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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people are diagnosed with a pituitary gland tumor 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.

About 11,700 pituitary gland tumors will be diagnosed in the United States in 2016. Most of these tumors are noncancerous. Because the pituitary gland is located next to the brain, this type of tumor is sometimes classified as a brain tumor in data collection, including by the World Health Organization. Pituitary gland tumors are more common in older adults.

The survival rates of a person with a pituitary tumor depend on the type of tumor, the person's age, and other factors.

It is important to remember that statistics on how many people survive this type of tumor are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based on thousands of people with this tumor in the United States each year. So, your own risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long anyone will live with a pituitary gland tumor. 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 \[3\]](#).

Source: American Cancer Society and Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States.

The [next section in this guide is Risk Factors \[4\]](#). It explains what factors may increase the chance of developing this disease. Or, use the menu on the side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

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