

Kidney Cancer - Statistics [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people learn are diagnosed with 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.

This year, an estimated 61,560 adults (38,270 men and 23,290 women) in the United States will be diagnosed with kidney cancer and renal pelvic cancer. It is estimated that 14,080 deaths (9,070 men and 5,010 women) from this disease will occur this year. Kidney cancer is the seventh most common cancer and the tenth most common cause of cancer death for men, and it is the tenth most common cause of cancer for women.

The five-year survival rate is the percentage of people who survive at least five years after the cancer is found. Overall, the five-year survival rate of people with kidney cancer is 72%. Approximately 64% of people are diagnosed when the cancer is only located in the kidney. For this group, the five-year survival rate increases to 92%. However, survival rates are based on many factors, including the specific [stage](#) [3] of disease.

If kidney cancer has spread to surrounding tissues or organs and/or the regional lymph nodes, the five-year survival rate is 65%. If the cancer has spread to a distant part of the body, the five-year survival rate is 12%.

The five-year survival for renal pelvic cancer is 49% and 74% for renal cell carcinoma.

Cancer survival statistics should be interpreted with caution. These estimates are based on data from thousands of people with this type of cancer in the United States each year, so the actual risk for a particular individual may be different. It is not possible to tell a person how long he or she will live with kidney cancer. Because the survival statistics are measured in multi-year intervals, they may not represent advances made in the treatment or diagnosis of this cancer. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society's publication, Cancer Facts & Figures 2015.

The next section in this guide is Medical Illustrations [5] and it offers drawings of body parts often affected by this disease. Or, use the menu on the left side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

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