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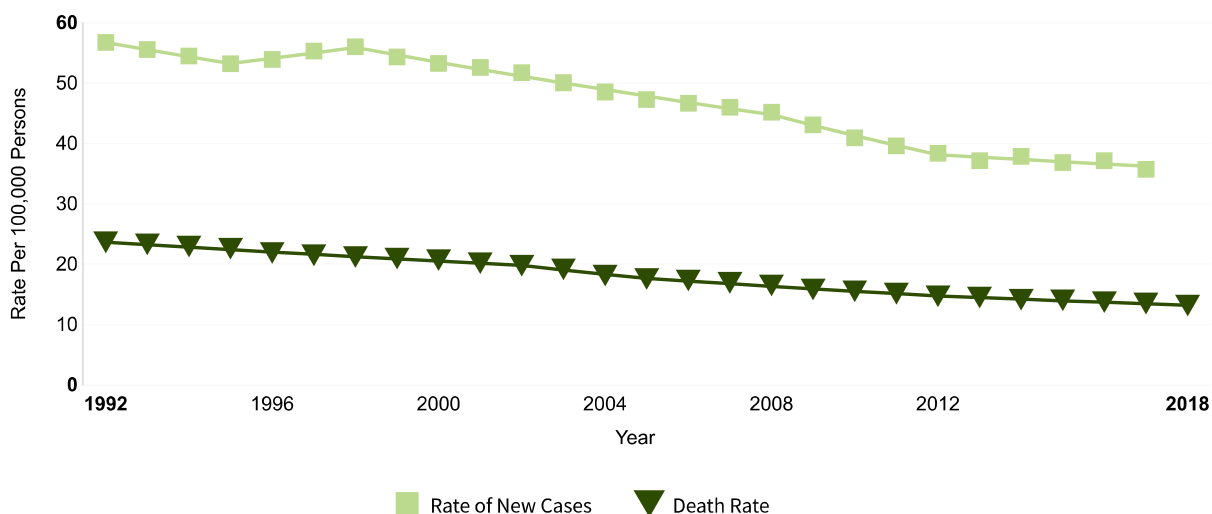
Statistics at a Glance

At a Glance

Estimated New Cases in 2020	147,950
% of All New Cancer Cases	8.2%

Estimated Deaths in 2020	53,200
% of All Cancer Deaths	8.8%

5-Year Relative Survival
64.6%
2010–2016



New cases come from SEER 13. Deaths come from U.S. Mortality.

All Races, Both Sexes. Rates are Age-Adjusted.

Modeled trend lines were calculated from the underlying rates using the Joinpoint Trend Analysis Software.

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New cases are also referred to as incident cases in other publications. Rates of new cases are also referred to as incidence rates.

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Rate of New Cases and Deaths per 100,000: The rate of new cases of colorectal cancer was 38.2 per 100,000 men and women per year. The death rate was 13.7 per 100,000 men and women per year. These rates are age-adjusted and based on 2013–2017 cases and 2014–2018 deaths.

Lifetime Risk of Developing Cancer: Approximately 4.2 percent of men and women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer at some point during their lifetime, based on 2015–2017 data.

Prevalence of This Cancer: In 2017, there were an estimated 1,348,087 people living with colorectal cancer in the United States.



Did you know?

Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer diagnosed in the United States.

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*These stat facts focus on population statistics that are based on the U.S. population. Because these statistics are based on large groups of people, they cannot be used to predict exactly what will happen to an individual patient. To see tailored statistics, browse SEER*Explorer (<https://web.archive.org/web/20210318013225/https://seer.cancer.gov/explorer/>). To see statistics for a specific state, go to the State Cancer Profiles (<https://web.archive.org/web/20210318013225/https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/>).*

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Estimates of new cases and deaths for 2020 are projections made by the American Cancer Society (ACS), based on earlier reported data.

Cancer is a complex topic. There is a wide range of information available. These stat facts do not address causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, follow-up care, or decision making, although links are provided to information in many of these areas.

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