

LUNG CANCER SNAPSHOT

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women. Kentucky has the highest incidence rate of lung cancer in the nation.

Kentucky is:

50[™] 50[™] 49[™] 50[™] IN LUNG IN OVERALL IN YOUTH

CANCER MORTALITY

SMOKING/ **TOBACCO USE** TOBACCO USE

In 2022, it is estimated that 4,990 lung cancer cases and 2,730 lung cancer deaths will be reported in Kentucky.

CANCER

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LUNG CANCER **RISK FACTORS**

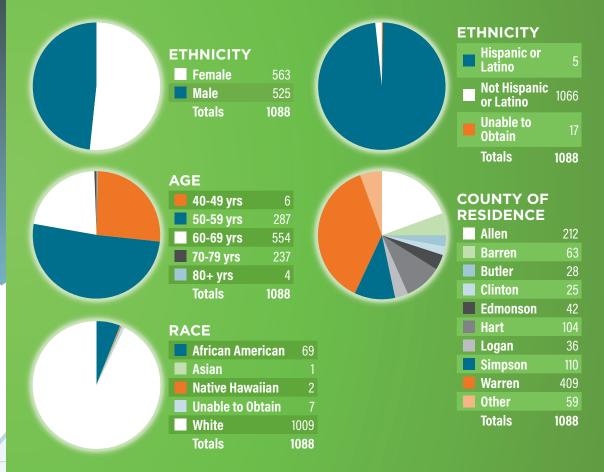
Risk factors for lung cancer include:

STATE OF Lung Cancer₂₀₂₂

MED CENTER HEALTH RESPONSE

With the high rate of lung cancer incidence in Kentucky, it is no surprise that Med Center Health sees a high percentage of lung cancer cases right here in Southcentral Kentucky. In 2021, non-small cell lung cancer and small-cell lung cancer ranked in the top five types of cancer cases at Med Center Health.

In 2022, Med Center Health focused efforts on educating the community about the importance of lung cancer screening with low dose CT. As a result, Med Center Health experienced a 54% increase in screenings in 2022 compared to last year. Systemwide, more than 1,000 screenings have been completed as of early December.



The Medical Centers at Albany, Caverna, and Franklin as well as Western Kentucky Diagnostic Imaging, a department of The Medical Center at Bowling Green, are accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR) as Designated Lung Cancer Screening Centers. Following the recent upgrade in CT technology at The Medical Center at Scottsville, the hospital has obtained ACR CT accreditation and is pending the Designated Lung Cancer Screening Center accreditation.





cigarette smoking

LUNG



cigar and pipe smoking



secondhand smoke



family history of lung cancer



HIV infection



environmental risk factors



beta carotene supplements in heavy smokers

Kentucky ranks number 2 in the nation for adult smoking rates at 23.6% falling just behind number one in the nation, West Virginia, at 23.8%.

LUNG CANCER SCREENING

Screening for lung cancer with low-dose CT scans can reduce the death rate by up to 20% by detecting tumors at early stages. Recommended guidelines for lung cancer screening with low dose CT by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF):





A doctor's order is required for a CT lung cancer screening. Shared decision making between a patient and a physician is an important component of the screening process. Talk to your doctor who can help you understand the risks, benefits, what the results mean and what to do after the screening. If you need a doctor, Med Center Health offers Primary Care clinics throughout Southcentral Kentucky. To learn more or to schedule an appointment, visit MedCenterHealth.org/Lung.

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HISTORY

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