



Our work improves lives.



At a glance

SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM:

More than
**1.9 MILLION NEW CASES
& 600,000 DEATHS**
(1,700 per day) estimated in 2022.

THE ACS IMPACT:

In 2021, ACS programs touched
55 MILLION LIVES.

In 2021, ACS funded
**172 NEW CANCER
RESEARCH GRANTS**

ACS works in over
5,000 COMMUNITIES
across the nation each year.

The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone. We are the only organization improving the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

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The goal is to cut the cancer death rate in half in the next 25 years — at least by 50 percent.

President Joe Biden



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From 1991 to 2019, there has been a 32% decline in cancer mortality. We can directly track declines in the overall cancer death rate to investment in advocacy, discovery, and direct patient support.



Advocacy

By activating grassroots volunteers nationwide, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN) fights cancer in city halls, statehouses, and Congress by elevating the patient voice to advance policy change.

- **Fund increased cancer research** to drive innovation in cancer screening, diagnostics, and treatment.
- **Reduce the tobacco burden**, still a leading cause of preventable cancer death.
- **Close the Medicaid coverage gap** so everyone has an affordable insurance option.
- **Expand access to biomarker testing** to ensure there is equitable access to advances in precision medicine.



Research

The nearly \$400 million in innovative research we currently fund may start in a lab, but its real impact is felt by the people who benefit from it.

- **ACS has invested more than \$3 billion in cancer research since 1991**, contributing to the 3.5 million fewer cancer deaths as a result of breakthroughs.
- **\$419 million invested in multi-year cancer research grants** at ~200 institutions funding advances that improve lives.
- **Diversity in Cancer Research program provides grants to HBCU medical schools** and supports cancer health equity research centers at minority-serving institutions.
- **Funding grant projects to eliminate health disparities**, with a focus on prevention, early detection, and access to care in marginalized communities.
- **ACS researchers pioneered breakthroughs in early detection and survivorship**, and continue to release annual cancer incidence and mortality data for the nation (more than 90,000 citations in 2021.)



Patient Support

The American Cancer Society supports cancer patients and their families across their cancer journey, from prevention to survivorship.

- **Helping people prevent cancers in the US and globally**, through evidence based prevention programs of impact.
- **Establishing cancer screening guidelines** to help people catch cancer early, when it may be easier to treat.
- **Reducing barriers to quality care** by providing more than 489,000 free rides to appointments, more than 500,000 free nights of lodging when treatment is far from home, and offering patient navigation through individualized support to patients, families, and caregivers.
- **Providing information and support that has touched more than 53 million lives to date**, including a 24/7 cancer helpline, cancer.org website, and online peer support community for patients, caregivers, and survivors.
- **Created the National Consortium for Cancer Screening and Care** (ACS National Consortium), a collective national response to the COVID-19 pandemic's detrimental impact on cancer screening and care.

