

## Chapter 4

# Prevalence and Incidence of Non-Insulin-Dependent Diabetes

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### SUMMARY

**D**iabetes is a prevalent disease in the U.S. population. In 1993, ~7.8 million people had been diagnosed as having diabetes. This represents a prevalence rate of 3.1% of the U.S. population. However, rates range from ~1.3% of those age 18-44 years to ~10.4% of those age ≥65 years. Both the prevalence rate for diabetes and the number of people with diabetes have increased steadily since a national system for ascertaining diagnosed diabetes was established in 1958. Diabetes is more prevalent in U.S. blacks, Mexican Americans, and Native Americans, compared with non-Hispanic whites.

In 1990-92, there was an average of ~625,000 new cases of diabetes diagnosed annually in the United States. This represents an incidence rate of 2.42 per

1,000 people per year. This incidence rate has been approximately constant during the past 20 years.

For all ages, ~90% of people with diabetes have non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM), but at age >45 years virtually all people with diabetes have NIDDM. In addition to known cases of NIDDM, there is about one undiagnosed case of NIDDM for every diagnosed case, based on oral glucose tolerance testing in U.S. population samples. About 11% of U.S. adults had impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) in national surveys in 1976-80 and 1982-84. Rates of total glucose intolerance (diabetes plus IGT) range from ~7%-14% at age 20-44 years to ~28%-44% at age 45-74 years, depending on the racial/ethnic group studied.

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### INTRODUCTION

NIDDM is a chronic disease that affects the lives of millions of Americans. Monitoring of national trends in the prevalence and incidence of NIDDM is needed so that the burden of diabetes can be assessed, the impact of risk factors can be described, interventions can be developed and their impacts determined, and needs for future health services can be projected. This chapter summarizes estimates of the prevalence and incidence of diagnosed NIDDM in the United States. Data from national surveys and community-based surveys are presented. The prevalence of undiagnosed diabetes and IGT is also included.

### METHODS FOR DETERMINING NATIONAL PREVALENCE AND INCIDENCE RATES

#### NATIONAL HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY

Estimates of the prevalence and incidence of self-reported diabetes in the United States can be determined from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). The first NHIS was conducted in 1935-36 and >2.5 million people were interviewed. The survey was not initiated again until 1957 but has been conducted continuously since then. Each year the civilian, non-institutionalized population residing in the United States is sampled using a multistage probability design. From each of the 36,000 to 49,000 randomly selected households, all occupants are interviewed by

personnel of the U.S. Census Bureau. This yields an annual probability sample of ~127,000 individuals. If an individual in the household is unavailable at the time of the interview, proxy responses are obtained from related adults. Details of the sampling methods have been described<sup>1</sup>.

Each year since 1982, a one-sixth subsample of survey participants is asked questions about diabetes. Specifically, the following questions are asked: 1) During the past 12 months did anyone in the family have diabetes?, 2) Who was this?, and 3) During the past 12 months did anyone else have diabetes? If a person is reported as having diabetes, he or she is asked when the condition was first noticed. Prior to 1982, the size of the subsample varied and, for some years, no questions about diabetes were asked.

## **SECOND NATIONAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION EXAMINATION SURVEY**

Additional estimates of the prevalence of previously diagnosed diabetes, undiagnosed diabetes, and IGT were obtained in the 1976-80 Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES II)<sup>2,3</sup>. This survey was designed to investigate several medical conditions. Like the NHIS, NHANES II collected self-reported data but, unlike the NHIS, for targeted conditions NHANES II involved a medical examination, detailed clinical assessments, and measurements of blood and urine. In NHANES II, all participants were asked whether they had ever been diagnosed by a physician as having diabetes. Oral glucose tolerance tests (OGTTs) were performed on 66% of a random half sample of the examined adult participants in NHANES II, excluding persons with a medical history of diabetes.

## **HISPANIC HEALTH AND NUTRITION EXAMINATION SURVEY**

As a complement to NHANES II, the Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (HHANES) was conducted in 1982-84-6. This survey consisted of probability samples of three Hispanic populations: Mexican Americans in the southwestern United States, Cuban Americans in the Miami, FL area, and Puerto Ricans in the New York City area. Ascertainment of undiagnosed diabetes was obtained by OGTTs as in NHANES II. Previously diagnosed diabetes was based on self-report of a physician diagnosis of diabetes.

## **ANALYSIS OF SURVEY DATA**

In published reports based on the national surveys cited in this chapter, prevalence of known diabetes was based on the number of persons in the survey who reported having physician-diagnosed diabetes. In these reports, the survey data were weighted based on U.S. Census data to reflect the number of U.S. residents that each survey participant represented by age, race, sex, geographic location, and income. Thus, the weighted data provided estimates that were representative of the U.S. population. Using these weights and the survey sample, the number of people reporting diabetes in the survey was extrapolated to reflect a national estimate of diabetes prevalence.

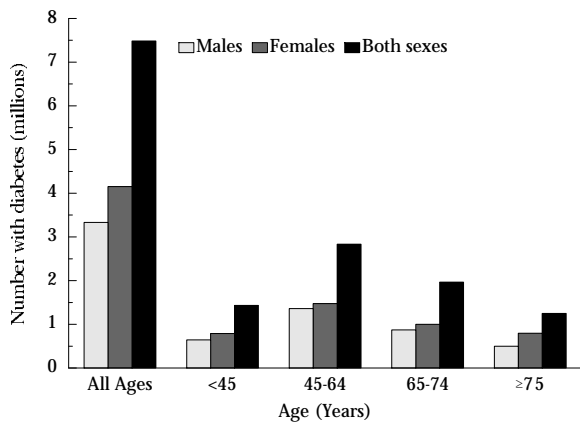
Since the number of people in the NHIS who indicate they have diabetes is small, yearly estimates of prevalence and incidence in this survey tend to have large relative standard errors. This is especially true for estimates from the 1980-92 NHIS, when the sample size of the survey was reduced. Consequently, new analyses were performed for this chapter wherein 3-year average estimates were calculated to produce more stable estimates for 1980-92. Annual incidence of diabetes in the United States was calculated based on the weighted number of people who reported that they were diagnosed with this condition within the past year, divided by the weighted estimate of the survey sample size.

## **INTERPRETATION OF SURVEY DATA**

When interpreting data from any survey sample, the potential for inaccurate or biased data must be considered. Of most importance is the fact that the NHIS and the interview components of NHANES II and HHANES ascertain only cases of diagnosed NIDDM. About half of all people with NIDDM are undiagnosed in the United States<sup>2,4,5</sup>, and these people are therefore not included in the NHIS or in the HANES self-report data. However, a number of studies indicate excellent agreement between self-report and medical records concerning a person's diabetes status<sup>7-11</sup>. Further, a study of the Rochester, MN population found that almost all persons with diagnosed diabetes met National Diabetes Data Group (NDDG) criteria for diabetes<sup>12</sup>.

Definitions and diagnostic criteria for NIDDM are presented in Chapter 2. Unfortunately, the questions asked of individuals in the national surveys do not generally allow for distinction between insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM) and NIDDM. It is estimated, however, that only ~7% of all cases of dia-

**Figure 4.1**  
**Number of People with Diagnosed Diabetes**  
**(in Millions), by Age and Sex, U.S., 1991-93**



Data are the average for the 3 years 1991-93.

Source: References 15-17, National Health Interview Surveys

betes and an even smaller proportion of those age >45 years are due to IDDM<sup>12-14</sup>. Thus, many researchers equate diabetes in adults in population surveys with NIDDM. For these reasons, the results of the national surveys are interpreted as reflecting trends in the prevalence and incidence of NIDDM for persons age ≥25 years.

## COMMUNITY SURVEYS

Numerous studies in the United States have estimated the prevalence and incidence of NIDDM in local populations, and summaries of the results of these studies are presented in this chapter (see Chapters 31-34 for detailed data by racial/ethnic group). Comparisons among studies are difficult because they often differ in the study protocol and diagnostic criteria used to define NIDDM. In addition, there are large

differences among populations in the presence of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors that contribute to development of NIDDM. With these issues in mind, the results of community surveys are presented in this chapter to provide a perspective on the range of NIDDM prevalence and incidence in a variety of U.S. populations.

## PREVALENCE OF DIAGNOSED DIABETES

Based on the NHIS, an estimated 7.2 million persons in the United States in 1991, 7.4 million in 1992, and 7.8 million in 1993 were known to have diabetes<sup>15-17</sup>. The total number of people with diagnosed diabetes is shown by age and sex in Figure 4.1 and Table 4.1. About 19% of cases are age <45 years, 38% age 45-64 years, 26% age 65-74 years, and 17% age ≥75 years. About 45% of people with diagnosed diabetes are males, and 55% are females. Estimated rates of diabetes in 1991-93 based on the NHIS are shown in Figure 4.2 and Table 4.2. On average, 2.97% of the U.S. population were known to have diagnosed diabetes in 1991-93. Rates increased from 1.3% at age 18-44 years to >10% at age ≥65 years. In each age group, rates of diagnosed diabetes were equal to or slightly higher for women than for men.

