

Melanoma of the Skin in Louisiana

2018- 2022 STATS AND FACTS



983
NEW CASES FOUND IN
EACH YEAR

10,337
MELANOMA CANCER
SURVIVORS SINCE 2000[#]

The 5-year relative
survival for Louisiana
people of all races⁺ **94%**

7th most common cancer
diagnosis among
people in Louisiana

Louisiana's rank in the
US for death rate of
melanoma of the skin² **48th**

RATE OF NEW CANCER CASES PER 100,000 LOUISIANANS

Black 0.8
White 27.8

RATE OF CANCER DEATHS PER 100,000 LOUISIANANS

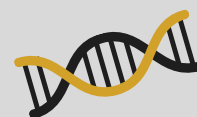
Black 0.4
White 2.1

Average annual rate per 100,000 age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population

Risk Factors¹



Sun and UV radiation exposure



Family History of
Melanoma

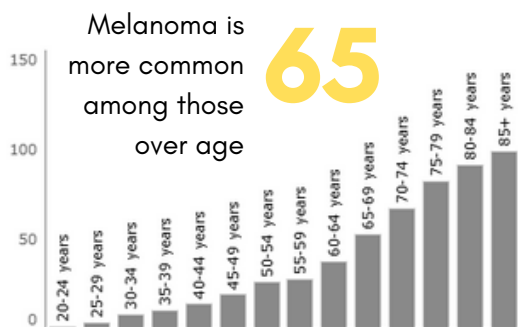


Having Many or
Abnormal Moles

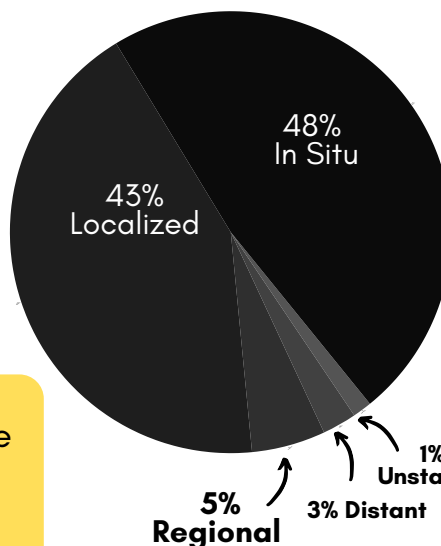


Lighter skin, hair, and eye color
(Blue or Green Eyes, Blonde or Red Hair)

STAGE AT DIAGNOSIS DISTRIBUTION



91%
of new cases were
found at early
stages (in situ &
localized)



1 American Cancer Society, Risk Factors for Melanoma Skin Cancer, 2023.
2 State Cancer Profiles, National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2025
+ Survival estimates are based on cases diagnosed 2011-2021 and followed through 2022
Prevalence counts are an estimate of the number of survivors on 1/1/2022 who were diagnosed between 2000-2021.



In Louisiana: 5-year survival for White people is 42% higher than it is for Black people (94.5% vs. 66.4% 5-year Relative Survival)

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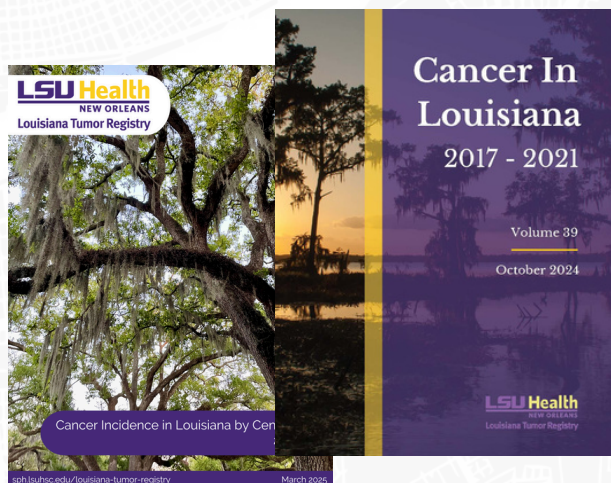
OUR VISION

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One of 22 NCI-designated SEER cancer registries that gather information about cancer cases to help guide policies for cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, prognosis and survivorship.

To collect and report complete, high-quality, and timely population-based cancer data in Louisiana to support cancer research, control, and prevention.

To reduce suffering and death from cancer using information collected by the Louisiana Tumor Registry.



For more information, please visit:

<https://sph.lsuhsoc.edu/louisiana-tumor-registry>

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