

The Burden of Diabetes in GEORGIA



Diabetes is a COMMON disease in Georgia.

- Approximately **422,000 adults** in Georgia, 6.9% of the adult population, had diagnosed diabetes in 2001.
- For every two persons diagnosed with diabetes, another has not yet been diagnosed. **Approximately 211,000 additional Georgians have undiagnosed diabetes.** Thousands more are at increased risk of undiagnosed diabetes due to the risk factors of age, obesity, and sedentary lifestyle.
- The **prevalence of Type 2 diabetes is increasing throughout Georgia**, including children and adolescents.

Diabetes is a SERIOUS disease in Georgia.

- In 2000, diabetes was the **sixth leading cause of death**, killing about 1,500 Georgians.
- For **every death where diabetes is the primary cause**, there are at least another two deaths for which diabetes is a contributing cause.
- Approximately **30% of diabetes deaths** are in persons under the age of 65.
- Overall, the **risk for death** among people with diabetes is about **two times** that of people without diabetes. However, the increased risk associated with diabetes is greater for younger people (aged 25-44) and women.
- Diabetes can contribute to **blindness, kidney failure, amputations, heart disease, impotence, periodontal disease, and premature death and disability**. Many complications can be prevented with early, ongoing intervention.

Diabetes is a COSTLY disease in Georgia.

- There were more than **13,350 hospitalizations** where diabetes was the primary diagnosis in 2000, with hospital charges totaling approximately \$138 million.
- In Georgia, the cost of diabetes due to medical care, lost productivity, and premature death is over **\$4 billion** per year.
- The cost of **diabetes medical care is approximately \$10,000 per year** for a person with diabetes, compared with \$2,700 for a person without diabetes (1997).

Source: Chronic Disease, Injury, and Environmental Epidemiology Section, August 2002

Estimated number of adults/prevalence with diagnosed diabetes

sex

Male	191,100 (6.5%)
Female	230,900 (7.2%)

age group

18-24	4,500 (0.5%)
25-34	24,600 (2.0%)
35-44	37,900 (2.9%)
45-54	94,000 (8.2%)
55-64	116,500 (16.0%)
65+	143,600 (16.2%)

race/ethnicity

White, non-Hispanic	247,800 (6.3%)
Black, non-Hispanic	144,500 (8.7%)
Other, non-Hispanic	11,400 (4.3%)
Multi-race, non-Hispanic	3,200 (5.5%)
Hispanic	9,400 (6.9%)

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Diabetes is a common, serious, and costly disease.