

Sarcoma - Kaposi - Statistics [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people learn they have this type of 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.

Kaposi sarcoma occurs in less than 1% of the general population. Before HIV/AIDS was widespread, Kaposi sarcoma was rare, with about two people diagnosed for every one million Americans. By the early 1990s, that rate had increased to about 47 cases per one million people, most of which were people with HIV/AIDS. This number has significantly decreased in recent years to about six cases per one million, because of more effective treatments for HIV/AIDS.

About one in 200 transplant recipients in the United States develops the disease.

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 of people with Kaposi sarcoma is about 68% overall, but this can vary widely based on characteristics of the disease and other factors. More effective treatments for HIV/AIDS are improving the survival rate both by treating the infections associated with HIV/AIDS and the Kaposi sarcoma.

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

Source: American Cancer Society.

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