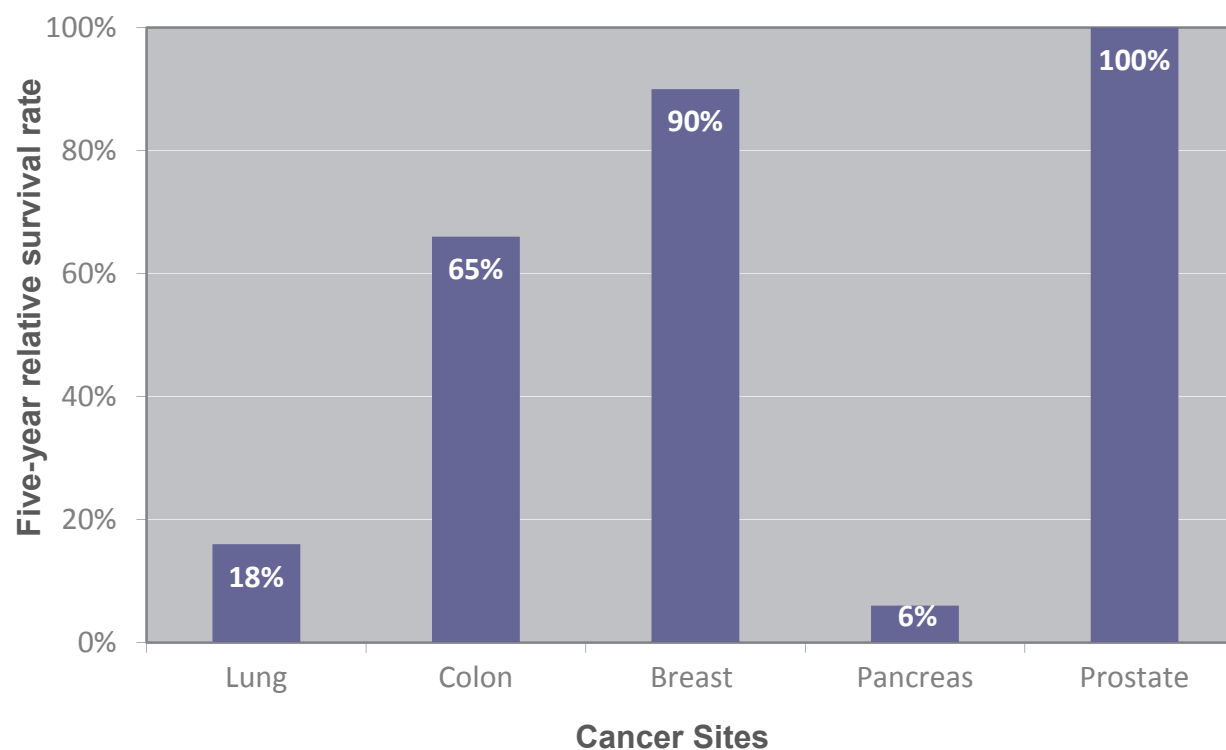




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## 2014 Five-Year Relative Survival Rates Top Five Causes of Cancer Death



### **Pancreatic Cancer Is Still the Deadliest Cancer**

The five-year relative survival rate for pancreatic cancer is just 6%, and there are still no early detection tools or life-saving treatments. In fact, of all the major cancers, pancreatic cancer is the only one with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits and one of the few for which incidence and death rates are *increasing*. In the last 40 years, the five-year relative survival rate for all cancer sites has risen from 49% to 68%, and some cancer survival rates are now close to 90% or above.

