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## 2019 Heart Disease & Stroke Statistical Update Fact Sheet Hispanics/Latinos & Cardiovascular Diseases\*

### Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) (ICD-9 390 to 459; ICD/10 I00 to I99)

- Among Hispanic adults age 20 and older, 2013–2016, 49.0% of males and 42.6% of females had CVD.
- In 2016, CVD caused the deaths\* of 27,801 Hispanic males and 24,428 Hispanic females of all ages.

### Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) (ICD-9 410 to 414, 429.2; ICD-10 I20 to I25, includes MI ICD-10 I21 to I22)

- Among Hispanics age 20 and older, 2013–2016:
  - 6.0% of males and 6.0% of females had CHD.
  - 3.4% of males and 2.0% of females previously had a myocardial infarction (heart attack).
  - 2.6% of males and 3.6% of females had angina.
- In 2016, CHD caused the deaths\* of 13,696 Hispanic males and 9,878 Hispanic females.
- In 2016, myocardial infarction caused the deaths\* of 4,331 Hispanic males and 3,086 Hispanic females.

### Stroke (ICD-9 430 to 438; ICD-10 I60 to I69)

- Among Hispanic adults, according to 2013 to 2016 data, 2.0% of males and 2.2% of females previously had a stroke.
- In 2016, stroke caused the deaths\* of 4,798 Hispanic males and 5,485 Hispanic females.
- Males, blacks, and Mexican Americans have higher rates of TIA than their female and non-Hispanic white counterparts.
- Projections show that by 2030, an additional 3.4 million US adults aged  $\geq 18$  years will have had a stroke, a 20.5% increase in prevalence from 2012. The highest increase (29%) is projected to be in white Hispanic males.
- Among stroke survivors in one 2014 single-center study, Hispanics scored lower on a test of stroke symptoms and the appropriate response to those symptoms than NH whites (72.5% vs. 79.1% of responses correct) and were less often aware of tPA as a treatment for stroke (91.5% vs. 79.2%).

### High Blood Pressure (HBP) (ICD-9 401 to 404; ICD-10 I10 to I15)

- Among Hispanics age 20 and older, 2013–2016, 47.4% of the males and 40.8% of the females had HBP.
- In 2016, HBP caused the deaths\* of 3,063 Hispanic males and 2,856 Hispanic females.
- In 2011–2012, having either HBP or borderline HBP was more common among boys than girls, non-Hispanic blacks were more likely to have either HBP or borderline HBP than Hispanic, non-Hispanic white, or non-Hispanic Asian boys or girls. However, HBP was more common among Hispanics than among NH blacks, NH whites, and NH Asians.

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## High Blood Pressure (HBP) (ICD-9 401 to 404; ICD-10 I10 to I15) (continued)

- In 2011–2016 among Mexican American adults, rates of HBP awareness were 43.8% in males and 66.2% in females. 30.3% of males and 53.2% of females were undergoing treatment, and 11.6% of males and 27.0% of females had their HBP under control.
- For US Hispanic or Latino males, the age-standardized prevalence of hypertension in 2008 to 2011 varied from a low of 19.9% among individuals of South American background to a high of 32.6% among individuals of Dominican background. For US Hispanic or Latino females, the age-standardized prevalence of hypertension was lowest for individuals of South American background (15.9%) and highest for individuals of Puerto Rican background (29.1%).

## High Blood Cholesterol & Other Lipids

- Among children 6 to 11 years of age between 2013 and 2016, the mean total blood cholesterol (TC) level was 157.8 mg/dL. For Hispanics, TC was 158.7 mg/dL for boys and 153.9 mg/dL for girls.
- Among adolescents 12 to 19 years of age between 2013 and 2016, the mean TC level was 154.4 mg/dL. For Hispanics, TC was 152.7 mg/dL for boys and 156.0 mg/dL for girls.
- Among Hispanics age 20 and older:
  - 39.9% of males and 38.9% of females had TC levels of 200 mg/dL or higher between 2013 and 2016.
  - 13.0% of males and 10.1% of females had TC levels of 240 mg/dL or higher between 2013 and 2016.
  - 36.6% of males and 28.7% of females had an LDL cholesterol of 130 mg/dL or higher between 2011 and 2014.
  - 32.6% of males and 13.1% of females had HDL cholesterol less than 40 mg/dL between 2013 and 2016.
- Among Hispanic adults according to data from 2011 to 2012, 59.3% have had their cholesterol checked (54.6% of males and 64.2% of females). The percentage of adults screened for cholesterol in the past 5 years was lower for Hispanic adults than for non-Hispanic white, non-Hispanic black, and non-Hispanic Asian adults.

