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

Laryngeal cancer

Laryngeal cancer is one of the most common types of head and neck cancer. This year, an estimated 13,430 adults (10,550 men and 2,880 women) in the United States will be diagnosed with laryngeal cancer.

It is estimated that 3,620 deaths (2,890 men and 730 women) from this disease 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 laryngeal cancer depends on the location of the cancer (glottis, supraglottis, or subglottis, as explained in the [Overview](#) [3] section) and the stage.

- **Glottis.** Survival rates for people with cancer in the glottis range from 90% when the cancer is found at the earliest stage to 44% in the most advanced stage, when the cancer has spread to other parts of the body.

- **Supraglottis.** For cancer in the supraglottis, the rates are 59% for the earliest stage to 34% for the most advanced stage.
- **Subglottis.** For cancer in the subglottis, survival rates range from 65% at the earliest stage to 32% at the most advanced stage.

Hypopharyngeal cancer

Each year, an estimated 3,400 adults (2,725 men and 675 women) in the United States will be diagnosed with hypopharyngeal cancer.

Survival rates for hypopharyngeal cancer vary based on a variety of factors, particularly the [stage](#) [4]. If the cancer is found at an early, localized stage, the 5-year survival rate of people with hypopharyngeal cancer is 53%. If the cancer has spread to nearby areas and/or lymph nodes (stages II and III), the 5-year survival rate is 36% to 39%. If the cancer has spread to distant parts of the body, the 5-year survival rate is 24%.

It is important to remember that statistics on how many people survive these cancers 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 laryngeal or hypopharyngeal 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](#) [5].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society's (ACS) publication, Cancer Facts & Figures 2016, and the ACS website.

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