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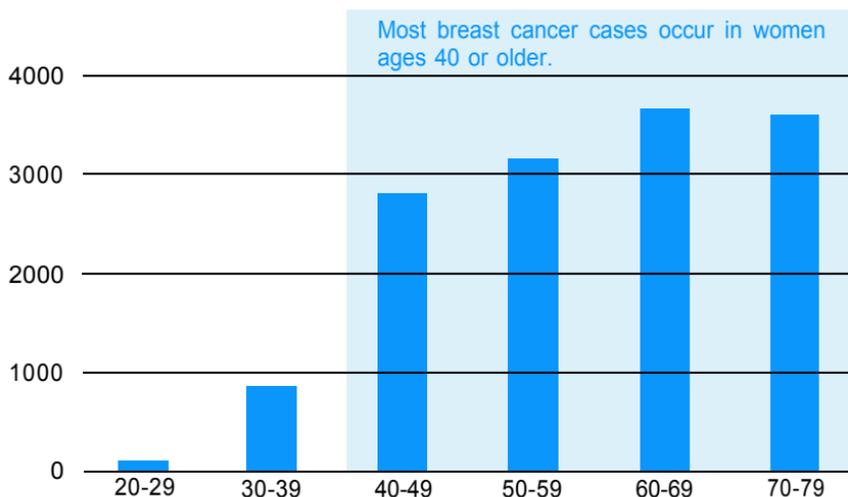
Getting the facts about breast cancer and mammograms is an important step in taking care of your health.

This pamphlet will help you to get the information that you need. It provides information on a woman's risk for breast cancer, the National Cancer Institute's recommendations about mammograms, and the benefits and limitations of the procedure.

After skin cancer, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women in the United States. It is second only to lung cancer in cancer-related deaths. Approximately 180,000 new cases of breast cancer are estimated for 1997, and about 44,000 women are expected to die from the disease.

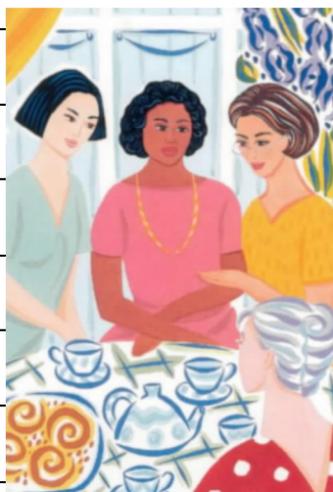
## Cases\* of Breast Cancer in 1994

(BY AGE)



\* Data gathered in a representative sample of U.S. women by NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program

## A Woman's Chances of Getting Breast Cancer Change With Age



**By Age 30** 1 out of 2,525 women

**By Age 40** 1 out of 217 women

**By Age 50** 1 out of 50 women

**By Age 60** 1 out of 24 women

**By Age 70** 1 out of 14 women

**By Age 80** 1 out of 10 women

Source: NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program & American Cancer Society, 1993