## TIME TRENDS IN THE PREVALENCE OF DIABETES

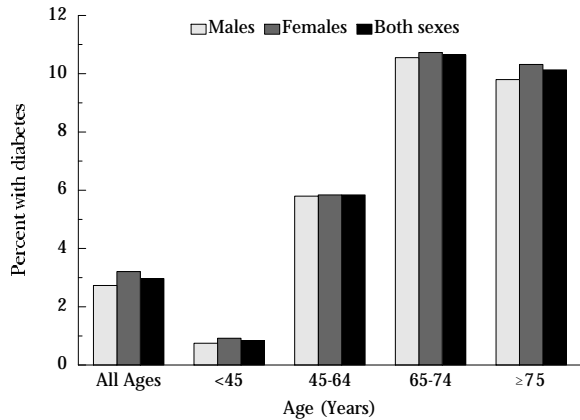
Figure 4.3 shows trends in the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes based on NHIS data since 1958<sup>15-27</sup>. There has been a steady increase in both the number of people with diabetes and the prevalence rate during the past 35 years. The 1991-93 average rate of 2.97% is more than three times the rate in 1960 (0.91%) and eight times the rate in 1935 (0.37%). The steep increase in prevalence over time is partly due to aging of the U.S. population and the higher rates of diabetes in

**Table 4.1**  
**Number of People with Diagnosed Diabetes (in Thousands), by Age and Sex, U.S., 1991-93**

Age (years)	1991			1992			1993			Average 1991-93		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<45	646	860	1,506	524	777	1,301	761	733	1,494	644	790	1,434
<18			72			87			104			88
18-44			1,433			1,214			1,389			1,345
45-64	1,310	1,398	2,708	1,223	1,492	2,716	1,553	1,528	3,081	1,362	1,473	2,835
65-74	796	1,103	1,899	990	1,113	2,103	833	1,064	1,897	873	1,093	1,966
≥75	425	685	1,110	447	849	1,297	487	854	1,341	453	796	1,249
All ages	3,177	4,046	7,223	3,185	4,232	7,417	3,634	4,179	7,813	3,332	4,152	7,484

Source: References 15-17, National Health Interview Surveys

**Figure 4.2**  
**Percent of the Population with Diagnosed Diabetes, by Age and Sex, U.S., 1991-93**



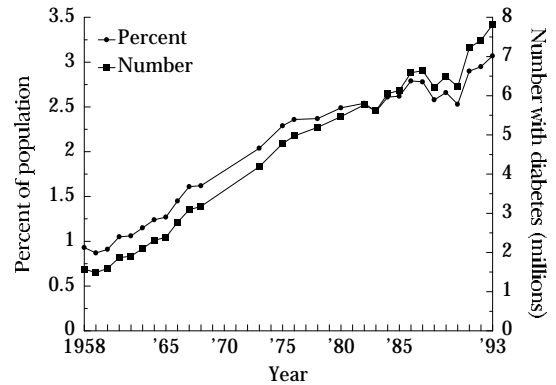
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Source: References 15-17, National Health Interview Surveys

older adults. During the past 50 years, the proportion of the population age  $\geq 65$  years has risen from 8% to 12%. During the 1980s and also in 1991-93, the prevalence of diabetes in persons age  $\geq 65$  years was  $\sim 3.5$  times the rate for people of all ages. Figure 4.4 shows time trends by age group in the prevalence rate of known diabetes based on NHIS data. Detailed NHIS data on prevalence of diagnosed diabetes by age, sex, and race for the individual years 1958-93 are provided in Appendices 4.1-4.4, and 3-year average rates are shown in Appendix 4.5.

Another reason for the increase in prevalence over time may be a reduction in mortality of persons with diabetes since the early 1970s<sup>28</sup>. During 1968-79, there was a major decline in mortality attributed to diabetes as the underlying cause of death on U.S. death certificates<sup>29</sup>. Between 1980 and 1986, there was a 12% decrease in the age-standardized mortality rate

**Figure 4.3**  
**Time Trends in the Number and Percent of the Population with Diagnosed Diabetes, U.S., 1958-93**



Source: References 15-27, National Health Interview Surveys

for diabetes as the cause of death, with the largest decrease in individuals age  $\geq 75$  years<sup>30,31</sup>. In this age group, there was a 23% decline in the annual mortality rate for deaths attributed to diabetes on death certificates<sup>31</sup>. This decline may be associated with reduction of mortality from cardiovascular diseases, which are the cause of death in 60%-70% of deaths of people with diabetes<sup>30-32</sup>. However, as discussed in Chapter 11, only about 10%-15% of deaths of people with diabetes have diabetes recorded as the underlying cause of death on their death certificates, and it is difficult to assess diabetes mortality from death certificate data.

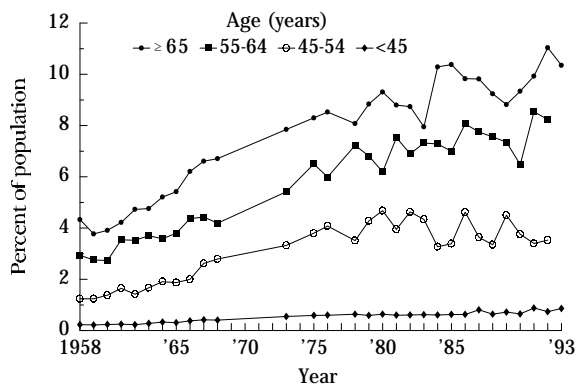
Changes in the criteria used to diagnose diabetes may also have contributed to the increase in prevalence over time. Prior to the mid-1950s, diabetes was often detected and diagnosed on the basis of glycosuria. This method, however, has poor sensitivity and specificity<sup>33</sup>, which prompted the American Diabetes Association<sup>34</sup> and the World Health Organization (WHO)<sup>35</sup>

**Table 4.2**  
**Percent of the Population with Diagnosed Diabetes, by Age and Sex, U.S., 1991-93**

Age (years)	1991			1992			1993			Average 1991-93		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<45	0.76	1.00	0.88	0.61	0.90	0.76	0.88	0.85	0.86	0.75	0.92	0.83
<18			0.11			0.13			0.15			0.13
18-44			1.36			1.15			1.31			1.27
45-64	5.79	5.70	5.74	5.25	5.92	5.60	6.48	5.91	6.19	5.84	5.84	5.84
65-74	9.73	10.90	10.38	11.96	10.92	11.39	9.96	10.37	10.19	10.55	10.73	10.65
$\geq 75$	9.51	9.11	9.26	9.68	11.02	10.53	10.21	10.83	10.60	9.80	10.32	10.13
All ages	2.63	3.16	2.90	2.61	3.27	2.95	2.94	3.20	3.07	2.73	3.21	2.97

Source: References 15-17, National Health Interview Surveys

**Figure 4.4**  
**Time Trends in the Percent of the Population with Diagnosed Diabetes, by Age, U.S., 1958-93**



Source: References 15-27, National Health Interview Surveys

to recommend the use of blood glucose criteria for diabetes diagnosis. The OGTT was soon recognized as being a more sensitive method<sup>36</sup> and became a standard procedure. In addition, in 1979-80, recommendations for diagnostic criteria for diabetes based on blood glucose were promulgated by the NDDG and a WHO expert committee<sup>37,38</sup>. Since the 1960s, availability and use of automated multichannel biochemical blood testing has increased. The net effect of improving the sensitivity of the biochemical measures used for detection of diabetes and the accelerated effort of screening may be an increase in the reported prevalence of diabetes since 1960. However, the increase may very well be real and not an artifact, as the prevalence of risk factors for diabetes, such as overweight and physical inactivity, has also increased over the past decades (see Chapters 7 and 9).

### SEX DIFFERENCES IN THE PREVALENCE OF DIAGNOSED DIABETES

Estimates of the prevalence of diabetes obtained from the NHIS indicate that women have slightly higher rates of diagnosed diabetes than men (Figure 4.2). Based on data from HHANES and NHANES II, the age-standardized rate of total diabetes (diagnosed and undiagnosed combined) in women relative to the rate in men is 1.3 for whites, 1.2 for blacks, 1.1 for Mexicans, and 1.0 for Puerto Ricans<sup>4</sup>. This differential in rates for women versus men was also found for diagnosed and undiagnosed NIDDM separately<sup>2</sup>. However, prevalence rates for men and women obtained from community surveys are not consistently higher for women (see below, Table 4.5). It is likely that differences among studies represent differing distributions

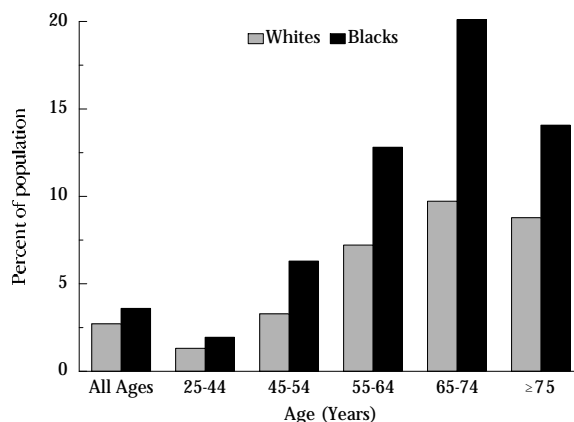
of risk factors among the populations, such as body mass index, physical activity, and genetic differences. A review of global estimates of the prevalence of diabetes indicated that the ratio of prevalence in women versus men varied among populations, with no discernable trend<sup>39</sup>.

