



Cancer Facts & Figures

Did you know?

In 2007, about 62,010 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Illinois and about 1,444,920 in the United States. (Excluding non-melanoma skin cancers and in situ carcinoma except urinary bladder.)

In 2007, over 1 million cases of skin cancers will be diagnosed.

In the United States, 1 of every 4 deaths is from cancer.

Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the U.S, exceeded only by heart disease.

The 5-year survival rate for all cancer diagnosed between 1996 and 2002 is 66%.

In 2003, about 10.5 million Americans with a history of cancer were alive.

About 77% of all cancers are diagnosed in persons 55 and older.

In the United States, the lifetime risk (probability that an individual, over the course of a lifetime, will develop cancer or die from it) of developing cancer is slightly less than a 1 in 2 for men, and slightly more than 1 in 3 for women.

Male smokers are 23 times more likely to develop lung cancer than nonsmokers.

In 2007, about 168,000 cancer deaths will be caused by tobacco use.

2007 Estimated New Cases of Cancer for Men:

- Prostate - 218,890
- Lung & Bronchus - 114,760
- Colon & Rectum - 79,130
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma - 34,200
- Melanoma of Skin - 33,910
- Leukemia - 24,800

2007 Estimated New Cases of Cancer for Women:

- Breast - 178,480
- Lung & Bronchus - 98,620
- Colon & Rectum - 74,630
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma - 28,990
- Melanoma of Skin - 26,030
- Leukemia - 19,440

(Source: American Cancer Society Cancer Facts & Figures 2007)