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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many children are diagnosed with a CNS tumor 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 on the side of your screen.

Approximately 4,000 CNS tumors are diagnosed each year in children younger than 20. CNS tumors are the second most common childhood cancer, after leukemia.

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 children with a CNS tumor is 72%.

It is important to remember that statistics on how many children survive this type of cancer are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based on children with this cancer in the United States each year. So, your own child's risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long any child will live with a CNS tumor. 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](#) [3].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society's (ACS) publication, Cancer Facts and Figures 2016, and the ACS website.

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