

CHILDHOOD CANCER FACTS



Each year around **13,500** children are diagnosed with cancer in the US

One in every **330** Americans develops cancer before the age of twenty

On the average, **36** children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer everyday in the United States (around 46 per school day)



On the average, **one in every four** elementary schools has a child with cancer. The average high school has two students who are current or former cancer patients.

Childhood cancer occurs regularly, randomly, and spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region. In the United States, the incidence of cancer among adolescents and young adults is increasing at a greater rate than any other age group, except those over 65 years.

The incidence of invasive pediatric cancers is up **29%** in the past 20 years.



Source:

I Care I Cure. (n.d.). Retrieved July 17, 2016, from <http://www.icareicure.org/get-informed/childhood-cancer-facts/>

The causes of most childhood cancers are unknown. At present, childhood cancer cannot be prevented.