### RACIAL DIFFERENCES IN THE PREVALENCE OF DIAGNOSED DIABETES

The prevalence of NIDDM varies substantially among different racial groups in the United States<sup>4,5,28,39</sup>. The NHIS does not permit calculation of reliable prevalence rates for diagnosed diabetes for all racial groups. Rates are available, however, for racial groups categorized as white and black in the NHIS. Age-specific rates for whites and blacks in 1990-92 are shown in Figure 4.5. These data clearly indicate that diabetes is more prevalent in blacks at all ages. Appendix 4.1 shows the number of blacks and whites with diagnosed diabetes in 1991-93.

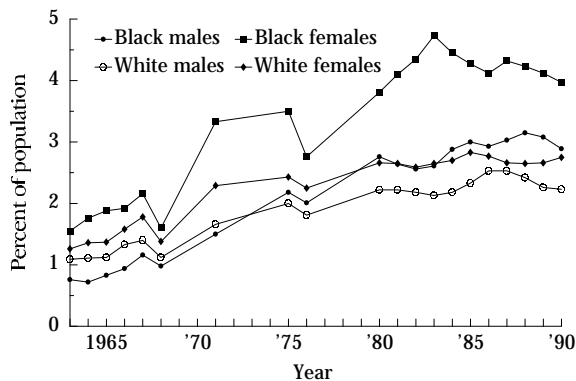
Figure 4.6 shows time trends in the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes for black and white men and women for 1963-90. The difference in prevalence rates for these two racial groups has been increasing since the late 1960s. Prevalence rates for black and white women are consistently higher than rates for black and white men. It is important to recognize that these apparent racial differences may reflect population differences in risk factors, such as obesity, physical activity, genetics, and other factors. Prevalence rates by age and race for the individual years 1983-93 are included in Appendix 4.4, and 3-year average rates

**Figure 4.5**  
**Percent of Whites and Blacks with Diagnosed Diabetes, by Age, U.S., 1990-92**



Source: Unpublished analyses of the 1990-92 National Health Interview Surveys

**Figure 4.6**  
**Time Trends in the Percent of Black and White Men and Women with Diagnosed Diabetes, U.S., 1963-90**

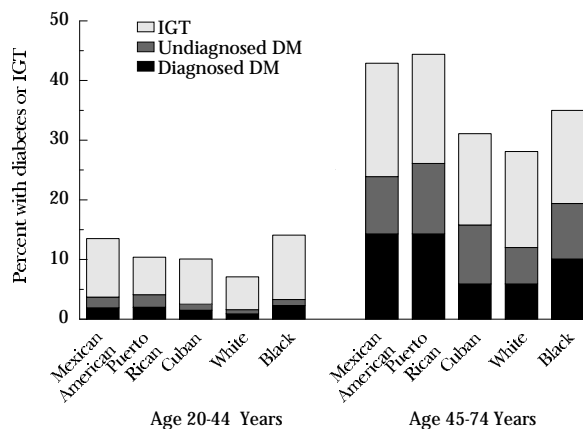


Source: References 15-27, National Health Interview Surveys

by age for blacks and whites are shown in Appendix 4.5. The epidemiology of diabetes in blacks is reviewed in further detail in Chapter 31.

Estimates of the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in Hispanics in the U.S. population are available from the HHANES<sup>5</sup>. These data indicate that rates of diagnosed diabetes are higher for persons of Mexican and Puerto Rican descent at age 45-74 years compared with non-Hispanic whites and blacks (Table 4.3). This is also seen for rates of total diabetes (sum of diagnosed and undiagnosed), as shown in Figure 4.7. Community studies complement the HHANES results and also

**Figure 4.7**  
**Percent of U.S. Populations with Diagnosed and Undiagnosed Diabetes and IGT, U.S., 1976-80 and 1982-84**



IGT, impaired glucose tolerance; DM, diabetes mellitus.

Source: References 2, 4, and 5; 1976-80 Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey and the 1982-84 Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

indicate an increased prevalence of NIDDM in Hispanic populations in the United States. Chapter 32 reviews diabetes in the U.S. Hispanic population.

No national survey data provide stable diabetes prevalence estimates for the Native American population. Evidence from community surveys (see Table 4.5) indicates that rates for this ethnic group are very high. The highest rates of NIDDM in the United States, as

**Table 4.3**  
**Prevalence of Diabetes and IGT in U.S. Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics, 1976-80 and 1982-84**

Race/ethnicity	Age (years)	Diagnosed diabetes (%)	Undiagnosed diabetes (%)	Total diabetes (%)	Impaired glucose tolerance (%)	Total glucose intolerance (%)
Non-Hispanic white	20-44	0.9	0.7	1.6	5.5	7.1
	45-74	5.9	6.1	12.0	16.1	28.1
Non-Hispanic black	20-44	2.3	1.0	3.3	10.8	14.1
	45-74	10.1	9.3	19.3	15.6	34.9
Mexican American	20-44	1.9	1.8	3.8	9.8	13.6
	45-74	14.3	9.6	23.9	19.0	42.9
Puerto Rican	20-44	2.0	2.1	4.1	6.3	10.4
	45-74	14.3	11.8	26.1	18.3	44.4
Cuban American	20-44	1.5	1.0	2.4	7.6	10.0
	45-74	5.9	9.9	15.8	15.3	31.1

IGT, impaired glucose tolerance. Data for whites and blacks are from the 1976-80 Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey; data for the three Hispanic groups are from the 1982-84 Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey of the National Center for Health Statistics. In both, diagnosed NIDDM was ascertained by medical history interview, and undiagnosed NIDDM and IGT were determined by results of a 2-hour, 75 g oral glucose tolerance test in subjects with no medical history of diabetes, using World Health Organization criteria.

Source: References 2, 4, and 5, 1976-80 Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey and the 1982-84 Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

well as in the world, occur in the Pima Indians of Arizona<sup>40</sup>. The epidemic of NIDDM is not limited to the Pima Indians, however, but is widespread and increasing in other Native American groups<sup>41-45</sup>. Chapter 34 provides details on the epidemiology of diabetes in Native Americans.

### INCIDENCE OF DIAGNOSIS OF NIDDM

Based on the 1990-92 NHIS, an estimated ~625,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with diabetes each year. The average annual number of new cases of diabetes in 1990-92 is shown by age and sex in Table 4.4 and Figure 4.8. About 49% of new cases occur in persons age  $\geq 55$  years and 9% in people age  $\geq 75$  years. About 58% of new cases of diabetes are diagnosed in females and 42% in males.

Age-specific incidence rates per 1,000 population for 1990-92 are shown in Table 4.4 and Figure 4.9. The average annual incidence rate was 2.42 per 1,000 U.S. population, but rates ranged from 1.79 per 1,000 per year at age 25-44 years to 8.63 per 1,000 per year at age 65-74 years. This increase with age is also found in community surveys, and three sources of incidence data are compared in Figure 4.10<sup>46</sup>. Women have slightly higher incidence rates for diagnosis of diabetes than men. Despite this, as discussed in Chapter 9,

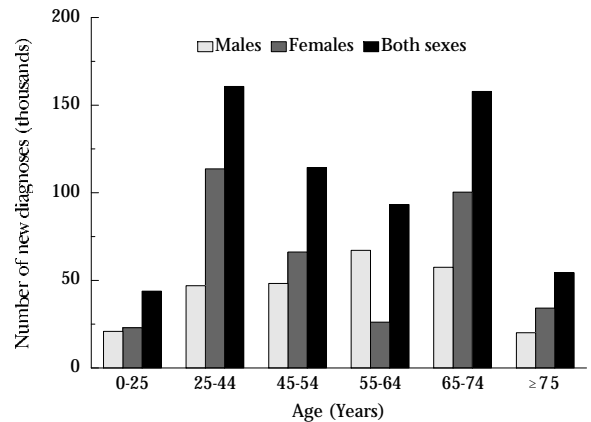
**Table 4.4**  
Average Annual Number of Newly Diagnosed Cases of Diabetes, and Average Annual Number per 1,000 Population, by Age and Sex, U.S., 1990-92

Age (years)	Males	Females	Total
<b>Number per year</b>			
0-24	20,926	22,956	43,882
25-44	46,969	113,665	160,634
45-54	48,246	66,193	114,439
55-64	67,142	26,143	93,285
65-74	57,443	100,386	157,829
$\geq 75$	20,157	34,170	54,326
All ages	260,883	363,513	624,396
<b>Number per 1,000 population</b>			
0-24			
25-44		2.76	1.79
45-54	3.79	4.90	4.36
55-64	6.70	2.35	4.41
65-74	7.02	9.93	8.63
$\geq 75$	4.51	4.54	4.53
All ages	1.97	2.84	2.42

In cells with no entry, data have been omitted because of small sample size and unreliable estimate.

