

[Neuroblastoma - Childhood - Statistics](#) [1]

This section has been reviewed and approved by the [Cancer.Net Editorial Board](#) [2], 04/2016

ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many children are diagnosed with neuroblastoma 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.

Each year, about 700 people are diagnosed with neuroblastoma in the United States. It accounts for 6% of all childhood cancers in the United States. Neuroblastoma is found most often in children under age 5. It is the third most common type of cancer in children in general and the most common cancer in babies younger than 1 year old. It is rare in people over age 10.

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. The 5-year survival rate for neuroblastoma depends on many factors, particularly the risk grouping of the tumor.

For children with low-risk and intermediate-risk neuroblastoma, the 5-year survival rate is higher than 95%. For children with high-risk neuroblastoma, the 5-year survival rate is approximately 50%. See [Stages and Groups](#) [3] for information on risk groupings.

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 neuroblastoma. 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's (ACS) publication, Cancer Facts & Figures 2016, and the ACS website.

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 to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

Links

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/neuroblastoma-childhood/statistics>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/19429>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24961>

[5] <http://www.cancer.net/node/19425>