

Fast Facts

Cancer Treatment & Survivorship Statistics, 2025



- As of January 1, 2025, there were about **18.6 million people** in the United States with a history of cancer – 1 in 18 Americans – a number **projected to exceed 22 million by 2035**.
- **The number of survivors varies by state**, from almost 2 million in California to about 32,000 in Wyoming and 29,000 in the District of Columbia, largely reflecting variation in population size.
- The **three most prevalent cancers among males** as of January 1, 2025, were **prostate** (3,552,460), **melanoma of the skin** (816,580), and **colorectum** (729,550).
- The **three most prevalent cancers among females** as of January 1, 2025, were **breast** (4,305,570), **uterine corpus** (945,540), and **thyroid** (859,890).
- The number of **breast cancer survivors is projected to reach about 5.3 million** by January 1, 2035 – an increase of nearly 1 million from 2025, marking the largest projected growth among the top 10 most prevalent cancers.
- About **half of all cancer survivors** were diagnosed within the past decade.
- Approximately **4 out of 5 cancer survivors** are aged 60 and older.
- Nearly **half of cervical cancer survivors are younger than 65** compared with 13% of prostate cancer survivors, reflecting a younger age at diagnosis for cervical cancer.
- Among people diagnosed with early-stage (I-II) lung cancer in 2021, **47% of Black people received surgery compared to 52% of White people**.
- Among people diagnosed with early-stage (I) rectal cancer in 2021, **39% of Black people received surgery compared to 64% of White people**.
- Uninsured people diagnosed with stage I colorectal cancer **have lower 5-year survival** than privately insured people with stage II disease.
- In 2021, **endocrine (hormonal) therapy utilization was lower among Black women with breast cancer** compared to White women, with the most pronounced disparity observed for stage III disease (65% versus 74%).
- Among people with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, **about 2 in 3 Black people received chemoimmunotherapy** (with or without radiation) compared to nearly **3 in 4 White people** in 2021.