

Missouri Cancer Registry

February 2026

Fellow Registrars,

Fantastic news! We met goal! Achieving a 90% goal on 12-month data is a significant milestone that highlights incredible teamwork and dedication of all our reporters and MCR team. Keep up the fabulous work!



Due Dates

To be on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) will be expected to have abstracted August 2025 diagnosis cases by February 15, 2026. Smaller facilities (<300 cases /yr.) will be expected to report the 3rd Quarter of 2025 by April 15, 2026.

Education

MCR Helpline

Reach us at 1-800-392-2829 during regular office hours or leave a message; a member of our QA team will return your call within one business day.

NAACCR Webinars:

NAACCR Webinars are now available on the MCR website at <https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/education/educational-webinars-and-recordings/> Contact Lucinda Ham at lahf5p@health.missouri.edu for the password. After gaining access to the webinars, click on the file folder for the month. The webinar materials are readily accessible and can be downloaded.

NAACCR Webinar: Central Nervous System, January 2026

Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Boot Camp, Part 1, February 5, 2026, 8-11 a.m. The webinar will cover the anatomy, solid tumor rules, staging, and treatment of central nervous system primary malignancies. Examples, quizzes and case scenarios are included. **To attend the live broadcast in person at our office in Columbia, MO,** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CACAE28A0F8C25-61916697-naaccr>

V26 Metafile

The Missouri V26 metafile has been posted to the NAACCR Clearinghouse for your vendors to review. It does contain new SSDIs and a new field for documenting patient gender. <https://www.naacr.org/standard-data-edits/#EditsClearinghouse>

Show Me Tips

Need a quick refresher? All of our Show Me Tips can be found on our website at this link: <https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/data/publications/>

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), 42 U.S.C. § 2210 note, is a federal law that provides partial restitution to individuals who developed certain serious illnesses following exposure to radiation from the U.S.






nuclear weapons program, or their survivors. This became effective for Missouri on July 4, 2025. New claims may be filed through December 31, 2027. Please see this link for guidelines on requesting information from Missouri Cancer Registry <https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/reca/>

[MCR Training and Online Courses](#)

The Fundamentals of Abstracting course has been updated to include the most recent changes by standard setters. We are in the process of updating the MOODS study Guide and corresponding Canvas course. We expect to have the updates completed in early February.

We have also added additional courses to the MCR Course Catalog. Click on the following link to enroll in any of these courses.

<https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/education/educational-webinars-and-recordings/>

 <p>Abstracting for Non-Hospital and Low-Volume Cancer Reporters</p> <p>"Abstracting for Non-Hospital and Low-Volume Cancer Reporters" course focuses on the unique challenges and requirements of non-hospital cancer and low-volume hospital reporting, ensuring that data collected from...</p> <p>Self-paced FREE</p>	 <p>FUNDAMENTALS OF ABSTRACTING MU Non-Credit</p> <p>This class is for new abstractors who are not familiar with the abstracting process. If you are not familiar with abstracting and/or the required fields, this is a great place to start learning.</p> <p>Time limit: 90 days \$50</p>	 <p>MCR EDUCATION ODS SHORTS</p> <p>This collection of short videos is curated to assist with comprehending key responsibilities at the Missouri Cancer Registry, along with offering abstracting tips to prepare for the Certification Examination...</p> <p>Self-paced FREE</p>	 <p>MO Oncology Data Specialist Study Guide Course (Quizzes)</p> <p>The study guide is designed to cover, in summary form, the major content areas of the Certification Examination for Tumor Registrars.</p> <p>Time limit: 365 days \$50</p>	 <p>Seamless Reporting to MCR MU Non-Credit</p> <p>"Seamless Reporting to MCR: Streamlining Data Submission and Compliance" course guides participants through Missouri Cancer Registry's reporting requirements, data submission processes, and compliance...</p> <p>Self-paced FREE</p>
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[Missouri Cancer Dashboards](#)

Missouri Cancer Registry recently added Missouri Health Maps to its website. The maps can be found by clicking on the Missouri Cancer Dashboards button on the MCR home page task bar. The Missouri Health maps display 2018-2022 data. This information may be helpful to you and your facility to see cancer incidence in your area. The map of Missouri is divided into zones based on population.

