

**CHRONIC DISEASE
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Physical Activity and Nutrition			
Indicator	Measure 	Alaska	United States 
Fruit and vegetable consumption among adults aged >=18 years - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	24.8% (22.5-27.1)	23.2%^a
Fruit and vegetable consumption among youth - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	-	20.1% (18.6-21.5)
Obesity among adults aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	26.2% (23.5-28.9)	25.1%^a
Overweight or obesity among adults aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	64.2% (61.2-67.2)	61.8%^a
Overweight among youth - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	-	13.1% (12.2-13.9)
Recommended physical activity among adults aged >=18 years - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	59.2% (56.4-62.0)	49.1%^a
Vigorous physical activity among youth - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	-	64.1% (62.6-65.6)
Television viewing among youth - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	-	37.2% (35.1-39.3)
Tobacco and Alcohol			
Indicator	Measure 	Alaska	United States 
Alcohol Use Among Youth - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	-	43.3% (40.6-46.0)
Binge drinking among youth - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	-	25.5% (23.3-27.7)
Binge drinking among adults aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	17.0% (14.7-19.3)	15.4%^a
Binge drinking among women of childbearing age - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	20.4% (15.4-25.4)	15.5%^a
Heavy drinking among adult females aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	3.8% (2.5-5.1)	4.4%^a
Heavy drinking among adult males aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	7.8% (5.4-10.2)	5.6%^a

Chronic liver disease, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	47	27,057
	Crude Rate (CI)	7.1 (5.1-9.2)	9.2 (9.1-9.3)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	8.1 (5.6-10.6)	9.0 (8.9-9.1)
Cigarette smoking among adults aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	24.0% (21.4-26.6)	20.1%^a
Cigarette smoking among youth - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	-	23.0%^b (20.7-25.3)
Smokeless tobacco use among youth - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	-	8.0%^b (6.6-9.4)
Sale of cigarette packs ¹ - 2003 view definition	Packs Sold per Capita	63.6	-

Cancer

Indicator	Measure ^①	Alaska	United States ^①
Invasive cancer (all sites combined), incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	2,187	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	332.5 (318.7-346.7)	465.9 (465.1-466.7)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	454.6 (434.2-475.8)	458.2 (457.4-459.0)
Cancer (all sites combined), mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	728	553,880
	Crude Rate (CI)	110.7 (102.8-119.0)	188.6 (188.1-189.1)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	183.9 (169.8-198.8)	185.7 (185.2-186.2)
Cancer of the bladder (in situ and invasive), incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	-	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	15.2 (12.4-18.5)	21.6 (21.4-21.7)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	22.3 (17.8-27.4)	21.3 (21.1-21.5)
Cancer of the bladder, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	17	13,030
	Crude Rate (CI)	2.6 (1.5-4.1)	4.4 (4.4-4.5)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	5.7 (3.3-9.0)	4.4 (4.3-4.4)
Invasive cancer of the female breast, incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	311	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	97.9 (87.3-109.4)	127.7 (127.1-128.3)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	113.1 (100.2-127.2)	117.7 (117.2-118.2)

Cancer of the female breast, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	45	40,954
	Crude Rate (CI)	14.2 (10.3-19.0)	27.5 (27.2-27.7)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	18.7 (13.3-25.4)	24.4 (24.1-24.6)
Invasive cancer of the cervix, incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	20	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	6.3 (3.8-9.7)	8.1 (8.0-8.3)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	6.9 (4.2-10.9)	7.9 (7.8-8.1)
Cancer of the cervix, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	~	3,850
	Crude Rate (CI)	~	2.6 (2.5-2.7)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	~	2.4 (2.3-2.5)
Cancer of the colon and rectum, incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	234	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	35.6 (31.2-40.4)	50.4 (50.1-50.6)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	51.8 (44.8-59.5)	49.5 (49.3-49.8)
Cancer of the colon and rectum, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	59	53,580
	Crude Rate (CI)	9.0 (6.8-11.6)	18.2 (18.1-18.4)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	16.4 (12.3-21.4)	17.9 (17.8-18.1)
Cancer of the lung and bronchus, incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	300	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	45.6 (40.6-51.1)	68.1 (67.8-68.4)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	70.7 (62.4-79.8)	67.4 (67.1-67.7)
Cancer of the lung and bronchus, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	229	158,006
	Crude Rate (CI)	34.8 (30.5-39.6)	53.8 (53.5-54.1)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	57.9 (50.2-66.3)	53.3 (53.0-53.6)
Invasive melanoma, incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	51	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	7.8 (5.8-10.2)	17.4 (17.2-17.5)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	9.6 (6.9-12.8)	17.1 (17.0-17.3)

