



# Cancer Fact Sheet Mesothelioma

ICD10 : C45



Belgium 2017

## 1. Cancer Incidence

### 1.1. Number of new diagnoses and incidence rates

**Table 1:** Mesothelioma: Average age at diagnosis, number of new cancer diagnoses (N), crude rate (CR), age-standardised incidence rates (ESR and WSR) and cumulative risk by sex and region, 2017

Males	Age (years)	N	CR	ESR	WSR	CRi
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.22</b>
Brussels-Capital Region	67.2	6	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.13
Flemish Region	73.7	157	4.9	3.0	1.9	0.21
Walloon Region	73.1	75	4.3	3.1	1.9	0.25

Females	Age (years)	N	CR	ESR	WSR	CRi
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>
Brussels-Capital Region	75.5	2	0.3	0.3	0.2	<0.1
Flemish Region	72.6	37	1.1	0.6	0.4	<0.1
Walloon Region	73.5	22	1.2	0.7	0.4	<0.1

CR=Crude (all ages) Rate (N/100,000 person-years)

ESR=Age-Standardised Rate, using the European Standard Population (N/100,000 person-years)

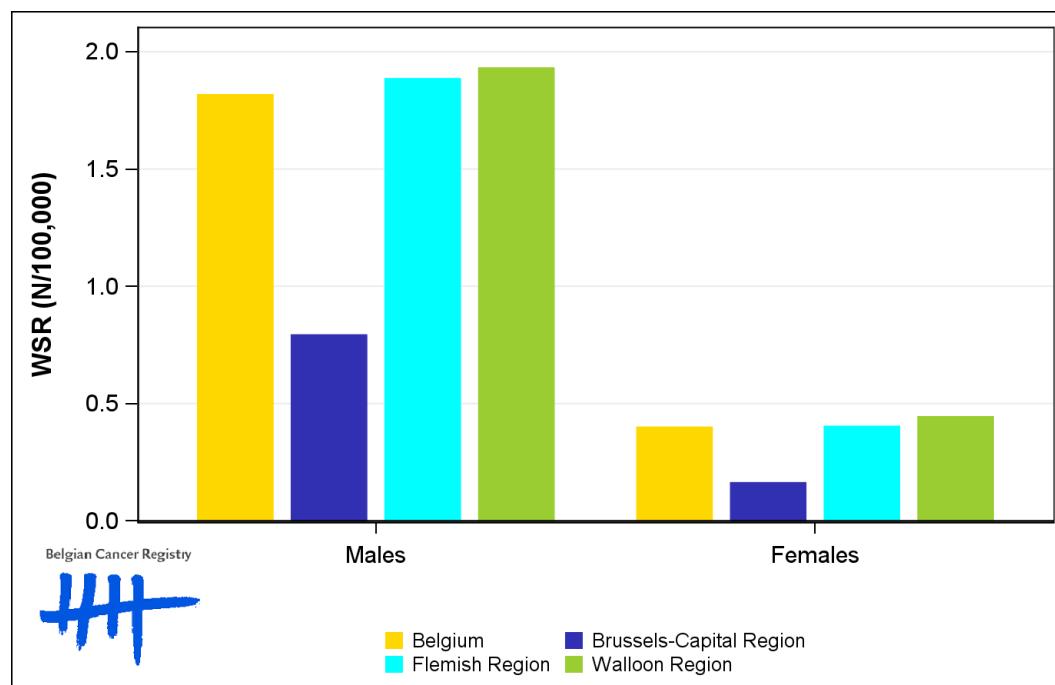
WSR=Age-Standardised Rate, using the World Standard Population (N/100,000 person-years)

CRi=Cumulative Risk for 0-74 years (%)

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**Figure 1:** Mesothelioma: Age-standardised incidence rates by sex and region, 2017



## 1.2. Age-specific incidence rates

**Table 2:** Mesothelioma: Age-specific incidence rates, crude rate (CR) and age-standardised incidence rates (ESR and WSR) by sex, Belgium 2017

