

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CANCER IN CANADA IN 2024

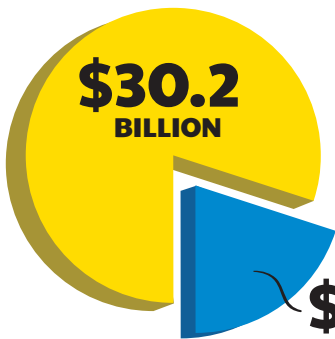
[Canadian Cancer Statistics: A 2024 special report on the economic impact of cancer in Canada](#) sheds light on the considerable societal cost of cancer. It explores the costs paid by the healthcare system and those paid by people with cancer and caregivers. Below are some of the key findings from the report.

HEALTH SYSTEMS COSTS

are health-related cancer management costs, including costs of services provided in hospitals and doctors' offices, home care and complex continuing care, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiation therapy and some prescription drugs.

COSTS FOR PEOPLE WITH CANCER AND CAREGIVERS

include out-of-pocket costs for medical and non-medical expenses (e.g., prescription drug costs, travel-related expenses and accommodations), time costs related to receiving care (e.g., time spent travelling to and from care), and indirect costs related to lost earnings (e.g., from changes in employment).

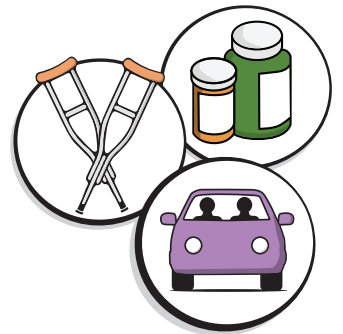


THE TOTAL COST OF CANCER TO SOCIETY

is projected to be **\$37.7 billion** in 2024. This includes **\$30.2 billion** in health systems costs and **\$7.5 billion** in costs to people with cancer and caregivers.

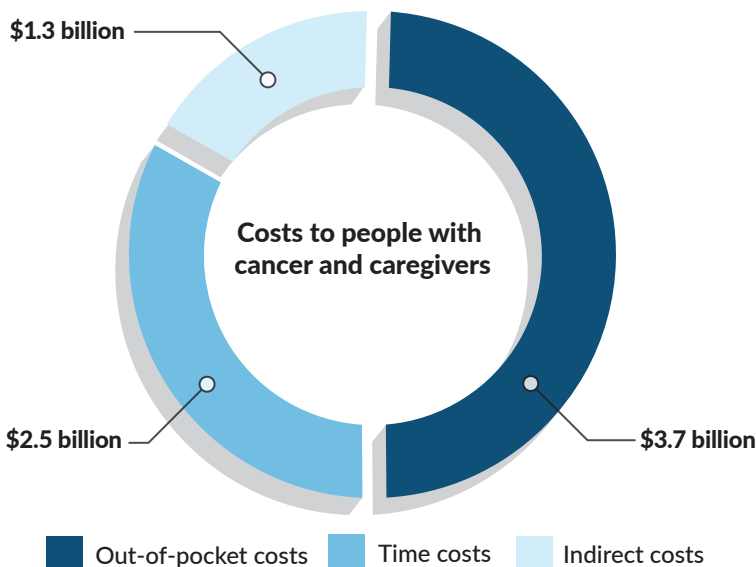
PEOPLE WITH CANCER AND CAREGIVERS PAY THE MOST

in the first 12 months after diagnosis.



OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS

are expected to account for the largest proportion (49%) of total costs to people with cancer and caregivers.



LIFETIME AVERAGE COSTS TO PEOPLE WITH CANCER AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

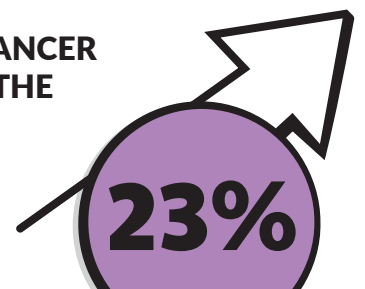
are projected to be nearly

\$33,000



THE COST OF CANCER TO SOCIETY IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS

will continue to increase an estimated 23%.



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