Missouri Cancer Registry

November 2026



Fellow Registrars,

We at MCR wish you a wonderful holiday season! Thanksgiving is right around the corner! We are actively preparing for the Annual Call for Data. We have reached all of our 2024 goals and could not have done so without your timely case submissions.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness month. Please see the attached one-pager for Missouri stats created by Vishwa Bhayani.

Although less common, November is also Pancreatic and Stomach Cancer awareness month. Those one-pagers are attached as well.

Lung.pdf Pancreas.pdf Stomach.pdf

Due Dates

To stay on track, large hospitals (more than 500 cases per year) are expected to have April 2026 cases completed by November 15, 2026. Smaller facilities (fewer than 300 cases per year) should have reported 2nd Quarter 2026 cases by January 15, 2027.

Education

MCR Contact Number

We can be reached at **573-882-7775** during regular office hours. If no one answers, please 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 **Educational Webinars and Recordings – Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center.** Contact Lucinda Ham at **lahf5p@health.missouri.edu** to obtain the password. After gaining access to the webinars, click on the file folder for the month. Webinar materials are typically available within a couple of weeks following the presentation and can be downloaded. **NAACCR Webinar: Coding Pitfalls 2026**

Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Ovary 2026, November 5, 2026, 8:00-11:00 a.m. This webinar will cover anatomy, solid tumor rules, staging and treatment of ovary malignancies. Examples, quizzes, and case scenarios are included. **To attend the live broadcast *in person* at our office in Columbia, MO,** sign up here: **SignUpGenius**

MCR must obtain prior approval from NCRA before CEIP credits can be offered for webinar participation. A minimum of five ODS attendees is required. If there is sufficient interest, please contact me, and we can coordinate hosting one to two NAACCR webinars annually with CEIP credit opportunities.

MCR Office Closings

- November 11 (Veterans Day)
- November 26-27 (Thanksgiving)
- December 25-January 1 (Christmas Winter Break)

Death Clearance

Thank you for submitting your death clearance cases. If you still have cases outstanding, please remember Death clearance for your facility is not considered complete until all missed cases have been submitted.

YouTube – Casefinding Audits: Reducing Missed Cases and Strengthening Clinical Accuracy

We will be performing more case finding audits in 2027. This video shows how to easily find cancer cases in your disease index if it is in Excel format. **MCR YouTube video**

V27 Metafile

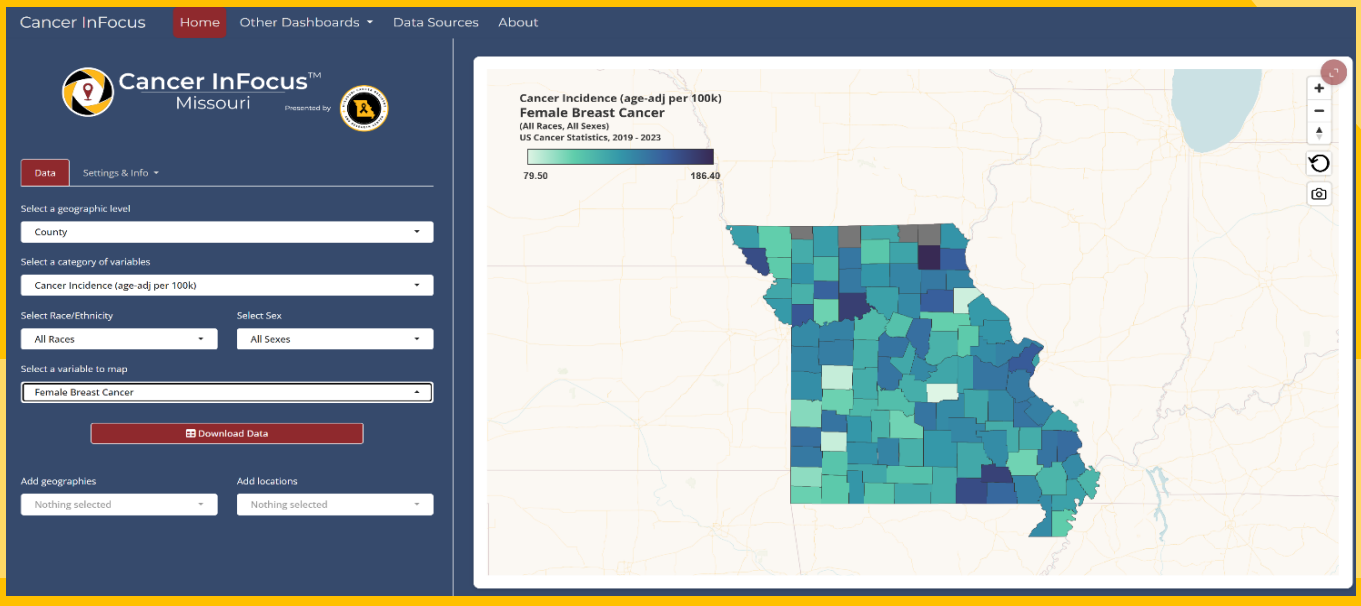
The V27 metafile has been created and posted to the NAACCR Clearinghouse. Let your vendors know it is available.