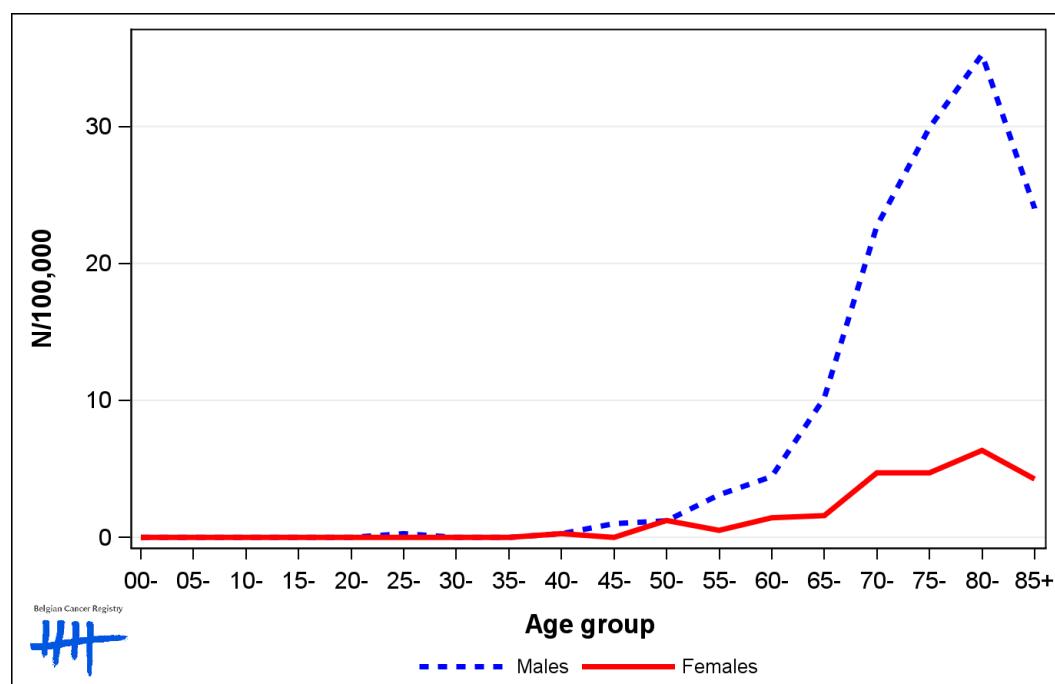
	00-	05-	10-	15-	20-	25-	30-	35-	40-	45-	50-	55-	60-	65-	70-	75-	80-	85+	CR	ESR	WSR
Males	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.2	3.1	4.4	10.2	22.7	29.9	35.2	24.0	4.3	2.9	1.8
Females	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.2	0.5	1.4	1.6	4.7	4.7	6.3	4.3	1.1	0.6	0.4	

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**Figure 2:** Mesothelioma: Age-specific incidence rates by sex, 2017



### 1.3. Combined stage

**Table 3:** Mesothelioma: Distribution of combined stage by sex, Belgium 2017

	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV	Stage X	Stage NA	Total
<b>Males</b>							
N	80	12	50	24	62	10	238
%	33.6	5.0	21.0	10.1	26.1	4.2	100
<b>Females</b>							
N	16	2	15	7	14	7	61
%	26.2	3.3	24.6	11.5	23.0	11.5	100

Staging according to the TNM 8th edition (Ref: Brierley JD, Gospodarowicz MK,

Wittekind Ch. TNM classification of malignant tumours, UICC 8th edition)

Combined TNM stage : compilation of pathological (pTNM) and clinical (cTNM)

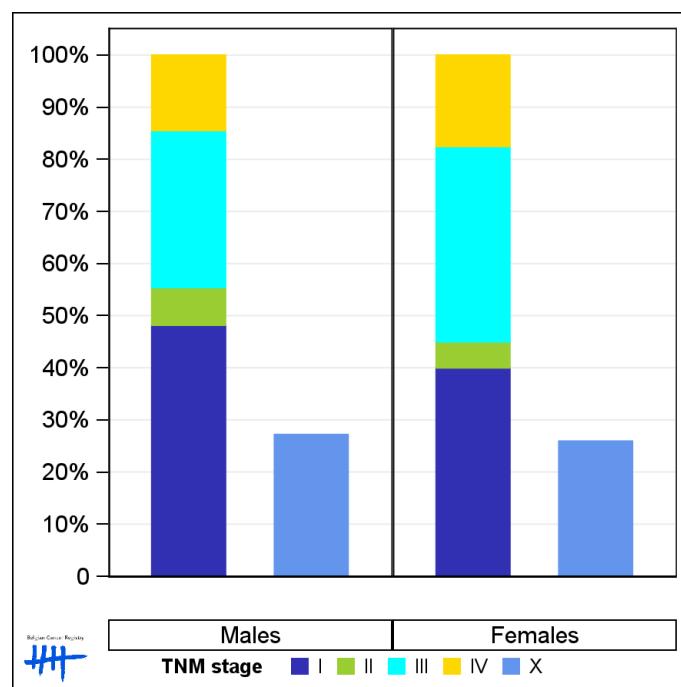
stage. pTNM prevails over cTNM, except when cTNM stage is IV

