

ASCO Practice Census

Description

The ASCO Practice Census is the society's largest survey of oncology practices that aims to capture and describe changes in cancer care and oncology practice over time. ASCO estimates the total possible sample size of U.S. oncology practices is approx. 2,245 practices and it aims to reach as many as possible with this annual survey.

De-identified and aggregated census data provide general information about practice demographics (including region and ownership type), as well as an assessment of current issues affecting the business of oncology care delivery. The data is cross-sectional, repeated over time since 2013 with some data trended over multiple years. Although repeated, responses by individual practices are not tracked or trended over time.

Why is this data important; what makes it unique?

ASCO's policy and practice priorities are shaped by evidence-based research on how oncology practices throughout the United States are adapting to increasing administrative, financial, and political pressures. It's important to understand how oncology practices are responding to ongoing changes and occupational pressures as they continue to care for people with cancer.

Links to publications

- [State of Cancer Care in America](#)
- [Results of the 2013 American Society of Clinical Oncology National Oncology Census](#)
- [American Society of Clinical Oncology National Census of Oncology Practices: Preliminary Report](#)

Is the data available elsewhere?

This is an ASCO data source and not publicly available elsewhere.

Design

- Cross-sectional, annual survey targeting all U.S. oncology business practices.

Variables

- Multi-variable survey with 25-40 variables per year including questions in the following areas:
 - Ownership
 - Practice demographics
 - Affiliations
 - Clinical trial participation
 - Electronic health records
 - Medicare policies
 - Likelihood of practices being bought, sold, merged, or closed

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- Patient demographics (limited to race/ethnicity)
- Payer mix
- Practice pressures
- Responder's role
- Services provided
- Staffing

Sample Size/number of Respondents

- Respondents per year are approx. 300-500 practices each year.
- Responder role varies between CEOs, physician, clinicians, and other administrative providers.

Data Formats

- Excel
- CSV

Limitations

- There is no identifier that allows linkage of repeated measures over time from the same practice.
- Though demographic data is captured as part of the survey, the data will be de-identified prior to sharing.
- Missingness: Not all practices answered all questions; number of responses varies per question.

Data Dictionary

See the question bank for an aggregate list of questions across all the instruments over time.

Sample Data

Highlighted fields were not included in the survey but added by ASCO afterwards.