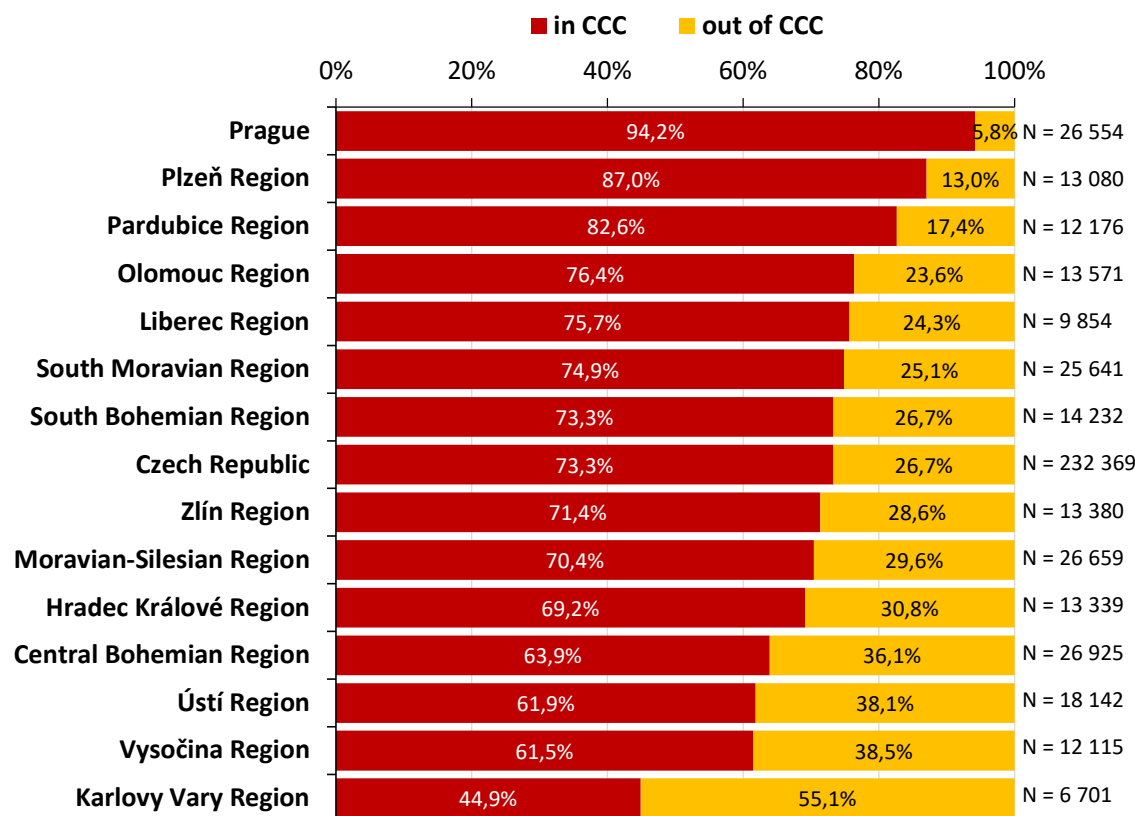
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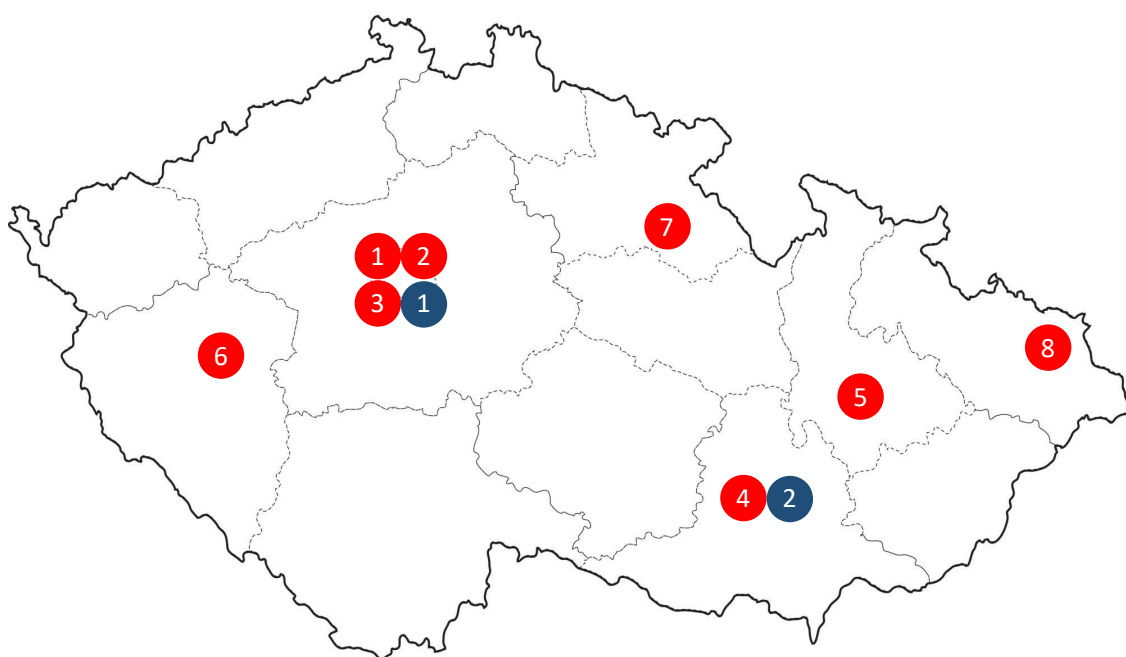
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# List of centres of highly specialised haemato-oncological care for adults and centres of highly specialised oncological and haemato-oncological care for children



## Centres of highly specialised haemato-oncological care for adults :

1. Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion
2. General University Hospital in Prague
3. University Hospital Královské Vinohrady
4. University Hospital Brno
5. University Hospital Olomouc
6. University Hospital Plzeň
7. University Hospital Hradec Králové
8. University Hospital Ostrava

## Centres of highly specialised oncological and haemato-oncological care for children:

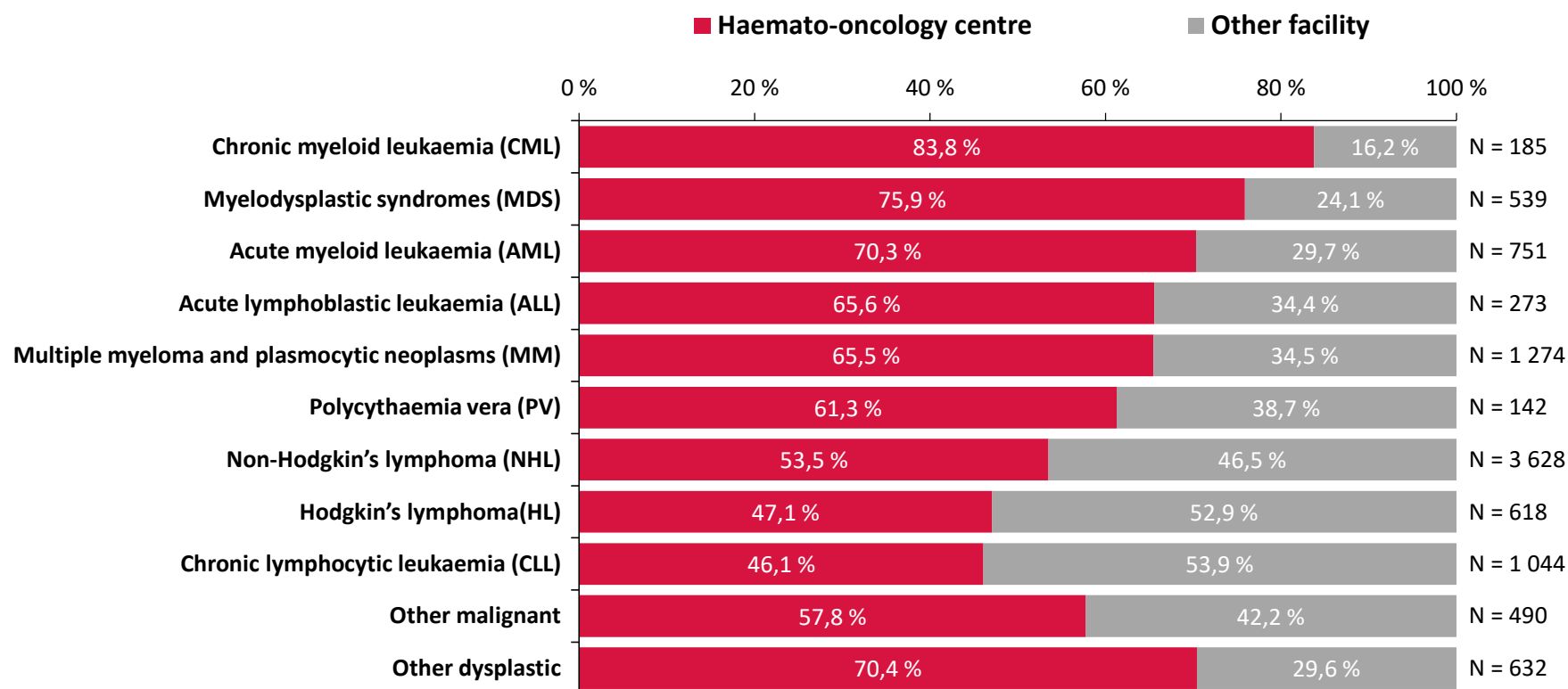
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Source: Ministry of Health

# Healthcare facilities in the treatment of blood cancers, 2019–2020

Source: CNCR 1977–2020, newly diagnosed patients

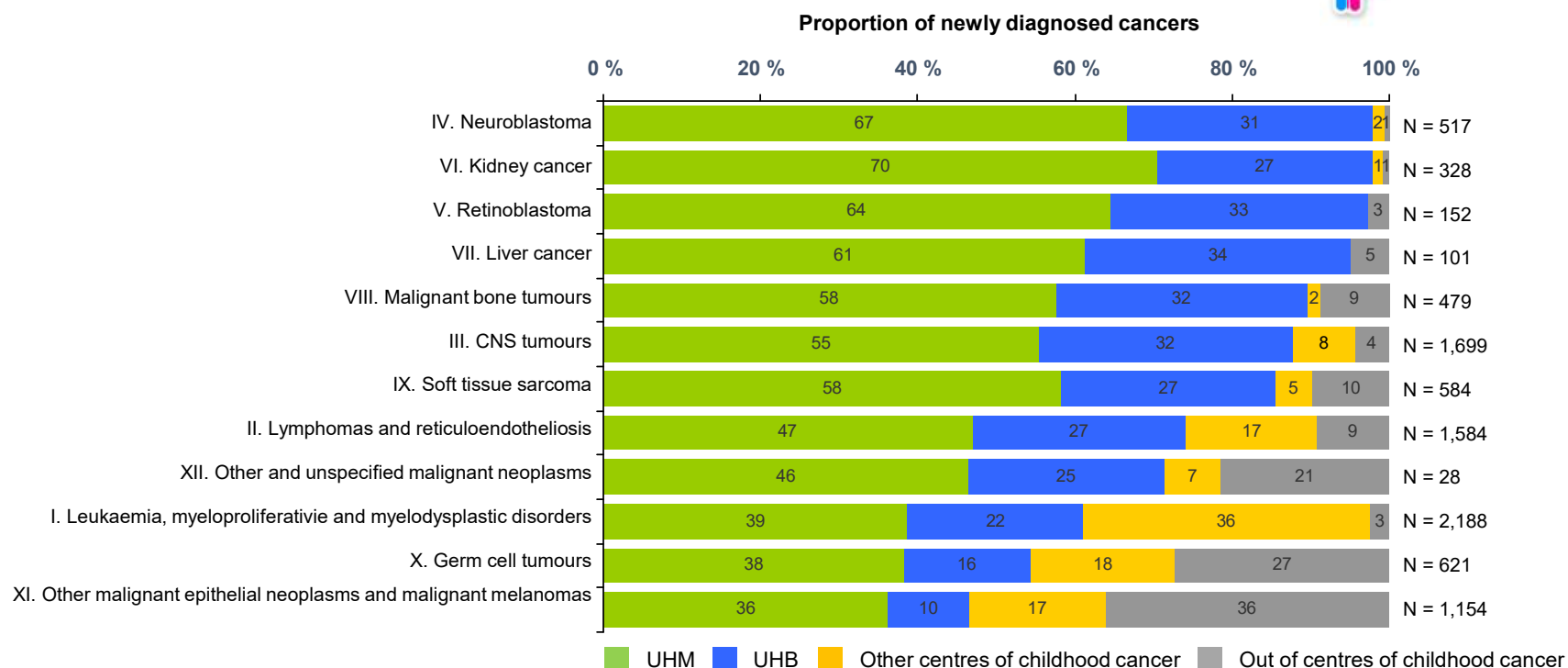
Proportion of patients according to the place of diagnosis (according to CNCR)



# Healthcare facilities according to ICCC diagnoses in children, 1994–2016



Total  
(N = 9,435)

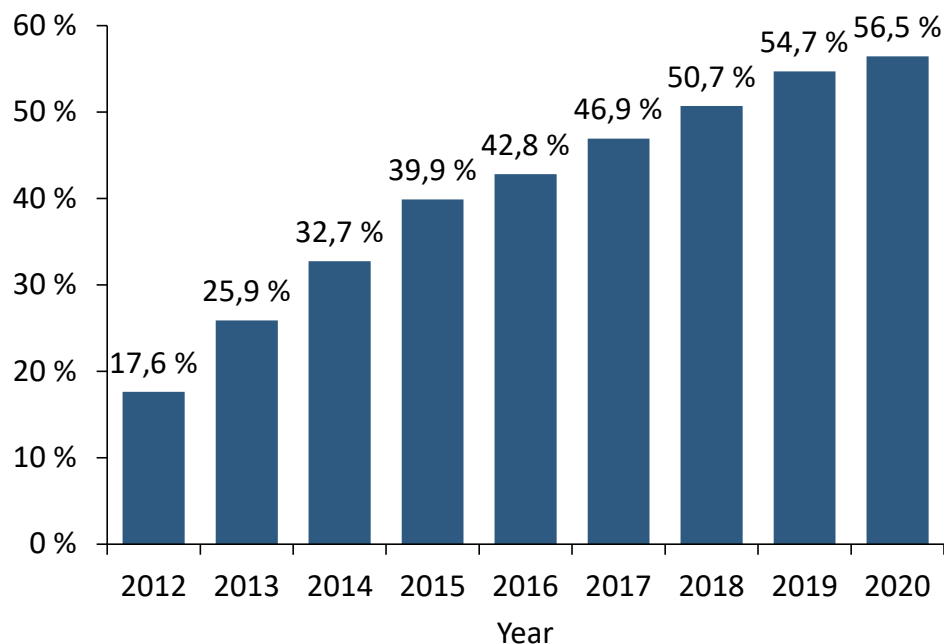


University Hospital in Motol and University Hospital Brno are the main centres involved in the treatment of all groups of diagnoses of childhood cancer patients. The high degree of centralisation of care stands out especially in the care of patients with kidney tumours, neuroblastoma, retinoblastoma, liver tumours, malignant bone tumours and sarcomas. Patients with leukaemia and related diseases are also represented to a somewhat greater extent in other childhood cancer centres.

