

Men's Health Statistics



Health Facts:

Men die at higher rates than women from the top 10 causes of death and are the victims of over 92% of workplace deaths. (BLS)

In 1920, women lived, on average, one year longer than men. Now, men, on average, die almost six years earlier than women. (CDC)

Silent Health Crisis

There is a silent health crisis in America...it's that fact that, on average, American men live sicker and die younger than American women."

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Prevention:

Women are 100% more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men. (CDC 2001)



Cause & Rate¹ Men Women

Cause & Rate ¹	Men	Women
Heart Disease	178.8	98.2
Cancer	153.8	108.8
Injuries	43.3	17.9
Stroke	28.5	24.6
AIDS	18.1	4.2
Suicide	18	4

Men as Victims of Homicide

The chance of being a homicide victim places African-American men at unusually high risk.

Chance of being a Homicide Victim*

1 in 30 for black males	1 in 179 for white males
1 in 132 for black females	1 in 495 for white females

* BJS DATA REPORT, 1989

Who is the Weaker Sex?

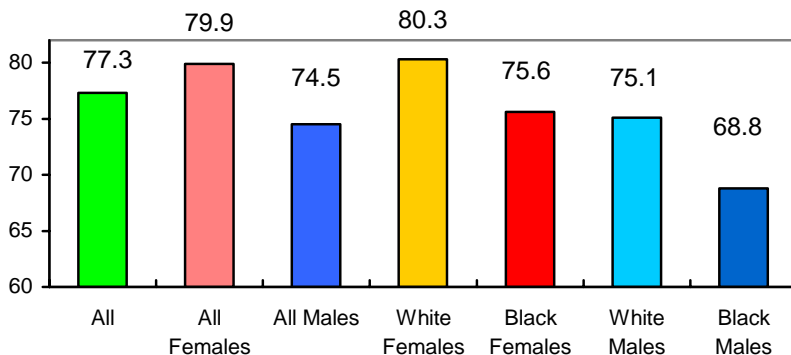
- ◆ 115 males are conceived for every 100 females.
- ◆ The male fetus is at greater risk of miscarriage and stillbirth.
- ◆ 25% more newborn males die than females.
- ◆ 3/5 of SIDS victims are boys.
- ◆ Men suffer hearing loss at 2x the rate of women.
- ◆ Testosterone is linked to elevations of LDL, the bad cholesterol, and declines in HDL, the good cholesterol.
- ◆ Men have fewer infection-fighting T-cells and are thought to have weaker immune systems than women.
- ◆ By the age of 100, women outnumber men eight to one. (NYT Magazine 3-16-03)

Depression and Suicide¹

Depression in men is undiagnosed contributing to the fact that men are 4 x as likely to commit suicide.

- ◆ Among 15- to 19-year-olds, boys were 5 x as likely as girls to commit suicide.
- ◆ Among 20- to 24-year-olds, males were 7 x as likely to commit suicide as females
- ◆ The suicide rate for persons age 65 and above: men...38.4 – women...6.0.

Life Expectancy At Birth, 2002²



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² National Vital Statistics Report. Vol. 53, No. 5, Deaths: Final Data for 2002, page 25