

CANCER SCREENING STATISTICS BY SEX AND AGE

1. The Federal Government operates three cancer screening programs for eligible Australians to detect cervical cancer and breast cancer in women, & bowel cancer in men and women.¹
2. In **2015-2016, more than 1.7 million women aged 50-74 had a screening mammogram through BreastScreen Australia, a participation rate of 55% for the target age group.** In 2015-16, an estimated \$268.6 million was spent on BreastScreen Australia.²
3. In 2015–2016, more than 3.8 million women participated in cervical screening, a participation rate of 55% of women aged 20–69. In **2015–16, an estimated \$84.3 million was spent on cervical screening in Australia.**³
4. In 2015-2016, around 600,000 men and 700,000 women, participated in bowel cancer screening, a participation rate of 39% of men and of 43% women aged 50-74. In 2015–16, an estimated \$56.1 million was spent on the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.⁴
5. **Each year, the Government screens nearly 7 million Australians for cancer. 91% are women** and 9% are men. in 2015-2016, around \$409m was spent on cancer screening with an estimated 7% of this targeted at male cancer.^{2,3,4}
6. The Government's position on universal screening for prostate cancer is that the harms outweigh the benefits.⁵

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