

# Oral Cavity and Pharynx Cancer in Louisiana

## 2019- 2023 STATS AND FACTS

# 773

NEW CASES FOUND  
EACH YEAR

# 5,614

ORAL CAVITY AND PHARYNX  
CANCER SURVIVORS SINCE  
2000 #



The 5-year relative  
survival for Louisiana  
persons of all races<sup>+</sup>

# 64%

# 194

cancer deaths among  
persons in Louisiana  
each year on average

Louisiana's rank in the U.S. for  
death rate of Oral Cavity and  
Pharynx cancer<sup>2</sup>

# 3rd

There is **no** screening test available  
for oral cavity and pharynx cancers.  
The best screening method for this  
cancer is to regularly see a dental  
professional. During exams, dental  
professionals may be able to spot  
potential malignancies while they  
are still small/localized.<sup>3</sup>

**Oral Cavity and Pharynx cancers  
are more common in men,  
particularly white men. With 24.5  
cases per 100,000 men, the rate  
for white men is statistically  
significantly higher than the U.S.  
rate.**

## RATE OF NEW CANCER CASES PER 100,000 LOUISIANANS

Black

# 9.9

White

# 15.9

## RATE OF CANCER DEATHS PER 100,000 LOUISIANANS

Black

# 3.4

White

# 3.5

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

## Risk Factors<sup>1</sup>



Tobacco  
Use



Alcohol and Tobacco  
Used Together



Alcohol



HPV Infection



Personal History of  
Head or Neck Cancer



Betel Quid  
Use

## STAGE AT DIAGNOSIS DISTRIBUTION

Only about  

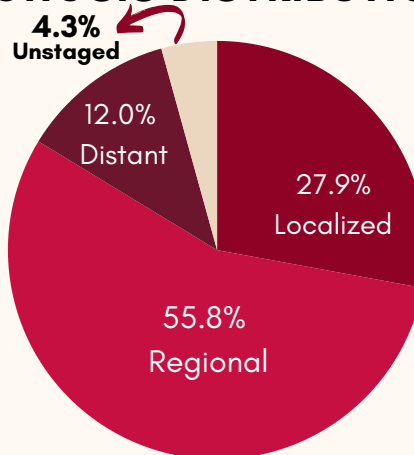
# 28%

  
of new cases were  
found at early  
stages  
(localized)

# 8 in 10



People diagnosed at a localized  
stage will survive at least 5 years



1 National Cancer Institute. Oral Cavity, Oropharyngeal, Hypopharyngeal, and Laryngeal Cancers Prevention PDQ, 2026

2 State Cancer Profiles, National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2026

3 American Cancer Society. Oral cavity and oropharyngeal cancer early detection, diagnosis, and staging, 2026

+ Survival estimates are based on cases diagnosed 2012-2022 and followed through 2023.

# Prevalence counts are an estimate of the number of survivors on 1/1/2023 who were diagnosed between 2000-2022.

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# LOUISIANA TUMOR REGISTRY



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.

## OUR MISSION



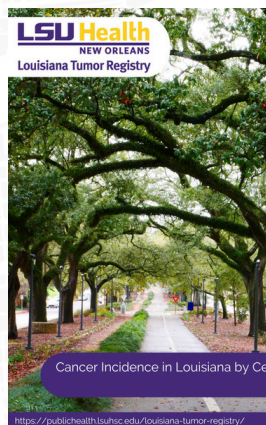
To collect and report complete, high-quality, and timely population-based cancer data in Louisiana to support cancer research, control, and prevention.

## OUR VISION



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

## ANNUAL REPORTS



For more information, please visit:

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