Source: Unpublished analyses of the 1990-92 National Health Interview Surveys

**Figure 4.8**  
Average Annual Number of New Cases of Diagnosed Diabetes (in Thousands), by Age and Sex, U.S., 1990-92

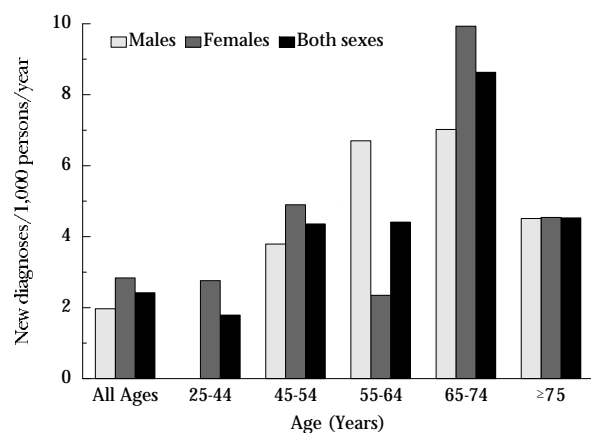


Source: Unpublished analyses of the 1990-92 National Health Interview Surveys

there is conflicting evidence as to whether gender independently influences the risk for development of NIDDM<sup>28,47</sup>.

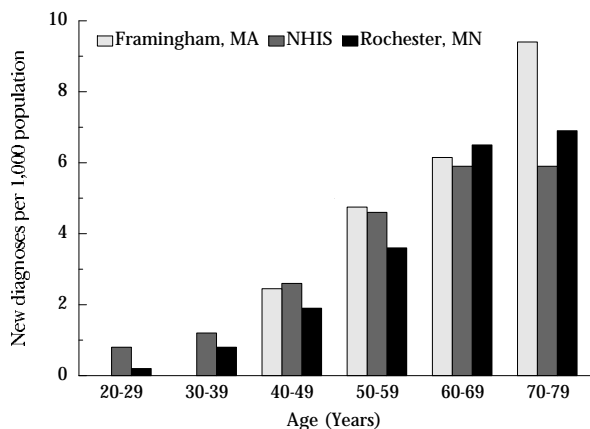
Figure 4.11 illustrates time trends in diabetes incidence based on the 1964-92 NHIS. Incidence rates increased during the 1960s but were relatively constant during 1968-92, with some year-to-year variation that is probably attributable to sampling variability. The estimated incidence rate for diagnosed

**Figure 4.9**  
Average Annual Number of New Diagnoses of Diabetes per 1,000 Population, by Age and Sex, U.S., 1990-92



Source: Unpublished analyses of the 1990-92 National Health Interview Surveys

**Figure 4.10**  
**Incidence of Diagnosis of NIDDM in Middle-Aged Men in Studies in the U.S.**



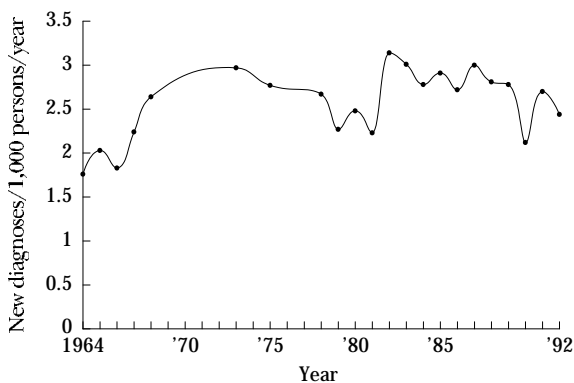
NHIS, National Health Interview Survey.

Source: Reference 46

diabetes in 1990-92 (2.42 per 1,000) is 1.4 times the rate in 1964 (1.76 per 1,000) and 6.4 times the rate in 1935-36 (0.38 per 1,000). Numbers and rates for the total population based on the NHIS surveys of 1964-92 are shown in Appendix 4.6, and 3-year average annual incidence rates for men and women by age for 1979-92 are presented in Appendix 4.7.

Sample sizes for incident cases of diagnosed diabetes in the NHIS are not large enough to compute reliable incidence rates for different racial groups. Community surveys, however, indicate a wide diversity of

**Figure 4.11**  
**Time Trends in the Annual Number of New Diagnoses of Diabetes per 1,000 Population, U.S., 1964-92**



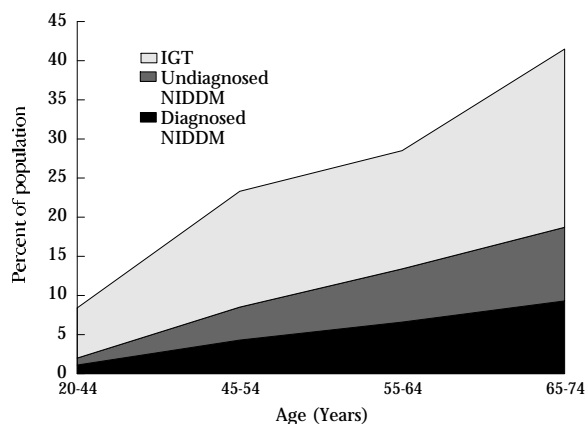
Source: Reference 30 and unpublished analyses of the 1990-92 National Health Interview Surveys

incidence rates for differing racial groups (see Table 4.6). As with prevalence, incidence rates for blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans are higher than for whites. It has been hypothesized that the high rates of diabetes for Native Americans are associated with a genetic predisposition to insulin resistance and obesity that evolved as a survival strategy in response to fluctuating food supplies<sup>48-50</sup>. About 31% of the Hispanic gene pool is derived from Native American genes, and this genetic admixture has been associated with increased rates of diabetes in the U.S. Hispanic population<sup>51-54</sup>. Lifestyle factors such as decreased physical activity, change in diet including increased caloric intake, and rapid modernization into Western society are strong contributors to increased diabetes in these populations<sup>55</sup>. The specifics of risk factors for NIDDM are summarized in Chapter 9, and racial differences in NIDDM for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans are reviewed in Chapters 31-34.

### UNDIAGNOSED NIDDM

Data from the 1976-80 NHANES II and the 1982-84 HHANES provide estimates of the prevalence of undiagnosed NIDDM, i.e., people who meet diagnostic criteria for diabetes but who have never been diagnosed. These results are presented in Table 4.3 and Figures 4.7 and 4.12. Based on these surveys, the prevalence of undiagnosed NIDDM was as great as that of diagnosed diabetes in the United States<sup>2,5</sup>. The

**Figure 4.12**  
**Prevalence of Undiagnosed and Diagnosed Diabetes and IGT in the U.S. Population, 1976-80**



IGT, impaired glucose tolerance.

Source: Reference 2, 1976-80 Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey



true prevalence of diabetes in the United States was therefore twice the rate of self-reported, physician-diagnosed diabetes.

The prevalence of undiagnosed diabetes increases with age for both men and women, and 10%-15% of the adult population age  $\geq 50$  years have undiagnosed NIDDM, depending on race/ethnicity<sup>2,5</sup>. The percentage of diabetes that is undiagnosed is 50% for whites, 44% for blacks, and 42% for Mexican Americans<sup>4</sup>. When the prevalence of undiagnosed diabetes is age-standardized, rates for blacks and for Mexican Americans are, respectively, 1.5 and 1.7 times the rate for whites<sup>4,56</sup>. Therefore, not only do these racial groups have a higher incidence and prevalence of known diabetes, but they also have higher rates of undiagnosed diabetes. Combining estimates of previously diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes yields prevalences of 16%-26% for persons age  $\geq 45$  years in minority populations (Table 4.3).

Two population-based studies have shown that undiagnosed NIDDM is associated with substantial morbidity. Data from southern Wisconsin indicate that the prevalence of retinopathy at clinical diagnosis of diabetes is ~21% and that the onset of NIDDM may occur 9-12 years before its clinical diagnosis<sup>57</sup>. In NHANES II, persons with undiagnosed diabetes had unfavorable risk factor profiles and had prevalences of angina, stroke, and history of myocardial infarction that were two to three times those of people with normal glucose tolerance<sup>58</sup>.

## IMPAIRED GLUCOSE TOLERANCE

In 1979-80, the NDDG and the WHO recommended that the term impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) be used to characterize persons with abnormal glucose tolerance previously categorized as borderline, asymptomatic, or chemical diabetes<sup>37,38</sup>. The NDDG defines IGT as fasting plasma glucose  $< 140$  mg/dl and, after 75 g oral glucose, a 1-hour midtest value of  $\geq 200$  mg/dl and a 2-hour value of 140-199 mg/dl. The WHO criteria omit the 1-hour value and are in wider use in the United States and internationally. The use of WHO criteria classifies more people as IGT compared with NDDG criteria. Using WHO criteria, the prevalence of IGT in the U.S. adult population in 1976-80 was estimated to be 11.2%, ranging from 6.4% at age 20-44 years to 22.8% at age 65-74 years<sup>2</sup> (Figure 4.12). Epidemiologic studies have shown that IGT is associated with increased risk for cardiovascular disease and subsequent development of NIDDM but not for mi-

crovascular complications.

The prevalence of IGT follows similar trends seen for the prevalence of NIDDM. Based on data from NHANES II and HHANES, the prevalence of IGT increases with age and varies with race (Figures 4.7 and 4.12). For persons age 20-44 years, the prevalence of IGT ranges from 5.5% in non-Hispanic whites to 10.8% in blacks (Table 4.3). Differences among the racial groups were less evident in older persons, ranging from 15.3% in Cuban Americans to 19.0% in Mexican Americans age 45-74 years. The standard errors for these estimates, however, are large enough for these racial differences not to be statistically significant.

