



# 2026 LUNG CANCER FACTS<sup>1</sup>

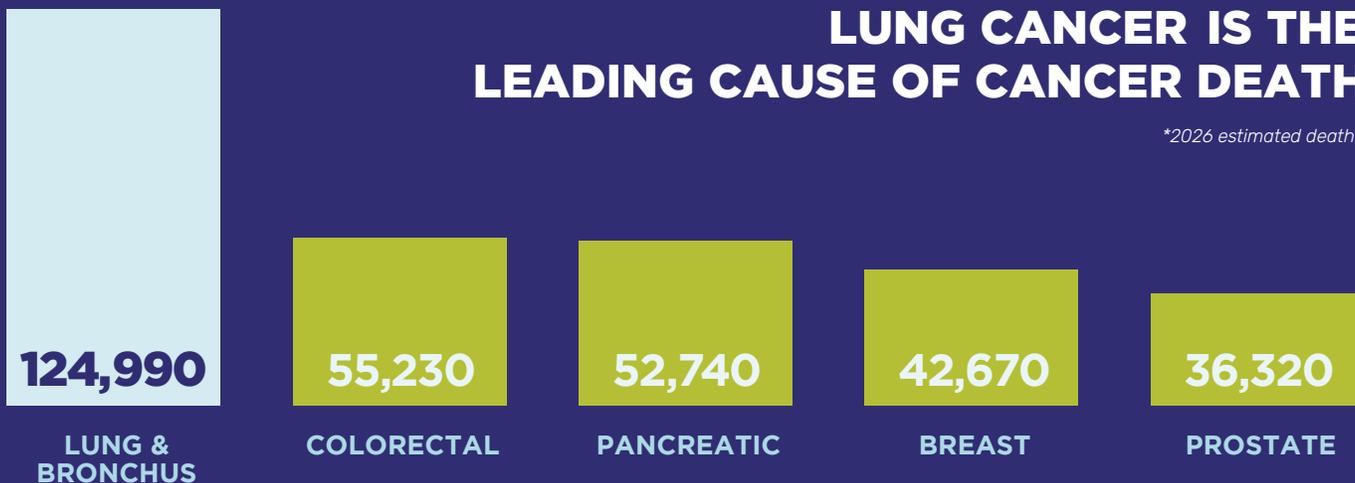
It is estimated that nearly  
**229,410**  
Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer of men & women.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer for many racial and ethnic groups.<sup>2</sup>