Stage X: diagnoses with an unknown stage

Stage NA: diagnoses with a histological diagnosis where no stage can be evaluated

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**Figure 3:** Mesothelioma: Bar chart of known combined stage by sex, Belgium 2017



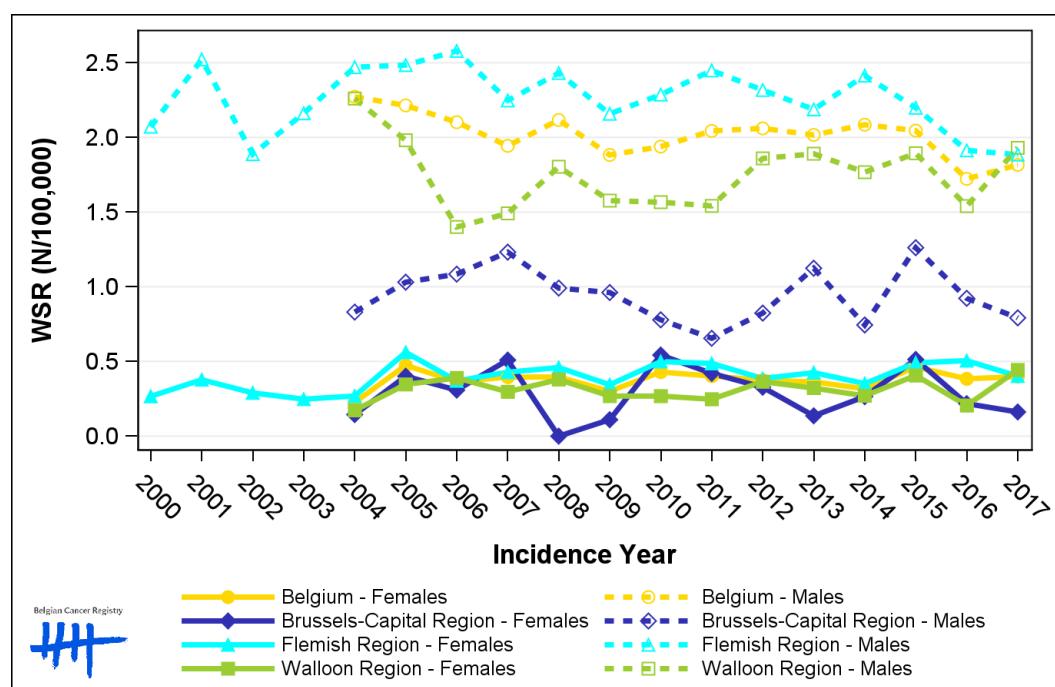
#### 1.4. Trends in incidence

**Table 4:** Mesothelioma: Age-standardised incidence rates (WSR) and average annual percentage change (AAPC) by incidence year, sex and region

Males	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	AAPC	95% CI
<b>Belgium</b>	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.8	-1.4	[-2.3; -0.5]
Brussels-Capital Region	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.7	1.3	0.9	0.8	-0.9	-3.7; 2.0]	
Flemish Region	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.9	-1.8	[-2.6; -0.9]
Walloon Region	2.3	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.9	-1.7	[-3.2; -0.1]	
Females	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	AAPC	95% CI
<b>Belgium</b>	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.3	[1.4; 4.1]
Brussels-Capital Region	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0		
Flemish Region	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	2.3	[-0.5; 5.2]
Walloon Region	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.4	[-2.5; 5.5]

WSR=Age-Standardised Rate, using the World Standard Population (N/100,000 person-years)  
AAPC = Average Annual Percentage Change over the 2004-2017 period (except for the Flemish region : 2003-2017).

