

# Federal Investment in Cancer Prevention & Early Detection

## The Value of Cancer Registries to Public Health



The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) calls on **Congress to fund the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program for Cancer Registries (NPCR) at \$63.4 million in FY 2027.**

Established by Congress in 1992, the National Program for Cancer Registries supports accessible, high-quality and usable registry data that are critical to protect health and save lives. NPCR provides a road map in the fight against cancer through:

### Monitor

The NPCR supports state and territorial cancer registries to collect consistent data on cancer incidence, mortality, staging, and screening. Covering 97% of the U.S. population, NPCR ensures policymakers and public health leaders can track shifts in cancer burden across communities and over time.

### Evaluate

State registry data are the foundation of comprehensive cancer control plans, enabling states to assess progress, identify disparities, and measure outcomes. Registry data can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of public health efforts to prevent cancer cases and improve cancer survival.

### Guide

States rely on cancer registry data to inform policymakers, health care professionals, researchers, and communities about cancer's impact. By identifying trends and emerging challenges, NPCR data help leaders target interventions, prioritize investments, and direct resources where they can have the greatest impact.

### Research

NPCR enables population-based research that would not otherwise be possible. The program's standardized, comparable data support studies on cancer risk factors, screening uptake, treatment patterns, and survivorship across diverse populations.

## Registries provide a road map in the fight against cancer

### MONITOR

cancer incidence and mortality trends over time.



### EVALUATE

cancer patterns in populations and identify groups at higher risk for cancer.



### GUIDE

planning and evaluation of cancer control programs and set priorities for allocating resources.



### RESEARCH

cancer causes and prevention strategies to see which improve health outcomes.

