

Barbados

Human Papillomavirus and Related Cancers, Fact Sheet 2023 (2023-03-10)



I. Key data on HPV and HPV-related cancers



Barbados has a population of 122,898 women ages 15 years and older who are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Current estimates indicate that every year 39 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 26 die from the disease. Cervical cancer ranks as the 4th most frequent cancer among women in Barbados and the 2nd most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age. Data is not yet available on the HPV burden in the general population of Barbados. However, in Caribbean, the region Barbados belongs to, about 15.8% of women in the general population are estimated to harbour cervical HPV-16/18 infection at a given time, and 60.2% of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18.

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Table 1. Crude incidence rates of HPV-related cancers

	Male	Female
Cervical cancer	-	26.3
Anal cancer	1.44	4.05
Vulva cancer	-	2.02
Vaginal cancer	-	0
Penile cancer	0.72	-
Oropharyngeal cancer	2.88	0
Oral cavity cancer	5.03	2.02
Laryngeal cancer	5.03	0

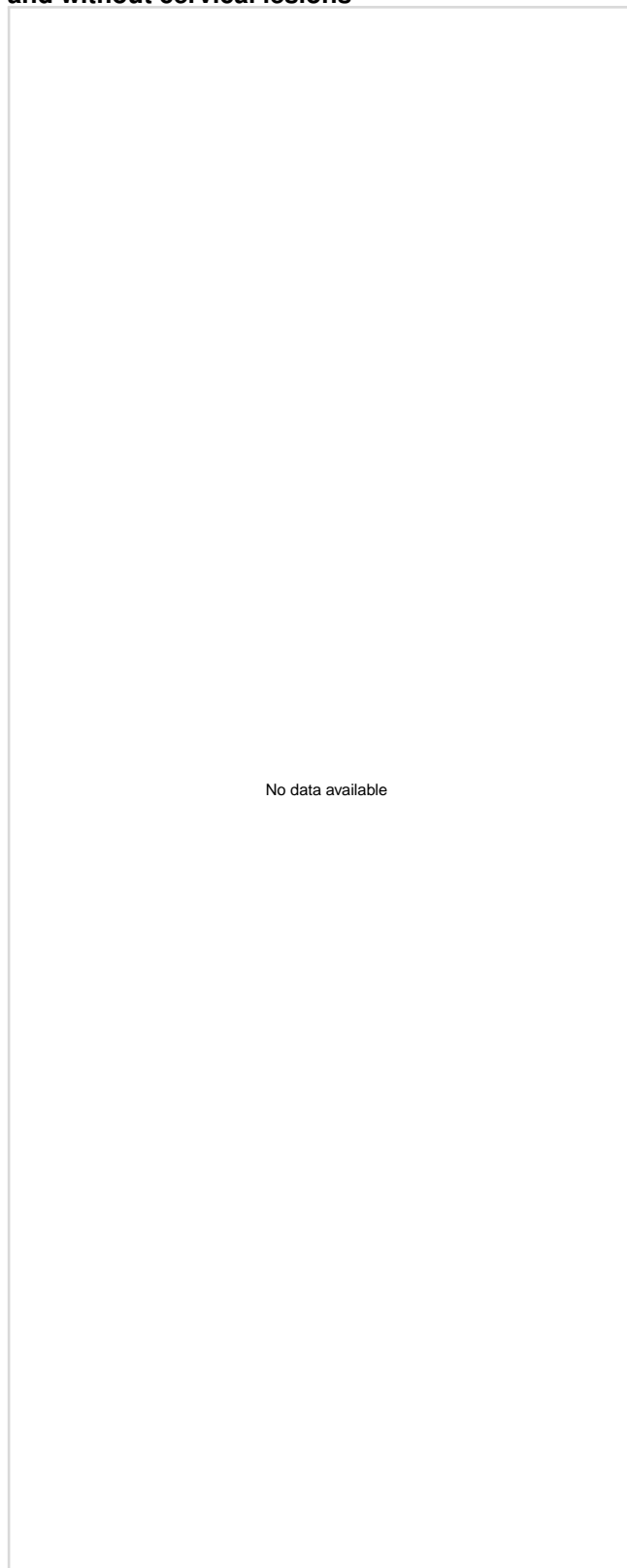
Table 2. Burden of cervical cancer

	Incidence	Mortality
Annual number of new cases/deaths	39	26
Crude rate	26.3	17.5
Age-standardized rate	15.2	9.00
Cumulative risk 0-74 years (%)	1.41	0.89
Ranking of cervical cancer (all years)	4th	3rd
Ranking of cervical cancer (15-44 years)	2nd	6th

Table 3. Burden of cervical HPV infection Barbados

	No. Tested	% (95% CI)
HPV 16/18 prevalence:		
Normal cytology	-	-
Low-grade cervical lesions	-	-
High-grade cervical lesions	-	-
Cervical cancer	-	-

Figure 1. Comparison of the ten most frequent HPV oncogenic types in Barbados among women with and without cervical lesions



No data available

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II. Complementary data on cervical cancer prevention

Table 4. Factors contributing to cervical cancer (co-factors)

Smoking prevalence (%) [95% UI], women	1.9 [1-3]
Total fertility rate (live births per women)	1.8
Hormonal contraception use (%)	21.2
HIV prevalence (%) [95% UI] (15-49 years)	1 [0.9-1.1]

Table 5. Sexual behaviour

MEN	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	-
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	-
WOMEN	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	-
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	-

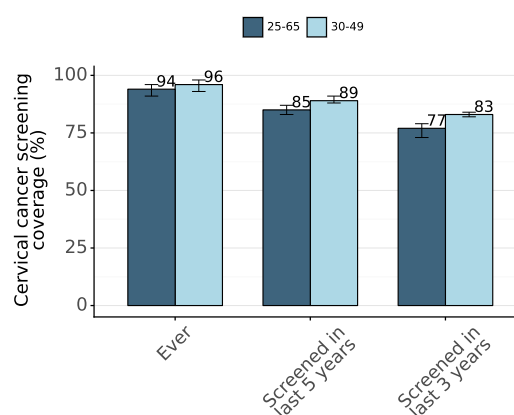
Table 6. HPV vaccine introduction

Females	
HPV vaccination programme	Introduced
Year of introduction	2014
Year of estimation	2021
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	39
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	28
Males	
HPV vaccination programme	Introduced
Year of introduction	2017
Year of estimation	2021
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	36
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	26

Table 7. Cervical screening practices and recommendations

Existence of official national recommendations	No
Starting year of recommendations	-
Active invitation to screening	-
Screening ages (years), primary screening test used, and screening interval or frequency of screenings	-

Figure 2. Estimated coverage of cervical cancer screening in Barbados*



* Estimated coverage and 95% confidence interval in 2019

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