Louisiana State Fact Sheet

Leading Causes of death in Louisiana in 2010*

- Heart Disease 25%
- Cancer 23%
- Unintentional Injury 5%
- Stroke 5%
- All Others 24%
- Septicemia 2%
- Diabetes Mellitus 3%
- Alzheimer’s Disease 3%
- Influenza & Pneumonia 2%
- Nephritis 3%
- Chron. Low. Respiratory Disease* 5%

Louisiana has the 5th highest death rate from cardiovascular disease in the country.**

* Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in Louisiana*
* Stroke is the No. 4 killer in Louisiana*
* 10,282 people in Louisiana died of heart disease in 2010*  
* 1,977 people in Louisiana died of stroke in 2010*

Heart Disease and Stroke Risk Factors in Louisiana

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<td>Adults who are current smokers</td>
<td>25.7%</td>
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<td>Adults who participate in 150+ min of aerobic physical activity per week</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>51.6%</td>
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<td>Adults who are overweight or obese+</td>
<td>67.5%</td>
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<td>Adults who have been told that they have had a heart attack</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
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<td>Adults who have been told that they have had a stroke</td>
<td>3.8%</td>
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<td>4.9%</td>
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<td>Population of adults (18-64) who have some kind of health care coverage</td>
<td>73.2%</td>
<td>78.9%</td>
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<td>High school Students who are obese++</td>
<td>16.1%</td>
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* Based on total number of deaths in 2010. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. WISQARS Leading Cause of Death Reports, 2010.

** 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, 2011.