



WHAT FACTORS AFFECT BREAST CANCER RISK?

DECREASES RISK



Maintaining healthy weight

Exercising regularly, on average three to four hours a week





One or more full-term pregnancies

First full-term pregnancy before age 25





Breast feeding for more than 15 months (total months across all children)

Menopause before age 50



INCREASES RISK

Being overweight or obese





Sedentary lifestyle

Drinking more than one alcoholic drink a day





Exposure to high-dose radiation, particularly before age 40







Family history of breast cancer

Inherited genetic mutations (e.g., BRCA1)





Using hormone therapy after menopause