

CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR)

Measuring Progress. Targeting Action. Saving Lives.

Data Driving Action to Fight Cancer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) provides funding, expertise, and tools to track cancers nationwide. Public health officials, health care professionals, researchers, and policymakers rely on these data to make the best decisions about how to prevent, detect, and treat cancer—ultimately saving lives.

Why NPCR Matters

Before 1992, many states didn't know how many people had cancer or where help was most needed.

Now, NPCR supports the infrastructure for 46 state and 4 territorial central cancer registries to collect cancer data yearly, covering 97% of the U.S. population.

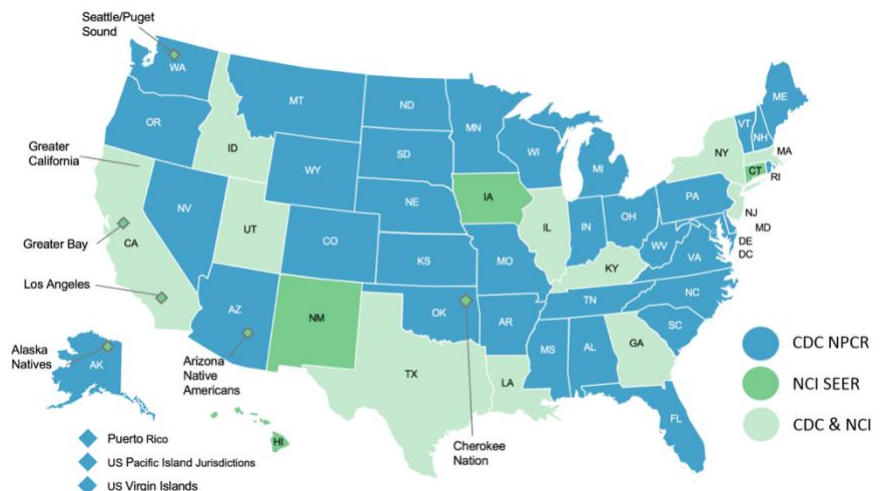
- ✓ Congress established NPCR by law in 1992.
- ✓ Cancer is the only nationwide reportable chronic disease.
- ✓ Data are available at the national, state, county, and congressional district levels.

NPCR Is Essential

Because of NPCR, states and territories can understand and respond more effectively to cancer in their communities. The resources NPCR provides are the backbone to knowing how best to fight cancer, make Americans healthier, and save lives.

Every Cancer Counts

NPCR's broad coverage allows every cancer to be counted as part of the [U.S. Cancer Statistics \(USCS\)](#), the official federal cancer statistics that cover 100% of the U.S. population.



*National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program

40 million
cancer cases
recorded since
1999

1.9 million
new cases and
600,000 deaths
reported every year

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Cancer is the 2nd
leading cause of
death in the U.S.



What NPCR Data Tell Us



Who

gets, survives, or dies from cancer (for example, by age or sex)?



What

is the cancer type, stage, and treatment?



When

are screening or other prevention strategies working?



Where

is cancer getting better or worse?



Which

cancers are rising and falling?

How NPCR Data Are Used



Track

cancer trends



Guide

cancer prevention and control programs



Drive

actions to catch cancer early when it is easier to treat



Target

interventions to those who need it most



Measure

progress



Direct

resources where they will have the greatest impact

Resources

The U.S. Cancer Statistics Data Visualizations tool is the most comprehensive national database on new cancer diagnoses, survival, and deaths. www.cdc.gov/cancer/dataviz

Researchers can access de-identified cancer data by using the free U.S. Cancer Statistics Public Use Database. www.cdc.gov/united-states-cancer-statistics/public-use/

U.S. Cancer Statistics Stat Bites provide the latest data on the most common cancers. www.cdc.gov/united-states-cancer-statistics/publications/

See stories from cancer registries across the country using NPCR data to help reduce cancer. www.cdc.gov/national-program-cancer-registries/success/