

Craniopharyngioma - Childhood - Statistics [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many children are diagnosed with craniopharyngioma 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.

Approximately 766 children younger than 20 are diagnosed with craniopharyngioma each year in the United States. Craniopharyngioma accounts for approximately 6% of all CNS tumors in children younger than 15. More than 50% of people with craniopharyngioma are younger than 18, with most being diagnosed between the ages of 5 and 10. The second most common age range is between the ages of 40 and 60.

The five-year survival rate is the percentage of people who survive at least five years after the tumor is detected, excluding those who die from other diseases. The five-year survival rate for children with craniopharyngioma is higher than 90%.

Survival statistics should be interpreted with caution. These estimates are based on data from thousands of children with this type of tumor, 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 craniopharyngioma. Because the survival statistics are measured in five-year intervals, they may not represent advances made in the treatment or diagnosis of this tumor or longer-term survival rates. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [3].

Statistics adapted from the Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States and the National Cancer Institute.

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