

Facts about Cancer

- This year, 1,735,350 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in the United States. In Utah, 10,950 new cases are expected.
- In 2018, 609,640 Americans are expected to die of cancer—almost 1,670 people per day. Almost nine Utahns per day are expected to die of cancer in 2018—a total of 3,170 people.
- Cancer is the second leading cause of death in both Utah and the United States.
- In Utah, the top five diagnosed cancers are prostate, breast, melanoma, colorectal, and lung.
- Utah has the highest rate of melanoma in the United States and a much higher incidence of thyroid and prostate cancers than other states.
- In the United States, approximately 40 out of 100 men and 38 out of 100 women will develop cancer in their lifetimes.
- Cancer is the leading cause of disease death in children.
- The greatest risk factor for cancer is age. About 87 percent of all cancers are diagnosed in people 50 or older.
- Smoking is estimated to cause 32 percent of all cancer deaths in the United States.
- The World Cancer Research Fund estimates that 20 percent of the cancer cases in the United States are due to the combined effects of excess alcohol consumption, poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and excess weight.
- There are an estimated 15.5 million cancer survivors alive today in the United States.
- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) estimates that the direct medical costs (all health care expenditures) for cancer in the United States in 2015 totaled \$80.2 billion.

Source: *Cancer Facts & Figures 2018*—American Cancer Society