Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the Americas, and the second leading cause of cancer deaths. There are more than 412,000 new cases and 85,000 deaths each year in the Americas.

- In Central America and the Caribbean, prostate cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in men, whereas it is the second cause of cancer death in men South America and the third in North America.

- The number of new prostate cancer cases and deaths will almost double by 2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean if current trends continue.
• The highest prostate cancer incidence and mortality rates are found in the Caribbean, particularly Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana
• The United States and Canada have the lowest mortality rates for prostate cancer, in spite of their high incidence rates.

Incidence/mortality ratio of prostate cancer compared to GDP per capita (current US$) by country, 2012

• While in Canada there is 1 death for every 9 new cases of prostate cancer, in Haiti and Nicaragua, there is 1 death for approximately every 2 new cases of prostate cancer.
• In general terms, countries with the highest Gross Domestic Product per capita* (GDP) have the highest incidence/mortality ratios for prostate cancer.


* 2011 GDP per capita (current US$)