

Table 31.1  
Benign Brain Tumors

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Counts, Percents and Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates<sup>a</sup> by WHO Histology Grouping, 2011-2015

WHO Histology Grouping	Benign/Borderline			Malignant		
	Count	Percent	Rate	Count	Percent	Rate
<b>Brain</b>						
Diffuse astrocytoma (protoplasma, fibrillary)	-	-	-	227	0.7%	0.0
Anaplastic astrocytoma	-	-	-	2,016	6.3%	0.4
Glioblastoma	-	-	-	15,228	47.7%	3.2
Pilocytic astrocytoma	-	-	-	1,230	3.8%	0.3
Unique astrocytoma variants	419	0.5%	0.1	176	0.6%	0.0
Oligodendroglioma	-	-	-	992	3.1%	0.2
Anaplastic oligodendroglioma	-	-	-	523	1.6%	0.1
Ependymoma/anaplastic ependymoma	-	-	-	593	1.9%	0.1
Ependymoma variants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed glioma	-	-	-	741	2.3%	0.2
Astrocytoma, NOS	-	-	-	1,497	4.7%	0.3
Glioma, NOS	113	0.1%	0.0	1,666	5.2%	0.4
Choroid plexus	199	0.3%	0.0	44	0.1%	0.0
Neuroepithelial	-	-	-	83	0.3%	0.0
Neuronal/glial, neuronal and mixed	994	1.3%	0.2	55	0.2%	0.0
Embryonal/primitive/medulloblastoma	-	-	-	922	2.9%	0.2
Nerve sheath	336	0.4%	0.1	-	-	-
Meningioma	219	0.3%	0.0	-	-	-
Other mesenchymal	172	0.2%	0.0	78	0.2%	0.0
Hemangioma and hemangioblastoma	2,043	2.6%	0.5	-	-	-
Germ cell tumors, cysts, and heterotopias	88	0.1%	0.0	118	0.4%	0.0
Chordoma/chondrosarcoma	-	-	-	34	0.1%	0.0
Craniopharyngioma	92	0.1%	0.0	-	-	-
Neoplasm, unspecified	1,441	1.8%	0.3	1,308	4.1%	0.3
Other histologies <sup>b</sup>	31	0.0%	0.0	71	0.2%	0.0
<b>Intracranial Meninges</b>						
Neuroepithelial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nerve sheath	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningioma	39,071	49.2%	8.4	372	1.2%	0.1
Other mesenchymal	73	0.1%	0.0	30	0.1%	0.0
Hemangioma and hemangioblastoma	38	0.0%	0.0	-	-	-
Chordoma/chondrosarcoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neoplasm, unspecified	85	0.1%	0.0	-	-	-
Other histologies <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cranial Nerves and Other CNS</b>						
Glioblastoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pilocytic astrocytoma	-	-	-	116	0.4%	0.0
Astrocytoma, NOS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glioma, NOS	16	0.0%	0.0	231	0.7%	0.1
Neuronal/glial, neuronal and mixed	18	0.0%	0.0	-	-	-
Nerve sheath	7,843	9.9%	1.7	26	0.1%	0.0
Meningioma	16	0.0%	0.0	-	-	-
Other mesenchymal	16	0.0%	0.0	-	-	-
Hemangioma and hemangioblastoma	34	0.0%	0.0	-	-	-
Germ cell tumors, cysts, and heterotopias	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chordoma/chondrosarcoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neoplasm, unspecified	43	0.1%	0.0	16	0.1%	0.0
Other histologies <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-	16	0.1%	0.0

Source: SEER 18 areas (San Francisco, Connecticut, Detroit, Hawaii, Iowa, New Mexico, Seattle, Utah, Atlanta, San Jose-Monterey, Los Angeles, Alaska Native Registry, Rural Georgia, California excluding SF/SJM/LA, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Jersey and Georgia excluding ATL/RG).

