

ACS CAN 2025

Impact at a Glance



In 2025, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) harnessed the power of volunteers across the country to drive meaningful change. Our voices were the catalyst for lifesaving public policy victories critical to impacting cancer. Thanks to unwavering commitment, we achieved monumental progress toward our mission to advocate for evidence-based public policies to reduce the cancer burden for everyone.



ACS CAN impacted **25.6 million** lives through incredible advocacy work to improve equitable access to care, reduce and prevent tobacco use, accelerate access to innovation and advance policies for cancer patients, their families, and those at risk of cancer.



Grassroots advocacy was powered by ACS CAN volunteers who directly contacted members of Congress nearly **369,000** times via email, phone calls and social media interaction to advocate for our priorities across all federal issues in 2025.



Advocates generated more than **91,000** messages and collected more than **51,000** petition signatures calling on Congress to protect and increase funding for cancer research and prevention.



Driven by ACS CAN's unwavering advocacy efforts, the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) Screening Coverage Act was the **most-supported legislation** of the 119th Congress.



As a result of ACS CAN helping to advance legislation to increase access to prostate cancer screening for men at high risk of developing the disease, **nine states and the District of Columbia** now have laws that require state-regulated insurers to cover the screening without out-of-pocket costs.



Thanks to ACS CAN's persistent advocacy, Indiana passed its first cigarette tax increase in nearly 20 years. Indiana's **\$2 per pack** cigarette tax increase is projected to decrease youth smoking by **14.3 percent**. Maine also increased taxes on cigarette packs by **\$1.50**, projecting a decrease in youth smoking by **10.5 percent**.



For the first time ever, ACS CAN volunteers raised more than **\$1 million** to support our mission.



ACS CAN hosted **51** Cancer Action Days nationwide, with over **2,600** volunteer attendees.