## LUNG CANCER IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH<sup>1</sup>

*\*2026 estimated deaths*



**ANYONE**  
CAN GET LUNG CANCER

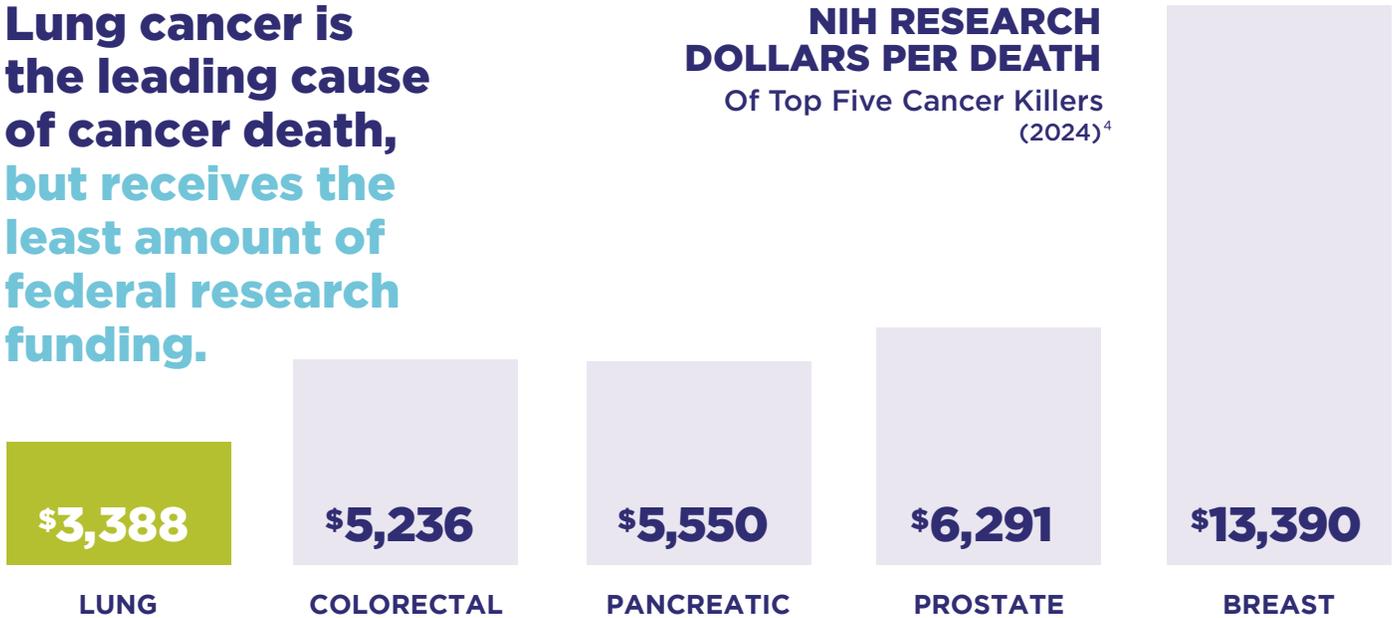
An estimated **20%** of people diagnosed with lung cancer never smoked<sup>3</sup>



# 2025 LUNG CANCER FACTS<sup>1</sup>

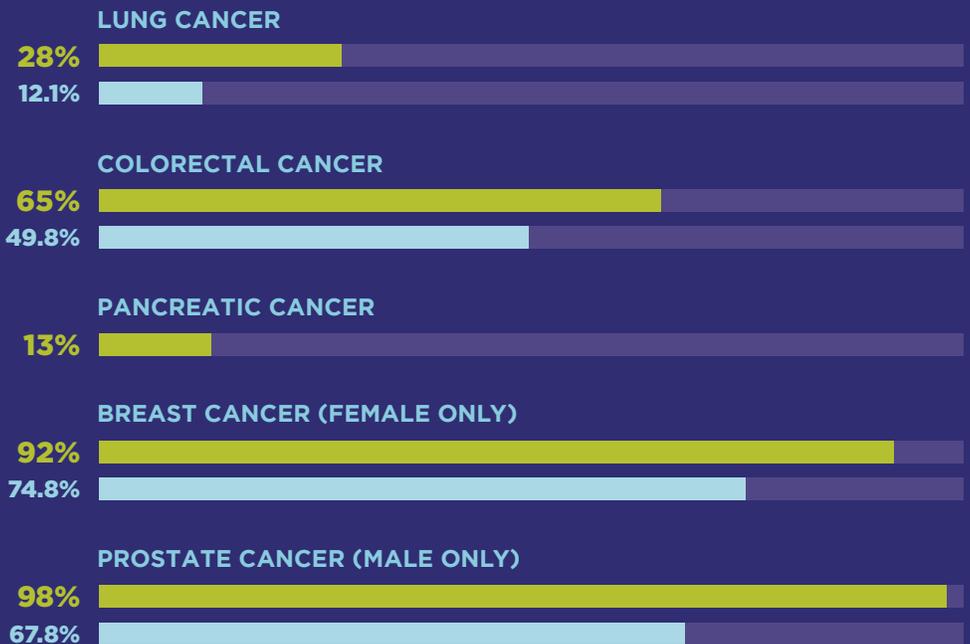
**Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death, but receives the least amount of federal research funding.**

**NIH RESEARCH DOLLARS PER DEATH**  
Of Top Five Cancer Killers (2024)<sup>4</sup>



**FIVE YEAR SURVIVAL RATE**  
Of Top Five Cancer Killers<sup>1</sup>

- 2015-2021
- 1975-1977



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