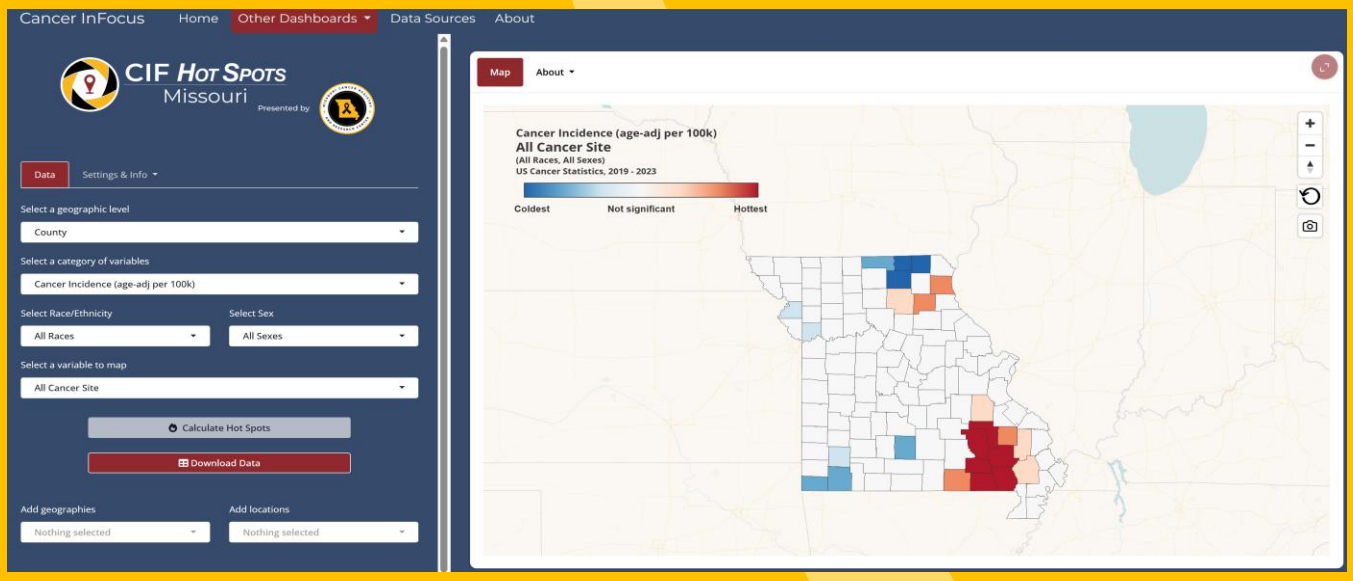
Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA)

The Missouri Information for Community Assessment is an interactive system that allows users to access cancer data. MICA users can also access statistics on other various health conditions. Users can generate tables, charts, and maps by year of occurrence, age, gender, race and county or zip code of residence and obtain age-adjusted rates. 2023 information is now available on MICA. **MICA data**

Cancer InFocus Maps

The **Cancer InFocus Maps** on the MCR website have been updated to include **2023 data**. Click on **Cancer InFocus Maps** to access the interactive mapping tool. The maps can be customized and filtered by cancer site, sex, race, and data category, allowing users to explore specific cancer patterns across Missouri. In the first example shown, **female breast cancer** has been selected. The map at the bottom highlights **cancer hotspots in Missouri**, providing a visual representation of areas with higher rates of disease occurrence.





US Cancer Statistics

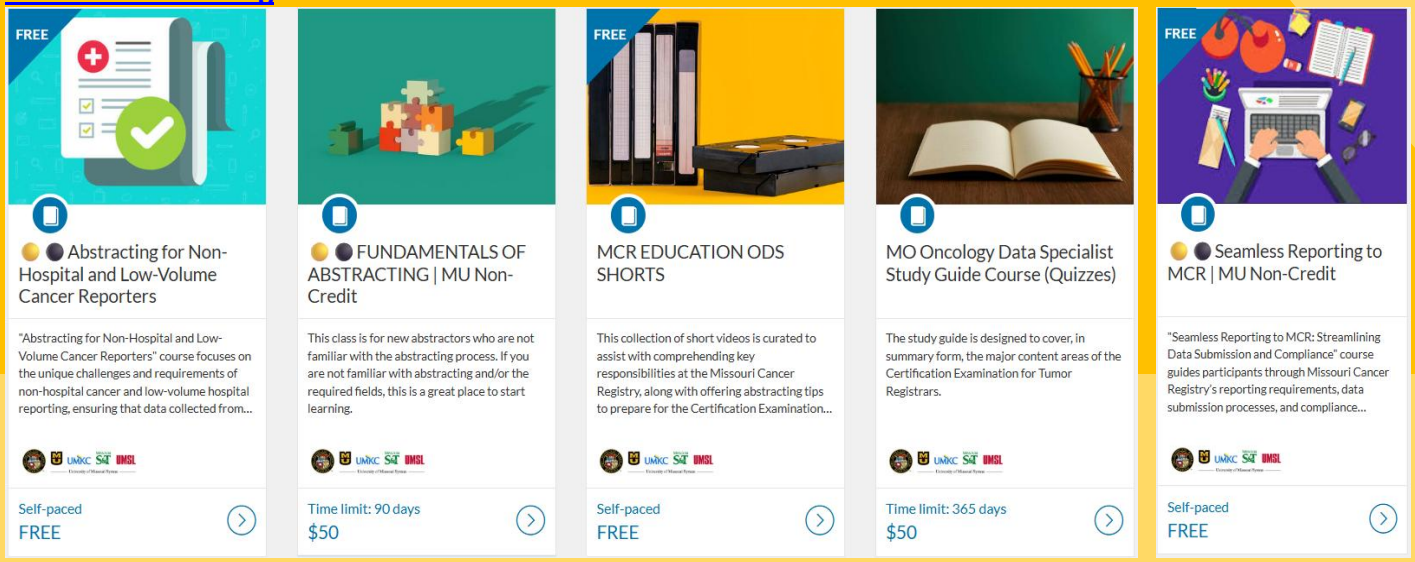
USCS U.S. Cancer Statistics
The Official Federal Cancer Statistics

