

Vaginal Cancer - Statistics [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many women learn they have vaginal 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.

Vaginal cancer is uncommon. Only 1% of women with a cancer of the reproductive system have vaginal cancer. This year, an estimated 3,170 women in the United States will be diagnosed with vaginal cancer. It is estimated that 880 deaths from this disease will occur this year.

The overall five-year survival rate is the percentage of women who survive at least five years after the cancer is detected, excluding those who die from other diseases. For vaginal cancer, it varies based on different factors, including the stage (or extent) of the disease at the time it is diagnosed. If cancer is found at the earliest stage before it has spread (stage I; see [Stages](#) [3]), the five-year survival rate is 84%. If the cancer not spread outside the vagina (stage II), the five-year survival rate is 75%. If it is found once the cancer has spread outside of the vaginal wall (Stage III or IV), the five-year survival rate is 57%.

Cancer survival statistics should be interpreted with caution. These estimates are based on data from thousands of women with this type of cancer in the United States, but the actual risk for a particular individual may differ. It is not possible to tell a woman how long she will live with vaginal cancer. Because the survival statistics are measured in multi-year intervals, they may not represent advances made in the treatment or diagnosis of this cancer. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society's (ACS) publication, Cancer Facts & Figures 2014 and the ACS website.

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