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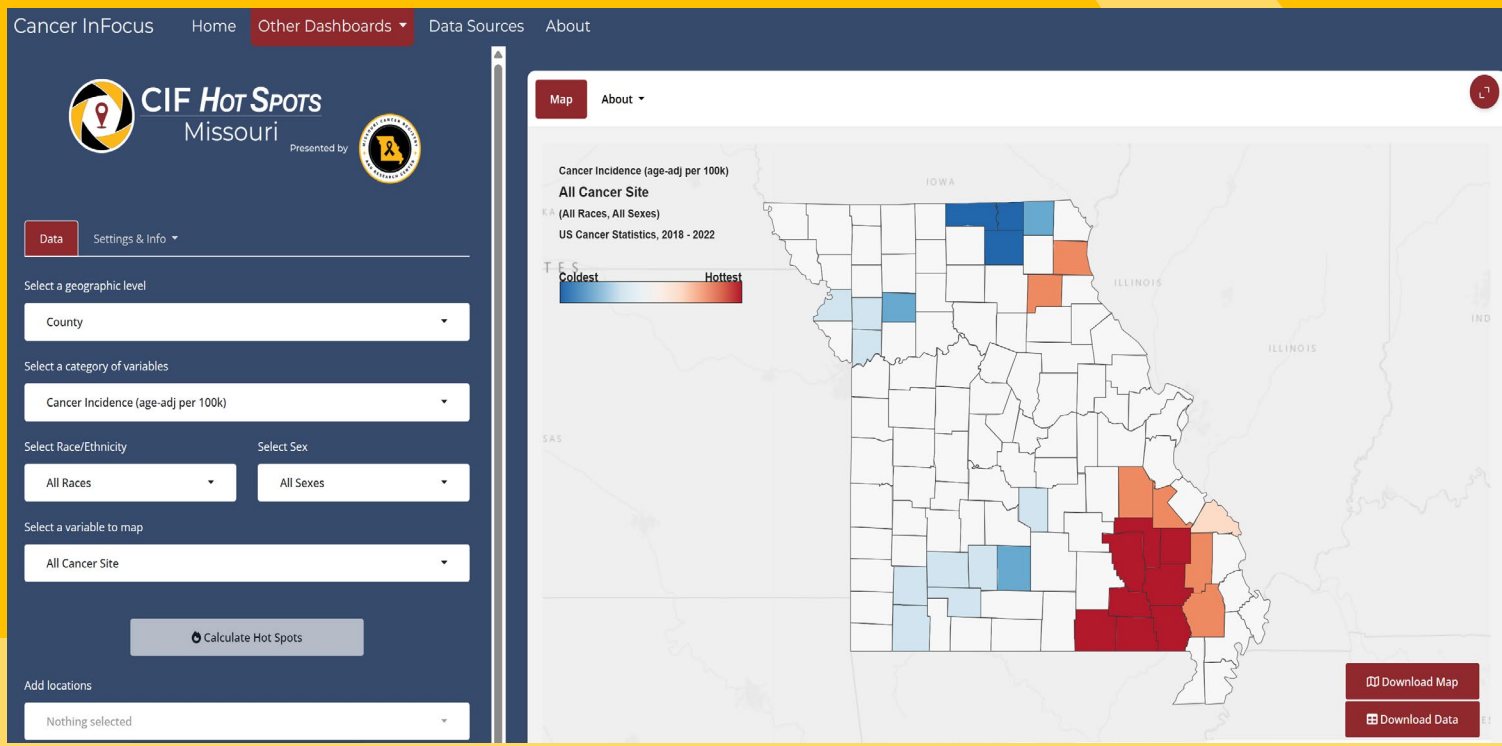
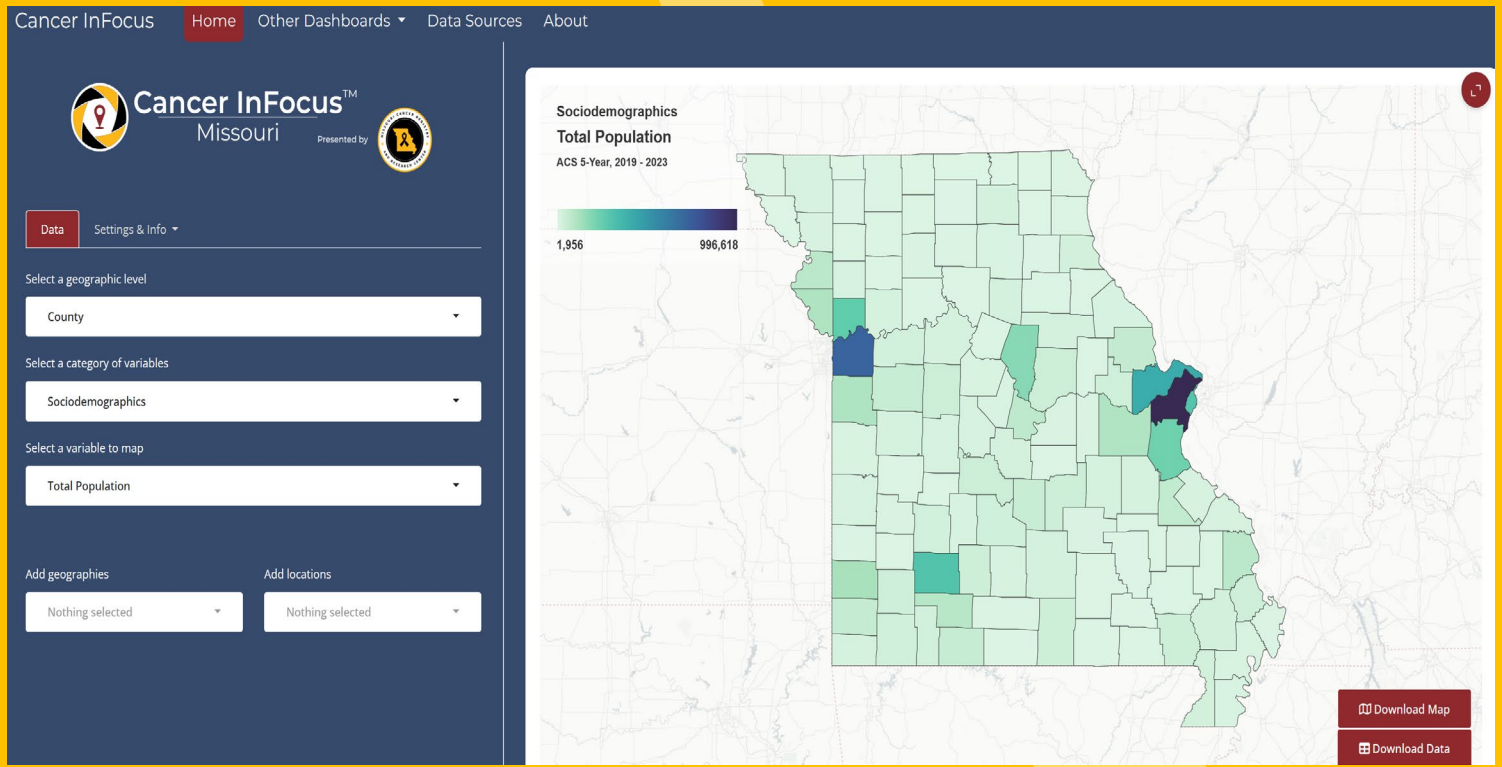


