

# Brain tumor epidemiology

Although [brain tumors](#) occur less frequently than other forms of [cancer](#), they have one of the bleakest prognoses with low [survival](#) rates.

Each year, over 15 000 patients undergo resection of brain tumors in the [United States](#) <sup>1)</sup>.

The facts and statistics include brain and central nervous system tumors (including spinal cord, pituitary and pineal gland tumors).

see The [Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States](#).

## Incidence

[Brain tumors](#) have an annual [incidence](#) of approximately 24000 new cases in the [United States](#), with the most common, [glioblastoma](#) (Glioblastoma), also being the most deadly.

<sup>1)</sup>

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