

A Disease Breaks Free

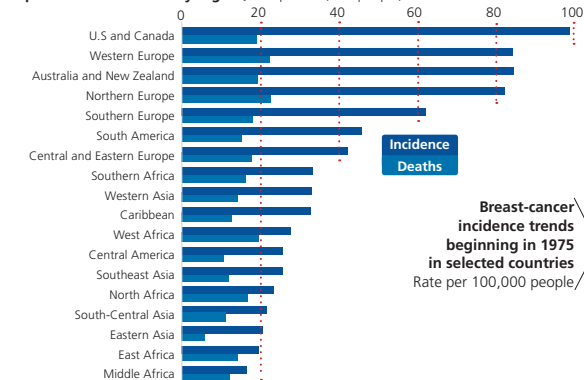
Breast cancer is on the rise. Big countries have the most cases but not always the highest incidence (cases per 100,000 people). Rates in the developing world may be even worse than the spotty data show

The map shows breast-cancer incidence by country

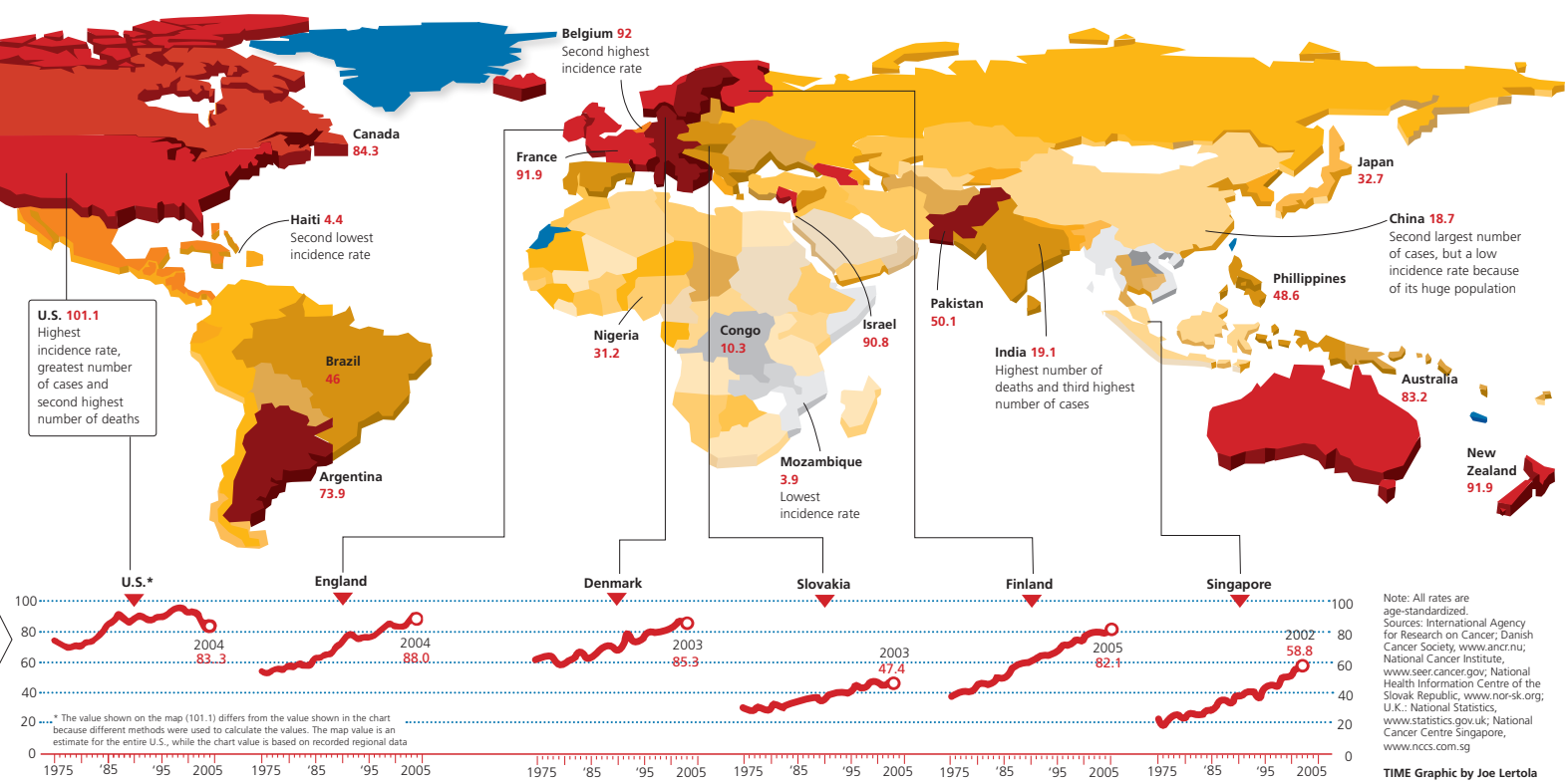
Rate per 100,000 people, 2002



Reported breast cancer by region, rate per 100,000 people, 2002



Breast-cancer incidence trends beginning in 1975 in selected countries



Note: All rates are age-standardized.
Sources: International Agency for Research on Cancer, Danish Cancer Society, www.aicr.nu; National Cancer Institute, www.seer.cancer.gov; National Health Information Centre of the Slovak Republic, www.nor-sk.org; U.K.: National Statistics, www.statistics.gov.uk; National Cancer Centre Singapore, www.nccs.com.sg