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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people are diagnosed with these types of non-melanoma skin 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.

By far, skin cancer is the most common type of cancer. Because non-melanoma skin cancer is so common and often curable, statistics are estimated because individual cases are not usually reported to cancer registries.

It is estimated that more than 3 million people in the United States are diagnosed with non-melanoma skin cancer each year. Basal cell carcinoma is far more common than squamous cell carcinoma. About 80% of non-melanoma skin cancer is the basal cell carcinoma type.

About 2,000 people die from basal cell and squamous cell skin cancer each year. For [melanoma](#) [3], about 10,130 people die every year. For other, less common types of skin cancer, about 3,520 people die every year.

It is important to remember that statistics on this type of cancer are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based on millions of people with non-melanoma skin 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 non-melanoma skin cancer. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society's (ACS) publication, Cancer Facts & Figures 2016, and the ACS website.

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