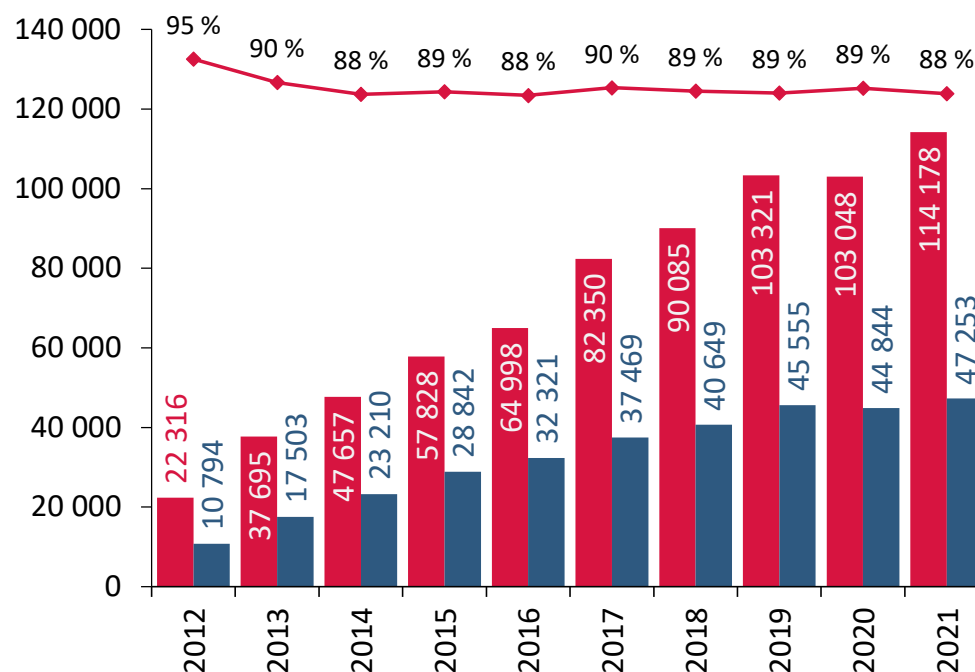
# Newly treated patients with multidisciplinary team (MDT) consultation

Source: NRRHS; code 51881 = MULTIDISCIPLINARY INDICATION SEMINAR TO DETERMINE THE OPTIMAL TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH CANCER

Proportion of patients who were treated for the first time in a given year for a solid tumour in a CCC and also had a reported MDT consultation:



■ Number of reported MDT consultations (total)  
 ■ Number of patients with MDT consultation in a given year  
 ◆ Proportion of MDT consultations in CCC (% from total)



# Follow-up of cancer patients by general practitioners

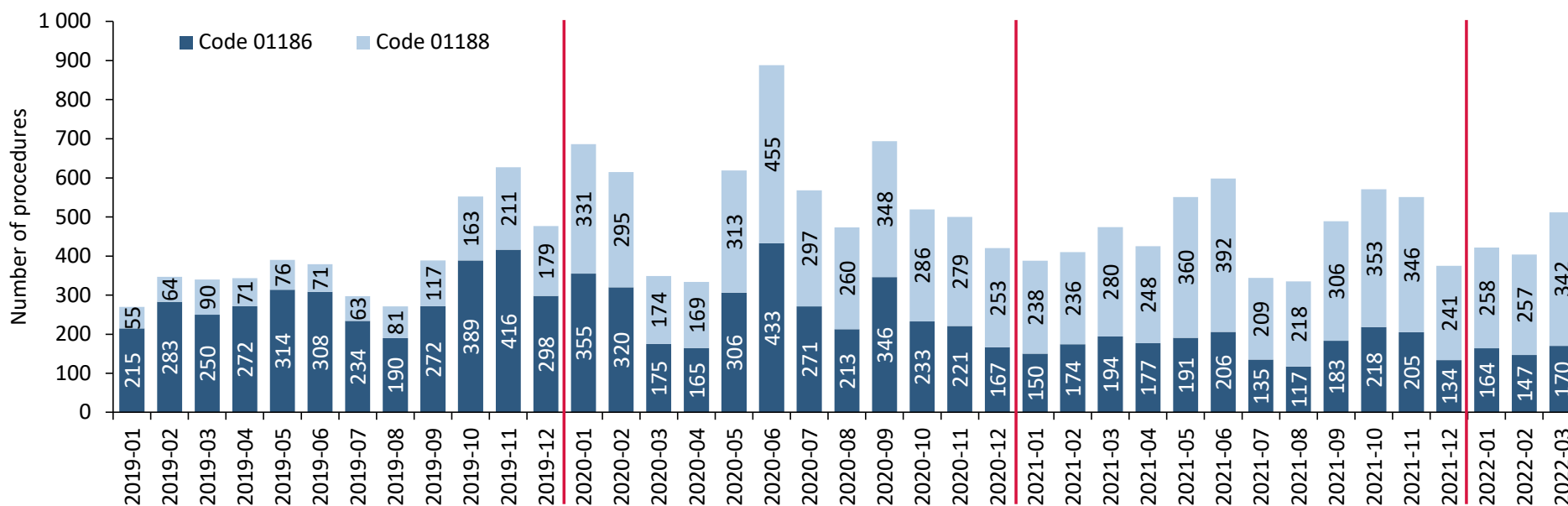
Source: NRRHS 01/2019–03/2022;

**code 01186** = taking a patient into care by GP after cancer treatment, **code 01188** = subsequent check-up of a cancer patient

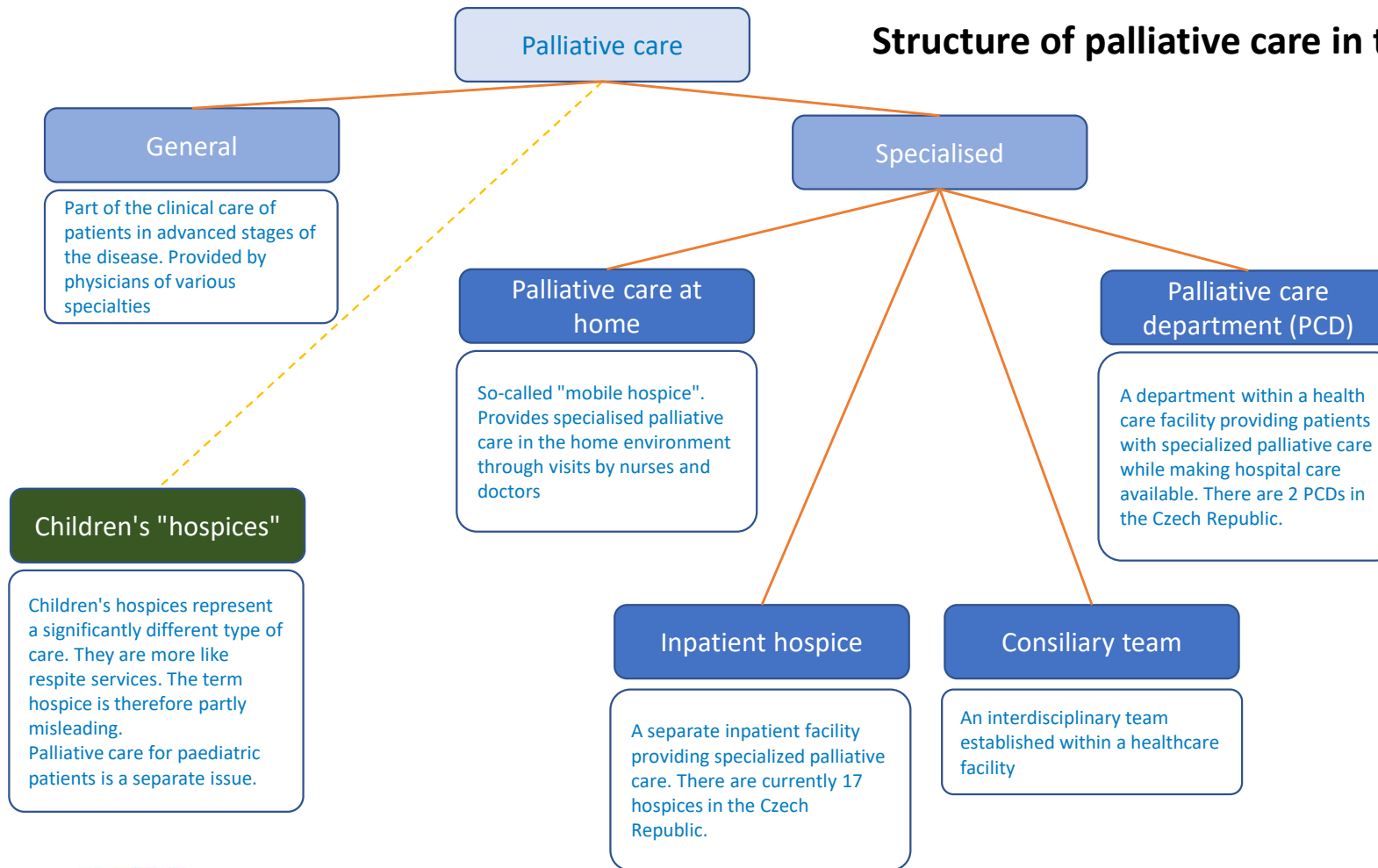
## Number of procedures in individual months:

(reported from 2019)

|           | Procedure<br>01186 | Procedure<br>01188 | Total |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Year 2019 | 3 441              | 1 241              | 4 682 |
| Year 2020 | 3 205              | 3 460              | 6 665 |
| Year 2021 | 2 084              | 3 427              | 5 511 |



## A major task of the CNCCP 2030: strengthening the organisation of end-of-life care



The predicted demographic development of the Czech population, ageing and associated morbidity will require a change in the concept of palliative care. New models of integrated care must be based on multidisciplinary hospital consiliary teams and on close cooperation of outpatient health and social services, e.g. mobile specialised palliative care, home care, etc. Strengthening the capacities of mobile teams and teams capable of providing care in the patients' home environment is a highly effective measure that saves staff capacity and financial resources, especially in acute inpatient care in hospitals.

**Multi-level models of palliative care organisation and models that allow its early integration in the care processes provided by different segments of providers should be sought.**



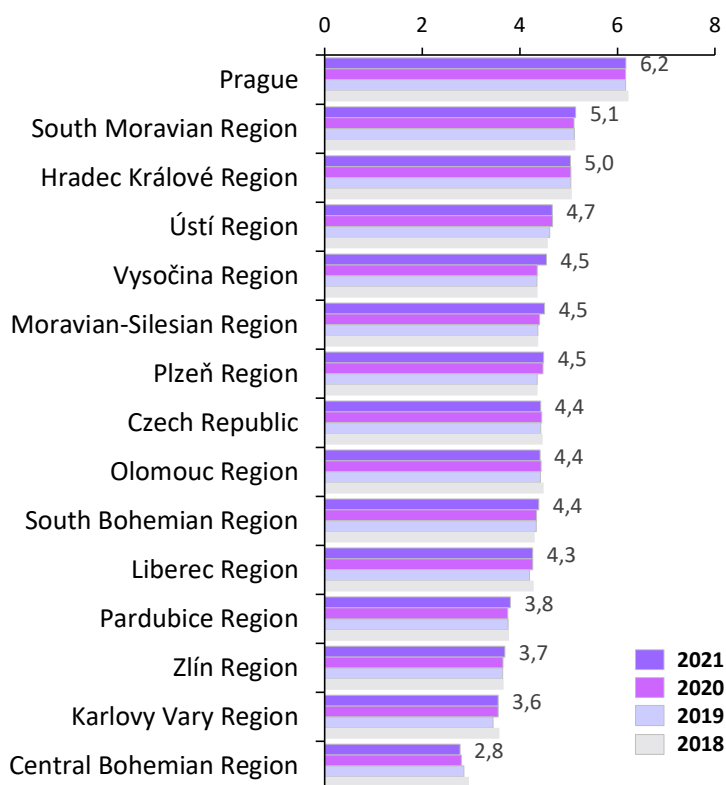
# Number of acute, aftercare and long-term care beds in regions of CR (2018–2021)

Zdroj: NRRHS

## Acute beds



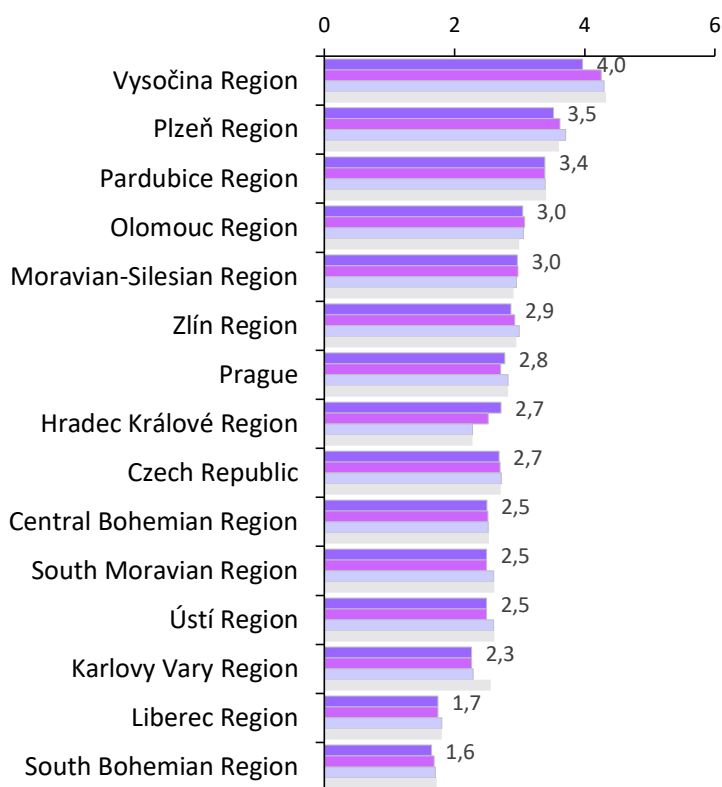
Number of beds per 1,000 population



## Aftercare and long-term care beds



Number of beds per 1,000 population



The proportion of the number of acute beds and beds for aftercare and long-term care is uneven in the South Moravian Region. There are twice as many acute beds as beds for follow-up and long-term care.

# Mobile specialised palliative care in the Czech Republic

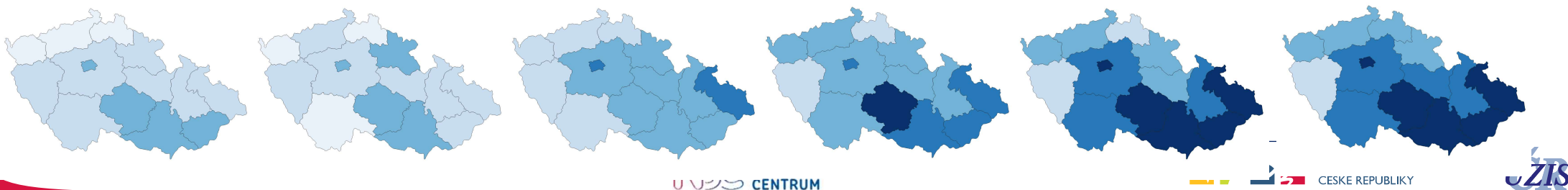
| REGION                   | Number of patients to whom specialty 926 healthcare was reported |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|                          | 2016   | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Prague                   | 121  | 128  | 224  | 380  | 518  | 528  |
| Central Bohemian Region  | 13   | 18   | 68   | 95   | 231  | 286  |
| South Bohemian Region    | 3  |      | 13   | 81   | 289  | 415  |
| Plzeň Region             | 1  | 2    | 8    | 14   | 5    | 7    |
| Karlovy Vary Region      |  |      | 25   | 64   | 142  | 155  |
| Ústí Region              |  | 17   | 44   | 54   | 55   | 59   |
| Liberec Region           |  |      | 3    | 2    | 5    | 82   |
| Hradec Králové Region    | 33   | 70   | 98   | 127  | 160  | 185  |
| Pardubice Region         | 2  | 37   | 75   | 130  | 174  | 226  |
| Vysočina Region          | 62   | 90   | 177  | 565  | 856  | 940  |
| South Moravian Region    | 75   | 98   | 144  | 368  | 639  | 887  |
| Olomouc Region           | 1  | 10   | 63   | 160  | 305  | 350  |
| Zlín Region              | 64   | 21   | 133  | 359  | 548  | 659  |
| Moravian-Silesian Region | 24   | 31   | 208  | 417  | 548  | 541  |

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Increase in the number of MSPC patients whose care is covered by health insurance

