



Basic Facts on Diabetes

- Diabetes affects 246 million people throughout the world and this figure will reach 380 million by the year 2050.
- Seven million people develop diabetes each year.
- Every ten seconds somebody dies from causes associated with diabetes.
- Every ten seconds two people develop diabetes.
- In many countries of Asia, the Middle East, Oceania, and the Caribbean, diabetes affects between 12 and 20% of the adult population.
- Seven of the 10 countries with the highest rates of people living with diabetes are in the developing world.
- By the year 2050, 80% of diabetes cases will be in middle- and low-income countries.
- India has the largest population with diabetes in the world, with an estimated 41 million people (6% of the adult population).
- Type 1 diabetes, with predominantly affects young people, is increasing at an alarming rate throughout the world, at a rate of 3% annually.
- Some 70,000 children under 14 develop type 1 diabetes every year.
- An increasing number of children is developing type 2 diabetes both in developed and developing countries.
- Type 2 diabetes is already being reported in children as young as eight years of age.
- Various reports show the existence of type 2 diabetes in child populations previously thought not to be at risk of contracting the disease.

Source: *Diabetes Atlas*, (3rd ed.), International Diabetes Federation (2006).