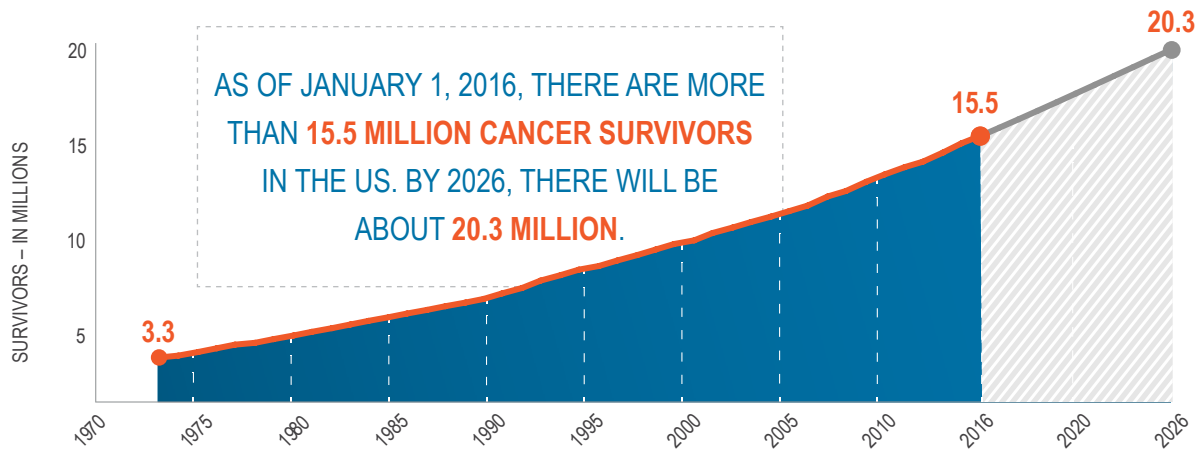


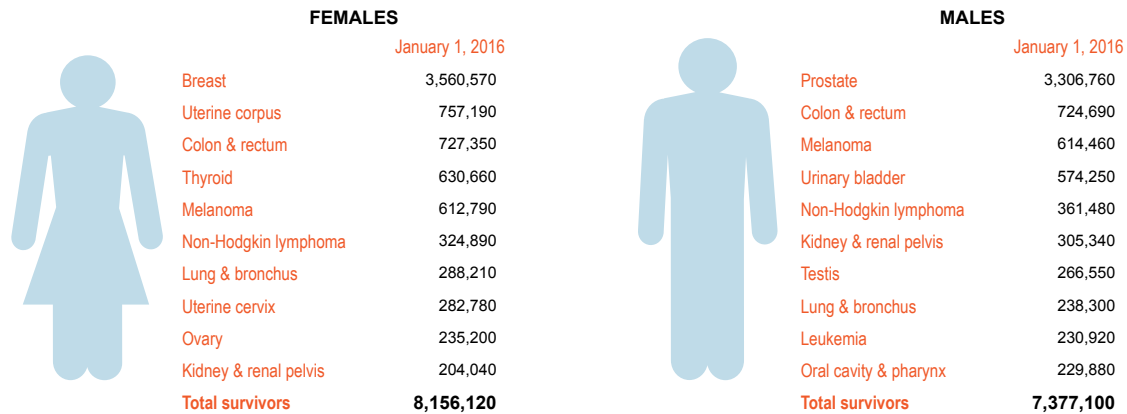
The number of cancer survivors in the United States is increasing, and is expected to grow to about 20.3 million by 2026 according to *Cancer Treatment & Survivorship Facts & Figures 2016-2017*. Even though cancer incidence rates are declining in men and stable in women, the number of cancer survivors is rising due to a growing and aging population, as well as earlier detection and better treatments. As this population continues to increase, it will be more important than ever to address this group's unique needs.



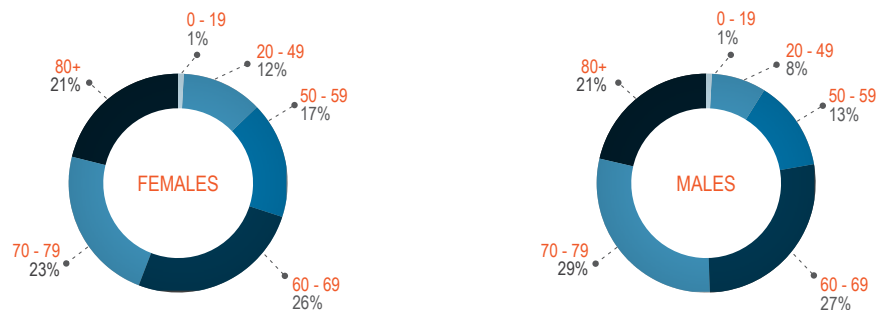
Source: Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program, National Cancer Institute.

