

FACT OR FICTION

Mortality from heart disease in the U.S. has declined each year for the past 50 years?

Answer: FICTION.

Heart disease mortality rates increased in 1966 and 1968 and also in 1980 and 1993.

Preliminary data from 2014 and early 2015 show a slight increase in the age-adjusted death rate from heart disease.

Breaking a string of 21 straight years of decline.

<http://wonder.cdc.gov>

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/vsrr.htm>