



### Diabetes in Germany

# Diabetes in adults

#### **Diabetes**



Around **7 million** adults in Germany have diabetes.



More than **500,000** adults are **newly diagnosed** with **diabetes** each year.



About **1 in 5** people with **diabetes do not know** that they have the disease.



Around **50,000** women are affected by **gestational diabetes** during pregnancy each year.

#### **Diabetes mellitus**

- » Diabetes is a metabolic disease that leads to increased blood glucose levels.
- » The following main forms of diabetes are: type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes.
- » Type 2 diabetes is the most common form in adults; it accounts for about 90–95% of all diagnosed diabetes cases.
- » The preliminary stage of diabetes is prediabetes, which is associated with increased blood glucose levels.

#### Early diagnosis and treatment



Almost 50% of adults with statutory health insurance take part in the health check-up within 2 years.



Around **75%** of adults with diabetes are **treated with medication**.

Health care focuses on early detection of diabetes and secondary diseases, a good blood glucose control as well as quality of life and patient satisfaction.

# **Prediabetes**



Around **20%** of adults have **prediabetes**.

Prediabetes increases the risk for the development of diabetes in later life.

#### Secondary and concomitant diseases

More than 35% of adults with diabetes have cardiovascular diseases.

Around 15% of adults with diabetes report depressive symptoms.



Around **6%** of adults with diabetes have

diabetic foot syndrome.





About 15% of adults with diabetes have diabetic kidney disease.

In the long term, diabetes can lead to serious secondary and concomitant diseases which are associated with health limitations.

## Risk factors type 2 diabetes



More than 50% of adults are physically inactive in their leisure time.



Almost 25% of adults are obese.



Almost **25%** of adults smoke daily or occasionally.

Central risk factors for the development of type 2 diabetes are unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, overweight and smoking.

#### Burden and costs



More than / Dillion euros

are **spent directly** on diabetes every year.



Up to 12 years of healthy life are lost by adults with diabetes.

Diabetes reduces the total lifetime and healthy lifetime and is associated with high health care costs.