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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.

This year, an estimated 11,420 adults (5,270 men and 6,150 women) in the United States will be diagnosed with gallbladder and other biliary cancers. In that estimate, about 4,000 are specifically gallbladder cancers.

It is estimated that 3,710 deaths (1,630 men and 2,080 women) from these diseases 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 with gallbladder cancer depends on several factors, including the extent of cancer at the time of diagnosis (called the [stage](#) [3]).

When the cancer has not spread but has the potential to be invasive, it is called in situ cancer or stage 0. The 5-year survival rate for people with stage 0 gallbladder cancer is 80%. Stage I cancer means it is found only in the gallbladder. The 5-year survival rate for stage I is 50%. About 1 of 5 gallbladder cancers is found before cancer has spread outside of the gallbladder.

If the cancer has spread outside the gallbladder to the lymph nodes, the 5-year survival rate is between 7% and 8%. Gallbladder cancer that has spread to other parts of the body has a 5-year survival rate of 4% or less.

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 gallbladder 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's (ACS) publication, Cancer Facts & Figures 2016, and the ACS website.

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