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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.

NPC is uncommon in the United States. About 3,200 people will be diagnosed with NPC in the United States this year. During the past few years, the rate at which Americans have been developing this cancer has been slowly decreasing. NPC is much more common in certain parts of Asia and North Africa. For instance, it is a fairly common cancer in Southeast China.

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 NPC depends on many factors, including the location of the tumor and if or where it has spread, called the [stage](#) [3]. Talk with your doctor about what to expect with your specific diagnosis.

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 NPC. 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](#) [4].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society.

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