

# The Alzheimer's Crisis: Growing Risk for Neglect and Exploitation

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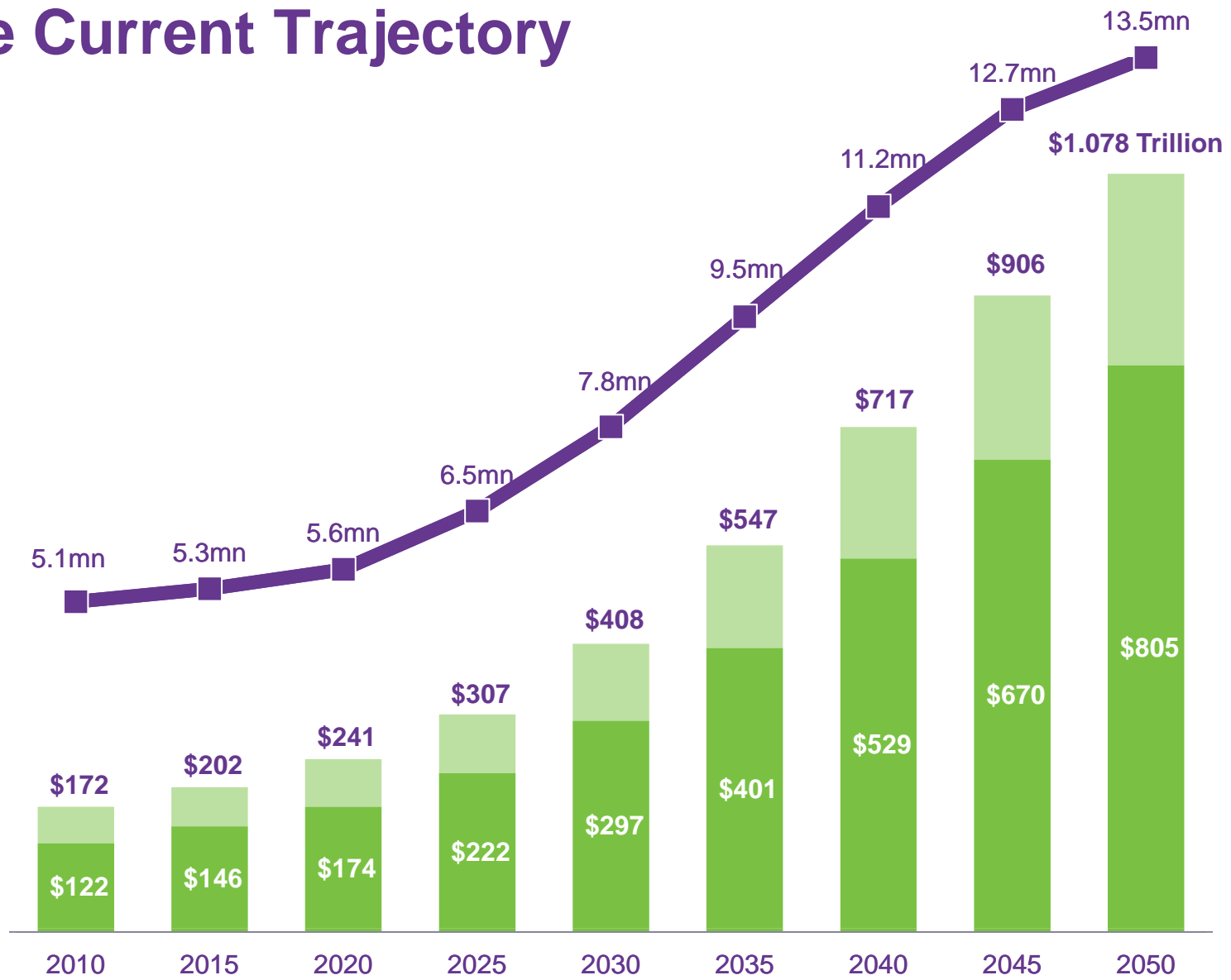
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# The Alzheimer's Crisis Today

