

Breast Cancer Among Women Ages 15 to 44 in Wisconsin

Most breast cancers occur in women 45 years and older, but rates are slowly rising among younger women ages 15 to 44. Breast cancer screenings typically do not start until age 40, so breast cancer among younger women may be more advanced when it's found.¹ In Wisconsin, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among women ages 15 to 44.²

From 2001 to 2023, rates for breast cancer among young women in Wisconsin and the United States were similar.

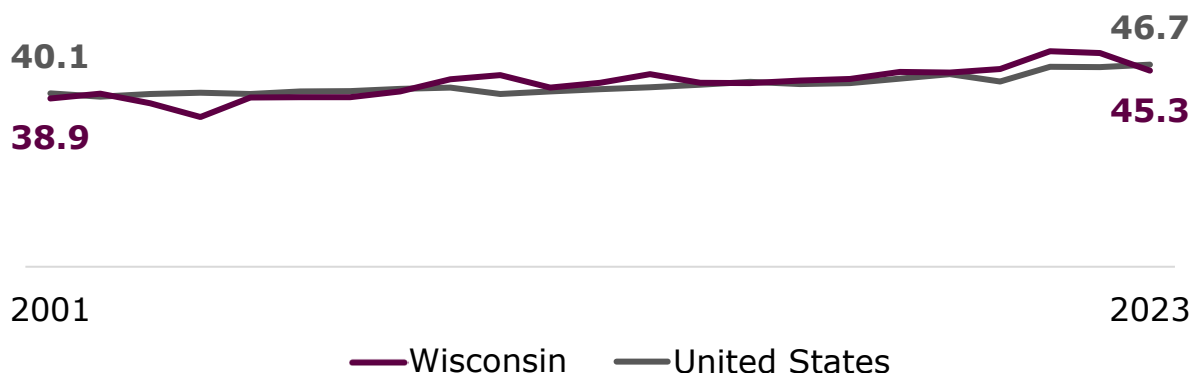


Figure 1. Age-adjusted female breast cancer incidence rates per 100,000 population among women ages 15–44 years, Wisconsin and United States, 2001–2023.



HR+/HER2- was the most common subtype diagnosed among young Wisconsin women between 2019 and 2023.

Non-Hispanic (NH) American Indian/Alaska Native and NH Black young women have higher rates of breast cancer compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

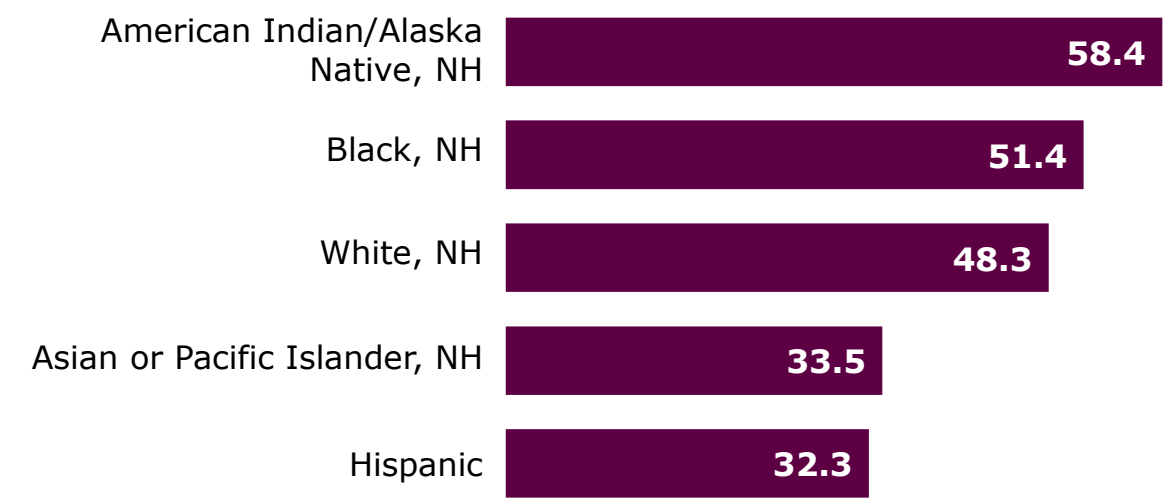
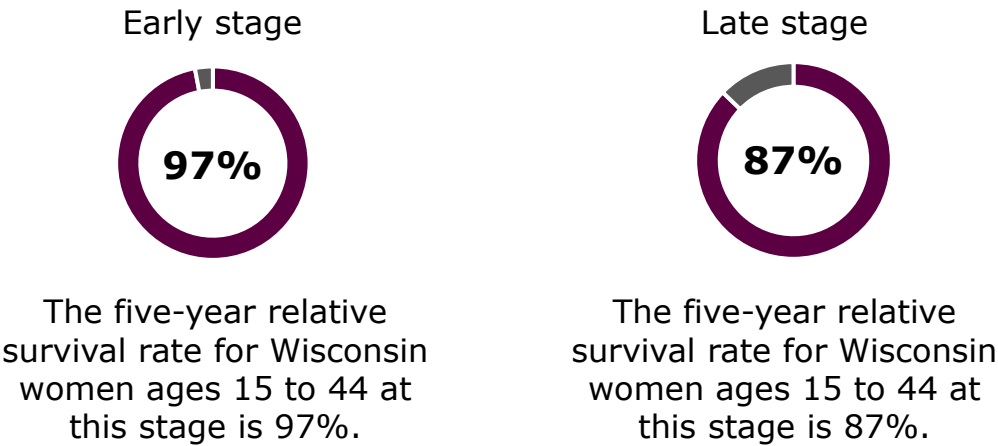


Figure 2. Age-adjusted female breast cancer incidence rates per 100,000 by race/ethnicity among Wisconsin women ages 15–44 years, 2019–2023.

Survival is better for young women diagnosed with breast cancer during early stages compared to late stages in Wisconsin.*



*Based on individuals diagnosed with cancer between 2018–2022 and followed through December 31, 2023.

Additional resources

[Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System](#)

[Wisconsin Cancer Plan, 2020–2030](#)

More information on cancer reporting: [Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System \(WCRS\) Coding Manual 2026](#).

References

¹ [Breast Cancer Among Women Younger Than 45 | U.S. Cancer Statistics | CDC](#), Accessed August 2026.

² Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics. Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH) data query system, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/index.htm>, Mortality Module, accessed August 2026.

Data sources

Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System SEER*Stat Database, 2019–2023 Incidence, 2025 submission, created July 2026.

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