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[Cancer InFocus Maps](#)

Cancer In Focus Maps provide a variety of information at the county level. Under Other Dashboards, select CIF Hot Spots to see which counties are potential cancer hotspots in Missouri. These are interactive maps produced in collaboration between the National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The graphs provide a geographic profile of cancer burden in Missouri and reveal sociodemographic disparities in cancer incidence, mortality, risk factors for cancer, and cancer screening, across different population subgroups. When your administration asks you for population-based data, these graphs are tools to see the incidence of cancer in your specific area. <https://mcr-arc.shinyapps.io/MCR-CIF/>

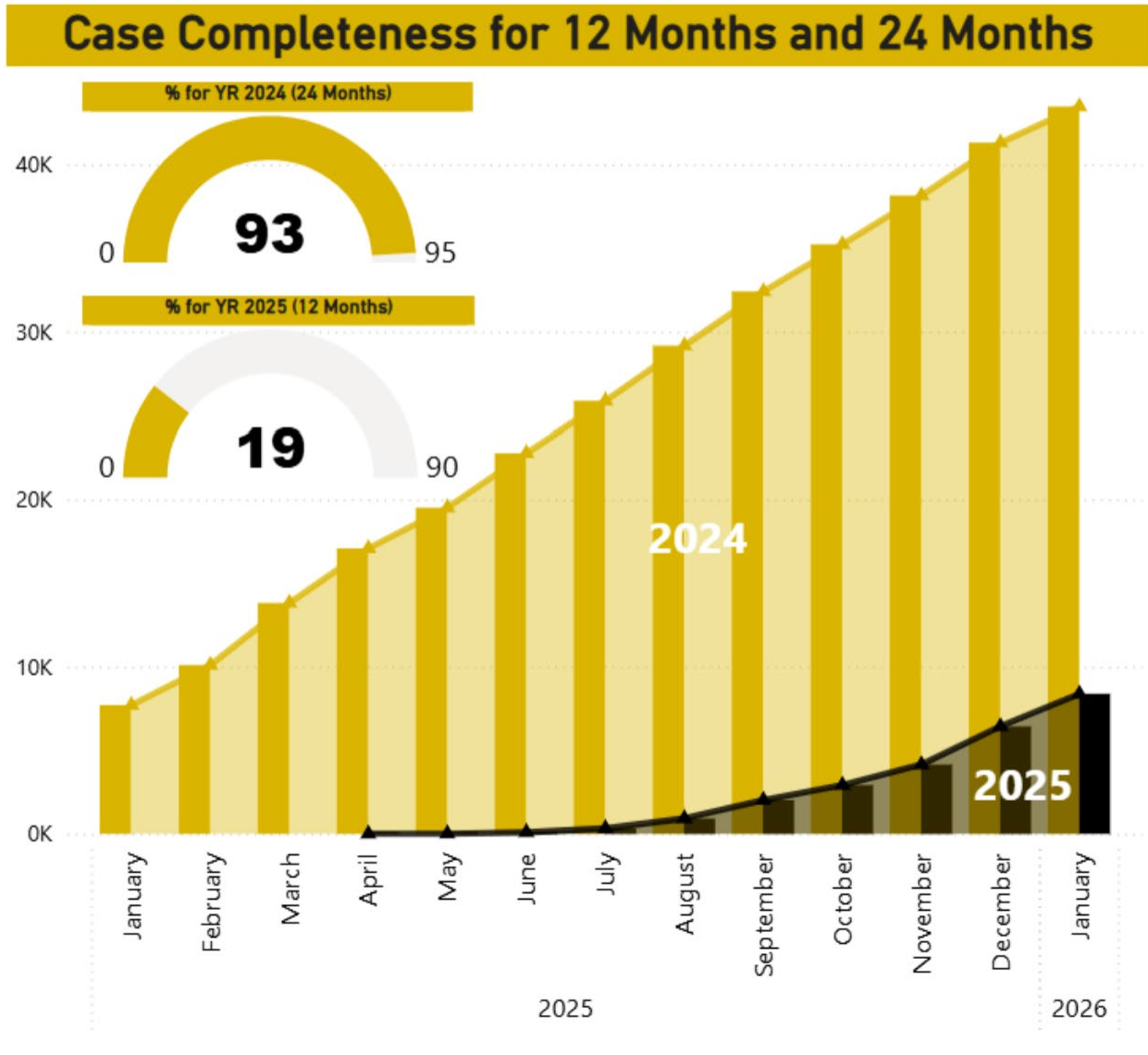
MICA is also a great resource. <https://healthapps.dhss.mo.gov/MoPhims/QueryBuilder?gbc=CIM&q=1&m=1>



