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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people are diagnosed with AML 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 19,950 people of all ages (11,130 men and boys and 8,820 women and girls) in the United States will be diagnosed with AML. AML is the second most common type of leukemia diagnosed in both adults and children.

An estimated 10,430 deaths (5,950 men and boys and 4,480 women and girls) from AML 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 people with AML is approximately 26%.

However, it is important to note that survival depends on several factors, including biologic features of the disease and, in particular, a patient's age (see [Subtypes](#) [3] for more information). Although AML is a serious disease, it is treatable and often curable with chemotherapy with or without a stem cell transplant (see the [Treatment Options](#) [4] section).

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 AML. 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 and Figures 2016, and from the ACS website.

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