**Figure 4:** Mesothelioma: Age-standardised incidence rates (WSR) by incidence year, sex and region



## 1.5. Incidence by broad age groups

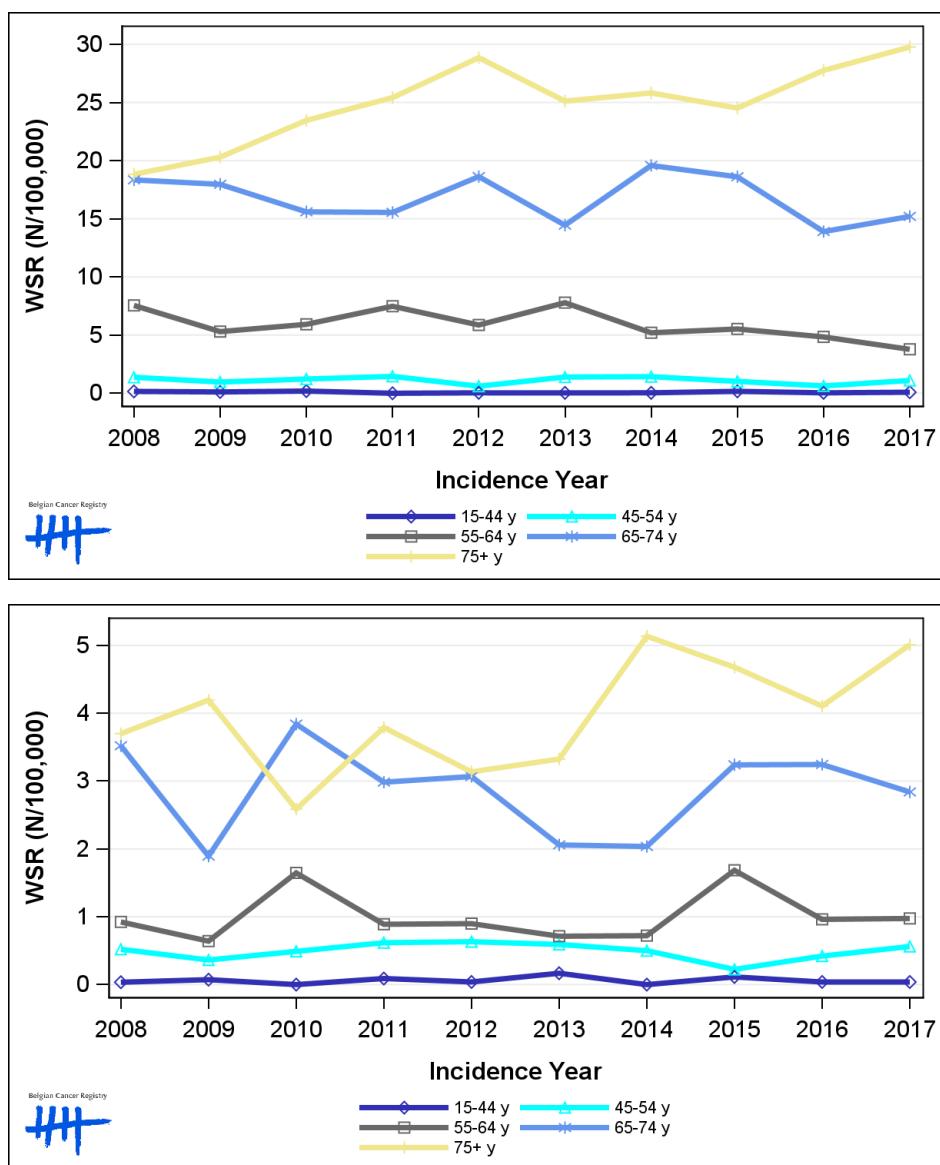
**Table 5:** Mesothelioma: Number of new diagnoses and age-standardised incidence rates (WSR) by broad age groups and incidence year by sex, Belgium

