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| 2011** | STROKE BURDEN

A stroke occurs when the blood supply to part of the brain is blocked or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts, causing damage to part of the brain. A stroke is sometimes called a brain attack[1].

There are two main types of stroke. An ischemic stroke occurs when there is blockage in a blood vessel supplying oxygen to the brain. Approximately 85 percent of all strokes fall into this category. A hemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain ruptures[2].

A transient ischemic attack (TIA) is a temporary interruption in the blood supply to the brain. Sometimes a TIA is called a mini-stroke. It starts just like a stroke, but symptoms clear within 24 hours. A TIA is a warning that the person is at risk for a more serious stroke[2].

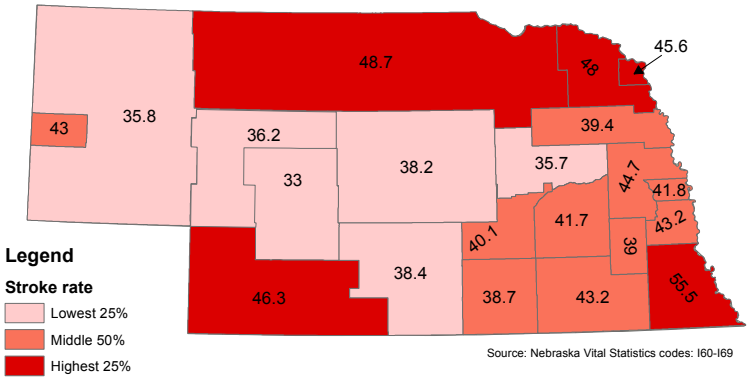
PREVALENCE[3]

- During 2008-2010, approximately 2.9% (700) of all adults reported ever being diagnosed with a stroke.

DEATH[4]

- Stroke was the **fourth leading cause of death** and claimed 21 lives, accounting for approximately 1 in every 18 deaths.
- Stroke death rates increase with age but 1 in 10 people who died from stroke between 2006 and 2010 were less than 65 years of age.
- The stroke age-adjusted death rate was 40% **higher** for women than men.

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



Source: Nebraska Vital Statistics codes: I60-I69

HOSPITALIZATIONS[5]

- There were 59 hospitalizations among residents due to stroke.

Stroke Hospitalizations Outcomes
Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Residents, 2010

	Stroke Overall[6]	Ischemic Stroke[7]	Hemorrhagic Stroke[8]
Number of hospitalizations	59	44	9
Hospitalization rate(age-adjusted)[8]	11.4	8.6	1.8
Number of residents that received (one or more) hospitalizations	52	42	7
Average length of stay per hospitalization(in days)	4.5	3.1	5.7

ESTIMATED CHARGES[5]

- Total hospital charges for stroke decreased by **$100,000** between 2001 and 2010, from $1.3 million to $1.2 million.
- The average charge per stroke hospitalization was $20,900 in 2010.
- In 2010, Medicare was charged an estimated $800,000 for hospitalizations due to stroke, accounting for approximately 67% of all hospitalization charges for stroke.

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STROKE MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE[3]

- Nearly 1 in every 3 (32.0%) adults reported being told by a healthcare professional that they had high blood pressure for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.
- Over half (52.5%) of adults age 65 and older had high blood pressure for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.

SMOKING[3]

- Approximately 1 in 6 adults (16.2%) reported smoking cigarettes for the years 2007-2010 combined.

HIGH BLOOD CHOLESTEROL[3]

- Approximately 1 in every 4 (28.2%) 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 (41.0%) reported being told by a healthcare professional that they had high blood cholesterol for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.

PHYSICAL INACTIVITY[3]

- 2 in 5 adults (41.7%) did not meet recommended guidelines for physical activity for the years 2007 and 2009 combined.

UNHEALTHY EATING[3]

- Fewer than 1 in 4 adults (23.2%) consumed five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day for 2007 and 2009 combined.
- Males (15.7%) were significantly less likely to to consume five or more servings of fruits and vegtables per day than females (30.2%) for 2007 and 2009 combined.

OVERWEIGHT & OBESITY[3]

- Approximately 2 in 3 adults were overweight (39.4%) or obese (29.7%) for the years 2007-2010 combined.
- Males (76.9%) were significantly more likely to be overweight or obese than females (61.6%) for 2007-2010 combined.

DIABETES[3]

- Nearly 1 in 12 (8.7%) adults reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes for 2007-2010 combined.
- Almost 1 out of every 6 adults (15.9%) 65 and older reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes for the years 2007-2010 combined.

MULTIPLE RISK FACTORS[3]

- Among adults, more than 9 in 10 (95.2%) had one or more CVD risk factors, approximately 3 in 4 (72.4%) had 2 or more CVD risk factors, and more than 2 in 5 (43.1%) 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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