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SEER, a program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), provides information on cancer statistics to help reduce the burden of cancer on the U.S. population.

http://seer.cancer.gov
SEER is a coordinated system of cancer registries strategically located across the United States. These registries routinely collect data on:
- Patient demographics
- Primary tumor site
- Specific cancer markers (e.g., estrogen receptor status; progesterone receptor status; human epidermal growth factor receptor 2, also known as proto-oncogene Neu (HER2/neu) breast cancer)
- Cancer stage at diagnosis
- First course of treatment
- Patient survival

The SEER Program, funded by NCI since 1973 as a result of the National Cancer Act of 1971, collects these data on every case of cancer reported from 20 U.S. geographic areas. These areas (shown below) cover about 28% of the U.S. population and are representative of the demographics of the entire U.S. population.

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