

2017 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FACTS AND FIGURES



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS THE
6TH LEADING CAUSE
OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES

MORE THAN
5 MILLION
AMERICANS ARE
LIVING WITH
ALZHEIMER'S
BY 2050, THIS
NUMBER COULD
RISE AS HIGH AS
16 MILLION

EVERY

SECONDS
someone in the
United States
develops the disease

MORE
THAN

15 MILLION AMERICANS
provide unpaid care for people with
Alzheimer's or other dementias

IN
2016

these caregivers provided
an estimated
18.2 BILLION HOURS
of care valued at over
\$230 BILLION

In 2017, Alzheimer's and other
dementias will cost the nation
\$259 billion
By 2050, these costs could
rise as high as

\$1.1 TRILLION



35% of caregivers for people with
Alzheimer's or another dementia
report that their health has gotten worse
due to care responsibilities, compared to
19% of caregivers for older people
without dementia



1 IN 3
seniors dies
with Alzheimer's or
another dementia



Since 2000, deaths
from heart disease have
decreased by 14%

while deaths from
Alzheimer's disease have
increased by 89%

**IT KILLS
MORE THAN**
breast cancer
and prostate cancer
COMBINED



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The background features a light gray gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across the top and right sides. In the center, there is a faint, circular brain scan image showing internal structures.

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

PREVALENCE

The number of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease is growing — and growing fast. An estimated 5.5 million Americans of all ages have Alzheimer's disease.

Of the estimated 5.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's dementia in 2017, an estimated 5.3 million are age 65 and older and approximately 200,000 individuals are under age 65 and have younger-onset Alzheimer's.

- One in 10 people age 65 and older (10 percent) has Alzheimer's dementia.
- Almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women.
- African-Americans are about twice as likely to have Alzheimer's or other dementias as older whites.
- Hispanics are about one and one-half times as likely to have Alzheimer's or other dementias as older whites.

Because of the increasing number of people age 65 and older in the United States, particularly the oldest-old, the number of new cases of Alzheimer's and other dementias is projected to soar. Today, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's dementia every 66 seconds. By mid-century, someone in the United States will develop the disease every 33 seconds.

1 in 10

people age 65 and older has
Alzheimer's disease.

MORTALITY

Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. It is the fifth-leading cause of death among those age 65 and older and a leading cause of disability and poor health.

As the population of the United States ages, Alzheimer's is becoming a more common cause of death. It is the only top 10 cause of death that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed.

Although deaths from other major causes have decreased significantly, official records indicate that deaths from Alzheimer's disease have increased significantly. Between 2000 and 2014, deaths from Alzheimer's disease as recorded on death certificates increased 89 percent, while deaths from the number one cause of death (heart disease) decreased 14 percent.

Among people age 70, 61 percent of those with Alzheimer's are expected to die before the age of 80 compared with 30 percent of people without Alzheimer's — a rate twice as high.

89 percent

Increase in deaths due to Alzheimer's between 2000 and 2014. Deaths from Alzheimer's have nearly doubled during this period while those from heart disease — the leading cause of death — have declined.

CAREGIVERS

In 2016, 15.9 million family and friends provided 18.2 billion hours of unpaid assistance to those with Alzheimer's and other dementias, a contribution to the nation valued at \$230.1 billion.

- Approximately two-thirds of caregivers are women, and 34 percent are age 65 or older.
- 41 percent of caregivers have a household income of \$50,000 or less.
- Approximately one quarter of dementia caregivers are "sandwich generation" caregivers — meaning that they care not only for an aging parent, but also for children under age 18.

Alzheimer's takes a devastating toll on caregivers. Compared with caregivers of people without dementia, twice as many caregivers of those with dementia indicate substantial emotional, financial and physical difficulties.

More than

15 million

Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

KNOW THE 10 SIGNS

- 1. MEMORY LOSS THAT DISRUPTS DAILY LIFE
- 2. CHALLENGES IN PLANNING OR SOLVING PROBLEMS
- 3. DIFFICULTY COMPLETING FAMILIAR TASKS AT HOME, AT WORK OR AT LEISURE
- 4. CONFUSION WITH TIME OR PLACE
- 5. TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING VISUAL IMAGES AND SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS

KNOW THE 10 SIGNS

- 6. NEW PROBLEMS WITH WORDS IN SPEAKING OR WRITING
- 7. MISPLACING THINGS AND LOSING THE ABILITY TO RETRACE STEPS
- 8. DECREASED OR POOR JUDGMENT
- 9. WITHDRAWAL FROM WORK OR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
- 10. CHANGES IN MOOD AND PERSONALITY

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ALZHEIMER'S AND TYPICAL AGE-RELATED CHANGES?

Signs of Alzheimer's/Dementia

Poor judgment and decision-making

Inability to manage a budget

Losing track of the date or the season

Difficulty having a conversation

Misplacing things and being unable to retrace steps to find them

Typical age-related changes

Making a bad decision once in a while

Missing a monthly payment

Forgetting which day it is and remembering it later

Sometimes forgetting which word to use

Losing things from time to time

WHERE TO GET HELP & MORE INFORMATION

- CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE, MAKING IT EASIER FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO LIVE THE BEST LIFE POSSIBLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR DEMENTIA.
- **24/7 HELPLINE: 800.272.3900**
- [HTTPS://WWW.ALZCONNECTED.ORG](https://www.alzconnected.org)
- TRAINING AND EDUCATION - [HTTP://TRAINING.ALZ.ORG](http://training.alz.org)