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- Mortality
- Survival
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THE LATEST CANCER STATISTICS

IN-DEPTH STATISTICS ON PREVENTABLE CANCERS AND ALCOHOL

Preventable behaviours such as alcohol drinking and overweight and obesity are associated with increased risk of several cancers including; oral, oesophageal, bowel, liver, breast and kidney cancers.

4 in 10 cancer cases each year in the UK are linked to major lifestyle and other factors, and are theoretically preventable.

Tobacco continues to be the most preventable cause of death in the world, but drinking alcohol is now estimated to cause 4% of cancer cases in the UK each year.



- Explore our **preventable cancers statistics** and interactive charts
- See in-depth alcohol statistics
- Read our related blog

ALMOST 2,000 LUNG CANCER PATIENTS MISSING OUT ON SURGERY EVERY YEAR

Around 1,800 lung cancer patients may be missing out on life-saving surgery each year, according to our latest local cancer statistics.

New data has revealed that a worrying number of lung cancer patients in England may not be having surgery as part of their treatment, and around 1,000 of these patients are not having operations despite their disease being diagnosed at an early stage – when surgery is more likely to be successful.



Around 4,500 people with non small-cell lung cancer had major surgery last year. Experts believe that surgery is responsible for around half of the cancers becoming cured. Lung cancer is one of the hardest cancers to treat, so it is unacceptable that so many lung cancer patients are missing out on vital surgery.

- Read more in our press release
- Read our lung incidence and new survival statistics





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CAN COMPUTERS HELP TO DIAGNOSE PATIENTS EARLIER?



We recently carried out an independent evaluation of the Cancer Decision Support Tool, which aims to help diagnose patients earlier. Read our blog on the findings.

Find out more

DID YOU KNOW?

Our research is funded entirely by the public, we're working to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured

Support our work. Find out how

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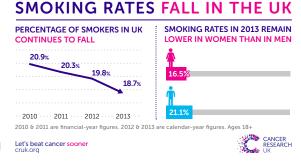
Cancer Research UK would like to acknowledge the essential work of the cancer registries in the United Kingdom and Ireland Association of Cancer Registries.

Without these cancer registries, there would be no incidence or survival data.

UK SMOKING RATES CONTINUE TO FALL

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) the UK has seen a fall in the number of adults who smoke. Between 2012 and 2013, the number of over 18s who said they smoked cigarettes dropped by around 5% to 18.7%.

These latest figures suggest that the Governments plans to reduce smoking rates have so far been successful, but



health experts have stressed that further measures were needed to continue the downward trend.

Of the four UK nations, the drop in smoking rates was only statistically significant in England, where smoking rates fell from 19.5% in 2012 to 18.4% in 2013.

- Read more in our press release
- See in-depth tobacco use statistics

15,000 EXTRA CHILDREN SURVIVE CANCER SINCE THE 1970S



During the last 40 years over 15,000 more children have survived their cancer for at least ten years after being diagnosed than would have done if survival had stayed the same as in the 1970s.

Overall survival has more than doubled in the last 40 years thanks to research and improved treatments, and three quarters of children with cancer are now cured compared to only one quarter in the early 1970s.

This dramatic increase is largely due to work

funded by Cancer Research UK that discovered more effective combinations of treatment for children with this disease.

- Read more in our press release
- Download our infographic visualising these statistics
- See more in-depth childhood survival statistics