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<b>Sellar Region</b>						
Glioblastoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pilocytic astrocytoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ependymoma/anaplastic ependymoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glioma, NOS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pineal parenchymal	101	0.1%	0.0	124	0.4%	0.0
Embryonal/primitive/medulloblastoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nerve sheath	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningioma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other mesenchymal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germ cell tumors, cysts, and heterotopias	17	0.0%	0.0	169	0.5%	0.0
Chordoma/chondrosarcoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pituitary	20,266	25.5%	4.5	48	0.2%	0.0
Craniopharyngioma	764	1.0%	0.2	-	-	-
Neoplasm, unspecified	333	0.4%	0.1	23	0.1%	0.0
Other histologies <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Spinal Cord</b>						
Diffuse astrocytoma (protoplasma, fibrillary)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaplastic astrocytoma	-	-	-	20	0.1%	0.0
Glioblastoma	-	-	-	38	0.1%	0.0
Pilocytic astrocytoma	-	-	-	65	0.2%	0.0
Unique astrocytoma variants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ependymoma/anaplastic ependymoma	20	0.0%	0.0	487	1.5%	0.1
Ependymoma variants	405	0.5%	0.1	-	-	-
Mixed glioma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Astrocytoma, NOS	-	-	-	59	0.2%	0.0
Glioma, NOS	-	-	-	30	0.1%	0.0
Neuronal/glial, neuronal and mixed	81	0.1%	0.0	21	0.1%	0.0
Embryonal/primitive/medulloblastoma	-	-	-	22	0.1%	0.0
Nerve sheath	1,508	1.9%	0.3	26	0.1%	0.0
Meningioma	45	0.1%	0.0	-	-	-
Other mesenchymal	160	0.2%	0.0	-	-	-
Hemangioma and hemangioblastoma	229	0.3%	0.1	-	-	-
Chordoma/chondrosarcoma	-	-	-	23	0.1%	0.0
Neoplasm, unspecified	111	0.1%	0.0	20	0.1%	0.0
Other histologies <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Spinal Meninges</b>						
Ependymoma/anaplastic ependymoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neuronal/glial, neuronal and mixed	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nerve sheath	24	0.0%	0.0	-	-	-
Meningioma	1,668	2.1%	0.4	-	-	-
Other mesenchymal	26	0.0%	0.0	-	-	-
Hemangioma and hemangioblastoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neoplasm, unspecified	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other histologies <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,332</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>31,950</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.9</b>

Source: SEER 18 areas (San Francisco, Connecticut, Detroit, Hawaii, Iowa, New Mexico, Seattle, Utah, Atlanta, San Jose-Monterey, Los Angeles, Alaska Native Registry, Rural Georgia, California excluding SF/SJM/LA, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Jersey and Georgia excluding ATL/RG).

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Table 31.2  
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Age-Adjusted SEER Incidence Rates<sup>a</sup> for Benign Brain Tumors, 2011-2015  
By Race, Sex and Age

Brain and Other Nervous System(Benign/Borderline)  
Excluding Endocrine Glands and Related Structures

Age	All Races			Whites			Blacks		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
All Ages	12.4	8.8	15.6	12.7	9.0	15.9	12.3	8.5	15.3
Ages <20	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2
Ages 20-44	6.0	4.4	7.6	6.2	4.5	7.9	5.6	3.6	7.4
Ages 45-64	18.1	12.0	23.9	18.4	12.2	24.5	17.7	11.8	22.9
Ages 65-74	37.3	25.7	47.3	37.4	25.8	47.7	39.3	27.5	48.1
Ages 75-84	51.0	36.4	61.9	51.3	37.3	62.0	54.8	39.3	64.3
Ages 85+	64.5	48.7	72.7	65.5	49.5	74.0	62.3	39.7	71.9