## COMMUNITY STUDIES

### PREVALENCE OF NIDDM

Numerous community-based surveys have been conducted in the United States to estimate the prevalence of NIDDM (Table 4.5)<sup>59-69</sup>. The target population, sampling methodology, and diagnostic criteria used to define diabetes differ among studies, making comparison of community rates difficult. In addition, genetic, socioeconomic, environmental, and other risk factors associated with diabetes are different in each community and may contribute to differences in estimated prevalence rates. Prevalence rates from community surveys, however, are similar to those from the national surveys when similar methodologies are used.

### INCIDENCE OF NIDDM

Longitudinal and retrospective community-based studies have been conducted by independent researchers in the United States to estimate the incidence of NIDDM (Table 4.6)<sup>13,40,61,69-73</sup>. As with community studies of prevalence, study characteristics of sampling methodology and diagnostic criteria differ among studies. In addition, populations under study differ in genetics, environment, and socioeconomic factors that may influence the development of NIDDM.

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**Table 4.5**  
**Community Surveys of Diabetes Prevalence**

Year and Ref.	Population and methodology	Sample size	Diagnostic criteria	Prevalence per 1,000					
				Low	Neighborhood		High		
					Mid				
1979-82 Ref. 59	A population-based study of 1,288 Mexican Americans (MA) and 929 non-Hispanic whites (NHW) was conducted in three San Antonio, TX neighborhoods: a low-income barrio, a middle-income neighborhood, and a high-income suburb. The study population included men and non-pregnant women age 25-65 years. Equal numbers of both ethnic groups were sampled using stratified random sampling. Non-Hispanic whites were not sampled in the barrio. Each neighborhood was sampled over a period of ~1 year.	496 (low income)	NDDG; known diabetes was defined as current use of insulin or oral antidiabetic drugs	Neighborhood					
		927 (mid income)		MA Men	Low	Mid	High		
		963 (high income)		25-34	40	16	0		
		2,386 total		35-44	94	78	31		
				45-54	152	225	109		
				55-64	300	306	120		
		64% response rate		Age-adj.	137	132	65		
				MA Women	25-34	14	11	38	
				35-44	110	77	14		
					45-54	173	83	37	
					55-64	342	184	63	
					Age-adj.	164	70	31	
					NHW Men	25-34		17	0
						35-44		37	0
						45-54		122	49
						55-64		115	110
						Age-adj.		70	46
			NHW Women						
			25-34		0	0			
			35-44		47	26			
			45-54		93	0			
			55-64		179	72			
			Age-adj.		73	22			
1981 Ref. 60	Three areas of densest population in Starr County, TX (pop. 27,266) were randomly sampled. These areas constituted 50% of the county population and 97% were Mexican American. Approximately 10% of the county population was targeted.	2,498	Presence of symptoms, fasting glucose $\geq 140$ mg/dl or 2-hour OGTT $\geq 200$ mg/dl at midtest	Age	Men	Women			
				15-24	0.0	4.0			
				25-34	26.0	4.0			
				35-44	33.0	57.0			
				45-54	126.0	108.0			
				55-64	165.0	190.0			
				65-74	167.0	170.0			
				$\geq 75$	176.0	80.0			
Total	69.0	67.0							
1979-82 Ref. 61	All individuals with physician-diagnosed diabetes living in the cities of Wadena (pop. 4,699), Marshall (pop. 11,131), and Grand Rapids (pop. 7,934), MN were identified by medical chart review. Secondary sources such as pharmacies, nursing homes, and civic organizations were used for patient identification.	595 (91% were NIDDM)	Physician-diagnosed diabetes determined from chart review	Age	Men	Women			
				$\leq 15$	1.2	0.8			
				15-29	3.7	1.9			
				30-39	7.0	9.2			
				40-49	10.8	14.3			
				50-59	30.7	33.4			
				60-69	50.5	50.9			
				$\geq 70$	93.8	50.9			
				Age-adj.	14.4	17.5			
				1986-88 Ref. 62	All known physician-diagnosed diabetic individuals and all other residents age $\geq 20$ years (n=4699) residing in Wadena, MN were targeted. The adult resident population was sampled using a stratified random sample based on age, gender, and use of prescription medication, with 50 persons sampled in each stratum.	87 known diabetic (71% of diabetic pop.)	NDDG and WHO criteria. NIDDM was defined by C-peptide $>0.2$ pmol/ml at 90 minutes after an Ensure challenge test	NDDG criteria	
Age	Men	Women	Total						
20-39	8.2	8.2	8.2						
40-59	100.3	87.4	91.3						
$\geq 60$	140.9	249.1	194.1						
Total	90.3	107.0	99.5						
Age-adj.	64.3	95.4	77.6						
WHO criteria									
Age	Men	Women	Total						
20-39	8.2	8.2	8.2						
40-59	104.4	87.4	93.2						
$\geq 60$	140.9	272.1	206.8						
Total	74.3	101.6	104.8						
Age-adj.	65.7	101.6	81.1						

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Year and Ref.	Population and methodology	Sample size	Diagnostic criteria	Prevalence per 1,000			
1979-80 Ref. 63	All primary care physicians practicing in an 11-county area in southern Wisconsin were invited to participate by allowing chart review. All patients with diabetes were identified from physicians' lists and their charts were reviewed.	8,135	Physician-diagnosed diabetes	Age	Men	Women	Total
				30-39	3.8	4.1	3.9
				40-49	9.0	8.9	9.0
				50-59	20.0	19.8	19.9
				60-69	35.1	33.2	34.0
				70-79	44.1	45.2	44.7
				≥80	36.4	30.1	32.2
Age-adj.	10.1	9.8	9.9				
1945-70 Ref. 64	Medical records for all residents of Rochester, MN were reviewed for diagnosis of diabetes. Medical exam followup was done for identified patients.	1,470	Postprandial glucose values and current age were used to determine diabetes in 81% of patients. GTT was used for remaining 19%	Age	Men	Women	Total
				<15	0.6	0.5	0.6
				15-29	3.7	2.1	2.7
				30-39	5.5	5.7	5.6
				40-49	13.4	11.8	12.6
				50-59	36.7	22.0	28.5
				60-69	72.3	50.7	59.3
≥70	83.8	77.5	79.6				
Age-adj.	18.6	14.3	16.1				
1972-84 Ref. 65	All adults age 30-95 years residing in Rancho Bernardo, CA (pop. 6,029) were invited to participate. This target population was predominately white and upper-middle class. Nearly one-half were retirees.	4,944 (82% of pop.)	Known diabetes was defined by history as diagnosed by personal physician. Previously unknown diabetes was defined as fasting plasma glucose ≥140 mg/dl	Known diabetes			
				Age	Men	Women	
				30-39	3.4	17.8	
				40-49	37.9	6.7	
				50-59	54.1	32.6	
				60-69	80.6	36.3	
				≥70	74.6	47.3	
				Total	60.1	32.2	
				Fasting hyperglycemia			
				Age	Men	Women	
				30-39	11.4	6.5	
				40-49	47.8	22.0	
				50-59	86.5	27.6	
60-69	41.9	31.1					
≥70	32.6	21.8					
Total	42.8	24.4					
1984-86 Ref. 66	This geographically based case-control study was conducted in two southern Colorado counties, which consisted of 44% Hispanic and 55% Anglo persons. Diabetic cases were identified by review of medical records in all health care facilities. Nondiabetic controls were selected using a two-stage random sample of households.	343 cases 607 controls	Confirmed diabetes had to have self-report of disease and meet WHO criteria. Undiagnosed diabetes had no prior history but met WHO criteria.	Confirmed NIDDM, Hispanic			
				Age	Men	Women	
				30-39	8	6	
				40-49	36	26	
				50-59	74	110	
				60-69	82	124	
				70-74	67	190	
				Age-adj.	33	49	
				Confirmed NIDDM, Anglo			
				Age	Men	Women	
				30-39	1	5	
				40-49	9	6	
				50-59	46	20	
				60-69	53	25	
				70-74	29	62	
				Age-adj.	18	12	
				Previously undiagnosed, Hispanic			
				Age	Men	Women	
				30-39	0	0	
				40-49	0	40	
50-59	83	53					
60-69	65	111					
70-74	0	294					
Age-adj.	22	43					
Previously undiagnosed, Anglo							
Age	Men	Women					
30-39	0	0					
40-49	0	0					
50-59	19	56					
60-69	65	57					
70-74	0	105					
Age-adj.	12	21					

