

Anal Cancer - Statistics [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people learn they have anal cancer each year and some general survival information. Remember, survival rates depend on several factors. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

This year, an estimated 7,210 adults (2,660 men and 4,550) women in the United States will be diagnosed with anal cancer. It is estimated that 950 deaths (370 men and 580 women) from this disease will occur this year.

The five-year survival rate is the percentage of people who survive at least five years after the cancer is detected, excluding those who die from other diseases. The five-year survival rate is 71% for people diagnosed with the early stages of squamous cell anal cancer, which is the most common type of anal cancer. Later-stage squamous cell anal cancer (stage IV) has a five-year survival rate of 21%. Survival rate may be lower for people who have human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

Cancer survival statistics should be interpreted with caution. These estimates are based on data from thousands of people with this type of cancer in the United States each year, but the actual risk for a particular individual may differ. It is not possible to tell a person how long he or she will live with anal cancer. Because the survival statistics are measured in five-year intervals, they may not represent advances made in the treatment or diagnosis of this cancer. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [3].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society's (ACS) publication, Cancer Facts & Figures 2014, and the ACS website.

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