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## Quick Facts & Stats

### Alzheimer's Disease

Because of the impact of Alzheimer's disease (AD) on individuals, families, and our healthcare system, the disease rates high among our nation's greatest medical, social, and economic challenges now and in the future.

**5.1 million**  
Americans currently have AD.<sup>1</sup>

**42%**  
of those older than 85 years have AD.<sup>1</sup>

**11 to 16 million**  
Americans will have AD by 2050.<sup>1</sup>

**65,829**  
US deaths in 2004 were attributed to AD.<sup>1</sup>

**3**  
times more money is spent by Medicare on beneficiaries with AD than those without.<sup>1</sup>

**95%**  
of Medicare beneficiaries with AD have other chronic conditions.<sup>1</sup>

**\$148,000 billion**  
is the yearly direct and indirect cost of caring for Americans with AD.

**\$91 billion**  
was spent by Medicare on beneficiaries with AD in 2005; this figure is projected to increase to \$160 billion by 2010 and \$189 billion by 2015.<sup>1</sup>

**47%**  
of nursing home residents have a diagnosis of AD and about 25% of hospitalized elderly patients have AD.<sup>1</sup>

**10 million**  
Americans are caring for someone with AD.<sup>1</sup>

**\$83 billion**  
worth of unpaid care is provided by caregivers of AD relatives.<sup>1</sup>

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