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Year and Ref.	Population and methodology	Sample size	Diagnostic criteria	Prevalence per 1,000			
1946 Ref. 67	All inhabitants of Oxford, MA (pop. 4,983) were invited to participate in population screening. Capillary blood samples were tested in the field. Venous blood samples were subsequently taken 1-1.5 hours after eating for measurement of glucose. Persons with blood glucose levels >160 mg/dl were retested and 100-g OGTT was performed on borderline cases.	3,518 (71% of pop.)	Newly diagnosed was defined as blood glucose >170 mg/dl or capillary blood glucose >200 mg/dl. History of diabetes was confirmed.	Previous history: 11 Newly diagnosed: 9			
1964 Ref. 68	Medical questionnaires were mailed to most legal residents of Sudbury, MA who were age ≥15 years. A 2-hour postprandial venous glucose was measured. People >110 mg/dl were retested postprandially and persons >130 mg/dl were given a 100-g OGTT. A random sample of 5% of the population received an OGTT also.	4,626 (76% of pop.)	Confirmed history used chart review or diagnostic OGTT and/or postprandial values ≥200 mg/dl. New cases used postprandial values that equate to NDDG criteria for IGT and diabetes combined.	Confirmed diabetes			
				Age	Men	Women	Total
				15-24	0.0	0.0	0.0
				25-34	6.0	3.0	4.0
				35-44	11.0	0.0	6.0
				45-54	34.0	7.0	21.0
				55-64	36.0	23.0	29.0
				65-74	139.0	33.0	82.0
				≥75	53.0	59.0	57.0
				Total	18.0	6.0	11.0
				Newly diagnosed diabetes (plus IGT)			
				Age	Men	Women	Total
				15-24	0.0	0.0	0.0
				25-34	4.0	0.0	2.0
				35-44	0.0	3.0	1.0
				45-54	22.0	7.0	14.0
				55-64	7.0	29.0	19.0
				65-74	38.0	33.0	35.0
				≥75	53.0	98.0	86.0
				Total	6.0	7.0	7.0
1959-65 Ref. 69	During 1959-60, 88% of the population of Tecumseh, MI participated in a comprehensive exam. A second exam was conducted in 1962-65. Only participants age ≥20 years were included in prevalence estimates.	2,749 men 2,986 women	Physician diagnosis of diabetes, use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic agents	Age	Men	Women	
				20-39	5.0	7.0	
				40-54	23.0	31.0	
				≥55	57.0	89.0	
				Total	20.0	29.0	

NDDG, National Diabetes Data Group; OGTT, oral glucose tolerance test; WHO, World Health Organization; IGT, impaired glucosed tolerance.

Source: References are listed within the table

Table 4.6

## Community Surveys of Diabetes Incidence

Year and Ref.	Population and methodology	Sample size	Diagnostic criteria	Annual incidence rate per 1,000		
1979-87 Ref. 70	A population-based baseline study was conducted in 1979-82. Households from several San Antonio, TX census tracts were randomly sampled and the sampling was stratified to include equal numbers of Mexican Americans (MA) and non-Hispanic whites (NHW). All men and nonpregnant women age 25-64 years were eligible. In 1987, an 8-year follow-up study was conducted to ascertain the incidence of NIDDM.	671 MA 306 NHW	NDDG at baseline; WHO at followup	Men	MA	NHA
				Age		
				25-34	3.5	0.0
				35-44	8.5	0.0
				45-54	5.4	3.6
				55-64	16.0	0.0
				Total	7.5	1.0
				Women		
				Age	MA	NHA
				25-34	5.6	0.0
				35-44	6.5	2.3
				45-54	14.5	2.9
				55-64	9.4	8.5
				Total	8.6	3.5
				Total		
				Age	MA	NHA
				25-34	4.9	0.0
				35-44	7.4	1.4
				45-54	10.4	3.2
				55-64	12.2	5.1
				Total	8.1	2.5
1965-90 Ref. 40	Since 1965, a longitudinal study of diabetes has been conducted among residents (Pima and Papago Indians) of the Gila River Indian Community, AZ. Each resident age >4 years is invited for a biennial examination.	41,844 person-years of followup	WHO criteria	A total of 736 cases of diabetes developed during 41,844 person-years of followup, resulting in an incidence of 17.6		
1954-68 Ref. 71	Participants age 33-67 years in the 3rd biennial exam of the Framingham, MA study who were not diagnosed as glucose intolerant were chosen. The development of glucose intolerance from the 4th through the 10th biennial exam was the measurement of interest	2,272 men 2,810 women 5,082 total	100 g OGTT with 1-hour value >205 mg/dl; 2-hour value >140; insulin use; oral drug use with glucose >150 mg/dl	Age	Men	Women
				<40	3.4	2.1
				40-49	4.9	3.5
				50-59	5.8	4.9
				≥60	4.3	5.9
				Total	4.8	3.9
1972-87 Ref. 72	Between 1972 and 1974, 82% of all residents of a geographically defined upper-middle class white community of Rancho Bernardo, CA participated in a baseline study in which the presence of NIDDM was established. All participants were invited to attend the 1984-87 follow-up exam, during which progression to diabetes was established.	1,847	NIDDM was defined as fasting plasma glucose ≥140 mg/dl, 2-hour glucose ≥200 mg/dl, or a reported history of diabetes	Age	Men	Women
				40-49	5.2	2.1
				50-59	6.0	6.8
				60-69	11.0	8.6
				70-79	9.9	13.9
				Total	8.5	7.4
				Age-adj.	8.5	7.5
1979-82 Ref. 61	All individuals with physician-diagnosed diabetes living in the three-city area of Wadena (pop. 4,699), Marshall (pop. 11,131), and Grand Rapids (pop. 7,934), MN were identified by medical chart review. Secondary sources such as pharmacies and nursing homes were used to obtain information on diabetic cases.	595 (91% were NIDDM)	Physician-diagnosed diabetes in the medical chart. NIDDM was defined as not ketosis prone and not using insulin for duration of disease	All cities combined, age-standardized rates	Men	Women
					2.9	3.8
				Total		3.3
1973-81 Ref. 73	Participants who were randomized into the Usual Care group in the MRFIT and who were free from symptoms of diabetes at baseline exam (1973-76) were included in this followup study (1978-81). Participants were men age 35-57 years from several ethnic backgrounds from 22 clinical centers in the United States	6,000	Documented use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic drugs, two consecutive annual fasting glucose values ≥140 mg/dl	Yearly incidence	Year 1	5.1
					Year 2	6.1
					Year 3	9.1
					Year 4	9.9
					Year 5	14.4
				Average annual incidence, 8.2		

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Year and Ref.	Population and methodology	Sample size	Diagnostic criteria	Annual incidence rate per 1,000		
1973-81 Ref. 13	This population-based study conducted in Rochester, MN identified all residents with diabetes through a central medical index. Medical records were reviewed for diagnosis of diabetes. Results were stratified by presence/absence of obesity (relative weight $\geq 1.2$ ) at diagnosis.	1,031 NIDDM	Fasting blood glucose >110 mg/dl; 2-hour postchallenge glucose 110-140 mg/dl; or medical chart review	Obese NIDDM		
Age				Men	Women	
30-39				3.1	2.3	
40-49				8.5	8.3	
50-59				25.7	19.2	
60-69				30.6	31.5	
70-79				32.2	31.5	
$\geq 80$				21.5	24.5	
Age-adj.				8.6	8.0	
Non-obese NIDDM						
Age				Men	Women	
30-39				2.6	1.2	
40-49				5.7	2.1	
50-59				12.8	3.9	
60-69	23.0	13.0				
70-79	28.0	23.5				
$\geq 80$	34.3	23.5				
Age-adj.	6.4	4.6				
1977-79 Ref. 69	During 1959-60, 88% of the population of Tecumseh, MI participated in a comprehensive health exam. A second series of exams were given in 1962-65. During 1977-79, the health status of persons classified as nondiabetic in previous exams was ascertained. Information about these individuals was obtained from either a clinic visit or death certificates. Blood glucose measurements were not done.	1,832 men 2,049 women	Direct question to patient about diabetes; listing of diabetes on the death certificate	Age	Men	Women
20-39				1.8	1.7	
40-54				3.8	4.0	
$\geq 55$				4.6	6.5	
Total				2.8	3.0	
Age-adj.				4.3	5.5	

NDDG, National Diabetes Data Group; WHO, World Health Organization; OGTT, oral glucose tolerance test; MRFIT, Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial.

Source: References are listed within the table

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**APPENDICES**

*Appendix 4.1*

**Number of Persons (in Thousands) with Diagnosed Diabetes, U.S., 1991-93**

Age (years)	1991			1992			1993		
	Black	White	All races	Black	White	All races	Black	White	All races
<45	200	1,218	1,506	216	1,033	1,301	304	1,151	1,494
45-64	475	2,175	2,708	408	2,238	2,716	578	2,413	3,081
65-74	353	1,489	1,899	367	1,710	2,103	292	1,576	1,897
≥75	106	981	1,110	155	1,106	1,297	141	1,161	1,341
Total	1,134	5,863	7,223	1,146	6,087	7,417	1,315	6,301	7,813

Source: References 15-17

*Appendix 4.2*

**Prevalence of Diagnosed Diabetes and Rate per 1,000 Population, U.S., 1935-93**

Year	Number with diabetes (millions)	Number per 1,000 U.S. residents (all ages)
1935-36	0.510	3.7
1958	1.575	9.3
1959	1.485	8.7
1960	1.594	9.1
1961	1.867	10.5
1962	1.908	10.6
1963	2.101	11.5
1964	2.313	12.4
1965	2.385	12.7
1966	2.772	14.5
1967	3.091	16.1
1968	3.175	16.2
1973	4.191	20.4
1975	4.780	22.9
1976	4.974	23.6
1978	5.193	23.7
1979-81	5.466	24.9
1982	5.767	25.4
1983	5.613	24.5
1984	6.053	26.1
1985	6.134	26.2
1986	6.585	27.9
1987	6.641	27.8
1988	6.221	25.8
1989	6.489	26.6
1990	6.232	25.3
1991	7.223	29.0
1992	7.417	29.5
1993	7.813	30.7