## Smoking

- In 2016, among adults 18 years of age or older, Asians (9%) and Hispanics (10.7%) were less likely to be current smokers than American Indians or Alaska Natives (31.8%), blacks (16.5%), and whites (16.6%).
- According to data from 2014–2015, the lifetime use of tobacco products among adults  $\geq 18$  years of age was highest among American Indians or Alaskan Natives (75.9%) and whites (75.9%), followed by blacks (58.4%), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (56.8%), Hispanics or Latinos (56.7%), and Asians (37.9%).
- In 2015, the rate of cigarette use in the previous month for adolescents aged 12 to 17 years, was lower among NH Asians (1.1%), NH Blacks (2.6%), and Hispanics (2.7%) than NH American Indians or Alaskan Natives (4.8%) and NH Whites (5.4%).
- In 2015, the lifetime use of tobacco products among adolescents 12 to 17 years old was highest among whites (19.9%), followed by American Indians or Alaskan Natives (19.6%), Hispanics or Latinos (14.5%), African Americans (13.8%), and Asians (7.7%).

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## Smoking (continued)

- In 2015, receiving advice to quit smoking was lower in uninsured smokers and varied by race, with a lower prevalence in Asian (34.2%), American Indian/Alaska Native (38.1%), and Hispanic (42.2%) smokers than in white smokers (60.2%).

## Physical Inactivity

- In 2015, the prevalence of students in grades 9-12 that did not participate in  $\geq 60$  minutes of physical activity on any day in the past 7 days was highest among non-Hispanic (NH) black girls (25.2%) and Hispanic (19.2%) girls, followed by NH black boys (16.2%), NH white girls (14.3%), Hispanic boys (11.9%), and NH white boys (8.8%).
- In 2015, among students in grades 9-12, 34.2% of Hispanic boys and 14.7% of Hispanic girls were active at least 60 min/day on all 7 days.
- In 2015, the prevalence of using computers  $\geq 3$  hours per day (for activities other than school work) was highest among NH black girls (48.4%), followed by Hispanic girls (47.4%), Hispanic boys (45.1%), NH black boys (41.2%), NH white boys (38.9%) and NH white girls (38.3%).
- In 2015, the prevalence of watching television  $\geq 3$  hours per day was highest among NH black girls (41.5%) and boys (37.0%), followed by Hispanic girls (29.2%) and boys (27.4%), and NH white boys (21.4%) and girls (18.8%).
- In 2016, 16.6% of Hispanic or Latinos age 18 and older met the 2008 Federal Aerobic and Strengthening Physical Activity Guidelines for Adults.
- In 2015, among Hispanic or Latino adults 18 and older, 46.4% of males and 41.8% of females met aerobic guidelines of the 2008 Federal Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans through moderate leisure-time activity or vigorous activity.

## Overweight and Obesity

- According to 2011 to 2014 data, 32.1% of children and adolescents age 2 to 19 were overweight or obese; 15.6% were overweight and 16.5% obese. Among Hispanic children and adolescents, rates of obesity were 21.7% of boys and 21.0% of girls.
- Between 2011 and 2014, 69.4% of adults over age 20 in the United States were overweight or obese; 36.3% are obese. Among Hispanic adults 79.6% of males and 77.1% of females were overweight or obese; 39.0% of males and 45.7% of females were obese.

## Diabetes Mellitus (DM) (ICD-9 250; ICD-10 E10 to E14)

- Among US adolescents aged 12 to 19 years in 2005 to 2014, the prevalence of prediabetes was higher in NH blacks (21.0%) and Hispanics (22.9%) than in NH white participants (15.1%).
- In a multi-center study among youth 19 years old or younger in 2003 to 2012, the incidence of type 1 DM increased 1.4% annually with a larger increase for Hispanics and Asian or Pacific Islanders than for other ethnic groups. Also, the incidence of type 2 DM increased 7.1% annually with a larger increase among NH blacks, Hispanics, Asian or Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans compared with NH whites.
- Among Hispanic adults 20 years of age or older between 2013 and 2016:
  - 15.1% of males and 14.1% of females had physician diagnosed diabetes
  - 6.3% of males and 4.0% of females had undiagnosed diabetes
  - 48.1% in males and 31.7% in females had prediabetes

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## Diabetes Mellitus (DM) (ICD-9 250; ICD-10 E10 to E14) (continued)

- According to 2007 to 2010 data, compared with NH whites, Mexican Americans were less likely to meet HbA1c and LDL-C goals.
- According to data from 2008 to 2011, DM prevalence ranged from 10.2% in South Americans, to 13.4% in Cubans, 17.7% in Central Americans, 18.0% in Dominicans and Puerto Ricans, and 18.3% in Mexicans.

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