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Cancer Prevalence: How Many People Have Cancer?

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Society's [Cancer Treatment & Survivorship Facts & Figures 2022-2024⁴](#), a collaboration with the National Cancer Institute. These estimates do not include carcinoma in situ (non-invasive cancer) of any site except [urinary bladder⁵](#), nor do they include [basal cell or squamous cell skin cancers⁶](#).

Estimated numbers of survivors for the 10 most prevalent cancers among people in the United States as of January 1, 2022.

Males	Females
Prostate	Breast
3,523,230	4,055,770
Melanoma (skin)	Uterus (mostly endometrial)
750,640	891,560
Colon & rectum	Thyroid
726,450	823,800
Bladder	Melanoma (skin)
597,880	713,790
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	Colon & rectum
451,370	710,670
Kidney	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
376,280	394,180
Oral cavity (mouth) & pharynx (throat)	Lung
311,200	367,570
Testicles	Cervix
303,040	300,240
Leukemia	Ovaries
300,250	246,940

Lung	Kidney
287,050	230,960
All cancers	All cancers
8,321,200	9,738,900

A few facts about these survivors

- The majority of cancer survivors (69%) were diagnosed 5 or more years ago.
- 18% of cancer survivors were diagnosed 20 or more years ago.
- About two-thirds (67%) of cancer survivors are 65 years of age or older.

Hyperlinks

1. www.cancer.org/cancer/risk-prevention/understanding-cancer-risk/lifetime-probability-of-developing-or-dying-from-cancer.html
2. www.cancer.org/cancer/types/lung-cancer.html
3. www.cancer.org/cancer/types/non-hodgkin-lymphoma.html
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