

HEART DISEASE *in* CANADA

Also known as *ischemic heart disease* or *coronary heart disease*, *heart disease* refers to the buildup of plaque in the heart's arteries that could lead to a heart attack, heart failure, or death.

Heart disease is the **2nd** leading cause of death *in Canada*. Know the facts, and reduce your risk through a healthy lifestyle, and early detection and management of medical conditions.

According to 2017–2018 data¹ from the *Canadian Chronic Disease Surveillance System (CCDSS)*:



ABOUT
1 in 12

(or **2.6 million**) Canadian adults age 20+ live with diagnosed **heart disease**

EVERY
HOUR

14 Canadian adults age 20+ with diagnosed **heart disease** die



DEATH
RATE is

2.9x higher among adults age 20+ with diagnosed **heart disease** vs those without

4.6x higher among adults age 20+ who had a **heart attack** vs those without

6.3x higher among adults age 40+ with diagnosed **heart failure** vs those without

HEART DISEASE AFFECTS *MEN* AND *WOMEN* DIFFERENTLY



MEN are **2x more likely** to suffer a **heart attack** than **WOMEN**

MEN are newly diagnosed with **heart disease** about **10 years younger** than **WOMEN**

55 to 64 years
65 to 74 years

The **GOOD NEWS** is that from 2000–2001 to 2017–2018:



The number of Canadian adults newly diagnosed with **heart disease** **declined** from **217,600** to **162,730**.

The death rate, or the number of deaths per **1,000 individuals** with a known **heart disease**, has **decreased** by **21%**.

Reduce your risk of **heart disease** by:

- ✓ being **smoke free**
- ✓ staying **physically active**
- ✓ eating a **healthy diet**
- ✓ maintaining a **healthy weight**
- ✓ **limiting alcohol** use

DID YOU KNOW?

The **early detection** and **management** of medical conditions such as **high blood pressure**, **diabetes** and **high cholesterol** can help you reduce your risk of **heart disease**.



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