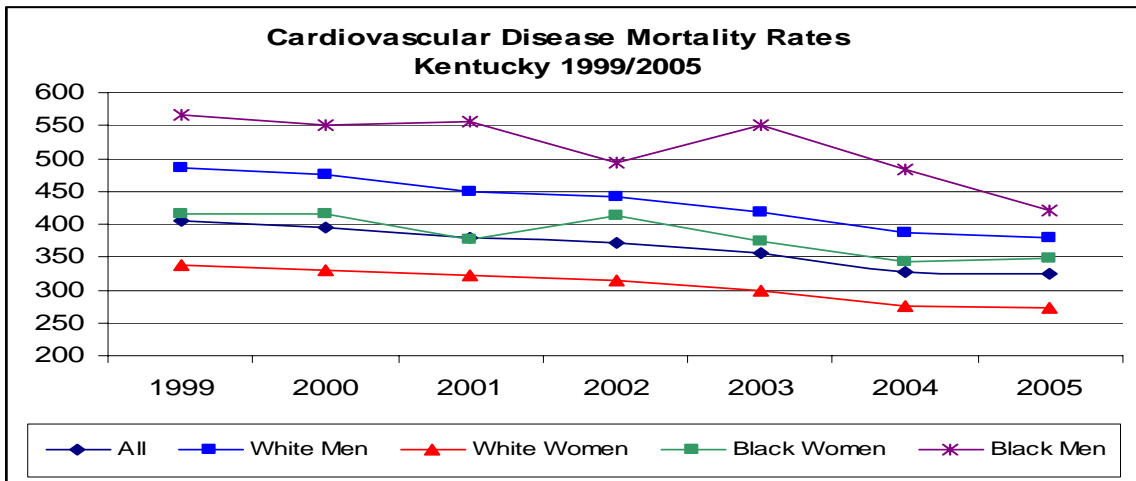


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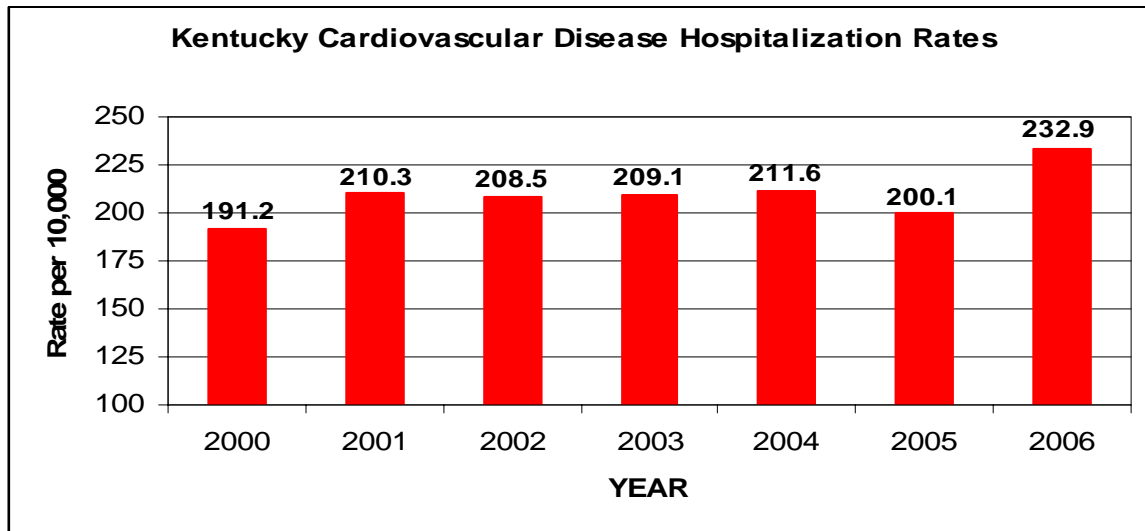
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE MORTALITY IN KENTUCKY

- Kentucky ranks 7th in cardiovascular disease death rates for 2005, behind Mississippi, Oklahoma, Alabama, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Louisiana.
- Cardiovascular disease accounted for 35% (13,879) of all deaths in Kentucky in 2005.
- The death rate for cardiovascular disease was 324 per 100,000 in 2005.
- African Americans have higher rates of cardiovascular disease mortality than to whites.
- Both African American and White men have higher mortality rates than women of either race.



CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE HOSPITALIZATIONS IN KENTUCKY (Figure 2)

- Cardiovascular disease accounted for 15% (97,596) of all hospitalizations in Kentucky in 2006.
- The hospitalization rate for cardiovascular disease was 232.9 per 10,000 in 2006.



CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE COSTS IN KENTUCKY

- The economic impact of cardiovascular disease on the U.S. health care system continues to grow as the population ages. The cost of heart disease and stroke in the United States is projected to be **\$431.8 billion** in 2007, including health care expenditures and lost productivity from death and disability.
- Kentucky in patient hospitalizations for all cardiovascular-related diagnoses for 2005 totaled over **\$2.2 billion**.