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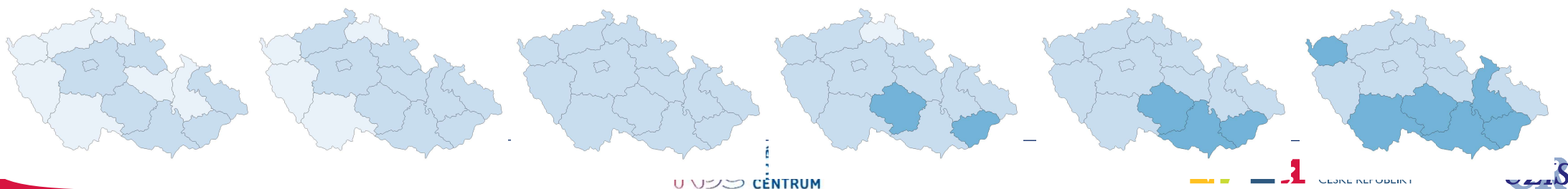
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|--------------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|
|                          | 2016  | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Prague                   | 10  | 10   | 17   | 29   | 39   | 40   |
| Central Bohemian Region  | 1   | 1    | 5    | 7    | 17   | 20   |
| Jihočeský kraj           |   |      | 2    | 13   | 45   | 64   |
| Plzeň Region             |   |      | 1    | 2    | 1    | 1    |
| Karlovy Vary Region      |   |      | 8    | 22   | 48   | 53   |
| Ústí Region              |   | 2    | 5    | 7    | 7    | 7    |
| Liberec Region           |   |      | 1    |      | 1    | 19   |
| Hradec Králové Region    | 6   | 13   | 18   | 23   | 29   | 34   |
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# Home care in the Czech Republic

| REGION                   | Number of patients to whom specialty 925 healthcare was reported |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                          | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   |
| Prague                   | 13 012   | 13 458 | 13 566 | 13 728 | 13 997 | 14 840 |
| Central Bohemian Region  | 14 086   | 15 420 | 16 303 | 17 280 | 18 557 | 19 638 |
| Jihočeský kraj           | 8 774  | 8 890  | 9 350  | 9 703  | 9 830  | 9 671  |
| Plzeň Region             | 6 708  | 6 803  | 7 009  | 7 211  | 7 241  | 7 089  |
| Karlovy Vary Region      | 4 148  | 4 262  | 4 171  | 4 050  | 4 066  | 3 971  |
| Ústí Region              | 12 012   | 12 290 | 12 911 | 13 641 | 14 407 | 14 966 |
| Liberec Region           | 6 455  | 6 638  | 6 663  | 6 721  | 6 641  | 6 988  |
| Hradec Králové Region    | 12 271   | 12 574 | 12 802 | 13 110 | 13 445 | 13 580 |
| Pardubice Region         | 10 338   | 10 713 | 10 954 | 11 300 | 11 291 | 11 460 |
| Vysočina Region          | 6 038  | 6 355  | 6 681  | 7 140  | 7 559  | 7 618  |
| South Moravian Region    | 13 599   | 14 058 | 14 375 | 14 409 | 14 260 | 14 375 |
| Olomouc Region           | 7 127  | 7 317  | 7 455  | 7 859  | 8 039  | 7 963  |
| Zlín Region              | 4 931  | 5 220  | 5 482  | 5 841  | 6 347  | 6 537  |
| Moravian-Silesian Region | 19 269   | 19 598 | 20 386 | 20 311 | 20 360 | 19 972 |

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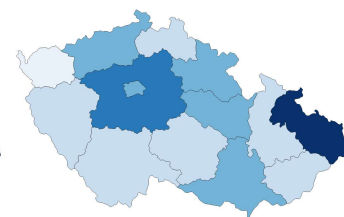
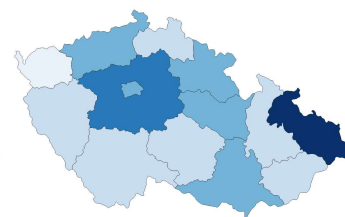
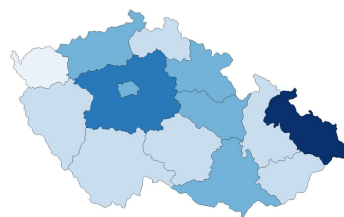
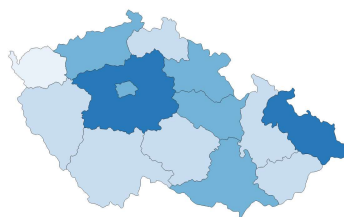
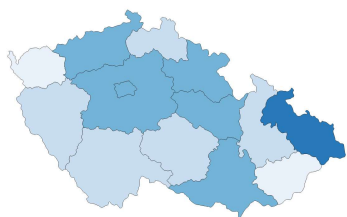
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|                          | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  |
| Prague                   | 1 022   | 1 046 | 1 043 | 1 044 | 1 055 | 1 112 |
| Central Bohemian Region  | 1 057   | 1 146 | 1 198 | 1 254 | 1 333 | 1 405 |
| Jihočeský kraj           | 1 375   | 1 391 | 1 459 | 1 509 | 1 527 | 1 503 |
| Plzeň Region             | 1 161   | 1 174 | 1 203 | 1 227 | 1 225 | 1 199 |
| Karlovy Vary Region      | 1 395   | 1 439 | 1 413 | 1 374 | 1 382 | 1 354 |
| Ústí Region              | 1 461   | 1 497 | 1 573 | 1 662 | 1 758 | 1 832 |
| Liberec Region           | 1 466   | 1 505 | 1 509 | 1 517 | 1 499 | 1 579 |
| Hradec Králové Region    | 2 226   | 2 283 | 2 325 | 2 378 | 2 437 | 2 465 |
| Pardubice Region         | 2 001   | 2 071 | 2 110 | 2 168 | 2 157 | 2 192 |
| Vysočina Region          | 1 186   | 1 249 | 1 313 | 1 402 | 1 483 | 1 497 |
| South Moravian Region    | 1 155   | 1 191 | 1 213 | 1 211 | 1 194 | 1 203 |
| Olomouc Region           | 1 124   | 1 156 | 1 179 | 1 243 | 1 272 | 1 263 |
| Zlín Region              | 844   | 895   | 941   | 1 002 | 1 092 | 1 127 |
| Moravian-Silesian Region | 1 591   | 1 623 | 1 693 | 1 691 | 1 701 | 1 674 |

## Increase in the number of MSPC patients whose care is covered by health insurance

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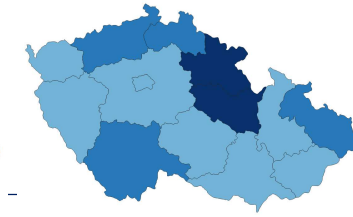
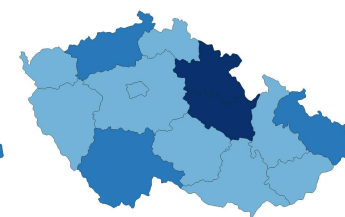
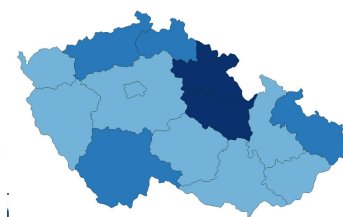
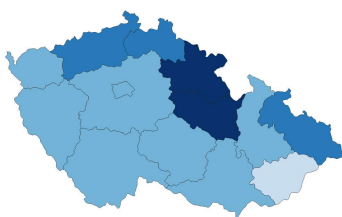
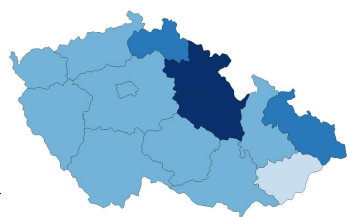
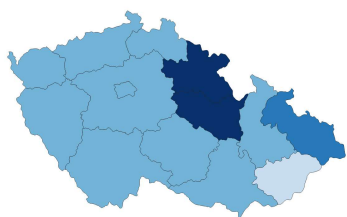
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# Nurse at health and social service providers in the Czech Republic

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|                          | 2016   | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  |
| Prague                   | 5 430  | 5 774 | 6 329 | 6 678 | 6 580 | 6 521 |
| Central Bohemian Region  | 7 716  | 8 017 | 8 527 | 8 863 | 8 751 | 8 726 |
| Jihočeský kraj           | 4 735  | 4 880 | 5 082 | 5 257 | 5 302 | 5 451 |
| Plzeň Region             | 3 210  | 3 601 | 3 717 | 3 907 | 3 720 | 3 781 |
| Karlovy Vary Region      | 1 874  | 1 862 | 1 952 | 1 998 | 1 972 | 2 060 |
| Ústí Region              | 6 135  | 6 380 | 6 742 | 6 967 | 6 693 | 6 837 |
| Liberec Region           | 1 919  | 2 050 | 2 175 | 2 274 | 2 229 | 2 632 |
| Hradec Králové Region    | 3 750  | 3 941 | 4 199 | 4 218 | 4 037 | 4 237 |
| Pardubice Region         | 3 556  | 3 703 | 3 805 | 4 010 | 3 879 | 4 096 |
| Vysočina Region          | 3 318  | 3 492 | 3 561 | 3 864 | 4 019 | 4 062 |
| South Moravian Region    | 5 449  | 5 583 | 5 861 | 6 301 | 6 144 | 6 176 |
| Olomouc Region           | 4 033  | 4 284 | 4 308 | 4 440 | 4 429 | 4 465 |
| Zlín Region              | 4 602  | 4 614 | 4 712 | 4 857 | 4 779 | 4 803 |
| Moravian-Silesian Region | 7 137  | 7 519 | 7 746 | 7 962 | 8 073 | 8 154 |

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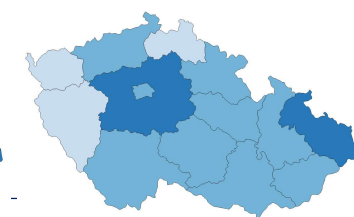
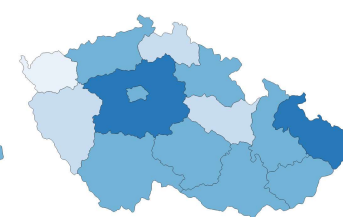
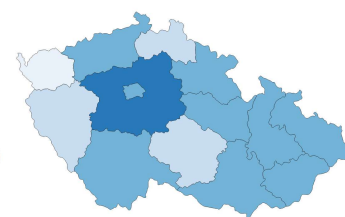
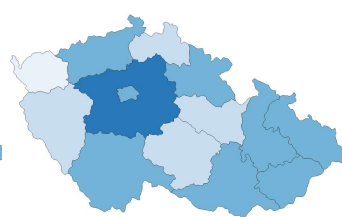
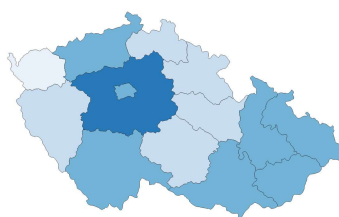
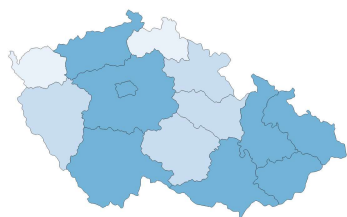
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|                          | 2016  | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Prague                   | 427   | 449  | 486  | 508  | 496  | 488  |
| Central Bohemian Region  | 579   | 596  | 627  | 643  | 628  | 624  |
| Jihočeský kraj           | 742   | 763  | 793  | 817  | 824  | 847  |
| Plzeň Region             | 556   | 622  | 638  | 665  | 630  | 640  |
| Karlovy Vary Region      | 630   | 629  | 661  | 678  | 670  | 702  |
| Ústí Region              | 746   | 777  | 822  | 849  | 817  | 837  |
| Liberec Region           | 436   | 465  | 493  | 513  | 503  | 595  |
| Hradec Králové Region    | 680   | 715  | 763  | 765  | 732  | 769  |
| Pardubice Region         | 688   | 716  | 733  | 769  | 741  | 783  |
| Vysočina Region          | 652   | 687  | 700  | 759  | 788  | 798  |
| South Moravian Region    | 463   | 473  | 495  | 530  | 515  | 517  |
| Olomouc Region           | 636   | 677  | 681  | 702  | 701  | 708  |
| Zlín Region              | 788   | 791  | 808  | 834  | 822  | 828  |
| Moravian-Silesian Region | 589   | 623  | 643  | 663  | 674  | 684  |

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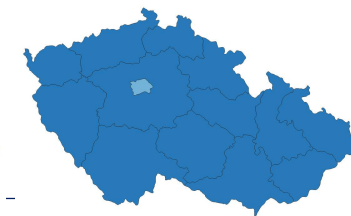
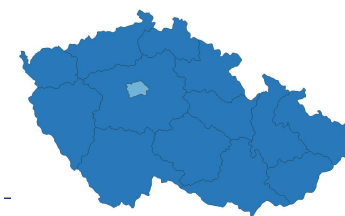
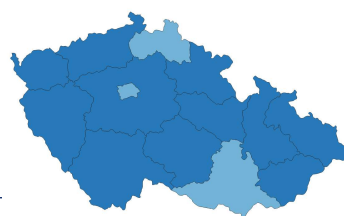
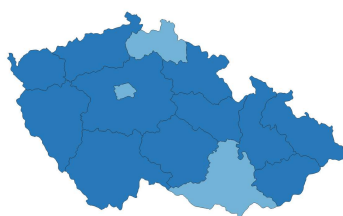
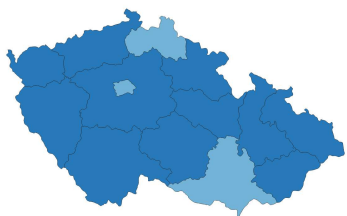
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# Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030: Summary of analytical study



**Strategic objective: strengthening screening programmes**

*National Cancer Plan of the Czech Republic*



Ústav zdravotnických informací a statistiky České republiky  
Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic



# National organised screening programmes in the Czech Republic

All three internationally recommended cancer screening programmes are implemented in the Czech Republic. All three programmes have a safety and quality control system, data facilities and data auditing in place. The programmes are fully covered by public health insurance and health insurance companies also invite citizens to be screened on the basis of a single standardised system. The unified information system for screening programmes is based on the infrastructure of the National Health Information System.



## Breast Cancer Screening Programme

- Since 2002
- Women aged over 45 years
- Mammography every 2 years

[www.mamo.cz](http://www.mamo.cz)



## Colorectal Cancer Screening Programme

- Since 2000
- Men and women aged over 50 years
  - 50–54 years – FOBT every year  
OR screening colonoscopy every 10 years
  - over 55 years – FOBT every 2 years  
OR screening colonoscopy every 10 years

[www.kolorektum.cz](http://www.kolorektum.cz)



## Cervical Cancer Screening Programme

- Since 2008
- All adult women
- Annual pap smear
- Women aged 35 and 45 years with negative cytology:  
HPV-DNA detection (since 2021)

[www.cervix.cz](http://www.cervix.cz)



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# Data sources for monitoring of cancer screening programmes

## Monitoring of cancer burden

- Epidemiology of cancer in the target population
- Long-term impact indicators

SOURCE: CZECH NATIONAL CANCER REGISTRY, ÚZIS ČR

## Monitoring of screening process using clinical data

- Early performance indicators at screening centres
- Detection of cancer and precancerous lesions in screening

SOURCE: CANCER SCREENING PROVIDERS

## Monitoring of screening process using administrative data

- Population-based early performance indicators
- Monitoring of programmes' accessibility by target population

SOURCE: DATA FROM HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES

**The National Screening Centre, ÚZIS ČR is the guarantor of the data and information basis of cancer screening programmes**

<https://nsc.uzis.cz>

The combination of all three components creates a comprehensive information system that enables a comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of the performance, quality and cost of the screening process.

## The objectives of the CNCCP2030 are aimed at strengthening the participation of citizens in established prevention programmes and further development of these programmes

- ✓ Health literacy
- ✓ Motivation to participate
- ✓ Personalised approach

Despite the very significant successes of fully functional Czech cancer screening programmes, we cannot overlook the reserves, especially in the coverage of the population. For this reason, it is necessary to upgrade the information system supporting screening in order to enable more individualised risk assessment and more targeted invitation of citizens to screening. Information and education outputs must be directed towards strengthening health literacy in these areas. In addition to universal screening programmes, it is essential to introduce and develop sub-programmes for early detection of cancer in high-risk populations.



