Alabama has the 2nd highest death rate from cardiovascular disease in the country.**

- Heart disease is the no. 1 killer in Alabama*
- 13,110 people in Alabama died of heart disease in 2017*

**Based on total number of deaths in 2017. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. WISQARS Leading Cause of Death Reports, 2017.
***Also known as COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder): COPD and allied conditions (including asthma); the term in the ICD/10 is “chronic lower respiratory diseases.”
**** Students who were ≥95th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 2015.
++++ Kaiser Family Foundation US and State Medicaid Fact Sheets, 2016