Georgia State Fact Sheet

**Leading Causes of Death in Georgia in 2015**

- **Heart Disease** 22.2%
- **Cancer** 21.2%
- **Chronic Low. Res. Disease** 5.8%
- **Stroke** 5.4%
- **Accident** 5.4%
- **Influenza** 1.8%
- **Septicemia** 1.9%
- **Nephritis** 2.4%
- **Diabetes** 2.8%
- **Alzheimer’s** 4.6%
- **All Others >26%

**Georgia has the 16th highest death rate from cardiovascular disease in the country.**

- Heart disease is the no. 1 killer in Georgia*
- 17,769 people in Georgia died of heart disease in 2015*
- Stroke is the no. 5 killer in Georgia*
- 4,335 in Georgia died of stroke in 2015*

**Heart Disease and Stroke Risk Factors in Georgia***

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<th>Factor</th>
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<td>Adults who are current smokers</td>
<td>17.7%</td>
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<td>Adults who participate in 150+ min of aerobic physical activity per week</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<td>Adults who are overweight or obese+</td>
<td>65.5%</td>
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<td>Adults who have been told that they have had a heart attack</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
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<td>Population of adults (18-64) who have some kind of health care coverage</td>
<td>82.6%</td>
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<td>High school Students who are obese++</td>
<td>12.7%</td>
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<td>Percentage of population covered by Medicaid/Chip+++</td>
<td>19%</td>
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* List includes Puerto Rico and D.C. Based on total number of deaths in 2015. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. WISQARS Leading Cause of Death Reports, 2015.
* 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.”
+ Overweight is defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 25.0-29.9. Obese is defined as having a body mass index of 30.0 or more.
++ Students who were ≥ 95th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 2013.