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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many children and adolescents are diagnosed with this type of lymphoma 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.

NHL accounts for about 7% of all cancers in children and teens under age 20. It is the fourth most common cancer diagnosed in children age 14 and younger. This year about 800 children will be diagnosed with NHL. NHL occurs 2 to 3 times more often in boys than girls.

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. In general, the 5-year survival rate for children with NHL is about 89%. However, it is important to note that this depends on several factors, including the specific subtype of NHL and the stage of disease. Children with NHL who are alive and disease-free after 5 years are usually considered “cured” because it is rare for childhood NHL to return after that much 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 on 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 NHL. 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, the ACS website, and the National Cancer Institute.

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 on the left side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

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