**An important objective is also to re-strengthen screening programmes after the decline caused by the COVID-19 epidemic**

## The objectives of the CNCCP2030 are aimed at strengthening the participation of citizens in established prevention programmes and further development of these programmes

### Significant sub-objectives of the given area in the CNCCP 2030

- ☐ Improving the effectiveness of existing population-based screening, including the use of innovative approaches
- ☐ Gradual introduction of new proven screening and early detection programmes for cancer
- ☐ Successful introduction of lung cancer screening
- ☐ Establishment of special cancer prevention programmes for patients at risk (autoimmune diseases, HIV patients, congenital and acquired diseases/conditions with higher risk of haemato-oncological disease)
- ☐ Strengthening of regular systematic monitoring of patients with the aim of early detection or relapse
- ☐ Ensuring continuous and long-term follow-up of the consequences of anticancer treatment
- ☐ Establish and implement care programmes for groups of patients at high risk of developing further primary cancers after completion of treatment for malignancies
- ☐ Setting up a widely available dispensary system including the involvement of primary care physicians (including prevention of subsequent cancer in already treated or cured cancer patients)

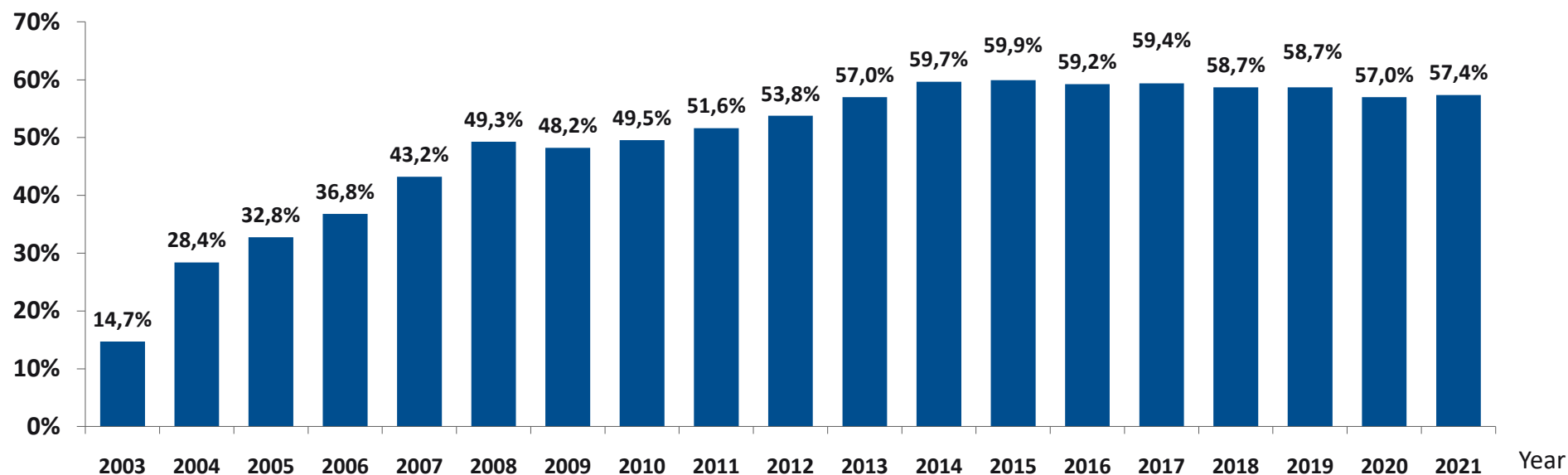
# Coverage by breast cancer screening examinations in 2003–2021 at two-year interval

Screening mammography

Women aged 45–69 years

Data source: National Registry of Reimbursed Health Services, ÚZIS

Coverage by examinations



Coverage by breast cancer screening examinations at two-year interval reaches almost **60%**.  
In 2020–2021, the coverage **decreased** to around **57%** mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

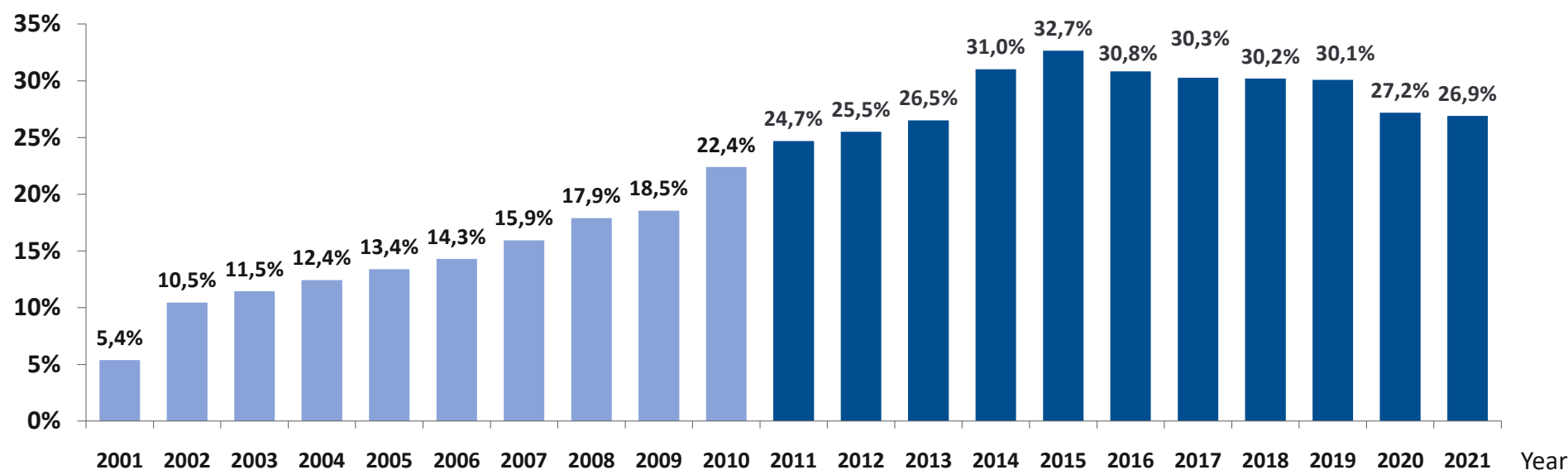
# Coverage by colorectal cancer screening examinations in 2001–2021 at two-year interval

Screening colonoscopy, screening FOBT

Men and women aged 50+

Data source: National Registry of Reimbursed Health Services, ÚZIS

Coverage by examinations



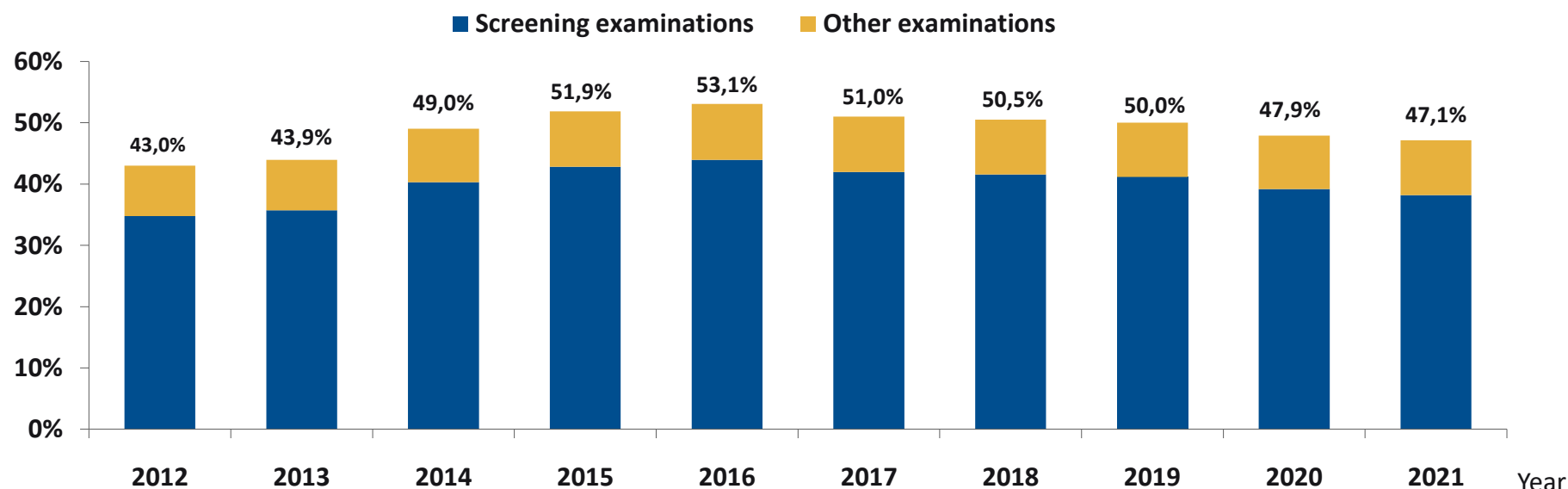
Coverage by colorectal cancer screening examinations at the two-year interval has been around **30% in 2014–2019**.  
In **2020–2021**, the coverage **decreased** to around **27%** mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Complete coverage of the target population by colorectal screening in 2002–2021 at three-year interval by type of procedure

Screening colonoscopy, screening FOBT  
Diagnostic colonoscopy, diagnostic FOBT  
Men and women aged 50+

Coverage by examinations

Data source: National Registry of Reimbursed Health Services, ÚZIS



Complete coverage of the target population by colorectal screening at the three-year interval was above **50%** in 2015–2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, complete coverage decreased below 50%. The **contribution of other examinations** to coverage is in the range of **8-9 percentage points**.

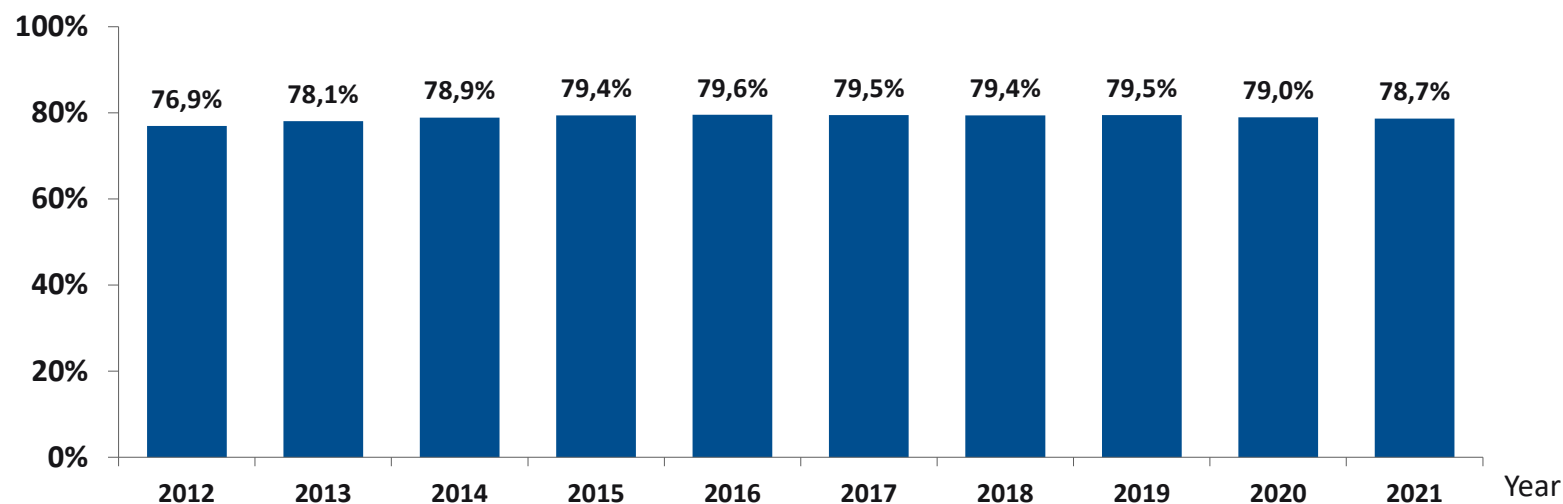
# Coverage by cervical cancer screening examinations in 2012–2021 at three-year interval

Screening cytology

Women aged 25–59 years

Data source: National Registry of Reimbursed Health Services, ÚZIS

Coverage by examinations

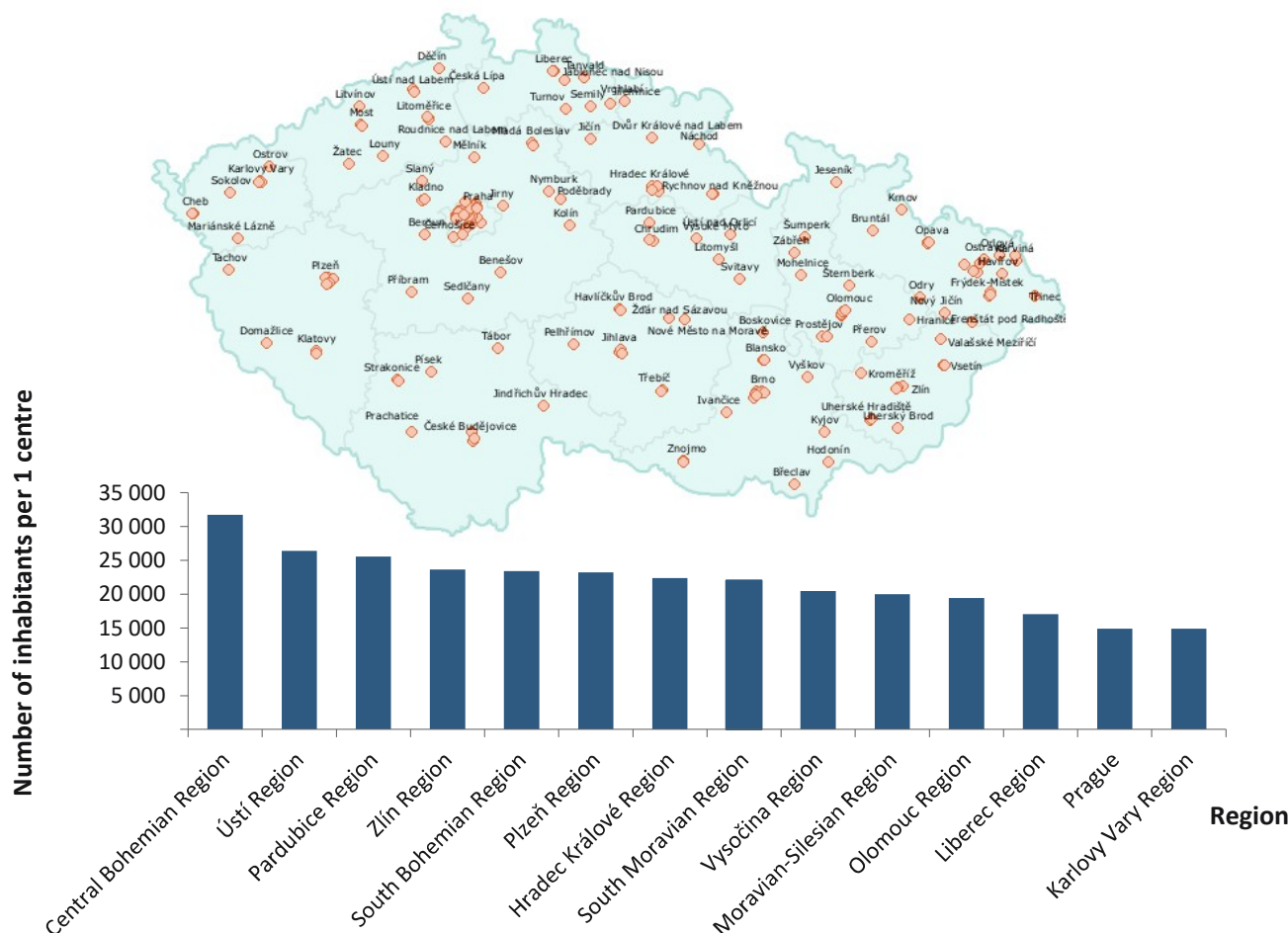


Coverage by cervical cancer screening examinations at the three-year interval reached almost **80 %** in **2015–2019**.  
In **2020–2021**, the coverage **decreased** to around **79 %** mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



# Specialised centres cover the Czech population across regions: the example of colorectal cancer screening

Source: [www.kolorektum.cz](http://www.kolorektum.cz), ÚZIS ČR



In the Czech Republic, a total of 195 centres for screening colonoscopy were accredited for 2021.

