

Alaska

You may not be aware of the impact of brain tumors on people living in your state. Here is what you should know:

- In 2022, an estimated 190 people in Alaska will be diagnosed with a primary brain or other central nervous system tumor.
- It is estimated that 60 of those cases will be malignant.
- Approximately 30 people from Alaska die annually due to a brain or other central nervous system tumor.
- Brain tumors change everything for a patient and their loved ones. They can significantly impact quality of life, and they are often deadly.
- Brain tumors do not discriminate, afflicting people of all races and ethnicities.
- Despite the number of people diagnosed each year with a brain tumor, there are only five FDA-approved drugs – and one device – available to treat brain tumors.
- Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death in children and young adults age 19 and under in the United States. There has never been a treatment developed and approved specifically for pediatric brain tumors.

Brain tumors also have a significant impact nationally. An estimated 700,000 Americans are living with a primary brain tumor, and 88,970 more will be diagnosed in 2022. Approximately 18,200 people in the United States will die this year due to a brain or other central nervous system tumor.

There is hope. Scientists and researchers are more poised than ever to understand brain tumors, develop treatments, and find cures – but they need federal support to do it.

MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING

In FY2021, Alaska received \$19.04 million in research funding from the NIH, which supported 490 jobs and \$73 million in economic activity in 2021 alone.

For more information, contact us at advocacy@braintumor.org.

National Brain Tumor Society unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and unites our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments, and advocate for patients and care partners. Our vision is to conquer and cure brain tumors – once and for all. To learn more visit [BrainTumor.org](https://www.BrainTumor.org).

We're doing our part by funding research and helping patients. We're asking Congress to do its part. Our 2022 Public Policy Agenda includes four key policy areas:

- **Bolster research funding and treatment development**
- **Reduce health disparities and improve affordability and accessibility of care**
- **Foster innovation in brain tumor research, drug development, and access to promising treatments**
- **Increase awareness of the urgent unmet needs of the community**