## WHO ARE CANCER SURVIVORS?

### SURVIVORS BY SEX AND CANCER SITE

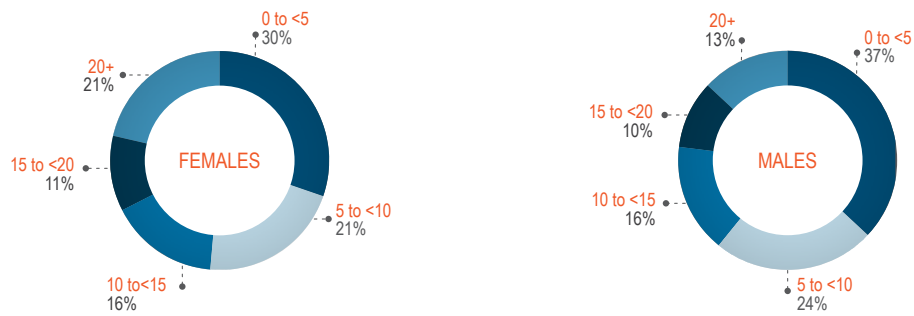


### SURVIVORS BY AGE AT PREVALENCE\*



\*Percentages do not sum to 100% due to rounding. Source: American Cancer Society, *Cancer Treatment & Survivorship Facts & Figures 2016-2017*. Atlanta: American Cancer Society; 2016.

### SURVIVORS BY YEARS SINCE DIAGNOSIS



### STAGE AT DIAGNOSIS AND SURVIVAL (2005 - 2011)

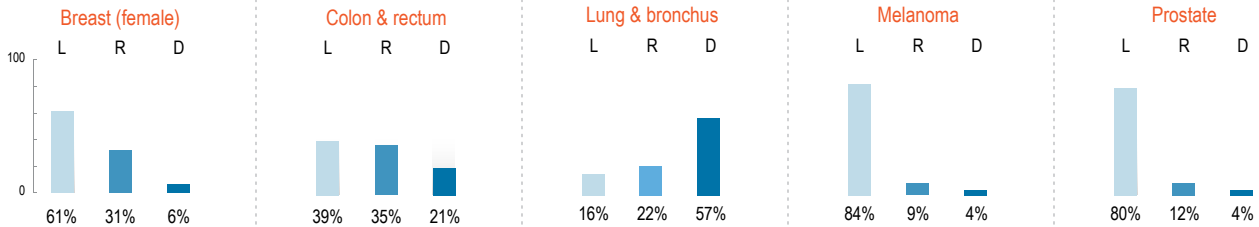
The earlier a diagnosis, the better the chances of survival

**Localized (L)**  
Confined to the organ of origin

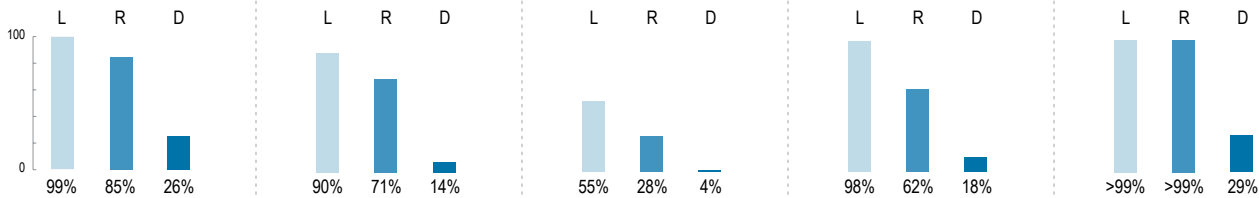
**Regional (R)**  
Spread to nearby tissues or lymph nodes

**Distant (D)**  
Spread to other parts of the body

#### PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS DIAGNOSED AT EACH STAGE



#### 5-YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATE BY STAGE



Source: Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program <http://www.seer.cancer.gov> SEER\*Stat Database: Mortality - All COD, Aggregated With State, Total U.S. (1969-2014) <Katrina/Rita Population Adjustment>. National Cancer Institute, DCCPS, Surveillance Research Program, Surveillance Systems Branch, released December 2016. Underlying mortality data provided by NCHS <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

### FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE CANCER SURVIVAL



#### EARLY DETECTION

Screening allows doctors to find some cancers earlier, when they are easier to treat. In some cases, screening can prevent cancer altogether.



#### IMPROVED TREATMENTS

More effective treatment options and improved clinical follow-up after treatment help people with cancer live longer.



#### ACCESS TO CARE

Having access to high-quality cancer care can significantly improve survival.

### A UNITED FORCE AGAINST CANCER

The American Cancer Society is an organization of 2 million strong. Our mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

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