

# Lung Cancer in Minnesota

Lung cancer is the

**2nd** most common cancer **diagnosed** in Minnesota in both men and women.  
**3,800** Minnesotans were **diagnosed** with lung cancer in 2022.

Lung cancer is also the

**leading** cause of cancer **death** in Minnesota.  
**2,079** Minnesotans **died** from their lung cancer in 2022.

## Risk Factors and Resources

Tobacco use is the greatest risk factor for lung cancer and is linked to over 80% of lung cancer deaths in Minnesota. MDH has resources to help quit smoking: [Get Help Quitting](#).

Other risk factors include radon, second-hand smoke, air pollution, work-place exposures, family history, and radiation.

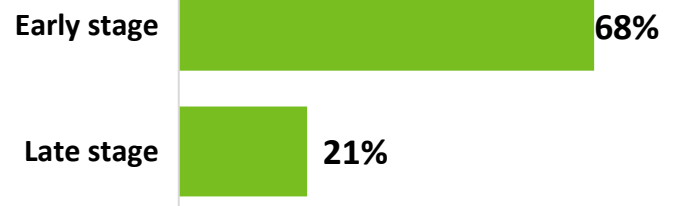
For more lung cancer data visit the Minnesota Cancer Reporting System's [Lung Cancer in Minnesota dashboard](https://health.state.mn.us/data/mcrs/data/dashlung.html) (health.state.mn.us/data/mcrs/data/dashlung.html) and [Minnesota Lung Cancer Screening dashboard](https://health.state.mn.us/data/mcrs/lungcanreport.html) (health.state.mn.us/data/mcrs/lungcanreport.html).

## Screening for lung cancer

Screening is looking for cancer before there are symptoms. Screening can help find cancer at an **early stage** when it may be easier to treat. The [United States Preventive Services Task Force](#) recommends that adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years screen for lung cancer with low-dose CT scan.

Screening frequency is based on a person's age, smoking history, and current smoking status.

## Survival is much higher when diagnosed early.



*However, only 10% of eligible Minnesotans have had a lung cancer screening.*

## Disparities in lung cancer among Minnesotans (2018-2022)

- Minnesotans living in areas of poverty have the highest rates of lung cancer.
- Native American Minnesotans are 2.5 times more likely to be diagnosed with lung cancer than white Minnesotans.
- Native American Minnesotans are 3 times more likely to die from lung cancer than white Minnesotans.