	N										WSR									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Males</b>																				
All ages	205	193	204	222	236	228	244	239	218	238	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.8
0-14 y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-44 y	4	3	4	0	1	1	1	4	1	2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.2	<0.1	<0.1
45-54 y	11	8	10	12	5	12	12	9	5	9	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.5	0.6	1.4	1.4	1.0	0.6	1.1
55-64 y	46	34	38	50	39	52	36	38	33	27	7.6	5.3	5.9	7.5	5.9	7.8	5.2	5.5	4.8	3.8
65-74 y	79	77	67	70	87	68	93	91	70	81	18.3	18.0	15.6	15.5	18.6	14.5	19.6	18.6	13.9	15.2
75+ y	65	71	85	90	104	95	102	97	109	119	18.8	20.3	23.5	25.4	28.9	25.1	25.8	24.5	27.8	29.8
<b>Females</b>																				
All ages	50	41	52	50	44	44	48	64	54	61	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4
0-14 y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-44 y	1	2	0	2	1	4	0	3	1	1	<0.1	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	<0.1	<0.1
45-54 y	4	3	4	5	5	5	4	2	3	5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.6
55-64 y	6	4	11	6	6	5	5	12	7	7	0.9	0.6	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.7	1.0	1.0
65-74 y	18	9	20	14	15	11	11	17	18	17	3.5	1.9	3.8	3.0	3.1	2.1	2.0	3.2	3.2	2.8
75+ y	21	23	17	23	17	19	28	30	25	31	3.7	4.2	2.6	3.8	3.1	3.3	5.1	4.7	4.1	5.0

N=Number of invasive tumours

WSR=Age-Standardised Rate, using the World Standard Population (N/100,000 person-years)

**Figure 5:** Mesothelioma: Age-standardised incidence rates (WSR) versus incidence year by broad age groups for males (top) and females (bottom), Belgium

