

Trinidad and Tobago

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



I. Key data on HPV and HPV-related cancers



Trinidad and Tobago has a population of 630,608 women ages 15 years and older who are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Current estimates indicate that every year 202 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 127 die from the disease. Cervical cancer ranks as the 3rd most frequent cancer among women in Trinidad and Tobago and the

2nd most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age. About 3.3% of women in the general population are estimated to harbour cervical HPV-16/18 infection at a given time, and 60.3% of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18.

Table 1. Crude incidence rates of HPV-related cancers

	Male	Female
Cervical cancer	-	28.5
Anal cancer	1.30	1.27
Vulva cancer	-	0.71
Vaginal cancer	-	0.99
Penile cancer	1.30	-
Oropharyngeal cancer	1.30	0.42
Oral cavity cancer	2.61	2.12
Laryngeal cancer	4.05	0

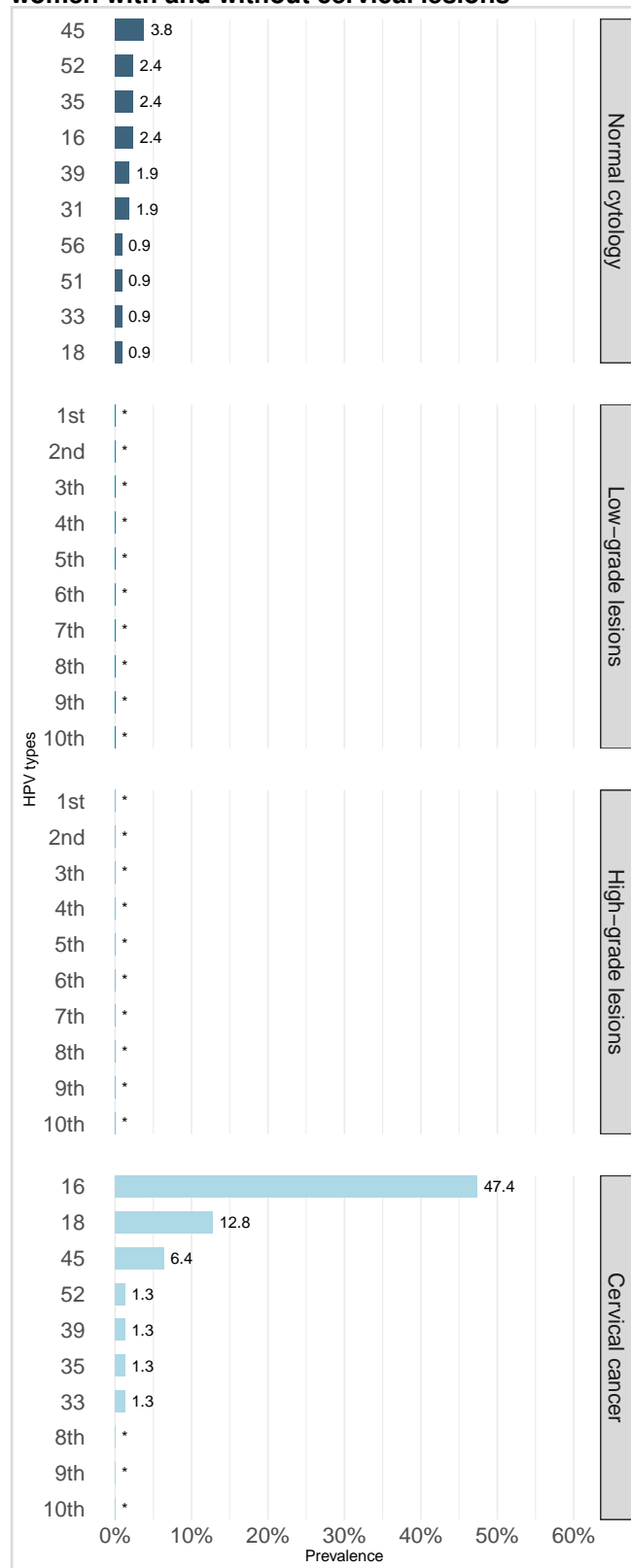
Table 2. Burden of cervical cancer

	Incidence	Mortality
Annual number of new cases/deaths	202	127
Crude rate	28.5	17.9
Age-standardized rate	19.8	11.9
Cumulative risk 0-74 years (%)	2.02	1.29
Ranking of cervical cancer (all years)	3rd	3rd
Ranking of cervical cancer (15-44 years)	2nd	1st

Table 3. Burden of cervical HPV infection Trinidad and Tobago

	No. Tested	% (95% CI)
HPV 16/18 prevalence:		
Normal cytology	212	3.3 (1.6-6.7)
Low-grade cervical lesions	-	-
High-grade cervical lesions	-	-
Cervical cancer	78	60.3 (49.2-70.4)

Figure 1. Comparison of the ten most frequent HPV oncogenic types in Trinidad and Tobago 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	- [—]
Total fertility rate (live births per women)	1.7
Hormonal contraception use (%)	11
HIV prevalence (%) [95% UI] (15-49 years)	- [—]

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	-

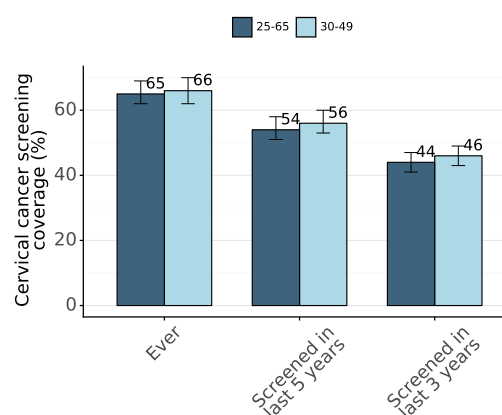
Table 6. HPV vaccine introduction

Females	
HPV vaccination programme	Introduced
Year of introduction	2013
Year of estimation	2021
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	19
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	8
Males	
HPV vaccination programme	Introduced
Year of introduction	2015
Year of estimation	2021
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	19
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	8

Table 7. Cervical screening practices and recommendations

Existence of official national recommendations	Yes
Starting year of recommendations	Unk
Active invitation to screening	No
Screening ages (years), primary screening test used, and screening interval or frequency of screenings	21-65 (cytology, 3 years)

Figure 2. Estimated coverage of cervical cancer screening in Trinidad and Tobago*



* Estimated coverage and 95% confidence interval in 2019

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