

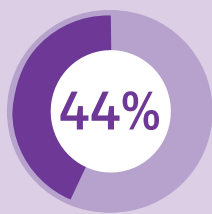
Cancer STATS & FACTS for Ohio

PANCREATIC CANCER

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Who Gets Pancreatic Cancer?

An average of **1,906** cases of pancreatic cancer were diagnosed each year in Ohio, accounting for **3%** of all new cancer cases in 2013-2017.



Nearly half of pancreatic cancers were diagnosed at a distant **late stage** in Ohio in 2013-2017.

Pancreatic cancer incidence is higher for:

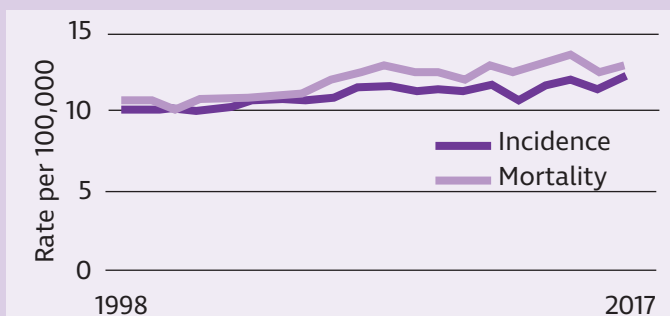


- Males.
- Blacks.
- People 65 years and older.

Pancreatic Cancer Deaths and Trends

Pancreatic cancer is the **4th** leading cause of cancer death. In Ohio, **1,716** deaths due to pancreatic cancer occurred each year, accounting for **7%** of all cancer deaths in 2013-2017.

In the past 20 years, Ohio's pancreatic cancer incidence and mortality rates have increased **21%** and **18%**, respectively.



Symptoms and Survival

Symptoms of pancreatic cancer include:

- Pain in the upper or middle abdomen and back.
- Loss of appetite or weight loss for no known reason.
- Jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes).
- Light-colored stools.
- Dark urine.
- Feeling very tired (fatigue).



38% of people diagnosed with **early stage** pancreatic cancer that has not spread **SURVIVE 5 YEARS.**

3% of people diagnosed with **late stage** pancreatic cancer that has spread to distant organs **SURVIVE 5 YEARS.**

Risk Factors

Factors that increase a person's risk of developing pancreatic cancer include:

- **Tobacco use:** The risk of getting pancreatic cancer is about two times higher among smokers, compared with those who have never smoked.
- **Being very overweight:** Obesity increases the risk of developing pancreatic cancer by about 20%.
- **Diabetes:** Pancreatic cancer is more common in people with type 2 diabetes.
- **Chronic pancreatitis:** This long-term inflammation of the pancreas is linked with an increased risk of pancreatic cancer.
- **Inherited genetic syndromes:** Pancreatic cancer tends to run in some families, possibly due to inherited gene changes.



For more information, see **Pancreatic Cancer in Ohio, 2013-2017**, available on the ODH [Cancer Data and Statistics](#) web page.

Sources: Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System and Bureau of Vital Statistics, Ohio Department of Health, 2020; American Cancer Society, <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/pancreatic-cancer.html>.

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