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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 on the side of your screen.

Skin cancer is very common in general, and the eyelid is a common place that skin cancer is found. About 90% of all eyelid cancers are the basal cell skin cancer type. Other types of eyelid cancer are much less common.

In general, basal cell and squamous cell skin cancer is almost always curable, especially if the cancer is found and treated early. Melanoma is also highly curable if it is diagnosed and treated in its earliest stages. However, melanoma is more likely to spread to other parts of the body.

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 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 eyelid cancer. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [3].

Source: American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, "[Eyelid Tumors](#)" [4] and Wills Eye Hospital.

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