Source: References 15-27, National Health Interview Surveys

Appendix 4.3

Percent of the Population with Diagnosed Diabetes, by Age and Sex, U.S., 1935-81

Sex and age (years)	1935	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1973	1975	1976	1978	1979-81
<b>All persons</b>																	
All ages	0.37	0.93	0.87	0.91	1.05	1.06	1.15	1.24	1.27	1.45	1.61	1.62	2.04	2.29	2.36	2.37	2.47
<45	0.10	0.23	0.22	0.24	0.25	0.23	0.28	0.33	0.31	0.38	0.42	0.41	0.55	0.59	0.60	0.64	0.59
<25	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.13	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.16	0.19	0.20	0.22	0.22	0.29	0.23	0.18
25-44	0.18	0.46	0.42	0.52	0.48	0.48	0.55	0.70	0.65	0.80	0.89	0.85	1.16	1.23	1.31	1.29	1.20
45-54	0.66	1.24	1.24	1.38	1.65	1.42	1.67	1.91	1.87	2.00	2.62	2.79	3.32	3.80	4.08	3.51	4.28
55-64	1.43	2.93	2.76	2.73	3.54	3.52	3.70	3.58	3.80	4.37	4.43	4.19	5.42	6.50	5.99	7.23	6.81
≥65	1.84	4.33	3.77	3.91	4.22	4.73	4.76	5.21	5.42	6.21	6.61	6.71	7.85	8.30	8.53	8.08	8.84
65-74	1.99	4.49	4.09	4.14	4.34	4.64	4.75	5.26	5.57	6.44	6.89	6.78	7.74	8.17	8.99	8.18	8.77
≥75	1.46	3.99	3.15	3.48	4.01	4.90	4.79	5.12	5.15	5.79	6.13	6.58	8.04	8.52	7.73	7.86	8.94
<b>Males</b>																	
All ages	0.28	0.82	0.78	0.84	1.00	0.94	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.29	1.37	1.42	1.63	2.01	2.11	2.00	2.22
<45	0.09	0.27	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.20	0.29	0.28	0.30	0.37	0.33	0.39	0.42	0.51	0.53	0.59	0.49
<25	0.05	0.10	0.12	0.08	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.10	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.27	0.21	0.16
25-44	0.15	0.55	0.43	0.51	0.49	0.40	0.60	0.63	0.64	0.82	0.72	0.84	0.91	1.09	0.99	1.21	1.01
45-54	0.45	1.11	1.13	1.45	1.75	1.36	1.71	1.88	1.62	2.15	2.55	2.27	3.22	3.44	4.01	2.95	4.19
55-64	1.00	2.57	2.45	2.65	3.64	3.38	3.44	3.05	3.29	4.04	4.39	3.80	5.13	6.45	6.14	6.80	6.93
≥65	1.46	3.33	3.39	3.42	3.80	4.18	4.13	4.69	4.85	5.12	5.49	6.51	6.03	7.79	8.27	6.92	8.52
65-74	1.51	3.26	3.65	3.54	3.84	4.30	3.93	4.69	4.85	5.16	5.82	6.35	6.33	7.72	8.50	6.81	8.79
≥75	1.31	3.52	2.84	3.17	3.66	3.93	4.53	4.70	4.89	5.09	4.84	6.80	5.46	7.92	7.79	7.05	7.93
<b>Females</b>																	
All ages	0.45	1.05	0.95	0.98	1.10	1.17	1.24	1.41	1.43	1.61	1.83	1.80	2.41	2.54	2.59	2.71	2.70
<45	0.12	0.19	0.20	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.38	0.32	0.38	0.51	0.44	0.68	0.66	0.80	0.68	0.69
<25	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.14	0.09	0.14	0.17	0.14	0.17	0.23	0.22	0.28	0.25	0.13	0.24	0.21
25-44	0.20	0.37	0.41	0.53	0.47	0.55	0.50	0.77	0.66	0.79	1.05	0.85	1.40	1.36	1.62	1.36	1.38
45-54	0.86	1.37	1.35	1.31	1.55	1.48	1.62	1.94	2.08	1.87	2.69	3.27	3.42	4.14	4.14	4.03	4.37
55-64	1.82	3.25	3.05	2.80	3.45	3.65	3.94	4.08	4.26	4.67	4.48	4.53	5.68	6.55	5.84	7.63	6.69
≥65	2.15	5.16	4.09	4.32	4.57	5.18	5.27	5.62	5.87	7.04	7.47	6.76	9.13	8.66	8.71	8.89	9.07
65-74	2.38	5.59	4.48	4.65	4.74	4.93	5.45	5.72	6.17	7.49	7.74	7.13	8.82	8.53	9.36	9.22	8.77
≥75	1.48	4.39	3.38	3.72	4.27	5.62	4.95	5.43	5.36	6.29	7.05	6.43	9.62	8.88	7.68	8.33	9.53

Source: Reference 18, National Health Interview Surveys

Appendix 4.4

Percent of the Population with Diagnosed Diabetes, by Age, Sex, and Race, U.S., 1983-93

Sex and age (years)	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
All persons											
All ages	2.45	2.61	2.62	2.79	2.78	2.58	2.66	2.53	2.90	2.95	3.07
<45	0.62	0.61	0.63	0.63	0.81	0.65	0.73	0.65	0.88	0.76	0.86
<18	0.18	0.14	0.19	0.24	0.20	0.22	0.18	0.06	0.11	0.13	0.15
18-44	0.90	0.90	0.91	0.87	1.19	0.92	1.07	1.01	1.36	1.15	1.31
45-64	5.82	5.32	5.19	6.37	5.64	5.46	5.82	5.04	5.74	5.60	6.19
≥65	7.95	10.29	10.38	9.83	9.82	9.24	8.82	9.34	9.93	11.04	10.35
65-74	7.92	10.50	10.89	9.19	9.83	9.52	8.97	10.22	10.38	11.39	10.19
≥75	8.00	9.95	9.55	10.85	9.82	8.78	8.57	7.97	9.26	10.53	10.60
Males											
All ages											2.94
<45	0.56	0.45	0.59	0.44	0.81	0.73	0.55	0.56	0.76	0.61	0.88
45-64	5.28	4.94	5.24	6.85	5.95	5.68	6.49	4.86	5.79	5.25	6.48
≥65	7.61	9.47	10.11	9.92	10.83	9.08	7.39	9.65	9.64	11.15	10.05
65-74	6.75	9.70	10.40	9.63	10.76	8.86	7.40	10.20	9.73	11.96	9.96
≥75	9.29	9.05	9.57	10.53	10.97	9.50	7.39	8.63	9.51	9.68	10.21
Females											
All ages											3.20
<45	0.67	0.76	0.66	0.81	0.81	0.58	0.90	0.74	1.00	0.90	0.85
45-64	6.31	5.67	5.14	5.94	5.35	5.25	5.21	5.21	5.70	5.92	5.91
≥65	8.18	10.85	10.55	9.76	9.11	9.35	9.83	9.11	10.14	10.97	10.57
65-74	8.81	11.12	11.27	8.86	9.09	10.06	10.25	10.23	10.90	10.92	10.37
≥75	7.26	10.46	9.55	11.05	9.15	8.36	9.26	7.59	9.11	11.02	10.83
Whites											
All ages											
<45	0.60	0.58	0.65	0.65	0.78	0.61	0.70	0.64	0.87	0.74	0.82
45-64	5.08	4.79	4.56	5.97	5.12	4.78	5.26	4.46	5.35	5.36	5.63
≥65	7.40	9.25	9.72	9.14	9.13	8.39	8.02	8.70	9.08	10.23	9.79
65-74	7.07	9.26	10.20	8.46	9.42	8.63	8.20	9.57	9.12	10.44	9.54
≥75	7.93	9.25	8.97	10.22	8.69	8.01	7.73	7.35	9.02	9.92	10.16
Blacks											
All ages											
<45	0.82	0.81	0.65	0.64	0.98	1.02	0.83	0.88	0.85	0.91	1.26
45-64	12.07	10.41	11.21	10.51	10.25	11.05	10.02	10.03	9.77	8.18	11.25
≥65	14.05	22.04	16.55	17.23	16.28	18.74	16.59	15.65	17.91	19.91	16.21
65-74	16.42	23.84	17.20	17.02	13.05	18.55	14.82	15.86	21.94	22.32	17.44
≥75	10.01	19.02	15.32	17.60	21.85	19.05	19.60	15.27	11.11	15.85	14.11

Source: References 15-27, National Health Interview Surveys

Appendix 4.5

Three-Year Average Number of Persons with Diagnosed Diabetes per 1,000 Population, U.S., 1979-92

