

TRACKING CANCER IN LOUISIANA

MISSION >

SAVING LIVES WITH DATA

The Louisiana Tumor Registry (LTR) is a statewide population-based registry that compiles information to help guide policies for cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, and survivorship. LTR data help reduce the state's cancer burden and disparities, and improve the survival and quality of life for cancer patients, past, current and future. LTR data users include:

- Cancer prevention programs
- Office of Public Health
- Cancer researchers
- Physicians, medical practitioners
- Healthcare planning offices
- Public health community
- Cancer patients

LTR participates in the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) program and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program of Central Cancer Registries. Due to LTR's exemplary work, the CDC is also funding it to collect data in the following areas:

- Comparative effectiveness research (one of 10 registries doing so)
- Implementing the Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act (one of seven registries)
- Cancer recurrence and progression (one of five registries)
- Pre-cancer lesions of cervical cancers (one of four registries)

LTR's work is especially important to Louisiana, as the state has one of the highest cancer death rates in the U.S.

BENEFITS >

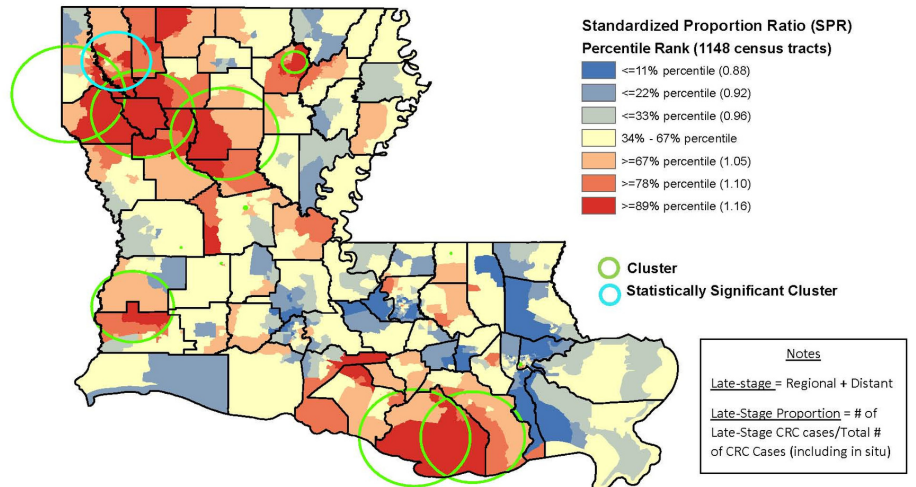


LTR YIELDS ALMOST \$4M IN DIRECT FEDERAL FUNDS EACH YEAR

And that is the tip of the iceberg. LTR also provides the data for 6M in other projects, making it an organization with an almost \$10M impact on Louisiana. LTR, on a daily basis, aids "cancer cluster" investigations; facilitates research with rapid case reporting; provides clinical trial data; and assesses the magnitude of cancer in Louisiana, including monitoring trends and identifying high-risk areas, such as colorectal cancer risk in Acadiana.

AWARDS >

LTR PROVIDES LOUISIANA BRAGGING RIGHTS



Colorectal cancer late-stage proportion: Louisiana, 2010-2014, Age 50-74. Map prepared by LTR to identify high-risk areas and inform policies being enacted by the Louisiana Colorectal Cancer Roundtable.

LTR is considered one of the top cancer registries in the country, as illustrated by its numerous and continuing awards, including:

- The Gold Certificate from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries every year since 1997. In addition, in 2012, LTR was the only one to receive the National Program of Cancer Registries 20th Anniversary Research Award.
- First place consecutive awards for the last seven years from NCI's SEER program for its high quality cancer incidence data.
- Met all data standards of the CDC-NPCR program every year since 1998.

Funding cuts threaten LTR's ability to meet the approximate 200 data requests it processes annually, including cancer cluster investigations, as state funds are required to

receive federal funds (both NCI and CDC). At last count, LTR collected data from: 119 hospitals, 32 surgical centers, 10 radiation centers, 58 pathology labs, 31 oncology offices, 86 hospices, 43 state cancer registries, numerous nursing homes, urologists, dermatologists, statewide hospital discharge data, as well as follow-up data from Medicare, LDH, SSA and the National Death Index. That's in addition to LTR presenting on a regular basis and being published in more than 200 peer-reviewed journals in 2015 alone. Cuts could also threaten recently federally funded studies that include: HPV vaccine work, cervical cancer case investigations, prostate cancer research, Body Mass Index (BMI) research, a comorbidity/hospital study - all which impact Louisiana even more, due to the state's low health ranking.