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Age	All Races			Whites			Blacks		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
All Ages	17.2	13.2	20.9	17.1	13.1	20.8	19.7	15.4	23.2
Ages <20	2.7	2.2	3.1	2.8	2.4	3.3	2.0	1.7	2.4
Ages 20-44	11.2	7.6	14.7	11.2	7.8	14.8	12.1	7.1	16.7
Ages 45-64	24.7	19.0	30.1	24.4	18.6	30.0	29.1	23.9	33.6
Ages 65-74	46.6	37.3	54.7	45.7	36.2	54.1	57.2	50.0	62.6
Ages 75-84	60.6	49.0	69.1	60.0	49.0	68.3	73.2	63.0	79.4
Ages 85+	70.4	57.1	77.3	70.8	57.6	77.7	75.7	56.2	84.0

Source: SEER 18 areas (San Francisco, Connecticut, Detroit, Hawaii, Iowa, New Mexico, Seattle, Utah, Atlanta, San Jose-Monterey, Los Angeles, Alaska Native Registry, Rural Georgia, California excluding SF/SJM/LA, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Jersey and Georgia excluding ATL/RG).

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Table 31.3

Brain Tumor Histology Groupings<sup>a</sup>

Site Group	ICD-0-3 Morphology
<b>Tumors of Neuroepithelial Tissue</b>	
Diffuse astrocytoma (protoplasma, fibrillary)	9410, 9420
Anaplastic astrocytoma	9401, 9411
Glioblastoma	9440, 9441, 9442/3
Pilocytic astrocytoma	9421
Unique astrocytoma variants	9383, 9384, 9424
Oligodendroglioma	9450
Anaplastic oligodendroglioma	9451, 9460
Ependymoma/anaplastic ependymoma	9391, 9392, 9393
Ependymoma variants	9394
Mixed glioma	9382
Astrocytoma, NOS	9400
Glioma, NOS	9380
Choroid plexus	9390
Neuroepithelial	9381, 9423, 9430, 9444
Benign and Malignant neuronal/glial, neuronal and mixed	8680/1, 8680/3, 8681, 8682, 8690, 8693, 9412, 9413, 9442/1, 9490-9493, 9500, 9505, 9506, 9522, 9523
Pineal parenchymal	9360, 9361, 9362
Embryonal/primitive/medulloblastoma	8963, 9363, 9364, 9470-9474, 9501-9503, 9508
<b>Tumors Of Cranial And Spinal Nerves</b>	
Nerve sheath, benign and malignant	9540, 9541, 9550, 9560, 9561, 9570, 9571
<b>Tumors Of The Intracranial Meninges</b>	
Meningioma, benign and malignant	9530-9534, 9537-9539
Other mesenchymal, benign and malignant	8324, 8728, 8800-8806, 8810, 8815, 8824, 8830, 8831, 8850, 8851, 8857, 8861, 8890, 8897, 8900, 8910, 8920, 8990, 9040, 9150, 9180, 9210, 9241, 9260, 9480
Hemangioblastoma and hemangioblastoma	9120-9123, 9125, 9130, 9131, 9133, 9140, 9161, 9535
<b>Germ Cell Tumors And Cysts</b>	
Germ cell tumors, cysts, and heterotopias	8020, 9060, 9061, 9064, 9065, 9070-9072, 9080-9085, 9100
<b>Local Extensions From Regional Tumors</b>	
Chordoma/chondrosarcoma	9220, 9231, 9240, 9370-9373
<b>Tumors Of The Sellar Region</b>	
Pituitary	8022, 8040, 8140, 8146, 8246, 8260, 8270, 8271, 8272, 8280, 8281, 8290, 8300, 8310, 8323, 8333, 8334, 9582
Craniopharyngioma	9350, 9351, 9352
<b>Unclassified Tumors</b>	
Neoplasm, unspecified	8000-8005, 8010, 8013, 8021
All other	any remaining histologies not included in above categories

Source: Modified from CBTRUS (2005). Statistical Report: Primary Brain Tumors in the United States, 1998-2002. Published by the Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States.

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