**5.4**  
**Million**

*Americans living with Alzheimer's disease*

# The Current Trajectory



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6th

*leading cause of death in the United States*

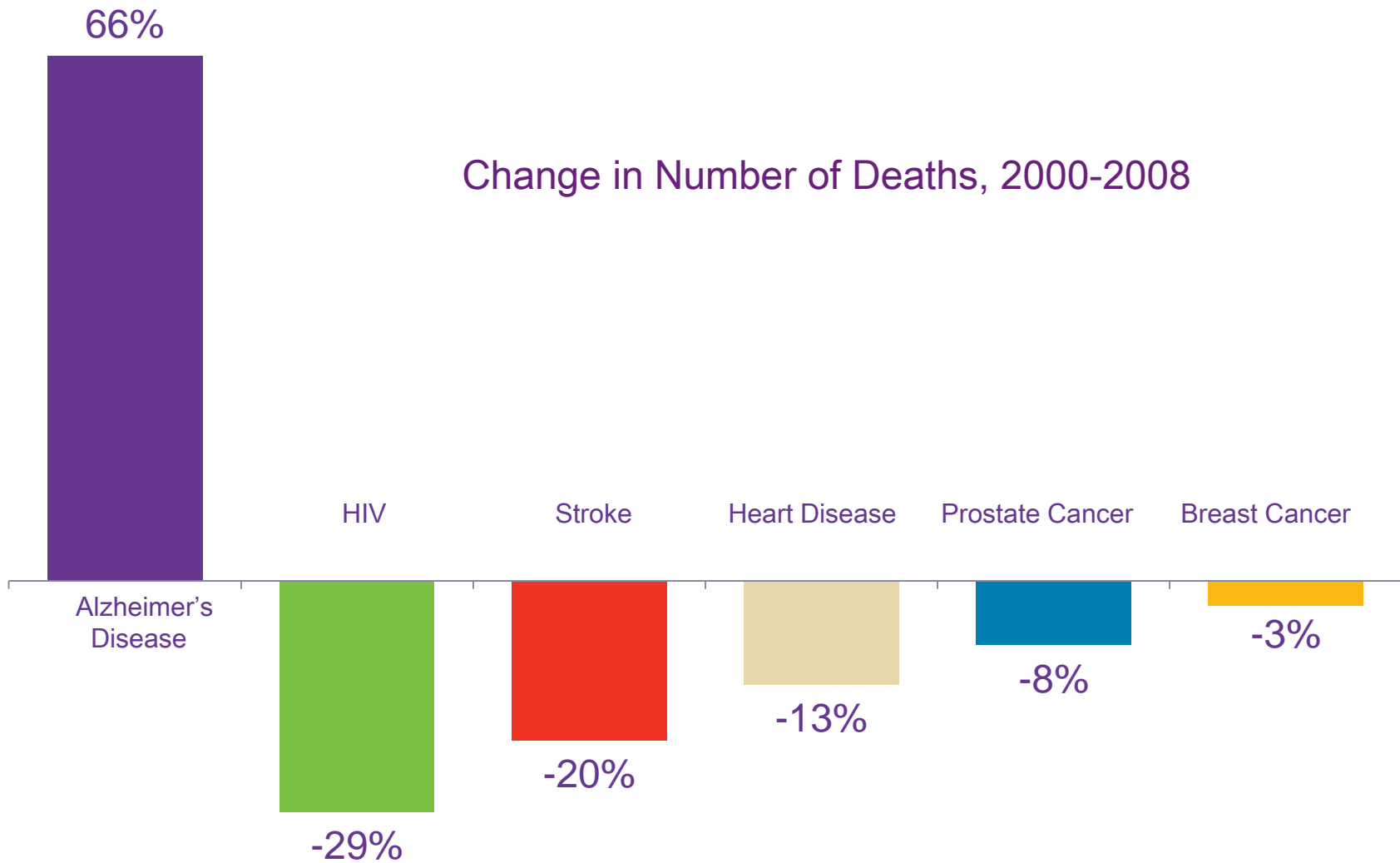
# Top 10 Causes of Death: Way to Prevent, Cure, or Slow Progression

Heart Disease	✓
Cancer	✓
Respiratory Diseases	✓
Stroke	✓
Accidents	✓
Alzheimer's Disease	✗
Diabetes	✓
Influenza and Pneumonia	✓
Kidney Disease	✓
Suicide	✓



# The Consequences and Results

Change in Number of Deaths, 2000-2008



# Caregiver Issues/Self Neglect

- Caregiver Issues – Stress and strain of caregiving provide overload
- Self-neglect – a growing problem

# Caregiver Issues

- Isolation of Caregivers
- 24/7 care
- Length of disease
- Burden of care
- Case issue – When is it neglect???  
Leaving a person home unattended?



# Self Neglect

- Special report 1 out of 7 people live alone with Alzheimer's
- Greatest problem reported to APS
- Legal definition of incompetence

# Alzheimer's: Living Alone

- Special Report Facts and Figures

# Making A Difference

- 10 Warning Signs
- Alzheimer's Association Awareness Booklet
- Alzheimer's Early Detection Alliance (AEDA)

# Financial Exploitation

- Alzheimer's Vulnerability
- Personal Story (Mrs. Susan Sussman)
- Pocket Guide

# Alzheimer's Vulnerability

- Exploitation facts and figures
- Symptoms of stage four
- Discussion of what is seen vs. unseen
- Harm from the belief “my parent is just getting older”

# Personal Story

- Mrs. Susan Sussman
- WDTN Video
- Personal story

# Making a Difference

- Pocket Guide – greater awareness about financial exploitation
- Greater awareness about disease