The network of centres for screening colonoscopy is sufficient in the Czech Republic, and the situation is similar for mammography and cervical screening.

Note: This is a list of workplaces for the year 2021. Applications for the status of a screening workplace in the colorectal cancer screening programme of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic for the year 2022 are currently being assessed.

## A prerequisite for effective screening is further improvement of its quality

- The European Commission has issued European recommendations for individual cancer screening programmes, including recommendations for quality monitoring through quality indicators
- The published quality indicators have gradually been implemented in the Czech Republic



European Guidelines for QA  
in **breast** cancer screening  
and diagnosis



European Guidelines for QA  
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European Guidelines for QA  
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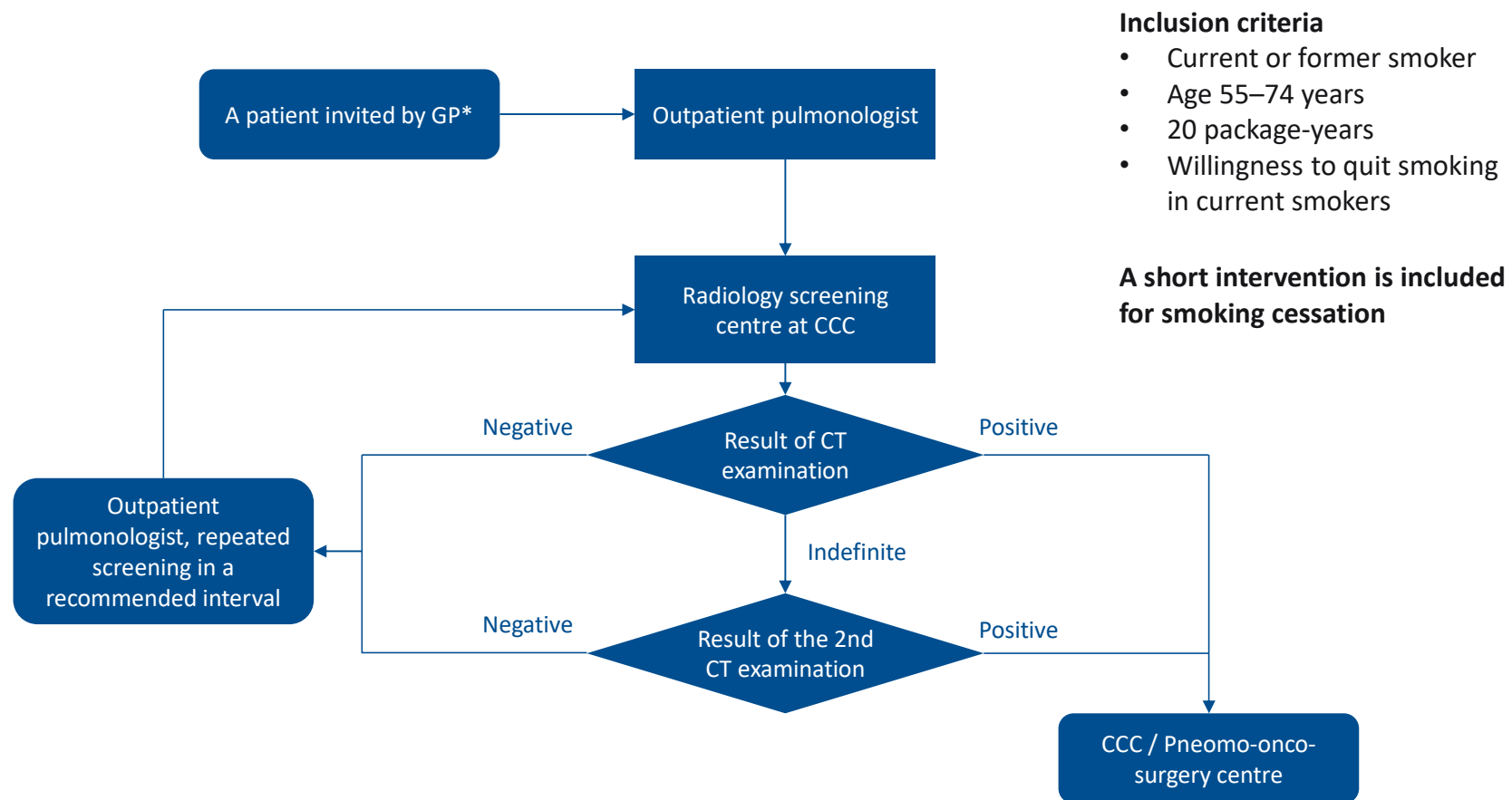
- Regular monitoring and evaluation of cancer screening programmes is essential to ensure their maximum effectiveness
- Through quality monitoring, program weaknesses can be identified and eliminated, with the subsequent benefit of increased program health benefits and health care cost savings

# Population-based pilot programme for lung cancer early detection

- **Launch of the programme**
  - Since 2022 (5-year population pilot programme)
- **Target population**
  - Men and women aged 55–74 years with smoking history (at least 20 pack-years), former or current smokers
- **Test**
  - low-dose CT (LDCT), initially repeated after one year, then after 2 years
- **Process**
  - GPs offer the programme and refer patients to a pneumologist
  - Pneumologists perform complex pulmonary examinations, refer patients for LDCT and navigate them in the healthcare system
  - LDCT is provided at certified radiological departments only
- **Governance and coordination**
  - Committee for Preparation of the Lung Cancer Early Detection Programme of the Ministry of Health
  - Certification Committee for Lung Cancer LDCT Centres of the Ministry of Health
- **Monitoring and evaluation**
  - National Screening Centre, Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic
- **Information for professionals and the general public**
  - <https://prevenceproplice.cz/>

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# Algorithm of an early detection programme for lung cancer



\* In specific cases, direct referral of persons meeting the inclusion criteria by a general practitioner to the radiology centre is possible, and follow-up care is then coordinated



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# The pathway towards an individualised early detection programme for prostate cancer

- PSA screening for prostate cancer **may reduce prostate cancer mortality**, but screening is generally not currently provided at the population level due to concerns about adverse effects (in particular overdiagnosis of less aggressive tumours)
- PSA screening is available in primary and secondary care in the Czech Republic, the current situation may lead to widespread "grey" screening
- Current international recommendations lean towards the view that **individualised screening can be beneficial for a group of informed men**, whereas grey screening may lead to lower efficiency and safety of the process; this represents a **potential for optimising investment in this type of care**
- **The Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic, representatives of professional societies, health insurance companies and the NSC launched a discussion on a possible way to prepare a pilot population-based program of individualised prostate cancer screening**
- The parameters of the programme and its quality assurance at all levels (recruitment of men, parameters of the screening test, navigation through the screening process, diagnostics using 'state of the art' methods) will be the subject of further discussions, which will include the preparation of appropriate methodological documents
- A strong monitoring and evaluation component must be part of the potential program, for final decisions and optimization of the program setup in the long term

# New consensus approaches for individualized early detection of prostate cancer are proposed to minimise adverse effects

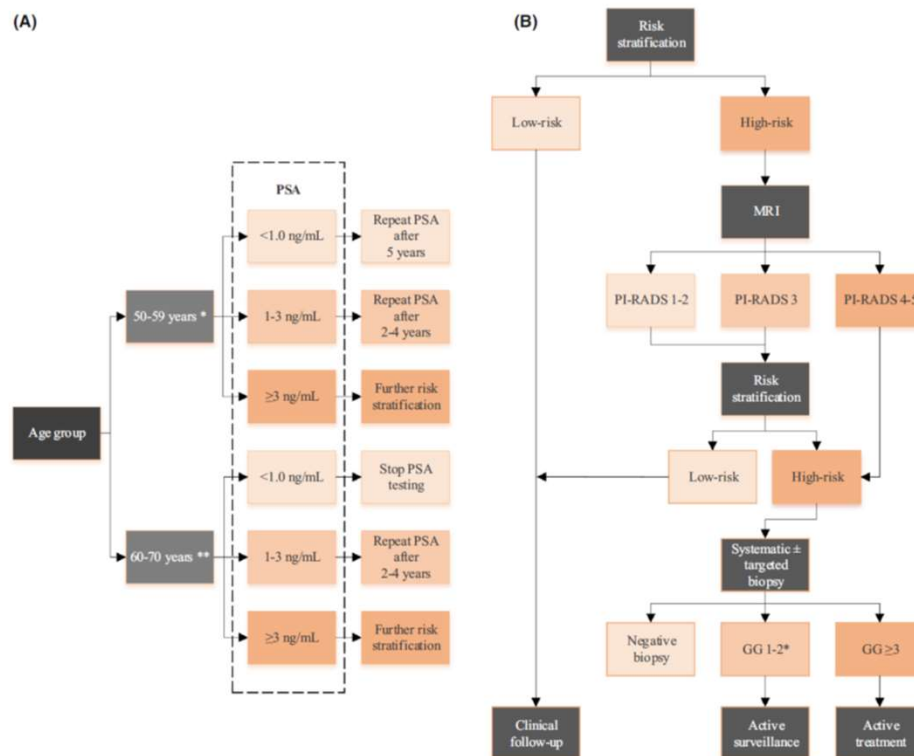


Fig. 1 – (A) Flow chart for PSA interval testing in different age groups. PSA = prostate-specific antigen. \*Follow the same schedule for men aged >45 yr with a family history of prostate cancer or African descent and for men aged >40 yr who carry BRCA2 mutations [11]. \*\*Follow the same schedule for men aged >70 yr with good performance status and life expectancy of at least 10–15 yr [11]. (B) Algorithm for a risk-stratified early detection strategy for prostate cancer in men with elevated PSA. MRI = magnetic resonance imaging; PI-RADS = Prostate Imaging-Reporting and Data System; GG = Gleason grade group. \*Only favorable intermediate-risk prostate cancer.

Part of the current initiative is the assessment and possible adaptation of these practices to the health system in the Czech Republic

Van Poppel H, Hogenhout R, Albers P, van den Bergh RC, Barentsz JO, Roobol MJ. Early detection of prostate cancer in 2020 and beyond: facts and recommendations for the European Union and the European Commission. Screening. 2021 Mar 1;73:56.

**Important objectives of the NOP CR 2030 in the field of prevention are aimed  
at strengthening the activities of the already established  
National Screening Centre, ÚZIS ČR**

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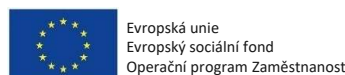


# National Screening Centre

## General information

- Part of the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic (ÚZIS)
- 20 regular employees within 2 departments
  - Screening Project Management Department
  - Screening Project Data Management and Analysis Department
- Financing from Operational Programme Employment (2017–2020)
- Supervised by the National Council for the Implementation and Steering of Early Detection Programmes, established by the Minister of Health
- NSC closely cooperates with the Ministry of Health, universities, professional societies, health insurance companies, healthcare providers, etc.
- Activities are anchored in strategic tools
  - National Strategy for Health Protection and Promotion and Disease Prevention – Health 2020 - Action Plan: Development of health screening programs in the Czech Republic
  - Strategic Framework for Health Care Development in the Czech Republic by 2030 – Health 2030 – Specific Objective: Disease prevention, promotion and health protection and increasing health literacy
  - Recovery and Resilience Facility – through Increasing the resilience of healthcare services: strengthening cancer screening programmes

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## Key activities

- Knowledge translation: bridging the gap between evidence and practice
- Methodological and personnel background to support early detection of the disease
- Education in cancer screening implementation
- Data warehouse for implementation of screening programmes
- Implementation research pilot projects
- Support of newly developed screening programs (early detection of lung cancer, SMA/SCID newborn screening)





# NSC activities in population-based cancer screening programmes

- **Comprehensive evaluation of existing screening programmes**
  - breast cancer
  - colorectal cancer
  - cervical cancer
- **Methodological and analytical support for newly considered or introduced screening programmes and setting up their monitoring**
  - Population-based pilot programme for [early detection of lung cancer](#) in at-risk populations
  - Potential population-based pilot programme for [individualised prostate cancer screening](#)
- **Implementation of projects aimed at optimising existing screening programmes**
  - [Increasing the effectiveness of personalised invitations](#) to citizens for colorectal, breast and cervical cancer screening (completed 30/11/2021)
  - [Optimisation of the cervical cancer screening programme](#) by introducing detection of the human papillomavirus genome using self-sampling kits in women who are long-term non-participants in the current screening programme (completed 31/12/2021)
  - [Optimisation of the colorectal cancer screening programme](#) (completed 30/6/2021)
- **Preparation of new potential pilot projects for early detection of cancer (starting in 2023)**



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**Strategic objective: strengthening primary prevention**

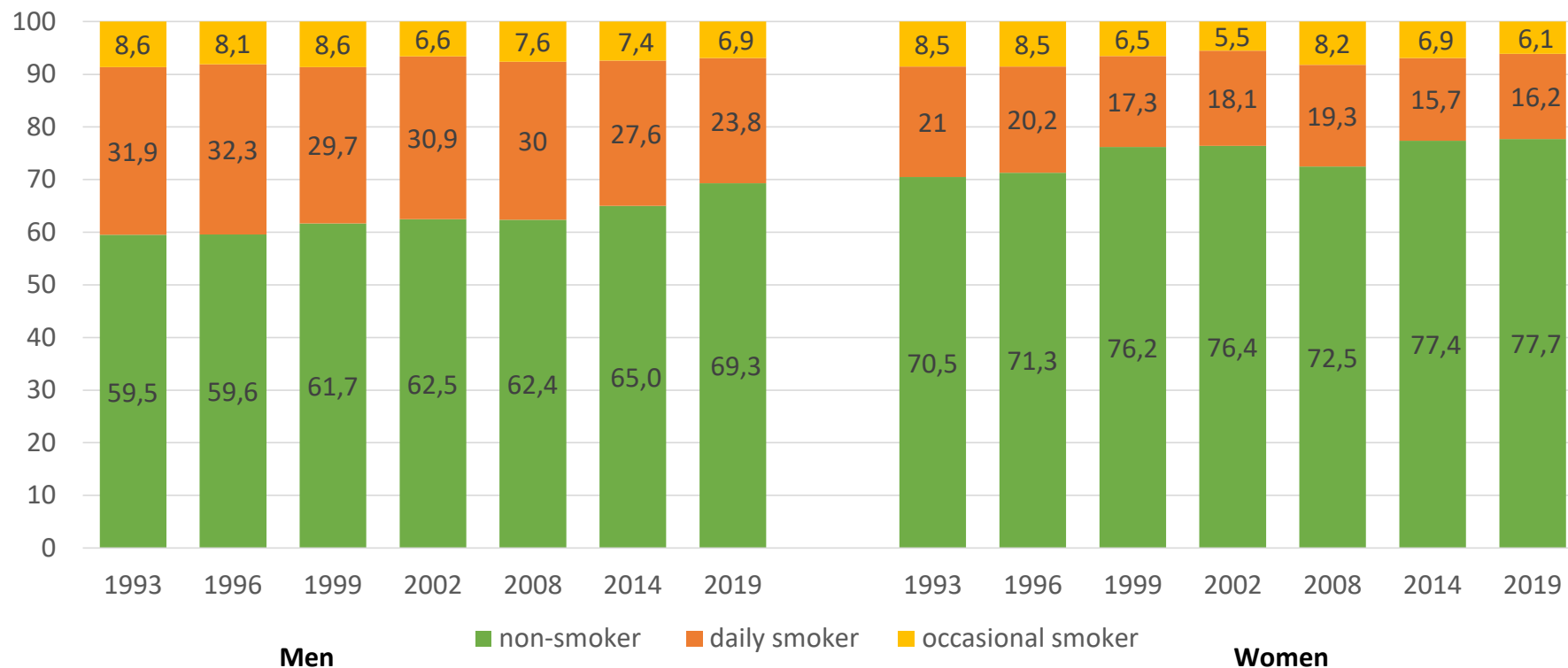
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# Tobacco consumption – time trends, structure (%), population 15+

