

Heart Disease and Stroke in Missouri



The heart of the matter . . .



In 2005 alone, hospitalization expenditures relating to Heart Disease and Stroke cost Missouri over \$3.4 billion.



Nationwide, costs related to Heart Disease and Stroke death and disability were estimated to reach \$403 billion in 2006. This amount reflects health expenditures (e.g., cost of physicians, nursing home services, medications, etc.) and lost productivity (indirect costs).



The cost to human life is also staggering. Between 1998 and 2005, heart disease and stroke claimed the lives of 172,637 Missourians. This is *more than* the entire population of Boone County.



The cost of Heart Disease and Stroke impacts not only those who are disabled or die from the disease, but all Missourians. Heart Disease and Stroke costs everyone in terms of soaring health care costs and the high price of health and life insurance. We pay taxes to care for those affected individuals who are covered by Medicare and Medicaid. The more people lost to Heart Disease and Stroke, the more Missouri suffers in terms of lost productivity, lost income, and therefore, lost taxes.



Death is often described as untimely when it claims the lives of men, women, and children who die before their time on highways, or from overdoses, terrorist acts, or in war. Death and disability from heart disease or stroke is often untimely...and often preventable.



Data Sources:

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
2. Center for Health Information, Management and Evaluation:
Missouri Information for Community Assessment

