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Quick Facts & Stats

Hypertension & High Cholesterol

The tremendous impact of hypertension and hypercholesterolemia on the health of Americans is captured in these statistics.

- 83%**
of people who die of coronary heart disease are 65 or older.¹
- 107 million**
is the estimated number of Americans who have high cholesterol levels (≥200 mg/dL).²
- 19.2%**
of men in the US aged 55-64 have high cholesterol.³
- 27.6%**
of women in the US aged 55-64 have high cholesterol.³
- 73%**
of Americans with diabetes have high blood pressure.⁴
- 58.5%**
of men in the US aged 65-74 have hypertension.³
- 74.3%**
of women in the US aged 65-74 have hypertension.³
- 28,262**
deaths from hypertension occurred in the US in 2004.³
- 1.6 million**
physician office visits in 2004 were for hypertension.⁵
- 6.5 million**
physician office visits in 2004 involved a test for cholesterol levels.⁵
- 35%**
of African Americans have hypertension, which accounts for 20% of the African American deaths in the US—twice the percentage of deaths among whites from hypertension.⁶
- 80%**
greater is the chance of dying from a stroke for African Americans with high blood pressure than for the general population.⁶

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