

## [Leukemia - Acute Lymphocytic - ALL - Statistics](#) [1]

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**ON THIS PAGE:** You will find information about how many people are diagnosed with this type of leukemia 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.

This year, an estimated 6,590 people of all ages (3,590 men and boys and 3,000 women and girls) in the United States will be diagnosed with ALL.

A person of any age can be diagnosed with ALL. ALL is most common before age 20, accounting for 75% of all leukemia diagnosed before that age. It is especially common in children younger than 5. After a child grows into adulthood, the general risk of ALL rises again after age 50. About 4 out of every 10 ALL diagnoses will be adults.

Although most cases of ALL occur in children, about 4 out of 5 deaths from ALL will occur in adults. An estimated 1,430 deaths (800 men and boys and 630 women and girls) will occur this year.

Advances in treatment have dramatically lengthened the lives of people with ALL. 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 of people of all ages with ALL increased from 41% for those diagnosed from 1975-1977 to 70% for those diagnosed from 2004 to 2010. However, survival rates depend on several factors, including biologic features of the disease and a person's age.

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 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.*

*The [next section in this guide is Medical Illustrations](#) [4]. It offers drawings of body parts often affected by this disease. Or, use the menu to choose another section to continue reading this guide.*

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