

6.4 Burden of cancer by age

The pattern of cancer burden differed across the lifespan (Figure 6.2).

- For those aged 0–14, leukaemia, lymphoma, and brain and central nervous system cancer were the most common causes of cancer burden.
- For those aged 15–24, colorectal cancer and melanoma started contributing to the overall cancer burden.
- For those aged 25–39, lung cancer and breast cancer were substantial contributors to the overall cancer burden, while the relative burden due to leukaemia and brain and central nervous system cancer diminished in this age group.

