Breast cancer in the Americas

Breast cancer is the most common cancer type in women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the Americas. There are more than 462,000 new cases and almost 100,000 deaths from breast cancer annually in the Americas.

Proportion of new cases and deaths from breast cancer in the Americas

In Latin America and the Caribbean 27% of new cancer cases and 16% of cancer deaths in women are due to breast cancer. Similarly, in The United States and Canada, 24% of new cases and 14% of cancer deaths among women are caused by breast cancer.

Breast cancer is expected to increase, and by 2030 will be an estimated 572,000 new cases and 130,000 deaths from breast cancer in the Americas.

The increase in new cases and deaths in Latin America and the Caribbean will be almost twice than that in the United States and Canada.
The United states has the highest incidence of breast cancer in the region, followed by Canada and Martinique. The highest mortality rates are found in Barbados, the Bahamas, Dominican Republic and Trinidad and Tobago.

As shown in the figure above, countries with a lower GDP -such as Haiti, Nicaragua, and Honduras present one death for every 2.5 cases of breast cancer. While in the United States and Canada -the countries with the highest GDP in the region- one death occurs for every 6.5 cases of breast cancer.


*2018 GDP per capita (current US$)