

| 2011** | CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE BURDEN

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) includes all diseases of the heart and blood vessels, including ischemic heart disease, stroke, congestive heart failure, hypertensive disease, and atherosclerosis.

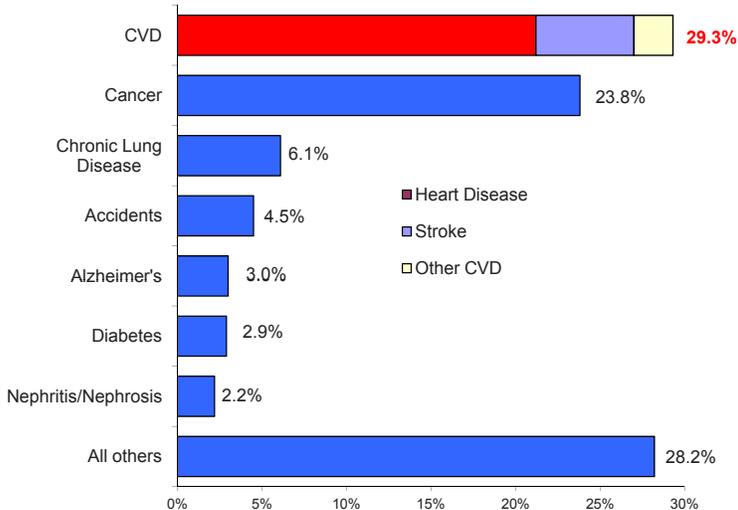
PREVALENCE¹

- During 2008-2010, approximately 6.3% (23,700) of all adults reported ever being diagnosed with one or more forms of CVD.

DEATH²

- CVD was directly responsible for 1,065 deaths, accounting for approximately 1 in every 3 deaths.
- Cardiovascular disease was the **leading cause of death** among both genders and all racial and ethnic groups for 2006-2010.

Leading Causes of Death
Douglas County Health Department, 2010

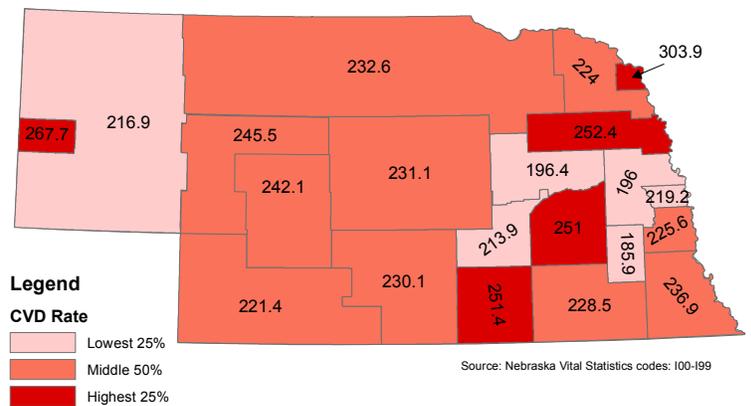


- CVD killed more residents than cancer in 2010.
- CVD age-adjusted death rates were **43% higher** for men than women.
- CVD age-adjusted death rates were **58% higher** for African Americans than whites for the years 2006-2010.
- CVD death rate increases with age but 1 in 5 persons who died from CVD between 2006 and 2010 were less than 65 years of age.

DEATH CONTINUED²...

- Premature death from CVD is much more common among Native Americans, Hispanics and African Americans. Sixty seven percent of Native Americans, 44% of Hispanics, and 39% of African Americans who die of CVD die before the age of 65 compared to 16% of whites for 2006-2010.

Cardiovascular Disease Mortality by Local Health Departments
Age-Adjusted Rates per 100,000 population 2006-2010



HOSPITALIZATIONS³

- CVD is the **second leading cause** of hospitalization, second only to pregnancy and childbirth.
- There were 7,052 hospitalizations among residents due to CVD.
- The average hospitalization length of stay for CVD was 4.3 days.

ESTIMATED CHARGES³

- Total hospital charges for CVD increased by over **\$186 million** between 2001 and 2010, from \$141 million to \$327 million.
- The average charge per CVD hospitalization was \$46,400 in 2010 compared to \$26,000 in 2001.
- In 2010, Medicare was charged an estimated \$193 million for hospitalizations due to CVD, accounting for approximately 59% of all hospitalization charges for CVD.

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CVD MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE¹

- Approximately 1 in every 4 (26.3%) adults reported being told by a healthcare professional that they had high blood pressure for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.
- Over half (62.3%) of adults age 65 and older had high blood pressure for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.

SMOKING¹

- Approximately 1 in 5 adults (20.0%) reported smoking cigarettes for the years 2007-2010 combined.

HIGH BLOOD CHOLESTEROL¹

- Approximately 1 in every 4 (24.1%) adults had not had a blood cholesterol screening in the past five years for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.
- Of adults that reported having their blood cholesterol checked, more than 1 in every 3 (34.9%) reported being told by a healthcare professional that they had high blood cholesterol for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.
- Over half (59.1%) of adults age 65 and older had high blood cholesterol for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.

PHYSICAL INACTIVITY¹

- Approximately 1 in 3 adults (37.4%) did not meet recommended guidelines for physical activity for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.

UNHEALTHY EATING¹

- Approximately 1 in 5 adults (22.6%) consumed five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day for 2007 and 2009 combined.

OVERWEIGHT & OBESITY¹

- Nearly 2 in 3 adults were overweight (35.6%) or obese (25.3%) for the years 2007-2010 combined.
- Males (70.0%) were significantly more likely to be overweight or obese than females (51.9%) for 2007-2010 combined.
- African Americans (37.5%) are significantly more likely than whites (23.9%) to be obese 2007-2010⁴.

DIABETES¹

- Nearly 1 in 14 (7.4%) adults reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes for 2007-2010 combined.
- Almost 1 out of every 5 adults (19.6%) 65 and older reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes for the years 2007-2010 combined.
- Hispanics (17.4%) and African Americans (14.2%) are significantly more likely than whites (6.9%) to have diabetes 2007-2010⁴.

MULTIPLE RISK FACTORS¹

- Among adults, more than 9 in 10 (93.8%) had one or more CVD risk factors, approximately 2 in 3 (69.0%) had 2 or more CVD risk factors, and more than 1 in 3 (38.7%) had 3 or more CVD risk factors for 2007 and 2009 combined.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

HEART ATTACK

- Chest discomfort: Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back. The discomfort can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body: Can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- Shortness of breath: Often occurs along with chest discomfort, but it also can occur before chest discomfort.
- Other symptoms: May include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or light-headedness.

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STROKE

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

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