

COVID-19 IMPACT ON CANCER INCIDENCE IN IRELAND IN 2021

A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS



Preliminary data on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic indicates that the number of cancer cases diagnosed in 2021 was down 1,665 cases or 6% lower than projected

This is a smaller shortfall in diagnosis than the 10% observed in 2020

KEY FINDINGS

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Colorectal, female breast, and cervical cancer case numbers, which were notably impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, returned to expected case numbers in 2021

Liver, pancreatic and kidney cancers appear to have been most significantly impacted by the disruptions that occurred due to COVID-19

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The combined number of diagnosed cancers during 2020 and 2021 was down 4,320 cases or 8% lower than projected