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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 on the side of your screen.

Salivary gland cancer is uncommon in the United States. An estimated 1 adult out of 100,000 will be diagnosed with salivary gland cancer this year. This type of cancer makes up less than 1% of all cancers diagnosed in the United States.

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. Survival rates for people with this type of tumor vary depending on the type and the extent, or [stage](#) [3], of the cancer.

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 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 salivary gland cancer. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

*Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society.*

The [next section in this guide is Medical Illustrations](#) [5]. 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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