

Missouri Cancer Registry

January 2026

Fellow Registrars,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! We are preparing to submit 2024 cases to NPCR and NAACCR. We want to thank you for your efforts in timely reporting. We could not do our jobs without you!



Due Dates

To be on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) will be expected to have abstracted July 2025 diagnosis cases by January 15, 2026. Smaller facilities (<300 cases /yr.) will be expected to report the 2nd Quarter of 2025 by January 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: Esophagus, December 2025

Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Central Nervous System, January 8, 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 Columbia, MO,** sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CACAE28A0F8C25-61365207-naaccr>

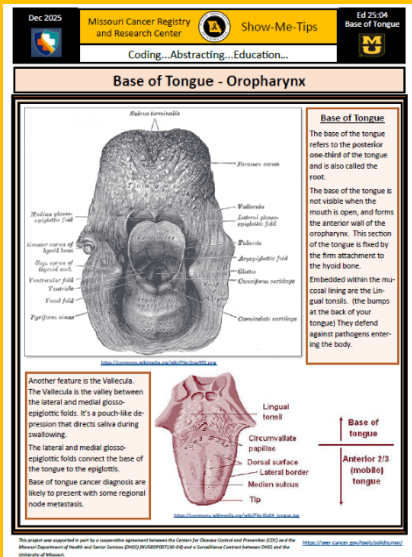
MCR Office Closings

- January 19 (Martin Luther King Day)

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 Tip – Base of Tongue



Deborah Carey, ODS-C, created the attached Show Me Tip on Base of Tongue cancer. We hope you find this tip helpful in identifying the correct primary site and histology. Included in this tip is an overview of Human Papillomavirus as 90% of oropharyngeal cancers are p16+. In addition, the Multiple Primary Rules for coding base of tongue cancers is included.

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 MO Oncology Data Specialist Study Guide and Fundamentals of Abstracting courses are currently in the process of being updated. 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>FREE</p> <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>FREE</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>FREE</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.

Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center

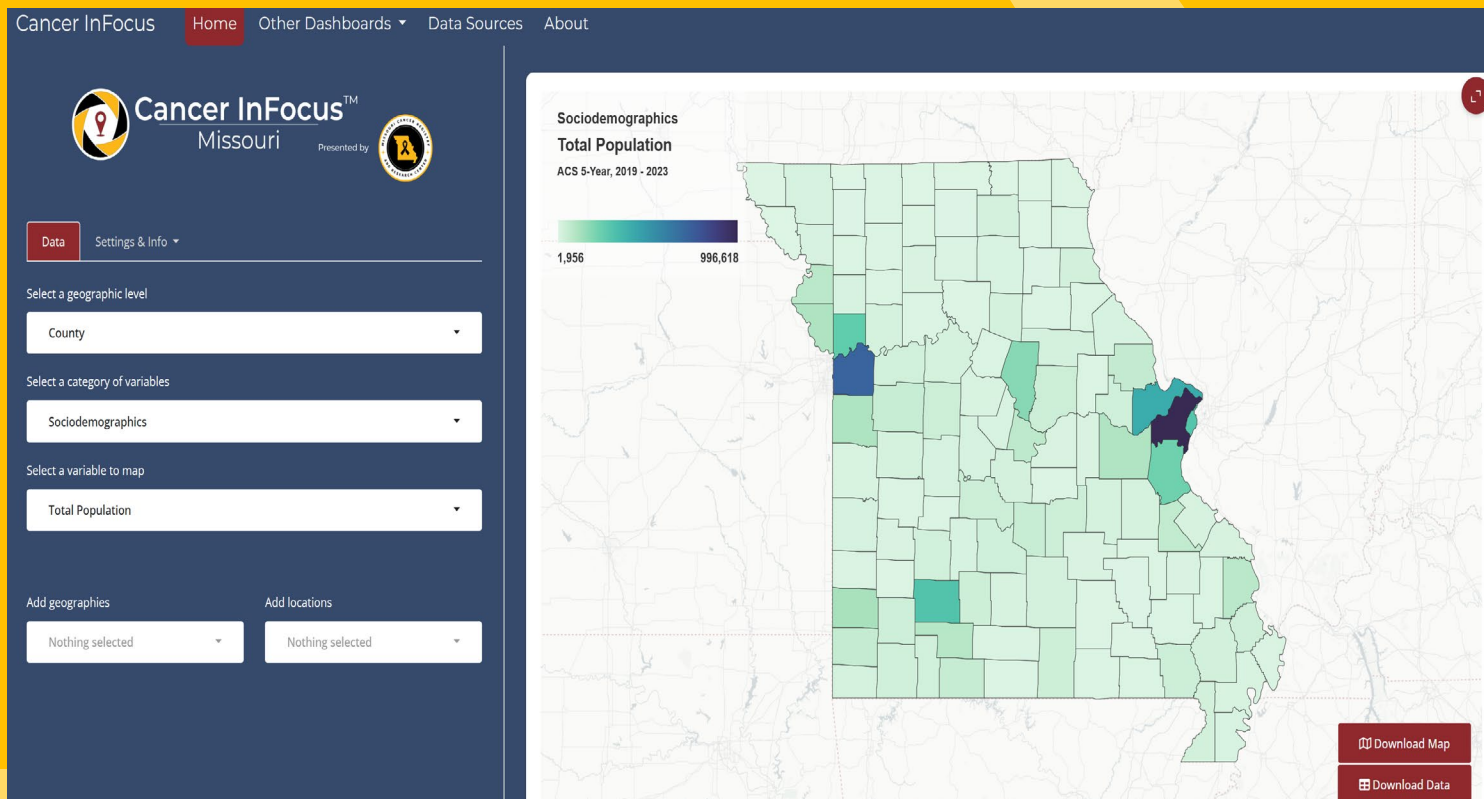
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[Cancer InFocus Maps](#)

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.





