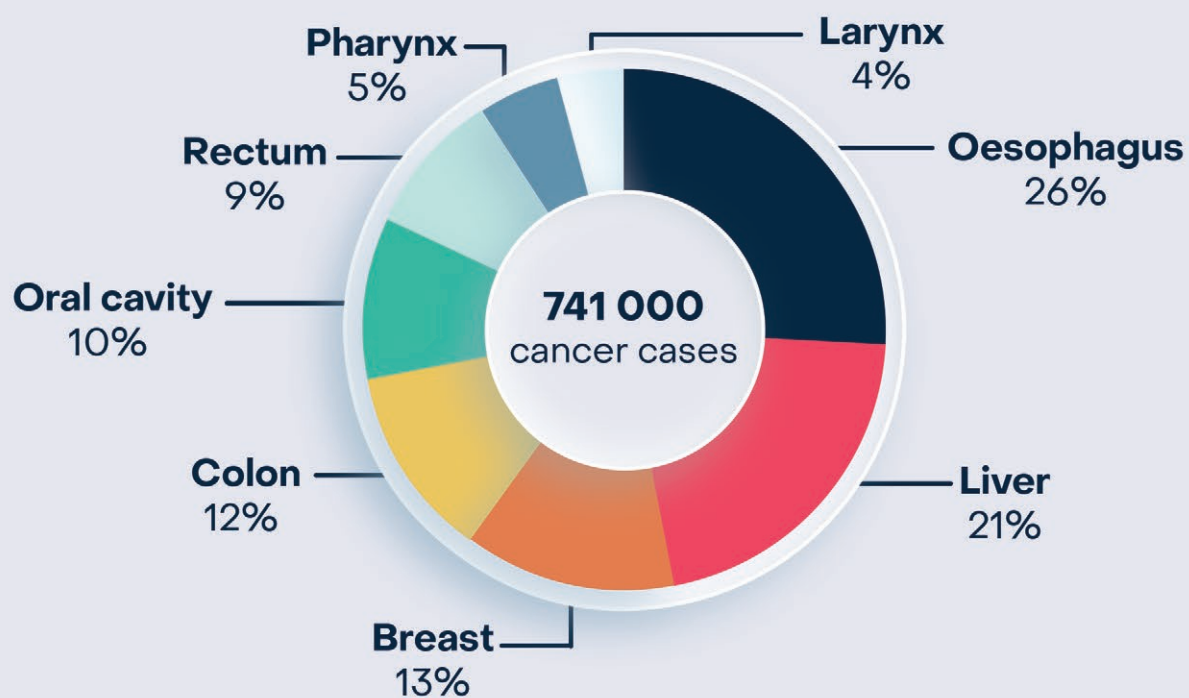# Alcohol drinking caused more than 740 000 cases of cancer globally in 2020.

Which cancer types contributed to the total number of cases caused by alcohol drinking?

Pharynx 5%

Larynx 4%

Rectum 9%

Oesophagus 26%

Oral cavity 10%

741 000 cancer cases

Colon 12%

Liver 21%

Breast 13%

Even **light and moderate drinking*** can cause cancer and accounted for more than 100 000 new cases worldwide in 2020.

*up to two alcoholic drinks per day

Men accounted for about **three quarters of the total cases** of cancer caused by alcohol drinking.