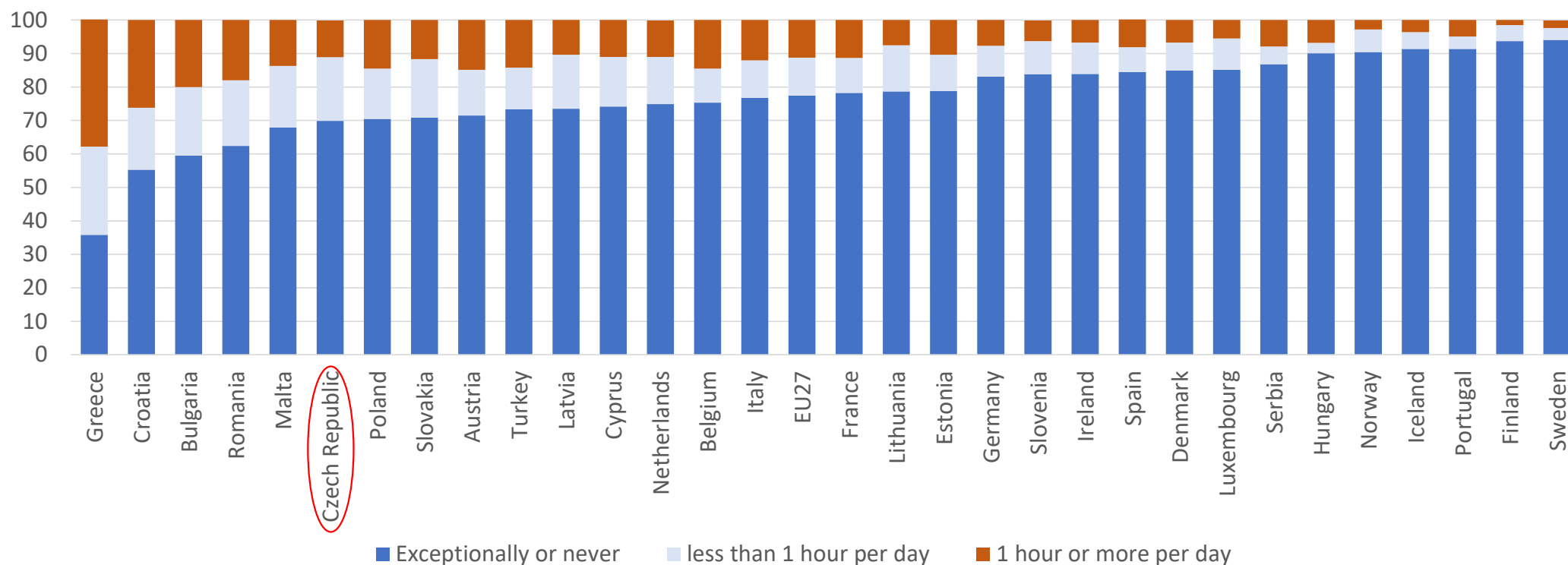
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- In 2019, in the population aged 15 years and older in the Czech Republic, 24% of men and 16% of women were daily smokers. The proportion of smokers has decreased in time for both sexes. Since 1993, the proportion of non-smokers has increased by 10 p.p. for men and 7 p.p. for women.

## Exposure to tobacco smoke in EU countries, structure (%), population 15+, 2014

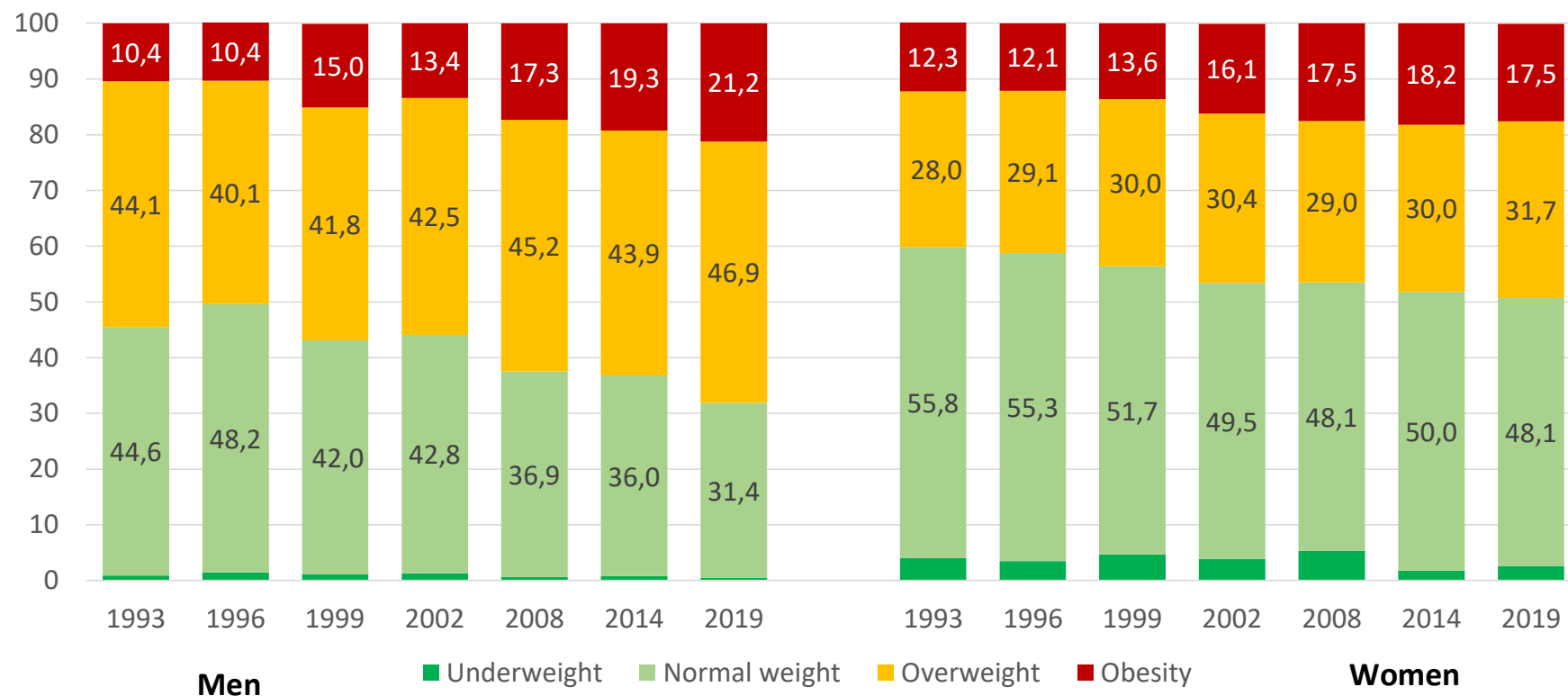
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- The proportion of people exposed to tobacco smoke in the Czech Republic is among the highest in the EU, especially in terms of the proportion of people who are exposed less than daily.

# Obesity, 1993–2019, structure (%), population 15+

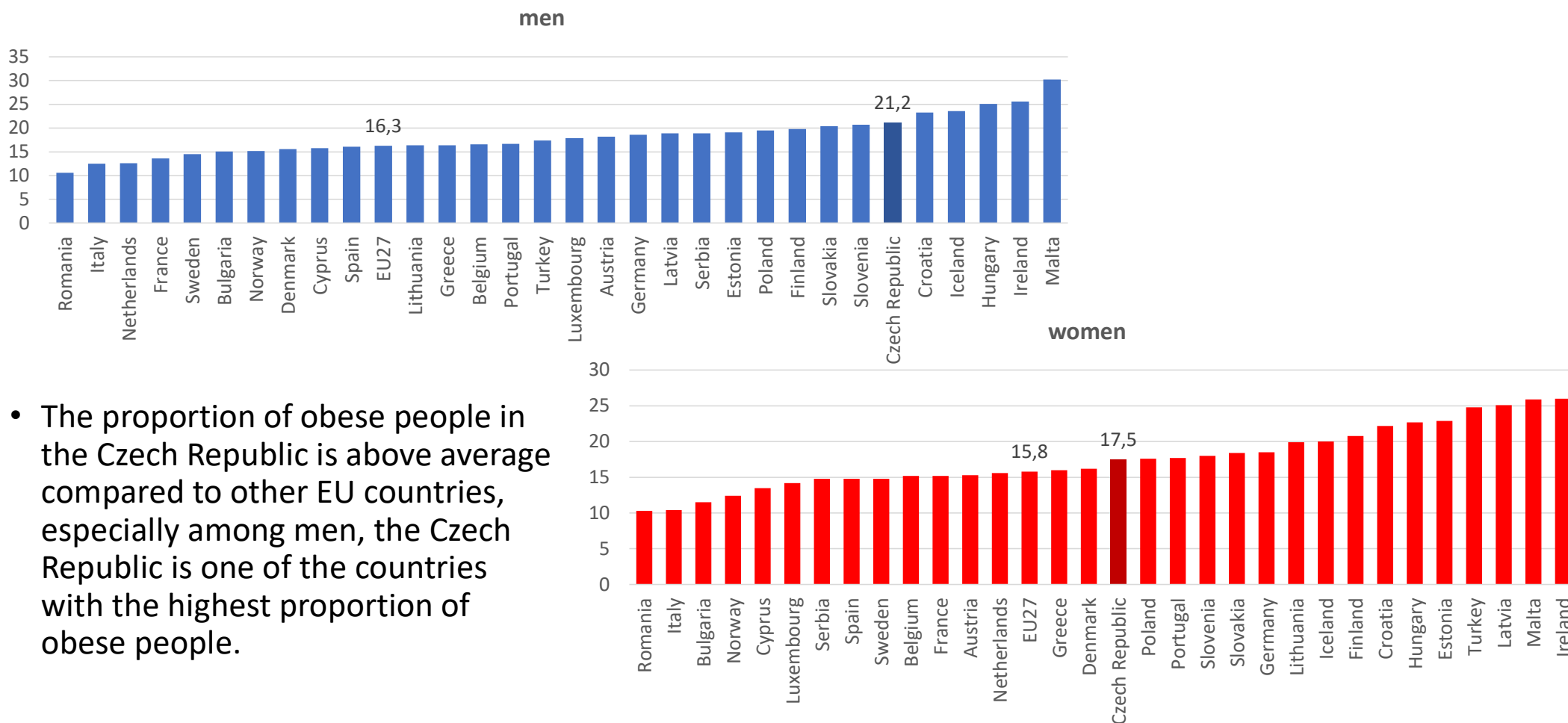
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- More than 2/3 of men and about half of women were overweight or obese in 2019. The proportion of people with obesity has been rising for a long time, while in 1993 about 10% of people aged 15 and over were obese, in 2019 it was already about double.

# Proportion of obese in EU countries (%), population 15+, 2019

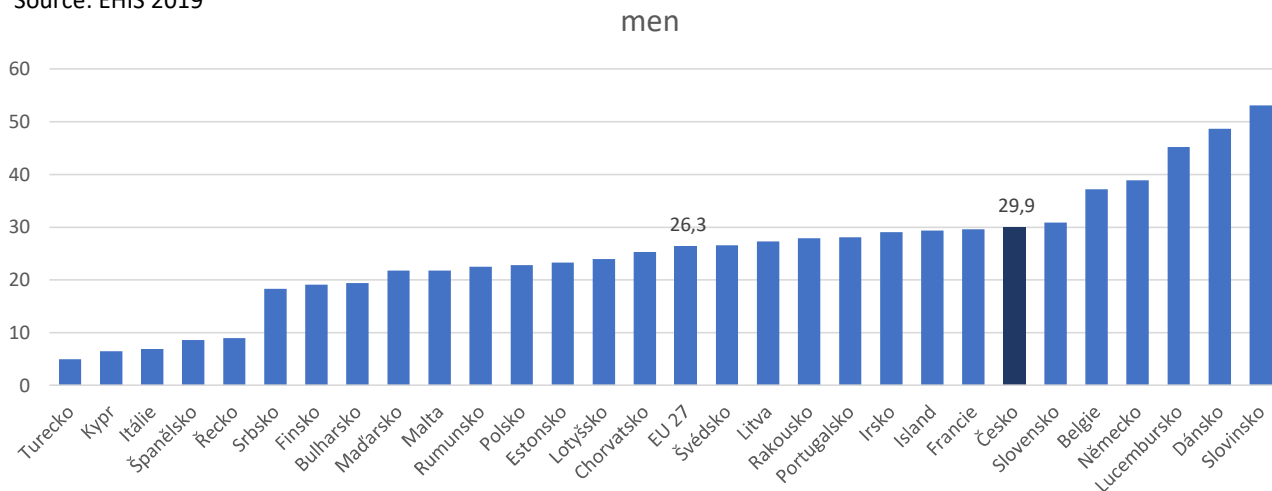
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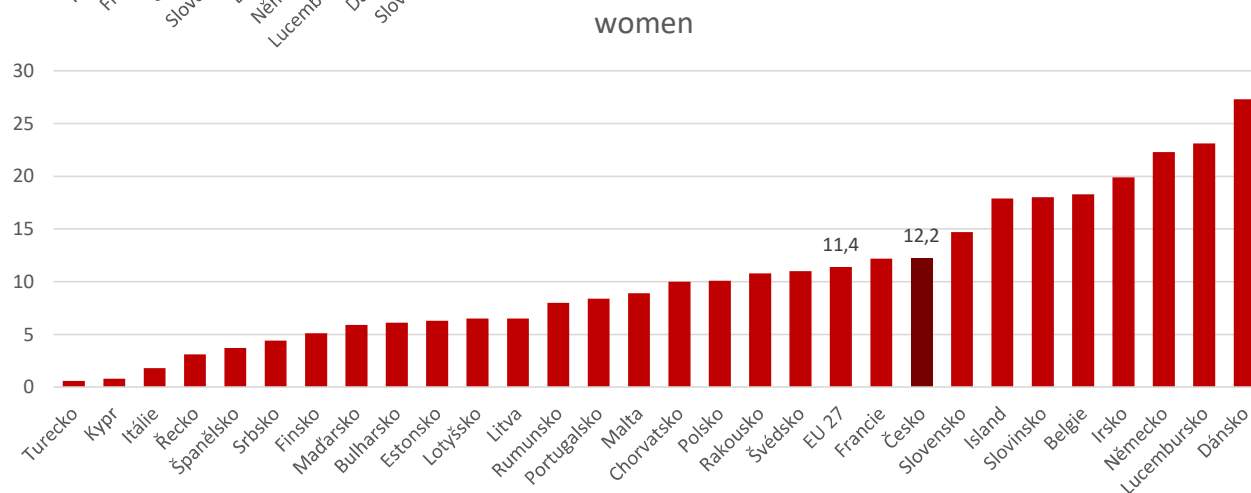
- The proportion of obese people in the Czech Republic is above average compared to other EU countries, especially among men, the Czech Republic is one of the countries with the highest proportion of obese people.

