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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many children 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.

ALL is the most common type of childhood cancer. Approximately 3 of 4 children who are diagnosed with leukemia are diagnosed with ALL. It is most common in children younger than 5.

The 5-year survival rate tells you what percent of children live at least 5 years after the cancer is found. Percent means how many out of 100. The 5-year survival rate for children with ALL has greatly improved over time and is now 89%. For children diagnosed with acute leukemia, those who remain free from the disease after 5 years are generally considered “cured” because it is rare for acute leukemia to recur after this amount of time.

It is important to remember that statistics on how many children survive this type of cancer are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based many children with this cancer in the United States each year. So, your own child’s risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long any child will live with ALL. 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](#) [3].

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

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