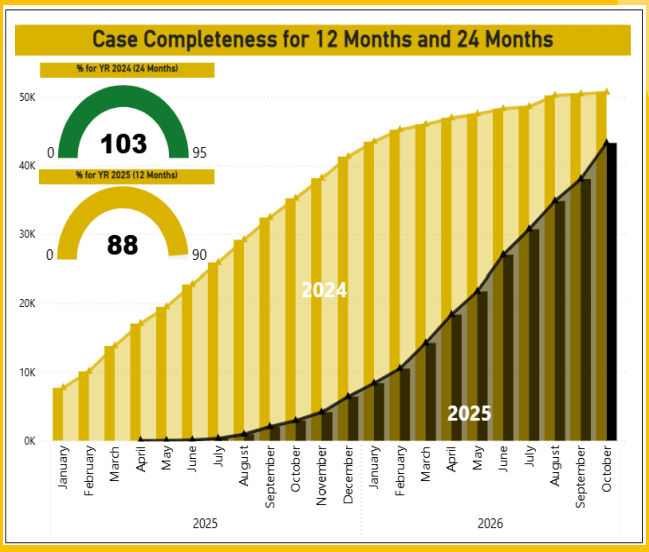
The CDC released the latest United States Cancer Statistics (USCS) with new cancers diagnosed through 2023 and deaths through 2024. **United States Cancer Statistics (USCS) | U.S. Cancer Statistics | CDC** The latest release also includes an updated Data Visualization tool that helps users easily explore cancer-related data and create graphs, maps, and tables by state, county and demographic characteristics.

MCR Training and Online Courses

The Fundamentals of Abstracting course and MOODS Study Guide and courses are being updated to include the most recent changes by standard setters. Click the following link to enroll in any of these courses.

MCR Course Catalog





Missouri Cancer Registry Case Completeness

We have reached the 2024 goal of 95%. However, please report any outstanding 2024 cases as soon as possible. If you have any questions about reporting, please contact me. This year we are also focusing on low-volume facility reporting and increasing the number of audits performed.

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 legislation became effective for Missouri on July 4, 2025. New claims may be filed through December 31, 2027. Please see the following link for guidelines on requesting information from Missouri Cancer Registry **Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) – Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center.**

RECA applications can now be completed online by using the QR Code.



The Missouri Cancer Registry (MCR) has been instrumental in helping Missourians secure Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) benefits. MCR continues to provide essential cancer diagnosis documentation—often the only remaining source of long-term medical information—supporting both Missouri residents and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) by providing documentation needed to substantiate claims. More than $150 million has been awarded to Missouri residents to date.

NEWS FROM THE STANDARD SETTERS

SEER Educate News

Log in or sign up at SEER*Educate today by visiting **SEER Educate** and Learn by Doing! New and updated coding exercises can be found under Training, Coding – CEs. See Training, ODS Prep.
The CNS Module is now live in the SEER Training website.

2027 Cancer PathCHART

The 2027 Cancer PathCHART site-morphology combinations standards file has been posted to the SEER website **Cancer PathCHART: Product Downloads**

NCRA

2026 ODS Exam Prep Webinars, Practice Cases, and Practice Tests
Seven 90-minute recorded presentations are designed to prepare candidates for the Oncology Data Specialist exam. Click on the link for more information. **NCRA Prep and Practice Cases**

NCRA Live Webinar - Advancing Cancer Registry Data Quality with SNOMED CT & CAP Electronic Cancer Protocols
This webinar will provide an overview of how SNOMED aligns with CAP electronic cancer protocols. Register at **LIVE Webinars**

Best,

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Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try – John F. Kennedy

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