Sex and age (years)	1979-81	1980-82	1981-83	1982-84	1983-85	1984-86	1985-87	1986-88	1987-89	1988-90	1989-91	1990-92
<b>Both sexes</b>												
All ages	25.2	25.2	24.9	25.2	25.6	26.7	27.3	27.0	26.6	25.8	26.9	27.8
<45	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.7	7.5	7.6
<25	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.2	1.9	1.9
25-44	12.5	12.2	11.9	11.5	11.5	10.9	11.7	11.5	12.3	11.9	13.7	13.9
45-54	42.8	43.9	43.0	40.8	36.7	37.7	38.8	38.6	38.4	38.7	38.8	35.6
55-64	68.7	68.8	72.5	71.7	72.0	74.5	76.1	78.0	75.6	71.3	74.5	77.5
≥65	90.5	89.4	84.9	89.7	95.2	101.3	99.7	95.9	92.5	91.3	93.7	101.1
65-74	91.4	92.4	86.3	92.8	97.8	101.8	99.0	94.5	93.8	95.8	98.6	106.5
≥75	88.9	84.5	82.6	84.7	91.0	100.5	100.8	98.0	90.5	84.3	86.0	92.7
<b>Male</b>												
All ages	22.8	22.6	22.1	21.6	22.3	23.8	25.8	26.0	25.3	23.8	24.3	25.0
<45	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.0	6.2	6.6	7.0	6.1	6.2	6.4
<25	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.5	2.6	2.8	2.7	1.7	1.4	1.3
25-44	10.5	10.7	11.5	10.6	10.8	9.4	10.7	11.2	12.1	11.3	11.9	12.2
45-54	41.6	41.9	36.1	34.2	32.0	37.8	42.3	42.1	42.9	38.4	38.7	31.2
55-64	70.8	70.6	75.5	72.0	71.9	76.8	79.1	81.7	79.2	76.6	78.5	79.5
≥65	88.3	84.7	79.6	83.0	90.9	98.4	102.5	98.9	90.3	87.1	89.1	101.4
65-74	94.3	87.8	77.6	80.0	89.7	99.0	101.9	96.7	89.2	88.3	91.2	106.1
≥75	76.2	78.6	83.4	88.8	93.0	97.2	103.6	103.2	92.5	84.9	85.2	92.8
<b>Female</b>												
All ages	27.5	27.7	27.6	28.6	28.6	29.3	28.6	27.9	27.8	27.7	29.4	30.5
<45	7.2	7.0	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.4	7.6	7.3	7.5	7.3	8.7	8.7
<25	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.9	2.8	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.5
25-44	14.4	13.8	12.2	12.4	12.2	12.2	12.7	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.5	15.5
45-54	43.8	45.8	49.5	47.0	41.0	37.6	35.6	35.3	34.1	39.0	38.8	39.8
55-64	66.9	67.3	69.8	71.3	72.1	72.5	73.4	74.7	72.3	66.7	71.0	75.6
≥65	92.0	92.7	88.6	94.4	98.3	103.3	97.7	93.7	94.0	94.3	96.9	100.8
65-74	89.3	95.9	93.0	102.7	104.1	104.0	96.7	92.8	97.4	101.8	104.6	106.9
≥75	96.3	87.9	82.1	82.3	89.9	102.4	99.1	95.0	89.3	84.0	86.5	92.7
<b>White</b>												
All ages	24.3	24.2	23.7	23.8	24.2	25.6	26.3	25.7	25.1	24.4	25.9	27.2
<45	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.4	7.3	7.4
<25	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.7	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.3	2.2	2.1
25-44	11.5	11.6	11.3	11.0	11.0	10.5	11.2	10.6	11.2	10.8	12.9	13.1
45-54	36.5	37.7	37.0	35.5	31.4	33.6	35.0	34.5	33.4	33.6	35.1	32.9
55-64	63.8	61.9	64.2	63.0	64.0	67.1	68.5	70.2	68.0	64.1	67.8	72.2
≥65	87.3	84.9	79.2	82.0	87.9	93.3	92.7	88.1	84.7	83.8	86.1	93.5
65-74	88.4	86.7	78.5	82.3	88.8	93.0	92.6	87.4	86.9	88.4	89.9	97.3
≥75	85.6	82.0	80.4	81.5	86.4	93.7	92.8	89.2	81.4	76.7	80.2	87.8
<b>Black</b>												
All ages	33.3	34.3	35.1	37.2	37.1	36.9	36.0	37.6	37.7	36.9	35.2	36.0
<45	9.1	7.8	7.0	7.2	7.6	7.0	7.6	8.8	9.4	9.1	8.5	8.8
<25	1.8	1.4						2.1	2.5	1.8	1.4	1.4
25-44	23.1	19.7	18.4	16.9	18.0	15.7	17.2	19.1	19.8	19.7	18.9	19.5
45-54	93.0	96.3	92.8	85.8	80.3	73.5	74.9	72.6	79.0	77.8	72.0	63.0
55-64	117.0	126.9	145.1	150.6	149.2	146.1	143.2	145.4	134.5	131.7	130.1	128.1
≥65	125.9	139.0	147.4	175.5	175.6	185.5	166.8	174.3	172.1	169.7	167.2	178.6
65-74	122.2	148.9	165.6	202.0	191.3	192.7	157.4	162.2	155.0	164.0	176.0	201.0
≥75	133.2	120.2	115.3	130.4	148.9	173.2	182.9	195.0	201.3	179.3	152.3	140.7

In cells with no entry, data have been omitted because of small sample size and unreliable estimates.

Source: Unpublished analyses of the 1979-92 National Health Interview Surveys

Appendix 4.6

Average Annual Number of Newly Diagnosed Cases of Diabetes, U.S., 1935-92

Year	Number of cases (thousands)	Number of cases per 1,000 population	Year	Number of cases (thousands)	Number of cases per 1,000 population
1935-36	50	0.38	1980-82	601	2.62
1964	328	1.76	1981-83	647	2.79
1965	383	2.03	1982-84	696	2.98
1966	348	1.83	1983-85	685	2.91
1967	430	2.24	1984-86	669	2.81
1968	517	2.64	1985-87	693	2.89
1973	612	2.97	1986-88	691	2.85
1975	574	2.77	1987-89	701	2.87
1978	570	2.67	1988-90	633	2.57
1979-81	536	2.36	1989-91	607	2.53
			1990-92	624	2.42

Source: References 18 and 30, unpublished analyses of the 1990-92 National Health Interview Surveys

Appendix 4.7

Three-Year Average Annual Number of Newly Diagnosed Cases of Diabetes per 1,000 Population, U.S., 1980-92

Sex and age (years)	1979-81	1980-82	1981-83	1982-84	1983-85	1984-86	1985-87	1986-88	1987-89	1988-90	1989-91	1990-92
All persons												
All ages	2.35	2.62	2.79	2.98	2.90	2.80	2.88	2.84	2.86	2.57	2.53	2.42
<45	1.09	1.19	1.13	1.14	0.99	1.10	1.21	1.43	1.50	1.31	1.24	1.06
<25	0.39	0.41	0.31	0.33	0.35	0.74	0.79	0.78	0.54	0.45	0.34	0.41
25-44	2.12	2.31	2.26	2.23	1.82	1.56	1.72	2.20	2.60	2.30	2.25	1.79
45-54	4.34	4.36	5.48	5.22	5.44	5.03	5.15	5.15	5.83	6.00	5.80	4.36
55-64	5.57	7.84	9.22	10.62	9.25	8.08	6.32	5.68	5.98	5.79	5.65	4.41
≥65	5.65	5.44	5.25	5.84	7.05	6.88	8.14	7.05	5.99	4.52	4.86	7.00
65-74	5.20	5.97	5.62	5.92	6.95	5.40	7.01	5.39	5.74	5.00	5.29	8.63
≥75	6.42	4.55	4.65	5.71	7.22	9.25	9.96	9.71	6.38	3.77	4.19	4.53
Males												
All ages	2.21	2.47	2.55	2.32	2.11	1.95	2.22	2.35	2.53	2.25	2.07	1.97
<45	0.89	1.06	0.91	0.63	0.40	0.69	0.92	1.21	1.06	0.78	0.53	0.53
<25	0.25	0.38					0.79	0.66				
25-44	1.86	2.08	1.73	1.21	0.66	0.78	1.07	1.88	2.03			
45-54	6.68	6.26	6.18	4.67	3.88	2.88	4.37	5.13	6.99	6.34	6.20	3.79
55-64	4.88	8.18	10.02	10.86	8.59	7.77	6.14	5.82	6.22	7.19	7.62	6.70
≥65	4.67	3.40	3.84	4.31	6.78	4.83	5.91	4.66	5.28	4.20	4.04	6.13
65-74	3.90				5.89			5.89	5.80	4.08	4.20	7.02
≥75	6.22	5.04	5.27	7.05	8.50	6.35	5.47	4.90	4.30	4.43	3.72	4.51
Females												
All ages	2.49	2.76	3.02	3.59	3.64	3.60	3.49	3.31	3.17	2.87	2.96	2.84
<45	1.29	1.31	1.34	1.65	1.58	1.51	1.50	1.65	1.92	1.84	1.96	1.59
<25	0.52	0.43	0.28	0.45	0.49	0.85	0.79	0.91	0.83	0.72	0.58	0.51
25-44	2.37	2.53	2.75	3.19	2.93	2.32	2.34	2.50	3.15	3.09	3.46	2.76
45-54	2.17	2.59	4.83	5.73	6.90	7.04	5.88	5.17	4.74	5.67	5.43	4.90
55-64	6.18	7.54	8.53	10.42	9.83	8.35	6.49	5.56	5.77	4.54	3.89	2.35
≥65	6.33	6.87	6.24	6.89	7.24	8.30	9.71	8.74	6.49	4.74	5.44	7.63
65-74	6.19	8.58	7.55	8.23	7.77	6.46	7.70	6.06	5.70	5.73	6.16	9.93
≥75	6.54				6.48	10.92	12.57	12.51	7.60	3.39	4.46	4.54

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Source: Unpublished analyses of the 1979-92 National Health Interview Surveys