MCR CASE COMPLETENESS

Required National Standards for Case Completeness – Due November 1, 2026:

24 Months: 95% | 12 Months: 90%



MCR is required by NPCR to submit 90% of 2024 data during the Call for Data in January. We met our 90% goal for 12-month cases!!! Now that we have submitted 2024 cases, it is time to focus on 2025 cases.

NEWS FROM THE STANDARD SETTERS

SEER Educate News

Log in or sign up at SEER*Educate today by visiting <https://educate.fredhutch.org/> and Learn by Doing!

An updated colorectal module has been posted on the SEER Training website. In addition, the Hematopoietic and Lymphoid coding Manual was updated in October 2025 and on the SEER Website at <https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/heme/>

SEER Workshop – Rescheduled

The SEER 2025 Advanced Topics for Registry Professionals Workshop has been rescheduled, and the workshop will be an on-demand event, viewable from February 2-February 27, 2026.

All registered participants of the workshop will have the opportunity to claim CEs for presentations viewed. There are separate CEs for the SEER*Educate workshop exercises, available to all who complete those workshop exercises regardless of whether you are able to view the SEER Workshop presentations.

If you registered for the December 8-10 virtual workshop, you will remain registered with full access to the on-demand program unless you indicate that you would like to cancel your registration. If you wish to cancel your registration, please contact nallen@ncra-usa.org directly. Your seat will be given to the next person on the waitlist.

SEER Helpdesk closed:

- February 16
- May 5-8
- May 25

NAACCR

The NAACCR Data Standards, Data Dictionary v26, and 2026 Implementation Guidelines are updated and are now available on the NAACCR website. <https://www.naacr.org/>

NCRA VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE: NCI-SEER CANCER PATHCHART UPDATES FOR 2026 – FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Alison Van Dyke, MD, PhD, MPA, and Jim Hofferkamp, ODS, will present this complimentary virtual roundtable on how Cancer PathCHART standards and CPC*Search benefit cancer registries. Registrants will learn how Cancer PathCHART can be used in conjunction with other coding resources. Updates made to the 2024 and 2025 standards, new 2026 standards, and highlights the planned upcoming improvements to CPC*Search will be discussed. Examples show how Cancer PathCHART site-morphology combination standards work with NAACCR site-type edits. Data quality issues will be addressed. Registration required. **If you registered for this webinar in the fall, you must register again.** Earn one CE credit. Deadline to register is Friday, February 13, 2026. Click on the link to register [LIVE Webinars](#)

NCRA ABSTRACTING AND CODING WINTER WEBINAR SERIES

NCRA is hosting a 3-part winter webinar series on Prostate cancer, Bile duct cancer and NET Tumors. For more information, see [LIVE Webinars](#)



Earn the **ODS** Credential

EXAM TESTING WINDOWS 2026

Spring **March 20-April 11, 2026**
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 6, 2026

Summer **July 3-25, 2026**
APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 19, 2026

Fall **October 23-November 14, 2026**
APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7, 2026

Council on Certification

[NCRA Annual Educational Conference](#)

Visit www.NCRA-USE.ORG/Conference for program details, registration, hotel reservations and workshops.

NCRA Annual Educational Conference



Happy Valentines Day!!

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Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. – Henry Ford

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