Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer incidence and mortality in the Americas in both men and women. Approximately 245,000 new cases and 112,000 deaths from colorectal cancer occur each year in the Americas.

• Canada and the United States are the countries with the highest incidence of colorectal cancer, while Barbados and Uruguay are the countries with the highest mortality rates.
• Guatemala and Honduras have some of the lowest incidence and mortality rates for colorectal cancer.
Number of new cases and deaths from colorectal cancer by region and sex, 2012 and 2030

- It is estimated that by 2030 the number of new cases and deaths from colorectal cancer in both sexes in the Americas will increase by 61% and 68%, respectively.

Incidence/mortality ratio of colorectal cancer by sex, by country and compared to GDP, 2012

- The survival rate for colorectal cancer, measured indirectly through the incidence/mortality ratio, varies widely between North America and the rest of the region.
- In countries such as Nicaragua or Haiti, there is almost one death for every new case of colorectal cancer, while in the United States and in Canada, there is one death for every three new cases.

* 2011 GDP per capita (current US$)