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Key Statistics for Cancers in Adolescents

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How common is cancer in adolescents?

- About 5,000 to 6,000 adolescents (aged 15 to 19) are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States.
- About 500 to 600 adolescents die from cancer each year. Cancer is the fourth leading cause of death in this age group, behind only accidents, suicide, and homicide.

Survival rates for adolescents with cancer

The chance of getting cancer is about equal for teen boys and girls, but cancer survival rates are slightly higher in girls than in boys. Some of this is probably because of the different types of cancer that are most common in girls and boys.

Overall, about 87% of adolescents are still alive 5 years after being diagnosed with cancer. But it's important to note that survival rates can vary widely based on the type of cancer and other factors.

The overall survival rate for cancer in teens has not improved as much in the past few

Visit the American Cancer Society's [Cancer Statistics Center](#)¹ for more key statistics.

Hyperlinks

1. cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org/

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