CIF Hot Spots
Missouri



Data Settings & Info

Select a geographic level

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All Sexes

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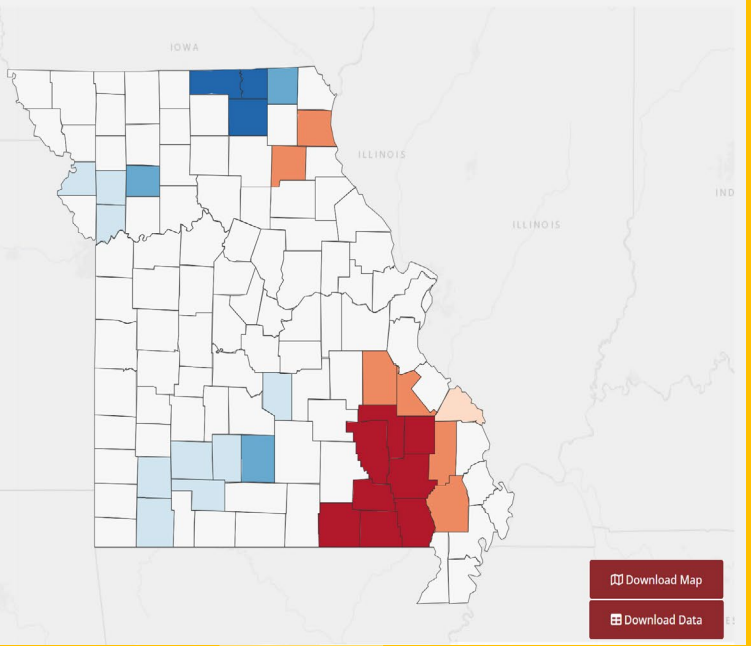
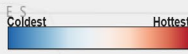
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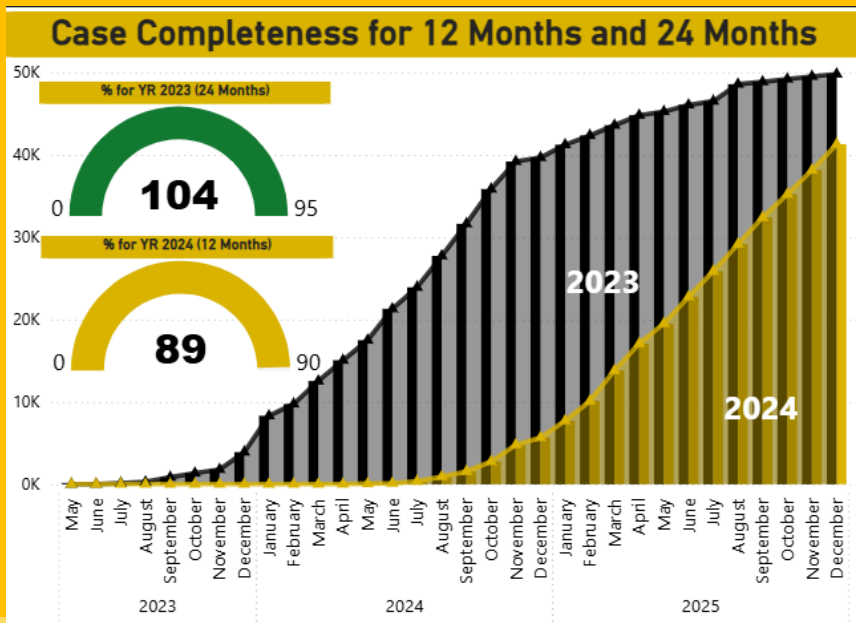
Cancer Incidence (age-adj per 100k)
All Cancer Site
(All Races, All Sexes)
US Cancer Statistics, 2018 - 2022



Download Map

Download Data

MCR CASE COMPLETENESS



MCR is required by NPCR to submit 90% of 2024 data during the Call for Data in January. We have made great strides in the past month toward reaching 90% goal for 2024 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 Educate Help Desk will be CLOSED

- January 19th

[NAACCR](#)

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

[NAACCR ODS PREP AND REVIEW SERIES](#)

The ODS Exam Prep curriculum has been carefully crafted by experienced instructors. This is an eight week course a different topic related to the exam will be covered weekly. Each session includes lecture, Q&A, a quiz, and a reading assignment. Participants have unlimited access to recording of the lectures until the conclusion of the testing window. The **first session is January 20, 2026**. The final session is the March 17, 2026 (three days before the testing window opens). The cost of this series is \$260. To register click here: [NAACCR Online Education: ODS Exam Preparation And Review](#)

[NCRA ODS EXAM PREP LIVE WEBINAR SERIES](#)

The ODS Exam Prep Webinar Series includes seven, 90-minute live webinars designed to prepare candidates for the Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) exam. This series was developed by a team of experienced ODS-certified educators and allied-health professionals. The webinars review all aspects of the exam's core competencies. Webinars are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 PM ET starting **January 20, 2026**. The cost of this series is \$357 for members and \$445 for non-members. Modules can also be purchased separately. Click on this link for full details: [CTR Prep Activities](#)

[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 is 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

Best wishes for a great year!

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

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