

2014 Alzheimer's disease Facts and Figures

The number of Americans with Alzheimer's disease is growing and growing fast!

- 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, including 200,000 under the age of 65. By 2050 this number will triple to an estimated 16 million people who will have the disease.
- Every 67 seconds someone in the US develops the disease. By 2050, an American will develop the disease every 33 seconds!
- Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the US

Women are at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's epidemic:

- Nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's disease (3.2 million) are women.
- Women over the age of 60 have an estimated 1 in 6 lifetime risk for developing Alzheimer's disease, compared to a 1 in 11 risk of developing breast cancer.
- More than 60% of Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers are women.
- There are 2.5 times more women than men providing intensive 'on-duty' care 24 hours a day for someone with Alzheimer's.
- There are 2.3 times more women than men who have been providing care to someone with Alzheimer's for more than 5 years.
- Studies show that female caregivers receive less care giving support than male caregivers.

All caregivers, of people with Alzheimer's, face a devastating toll.

- In 2013, 15.5 million caregivers provided an estimated 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care-valued at more than \$220 billion.
- Nearly 60% of caregivers, to persons with dementia, rate the emotional stress of caregiving as high or very high; more than one-third report symptoms of depression.
- Due to the physical and emotional toll of caregiving, Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers had \$9.3 billion in additional health care costs of their own in 2013.

The growing Alzheimer's Crisis is helping to bankrupt America.

- In 2014, the direct costs to American society of caring for those with Alzheimer's will total an estimated \$214 billion, including \$150 billion in costs to Medicare and Medicaid.
- Nearly one in every five dollars of Medicare spending is spent on people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.
- The average per-person Medicare spending for those with dementia is three times higher than those without these conditions.
- It is estimated that by 2050 \$1.2 trillion will be the direct cost of addressing Alzheimer's disease. Costs of Medicare and Medicaid will increase by 500 percent!

Info and Research courtesy of Alzheimer's Association:

http://www.alz.org/alzheimers_disease_facts_and_figures.asp#quickFacts