

**Table 1: Mammography history and intentions reported by women participating in the 1996/97 National Population Health Survey, by age group**

Characteristic	Age group, yr; % of women (and 95% CI)		
	50-69 <i>n</i> = 8602	40-49 <i>n</i> = 5848	≥ 70 <i>n</i> = 5091
<b>Mammography history</b>			
Never	20.9 (18.8-23.1)	43.6 (41.0-46.3)	35.6 (32.7-38.5)
Recent (< 2 years before the survey)	63.4 (61.2-65.7)	36.0 (33.4-38.6)	38.2 (35.3-41.2)
Time inappropriate (≥ 2 years before the survey)*	15.6 (14.1-17.2)	20.3 (18.2-22.5)	26.1 (23.4-28.9)
<b>Reason for having recent mammogram</b>			
Screening§	84.6 (82.7-86.5)	80.3 (76.7-83.9)	83.0 (78.1-87.8)
Other¶	15.4 (13.5-17.4)	19.7 (16.1-23.3)	17.0 (12.2-21.9)
<b>Reason for not having mammogram†</b>			
Did not think it was necessary	55.6 (52.0-59.2)	-	-
Did not get around to it	26.3 (23.2-29.4)	-	-
Doctor did not think it was necessary	12.3 (9.9-14.7)	-	-
Fear	3.9 (2.6-5.2)	-	-
Other‡	7.3 (6.1-8.4)	-	-
<b>Had problems obtaining recent mammogram**</b>	0.6 (0.3-0.9)	2.0 (0.5-3.4)	0.8 (0.0-1.7)
<b>Intentions (stage of mammography adoption)</b>			
Intending to have a mammogram within 2 years following the survey			
Women who never had a mammogram or did not have a recent one	15.1 (13.7-16.6)	29.5 (27.2-31.9)	10.7 (8.7-12.8)
Women who had a recent mammogram	57.0 (54.7-59.3)	31.0 (28.5-33.5)	29.3 (26.6-32.0)
Not intending to have a mammogram within 2 years following the survey			
Women who never had a mammogram or did not have a recent one	21.5 (19.3-23.6)	34.4 (31.9-37.0)	51.0 (47.9-54.2)
Women who had a recent mammogram	6.4 (5.3-7.6)	5.0 (4.1-6.0)	8.9 (7.0-10.8)

Note: CI = confidence interval.

\*This includes women who reported ever having had a mammogram but who did not give the date.

†Responses were obtained from women aged 50-69 who never had a mammogram or did not have one within 2 years before the survey; responses are not mutually exclusive. Women who did not give a reason (*n* = 49) were classified as responding No for the various reasons.

‡Included personal problem, unavailable at time of appointment, mammography unavailable in the area, length of wait, transportation problem, language difficulty, cost, uninformed and "other" (not specified).

§Screening performed because of family history, check-up, age or receipt of hormone replacement therapy. Women who did not give a reason for having a recent mammogram (*n* = 6) were classified as having one for screening purposes.

¶Included prior lump, follow-up of breast cancer treatment and "other" (not specified).

\*\*Women who did not report any problems (*n* = 1) were classified as not having any problems.

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