Melanoma, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	~	7,952
	Crude Rate (CI)	~	2.7 (2.6-2.8)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	~	2.7 (2.6-2.7)
Invasive cancer of the oral cavity or pharynx, incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	52	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	7.9 (5.9-10.4)	10.7 (10.6-10.8)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	10.2 (7.4-13.7)	10.4 (10.3-10.5)
Cancer of the oral cavity and pharynx, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	~	7,826
	Crude Rate (CI)	~	2.7 (2.6-2.7)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	~	2.6 (2.5-2.7)
Invasive cancer of the prostate, incidence - 2004 view definition	Number	321	-
	Crude Rate (CI)	94.4 (84.3-105.3)	133.3 (132.7-133.9)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	140.4 (123.7-158.6)	145.3 (144.6-145.9)
Cancer of the prostate, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	32	29,002
	Crude Rate (CI)	9.4 (6.4-13.3)	20.1 (19.8-20.3)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	26.2 (17.2-37.4)	25.4 (25.2-25.7)
Clinical breast examination among women >= 40 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	82.6% (78.8-85.8)	78.6%^a
Mammography use among women aged >= 40 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	73.4% (69.0-77.4)	76.5%^a
Papanicolaou smear use among adult women aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	87.0% (83.0-90.1)	84.0%^a
Fecal occult blood test among adults aged >= 50 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	10.5% (8.0-13.7)	15.6%^a
Fecal occult blood test or sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy among adults aged >= 50 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	47.4% (42.6-52.2)	55.0%^a
Sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy among adults >= 50 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	42.9% (38.3-47.7)	48.4%^a
Cardiovascular Disease			
Indicator	Measure	Alaska	United States

Cerebrovascular disease (Stroke), mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	172	150,246
	Crude Rate (CI)	26.1 (22.2-30.1)	51.2 (50.9-51.4)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	51.4 (43.3-59.5)	50.0 (49.7-50.2)
Congestive heart failure, mortality - 2001 view definition	Number	28	52,827
	Crude Rate (CI)	4.4 (2.8-6.1)	18.5 (18.4-18.7)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	12.7 (7.9-17.5)	18.6 (18.4-18.8)
Coronary heart disease, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	414	480,832
	Crude Rate (CI)	62.9 (56.9-69.0)	163.7 (163.3-164.2)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	104.3 (93.4-115.2)	159.8 (159.3-160.2)
Diseases of the heart, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	589	653,567
	Crude Rate (CI)	89.5 (82.3-96.8)	222.6 (222.0-223.1)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	156.4 (142.7-170.1)	217.1 (216.6-217.6)
Major cardiovascular diseases, mortality - 2004 view definition	Number	814	862,504
	Crude Rate (CI)	123.8 (115.3-132.3)	293.7 (293.1-294.3)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	223.3 (206.7-239.8)	286.6 (286.0-287.2)
Hospitalization for cerebrovascular accident or stroke among Medicare-eligible persons aged >= 65 years - 2001 view definition	Number	413	438,797
	Crude Rate (CI)	11.7 (10.6-12.8)	15.8 (15.7-15.8)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	12.9 (11.6-14.2)	15.7 (15.6-15.7)
Hospitalization for congestive heart failure among Medicare-eligible persons aged >= 65 years - 2001 view definition	Number	499	610,960
	Crude Rate (CI)	14.1 (12.9-15.3)	22.0 (21.9-22.0)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	15.9 (14.5-17.3)	21.8 (21.7-21.8)
High blood pressure awareness among adults aged >= 18 years - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	21.5% (19.4-23.6)	25.5%^a
Taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults aged >= 18 years - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	65.6% (60.8-70.4)	78.8%^a

