

## | 2011\*\* | HEART DISEASE BURDEN

Heart Disease (HD) includes a number of conditions which affect blood flow to and functioning of the heart. The most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease, also known as coronary heart disease<sup>1</sup>.

A myocardial infarction, also known as a heart attack, occurs when the vessels supplying blood to the heart become blocked. Heart muscle tissue is deprived of oxygen, resulting in tissue death<sup>1</sup>.

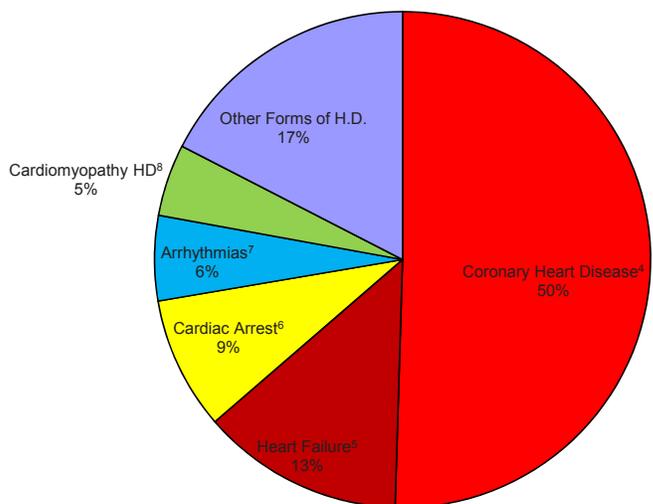
### PREVALENCE<sup>2</sup>

- During 2008-2010, approximately 4.9% (18,500) of all adults reported ever being diagnosed with coronary heart disease or had a heart attack.

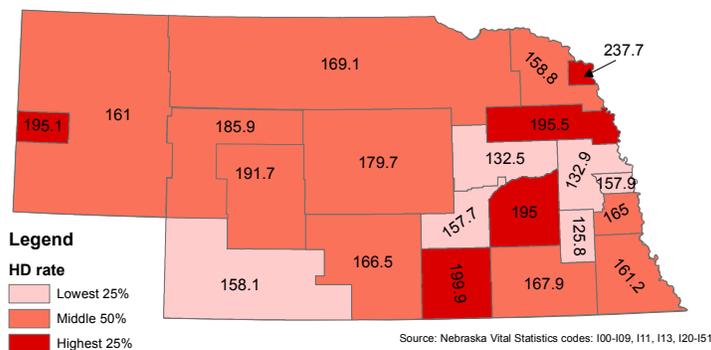
### DEATH<sup>3</sup>

- Heart disease was the **second leading cause of death**, behind cancer, and claimed the lives of 770 residents, accounting for approximately 1 in every 5 deaths.
- Heart disease was the **leading cause of death** for those 65 and older.
- The heart disease age-adjusted death rate was 48% **higher** for African Americans than whites for 2006-2010.
- The heart disease age-adjusted death rate was 51% **higher** for men than women.
- Heart disease death rate increases with age but 1 in 5 persons who died from heart disease between 2006 and 2010 were less than 65 years of age.

Types of Heart Disease Death by Percentage  
Douglas County Health Department, 2006-2010



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



### HOSPITALIZATIONS<sup>9</sup>

- There were 4,633 hospitalizations among residents due to heart disease.

Heart Disease Hospitalizations Outcomes  
Douglas County Health Department Residents, 2010

	All Heart Disease <sup>10</sup>	Coronary Heart Disease <sup>11</sup>
Number of hospitalizations	4,633	1,624
Hospitalization rate(age-adjusted) <sup>12</sup>	96.3	33.4
Number of residents that received(one or more) hospitalizations	3,786	1,441
Average length of stay per hospitalization(in days)	4.4	3.9

### ESTIMATED CHARGES<sup>9</sup>

- Total hospital charges for heart disease increased by over **\$132 million** between 2001 and 2010, from \$107 million to \$239 million.
- The average charge per heart disease hospitalization was \$51,500 in 2010.
- In 2010, Medicare was charged an estimated \$140 million for hospitalizations due to heart disease, accounting for approximately 59 percent of all hospitalization charges for the health department area.

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# HEART DISEASE MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

## HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE<sup>2</sup>

- 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.

## SMOKING<sup>2</sup>

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

## HIGH BLOOD CHOLESTEROL<sup>2</sup>

- 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 INACTIVITY<sup>2</sup>

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

## UNHEALTHY EATING<sup>2</sup>

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

## OVERWEIGHT & OBESITY<sup>2</sup>

- 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 2007-2010<sup>13</sup>.

## DIABETES<sup>2</sup>

- 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 2007-2010<sup>13</sup>.

## MULTIPLE RISK FACTORS<sup>2</sup>

- 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.

## 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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