



**CANCER ACTION
COALITION OF VIRGINIA**

**REDUCING THE
BURDEN OF
CANCER FOR
VIRGINIANS**

SUPPORT THE CANCER ACTION COALITION OF VIRGINIA (CACV)

WHO IS CACV?

CACV is a Virginia-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the burden of cancer for all persons living in Virginia utilizing the [Virginia Cancer Plan](#) to provide a forum for collaboration, education, and advocacy.

Our membership includes healthcare systems, non-profits, community organizations, government agencies, businesses, insurers, advocates, and, most importantly, patients, survivors, and families. All of these groups are united by the knowledge that cancer in Virginia is too big to fight alone.

WHAT IS THE VIRGINIA CANCER PLAN?

Under the guidance of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Virginia's first cancer plan was developed in 1998 by a team of committed volunteers that became CACV. Since then, Virginia has developed and updated the cancer plan every five years. In fact, every state has a unique plan.

The 2023-2027 [Virginia Cancer Plan](#) (VCP) provides a roadmap to help Virginia residents address the burden of cancer. The plan provides data, guidance, information, and links to resources for all Virginians. The goals of the plan can be addressed throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and require the engagement and collaboration of individuals and organizations involved in cancer prevention, detection, treatment, and post treatment care for Virginia residents.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT CACV'S MISSION IN VIRGINIA?

Today, CACV serves as an important alliance of organizations and individuals working together to provide statewide guidance, support, leadership and coordination of cancer prevention and control activities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

With a greater investment from the General Assembly of Virginia, CACV will be able to expand the impact of its work. We are seeking funding support that will help us address key areas of the plan including cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment that will not only save lives, but improve the quality of life for all Virginians.

CANCER IN VIRGINIA

- 🧑‍🦱 Cancer was the second leading cause of death among adults in both the US and Virginia with 15,842 Virginians dying from cancer in 2022.¹ Over 42,000 cancer cases were reported in Virginia in 2021.²
- 🧑‍🦱 The Virginia cancer mortality rate in 2022 was 144.8 deaths per 100,000 people, slightly higher than the US rate of 142.0 per 100,000 people.³ Mortality rates in Virginia are higher in the far western and southeast regions, which are areas of the state with more rural, underserved populations.

CANCER PREVALENCE IN VIRGINIA

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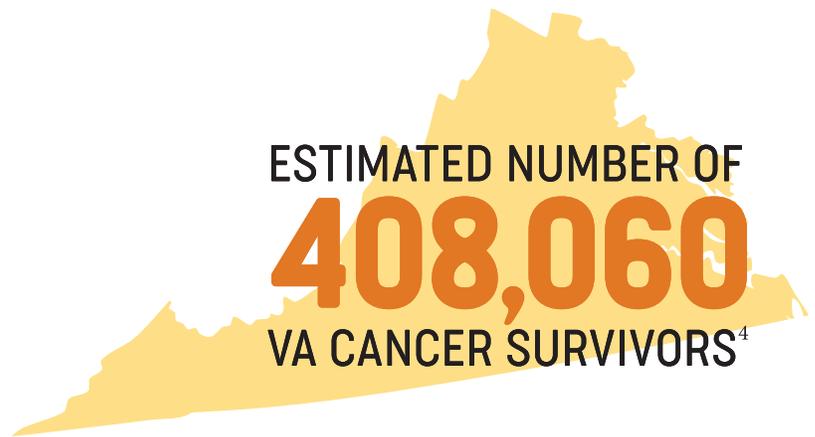


VIRGINIANS ARE LIKELY TO DEVELOP CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF

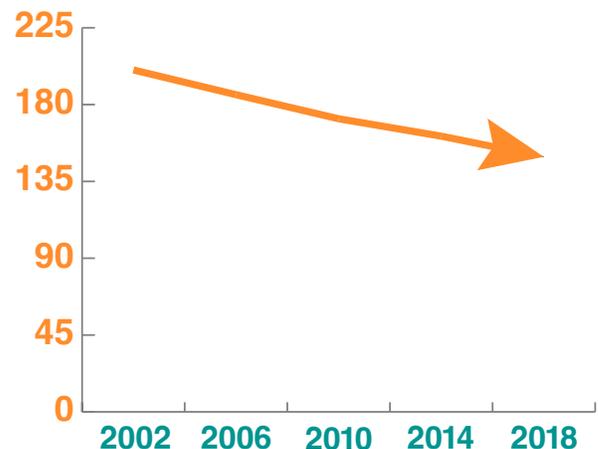
408,060

VA CANCER SURVIVORS⁴

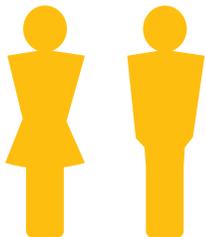


RATE OF NEW CASES IS DECLINING

Trend line rate per 100,000 persons (Age Adjusted)



MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCERS IN VIRGINIA⁵



Breast 17%
Prostate 14%
Lung 13%
Colon 8%

THE COST OF CANCER: KEY FACTS & FIGURES

Health Care Costs

-  In 2018, cancer patients in the US paid **\$5.6 billion** out of pocket for cancer treatments.⁶
-  According to recent surveys, nearly half of cancer patients and survivors report being burdened by medical debt because of their cancer care.⁷
-  Approximately **\$183 billion** was spent in 2015 in the US on cancer related health care, and this amount is projected to grow to **\$246 billion** by 2030—an increase in 34%.⁶

Cancer Type

-  In 2018-2020, women breast cancer survivors' ages 18-64 annual average health care expenditures was **\$13,307 more than women without a history of cancer**. (Breast Cancer Survivors: \$19,251; No Cancer: \$5,944).⁶
-  Men with a prostate cancer history between the ages of 18-64 years incur almost triple the amount of overall health expenditures as those men who have never had cancer.⁶
-  In 2018-2020, colorectal cancer survivors' ages 18-64 annual average health care expenditures were **\$14,810 more** than those without a history of cancer. (Colorectal Cancer Survivors: \$20,044; No Cancer: \$5,234).⁶

Preventive Care

-  Americans collectively have at least 12 million more years of life to live because of preventative cancer screenings (breast, colon, cervical and lung) in the past 25 years—equivalent to **\$6.5 trillion in added economic impact** (not including the dollars saved in medical care by treating cancer at an earlier stage rather than a later stage).⁸
-  If everyone who qualified for current cancer screening received it, **at least another 3.3 million life-years could be saved** and another \$1.7 trillion in economic impact added.⁸

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact CACV by email at info@cancercoalitionofvirginia.org or visit our website at www.cancercoalitionofvirginia.org

¹CDC United States Cancer Statistics. USCS Data Visualizations - CDC

²CDC United States Cancer Statistics. USCS Data Visualizations - CDC

³CDC United States Cancer Statistics. USCS Data Visualizations - CDC

⁴American Cancer Society. (2022). Cancer Treatment & Survivorship Facts & Figures 2019-2021. Available at: <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/cancer-treatment-and-survivorship-facts-and-figures/cancer-treatment-and-survivorship-facts-and-figures-2019-2021.pdf>

⁵CDC United States Cancer Statistics. USCS Data Visualizations - CDC

⁶American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (2023). www.fightcancer.org/costs-cancer

⁷American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (2024). Survey Finds Majority of Cancer Patients and Survivors Have or Expect to Incur Medical Debt | American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (fightcancer.org)