Figure 1.3
Us Death Rates, 1975-2012
Heart Disease compared to Neoplasms, by age at death

Ages Less Than 65  
Heart Disease 26% of deaths in 1975  
Neoplasms 22% of deaths in 1975  
Heart Disease 18% of deaths in 2012  
Neoplasms 26% of deaths in 2012

Ages 65 and Over  
Heart Disease 44% of deaths in 1975  
Neoplasms 18% of deaths in 1975  
Heart Disease 26% of deaths in 2012  
Neoplasms 22% of deaths in 2012

Source: US Mortality Files, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 US Std Population (19 age groups - Census P25-1103).