

Number of diabetic Americans could triple by 2050

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(AP) -- Federal officials estimate that as many as 1 in 3 U.S. adults could have diabetes by the year 2050.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) says that 1 in 10 have diabetes now. But the number could expand dramatically in the next 40 years if current trends continue.

Nearly a decade ago, CDC researchers estimated that as many as 39 million Americans could have diabetes by the mid-century mark. Now they say it could be in the range of 76 million to 100 million.

The revised figures include better accounting for people who have [diabetes](#) but are undiagnosed. Also, they used new population growth estimates for the elderly and minorities, who have higher rates of [Type 2 diabetes](#).

More information: CDC:

<http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/>

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