

2026 New York Cancer Action Day

Legislative Priorities – ACS CAN

Together, we will ensure all New Yorkers can access and afford the critical screenings and medications they need to detect, treat, and survive cancer.

Preserve Medicaid Patient Access To Biomarker Testing Reject The Proposed Rollback In the Executive Budget

- Biomarker testing is key to matching patients with the most effective treatment for cancer and other diseases. Biomarker testing helps clinicians identify the right treatment at the right time.
- The Executive Budget rolls back biomarker coverage for Medicaid patients, while people with private insurance are not impacted. By eliminating established Medicaid coverage criteria while leaving private insurance protections intact, the proposal fractures the consistency that allows providers to deliver equitable, evidence-based care to all New Yorkers who need it.
- Rolling back access to biomarker testing will cost lives and long term health care dollars.



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Expand Patient Navigation Services Senate Bill 5565 (Bailey)/Assembly Bill 6586 (Weprin)

- Patient navigation services can help eliminate health disparities and reduce costs across the care continuum by addressing the needs of people who have been historically marginalized and excluded as well as those living in under resourced rural and urban communities.
- S5565/A6586 would expand patient navigation services by requiring that all state regulated health plans in New York State, including Medicaid, begin reimbursing for patient navigation services, similar to the way Medicare does.

Reform NY's Temporary Disability Insurance Program Senate Bill 172A (Ramos)/Assembly Bill 9571 (Bronson)

- All working cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers should have access to paid family and medical leave that allows them to take time off work to attend to their own or a loved one's care without losing their job or income. Yet NY's Temporary Disability Insurance Program is woefully inadequate.
- S172A/A9571 would transform NY's paid medical leave program into one on par with modern paid family and medical leave programs across the country. It would make a profound difference in the lives of New Yorkers, especially those already living paycheck to paycheck.

CANCER FACTS & FIGURES

New York - 2026



In 2026, New York is expected to see:

125,860

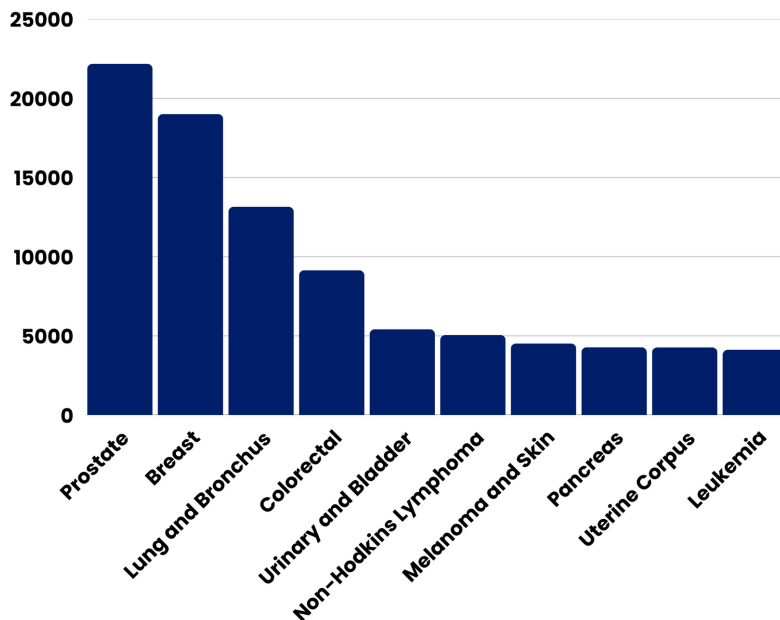
NEW CANCER CASES



31,140

CANCER DEATHS

NEW YORK'S TOP 10 CANCER TYPES IN 2026:



34%

Of New Yorkers 45 and older are **NOT** up to date on **colorectal cancer** screening.

31%

Of New York women 45 and older are **NOT** up to date on **mammograms**.

Only 18%

Of New Yorkers were up to date on **lung cancer** screening

Notable Finding: Black women die from breast cancer at a significantly higher rate than other racial and ethnic groups despite lower incidence rates.

1.1 Million
cancer survivors
alive today in NY

Lung cancer is the #1 cancer type leading to death.

Source: American Cancer Society Cancer Statistics Center <https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org/states/new-york>

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