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Cancer Death Rates* for Children and Teens Aged 1–19 Years — United States, 1999, 2006, and 2014†

* Includes leukemia, brain cancer, and all other types of cancer (including “unspecified” types of cancer) determined using International Classification of Disease, Tenth Revision underlying cause of death codes: brain cancer (C71), leukemia (C91-C95), and all other sites (C00-C97).

† Decline from 1999 to 2014 for leukemia and cancer of all other types was statistically significant (p<0.05).

The death rate for children and teens aged 1–19 years caused by leukemia decreased by 33%, from 0.85 per 100,000 population in 1999 to 0.57 in 2014. The brain cancer death rate fluctuated from 1999 to 2014, but remained statistically stable (0.68 in 1999 and in 2014). For all other cancer types, death rates for children and teens aged 1–19 years declined by 23%, from 1.33 in 1999 to 1.03 in 2014. Brain cancer replaced leukemia as the leading cancer death type in 2014.


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