# Proportion of people with heavy binge drinking at least once a month (%), population 15+, 2019

Source: EHIS 2019

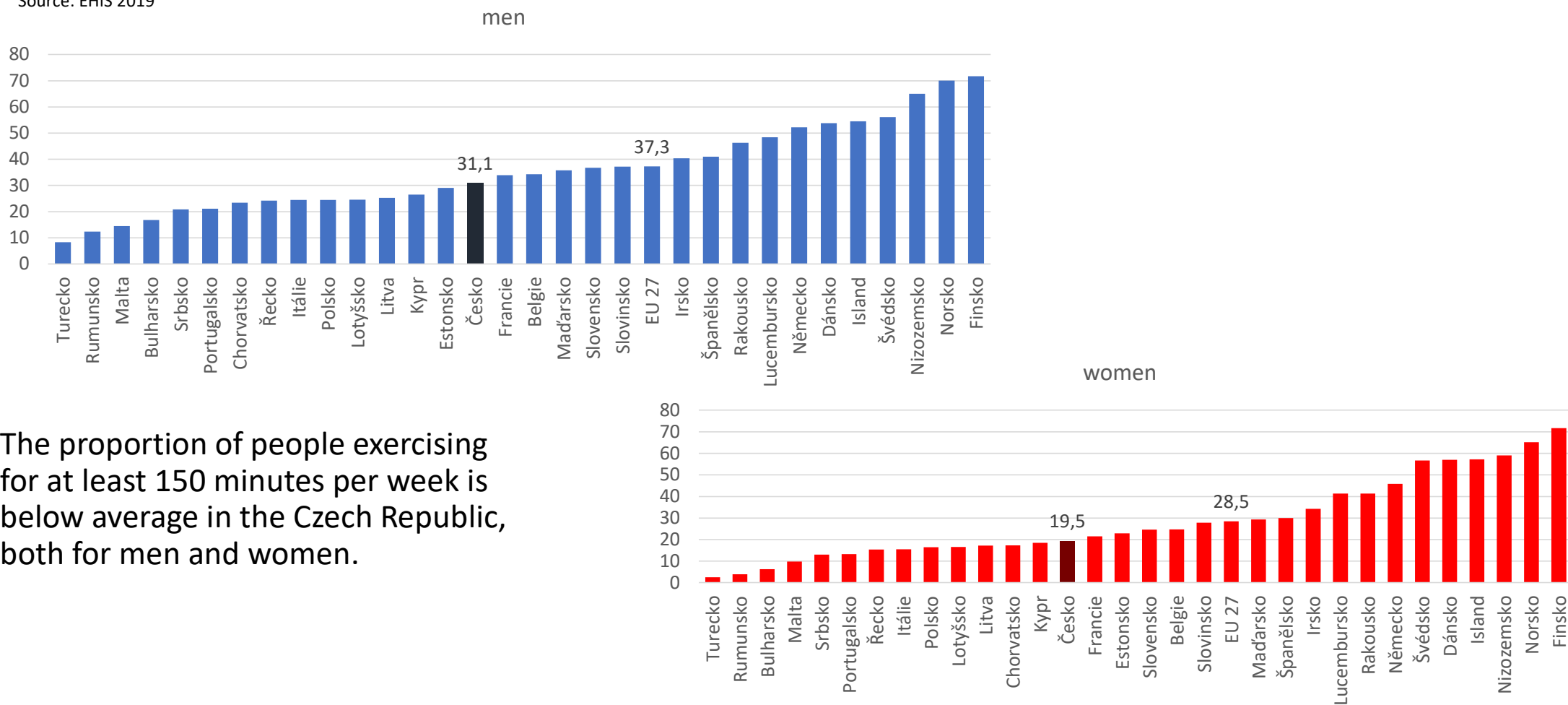


- The proportion of people with excessive alcohol consumption in the Czech Republic is above average compared to EU countries, especially among men.



# Proportion of people exercising at least 150 minutes per week (%), population 15+, 2019

Source: EHIS 2019

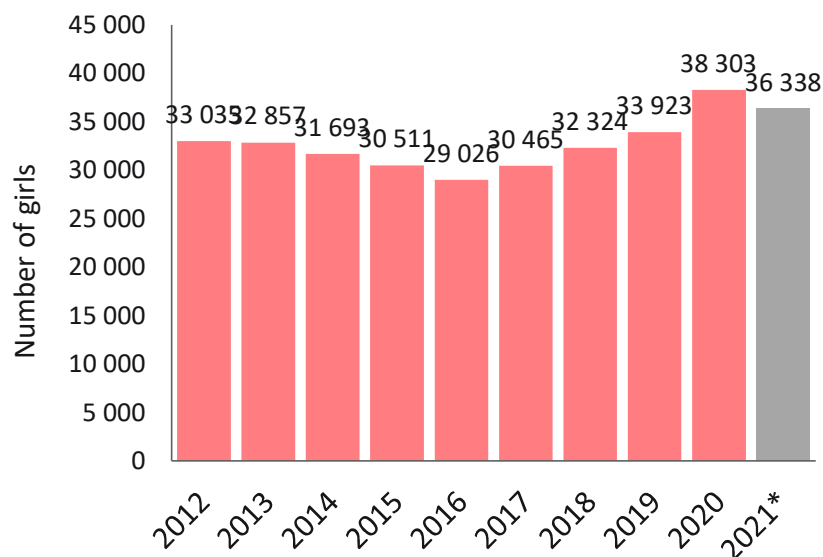


The proportion of people exercising for at least 150 minutes per week is below average in the Czech Republic, both for men and women.

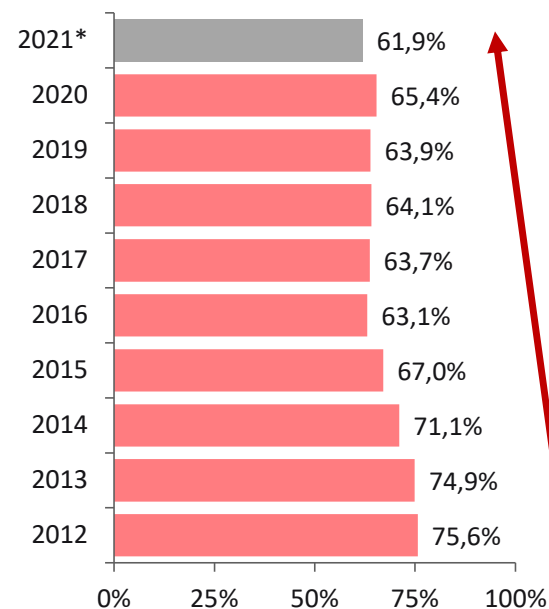


# Girls (cohort 13 years of age in a given year) with primary HPV vaccination

Number of girls



Proportion of girls who received primary vaccination in the population 13 years of age (%)



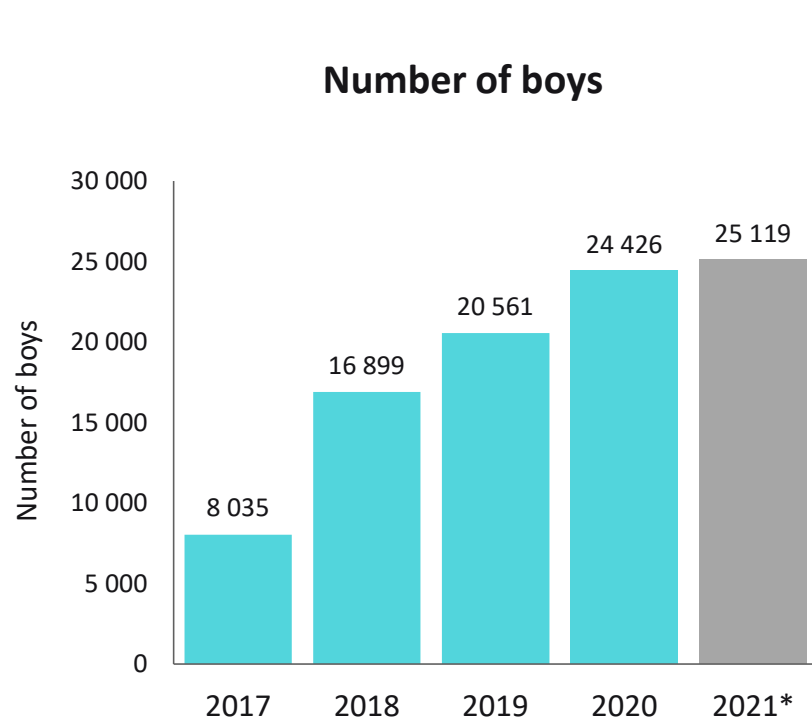
Note: Relates to girls aged 13 in a given year.

**The statistical prediction is 36,338 girls vaccinated in 2021.**  
**Of the number of girls who reached the age of 13 in 2021 (58,721), 61.9% can be predicted to be vaccinated in 2022.**

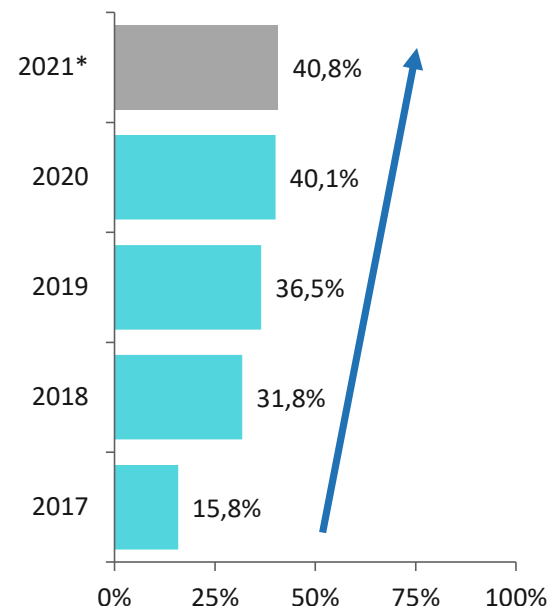
The number vaccinated in a given year corresponds to girls who reached the age of 13 in that year and were vaccinated in that or the following calendar year.

\* The year 2021 is not closed - girls from a given calendar cohort will be vaccinated in the following year.

# Boys (cohort 13 years of age in a given year) with primary HPV vaccination



**Proportion of boys who received primary vaccination in the population 13 years of age (%)**



Note: Relates to boys aged 13 in a given year.

**The statistical prediction is 16 054 boys vaccinated in 2021.  
Of the number of boys who will reach the age of 13 in 2021 (61,510), 40.8% can be predicted to be vaccinated in 2021.**

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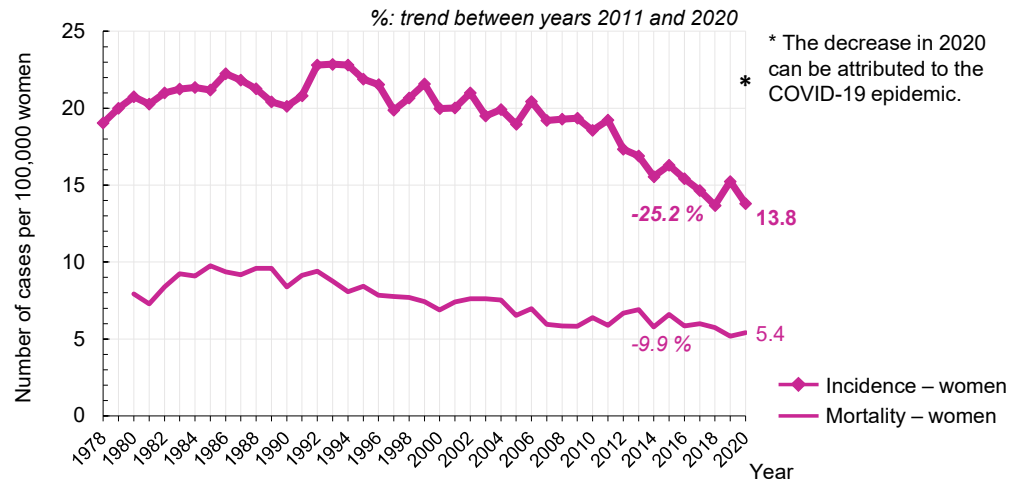
# A review of the epidemiology of cancer in relation to human papillomavirus (HPV) infections

## Absolute numbers

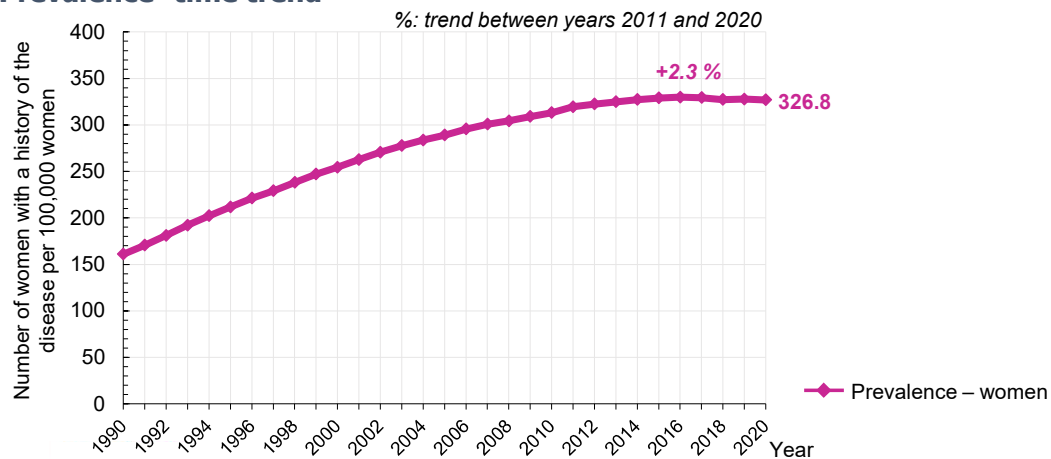
|  | Incidence<br>Average annual number of newly<br>diagnosed patients<br>in the period 2016–2020 |     |       | Prevalence<br>Number of living persons with a<br>history of cancer as of 31/12/2020 |       |        |
|--|--|-----|-------|---|-------|--------|
|  | Total  | Men | Women | Total   | Men   | Women  |
| Cervical cancer<br>(C53)                                 | 786  | -   | 786   | 17 730  | -     | 17 730 |
| Vulval nad vaginal cancer<br>(C51, C52)                  | 303  | -   | 303   | 2 424   | -     | 2 424  |
| Anal cancer<br>(C21)                                     | 192  | 59  | 133   | 1 353   | 339   | 1 014  |
| Penile cancer<br>(C60)                                   | 118  | 118 | -     | 941   | 941   | -      |
| Tongue and oropharynx cancer<br>(C01, C02, C04–C06, C09) | 1 123  | 801 | 322   | 7 003   | 4 647 | 2 356  |
| Total  | 2 523  | 978 | 1 545 | 29 451  | 5 927 | 23 524 |

# Epidemiology of cervical cancer (C53)

## Incidence<sup>1</sup> and mortality<sup>1,2</sup> time trend

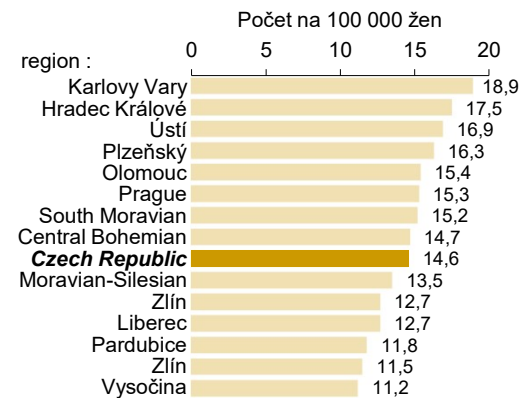


## Prevalence<sup>1</sup> time trend

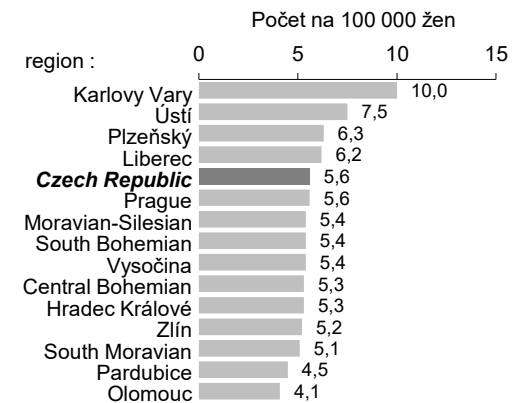


## Incidence, mortality and prevalence in regions

### INCIDENCE (annual average in 2016–2020)

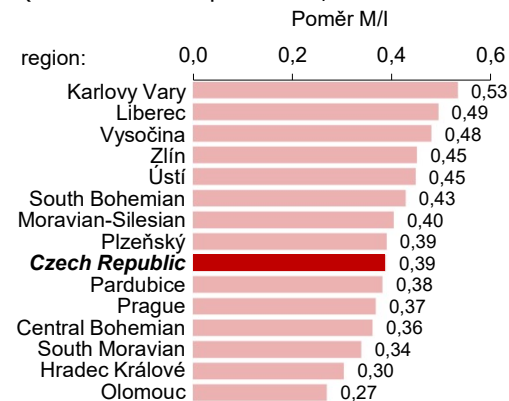


### MORTALITY<sup>2</sup> (annual average in 2016–2020)

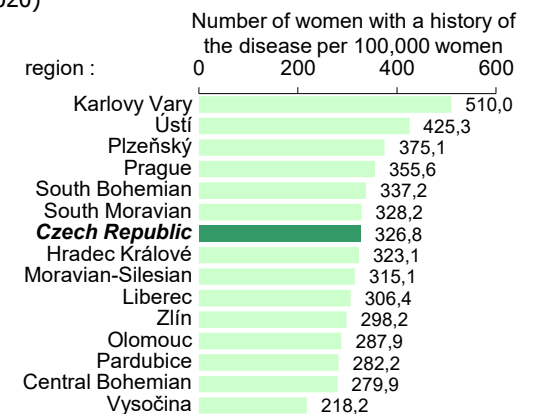


### RATIO MORTALITY<sup>2</sup>/INCIDENCE

(number of cases per na 100,000 women in 2016–2020)



