

Georgia

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



I. Key data on HPV and HPV-related cancers



Georgia has a population of 1.60 million women ages 15 years and older who are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Current estimates indicate that every year 327 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 204 die from the disease.

Cervical cancer ranks as the

5th most frequent cancer among women in Georgia and the 3rd most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age. About 1.1% of women in the general population are estimated to harbour cervical HPV-16/18 infection at a given time, and 69.2% of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18.

Table 1. Crude incidence rates of HPV-related cancers

	Male	Female
Cervical cancer	-	15.7
Anal cancer	0.32	0.19
Vulva cancer	-	2.39
Vaginal cancer	-	0.62
Penile cancer	1.16	-
Oropharyngeal cancer	1.79	0.14
Oral cavity cancer	8.15	1.58
Laryngeal cancer	14.0	0.48

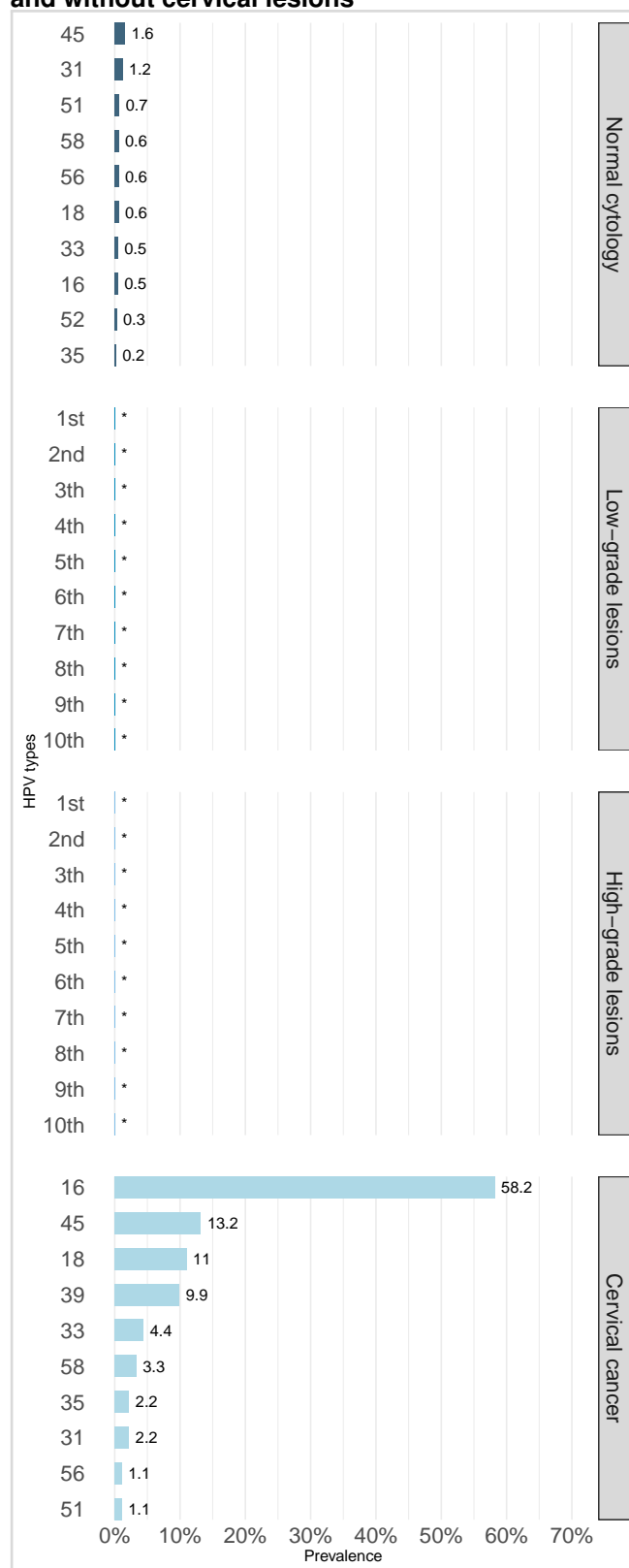
Table 2. Burden of cervical cancer

	Incidence	Mortality
Annual number of new cases/deaths	327	204
Crude rate	15.7	9.77
Age-standardized rate	10.6	5.89
Cumulative risk 0-74 years (%)	1.10	0.65
Ranking of cervical cancer (all years)	5th	6th
Ranking of cervical cancer (15-44 years)	3rd	2nd

Table 3. Burden of cervical HPV infection Georgia

	No. Tested	% (95% CI)
HPV 16/18 prevalence:		
Normal cytology	1247	1.1 (0.7-1.9)
Low-grade cervical lesions	-	-
High-grade cervical lesions	-	-
Cervical cancer	91	69.2 (59.1-77.8)

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



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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	4.9 [3.5-6.3]
Total fertility rate (live births per women)	2.0
Hormonal contraception use (%)	4.10
HIV prevalence (%) [95% UI] (15-49 years)	0.2 [0.2-0.3]

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	20.5 - 22.1

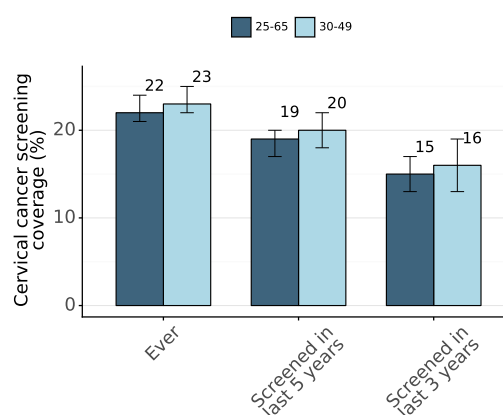
Table 6. HPV vaccine introduction

Females	
HPV vaccination programme	Introduced
Year of introduction	2018
Year of estimation	2021
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	14
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	12
Males	
HPV vaccination programme	Not Available/Not Introduced
Year of introduction	-
Year of estimation	-
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	-
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	-

Table 7. Cervical screening practices and recommendations

Existence of official national recommendations	Yes
Starting year of recommendations	2011
Active invitation to screening	Yes
Screening ages (years), primary screening test used, and screening interval or frequency of screenings	25-60 (cytology, 3 years)

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



* Estimated coverage and 95% confidence interval in 2019

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