

## **Rhabdomyosarcoma - Childhood - Statistics** [1]

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**ON THIS PAGE:** You will find information about how many people learn they have this type of cancer each year and some general survival information. Remember, survival rates depend on several factors. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

About 350 people are diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma each year. More than half of childhood rhabdomyosarcomas are diagnosed in those under age 10. Rhabdomyosarcoma accounts for 3% of all new childhood cancers each year in the United States. It is the most common soft tissue sarcoma in children.

The overall five-year survival rate is the percentage of people who survive at least five years after the cancer is detected, excluding those who die from other diseases. For children younger than 14, this is 64%, but it varies depending on the tumor location, stage and risk group, and the child's age.

Cancer survival statistics should be interpreted with caution. These estimates are based on data from thousands of people with this type of cancer, but the actual risk for a particular individual may differ. It is not possible to tell a person how long he or she will live with rhabdomyosarcoma. Because the survival statistics are measured in five-year intervals, they may not represent advances made in the treatment or diagnosis of this cancer. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [3].

*Source: The American Cancer Society.*

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