

# 2017 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FACTS AND FIGURES



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS THE  
**6TH LEADING CAUSE**  
OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES

MORE THAN  
5 MILLION  
AMERICANS ARE  
LIVING WITH  
ALZHEIMER'S  
BY 2050, THIS  
NUMBER COULD  
RISE AS HIGH AS  
16 MILLION

EVERY  
  
**66**  
SECONDS  
someone in the  
United States  
develops the disease

MORE  
THAN

**15 MILLION AMERICANS**  
provide unpaid care for people with  
Alzheimer's or other dementias

IN  
2016

these caregivers provided  
an estimated  
**18.2 BILLION HOURS**  
of care valued at over  
**\$230 BILLION**

In 2017, Alzheimer's and other  
dementias will cost the nation  
\$259 billion  
By 2050, these costs could  
rise as high as

**\$1.1 TRILLION**



**35%** of caregivers for people with  
Alzheimer's or another dementia  
report that their health has gotten worse  
due to care responsibilities, compared to  
**19%** of caregivers for older people  
without dementia



**1 IN 3**  
seniors dies  
with Alzheimer's or  
another dementia



Since 2000, deaths  
from heart disease have  
decreased by 14%

while deaths from  
Alzheimer's disease have  
increased by 89%

**IT KILLS  
MORE THAN**  
breast cancer  
and prostate cancer  
**COMBINED**



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