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

This year, an estimated 39,230 adults (28,410 men and 10,820 women) in the United States will be diagnosed with primary liver cancer.

It is estimated that 27,170 deaths (18,280 men and 8,890 women) from this disease will occur this year. Liver cancer is the 10th most common cancer and the 5th most common cause of cancer death among men. It is also the 8th most common cause of cancer death among women.

When compared with the United States, liver cancer is much more common in developing countries within Africa and East Asia. In some countries, it is the most common cancer type.

The 1-year survival rate tells you what percent of people live at least 1 year after the cancer is found. Percent means how many out of 100. The 1-year survival rate for people with liver cancer is 44%. The 5-year survival rate is 17%.

For the 43% of people who are diagnosed at an early [stage](#) [3], the 5-year survival rate is 31%. If liver cancer has spread to surrounding tissues or organs and/or the regional lymph nodes, the 5-year survival rate is 11%. If the cancer has spread to a distant part of the body, the 5-year survival rate is 3%. However, even if the cancer is found at a more advanced stage, treatments are available that help many people with liver cancer experience a quality of life similar to that of before their diagnosis, at least for some time.

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 liver cancer. Also, experts measure the survival statistics every 1 year. This means that the estimate may not show the results of better diagnosis or treatment available for less than 1 year. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society's publication, Cancer Facts & Figures 2016.

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