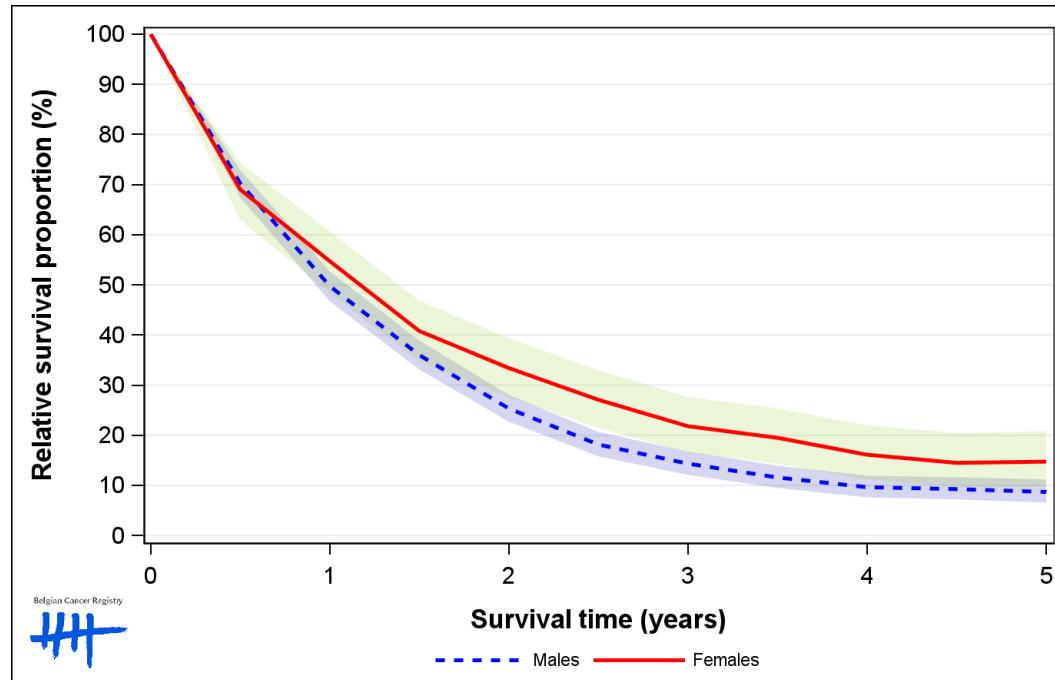


## 2. Relative survival

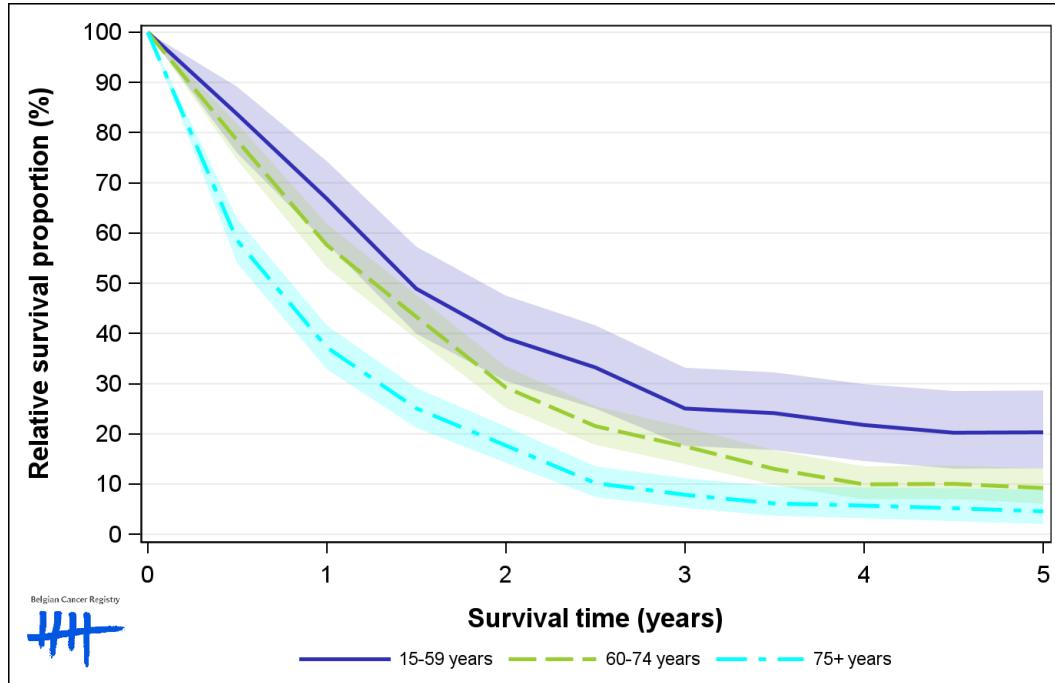
**Table 6:** Mesothelioma: 5-year relative survival proportion by sex, age group and region, Belgium 2013-2017

	5-year relative survival 2013-2017 (%)					
	Males			Females		
	N at risk	estimate	95% CI	N at risk	estimate	95% CI
<b>Overall</b>	1,162	8.5	[6.5, 11.0]	271	14.1	[9.3, 20.1]
<b>Age group</b>						
15-59 years	128	20.3	[13.1, 28.7]	45	39.8	[23.9, 55.4]
60-74 years	514	9.4	[6.4, 13.2]	93	10.1	[4.0, 19.9]
75+ years	520	3.8	[1.7, 7.5]	133	6.2	[1.8, 15.1]
<b>Region</b>						
Brussels-Capital Region	43	0.0	[0.0, 6.8]	18	NA (N<35)	-
Flemish Region	794	9.1	[6.8, 12.0]	176	13.1	[7.6, 20.2]
Walloon Region	325	7.5	[3.4, 14.2]	77	15.6	[6.6, 28.6]