Cholesterol screening among adults aged >= 18 years - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	67.7% (65.0-70.4)	73.0% ^a
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Diabetes

Indicator	Measure 	Alaska	United States 
Diabetes prevalence among adults aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	5.9% (4.6-7.2)	7.5% ^a
Mortality with diabetes - 2001 view definition	Number	191	218,017
	Crude Rate (CI)	30.1 (25.9-34.4)	76.4 (76.1-76.7)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	58.6 (49.7-67.5)	77.1 (76.8-77.4)
Dilated eye examination among adults aged >= 18 years with diabetes - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	61.9% (53.5-70.3)	69.4% (68.0-70.8)
	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	60.1% (52.3-67.9)	60.6% (58.2-63.0)
Foot examination among adults aged >= 18 years with diabetes - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	70.2% (64.3-76.1)	68.7% (67.3-70.1)
	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	69.2% (62.9-75.5)	66.0% (63.5-68.5)
Influenza vaccination among adults aged >= 18 years with diabetes - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	62.4% (56.9-67.9)	49.8% (48.6-51.0)
	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	60.3% (54.6-66.0)	39.4% (37.8-41.0)
Pneumococcal vaccination among adults aged >= 18 years with diabetes - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	50.9% (42.7-59.1)	49.0% (47.8-50.2)
	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	47.5% (41.8-53.2)	37.4% (35.8-39.0)
Self blood glucose monitoring among adults aged >= 18 years with diabetes - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	58.0% (52.1-63.9)	63.0% (61.6-64.4)
	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	56.9% (51.0-62.8)	61.5% (59.1-63.9)

Overarching Conditions

Indicator	Measure 	Alaska	United States 
Current lack of health insurance among adults aged 18-64 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	19.0% (16.3-21.7)	17.0% ^a
High school completion among adults 18-24 years - 2006 view definition	Number	59,779	24,363,803
	Crude Rate (CI)	80.0	82.9

Poverty - 2005 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	11.2% (10.2-12.2)	13.3% (13.2-13.4)
	Number	860	443,478
Premature mortality among adults aged 45-64 years - 2004 view definition	Crude Rate (CI)	508.6 (474.6-542.5)	627.3 (625.5-629.2)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	519.3 (484.6-554.1)	618.4 (616.6-620.2)
Fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	12.6% (10.6-14.5)	16.2% (15.9-16.6)
	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	13.8% (11.7-15.8)	16.0% (15.7-16.4)
Recent physically unhealthy days among adults aged >=18 years - 2006 view definition	Mean Days (CI)	3.4 (2.9-3.9)	3.5 (3.4-3.7)
	Age-adjusted Mean Days (CI)	3.5 (3.0-4.0)	3.5 (3.4-3.6)
Recent mentally unhealthy days among adults aged >=18 years - 2006 view definition	Mean Days (CI)	3.2 (2.7-3.8)	3.4 (3.3-3.5)
	Age-adjusted Mean Days (CI)	3.2 (2.6-3.7)	3.4 (3.3-3.5)
Recent activity limitation among adults aged >=18 years - 2006 view definition	Mean Days (CI)	2.0 (1.6-2.4)	2.2 (2.1-2.3)
	Age-adjusted Mean Days (CI)	2.0 (1.6-2.4)	2.2 (2.1-2.3)

