

Monthly Data Submission Reports - Explanation of Terms

Reporting Source:	Any healthcare provider submitting data to the Alabama Statewide Cancer Registry (ASCR).
Expected Cases/Yr:	Every year the ASCR calculates an expected number of cases for each reporting facility. This number is calculated based on the number of analytic cases previously received from a given facility, typically the past five years. Adjustments are made to account for changes in services, changes in physician specifically or numbers, hospital mergers, etc.
Software:	The name of the software vendor used by the reporting facility.
Date Latest Submission Received:	The most recent date the ASCR received a data submission (or cancer cases) from the reporting source.
Abstracting Period Reported:	The timeframe relative to the date(s) of diagnosis or date(s) of first contact of the cases being submitted. It should <u>NOT</u> be based on the month(s) the cases are being abstracted.
Abstracting Period Expected to be reported and Reporting Status:	Compliant and non-compliant status is based on the reporting schedule defined in Alabama Act 95-275, which states that “all cancer cases must be reported to the ASCR within 180 days of admission or diagnosis.” Facilities who report cases outside the required reporting timeframe become non-compliant with state law. The reporting schedule can be determined by referring to the ASCR Reporting/Completeness Schedule at Hospital Resource page in ASCR website.
Number Cases This Submission:	This is the total number of cases submitted from a reporting facility during the previous month with multiple submissions combined and totaled.
Data Accuracy Rate:	The number of errors (or the accuracy rate) is determined by running the reporting facility’s data submission through the GenEDITS Plus software program with an ASCR Edits metafile. An Edit Error report is returned to each facility via their unique user account through the ASCR’s secure website. If there have been multiple submission from a single reporting source within a given month, the average rate from all Edit Error reports is provided on the DSR.
Overview of This Submission: <i>Current Cases</i> <i>Late Cases</i> <i>Non-Analytic Cases.</i>	Each data submission is processed through a SAS algorithm to assign a current, late, or non-analytic status to each case. The variables utilized to make this assignment are a combination of the following: class of case, date of diagnosis, date of first contact, and type of reporting source. In order to be current, a case must be both analytic and be the current reporting year based on year of diagnosis or year of first contact depending on the class of case. For cases with a class of case of 20-22 or cases with a class of case of 10-14 that also have a type of reporting source of 4, the year of first contact is used to determine current status. For all other analytic cases, the year of diagnosis is used to determine current status. A late case is any analytic case that is received that is from earlier than the current reporting year. Late cases are included on the DSR but do not affect the current completeness rate or timeliness of the data. Cases with a class of case between 30 and 99 are assigned as non-analytic.
Overview of YTD: <i>Current Cases</i> <i>Late Cases</i> <i>Non-Analytic Cases.</i>	This is a running total of cases submitted beginning July 1 of one year and ending in June 30 of the next year as explained in the previous item.
Completeness Rate:	The completeness rate depicts the percentage of a reporting facility’s level of reporting completeness at a given point in the year. $\text{Completeness Rate} = \frac{\text{\# of the analytic cases submitted for the current reporting year}}{\text{the facility's expected number of cases for the current reporting year}} \times 100\%$
Next Submission Due:	This identifies which cases are due to be reported on the next data submission, as well as the date that submission is due to be received at the ASCR.