

Childhood & Adolescent Cancers in Illinois

Childhood cancers are cancers diagnosed between the ages of 0 & 14. Adolescent cancers are those diagnosed between 15 & 19 years of age.

They are rare, and make up less than 1% of all new cancer diagnoses.

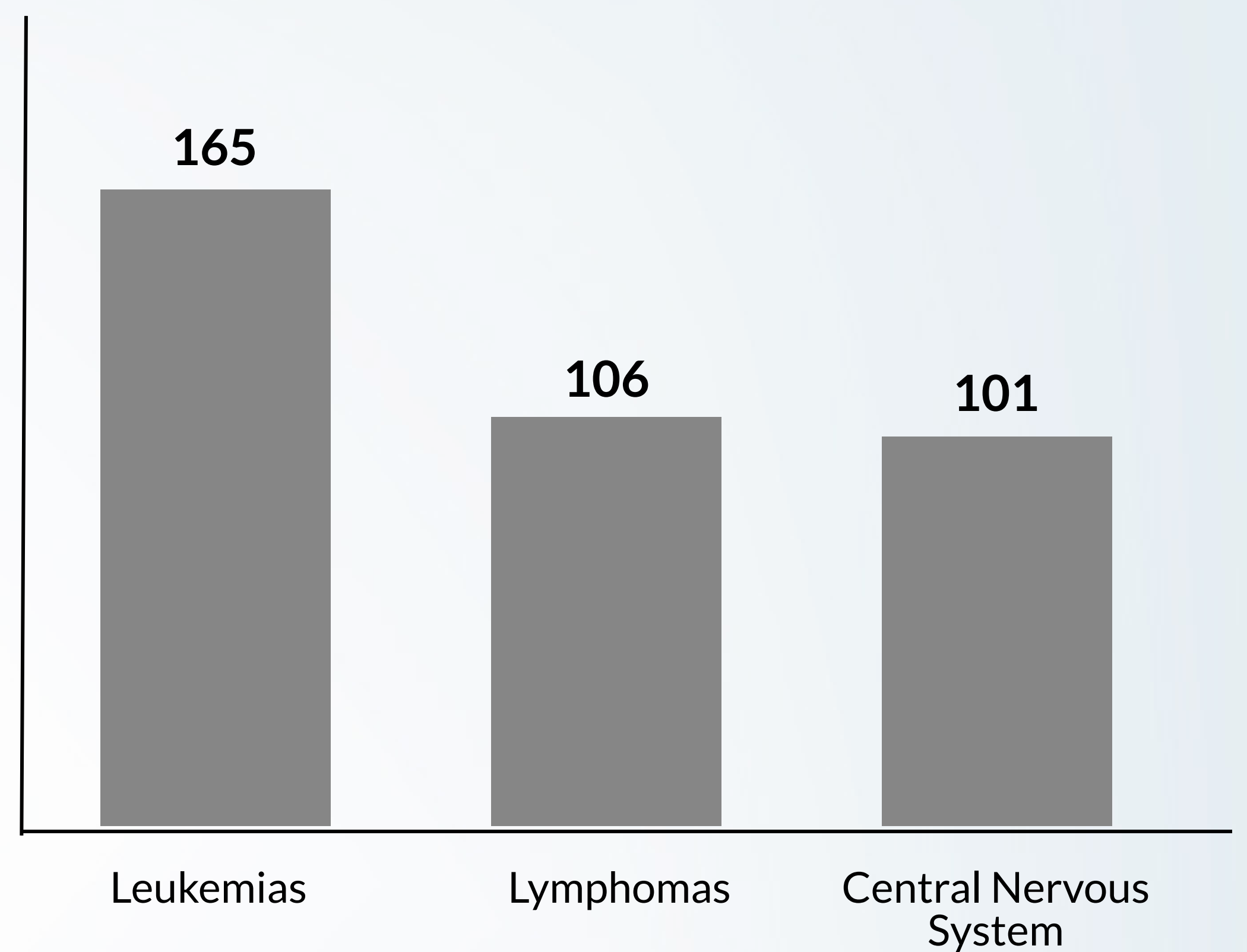


~630 Children will be diagnosed with cancer in Illinois each year

80% Of children diagnosed with cancer survive 5+ years (national data)

70% Of survivors will experience long-term side-effects from treatment

Most Common Childhood Cancers




Leukemias Cancers that start in the tissues that make the blood (e.g. bone marrow) and produce abnormal blood cells


Lymphomas Cancers that begin in the immune system. There are two basic types: Hodgkin and Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas.

Central Nervous System Cancers that begin in the brain or spinal cord

Risk Factors

 80-90% of pediatric tumors do not have a known cause

 Personal or Family History of Cancer

 Hereditary Cancer Syndrome

 Congenital Malformations

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