# Prediabetes Prevalence and Risk Factors in Alabama, 2013

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## Background

- Prediabetes:
  - Blood sugar (glucose) above normal levels
  - Below level for diagnosis of diabetes
- 86 million U.S. adults estimated to have prediabetes
  - 37% of U.S. adults
  - Only 11% are aware of having prediabetes



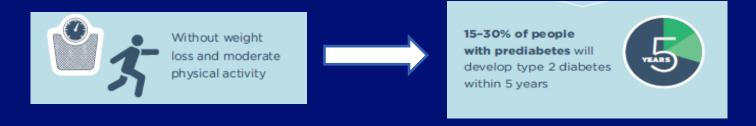




<sup>\*</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Diabetes Statistics Report: Estimates of Diabetes and Its Burden in the United States, 2014. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2014.

## Consequences

Prediabetes increases risk for diabetes



Increases risk for heart disease and stroke



- Diabetes: 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death
  - Causes heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and lower leg amputations





#### **Risk Reduction**

### Early detection and treatment of prediabetes:

- Lifestyle interventions prevent or delay progression to diabetes
  - Overall 58% reduction in diabetes over 3 years
  - 71% reduction among persons aged ≥60 years
- Reduces health complications





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### Question

- What is the prevalence of prediabetes in Alabama?
- What are the characteristics related to having prediabetes?





#### **Data Source**

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)
  - Nationwide annual telephone survey (cell phone and landline)
  - Collects self-reported health and health risk data
  - >100,000 U.S. participants
    - 6,500 in Alabama
  - Provides state-level estimates of disease conditions and health behaviors



<sup>\*</sup> Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other federal agencies and participating states

## **2013 BRFSS Questionnaire**

#### **Prediabetes-related awareness:**

"Has a doctor, nurse or other health professional EVER told you that you have diabetes?"





"Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you have prediabetes or borderline diabetes?"

**DIABETES** 





No diabetes or prediabetes

"Was this only when you were pregnant?"





**PREDIABETES** 

Gestational only

#### **Methods**

- Prediabetes analysis (n=5,060) excluded persons reporting:
  - Known diabetes (1,209) or gestational diabetes (n=73)
  - Unknown or missing prediabetes status (n=161)
- SAS 9.2 weighted analysis accounting for sampling design
- Calculated prevalence ratios for respondent characteristics
- Performed multivariable logistic regression for prediabetes risk factors

#### Results

- An estimated 8.5% Alabama adults report having prediabetes
  - Approximately 316,000 Alabama adults aware of having prediabetes
- Underestimate: most people with prediabetes don't know it to report it
  - 1.3 2.9 million Alabama adults actually have prediabetes

## **Prediabetes Prevalence Ratio by Risk Factor**

Risk Factor		% Prediabetes	PR	95% CI	P-value
Overall		8.5		7.5-9.6	
Age (years)	≥55	12.0	2.81	1.72—4.59	<0.001
	35–54	9.0	2.11	1.26—3.53	0.003
	18–34	4.3	Reference		
Sex	Female	9.3	1.21	0.94—1.57	0.14
	Male	7.7	Reference		
Race	Black	8.8	1.06	0.81—1.39	0.68
	White	8.3	Reference		
Body mass index	≥25	10.8	2.51	1.84-3.42	<0.001
	<25	4.3	Reference		
Physical activity guidelines	NOT met	9.1	1.79	1.24—2.59	0.001
	Met	5.1	Reference		
Income	<\$25,000	10.8	1.38	1.04—1.83	0.03
Education level	< High school	10.4	1.28	0.88—1.86	0.19

# Multivariable Logistic Regression Model of Prediabetes by Risk Factors-Alabama, 2013

Factor	Adjusted Odds	95% CI	P-value
Age ≥55 years	3.4	2.01—5.87	<0.001
Female	1.3	0.96—1.68	0.097
Body mass index (BMI) ≥25	2.4	1.70—3.27	<0.001
Physical activity guidelines NOT met	1.5	1.02—2.30	0.038

•Income and education level p>0.20 in multivariable model (p=0.24 and 0.69, respectively), and <15% change in estimate, therefore dropped from final model







## **Modifiable Risk Factors for Prediabetes**

- Cannot control your age
- Can reduce your weight
- Can improve your exercise habits





## **Reducing Diabetes Risk**

- Even modest reduction in weight decreases diabetes risk
  - 5%–7% weight loss
  - 10–14 pounds (for 200 lb person)
- Recommended physical activity:
  - 150 minutes per week of moderate to vigorous aerobic activity
  - Plus, muscle strengthening exercise twice per week
- As little as 5-15 minutes per day has shown benefit





#### **How to Get There**

- USPSTF and Community Guide recommend lifestyle modification courses
- Multicomponent services: dietician, nutritionist, exercise trainer, behavioral counselor, health educator, trained layperson
- Particularly successful if regular contact with a health mentor





## **National Diabetes Prevention Program**

- Collaborative effort hosted at CDC
- Standard curriculum
  - Based on behavior change principles
- Cost effective intervention
- Covered by some healthcare insurers or employers
- Lifestyle Coach training available
- Recognition program to certify organizations

**More information:** 

www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention

## **Summary**

- Many Alabama adults not aware of prediabetes status
- Risk factors for prediabetes include being overweight and lack of physical activity
- Progression to diabetes reduced with lifestyle changes
  - Modest weight loss and physical activity are key
  - Lifestyle change programs (such as NDPP) proven effective and should be encouraged for persons with prediabetes





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