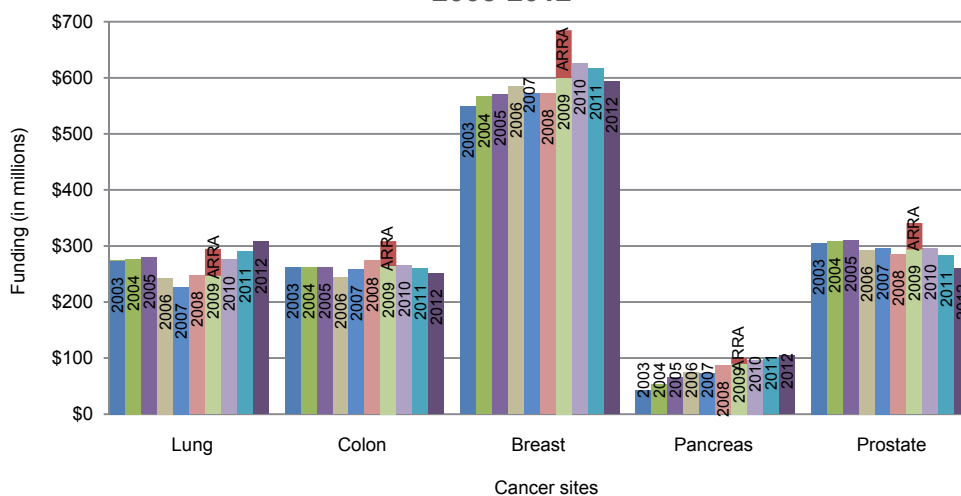
"Major cancer" is defined as one tracked by both the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute.

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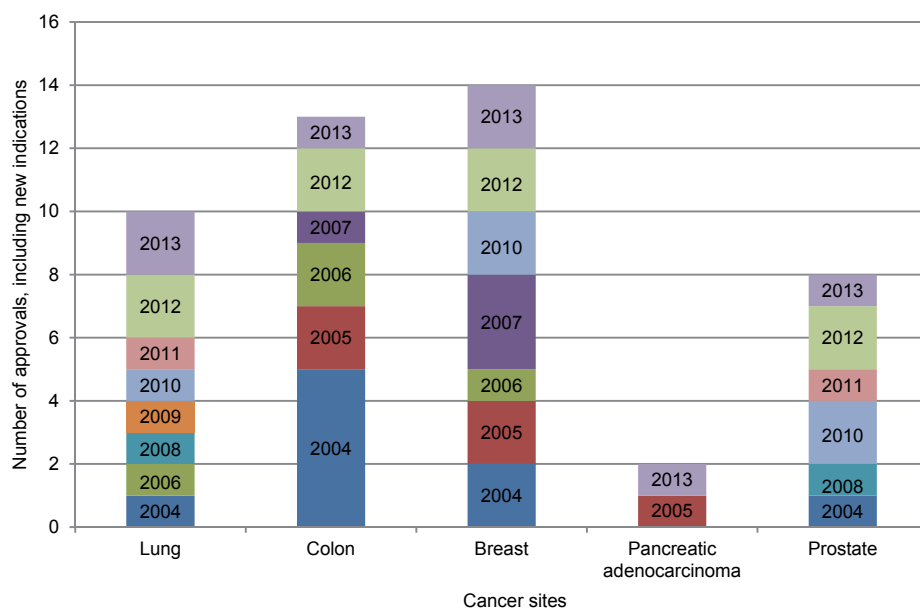


### National Cancer Institute (NCI) Annual Funding Top Five Causes of Cancer Death 2003-2012<sup>1</sup>



Sources: NCI Annual Fact Books and NCI Funded Research Portfolio <http://fundedresearch.cancer.gov>. Accessed May 2013.

### Number of Drug Approvals, Including New Indications Top Five Causes of Cancer Death 2004-2013



Sources: Food and Drug Administration [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) and National Cancer Institute [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov). Accessed June 2013 and January 2014.

#### Increased Investment Leads to Increased Tools and Survival

Federal investment in cancer research has produced results, both in terms of the number of new treatments and survival rates. We now need the same type of results in pancreatic cancer. The *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* is an important step toward our goal to double the survival rate by 2020, but it will be very difficult to leverage the opportunities that could result from the new law unless Congress provides the NCI adequate funding.

<sup>1</sup> Under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)* of 2009, NCI received supplemental funding for 2009 and 2010 only. The 2010 data have not been published.