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Key Statistics for Cancers in Young Adults

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How common is cancer in young adults?

- About 80,000 young adults aged 20 to 39 are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States. About 4% of all cancers are diagnosed in people in this age range.
- About 9,000 young adults die from cancer each year.

Cancer is the 5th leading cause of death in this age group, behind only accidents, suicide, homicide, and heart disease. It's the leading cause of death from disease among females in this age group, and is second only to heart disease among males.

Young women are more likely to be diagnosed with cancer than young men, but young men and women are equally likely to die of cancer.

Survival rates for cancer in young adults

Survival rates for cancer in young adults have not changed much in recent decades, unlike the improvements seen in many cancers in children and older adults. Survival rates can vary a great deal, based on the [type of cancer](#)¹ and other factors.

Hyperlinks

1. www.cancer.org/cancer.html

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