

Cancer Facts for LGBTQ+ People

- The American Cancer Society estimates there could be approximately 160,000 new cancer cases and nearly 50,000 cancer deaths among LGBTQ+ people in 2024.
- Over half (58%) of LGBTQ+ cancer patients and survivors are concerned about the political climate impacting their ability to get health care and 49% are concerned a provider may feel it is too risky to treat them because of laws passed in the state where they practice.
- 1/3 of LGBTQ+ people report that their healthcare provider never talked with them about cancer screening.
- Transgender patients may be more likely to be diagnosed with advanced state lung cancer and less likely to receive treatment for kidney cancer, compared with cisgender patients.
- Lesbian and bisexual women have a higher risk for breast cancer, as well as other cancers associated with their unique risk factors such as obesity.
- Gay and bisexual men have a higher risk of anal cancer, especially those who are HIV+.

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