



Key Statistics for Prostate Cancer

How common is prostate cancer?

Other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men. The American Cancer Society's estimates for prostate cancer in the United States for 2017 are:

- About 161,360 new cases of prostate cancer
- About 26,730 deaths from prostate cancer

Risk of prostate cancer

About 1 man in 7 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime.

Prostate cancer develops mainly in older men. About 6 cases in 10 are diagnosed in men aged 65 or older, and it is rare before age 40. The average age at the time of diagnosis is about 66.

Deaths from prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death in American men, behind lung cancer and colorectal cancer. About 1 man in 39 will die of prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer can be a serious disease, but most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not die from it. In fact, more than 2.9 million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are still alive today.

For statistics related to survival, see [Survival Rates for Prostate Cancer \(/cancer/prostate-cancer/detection-diagnosis-staging/survival-rates.html\)](/cancer/prostate-cancer/detection-diagnosis-staging/survival-rates.html).

Visit our Cancer Statistics Center (<https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org/>) for more key

statistics.

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