



## American Indian and Alaska Native Heart Disease and Stroke Fact Sheet



Heart disease is the leading cause of death among American Indians and Alaska Natives. In 2003, heart disease caused 2,712 deaths. Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

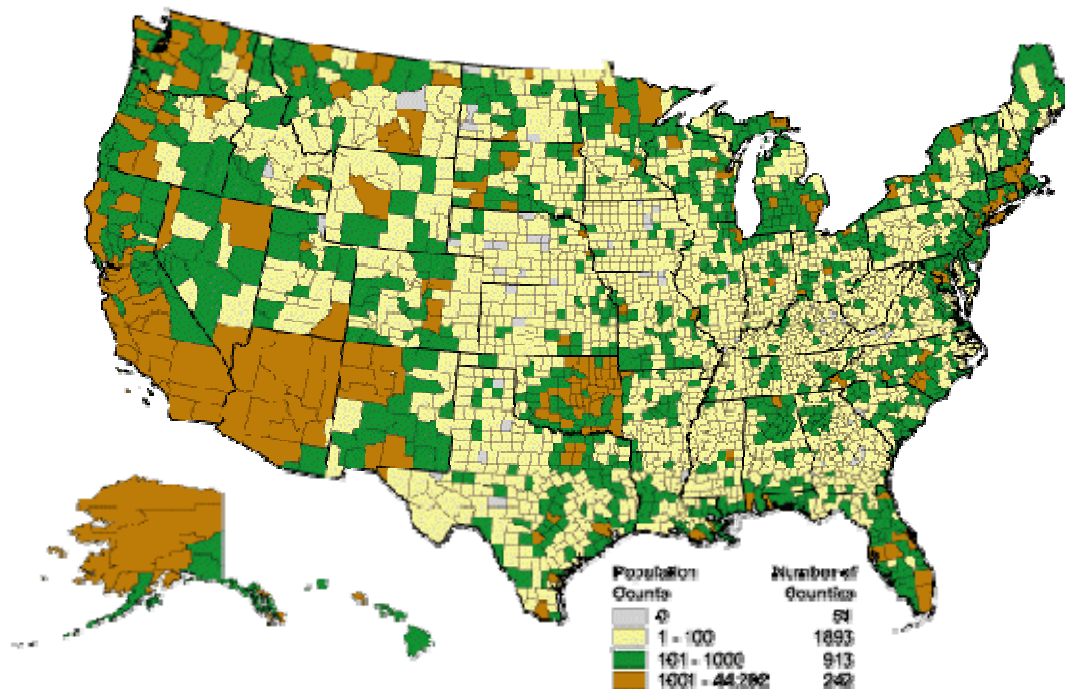
Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death among American Indians and Alaska Natives. In 2003, stroke caused 552 deaths.

Heart disease and stroke are also major causes of disability and can decrease a person's quality of life.



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### American Indian and Alaska Native Adults Ages 35 Years and Older 2000 Census Population Estimates



**Data Source:** CDC National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and U.S. Census Bureau. Population estimates are based on Bridged Race Vintage 2003 Postcensal Population Estimates from NCHS.







