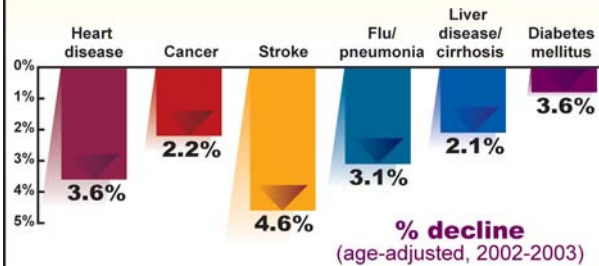


## Wellness Care Trend: Helping People Live Longer?

According to the latest U.S. mortality statistics released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), between 2002-2003, age-adjusted death rates declined for a number of the leading causes of death, including:



While the report notes no association between wellness care and the decrease in mortality from the above causes, it's certainly no coincidence that with more people embracing wellness, death rates attributable to many major diseases are declining.

SOURCE: CDC Fact Sheet. Data drawn from *Deaths: Preliminary Data for 2003*, prepared by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. Released Feb. 28, 2005. Entire report available at [www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs).