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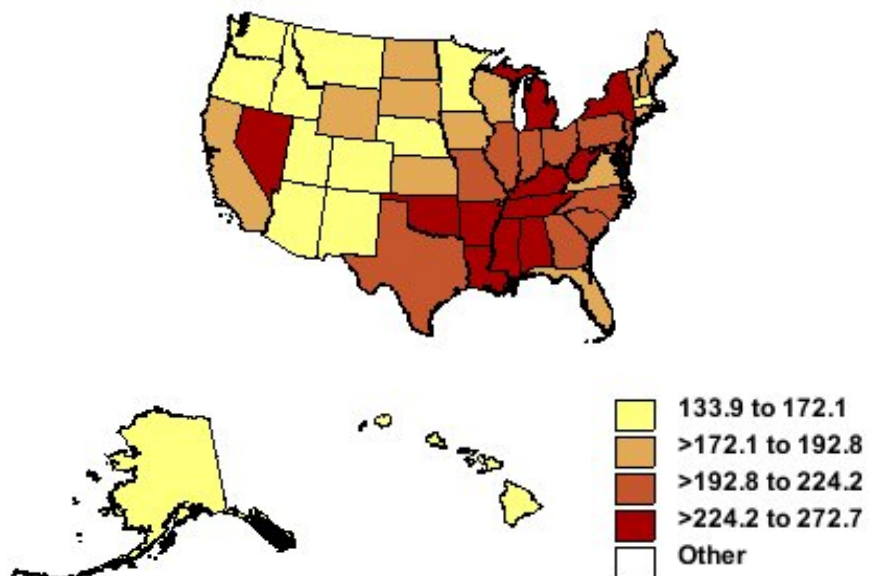
North Carolina has a higher mortality rate for nine of the ten leading causes of death, as well as a higher rate of infant mortality, than the nation as a whole. Heart disease is the only leading cause of death for which North Carolina has an age-adjusted death rate under the national rate. North Carolina's heart disease mortality rate dropped 6.8 percent between 2005 and 2006.

North Carolina's percentage of births to unmarried mothers, preterm birth rate, teen birth rate, and low birthweight rate are above the nation's. However, the state has a lower percentage of cesarean deliveries (30.7%) than the nation's (31.8%).

These and other state-based vital and health statistics are featured on a new web portal, "Stats of the States," found on the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) website: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/stats_states.htm.

Heart Disease Mortality by State, 2006

Number of deaths per 100,000 population (age-adjusted)



IN NORTH CAROLINA:

- > A lower rate of marriage compared with the national average – 7.1 marriages per 1,000 population in 2007 compared with 7.3 nationally.
- > A higher percentage of households with only wireless phones than the national average – 16.3% versus 14.7% for the U.S.
- > A higher rate of infant mortality compared with the national average (8.58 infant deaths per 1,000 live births versus 6.83 nationally).
- > The ninth highest low birthweight rate out of the 50 states (9.1% of live births compared with 8.2% nationally).
- > The sixth highest age-adjusted death rate for stroke out of all 50 states (52.4 deaths per 100,000 population compared with 43.6 nationally).



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