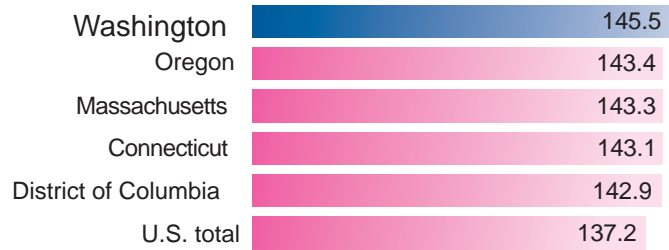


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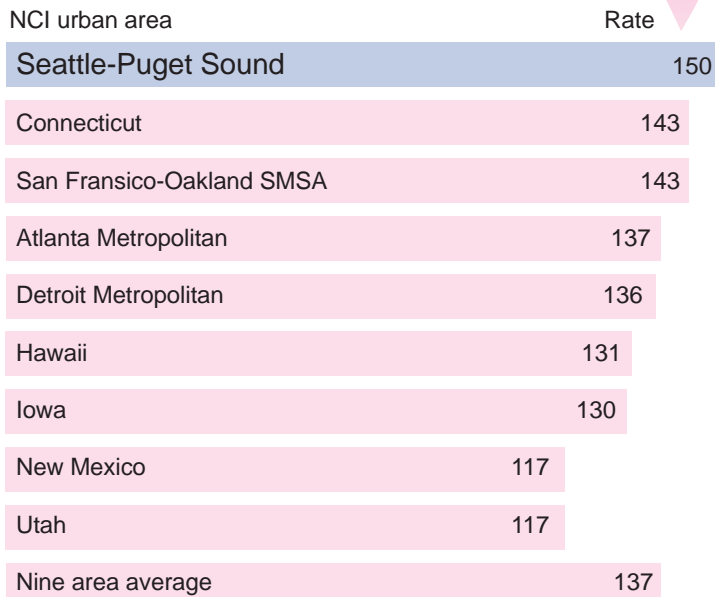
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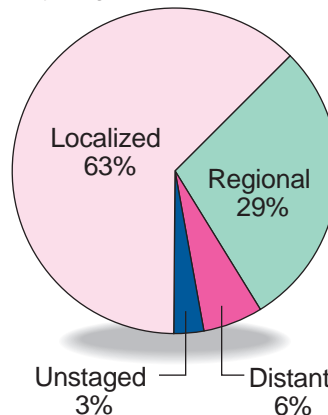
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The five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer is 97 percent when diagnosed at the localized or early stage.

Stage	Survival rate
Localized	97%
Regional	79%
Unstaged	56%
Distant	23%

## ... but many are diagnosed late

Only 63 percent of breast cancers are diagnosed early at the localized stage. Below are the percentages diagnosed by stage.

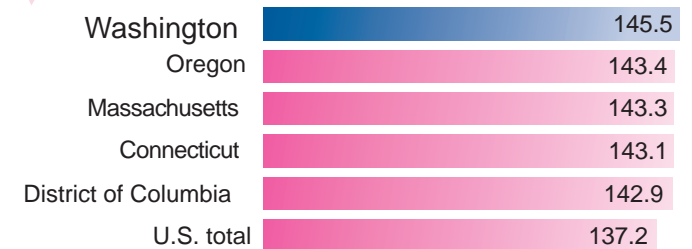


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