

Breast Cancer Facts for WOMEN OF COLOR

Research shows that white women have the highest rate of getting diagnosed with breast cancer, followed by Black women, Native American women, Asian/Pacific Island women, and Hispanic women.



In the past 30 years, breast cancer deaths have decreased 42%. **But death rates from breast cancer among Black women are the highest of all races.**



Women of color are more likely to have **no or poor health insurance or little access to health care.** That can affect whether they get breast cancer screenings and follow-up care, and whether they finish treatment.



Women of color are more likely to be **diagnosed at a younger age and at a more advanced stage** (including metastatic breast cancer).



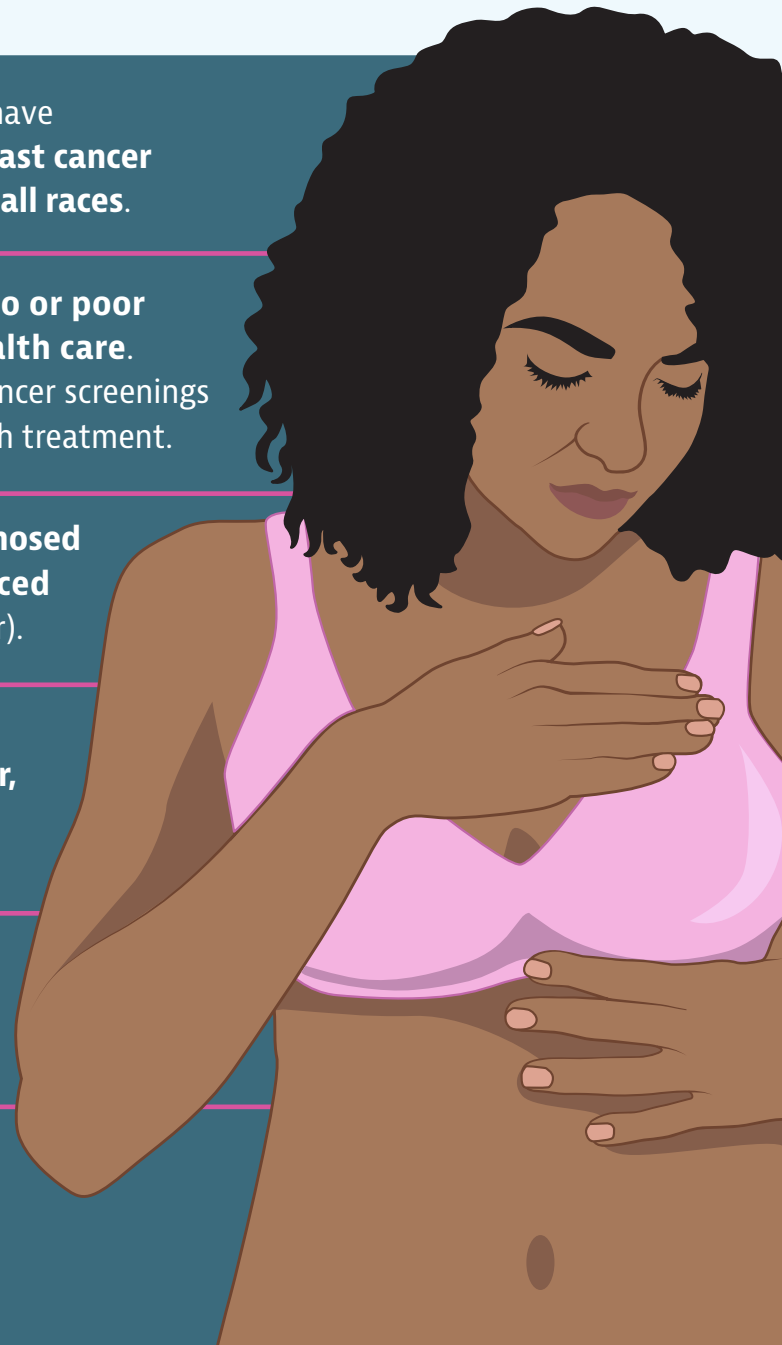
Black women have a higher risk of getting certain **aggressive types of breast cancer**, including triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) and inflammatory breast cancer.



Women of color make up **less than 10%-15%** of people in breast cancer clinical trials.



Black women are also more likely to have **diabetes, heart disease, and obesity.** They're also **less likely to breastfeed.** All these are risk factors for breast cancer.



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