### PREVALENCE\*\* (as of 31/12/2020)

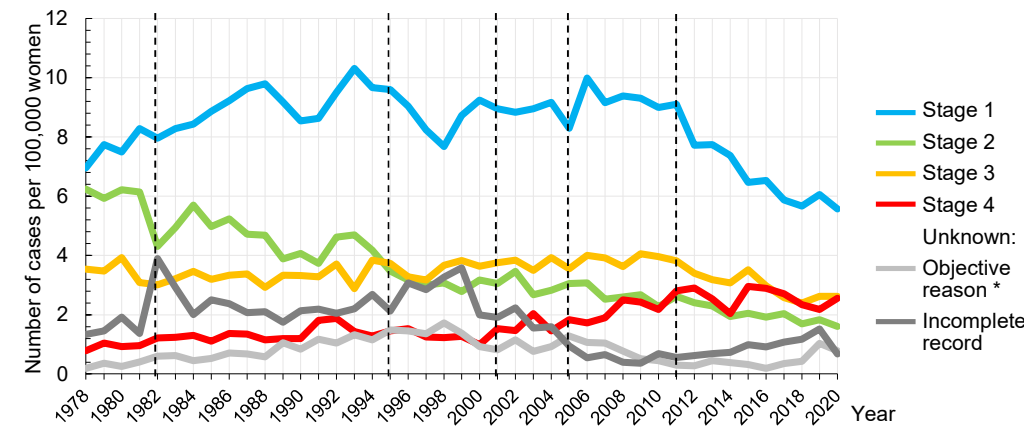
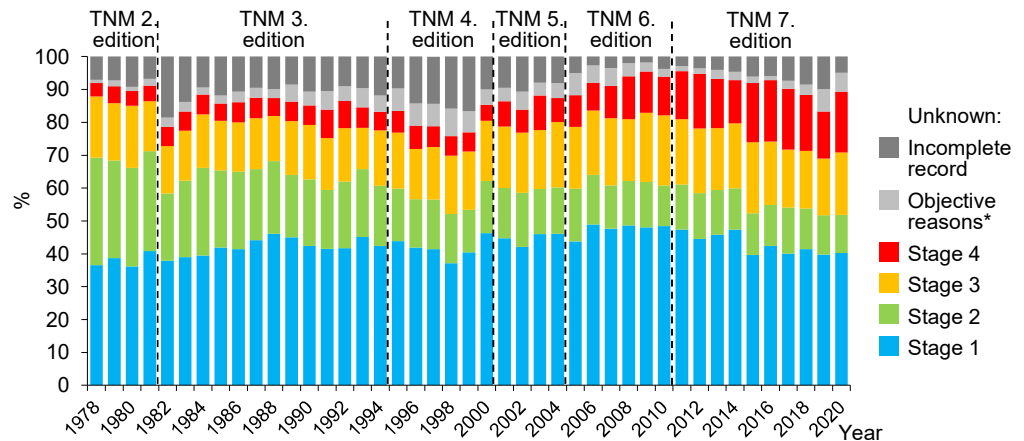


Source: <sup>1</sup>Czech National Cancer Registry, <sup>2</sup>Czech Statistical Office

\*\*Patients alive as of 31/12/2020 who had a given type of cancer diagnosed at any time in the past

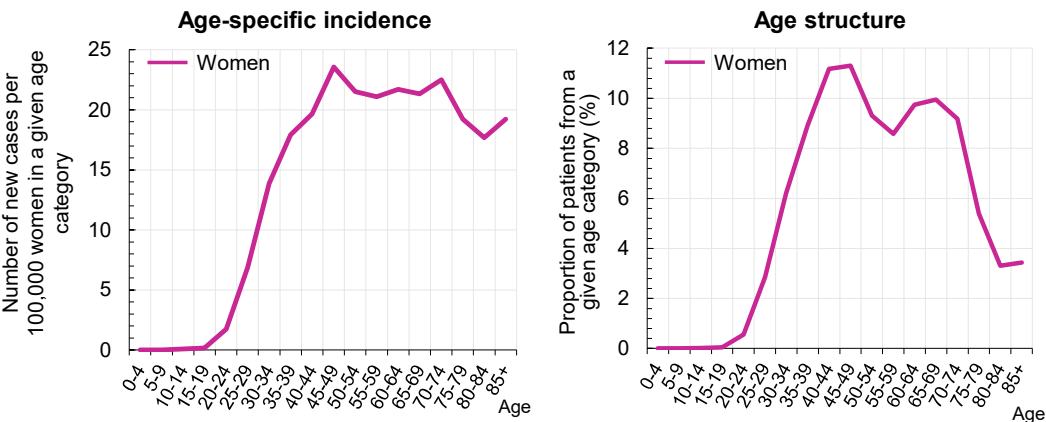
# Epidemiology of cervical cancer (C53)

Proportion and occurrence of clinical stages in newly diagnosed patients



\* Objective reasons for not indicating the stage of the disease are findings only from the death certificate or autopsy, very early death of the patient, patients not treated for contraindications to cancer treatment, refusal of treatment by the patient. If the failure to indicate the stage is not explained, the record is considered erroneously incomplete.

Patients' age (annual average in 2016–2020)



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| Incidence <sup>1</sup> (annual average in 2016–2020) |                | Mortality <sup>2</sup> (annual average in 2016–2020) |              |
|--|----------------|--|--------------|
| Cases per 100,000 women                              | 14,6           | Cases per 100,000 women                              | 5,6          |
| Annual average number of cases                       | 786            | Annual average number of cases                       | 304          |
| Proportion of all cancers (C00–C97 excl. C44)        | Women: 2,8 %   | Proportion of all cancers (C00–C97 excl. C44)        | Women: 2,5 % |
| Patients' age  |                | Prevalence <sup>1</sup> (as of 31/12/2020)           |              |
| Median (25th–75th percentile)                        | 54 (42–67) let | Cases per 100,000 women                              | 326,8        |
| Proportion of women under 60 years of age            | 59,0 %         | Absolute number                                      | 17 730       |

Source: <sup>1</sup>Czech National Cancer Registry, <sup>2</sup>Czech Statistical Office



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## Conclusion: SWOT analysis

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# The Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030 is a strategic concept for further development of cancer care in the Czech Republic, including a comprehensive approach from primary prevention to end-of-life care

According to a number of international recommendations, cancer care in the Czech Republic is facing a number of significant organisational changes that must respond to the development of treatment options, the need to ensure equal access to care for all residents – but at the same time manage a reasonable degree of centralisation as a basic way of increasing the cost-effectiveness of diagnostic and treatment procedures and addressing the growing shortage of specialist staff.

In addition to the necessary primary prevention, organised screening programmes need to be further strengthened, and the proportion of cancers caught in early stages must be substantially increased. For patients in the final stages of life, a new national concept for palliative and end-of-life care should be launched, setting standards for the work of hospital palliative teams and subsequently strengthening not only mobile specialist palliative care, but also all forms of home care, as well as care at the health-social interface.

All these areas need to be standardised through comprehensive diagnostic and treatment guidelines and recommendations based on evidence-based medicine. Last but not least, further development of the National Health Information System and the follow-up processes of digitisation and computerisation of the management of health services as well as health-social services will play a strategic role in all of the above-mentioned tasks.

# Starting point the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030: strengths

- The level of cancer prevention and treatment measures and cancer care infrastructure rank high in international comparison.
- Visible population-wide results of effective cancer control, e.g. the mortality/incidence ratio (M:I) in the Czech Republic is below the average of the ten European countries assessed in the ICP index and is at a similar level to France, Germany and Spain.
- The Czech Republic shows only a small difference in five-year survival rates compared to richer European countries (smallest for breast cancer, larger for prostate and colon cancer); moreover, cancer patients' survival rates are continuously improving over time.
- The mainstay of cancer care is a highly functional network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres (CCCs), highly specialised Haemato-Oncology Centres (HOCs) for adults, and highly specialised Children's Cancer (ChCCs). The principles of collaboration in patient care within regions, centres and regional cancer groups have been set. A concept for the organisation of cancer care in individual regions of the Czech Republic has been approved.
- The Czech Republic has an excellent level of cancer data evaluation and research (the Czech National Cancer Registry has been in operation since 1976, a completely new concept of the National Health Information System is being developed, and a new law on e-Health has been adopted).
- The Czech Republic is a leader in immunisation, screening and early detection in the field of oncology (existence of the National Screening Centre; three widely available population-based screening programmes – for cervical cancer, breast cancer and colorectal cancer – are fully operational; a fourth population-based screening for lung cancer is being introduced from 2022). Thanks to public health insurance, a range of cancer detection and treatment services are widely available in the Czech Republic, including HPV DNA tests, testing for mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene, etc.
- The Czech Republic has a high availability of cancer therapies, with needs planning taking place annually in this area. In recent years, there has been an improvement in pricing and reimbursement; new, expensive therapies have been introduced; and the time it takes for these therapies to reach patients has been reduced.
- There is a high-quality and qualified staff capacity in the Czech Republic. The infrastructure of health services is robust and widely available. Concentration of specialised care in Comprehensive Cancer Centres (CCCs) and Haemato-Oncology Centres (HOCs) ensures high quality of care for cancer patients.
- The Czech Republic supports cancer research, including preclinical research and involvement in international clinical trials, especially in centres operating also as university centres in collaboration with medical faculties and some institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences. The infrastructure and expertise for development and production in the field of biotechnology is available in the Czech Republic.



# Starting point the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030: weaknesses

- Cancer is the second leading cause of the so-called premature mortality (after cardiovascular disease). Lower rates of participation in population-based screening programmes compared to the usual rates in developed EU countries, despite the introduction of targeted invitations. Low level of health literacy of the population. Existing regional disparities in the local and temporal availability of screening centres. Low visibility and weak impact of primary prevention programmes. Limited offer of specialist services in tobacco and alcohol treatment, obesity treatment, lack of significant support (positive incentives - bonuses) from healthcare payers.
- Regional differences in access to care, reduced availability of specialised care in some regions. Regional differences in the availability of health and social services related to cancer treatment itself (including palliative care in some regions, for example). Development of palliative care services is still ongoing; there are also regional differences in the scale of long-term follow-up supportive care that is needed.
- Disinformation about vaccines reduces the effectiveness of relevant vaccination programmes, e.g. declining vaccination rates of girls against human papillomavirus (HPV) and low awareness of the possibility of vaccinating boys against HPV.
- Inconsistent implementation of patient-centred approaches within the healthcare system. Low involvement of patients, their families and patient organisations in decision-making mechanisms. Services such as supportive therapy, nutritional counselling, physiotherapy, psychological care, etc. are not available in each facility.
- No uniform standard has been set across all institutions in terms of throughput across the system, inconsistent transfer of patients from primary care to specialised care, which can mean a delay of months before patients reach the care of specialised centres. Unclear system of lifelong care for cured paediatric patients after they reach the age of 18, e.g. in terms of monitoring the long-term toxicity of chemotherapy or other treatments.
- Planning and collaboration across actors and regions has so far been limited by the lack of policies and planning, especially the shielding of the plan at government level (ranked 15th in the ICP index). There is no medium-term plan for investment in cancer care, which makes it impossible to plan treatment in view of the expenditure that will result, in particular, from the introduction of new technologies. Hospitals are not in good condition in many regions, and there is a growing need for significant investment.
- Human capacities in cancer care are ageing and there is a local shortage, where, in addition to the financial remuneration of workers, the psychological impact of the consequences of working in this field is not systematically addressed (measures to improve psychological well-being, to maintain motivation and to prevent the burnout syndrome).
- Low representation of Czech partners in relevant EU community programmes.

# Starting point the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030: opportunities

- Creation of a consensus strategy for 2030 approved by the government for intensive cooperation and better coordination of all stakeholders and available resources in the implementation of the Czech National Control Plan 2030 (Ministry of Health, Czech Society for Oncology, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, health insurance companies, regional authorities, patient organisations, etc.). Formulation of a clear strategic vision, goals and activities to be achieved in a predefined period, including specifications of tools, resources, responsibilities, measurement of progress, etc. – conceptual work, source of motivation and stability, elimination of chaotic procedures and regional disparities across related areas with the involvement of all stakeholders.
- Strengthening the position and role of centres of highly specialised care in all regions, in particular by standardising recommended procedures for referring patients at different stages of treatment. Introducing new incentive schemes for reimbursement of healthcare, payment according to real costs based on quality indicators. Strengthening the position of centres in health insurance plans. Introducing clinical guidelines and other mechanisms to standardise prevention and care.
- Intensification of international cooperation, including involvement in the implementation of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. Effective use of EU funds (Integrated Regional Operational Programme 2021–2027 for investment projects, Operational Programme Employment + for systemic projects and National Recovery Plan – Component 6.2).
- Systematic promotion of health literacy and health promotion (in cooperation with stakeholders from outside the healthcare sector). There is also room for improvement in the area of inter-ministerial cooperation in healthcare between educational and health institutions in the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Further strengthening the availability of screening programmes for the target population and improving the quality of the whole screening process, introducing new early detection programmes in line with scientific knowledge.
- There is also room for improvement in the area of health financing to accommodate the increasing demanding needs of the population (e.g. extending HTA to medical devices and medicines used in healthcare facilities).
- There is also an opportunity to improve cancer diagnosis and treatment by levelling geographical disparities across the country.
- Improved efficiency of the organisation of care through the introduction of digitisation and technological advances (possibility of better patient care, assessment of the scope of care provided, identification of drug interaction, etc.).
- Effective use of new research findings. There is a persistent belief in the population that “the state will take care of me”; personal responsibility needs to be emphasised.

# Starting point the Czech National Cancer Control Plan 2030: risks & threats

- Poor lifestyle compared to developed EU countries, high prevalence of risk factors: tobacco use (34.4% of adults), high-risk alcohol consumption (12% women, 30% men), obesity (28.5% of adults) and lack of exercise (31.1% of adults). These are lifestyle characteristics highly resistant to educational and awareness-raising interventions. In the ICP index, the Czech Republic is the second worst among the ten European countries assessed in terms of obesity (after the UK) and the second worst in terms of tobacco consumption (after Russia).
- Demographic ageing of the population and a proportionally increasing cancer burden.
- Lack of resources for healthcare due to unforeseen events (e.g. economic crisis, acute need to redistribute resources to other health areas, etc.).
- Lack of resources to pay for innovative cancer care
- Consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Ageing human resources in the field of cancer care (physicians, health workers, social workers, etc.).
- Political reluctance to address strategic issues of financing cancer care.