

Information for Action # 2011- 2

Coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death among women in New York State.

Quick facts:

- In New York State (NYS), coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death among women.¹ Coronary heart disease was responsible for more deaths in 2008 among NYS women than all cancers combined (21,401 versus 17,611)¹ (Figure 1).
- In NYS, more women die from coronary heart disease than men (21,401 women versus 18,966 men in 2008) (Figure 2). The crude mortality rate for coronary heart disease per 100,000 population is higher among women than among men (213 for women versus 200 for men).¹

Public health importance:

- In 2008, \$1.66 billion dollars were spent in NYS on inpatient hospitalizations for women with coronary heart disease.²
- The 2008 age-adjusted mortality rate of coronary heart disease among NYS women of 149 per 100,000 exceeds the Healthy People 2020 target of 100.1 per 100,000 in the population.^{1,3}

Figure 1. Number of deaths among NYS women, by leading cause of death, 2008

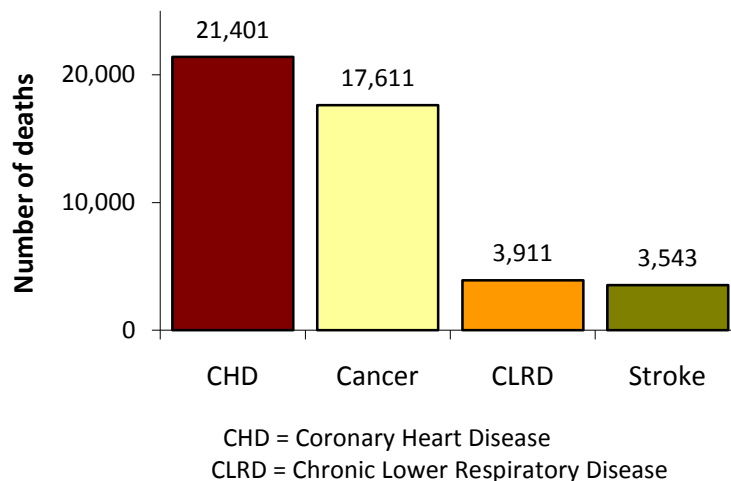
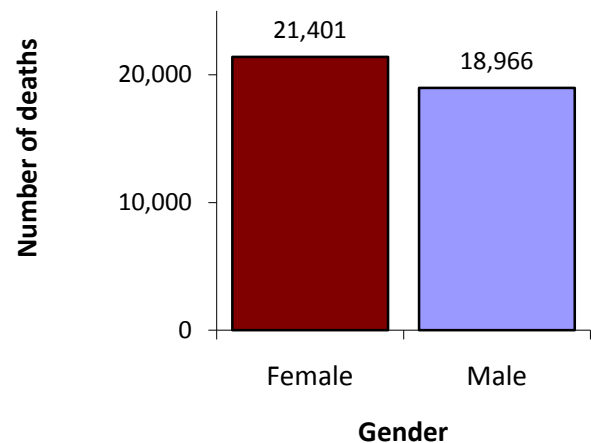


Figure 2. Number of coronary heart disease deaths in NYS, 2008



Data Source: NYS Vital Statistics, 2008

PUBLIC HEALTH OPPORTUNITY

Educating women of all ages of the health risk posed by coronary heart disease remains an important part of public health efforts to reduce and prevent coronary heart disease and improve women's health.

Contact:

For more information about the data included and their specific implications for action, please send an email to DCDIPIFA@health.state.ny.us with the IFA # 2 in the subject line.

References:

- ¹ NYS Vital Statistics, 2008
- ² Statewide Planning & Research Cooperative System (SPARCS - inpatient hospital discharge data), 2008
- ³ Healthy People 2020, US Department of Health and Human Services