

WOMEN'S HEART ALLIANCE

ALASKA

In Alaska:

Top Killer of Women

Heart disease is a top killer of women in Alaska, killing thousands of women each year¹

831 Deaths Per Year

caused by heart disease²

Annual Costs Per Capita

of heart disease to county health care systems³:

- Nome: **\$21,325 - \$28,228**
- North Slope: **\$21,325 - \$28,228**
- Sitka: **\$21,325 - \$28,228**
- Ketchikan Gateway: **\$19,159 - \$21,325**
- Bethel: **\$19,159 - \$21,325**
- Valdez-Cordova: **\$19,159 - \$21,325**
- Kodiak Island: **\$18,280 - \$19,159**
- Dillingham: **\$18,280 - \$19,159**
- Kenai Peninsula: **\$18,280 - \$19,159**
- Northwest Arctic: **\$18,280 - \$19,159**

In the Nation:

64% Show No Symptoms

Almost two thirds of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have no prior symptoms.⁴

50% Misdiagnosed

Women are 50% more likely to be given a wrong diagnosis after a heart attack⁵

CPR Not Administered

Women are less likely to receive bystander CPR, decreasing their odds of survival,⁶ and are more likely to die in the year following a heart attack than men⁷

Heart Disease Death Rate Per 100,000 People⁸

Insufficient Data (6)	109.1 - 117.8 (4)
26.5 - 106.4 (5*)	117.9 - 143.9 (4)
106.5 - 109.0 (4)	144.0 - 180.1 (4)

* Number of Counties

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