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## **Anal Cancer - Statistics [1]**

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**ON THIS PAGE:** You will find information about how many people are diagnosed with this type of cancer each year. You will also learn some general information on surviving the disease. Remember, survival rates depend on several factors. To see other pages, use the menu.

This year, an estimated 8,080 adults (2,920 men and 5,160) women in the United States will be diagnosed with anal cancer.

It is estimated that 1,080 deaths (440 men and 640 women) from this disease will occur this year.

The 5-year survival rate tells you what percent of people live at least 5 years after the cancer is found. Percent means how many out of 100.

The 5-year survival rate for people diagnosed with anal cancer is 65.7%. However, survival rates depend on many factors, including the type of anal cancer (see [Introduction](#) [3]) and the extent or stage of cancer at the time it is found. The 5- year survival rate the earliest stage (Stage I) of anal cancer is 80%. If there is regional spread, the 5-year survival rate is 59%. If there is distant spread of anal cancer, the 5-year survival rate of 31%.

Survival rates may be lower for people who have human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

It is important to remember that statistics on how many people survive this type of cancer are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based on thousands of people with this cancer in the United States each year. So, your own risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long anyone will live with anal cancer. Also, experts measure the survival statistics every 5

years. This means that the estimate may not show the results of better diagnosis or treatment available for less than 5 years. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

*Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology and Ed Results (SEER) program.*

*The [next section in this guide is Risk Factors and Prevention](#) [5]. It explains what factors may increase the chance of developing this disease. Or, use the menu on the side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.*

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