The median age of first melanoma diagnosis was 59 years in 2001–2005, and the median age at death from melanoma was 68 years. On the basis of data from the Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results database, an estimated 62,480 U.S. men and women will be diagnosed with melanoma in 2008 and an estimated 8,420 will die from the disease this year. Between 2001 and 2005, more than 19 per 100,000 U.S. men and women were diagnosed with melanoma, and almost 3 per 100,000 men and women died of the disease during that period.

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