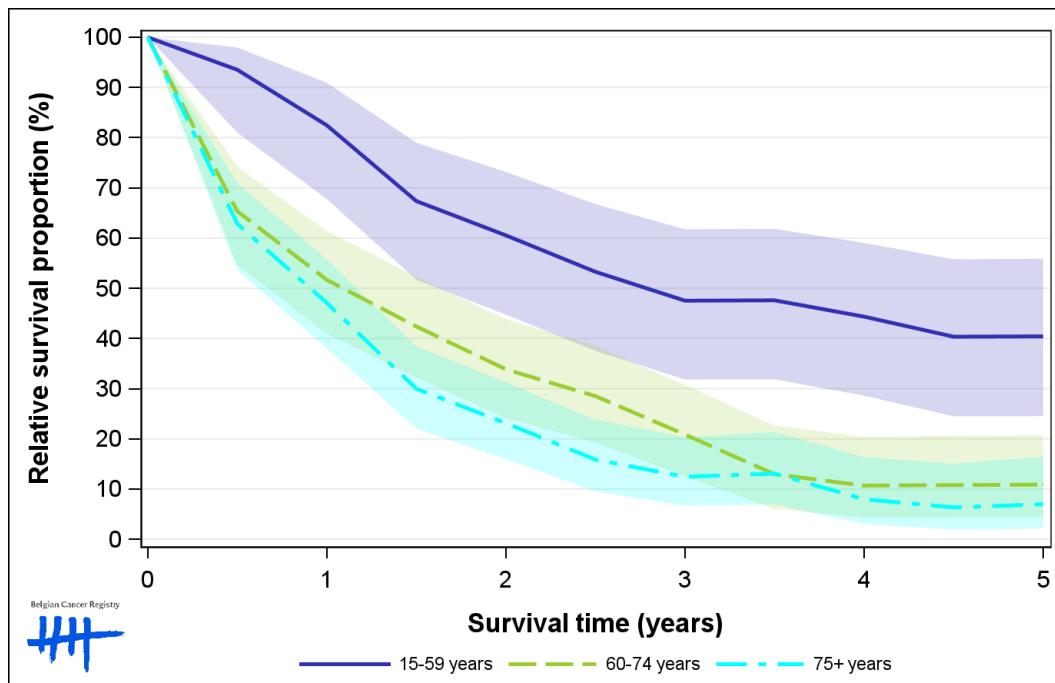
**Figure 6:** Mesothelioma: relative survival proportion by sex, Belgium 2013-2017



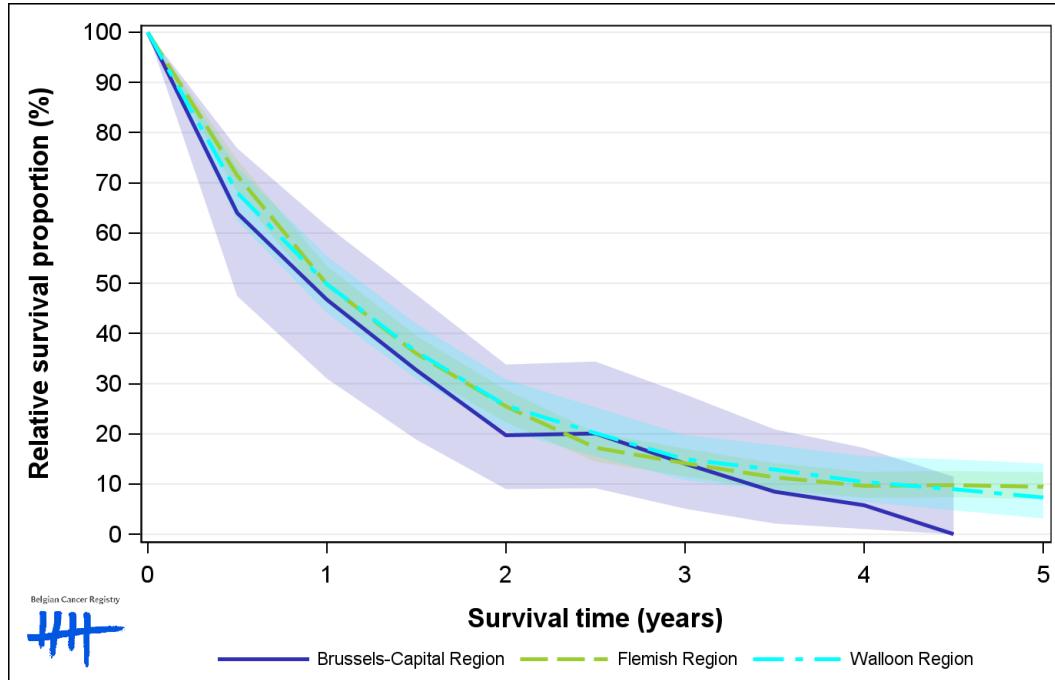
**Figure 7:** Mesothelioma: relative survival proportion by age group in males, Belgium 2013-2017



**Figure 8:** Mesothelioma: relative survival proportion by age group in females, Belgium 2013-2017



**Figure 9:** Mesothelioma: relative survival proportion by region in males, Belgium 2013-2017



**Figure 10:** Mesothelioma: relative survival proportion by region in females, Belgium 2013-2017

