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2026 Heart Disease & Stroke Statistics Update Fact Sheet Older Adults & Cardiovascular Diseases in the United States

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) (ICD-10 I00 to I99)

- For the 60 to 79 years of age group between 2021 and 2023, the following had CVD (with hypertension in the CVD definition): 78.5% of males; 71.9% of females.
- For the 80+ years of age group between 2021 and 2023, the following had CVD (with hypertension in the definition): 77.5% of males; 87.1% of females.

Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) (ICD-10 I20 to I25, includes Myocardial Infarction [MI] ICD-10 I21 to I22)

- For the 60 to 79 years of age group between 2021 and 2023, the following had CHD: 18.4% of males; 8.5% of females. 10.3% of males and 3.6% of females in this age group had a previous MI.
- For the 80+ years of age group between 2021 and 2023, the following had CHD: 32.5% of males; 20.6% of females. 18.4% of males and 9.0% of females in this age group had a previous MI.
- Based on data from 2005 to 2014, the average age of first MI was 65.6 years for males and 72.0 years for females.

Stroke (ICD-10 I60 to I69)

- For the 60 to 79 years of age group between 2021 and 2023, the following had a previous stroke: 8.9% of males; 5.4% of females.
- For the 80+ years of age group between 2021 and 2023, the following had a previous stroke: 11.1% of males; 10.6% of females.
- From 2013 to 2023, crude stroke death rates increased among people 65 to 74 years of age (7.5%; from 74.2 to 79.8 per 100 000) and >85 years of age (18.2%; from 906.0 to 1070.5 per 100 000) and decreased among those 75 to 84 years of age (-5.2%; 268.9 to 254.9 per 100 000).

Heart Failure (ICD-10 I50)

- According to data from 2021 to 2023, for the 60–79-years of age group, the following had heart failure: 8.5% of males; 4.6% of females.
- According to data from 2021 to 2023, for the 80-years of age and older group, the following had heart failure: 14.1% of males; 12.3% of females.

High Blood Pressure (ICD-10 I10 to I15)

- For those 65 to 74 years of age between 2021 and 2023, the following had high blood pressure: 75.3% of males; 70.0% of females.
- For those 75+ years of age between 2021 and 2023, the following had high blood pressure: 69.6% of males; 81.8% of females.

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- According to 2021 to 2023 data, awareness, treatment, and control of hypertension were higher at older ages. Hypertension control was more prevalent in US adults ≥ 60 years of age with hypertension (30.9%) than in those 40 to 59 years of age (19.1%) and those 20 to 39 years of age (5.9%).

Medical Procedures

- In 2022, 56.7% of the percutaneous coronary intervention procedures were performed on people ≥ 65 years of age.
- In 2024, 19.8% of heart transplant recipients were 65 years of age and older.

Costs

- Total direct and indirect annual costs for CVD in 2021 to 2022 were \$182.5 billion for patients 65 years of age and older; 44% of total CVD costs.

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