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2008 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures

Ten million baby boomers will develop Alzheimer's disease in the United States.

In just three years, the first wave of baby boomers will begin to turn age 65, the age of greatest risk for developing Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's disease is the 21st century's health epidemic.

- There are as many as 5.2 million Americans currently living with Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050.
- One in eight Baby Boomers in America will develop Alzheimer's.
- One in six women and one in ten men who reach age 55 can expect to develop Alzheimer's in their remaining lifetime.
- More women will develop Alzheimer's because they live longer than men, on average.
- An increase in Alzheimer research funding is critical in forestalling both the loss of life and the financial burden on the nation because today there are no survivors and there is no cure.

Number and Percentage change in people in Minnesota and North Dakota age 65+ with Alzheimer's

State	2000	2010	Percentage Change
Minnesota	88,000	94,000	7%
North Dakota	16,000	18,000	13%

Today, every 71 seconds an American develops Alzheimer's. By mid-century an American will develop Alzheimer's every 33 seconds.

- There are between 200,000 and 500,000 people under age 65 with young-onset Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in America.
- Medicare currently spends more than three times as much for people with Alzheimer's than the average beneficiary.
- In 2005, Medicare spent \$91 billion on beneficiaries with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and is projected to spend \$189 billion by 2015.

Number of Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers, Hours of Unpaid Care, and Economic Value of the Care, 2007

State	Number of Caregivers	Total Hours of Unpaid Care per Year	Total Value of Unpaid Care
Minnesota	174,700	150,800,808	\$1,595,472,550
North Dakota	17,436	15,051,128	\$159,240,931

Today there are nearly 10 million Americans providing 8.4 billion hours of unpaid care to people with Alzheimer’s disease -- valued at \$89 billion.

- In addition, a quarter million American children age 8 to 18 years old are providing care for a loved one with Alzheimer’s.
- Seventy percent of people with Alzheimer’s live at home where friends and family take care of them.
- There are between 1 and 1.4 million “long distance caregivers” in the U.S. About 1 million of these caregivers live more than two hours away from their loved ones. Many of these long distance caregivers also incur higher out-of-pocket care giving related expenses than other caregivers.

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One in six women and one in 10 men who live to at least age 55 will develop Alzheimer’s disease in their remaining lifetime.

About one-third of family caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias have symptoms of depression.

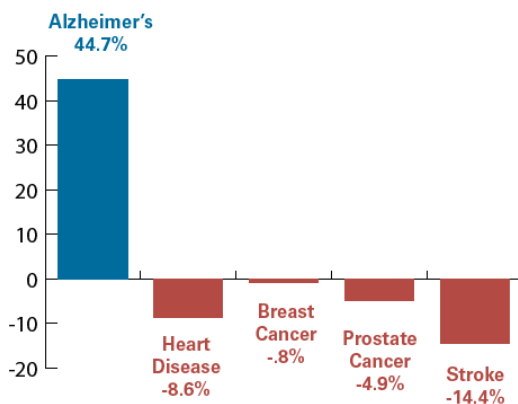
- Family and other unpaid caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias are more likely than non-caregivers to report that their health is fair or poor.
- More than 40 percent of family and other unpaid caregivers with Alzheimer’s and other dementias rate the emotional stress of caregiving as high or very high.

Most people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias have one or more other serious medical conditions.

- Medicare costs for people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias are much higher than for other older people, and these costs are strongly related to coexisting medical conditions.

Alzheimer’s is the seventh leading cause of death in America.

- Alzheimer’s is the 5th leading cause of death in people over 65 years old.
- From 2000 to 2005, the total number of deaths attributed to Alzheimer’s disease has increased by 45 percent, while deaths from other chronic diseases in that same timeframe have decreased.



- Heart disease -8.6%
- Breast cancer -.8%
- Prostate cancer -4.9%
- Stroke -14.4%

- Diagnostic tests are available to detect Alzheimer’s disease early and new treatments are in development.
- There are several promising drugs currently in Phase III clinical trials that could be disease- modifying.

Percentage Change in Leading Causes of Death From 2000 to 2005

To view the full report, visit www.alzmdak.org.

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