Other Diseases and Risk Factors

Indicator	Measure 	Alaska	United States 
	Number	~	3,822
Asthma, mortality - 2004 view definition	Crude Rate (CI)	~	1.3 (1.3-1.3)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	~	1.3 (1.2-1.3)
	Number	276	249,983
Mortality with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged 45 years and older - 2001 view definition	Crude Rate (CI)	43.6 (38.4-48.7)	87.6 (87.3-88.0)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	92.8 (81.2-104.3)	88.5 (88.2-88.9)
Influenza vaccination among adults aged >= 50 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	45.3% (40.7-49.9)	51.2%^a
Pneumococcal vaccination among adults aged >= 65 years - 2006 view definition	Prevalence (CI)	59.9% (51.7-68.1)	66.9%^a
	Number	23	42,735

Mortality from end-stage renal disease - 2004 view definition	Crude Rate (CI)	3.5 (2.1-4.9)	14.6 (14.4-14.7)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	6.9 (3.9-9.9)	14.3 (14.1-14.4)
Mortality with end-stage renal disease - 2001 view definition	Number	206	214,914
	Crude Rate (CI)	32.5 (28.1-37.0)	75.3 (75.0-75.6)
Incidence of treated end-stage renal disease ² - 2004 view definition	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	64.1 (54.5-73.6)	75.9 (75.6-76.2)
	Number	118	104,364
Incidence of treated end-stage renal disease attributed to diabetes ² - 2004 view definition	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	246.7	342.4
	Number	57	45,871
All teeth lost among adults aged >= 65 years - 2006 view definition	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	116.0	150.4
	Prevalence (CI)	23.6% (16.9-30.3)	19.6% (19.1-20.1)
Teeth cleaning among adults aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	23.7% (17.0-30.4)	19.6% (19.1-20.1)
	Prevalence (CI)	62.7% (59.7-65.7)	68.2% (67.8-68.6)
Visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged >= 18 years - 2006 view definition	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	62.4% (59.4-65.4)	68.3% (67.9-68.7)
	Prevalence (CI)	66.0% (63.3-68.7)	68.0% (67.6-68.4)
Hospitalization for hip fracture among Medicare-eligible persons aged >= 65 years - 2001 view definition	Age-adjusted Prevalence (CI)	65.1% (62.3-67.9)	67.9% (67.5-68.3)
	Number	215	248,684
	Crude Rate (CI)	607.9 (526.6-689.1)	893.7 (890.2-897.2)
	Age-adjusted Rate (CI)	720.4 (623.1-817.7)	882.4 (878.9-885.9)

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Footnotes

1	Confidence interval not available
2	Confidence interval not available. Crude rates are not available. Rates are adjusted for age, gender and race.

a	Median %
b	Data from Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System
-	No data available -- further details may be available from the data source: click on 'view definition' and refer to the link in Data Resources.
~	Data not shown because of too few respondents or cases -- further details may be available from the data source: click on 'view definition' and refer to the link in Data Resources.
^	Rates are suppressed at state's request.

Measure Definitions

Number	The measured or estimated number of people who had or developed an attribute or disease during a specific year.
Prevalence	The measured or estimated percentage of people -- weighted to population characteristics -- who actually had that attribute or disease during a specific year.
Age-adjusted Prevalence	Prevalence (see above), standardized to the age of distribution of a specific population, usually the standard U.S. 2000 population.
Crude Rate	The measured number of deaths or cases of disease per 100,000 persons during a specific year.
Age-adjusted Rate	Crude rate (see above) standardized to the age of distribution of a specific population, usually the standard U.S. 2000 population.
Packs Sold per Capita	Packs sold per capita per year
Mean Days	Weighted to population characteristics
CI	95% Confidence Interval

United States (U.S. values include fifty States and DC*, except as indicated below)

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004 - (all indicators except diabetes preventive practices)	US values exclude HI
Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) - (diabetes preventive practices)	US values exclude DC, HI, IL, KS, MA, MI, MS, NE, ND, OR, RI
Cancer incidence: National Program of Cancer Registries	US values exclude AZ, TN, WY
End-stage Renal Disease: United States Renal Data System (USRDS)	US values include AS, GU, PR, VI
Poverty and Educational Attainment: Current Population Survey (American Community Survey)	US values include PR

*see http://www.usps.com/ncsc/lookups/abbr_state.txt for list of two-letter abbreviations

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