

# Brain Tumors By The Numbers

Today nearly 700,000 people in the United States are living with a primary brain tumor, and more than 69,000 others will be diagnosed this year. Brain tumors are often deadly, impact quality of life, and change everything for patients and their loved ones.



## Quick Facts

- **688,096** Americans are living with a brain tumor.
  - **550,042** tumors are benign
  - **138,054** tumors are malignant
- An estimated **69,720** people will receive primary brain tumor diagnoses this year.
  - **45,160** will be benign
  - **24,170** will be malignant
    - » Male: **55.2%**
    - » Female: **44.8%**
- The average survival rate for all malignant brain tumor patients is **33.8%**.
  - Male: **32.4%**
  - Female: **35.5%**
- An estimated **14,320** people will die from brain cancer this year.
  - Male: **8,090**
  - Female: **6,230**

## Brain Tumors in Adults

- The most prevalent brain tumor types in adults:
  - Gliomas, such as glioblastoma multiforme, ependymomas, astrocytomas, and oligodendrogliomas
  - Meningiomas

## Brain Tumors in Children

- An estimated **4,300** children will receive brain tumor diagnoses this year.
- The average survival rate for all children with malignant brain tumors is **66%**.
- Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children under 10, and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children under 20.
- The most prevalent brain tumor types in children:
  - Astrocytoma
  - Medulloblastoma
  - Ependymoma

## Resources & Support

Navigating a brain tumor diagnosis can be challenging whether you are a patient, caregiver, family member, or friend.

As part of our mission, it is our goal to ensure that everyone in the brain tumor community has access to helpful information.

### Be Informed

View our list of frequently asked questions, publications such as *Frankly Speaking About Brain Tumors*, and other helpful resources at [www.brainumor.org/help](http://www.brainumor.org/help).

### Find Support

Learn about Imerman Angels and their one-to-one support at [www.imermanangels.org](http://www.imermanangels.org).

No matter where you live, you never have to feel alone in dealing with a brain tumor.

*All information current as of June 2014 and based upon the latest statistical data as noted below.*

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## About National Brain Tumor Society

National Brain Tumor Society is the largest nonprofit organization dedicated to the brain tumor community in the United States. We are fiercely committed to finding better treatments, and ultimately a cure, for people living with a brain tumor today and those who will be diagnosed tomorrow. This means aggressively driving strategic research and advocating for public policies, which meet the critical needs of this community. It's time to build on progress and transform tomorrow, today.